

Corvair Houston Newsletter



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MAY 2014

This month: Dewberry Fest on Saturday, May 17th
No regular club meeting this month



Heat of Texas Reunion in Johnson City

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Driver's Seat

by Mark Clarke



If you missed HOT 2014 in Johnson City, you missed an incredible event. A big thank you to Rich ("Ribs") Ribble, Tom Robinson and the rest of the San Antonio club for their efforts with another successful HOT. Next year's HOT Reunion (the 19th) will be up the road from Johnson City in Burnet the weekend of April 17th so be sure and mark your calendar. Be sure and check out Jon Protteau's Rear View Mirror article for all the details on HOT 2014 in Johnson City.

Please note that we will not have a regular club meeting in May as we have a group making their way to Cameron bright and early Saturday, May 17th for the 6th Annual Dewberry Festival and Car Show. If you are interested in joining the group, please be sure to let Dee Watkins or Mike Tidwell know that you will be attending. Unfortunately, Waynette and I will not be able to make this year's event due to a planned Alaskan cruise. We have attended the Dewberry Fest the last

few years and last year was certainly memorable to me as my '63 Monza took first place. This was the final time for this little car to win an award before being totaled a week later when an uninsured motorist ran a stop sign and unfortunately destroyed the car beyond repair.

Our planning for the 40th anniversary celebration is going smoothly and we are getting excited. If anyone has photos from the early days of Corvair Houston, please

forward to Dee Watkins or me. This celebration is for all current and former club members and will be held at the Venturetech Corporation facility owned by founding club member and past club president, Larry Keast. Mark your calendars for this important event, which will be held on Saturday, September 20th.

Next month we have several events lined up. We are planning a Fun Run to Carlos on Saturday, June 7th and will

depart from the Tidwell's home around 10 am.

On Saturday, June 14th, Jon and Betty Protteau will be opening up their home for a fun day of fishing, swimming, boating, relaxing and eating. This event will start at 10 am through whatever time you have had your fill of fun and eating. More details will be provided by email as we get closer.

Ricki Jannise is working with the folks at Wings and Wheels for us to show our cars on Saturday, June 21st. This is a great opportunity to see the latest improvements to the historic 1940 Air Terminal Museum at Hobby Airport. Stay tuned for more details.

Hope to see you soon at one of these events. Be sure and take the opportunity to drive your Corvair before the heat of the summer is upon us. Our weather has been unseasonably cool this spring, but we all know that summer will be here before we know it.



Mark Clarke's "replacement" 1963 Monza convertible



Rearview Mirror

by Jon Protteau



Corvaair Houston's 18th Heart of Texas Corvaair Reunion began for most of us on Friday, April 25th with a caravan of seven Corvaairs followed by a Toyota truck to watch for any emergencies which sometimes arise when you have any group of somewhat arthritic 50-year-old cars that are not driven every day and are suddenly called upon to be driven at highway speeds for hours on end. Imagine what would happen if their drivers were suddenly called upon to run a 26k marathon without any training or practice. It probably would not be a pretty picture. This group was led by Mark Clarke in his new 1963 Aggie Maroon and White Monza convertible, and he was followed by the Murphy's Greenbrier, Alan Dunlap in Kelly Finley's '65 4-door, Paul & Adam Downs in their '66 Corsa coupe, the Kelley's '64 Monza convertible, Todd Hasfjord's '66 Monza convertible, the Parkers' 1961 Monza coupe, and Protteau's 1962 Monza convertible. The Tidwells'

freshly-painted '64 Monza coupe and the Jannises' '65 Corsa traveled to Johnson City a day earlier; the Watkins' '63 Monza coupe, Dave Kesian's '65 4-door, and the Miller's '63 Monza 4-door also arrived separately as did the Feehery's '66 Corsa. As it does every spring, the drive out to the Hill Country took us through miles of Texas wildflowers: Bluebonnets, Indian paintbrush, Sunflowers, and even the 3-foot-tall White prickly poppy, which is so prickly that it is seen sticking up in otherwise

completely bare pastures; the cattle will not touch it.

We stopped for a tasty lunch at the Bastrop Roadhouse and our caravan continued without incident until we were in the middle of the west Austin Friday traffic in 90 degree heat when Paul Downs' Corsa coupe died at a stoplight. Fortunately, he found the loose wire and was able to continue with the group to Johnson City.

