

# Corvair Houston Newsletter



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This month: Club Meeting at the Party Barn on Friday, July 18th  
Hot Nights/Cool Tunes in Brenham on Saturday, July 26th



What a great turnout for Wheels and Wheels last month

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# Driver's Seat

by Mark Clarke



I hope that everyone had a great 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend. Waynette and I spent the weekend in the Texas Hill Country in Lakeway (on Lake Travis) and also in San Antonio. We love the Texas Hill Country and always try and find a new site to see or new restaurant to check out. Since Waynette missed HOT 2014 in Johnson City (due to a family commitment), we made a point to visit Johnson City and the LBJ Ranch. I would like to thank Jon and Betty Protteau for hosting the

recent club event at their home on July 4<sup>th</sup> and had we not had this weekend getaway already planned, we would have been there.

We have some exciting events on the calendar. On Saturday, July 26<sup>th</sup>, we have a fun run to Brenham planned to check out Hot Nights and Cool Tunes which starts at 7 p.m. in downtown Brenham on Alamo Street. We will provide more details at the club meeting this Friday, but this sounds like a fun event to just enjoy a nice relaxing evening (with a concert)

away from the big city. I know that it has been a couple of months since our last formal meeting, but please plan on joining us the Feehery Barn this Friday. We plan to provide dinner along with a tech session (from member Howard King). To top off the fun, Matt & Kim Feehery will be serving ice cream floats for dessert.

The flyer and registration form for the club's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration was sent out by email earlier this week. Be sure and get your registration completed and back to

Dee Watkins by July 31<sup>st</sup>. I will bring the registration forms to the meeting so that you can complete and give to Dee on Friday night. Another important action point is for all members to spread the news about this celebration to any former club members. This is an important milestone for the club and the celebration is for all current and former members and families to come join in the fun and have a great evening.

Hope to see you at the meeting this Friday. Happy Corvaing!

## Upcoming National and Regional Events:

**CORVAIR EXPO**  
TACOMA  
WASHINGTON  
JULY 21-JULY 25

**2014 CORSA  
INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION**

**2014 Great Plains  
Corvaair  
Round Up**

A Corvaair Society  
of America  
sanctioned  
Mini-convention

**Branson, MO**

September 30-  
October 4

# Rearview Mirror

by Jon Protteau



On June 26<sup>th</sup> Corvair Houston caravanned to the Old Hobby Airport for the annual Wings & Wheels outing. Most of the members met at 8:30 am at the Telwink Grill off of Telephone Road, a short distance from the Airport for one of their famous huge breakfast for an amazingly low price. The food is great and the parking lot is always packed. The following members driving included Mike & Audrey Tidwell, with their yellow '64 Monza Coupe; Ricki and Sally Jannise, and their '65 Corsa Coupe; Mark Clarke drove his Aggie Maroon '63 Monza Convertible, Jerry Kelley and grandsons Lucas and Zane rode in his '64 Monza Convertible; Ed Walsh drove his original '61 Corvan; Gary Buckner navigated his Chevy HHR; Howard King took his '67 Monza along; new member Andrew Brennan, with his '65 Monza, new member Joe Vogt in his '66 Monza Convertible, Duane & Micki Baker with their '64 Rampside; Jerry and Joanne Miller, drove in the

air-conditioned comfort of their '63 four door Monza; and Jon Protteau took his '62 Monza Convertible, 'Old Blue'. What a great turnout!

Many of the members have been to the Airport several times, and some were making their 1<sup>st</sup> visit to the historic 1940 terminal and museum of early air travel. A number of Beechcraft airplanes had flown in and were on display for the visitors to view. The classic Corvairs were joined by classic airplanes on display on the other side of the building.

For lunch, Hobby Airport Museum had a large food truck come to provide tasty, large

sandwiches, which some of us had to split because of our more-than-adequate breakfast we had at the Telwink Grill.

For the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, even though many people were on vacation, a number of Corvair Houstonians gathered at Walden on Lake Conroe, at the Protteas for fireworks, food, and socializing. Bruce and Vicki Eichenberg, Gail and Tony Pomponio, Sally and Ricki Jannise, Alan Dunlap and Carolyn Hushour, Richard and Kristin Jonec, Ed Walsh, Scott Zaeske, from Atlanta who is the brother and the boss of Betty, and Jon and Betty Protteau. They were sometimes joined by

Protteaus' little poodles, Gracie and Bridgette, the latter of which decided to wander out an open gate and take herself for a walk all around Walden until a neighbor down the road found her. Besides the grilled hot dogs, Italian sausages, and hamburgers, the members brought delicious side dishes and desserts which one of particular note were Alan Dunlap's amazing casserole dish, and, of course, Sally Jannise's cracker spread which she calls 'Crack-Dip' and is her daughter's recipe. The spread consisted of cream and cheddar cheeses, Jalapeno peppers, and mystery ingredients. We found out that it got its name because it is so highly addictive that no one can stop at one bite.

After dark, we moved the lawn chairs out to the dock to watch the Fireworks over the lake including some new ones that none of us had ever seen before. And, although we were sitting by the water it was an amazingly mosquito-free evening, but Corvair Houston is a good-luck group!



