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Corvair Club in the World!*



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From the President's Garage - By David Dean

True True Love, Whoa Whoa Yeah

True True Love, That's for me

True True Love, Everyday

Fifty-five years ago, Comet recording artists, the Corvairs, released their first single, "True True Love." This doo wop classic spoke of true love every day and that "one one girl, to make me happy."

Doo wop music was very popular in the early 1960s as a subcategory of rhythm and blues. Preceding soul music, doo wop had deep roots in "barbershop" harmony, a custom in many communities of using barbershops as social gathering hubs. In some African American neighborhoods, talented vocalists often sang folk, spiritual, and popular music while waiting to get their hair cut. Formally called a cappella, among the distinguishing features of doo wop is the use of nonsense syllables in rhythmic support of the melody. Among the earliest uses of the phrase "doo wop" is by The Drifters, in 1953 from their hit "Let the Boogie Woogie Roll" (although the tune wasn't released until 1960). When the Corvair was in its heyday, the airwaves swung to such notable doo wop artists as the Temptations, the Ojays, and the Platters. Many groups took their names from the Detroit automaker's emblems like the Impalas, the Skyliners, the Cadillacs, the Edsels, and of course, the Corvairs, who went on to release seven more singles before 1966, when they reformed as the Westsiders.



It's February and we are just over halfway through our "season!" We have been blessed with unusually warmer weather that makes driving our Corvairs, working on our cars, and being out and about with our fellow enthusiasts so much more enjoyable. How can you NOT love these cars! This month we are looking forward to our big road rally car show event in Florence on February 17 (the Caliente Clowns Car Show). This is a signature event for our Spring calendar and a terrific chance to both support an important local charity, and take our cars on a longer cruise. We'll be meeting at the Gold Canyon Basha's parking lot early to caravan together. Please check our website or contact one of the club officers for details and meeting times. For more information on all of our upcoming events and activities, please check the calendar and website. Dave W. does a good job of keeping everything current.

As we continue our season, I encourage you to spread the word about our activities, bring a friend along for the ride, and reach out to anyone that might be interested in our cars. It's a special time for Corvairs as they receive a little more recognition. Let's keep this momentum going! As always, if you need anything please don't hesitate to reach out with a call or an e-mail.

Happy motoring,
David "Doc" Dean

Board Meeting – January 14, 2018 – Hoosier Café, Chandler, AZ.

On an early Saturday morning, club members started making their way to the AZAirCooled Cars and Coffee Event at the Biltmore Fashion Mall in Phoenix. Thwarted by road closures related to Phoenix Rock-n-Roll Marathon, club member scrambled and met for breakfast the Hoosier Café in Chandler. Board members, Gary, Miner, and Chris, joined officers, David D, Dave W., John H. and Joe for hot coffee, a hearty breakfast, and an opportunity to meet as a board. Here is what was discussed:

Now that the bylaws have been updated and approved Jan 3, club members previously holding the status of “honorary” yet are still active, were moved to the category of “Lifetime” member. This list has been transmitted to the President and Treasurer. The board will now consider other members for this status over the next few months.

Joe and Dave W. shared the updated Membership Roster and e-mail list with paid members. The President will reach out to unpaid members to see if they wish to continue.

At the February meeting, we will take a collective order for the embroidered polo shirts emblazoned with the club logo. The shop with our graphics already set up, requires a \$75 minimum order. Each shirt costs approximately \$25. John H will handle the transaction on behalf of club members. A follow-up e-mail will go out to members unable to attend the meeting.

Board members began planning a new t-shirt design and ordering small batches from a small “print on demand” vendor. Proceeds from t-shirt sales will go to the club treasury. New members would be offered a “bundled” rate for their dues that would include a t-shirt. Design options will be brought to the members for consideration.

Other means of fundraising considered by the board were club window stickers and license plates (since we are out of stock). We also intend to continue 50/50s and other raffles in order to raise more operating cash for the club.

Webmaster Dave W. presented data related to club website traffic. The website receives approximately 100 visitors/week and they view about 2.5 pages while on the site. Some discussion was made about adding something more “informational” to the larger Corvair community that might increase traffic.

Upcoming events discussed:

Spotlight Theater (Jan20) – John H. purchased a block of tickets for distribution.

