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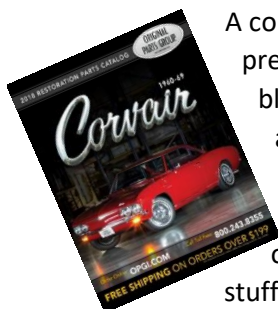
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From the President's Garage - By David Dean

November is an exciting month for your Cactus Corvair Club. This month we elect or affirm club leadership, we enjoy a plethora of opportunities to take our cars to shows, including the Goodguys 21st Annual Southwest Nationals at Westworld in Scottsdale, and we start looking forward to enjoying the holiday season – with our cars. This year we also planning a terrific event to cap off our Anniversary All Corvair Show series with a return to the Pavillions in Scottsdale November 17, 4-8pm. This is the time of year to be excited about our season and support the club by getting out to events!

With the recent publication of the Original Parts Group Catalog of Corvair parts, there is some excitement for another supplier to help keep our cars on the road. Anticipated by the Corvair community for almost two years, the arrival of the OPG catalog felt a little like Christmas. I remember receiving (and I still have) the Clark's Corvair Parts catalog set even before I purchased my first Corvair. Diving into those pages was like studying a foreign language or examining a manuscript full of hieroglyphics. I may not have understood what I was looking at; but I knew it would be possible to get parts for a fifty-year old car! Then along comes the OPG catalog – with its glossy cover picture, color photos inside, and big corporate identity – our cars were on par with Chevelles, and Camaros – we'd arrived! Stop! Hold the phone...wait just a doggone minute...what did we really get with the new OPGI catalog?



A comparison shows that while the new OPGI catalog has some great items and certainly a snazzy presentation, there is no substitute for the completeness and cross checking found in the trusty blue-cover Clark's catalog. OPGI shows items, with a nice picture, but often does not include the ancillary clips, nuts, bolts etc. According to one comparison, "they have a lot of items listed which are mostly interior and accessories. They do have a limited list of suspension parts and a fairly complete offering of brake parts; but offer very little for engine or fuel systems. Most of what they have listed is the "easy stuff," common between Corvair and other GM cars....the stuff you can find with some digging at other sources." After crosschecking about 10 different parts for pricing, late model molded carpet set, late model door panels, some brake parts, some suspension pieces, and a few other odds and ends, OPGI prices were notably higher. Additionally, we rely on our Clark's catalog for more than just parts. They include diagrams, specifications, and other information valuable when ordering parts or working in the shop. I'll admit, it is great to have another source; but let's not give up on what we trust. As the saying goes, "all that glitters, may not be gold!"

Happy motoring,
David "Doc" Dean



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Chevys in the Park, Chandler October 27th, 2018

The Corvette Club of Arizona (CCA) hosted an exciting day in Downtown Chandler celebrating a wide range of Chevy-powered vehicles. The venue was superb as there were four Corvairs among nearly a hundred beautiful cars.

Organizers this year parked the Corvettes by class, so it was very easy to do the voting. Congratulations to Miner F. for taking First Place with his 1965 Corsa convertible, and Chris S. for taking Third Place honors with his 1966 Corsa.



Alex's 62 Project (Part 2)

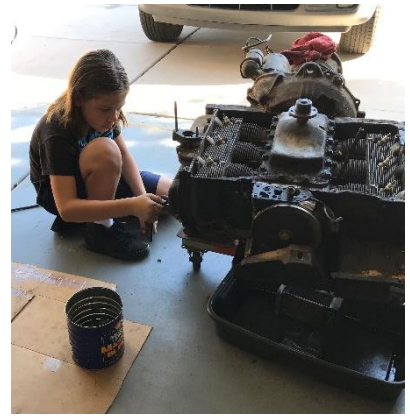


Just an update on our project... we separated the engine from the transmission. Alex removed valve covers and recovered the engine crank case. So far everything looks very good from our point of view. All tin and spark plugs out /off of the engine.

We removed vent and airflow covers and used blower, we had a debris party and Alex took to his shop vac and tidied everything up.

We are getting ready to order parts from Clark's, get a hand from Gary and send engine out for deep chem cleaning.

With the motor and transmission removed, the extent of the desert's invasion could be seen. Now the restoration work begins. In the coming months, we will check in on this project and publish more pictures as Alex and his dad, Anthony get their 1962 Corvair back on the road!



The Oasis Classic Car Show, Westgate, Glendale – October 27, 2018



West side Corvair owners had an opportunity to attend The Oasis Radio Classic Car Show Saturday October 27th held at Westgate Entertainment District in Glendale. Our own Chuck Roderique attended with his 1966 Corsa representing both the club and Corvairs as the only one of these air-cooled beauties to participate.



