

Corvair Houston Newsletter



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This month: Club Meeting/Wings & Wheels on Saturday, June 21st,
Club Social on Saturday, July 5th at the Protteau's on Lake Conroe



Join us for Wings & Wheels next Saturday

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Driver's Seat

by Mark Clarke



Happy Father's Day 2014 to all the fathers in our club. My family celebrated Father's Day yesterday with a day trip to Galveston with my son and his girlfriend, my daughter and my two beautiful granddaughters and of course my wife, Waynette. I wish that I had more influence on my son-in-law with respect to getting him to take time out for family, but he spent the day at the office catching up on work. At least he took a break yesterday evening and was able to celebrate a fajita dinner with us. I am thankful for my family and I am glad that we have formal reminders such as Father's Day to help us keep things in perspective. Waynette and I were able to take a 12-day vacation last month with a cruise to Alaska and we had an incredible time. However, due to two recent acquisitions by my employer, I have been working long hours since returning in order to keep pace with the increased activity. I am thankful

that I have my Corvair hobby and also thankful that my family treated me with several gift certificates to Clark's Corvairs.

For those of you that missed our recent events (Dewberry Fest and Fun Run to Carlos), we have an exciting event planned for this Saturday. We will be meeting at the Tel-Wink Grill at 8:30 a.m. for our regular monthly meeting. The Tel-Wink Grill (a long time Houston favorite) is located at 4318 Telephone Road and is a popular breakfast spot near Hobby Airport. Check out the website for more information if you have not been there

before - <http://telwink.com/> Following breakfast, we will make the short trip over to the historic 1940 historic Air Terminal Museum for the Wings and Wheels event. Be sure and bring a folding chair and some cold beverages as we relax and keep pace with the constantly moving shade.

On Saturday, July 5th, Jon and Betty Protteau are graciously hosting a social at their home on Lake Conroe located at 11523 Twain Drive in Walden (on Lake Conroe) not far from LaTorretta resort. The fun starts at 11 am so plan on making this fun event. You will need to bring a potluck item (ap-

petizer, salad, vegetable or dessert). Also bring your folding chair, fishing pole, swimming suit and hopefully your Corvair.

Our planning for the 40th anniversary celebration is underway and Dee Watkins is heading up the arrangements. 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 Venture Tech facility owned by founding club member and past club president, Larry Keast. Mark your calendars for this important event, which will be held at 6 p.m. on Saturday, September 20th.

Following our July board meeting, we will get the word out about other planned events this summer. We are considering a trip to Brenham for the Hot Days/Cool Nights event as well as a Putt-Putt outing in the Woodlands.

Stay cool and hope to see you soon at a meeting or event.



Photo from Yankee's Tavern & Grille in Carlos



Rearview Mirror

by Jon Protteau



The sun was just beginning to lighten the sky on the morning of May 17th, 2014, as several Corvairs lined up at the Tidwell's to form a caravan to Cameron for the 6th annual Dewberry Festival and Classic Car Show. Ricki and Sally Jannise led the column in their '65 Corsa coupe, yours truly followed in Old Blue, our faithful '62 Monza convertible, and Mike and Audrey Tidwell brought up the rear with their freshly-painted '64 Monza Coupe. Leaving early on a Saturday, we found light traffic, and

had a trouble-free drive.

In Cameron, we met Jim and Dee Watkins at Neil's Budget Inn, a nice clean motel that some club members use every year to make a weekend of the event. Neil also donates one free room to Corvair Houston members by lottery. We followed Jim & Dee's '63 Monza coupe out to the American Legion Park, where we were among the first to arrive to set up our cars in the newly mowed field. Howard and Barbara King arrived a little later in their '67 Monza coupe

and joined our group.

After registering and giving the Corvairs a quick debugging and clean up, we were free to wander off into the trees to find food and other items of interest. The food is varied and plentiful: from hot dogs and hamburgers to tacos and burritos, and of course the dewberry pies and dewberry jam. There is also a truckload of plants from a local greenhouse, and they are large and healthy plants for a very reasonable price. Dee Watkins bought a number of plants, and

she helped me carry several back to Old Blue to take home for Betty and our daughter Suzy.

Meanwhile, back at the car show, the vehicles kept rolling in. Of course there were Mustangs, Camaros, tri-five Chevrolets, bucket T's, 30's and '40's Fords and the other usual collector cars, but there were also Studebakers, military trucks, and even a completely restored 1961 city bus. Of course our Corvairs drew plenty of interest and favorable comments. One spectator was so taken with Ricki and Sally's Corsa that he wanted to buy it on the spot. Jim Watkins offered to sell it to him, but that transaction didn't happen.

After the votes for best cars in different categories were tabulated, Ricki and Sally Jannise's '65 Corsa won 2nd place in the 1965 – 2014 category, which, needless to say, included quite a few cars.

After the show, the club members caravanned over to Bob's Steak House, the best steak house in town. It was a great fin-

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Fun Run to Carlos at Yankee's Tavern & Grille

Rearview Mirror

by Jon Protteau



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ish to a warm, but breezy Veterans Day for the Corvair Houstonians (or Houston Corvairians).