Agri-Country Bluegrass Festival at Casa Grande / Pinal County Fairgrounds (Jan 27) – coordinated meet up locations/times for the caravan south.

Superstition Springs Cruise-in (Feb 3) – Meet there about 3PM, Dave W. bringing the 1/2 car.

Hagerty Insurance representatives invited to the March member meeting (Mar 7)

Catch-a-Wave show, Tempe (Mar 17) – Since there are several car show choices, including Goodguys on March 17, the board decided to officially endorse Kiwanis Catch-A-Wave show in Tempe, AZ as a club event. We encourage members to support this particular event if possible.

Annual Club Picnic (Apr 7) – will be held at Eldorado Park, same as last year. The board discussed door prizes, donations, and the drive afterwards.

Board Report respectfully submitted by David “Doc” Dean, President.

January 21, 2018 - *Cabaret!* – Spotlight Youth Theater, Glendale, AZ.

Sunday January 21, The Cactus Corvair Club made our first foray into the world of youth theater. John H. initiated and coordinated this event with an eye towards several objectives: first, to do more as a club than simply go to car shows; second, to bring more presence of our cars to youth interests where exposure to our cars may spark new avenues of interest/members from young people and their families; and third, to support local charities that address other community needs besides poverty. Thank you, John, for putting this terrific event together.



Cabaret takes audiences deep into the seedy nightlight of the Kit Kat Klub on the eve of World War II Germany. Based on Christopher Isherwoods's Berlin Stories, *Cabaret* follows the interlocking ventures of a cabaret singer, a writer from America, and the denizens of Berlin as they are caught up in the swirling maelstrom of a changing society. Led by the enigmatic and dazzling Emcee, played by the talented Vincent Pugliese, *Cabaret* is a theatrical experience featuring the well-known classics of musical stage such as "Don't Tell Mama," "Maybe this Time," and of course "Cabaret," performed by the gifted singer/actress, Sophia Donnell. Directed by Kenny Grossman, this all youth production (ages 15-19) showcased some of the valleys' rising stars of stage. The production included a live, six-piece band and a cast/crew of over 30 volunteers. The club members and their spouses attended the event.

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Jan 27, 2018 - Agri-Country Bluegrass Festival at Casa Grande / Pinal County Fairgrounds by David D.

It was an early, dark, chilly morning when we set out for the Pinal County Fairgrounds. Miner graciously let me drive his 1965 Corsa convertible as he brought his multi-award-winning, 1962 Rampside to the event. Traveling the back way through Florence, we arrived to find Dick R. and his 1966 Turbo Corsa already holding us spots. We expected several other members, but due to an accident on the I-10 South of Phoenix, only John H. made it with his 1966 Corsa. The festival featured a sizeable car show with approximately 80 entries. Bluegrass music filled the air from several stages as food trucks peddled funnel cakes, hotdogs, chicken fingers, and curly fries (they were huge!!). Performers included the bands Wood & Wire, High Plains Traditions, Old Blue Band, Sonoran Dogs, Cadillac Mountain and the Dusty River Band. Miner's Rampside won Best in Class in the Truck category; while his Corsa took home the Orphan Class trophy.



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

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by President David Dean.

A motion was made by Jim J. to accept the December meeting minutes as published in the latest newsletter. John H. seconded and the motion passed. A motion was made by John H. and seconded by Gary S. to accept the Treasurer's Report as published in the December newsletter. Motion was approved.

The revised club bylaws were discussed. Two amendments were added before voting on the published changes. Amendments added and approved before the main vote were an update to the non-discrimination statement and a club "purpose statement". Both amendments were motioned for approval by Gary S., seconded by Jim J. and then approved by all members. The published bylaw changes were motioned for approval by Gary S., seconded by John H. and approved.

David reminded everyone that the next official club function is the January Air-cooled Arizona 2nd Sunday Cars-n-Coffee event at Biltmore Fashion Park on Jan 14th from 8-10 AM. The December 10th event was well attended by Corvair members and Miner's Rampside was a big hit.

John H. discussed the possibility of a club function to see the play "Cabaret" at the Spotlight Youth Theatre in Phoenix. <http://www.spotlightyouththeatre.org/>. John was tasked to review several options for a matinee showing and possibly a play at a later date. Tentative plans are for Jan 20th for the 2 PM show and to meet at the nearby Denny's at noon for a lunch before attending the play. Please contact John H. at 602-435-3087 if you have interest in attending on the 20th or in the future. Tickets can be purchased online or through John.