We were welcomed by the Alamo City Corvaair Association at the Best Western Johnson City Inn, which, in addition to

servicing a good breakfast, had two very good restaurants, the El Agave Mexican Restaurant and Hill Country Cupboard within easy walking distance. The members of the Corvaair clubs from Texas and Oklahoma had very good, reasonably-priced food - \$5.00 - \$10.00 - at both restaurants, and then mixed and mingled around the Best Western's outdoor pavillion which was set with wine & cheese. Most members retired by 10:00 p.m. to get an early start on Saturday.

Many members were up with the sun to catch breakfast, wash our Corvaairs, and drive to the Johnson City courthouse square for the morning car show. The courthouse square was well-shaded and a great location for a car show. As usual, many older people remembered the Corvaair, and had had one, or knew someone who had one, and the younger ones were flabbergasted to find the engine in the trunk. With so many nice Corvaairs of the 42 in the show, it was

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500 Year Old Live Oak at the LBJ Ranch

Rearview Mirror

by Jon Protteau



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difficult to decide which ones to vote for. We took a two-hour lunch break, and then gathered again at the square to caravan to the Johnson ranch, about twenty miles, halfway to Fredericksburg. To get to LBJ's ranch, which is a national park, we drove through thousands of acres of ranch land, winding our way through old live oaks and cattle. We had to occasionally stop for a cow in the road; the cattle weighed up to 1800 pounds. At the ranch, because there were so many of us, they broke us into two groups for the tour of LBJ's Texas White House. With a giant 500 year old

live oak in front, the house sits about 100 yards uphill from the Pedernales River, and it is one of the most beautiful spots in Texas. The original stone farmhouse was built in 1880 with many additions over the years. The Johnson family donated the house and land to the people as a national park system, and they left their belongings in the house so that the house looks just like it did when LBJ used it as the Texas White House in the 1960s. It is well worth a visit for both the scenery and the history. At the end of the tour we returned to Johnson City for our Corvair awards banquet.

The banquet was held in another downtown restaurant which was much larger than it looked from the outside. We watched a very good PowerPoint presentation of the cars and the car show done by a very talented young photographer. The menu contained only one item but that item, called Mom's Meatloaf, was the best meatloaf that I've ever had! Some excellent vegetarian dishes were available upon request. One of the highlights of the banquet were the awards that had been constructed by Richard Ribble during a 6 month period with his welder. He had taken Cor-

vair engine parts and built fantastic animals for use as awards and door prizes. Everybody wanted one!! The award winners from Corvair Houston were Ed Murphy, 1965 Greenbrier, 1st in FC class and Best of Show, Matt Feehery, 1966 Corsa, 1st in Late Closed, Jim Watkins, 1963 Monza, second place, Early closed, Todd Hasfjord, 1968 Monza Convertible, 2nd place Late Open, Bruce Parker, 1961 Monza coupe 3rd place, early closed, Jerry Kelley, 1964 Monza convertible, 3rd place, early open and Ricki Jannise, 1965 Corsa, 3rd place, Late closed.



Distributor Failures: Corrections & Additions

by Howard King



One of our Corvair Houston members called me just after his return from HOT with an issue. As I tried to explain to him I soon discovered that the three part series had a flaw. The links to the posted web pages did not work. So, here they are again.

Part 1 link to tables:
<http://corvairenter.com/phorum/read.p?1,575384,575970#msg-575970>

Click and scroll up to top of posts.

Part 3 link to tables:
<http://corvairenter.com/phorum/read.p?1,634635>

center.com/phorum/read.php?1,634635

Click and scroll down to post by Matt Nall. Table is embedded and should be visible, if not it is a browser problem. You will see a reference in the application tables for engines with AIR. This is

an engine with Air Injection Reactor, or a SMOG pump, not air conditioning. I forgot that this is old terminology and subject to be misunderstood.

Thanks to Paul Downs, we are back on track to solve those distributor problems.

the Corvair Houston Bulletin Board

Happy Birthday To:

Jeanelle Moser		May 4th
John Spenn		May 17th
Madee McCullough		May 27th
Kay Freeman		May 23rd
Matt Feehery		May 24th
Jo Ann Miller		May 24th
Ray Rosenbaum		May 27th
Fred Mahler		May 27th

Happy Anniversary To:

Gary & Deborah Grimes	31 years	May 13th
Ron & Linda Holter	8 years	May 23rd
Matt & Kim Feehery	30 years	May 27th

Our 40th Year!

Get the New 2013-2018 Catalog
March 1 - December 24, 2013

When you place your first order over \$40.00 you get a FREE Catalog as a 40th Anniversary Thank You

(additional catalogs \$3 with an order)

The new Catalog includes parts from the last 5 Supplements as well as 100's of improvements (including better descriptions, more photos & new charts). Changes / additions to over 70% of the pages, this is our most major revision ever.



