

Cactus Corvair Club

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My Last Prez. Sez. by John Seaman

This is my Last Prez sez. It has been a privilege to serve each and every one of you Cactus Corvair Club members. I hope and pray that David Dean can bring new ideas to the club and keeps some of the old ones. I can say that when Mary and I joined there were 21 members but only 6 at one of the meetings that I was at.

I remember Charlie "Mr. Corvair" Dye inviting me to the meeting at Lu Grubb Chevrolet and I was at awe just to see only a few members. Mainly because I was a new boy in this Corvair town just moving here from Illinois one year earlier and being a past president and member of the Prairie Capital Corvair Club in Springfield IL. were when we had a meeting 50 or so would show up. We would have food and cake and show and tell after a meeting. That was a big change for me. I can pat myself on the back and say I think I brought a lot of members into the Cactus Corvair Club and have built it to where it is now. I know David will do the same thing. I still plan on getting potential Corvair owners interested in joining with still offering the 5% discount on their repairs and hopefully build the club bigger.

I will still be a board member and still try my best to help when needed. I want to thank everyone that was there to help me along. Miner Fleming, sitting to my side and being there for president one year and giving me the break I needed, Dave Wenzlick, for taking on the website and newsletter, Joe Lewis, Chuck Roderique for keeping our money coming and going Linda Casey, for all her great pictures and help with what the club did and how they did things in the past, David Dean for stepping up and taking on this baby, Charlie Dye for all his input, Ande Lange for being there in the beginning and keep us informed as to what the Hobby Council was up to, Bob Rencenberger for all your support in the club and letting your wonderful wife Diane be my Treasurer and the lady that sends out the cards and takes and gives the money out for the 50/50. All the different board members I had. Bob R. Diane R. Jonathan T. Art V. Larry Starr. If I forgot someone I am sorry. You all played a great part in my life. Last but not least my wife for being there, letting me do my thing, taking on the newsletter at first and then Secretary. I love you for being involved in my world that I love. Thank you all.

I am at a time in my life where it's time for me to make some changes and do other things that make me happy. Like a lot of us we try things and then find out that's not what I wanted to do or that's not really what I thought it was going to be. Or what the hell was I thinking. And we go onto the next thing in our lives. Well I belong to other car clubs that are pretty good ones and I want to start going and spending time with them and see if that's what I want to do and now I am involved with a wonderful group of people that belong to an organization that has been around since 1901 and it has a good standing with first responders and I can get good training. They are known as the Arizona Rangers. I want to be able to put a little more time into that.

I also want to build my Corvair hobby up more because I love meeting the Corvair people and hearing their stories and seeing if I can help. It's something I have been into for a lot of years. I have seen a lot, both stupid and very cool. There is no better high in the world than knowing that you have something to do with or have had a hand in, a running, driving Corvair that someone else is enjoying. Whether I owned it, fixed it, or it had the parts that I sold for it to run and be back on the road, it's kind of like seeing your first kid take their first step or you hear them cry the first time, when that engine comes back to life for the first time after it has been sitting all those years.

In closing, I have said this time and time again in the past, I love you guys. Corvair people are a breed of its own kind and I had the privilege and honor to be your President for these last on again off again years.

Thank you, thank you, thank you. Love you all.

John Seaman

From the President's Garage: by David Dean

This month starts a new chapter in the history of the Cactus Corvair Club. As new officers make the transition into serving you, the days and year ahead will build on the success of our club and bring new opportunities for our hobby. As I begin my tenure as club president, I wanted to express my appreciation and gratitude for John Seaman— who's legacy with the club sets the expectations high for anyone that follows. Let me begin by saying thank you to John for his dedication to the club and the leadership he provided for the last 6 (out of 7) years. John is a dedicated ambassador for the Corvair with a passion for the early models and all the forms GM adapted for these flat six, air cooled engines (Spyders, Greenbriers, Rampsides, Lakewoods, Ultra Vans, etc.). John's knowledge and experience is a valuable resource for our club and Corvair enthusiasts across North America. While John's contributions to our club and the hobby are too numerous to list in this column, his connections within the classic car community and dedication to the preservation and showing of our Corvairs helped the club grow in membership and gain visibility throughout the East Valley. Finally, I must thank John for generously taking time with me this past summer to share his experiences as club president and mentoring me for this role.

