

FANBELT FLYER

From the Editor by Dave Wenzlick

There is no President's Message this month but our Vice President, Larry Starr, submitted the first part of his Corvair story below. Other members are welcome to submit their Corvair stories for publication too.

My First Corvair –Part One by Larry Starr

It's June, 1966, and brings the arrival of our new, shiny, Danube Blue, Corvair Monza, with all synchromesh 4-speed transmission, 3.55 rear end, and pushbutton AM Radio. Unfortunately, I was not in attendance at that happy event, being ensconced in Navy Boot camp in San Diego. In those days, if you lost your college deferment, you got a draft notice. I beat the draft by signing up with the navy on the 120 day delay program along with their offer of E-3 out of boot camp for having a Community College degree.

In 1962, my brother-in-law and sister bought a brand new Corvair Monza Convertible, black with teal interior and white top. Lee was a local truck driver and avid race car enthusiast. He had test driven the Studebaker Avanti Turbo before choosing the Corvair. In addition to 4-spd and 3.55 rear end, he'd also gotten the heavy duty suspension with rebound straps and sintered brakes. That little car went great and he just drove the hell out of it. Today, it sits under a cover in his garage, not having been driven in the last 29 years, but he won't sell it to me or restore it himself. Maybe I'll inherit it someday. Anyway, I was sold on Corvairs and had to have one when I could afford it.

Prior to going in the Navy, my new wife and I decided we'd be traveling a lot in the navy, so we peddled our Smokey Ford Falcon and ordered a new Corvair. It cost \$2560. We put down \$1060 and financed the \$1500 with GMAC at \$60 per month. Not a great amount, but as a Seaman, I would be making \$180 a month.

Since we ordered exactly what we wanted, it took time to come and so was delivered after I was in the Navy. It was the only thing of value we owned at that time.

Upon returning from Boot camp, I had orders to Treasure Island, CA to attend 20 weeks of Electronic School. We packed up our gear, with Lee's help for this adventurous trip to California. For those of you who have never packed all your belongings in a Corvair, there's a trick to it. First, bring out everything you are taking so the packer can see it all. Never put anything in a box that goes in the front. There are lots of nooks and crannies up there that you can stuff a lot of things in. Must box items go on the fold-down rear seat. Also included are a spare fan belt and the tools to change a belt. Off we went, with \$300 cash between us and knowing that if Peggy didn't find a job, we'd lose the Car. No problem. Didn't see why both sets of parents were worried.

Lee gave me one important piece of advice about driving a Corvair. He told me "It's air cooled and to provide cooling the fan needs to be turning up pretty good. Keep your RPM's up all the time and don't lug it in 4th gear". I still follow this rule today, never running below 2000 RPM unless in 1st gear. It has served me well all through the years. Our little car ran great and we buzzed down Interstate 5 to the Bay Area at the legal limit of 70 MPH. We both drove and were thrilled at how well it handled in curvy parts. As advertised, it was a "Poor Man's Porsche".

Next Month: The Navy Years

Treasurer's Report By Chuck Roderique

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| Nov 2014 | | |
| Beginning Balance as of 10/31/14 | | \$1,785.43 |
| INCOME | | |
| 50-50 | \$ 27.00 | |
| Deposit – Clarks Corvair | | |
| Membership Renewals | \$ 70.00 | |
| Total Income | | \$ 97.00 |
| EXPENSES | | |
| Newsletter & Trophies | (\$) | |
| Donuts & coffee | (\$) | |
| Total Expenses | (\$) | |
| Ending Bank Balance 11/30/14 | | \$ |
| Membership renewals in transit | | \$ 0.00 |
| Book Balance as of 11/30/14 | | \$1,882.43 |



Secretary's Report by Mary Seaman

Meeting Date Nov 4th, 2014

Miner opened the meeting at 7:02 P.M.

Miner opened with the announcement that he is planning on retiring from work shortly and will be traveling out of the country for long periods of time. He felt it was necessary for the president to be at all the meetings. For that reason, he withdrew his name from the presidency consideration.

Treasurer's report was motioned to be accepted by John S. and seconded by Gary S. and passed.

Secretary's report was motioned to be accepted by John S.. and was seconded by Gary S. and passed.

We had Brian Jackson and Nicole with us today at the meeting. Welcome to the club meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

All Chevy Show at Thorobred was Oct. 25th in Chandler. Dick's Car won 1st place in the Corvair category, Miner's rampside won 2nd. Marian and David Dean won 3rd. They are new members of the club. Note; Bill's car did not get entered into the competition as he was too busy to notice it was not registered.

