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Introduction

The problem with a 2 month cycle for this newsletter is that so much happens between issues. The sweaters have been packed away now and we are staring at the string of 100F days ahead of us for longer than we care to contemplate. The cacti bloomed and we have the midsummer solstice behind us. Pack rats managed to chew some of my car's wires. All fun things that I could have written about. I do have news in the next section, so without further ado...

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As is always recommended for people searching for a job, follow your passion. It took me a while to realize that one of my passions has been the United States of America and its democracy. In 2003, after moving to Cave Creek, I started helping at the polling places. Maricopa County had redesigned their voting systems following the "hanging chad" fandango. The basis was paper ballots. Once filled out the ballots are not modified in anyway, allowing recounts and audits as needed. There were and are checks and balances to make sure that no ballots appeared or disappeared. In 2020, I was surprised and disappointed to find that some people were working to undermine our trust in the election process. Clearly I am passionate about this. I have decided that the best way for me to help is to run for office - State Representative of Legislative District 3. You can read more about it at my campaign website www.richardcorles.com. You can even send a donation, though you need to be an American citizen to do so. (Sorry, cousin Ann, put that cheque book away.)

The Rambler

Last month I said that our favorite beer, Fat Tire, had been reformulated. We started researching alternatives. There are many craft breweries around, so this may take a while. In the meantime we have 3 candidates that are drinking nicely. Fate Brewing Company's Irish Red Ale, Huss Brewery's Scottsdale Blonde and Pizza Port's Chronic Amber Ale. None of these is an IPA. We are not fans of high alcohol and bitterness units.

The Rambler rambles on...

Cheers,

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