In addition to John, I also want to express my appreciation for other club members who've shouldered leadership roles over the last few years. Folks like Miner, Diane, Chuck, Mary, Bill, Bob, Gary and so many others that have put their time and resources into this club to promote the cars and preserve its history. Because of your hard work and dedication, the Valley of the Sun has both the oldest, and best Corvair Club in the country.

So, my name is David, most of my friends call me "Doc." I have two 1965 Monzas; a coupe and a convertible. I've been a member of the Cactus Corvair Club a little over two years. My goals over the next year is to extend the work previously done to reach out to more Corvair owners in central and west valley. I'd like to take advantage of social media, like Facebook, to promote club events and member's activities with their cars. I'd like to capitalize on the wealth of experience within our club to help new Corvair owners more fully understand their cars. And finally, I'd like to see us partner with other car clubs to attend events, do charitable work that is a mainstay of the classic car community, and bring more attention/appreciation of the Corvair to the public. Again, thank you for this opportunity to serve. I will do my best.

No meeting this Wednesday. See you at the Christmas Party Dec 3rd.

Cheers,
David "Doc" Dean

Treasurer's Report by Joe Lewis

November 2016

Beginning Balance as of	10/31/2016		\$2,823.71
INCOME			
50-50			\$ 12.00
RENEWALS			
NEW MEMBERS			\$ 15.00
EXPENSES			
Dunken Donuts			\$ (74.00)
Installation Dinner			\$ (56.00)
ENDING BALANCE	11/30/2016		\$2,720.71
PENDING CHECKS			
Pending Deposits			
BOOK BALANCE	11/30/2016		\$2,720.71
Dues paid this month for 2017			
Bob Jackson			

Secretary's Report by Mary Seaman

Meeting on November 2, 2016

John opened the meeting at 7:01 PM

Joe read the treasure's report, Dave D motioned that they be accepted as read, it was seconded by Gary S. The membership voted and they were accepted.

Mary read the secretary's report, Dave D motioned that they be accepted as read, it was seconded by Gary S. The membership voted and they were accepted.

Old Business

The Inaugural Dinner will be at Black Bear Dinner at 5:00 PM Nov 19th. Dave D set up the place and time. The White Elephant exchange will be completed during this event. Limit for the gift is \$15.00 and mark your presents with male or female.

Christmas Party was discussed; the event will be at Florindino's Restaurant in Chandler on Alma School Road. The date is Dec. 3rd start time is 7:00 PM and goes till 10:00 PM. We will be collecting the non-perishable food and unwrapped toys for the needy in the area.

T-Shirts, Dave W has the art work in a small size. John will see if his T-Shirt place can use that possibly get some more T-Shirts made up.

Bi-Laws presentation changes will be reviewed at the Inaugural dinner.

Mailbox- Joe is having the mail Cactus Corvair mail sent to his address. The mail box was going to be over a \$100 per year and is an expense that is not needed for the club.

Food donations from the Car Show ended up going to the Apache Junction Food bank as the Chandler Food Bank did not come to get the food after several phone calls from John.

New Business

John read a letter from Katheryn Rutherford that was about the Cactus Corvair Club. She had sent pictures also. They will place in the archives.

Linda went to the convention and shared her pics and stories about this years convention with the club. Next years convention is in Independence MO for those interested in going. The host hotel is the Hilton.

John gave out scratch pads and magnets to those that did not get them at the show.

Diane and Bob shared their experiences at the Fan Belt Dinner. The theme was a Casino Night.