John H. also discussed a possible Corvair night at the Rhythm Room in Phoenix. The venue owners would help arrange special parking for our Corvairs up front as an attraction to complement their music events. <https://www.rhythmroom.com/>

John H. also asked if any members would be interested in a summer bowling league.

David D. reminded everyone about the Caliente Clowns Charity Car Show on Feb 17th in Florence. David also mentioned to watch the club events calendar for the Sweetheart All Chevy Car Show, the Ostrich Festival Car Show, the Catch-a-Wave Car Show, the Cruizin to the Lakes Car Show, the Good Guys Car Show, the Sands Chevy Car Show, the annual club picnic and the Tucson Chevy Showdown.

John H. mentioned another event on March 3rd which is the "Melrose on 7th Street" Fair and Car Show. This is a great community event in its 16th year.

http://m7streetfair.com/content.aspx?page_id=87&club_id=613634&item_id=709218

Meeting guests included Bob Kaiser and Anthony Laube. Both gave short introductions and expressed interest in joining the club. Bob is searching for a 65-66 Corsa 140 coupe and Anthony and his son Alex just purchased a nice 62 700 model.

A Tech Topic was presented by Joe L. about a recent problem he had removing a throw-out bearing in his 65 Corsa 140. After trying all the usual hydraulic tricks like compressing the area behind the bushing with grease, bread or wet paper towels, Joe tried a pilot bushing puller and then a 5/8"-18 pipe tap. When those failed he used a Dremel tool with a 1/8" carbide tip to grind away the wall on two sides so the bushing would collapse and fall out. After 10 hours he had completed what should have been a simple 5-minute task.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 and members went out to the parking lot to talk shop and see the Cutaway Corvair on loan to Dave W. from the Pikes Peak Corvair Club.

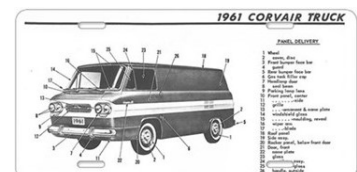
Submitted by Dave Wenzlick

Treasurer's Report January 2018 by Joe Lewis

Beginning Balance as of	12/31/2017	\$1680.05
INCOME		
	50-50 RENEWALS NEW MEMBER DONATION	60.00
EXPENSES		
ENDING BALANCE	1/31/2018	\$1740.05
PENDING CHECKS		
Pending Deposits		
BOOK BALANCE	1/31/2018	\$1740.05

Upcoming Events

- Feb 17th 5th Annual Caliente Clowns Car Show [DETAILS and ENTRY FORM](#)
- Feb 18th Sweetheart All Chevy Car Show at Scottsdale Pavilions [DETAILS](#)
- Feb 24th 6th Annual Cruisin' Thru The Decades Car Show/Swap Meet [DETAILS](#)
- Mar 3rd Classic Car Show Chandler Ostrich Festival [DETAILS](#)
- Mar 7th Regular club meeting night at Earnhardt Chevrolet 7 PM
- Mar 17th Catch-a-Wave Car Show in Tempe [DETAILS](#)
- Mar 17th Cruiz'n to the Lakes in Goodyear [DETAILS](#)
- Mar 18th 9th Annual All American Car Show at Sands Chevrolet [DETAILS](#)
- April 7th Annual Club Picnic Day at Eldorado Park
- April 28th Chevy Showdown in Tucson



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	

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Librarian Miner Fleming

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About Us:

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 CORSА (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.

UPCOMING Club Meetings:

February 7	Regular Club Meeting - Earnhardt Chevrolet – 7PM
March 7	Regular Club Meeting - Earnhardt Chevrolet – 7PM
April 4	Regular Club Meeting - Earnhardt Chevrolet – 7PM
May 2	Regular Club Meeting - Earnhardt Chevrolet – 7PM
June-August	No Regular Club Meetings -



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Monthly Meetings

*Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month
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*Location is at [Earnhardt Chevrolet 2121 N. Arizona Ave -
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*Meetings start at 7PM. Driving a Corvair is encouraged
but not required.*

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