2nd Annual American Legion Post 35 Car Show, Chandler – October 28, 2018

Originally scheduled for October 13, the American Legion Post 35 2nd Annual Car Truck and Bike show did not let a rain delay hamper an excellent event. Proceeds from this show went to Soldiers Best Friend and Operation Shockwave to benefit veterans. In addition to a wide variety of cars, trucks, and motorcycles, the event included food, vendors, and a well-stocked raffle. Kudos to our own Richard R. (who sold his Corvair over the summer) for taking one of the branch Awards for his new-to-him 1965 Ford Thunderbird! Chris S., Miner F. and David D. brought their 'Vairs.



Candidates for 2018-2019 Officers/Board.

According to the Club bylaws, formal nominations for the 2018-2019 Officers and Board were taken at the October meeting. John H. opted to not stand for re-election to vice-president. Dave W. also let the board know he did not want to continue as both club secretary and webmaster; but would serve as vice-president if nominated. Nancy P. stepped forward and accepted the nomination for secretary. Since board members serve a 2-year term, and all three, Miner F: Gary S. and Chris S were continuing, no action was required. Therefore, the nominations for officers are:

David D - President, Dave W. - Vice President, Nancy P. – Secretary, Joe L. – Treasurer.

Cactus Corvair Club Meeting October 3, 2018 Secretary's Report by Dave W:

Meeting was called to order at 7 PM by President David Dean. Two visitors joined the meeting which were Nancy P.'s sister and brother in law. Nancy's brother in law was involved in restoring her 65 Monza.

Old Business

David D. apologized for lateness of the newsletter. New issue will be out soon. David requested articles for the newsletter from members. Minutes from the last meeting were read by Dave W. A motion was made by Miner F. to accept the minutes as read. The motion was seconded by Gary S. and approved by members in attendance. The Treasurer, Joe L., reported a beginning balance of \$11,126.27 and an ending balance of \$11,204.27. Gary S. motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented and Miner F. seconded. The motion was approved by members in attendance.

David D. reminder everyone about upcoming shows like the American Legion Post 35 show on Oct 13th. Also the three main shows on Oct 27th including the Palm Springs meet, Chevys in the Park in Chandler and the Oasis Car Show at Westgate.

November 17th is the official date for our annual All Corvair show at the Scottsdale Pavilions. Members are requested to request door prizes from the community. Earnhardt Chevrolet will again sponsor the People's Choice Award. Set up is at 3 PM with the show officially from 5-8 PM. More details will be posted on the web and announced at the next meeting.

New Business

Possible meet up with Tucson club at Dwarf Car Museum in Maricopa on Dec 1st. Date will be proposed to TCA officers. David suggested a west side club member should come up with a date for a Mixteca cruise-in meet date in Glendale. Watch the website for info. Chris S. announced a car show at the Mayo Clinic in Scottsdale on Nov 10th.

A motion was made to donate \$100 towards purchasing items for the Caliente Clowns Car Show next March. Cathy W. has agreed to shop for the club and stretch the funds to come up with a really nice donation on behalf of Cactus Corvair (in addition to what each driver will bring for their entry fee). The motion was made by Miner F. and seconded by John S. Motion was approved John S. mentioned he has mini-bottles of shampoo to donate to the cause as well.

Nominations for 2019 officers were announced and no new nominations were made at the meeting. Nominated were for President, David D., for VP, Dave W., for Secretary, Nancy B. and for Treasurer, Joe L. Nominations were closed and at the November meeting the results will become final.

Tech Topics

David D. related all the work he and Miner F. have done in the last month to get new heads installed on Marian's 65 convertible. An oil leak has slowed their progress but Miner thinks the oil cooler seals slipped during the installation and are the cause.

Our youngest member, Alex, discussed he and his dad's progress on getting their 62 sedan back on the road. He said they are nearly at the point where re-assembly would begin.

Joe L. reported his new shift linkage is smooth and solid. Joe promised a write-up in the near future. He also will be shopping for the new Roger Parent stainless steel shift cable due out soon. He also will be looking for 90-degree spark plug boot on his trip to the Pam Springs swap meet on Oct 27th.

Dave W. informed members that fellow member Bob Jackson has his one-owner 63 Monza up for sale. He bought it in the fall of 62 but said it is time to sell after 56 years. Call him if you are interested. 623-322-7647.

David D. was asked to check with Bill R. about a possible club display case at the dealership.

The 50/50 was won by Chris S. and a flashlight donated by Dave W. was won by Miner F.

Meeting closed at 7:58.

Dave W.

Submitted by Dave Wenzlick

Treasurer's Report October 2018 by Joe Lewis

Beginning Balance as of	9/30/2018	\$11,204.27
INCOME		
	50-50	23.00
	RENEWALS	15.00
	License Plates	15.00
EXPENSES		
	(Trophies)	(164.70)
	(Clothing Donations)	(100.00)
	(CORSA Chapter Dues	(35.00)
ENDING BALANCE	10/31/2018	\$10,942.77
PENDING CHECKS		
Pending Deposits		
BOOK BALANCE	10/31/2018	\$10,942.77

What Happened to....