TECH Session:

No tech session at this meeting.

50/50 was won by Linda.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43

Sincerely,

Mary A. Seaman

Officer's Installation Dinner Nov 19th 2016

The Cactus Corvair Officer's Installation dinner was held Nov 19th at Black Bear Diner in Gilbert. We had 21 members in attendance. Both outgoing and incoming officers were recognized for their past and upcoming service to the club. We had a white elephant gift exchange but only one swap took place as most people were content with the gift they first opened. Hope everyone had a good time!



19th Goodguys Rod & Custom Show November 18-20, 2016.

by David Dean

It was a perfect weekend for the Fall Goodguys Southwest Nationals show in Scottsdale. This annual event closes the Goodguys Hot rod and Custom Car show season and this year's show did not disappoint. Attracting over 3,400 classic cars and thousands more enthusiasts, this is a showcase of restorations, custom builds, resto-mods, vintage hot rods, muscle cars, and trucks done by professional builders and home-garage mechanics. In addition to the twelve cars on display competing for top national awards, the event features a good selection of vendor booths, a swap meet, a for-sale "corral," an auto-cross track, and an open lawn with row after row of Mopars, Chevys, Fords, and a sprinkling of other classics. Among the field, I found two, 1962 Corvair Spyders, one 1962 Rampside, and club member Joe Lewis' 1966 Convertible. Goodguys will return to Scottsdale to kick-off their 2017 season March 10-12. For more information on the 19th Southwest Nationals event, visit <https://www.goodguys.com/hotnews/?p=15479>. From there, feel free to browse around the Goodguys website and check out the 2017 calendar.

Tech Tip:

1961-69 Corvair Direct Air Heater Hose Replacement.

by David Dean

With winter upon us (whatever that means in Phoenix), the time is now to consider the heater hoses on our cars. According to the January 1971 Chevrolet Service News, it is important to use only the approved heater hose designed specifically for the Corvair.

"Scattered reports indicate that some people are replacing the 4" I.D. heater hose with material other than the type specified for original equipment replacement. Random checks show that cloth base defroster hose and plastic household clothes dryer hose are the usual substitution. This may represent a less expensive replacement part, but may deteriorate rapidly..."

A review of other concerns posted by Corvair owners online revealed aluminum dryer hoses can come in contact with the starter post, shorting out the starter. Others noted a more rigid, polypropylene drain pipe form available from the home center has been serviceable in this application. The approved service replacement hose is located in the Corvair catalog in Group 9.786 under #3870283. This hose meets S.A.E. standard ASTM-MS610, and should be used when replacement is necessary. Check with your Corvair parts supplier for their recommendations and pricing.



Call for submissions....

We are looking for pictures of your cars! Show us what you are working on or where you are taking your car. Whether it is in the garage or out on the town, we want to know: "What did you do with your car today?" Send in your photos with a brief description for the newsletter. You may e-mail them to dr.dean@cox.net or post them online and send us a link.

NPR Car Talk - The Postage Stamps You Really Want

Submitted by Greg Schupfer

Greg noticed this irreverant mention of the Corvair from the NPR show, Car Talk. They jokingly suggested that the recent series of USPS stamps depicting classic trucks should have included a few vehicles that had a less than stellar reputation. We can't reprint the article or photos here due to copyright laws but here is a link if you would like to follow the story. [The Stamps You Really Want.](#)

For Sale

Corvair trailer made from an early model with hookup for towing. The taillights and headlights all work. Both the luggage compartment and engine lids work and the interior is carpeted and trim to closely match the maroon exterior. Like new tires, extended hitch bar and trailer axles have been replaced. It has been stored inside by me and the previous owner. Overall condition is excellent. Located in Fort Mohave, Arizona. Priced to clear space in my garage at \$2600. Contact Vic at 928-201-8631 or email at vwh5574@frontier.com