Moving into this month, on June 7th, the Corvair Houston group made a fun run to Yankee's Restaurant in Carlos. Backroading all the way, the group consisted of Mike & Audrey Tidwell, '64 Monza coupe; Greg

and Sandra Wrobleske, '65 Monza convertible; Tony and Gail Pomponio, '60 sedan, Jerry and Loretta Kelley's, 64 Monza convertible, Ed Walsh, '61 Corvan; Mark and Waynette Clarke with daughter Amanda and grandchildren Autumn and Olivia, '63 maroon Monza convertible. They proceeded from

the Tidwell's without any problems for the first ten miles, but then Ed Walsh had some bad gas, or rather his Corvan had some bad gas and it slowed to 35 miles per hour. Ed turned around to return home, but he burned through the bad gas within a few miles, pulled a 180, and arrived at Yankee's 15 minutes behind the car-

avan. While the adults ate, drank and socialized, Mark's grandchildren blew bubbles in the back of Yankee's covered patio. The weather was fine, a good time was had by all, and the caravan returned home without further incident. Corvairs are really very dependable cars.



CH Wants You!

Corvair Houston is always open to member submissions for articles to be printed in the newsletter. Articles can cover areas such as technical information, commentary, personal Corvair experiences, and restoration tips. Writing assistance is available. Call your editor at 281-217-8573. Email any submissions to mwclarke01@hotmail.com or snail mail to 1907 Iron Ridge, Sugar Land, TX 77478.

Wings & Wheels - June 21st

Display your Corvair, enjoy the museum and all the beautiful aircraft!! Join us on the third Saturday of June at the 1940 Air Terminal Museum at William P. Hobby Airport. See the map on the back page. The address is:

9325 Travelair Rd
Houston, Texas 77061

We meet at the Tel-Wink Grille at 8:30 am. for the monthly club meeting. Museum admission is \$5.00 per person when displaying a car and includes lunch. Join us for breakfast at The Telwink Grill at 8:00 am located at Telephone Rd and Winkler. Check out the museum website: <http://www.1940airterminal.org/>

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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Bulletin Board

Happy Birthday To:

Kim Feehery	June 1st
Greg Fox	June 1st
Ruben Ruiz	June 2nd
Greg Riley	June 3rd
Charlie Craig	June 7th
Gail Pomponio	June 8th
Suzie Protteau	June 17th
Silvia Grimes	June 21st
Gail Brown	June 23rd
Waynette Clarke	June 23rd
Deborah Grimes	June 28th
Greg Wrobleske	June 29th

Happy Anniversary To:

Bob & Maggi Tucker	58 years	June 6
Lloyd & Claudeann Jannie	11 years	June 12
Jon & Betty Protteau	42 years	June 17
Scott & Naoko Brititin	42 years	June 24
Waymon & Twila Worsham	60 years	June 25
Dave & Gail Brown	40 years	June 29
John & Katherine Spenn	40 years	June 29

Welcome New Members!

Joe Vogt (Houston, TX)
1966 Monza Convertible
Andrew Brennan (Katy, TX)
1965 Monza Convertible
Ross & Pat Adkins (Humble, TX)
1965 Monza Convertible
Karl Schwarz (Mannheim, Germany)
Once owned a '66 Corsa Convertible (wants another one)
Charles & Debra Ewing (League City, TX)
1964 Monza Convertible

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:

CORSA
P.O. BOX 607
Lemont, IL
60439-0607
www.corvair.org

Corvair Houston Calendar

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACT
June 21st	Wings & Wheel	1940 Air Terminal	M. Clarke
July 5th	Protteau Social	Lake Conroe	B. Protteau
July 18th	Club Meeting	TBA	M. Clarke
July 26th	Fun Run	Brenham	M. Clarke
Aug. 22nd	Club Meeting	TBA	M. Clarke
Sept. 20th	40th Anniversary	Venture Tech	D. Watkins

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 at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 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 MAY 31, 2014

Beginning Balance	\$7,332.89
Receipts	
Deposits	\$864.58
Subtotal	\$8,187.47
Withdrawals:	
Expenses	\$246.77
Service Fee	\$15.00
Ending Balance	\$7,925.70

Alan Dunlap has a good working 95hp FC engine for sale. He is also looking for a 102 or 110 hp engine for his sedan. Call Alan on his cell phone at 281-203-9977.

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.





Past Presidents 1974 - 2013



1974 John Noser	1975 Gene Marshall +
1976 Pete Nelson	1977 Bob Brenner
1978 Travis Jackson	1979 Travis Jackson *
1980 Bob Blissard	1981 Charlie Craig +
1982 John Noser *	1983 Larry Keast
1984 Peyton Bay	1985 T.J. Carlton
1986 Tom Clarke +	1987 Bill Clarke
1988 Bob Brenner *	1989 Charlie Craig * +
1990 Steve Sartor	1991 Bill Clarke *
1992 Paul Tuch	1993 Bobby Vahldiek
1994 Dick Centar	1995 Greg Riley +
1996 Steve Sartor *	1997 Greg Wrobkeske +
1998 Roger Garrett +	1999 Greg Riley * +
2000 Glenn Commons	2001 Dennis Svetlik +
2002 Todd Hasfjord +	2003 John Spenn +
2004 Gerald Readore	2005 David Brown +
2006 Mike Tidwell +	2007 Matt Feehery +
2008 Mark Clarke +	2009 Jim Watkins +
2010 Tony Pomponio +	2011 Ricki Jannise +
2012 Mike Tidwell * +	2013 Greg Wrobleske * +

+ Current club member

* 2nd time to serve as President

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Deliver to:



Greg Wrobleske's rampside in preparation to be painted at Demo's Automotive



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.

**MEETING TO BE HELD ON
 SATURDAY AT 8:30 A.M. AT
 THE TEL-WINK GRILLE
 4318 TELEPHONE ROAD**

2014 Officers:

President	Mark Clarke	281-217-8573
Vice President	Ed Walsh	281-825-6361
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Director	Ricki Jannise	281-259-2256
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Directions: 1940 Air Terminal Museum

