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Letter From The Editor – Braden Pastore

We all share an interest in things automotive and I'm no exception. I'm also interested in baseball and that's how I became a member of the "Usher Mafia". I started working as a Guest Services Representative at Salt River Fields shortly after I arrived in the Valley ten years ago. All it took to get the job was a cover letter expressing my passion for baseball (and my ability to fog a mirror). Since then, I've made a lot of friends in the GSR community and have had the opportunity to work at some of the many events around the Valley, including the World Series, the Waste Management Open, the Innings Festival and the Barrett Jackson Auto Auction. All of these events have their benefits and their nuances so I thought I'd tell you a little about what goes on at Barrett Jackson.

My job there is Auction Block Security and in addition to the Auction I've worked the Gala and the Rock Concerts that precede the event. On auction days I can be anywhere on the block. Most of the work involves crowd control and keeping the guests from getting clobbered by cars, hidden doors, TV staff and auctioneers who are all in a hurry for some reason. The action on the block never stops and we process an average of 40 cars an hour. Cars come from the tents with all sorts of mechanical problems including dead batteries; no gas, stuck clutches, fluid leaks and safety systems that render some of the newer exotic vehicles undriveable. The mechanics and drivers do their best to get the cars running so that they can be driven onto the block sometimes working continually from the time they leave the tent until they get to the ramp. We often have no choice but to push them up the ramp if we run out of time.

Being on the block has its advantages, though, especially early in the week when the less expensive cars are sold. That's usually when the Corvairs and other orphans go through. It's my favorite part of the week and it's when I'm the most distracted. So far I haven't gotten anybody killed. :)



This 1968 Ultra Van with Corvair engine went for 20k. If I only had a bidder's badge...

Note the driver trying not to hit the oblivious guest.



Sometimes even the most beautiful cars need a little help. That's me on the corner.

This one was a V8 conversion was in the fall auction as well. A common occurrence.

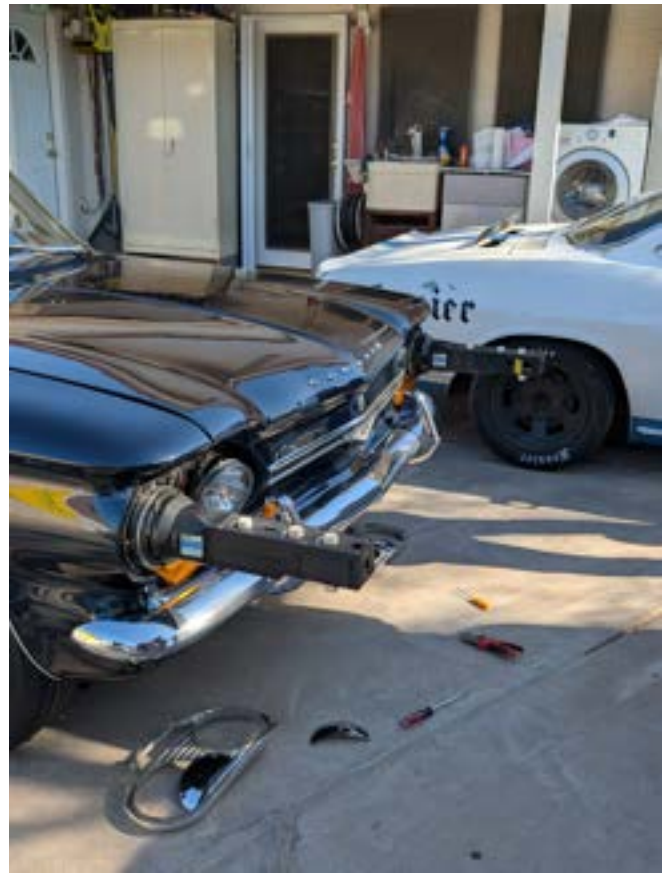
In Person Tech Session – Braden Pastore

The Club held an in person tech session at Dave & Cathy's house on January 18. Almost 20 members enjoyed the perfect weather and helped to install a RacersRods electric fuel pump kit into Duane, Nancy's '65 Monza and to swap and tune the carbs in Jim's Rampside. John H brought his cutaway in-tank fuel pump and Mike D aimed headlights using his Hoppy B4A headlight aiming tool.

We took a break from doing automotive stuff to talking about automotive stuff over pizza. We got back to work for a while and then finished the day off with an impromptu Corvair parade through downtown Gilbert and a trip to Handel's Homemade Ice Cream. All in all it was a pretty successful day and we hope to do more live tech sessions in the future.



Tuning the carbs.



The Hoppy B4A in action. Imagine my dismay when I found out there was no beer involved.

Editor's Note

If you're getting tired of the stuff I've been putting in here or my writing style I'm actively soliciting for members to contribute articles to the *Flyer*. Email me at cactuscorvairclub@gmail.com.

I might have to do a little editing but I'll send it back to you for an approval before I publish it. I could use the help.

In Person Tech Session (continued)— *Braden Pastore*



Dave demonstrates just how rock solid his lift is.



The gang solving all the world's problems--some of them automotive!

Concours In The Hills— *Braden Pastore*

The Club is going to be a presence this year at the 8th annual Concours in the Hills in Fountain Hills on Saturday February 15. At least 7 members have signed up for this event and every effort will be made to have the cars placed together. We'll be meeting up at 7 AM (gasp!) at the Wendy's at 17218 E Shea Boulevard in Fountain Hills. We'll leave there at 7:15 and caravan up to the show. Check the [Club Calendar](#) for the most up to date information on this event.

For those of you who like to sleep in the show runs from 10 to 3. Ferraris, Lamborghinis, Porsches, McLarens and Jaguars will be among the wannabes trying to steal the thunder of our mighty Corvairs. Come and be a part of the fun.

The Waaaaaay Back Page – Braden Pastore

I'm going to use the last page of the *Flyer* to delve into our history. As many of you know our Club is the oldest continually active Corvair club in the world. That means we've got A LOT of history.

This month's innocuous little gem comes from Linda's personal collection. It originally appeared in the Arizona Republic on June 16, 1963 and announces the birth of the Cactus Corvair Club. The names of the officers have been redacted.



And that, boys and girls, is how it all began.