

Cactus Corvair Club

Fanbelt Flyer Online

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Prez Sez by John Seaman

No article submitted.

Treasurer's Report

 by Joe Lewis

CACTUS CORVAIR CLUB Treasurer's Report October 2016			
Beginning Balance as of	9/30/2016		\$2,990.86
INCOME			
50-50			
RENEWALS			
NEW MEMBERS			\$ 15.00
			\$ -
EXPENSES			
Plaques			\$ (60.00)
Trophies			\$ (122.15)
			\$ -
ENDING BALANCE	10/31/2016		<u>\$2,823.71</u>
PENDING CHECKS			
Pending Deposits			
BOOK BALANCE	10/31/2016		<u>\$2,823.71</u>
<u>Dues paid this month for 2017</u>			
Bryan Grogan			

Secretary's Report

No article submitted.

Palm Springs Report #1 39th Annual Great Western Fan Belt Toss and Swap Meet

by Joe Lewis

It was another warm three days for the 39th Annual Fan Belt Toss this last weekend in Palms Springs. We had a number of members show up this go-around including Brian J., Bill B., John and Mary S., Dave and Cathy W., David and Marian D., Greg and Ginger S. and Bob and Diane R.

I think the turnout of show Corvairs along with regular day driver Corvairs and three Ultravans were higher than I have seen in the past. There were a few interesting new cars this year. One was the "Darth Vair" which is a beautiful black 65 Corsa Coupe. Paint job on it was perfect, which is hard to do on a black car. If I understood correctly it had just been driven about 1200 miles in the weeks before.

The second standout was "Stubby", a 1960 Model 700 which was cut in half to remove 18" of length by Bob Kirkman. He also added a third set of lights to the back. The last interesting one was an EM with the clear engine hood used for display which I have only read about.

I think Dave W. had the most questions at the show as to when he would be selling his clear turn signal lenses for the LM's. Everyone wanted a set but Dave is still testing them for color stability.

The second most asked about (and the one that got the most pictures) was the cutaway car. I think pictures of it ended up on one of forums as soon as the show started plus a video on Youtube on Saturday night. Dave W. trailed the car over to the show and it was a big hit.

We did have David's wife, Marian, participate in the fan belt toss competition. She made it to the semi-finals before being eliminated in the two-person class. I was watching and I think she scored 90% of the points for her team!

Well that's it until next year.



Stumbled upon a cruise-in...by David Dean

I went to my local Sonic Drive-In and a car show broke out! Who would have known that a cruise was taking place?

Saturday, October 22nd, there was a cruise in at the Sonic Drive-In on Arizona Avenue just south of Guadalupe Road. There was very little advertising but a flyer stuck on the drive-thru cashier's window was all I needed. Saturday night, old school, cruise-in right in my neighborhood! For an 'impromptu cruise in, there were quite a few cars. Although there was very little organization to it all most of the 'early birds' got spaces in the drive-in stalls where they backed in their cars and pulled out their chairs, ordered some burgers and fries and enjoyed the cooling late fall evening.

I arrived a little after 6PM and found myself in the overflow parking lot next door. I rumbled in with my 1965 stock convertible Monza and took up space between a 1965 Mustang and a 1956 Willy's truck. There were a number of Mustangs (all model years) some GM cars from the muscle era, and a strong contingent of our air-cooled cousins – Volkswagen Beetles.

Within the hour another 30 plus vehicles had arrived bringing the overall count to nearly 80. There were a number of families in attendance and quite a few non-classic car owners browsing around checking out the rides. The event didn't last too long – by about 8PM many of the classic vehicles were heading out, replaced by more of the street racers and import cars the younger generation enjoys. For me, having the only Corvair there made the event worthwhile; as I was able to talk about our cars and enjoy an old-school cruise-in. Here are a few pictures:



Palm Springs Report #2

39th Annual Great Western Fan Belt Toss and Swap Meet

by David Dean

Well it's November and another Great Western Fan Belt Toss and Swap Meet is in the books. With a Casino Night theme, the Vintage Corvairs of Orange County (California) hosted another successful event in the heart of Palm Springs.

Set up on Friday afternoon went well as several regular attendees arrived with their cars and wares. Cactus Corvair Club member Dave W, brought the 1966 4 door 4sp half car for everyone to enjoy as a novelty. The event featured a well-stocked swap meet of new and used Corvair parts, and of course a visit from Clark's and their event-special discounts.

Of course the best part was the cars on the lawn – the show itself. The main event was people's choice voting in the following categories: Early open, Early Closed, Late Open, Late closed, Van, Truck/Ramp-side, Specialty/Engineered, Best Patina, Best Interior, Best Paint, Best Engine, Best of Show.

The event held a welcome reception, taco bar, and bingo night Friday; and a Dinner banquet casino night on Saturday where they also announced the big prize raffle winners.

Attendees from Cactus Corvair Club included, Brian J., Bill B, Joe L., John and Mary S., Greg and Ginger S., Dave and Cathy W., David and Marian D. and Bob and Diane R. Here are some pics of the show. [More pics click here.](#)



8th Annual Cactus Corvair Anniversary Car Show Oct 1st 2016

We had 20 Corvairs at our annual event this year including a Lakewood, three FC's and an even mix of EM and LM cars. The "Best in Show" winner was an incredibly restored, pure stock Canadian-built 66 Corsa 180. Earnhardt Chevrolet cleared out the whole front row for us on Arizona Avenue so we had lots of room and good exposure.

We collected a couple of trunk loads of food for the local food bank along with some cash too. The sun was a bit warm but we lucked out weather-wise because the next day it rained almost the entire day, which is rare this time of year in Phoenix. The show was set up at 8 and by noon we were handing out awards and loading our stash of goodies from the raffle drawings.

After the show, many of us drove to La Famiglia Pizza and Pasta for a nice lunch in the cool air conditioning.

Here are a few photos. [More pictures click here.](#)



Club Invited to "Catch A Wave" Car Show in March 2017

by Joe Lewis

Lee Overholt, of the Kiwanis Nuevo Club, has contact me as to if our club would like to have a special Covair section within their car show in March. Dick R., Dave and Cathy W. and I attended last year and had a really good time at the show. I would like to reach out to all the members to participate on Saturday, March 18th, 2017. Dave and I had many people asking about Corvairs and I was also asked to come up on the stage by Rick DeBruhl to describe my experiences with the Corvair. All proceeds do go to a local charity. We parked on the grass ball fields and even had some shade for our lounge chairs. Let's discuss at the next meeting!