By Richard Royal



We caught up with long-time Cactus Corvair Club member and former Corvair owner at a car show recently. Richard sold his Turbo Corsa over this summer to a good home in New York. We asked Richard to let everyone know what happened. "My love affair with Corvairs started 55 years ago" Richard explains. "I traded my 1959 Ford 4-door sedan in on a 1963 Corvair Spyder Coupe. I really enjoyed that car, but family considerations led me to trade it in on a 1965 Corvair Monza Sedan, 110 with Powerglide." Since then, Richard owned 3 Corsa convertibles (two

1966's and one 1965), one 1965 Corsa Coupe, 2 Monza convertibles (one 1966 and one 1965), and one 1965 Monza Coupe. His eyes twinkled as he adds, "I think it is fitting that my first and last Corvairs were Turbos."



So when asked about the sale of his last Corvair, Richard explained that the process was relatively smooth. His reasons for letting it go are practical. "I left the Corvair world because of my age" he recounts. "I am 81 years old, and decided I wanted a classic car that had power steering, power brakes, automatic transmission, and air conditioning! I wanted something that was a 1964 to 1966 vintage. I



looked at GM, Ford and Chrysler cars. I found that the GM models that I wanted were too expensive, so I concentrated on Ford and Chrysler." Richard ended up buying a 1965 Ford Thunderbird. "We had a 1975 Ford Thunderbird as our family car back in the 70's, and I liked the style of them. So, this car will likely be my last classic car."



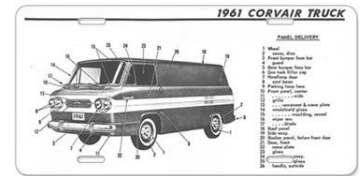
Upcoming Events

November 7th Regular Meeting @ Earnhardt Chevrolet, Chandler

November 17 10th Anniversary All Corvair Show @ Pavillions

December 1 Road Rally to Dwarf Car Museum in Maricopa w/ Tucson Corvair Association

For details and forms, check cactuscorvairclub.com/upcoming-events.html



Special Birthday wishes go out to Charlie Dye. Born October 2, 1927 (yes the same day as the Corvair some years later), Charlie is nearly synonymous with the Corvair in circles across the country. Charlie has recently suffered some health issues and endured a short hospital stay. He is recovering at a rehabilitation center in Apache Junction. Please keep Charlie in your thoughts and prayers. Cards and well wishes can be sent to:

Charlie Dye
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Happy Birthday Charlie!

Get Well Soon!!

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While a salesman at Rudolph Chevrolet in Phoenix Arizona, Lou Grubb decided there were possibilities in an inexpensive, economy car produced by the Chevrolet Division, the Corvair. He sent letters to recent Corvair buyers and devotees alike inviting them to a social dedicated to appreciation of the car. With a promising response, discussion turned to organizing a new sports car club. With hasty planning, the first event was an economy run put together by a group of rookie enthusiasts who later became the first members of Cactus Corvair Club after its Constitution was signed in October 2, 1963. We are the oldest, continually active, Corvair club in the world!

As part of the Phoenix Chapter of CORSA (Corvair Society of America) we hosted our first regional mini-convention in April of 1976. People from all over the country came, with an estimated 90 cars and 150 people attendees. The event included autocross, a concours show, driving tour of the Valley of the Sun, and a "Fiesta banquet.

The Cactus Corvair Club hosts an annual All-Corvair show in early October, participates in classic car shows throughout the year (usually benefitting local charities), and supports classic car events, museums, and organizations dedicated to the preservation and public education of our automotive history. We are a community of car enthusiasts; all our events are family oriented and we are excited to meet you.

Club Officers		Board Members:
President	David Dean dr.dean@cox.net	Miner Fleming
Vice President	John Hamel	Chris Slonecker
Treasurer	Joe Lewis	Gary Sudbeck
Secretary	Dave Wenzlick	

Webmaster Dave W. dave@rcaz.com

Membership Dues:

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UPCOMING Club Meetings:

October 3 **Regular Club Meeting - Earnhardt Chevrolet – 7PM**

November 7 **Regular Club Meeting - Earnhardt Chevrolet – 7PM**

November 17 **10th Annual All Corvair Show @ The Pavillions 4-8PM**

December 1 **Dwarf Car Museum Meet-up with Tucson Corvairs**

December 5 **No Regular Club Meeting**

January 2 **Regular Club Meeting - Earnhardt Chevrolet – 7PM**



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www.cactuscorvairclub.com

Monthly Meetings

*Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month
(except for June, July and August)*

*Location is at [Earnhardt Chevrolet 2121 N. Arizona Ave -
Chandler AZ 85225](#)*

*Meetings start at 7PM. Driving a Corvair is encouraged
but not required.*

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