Fan Belt Toss on the weekend of Oct. 24th-Oct. 26th had a good showing from the Cactus Corvair Club. Chuck and Sandy R., Dave W. and Cathy, Larry and Penny S., Joe L., Bob St. John, and John and Mary S.

There is a swap meet at the Arizona Fairgrounds on Nov. 22nd and one in Glendale at the Community College on Olive St. on Dec. 7th.



Secretary's Report (Continued) by Mary Seaman

The club is still discussing doing a swap meet. But thought it would be better to do one with the Tucson Club and possibly have a car show tied to it. No date set yet, but the suggestion was to get with Apache Junction Chamber of Commerce and see if something can be set up through them. The time would be 9:00 A.M. till 2:00 P.M. if things can get approved and a date agreed upon. Needs to be discussed further.

There is a Mesa Car Show to save the Train on Nov. 15th from 10:00 A.M. till 2:00 P.M. Go online to see more information about costs and location.

The Dwarf Museum was voted on as the possible January outing. More to be decided at the next meeting on Dec. 6th during the Christmas Party.

The Toy Museum did not have enough interest among the group to be an outing. That has been scrapped from the list of possible outings for the club.

The Installation Dinner is Nov. 15th at Black Bear. The Yankee swap will take place. Please bring a wrapped gift for your gender with a cost of no more than \$15.00. If you do not want to participate that is ok too.

The Cactus Corvair Christmas Party is on Saturday Dec. 6th from 1 until? Please bring a side dish or desert to share with the group. Bring an unwrapped toy for the Apache Junction Police Department to distribute and non-perishable can goods or dry cereal. Those will be going to the Food Pantry. No meeting on Dec. 3rd, it will be during the Party on Dec. 6th. A map will be in the newsletter for directions.

NEW BUSINESS

Lost Dutchman Picnic will be on April 18th. John will reach out to the other clubs to come like they did last year. We are going to try and get the same pavilion as the one we had last year.

The Car Show in Florence for Feb. 28th supporting the Foster Children in Pinal County is our February outing. Times and location where we will meet will be in the next newsletter. The admission cost is personal needs for the Children, such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, brushes, combs, mouthwash, floss, and also some new or slightly used stuffed animals to give them when they are removed from the home. If you can think of anything else and are not sure if it is ok, you can ask Dale at the next meeting.

Remember to get all the Car Shows that are around town off Cruising Arizona, or just go to the Cactus Corvair Website and click on the link to get to it.

Finally, the new officers are:

President- John Seaman

Vice President- Miner Fleming

Treasurer- Chuck Rodriguez

Secretary- Mary Seaman

Johnathan won the 50/50- we hope he will take his Corvair off Craig's list now. He apparently got a little frustrated with it because something went wrong. We had to remind him here at the club meeting, it is a CORVAIR.

Secretary's Report (Continued) by Mary Seaman

Carlton Smith was able to join us this past meeting. We always like seeing his smiling face. For those of you who do not know him, it is because he is our Indiana member who only gets to see us once a year most of the time. He tunes the Big Organ at Organ Stop Pizza in Mesa. Rumor has it, he may be back in May.

Tech Session:

Chuck R. brought in a broken clutch fork to show the group and had some questions of the experts about a leaking rebuilt carburetor.

The meeting ended at 8:00P.M.

Sincerely,
Mary A. Seaman

Map and Directions to Christmas Party

10351 E Cloudview Ave Gold Canyon AZ 85118
Larry Starr 480-288-1542



Turn-by-turn directions next page

A US-60 E **Directions beginning at US60 East and Goldfield Rd**

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|  | 1. Head east on US-60 E/Superstition Fwy About 4 mins | go 4.1 mi total 4.1 mi |
|  | 2. Turn left onto S Kings Ranch Rd About 6 mins | go 2.9 mi total 7.0 mi |
|  | 3. Turn right onto E Baseline Ave | go 0.2 mi total 7.2 mi |
|  | 4. Turn left onto S Mohican Rd About 1 min | go 0.4 mi total 7.6 mi |
|  | 5. Turn left onto E Valley View Dr About 45 secs | go 0.3 mi total 7.8 mi |
| | 6. Continue onto S White Tail | go 0.3 mi total 8.1 mi |
|  | 7. Turn left onto E Cloudview Ave Destination will be on the left | go 266 ft total 8.1 mi |

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NOTE: No Meeting this Wednesday night.

Next Meeting will be held during the annual Christmas Party on December 6th. See inside for map and further party details.



Monthly Meetings

*Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month (except for July and August)
Location is at [Thorobred Chevrolet 2121 N. Arizona Ave - Chandler AZ 85225](#)
Meetings start at 7PM. Driving a Corvair is encouraged but not required.*

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