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The Corvair Society of America (CORSA)



"Founded in 1969 by and for those who still appreciate the Corvair automobile"



Corvair Houston strongly encourages all members to become members of the Corvair Society of America (CORSA). Anyone with a fondness of the Corvair automobile will benefit from CORSA membership. In addition, we will all benefit by maintaining a strong national presence to lobby our interests and organize our collective purposes.

PLEASE do not overlook the potential value of a CORSA membership. Try it out. Your first year will cost only \$45. For more information, contact any of the Corvair Houston officers listed on the back of this newsletter, or contact:

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P.O. BOX 607
Lemont, IL
60439-0607
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Corvair Houston Calendar

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACT
May 17th	Dewberry Fest	Cameron, TX	D. Watkins
June 7th	Fun Run	Carlos, TX	M. Clarke
June 14th	Protteau Social	Lake Conroe	J. Protteau
June 20th	Club meeting	TBA	M. Clarke
June 21st	Wings & Wheel	1940 Air Terminal	R. Jannise
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Bulletin Board



For Sale: 1965 Monza Convertible

1965, 4speed, rebuilt 140, (has motor issue, not sure what), interior is great, top is great, new tires, rims, brakes. Other than unknown motor issue, car needs minor stuff. Body is solid, needs paint job.

\$5500. Contact Jeff Moser at jmoser@wireslesstx.com or 281-482-1187

Mark your Calendar!!

The 40th Anniversary celebration for Corvair Houston will be held on Saturday, September 20th at Venturetech Corporation located at 6901 Alabonson Raod, Houston, TX 77088. The facility is owned by former member and past President, Larry Keast.

TREASURY REPORT

REPORT AS OF APRIL 30TH, 2014

Beginning Balance	\$7,392.89
Receipts	
Deposits	\$ -0-
Subtotal	\$7,392.89
Withdrawals:	
Expenses	\$45.00
Service Fee	\$15.00
Ending Balance	\$7,332.89

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Please contact the newsletter editor for more information about how to post an ad.

For Sale: 1969 Monza Coupe

Rust free, body work and paint by Demo's Automotive. New interior upholstery and carpet. 110hp PG drive train. Shown in AutoRama in 2010. Over \$15,000 invested. Make an offer. Contact Lloyd Jannise 409-721-9812 or Ricki Jannise 713-702-6716 or rsjannise@gmail.com. More photos available upon request.



HEART OF TEXAS 2014 in Johnson City



The "Texas Whitehouse" at LBJ Ranch



Todd Hasford and his '68 Kinda Corsa at the Benini Sculpture Ranch



The group at the LBJ ranch Tour



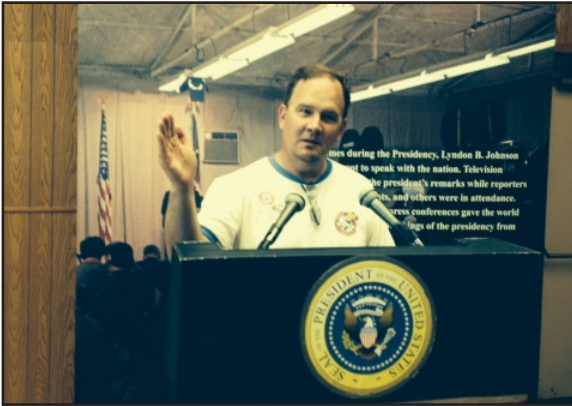
Matt Feehery's '66 Corsa takes late closed



The Murphy's '65 Greenbrier takes Best in Show

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 13102 N. Decker Drive
 Magnolia, TX 77355-8461

Deliver to:



Former President Wrobleske takes the podium

**NO REGULAR
 CLUB MEETING
 TO BE HELD
 THIS MONTH**



Matt & Kim Feehery pose in front of Air Force One



Corvair Houston



Corvair Houston, the local chapter of the Corvair Society of America, is a non-profit association dedicated to the preservation of the Corvair automobile. Dues are \$25 per year (\$20 for CORSA members). The club conducts regular monthly meetings, and also sponsors or participates in other activities through the year: local and national car shows, picnics and barbecues, races and museum events, and road trips to locations within and about the Houston area. If you are interested in the Corvair and would like information about our organization, please call one of our club officers.

2013 Officers:

President	Mark Clarke	281-217-8573
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