1940 Hobby Air Terminal Museum



Celebrating 40 years of  
*Corvair*  
**HOUSTON**  
1974-2014

Fajitas & Tea  
Door Prizes, 50-50 Jar, Games from the 1960's  
Friendship & Memories

Come share your  
*Corvair*  
memories



**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 20**  
TWO THOUSAND FOURTEEN  
6:00PM

**VENTURE TECH**  
**6901 Alabonson**  
**Houston, Texas 77058**

Please mail in your reservations before July 31, 2014



# the Corvair Houston Bulletin Board

## Happy Birthday To:

Bill Ranshaw	July 1st rd
Gary Buckner	July 3rd
Jeff Moser	July 4th
Julie Murphy	July 7th
Jim Watkins	July 14th
Lloyd Jannise	July 18th

## Happy Anniversary To:

Ricki & Sally Jannise	38 years	July 10
Greg & Ronnie Riley	22 years	July 10
Jerry & Loretta Kelley	49 years	July 16

### 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:

**CORSA**  
P.O. BOX 607  
Lemont, IL  
60439-0607  
[www.corvair.org](http://www.corvair.org)

## Corvair Houston Calendar

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACT
July 18th	Club Meeting	Feehery Psrty Barn	M. Clarke
July 26th	Hot Nights/Cool	Brenham	M. Clarke
Aug. 22nd	Club Meeting	TBA	M. Clarke
Sept. 20th	40th Anniversary	Venture Tech	D. Watkins
Oct.. 3rd	Great Plains Rnd	Branson Mo	M. Clarke
Oct. 17th	Club meeting	TBA	M. Clarke

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# Bulletin Board

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### 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](mailto: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.

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## TREASURY REPORT

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REPORT AS OF JUNE 30, 2014

Beginning Balance	\$7,925.70
Receipts	
Deposits	-0-
Subtotal	\$7,925.70
Withdrawals:	
Expenses	\$300.00
Service Fee	\$15.00
Ending Balance	\$7,610.70

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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.

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### 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](mailto:rsjannise@gmail.com). More photos available upon request.



## Member Profile - Howard King

by Matt Feehery

Howard King has been a Corvair owner, tinkerer and aficionado for a very long time. He first joined Corvair Houston in 1981, remaining an active member for more than fourteen years. During his initial time in the club he served as a board member, vice president and committee member for the CORSA Convention hosted by Houston in 1985. Two years ago (June 2012) Howard decided to join up again and has been participating regularly in club meetings and events. In fact, at a recent club meeting Howard conducted a very informative and engaging technical session on rebuilding carburetors.

Born in East St. Louis, Illinois, Howard is now a longtime resident of Missouri City, just southwest of Houston. He is married to Barbara and has two stepdaughters and a stepson. To support his Corvair pursuits, Howard works as a professional engineering manager. Howard's appreciation for automobiles started early. "I was raised in a technically savvy family, from a long line of

those who worked with their hands, so the aptitude for cars was built in." Being mechanically inclined, Howard does most repair and restoration work, including painting, on his own, but he adds this disclaimer: "I really don't like doing bodywork." Everything else, however, is game. He spent fourteen months restoring and painting a '65 Monza, which he indicates was both an interesting and challenging experience.

Howard has owned around 20 Corvairs over the last 30+ years and currently owns three: two '65 convertibles and a '67 coupe. His favorite

Corvair model years are '65 and '66, which qualifies him as an official late model Corvair guy. "My first Corvair was a 1965 Monza Coupe, Butternut Yellow with black interior and a Powerglide. Nice car. I also owned a factory half-breed, mostly '66 and some '67." Howard is especially pleased with his latest Corvair acquisition, a yellow 1967 Monza Coupe. "Since acquiring the '67 coupe I have received several nice comments about it. It was one of those once in a lifetime finds."

Besides all those Corvairs, Howard has owned an eclectic mix of specialty, micro and compact

sports cars, including a 1957 Desoto Police Interceptor, several Nash Metropolitan and a 1960 Karman Ghia. He also bought a brand new Camaro in 1967, which was that model's inaugural year. So what drew Howard to Corvairs? "I was looking for an economical car with interior room and the Corvair met those parameters."

Howard enjoys driving his Corvairs and his favorite Corvair road trip since rejoining the club was the trip to Cameron for the Dewberry Festival with Barbara in the '67. "When I bought my first Corvair I was all in and enjoyed it and the club greatly. The 1985 Convention was a highlight of those years. My wife enjoys the times we have gotten to do the Corvairing and looks forward to more fun times." It's great to have Howard back. His enthusiasm for the Corvair is genuine and that enthusiasm is rubbing off on everyone else.



Howard King and his 1967 Monza





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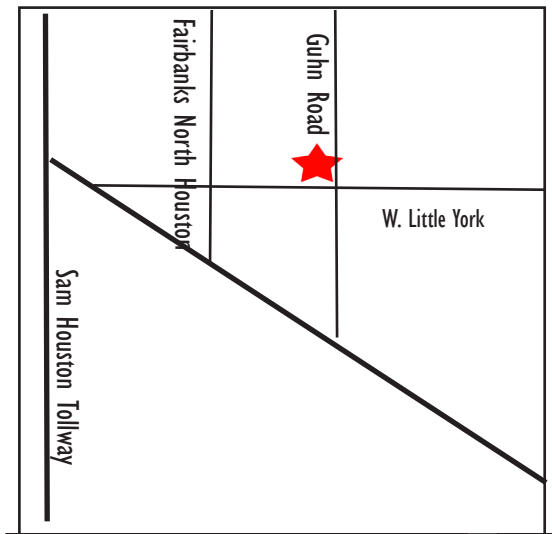
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Director Alan Dunlap and his other air-cooled ride

**CLUB MEETING TO BE  
 HELD ON FRIDAY  
 JULY 18TH AT THE  
 FEEHERRY PARTY BARN**

Map to the Meeting Location  
 6914 Guhn Road



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.

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