

Corvair Houston Newsletter



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This month: Club Meeting at Willie's Grill in Cypress on Friday, August 15th and In-Door Putt Putt at Shankz Black Light Miniature Golf in The Woodlands on Saturday, August 30th



Venture Tech: Venue for the 40th Anniversary

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Driver's Seat

by Mark Clarke



I hope that everyone is having a great summer and enjoying our typical hot and muggy weather. Of course, as a native Houstonian, I am not complaining, merely stating the facts. In fact, I am thankful that we have our hot and muggy summer weather. Otherwise, our traffic would be worse as the city would be much larger due to all the other great advantages that Houston has to offer.

Speaking of the heat, we plan to hold a couple of INDOOR events this month. Our regularly scheduled club meeting will be this Friday at 6:30 p.m. at Willie's Grill in Cypress located at 24236 N.W. Freeway (HW 290) at the Barker Cypress exit. The restaurant has offered a private meeting room for our meeting and the menu offers a good variety of food selections. We appreciate the hospitality of Matt and Mike Feehery and the Party Barn as an option to hold the majority of our meeting. However, since August is typically

our hottest month, we are opting to try a new venue.

The planning for the 40th Anniversary is going very well and we have over 75 current and former members who have signed up for the event. We will continue to accept registrations up to the week before the event. However, anyone registering after August 15th will not be able to order a t-shirt. In addition to the t-shirt being provided as part of the registration, we are also offering a polo shirt with the club logo and notation for the 40th Anniversary of the club. A sign-up sheet will be at the meeting if you have any interest in this special order. Our second indoor event for the month will be on Saturday, August 30th at Shankz Black Light Miniature Golf located in The Woodlands at 3901 College Park Drive. This fun event will start at 3:00 p.m. and will last until 5:00 p.m. We plan to go to a local restaurant following the outing. Perhaps some of our members who live in The Woodlands can

suggest a good eating spot. We will need a headcount for the outing and a sign-up sheet will be at Friday's meeting. If you cannot make the meeting, but plan on attending, please send me an email so that we can have an accurate count.

As part of the planning for the 40th, we are requesting that all members bring any memorabilia or photos that can be displayed on our Memorabilia table. Pat Bobkoff has volunteered to headup this effort and she would like to have the items in advance of the 40th. We will not hold a September meeting so please be sure and bring your memorabilia items to either Friday's meeting or to the Miniature Golf outing. Also, we would like to include Corvair models as part of the table display. I have a couple that I have collected over the years and hopefully you do as well. Please be sure and tape your last name to the bottom of the Corvair model and also to any other memorabilia items. I am really looking forward to the 40th Anniversary celebration

and it looks like everyone else is as well. Again, if you have not registered, please do so soon. Otherwise, don't be surprised if you get a call from Dee Watkins, Guy Bobkoff or another board member.

Other upcoming events include CHDV in Hurst the weekend of October 17th. This is always a great event to get our cars on the track and enjoy catching up with our friends in the Dallas/Fort Worth area. The registration information is available on the NTCA website and I will also send out the information again in case you missed it.

In November, we have our annual Autorama display at the George Brown Convention Center the week of Thanksgiving. Please be sure and contact Ricki Jannise if you have an interest in showing your car in this year's display.

As you can see, we have a busy schedule ahead. On behalf of the board, we hope to see you soon at one of our meetings or events.



Rearview Mirror

by Jon Protteau



Corvair Houston chose Brenham, Texas as the destination for its July 26th fun run. This was the 10th annual Hot Nights/Cool Tunes car show on the courthouse square, but it was a first for the Corvair group. Located 70 miles northwest of Houston, the hometown of Blue Bell Ice Cream can be reached by expressways or back roads, the latter

giving club members a chance to enjoy the great-handling characteristics of one of General Motors best efforts. Driving the longest distance from Brazoria were Jim and Dee Watkins whose '63 Monza coupe is a daily driver for Jim; followed by Guy and Pat Bobkoff from Houston. From the Tomball area, Richard and Kristen Jonec drove Kelly

Finley's '65 Monza 4-door hardtop; Alan Dunlap brought Kelly Finley's '64 Buick Skylark wagon; and Ed Walsh used the trip to road test his recently purchased '87 Corvette. Mark and Waynette Clarke brought two of their granddaughters along from Sugar Land in their A & M maroon and white '63 Monza convertible.

In addition to the car

show, members heard the music of Suede, a rock band playing music from the 70's through the 90's, and they had a chance to enjoy some of the local cuisine, a mix of German and Tex-mex.

The club will be looking forward to more road trips to the Brenham area, particularly in the spring and fall.



Member Profile - Matt Feehery

by Jon Protteau

Matt Feehery was originally bitten by the Corvair bug in 1987 on a visit with his grandmother in Tucson, Arizona. Driving past a grocery store parking lot, he saw a shiny, red 1964 Corvair Spyder convertible with a white top for sale. He recalls, "I instantly liked the car, but could hardly afford the car that I was driving, so I had to file it under 'maybe someday.' Twelve years later, having moved to New Hampshire, he returned to Texas to visit his father-in-law in Conroe. "I walked into his shop and saw a

red Spyder convertible sitting there." After finding that his father-in-law actually owned the Spyder, he bought it on the spot. After moving back to Texas in 2001, Matt worked on the car and was able to finally drive the car he had wanted for fourteen years. And more Corvairs would follow.

In 2002, a business colleague saw Matt driving his Corvair, and he gave him the name of Guy Bobkoff, one of the early members of Corvair Houston, the local association of Corvair owners

which was affiliated with the national group known as CORSA, the Corvair Society of America. After talking with Guy, Matt attended the very next meeting at Doss Park. Since that time, Matt has been a very active member of Corvair Houston. Over the years, he has served as the club secretary, vice president, and president. It was while club secretary in 2006 that Matt came up with the idea of the member profile. Although long overdue, glad that we are now taking the opportunity to present

Matt's profile. He and his wife, Kim, have frequently hosted club social activities at their weekend home in the East Texas piney woods which they named "El Rancho Neglecto." Additionally, Matt's brother, Mike, has graciously allowed the club to use the "Feehery Party Barn" facility on Guhn Road.

Like many other Corvair owners, Matt has found that one Corvair is just not enough, and since that first red Spyder convertible, he has had four more plus several

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Celebrating 40 years of

Corvair
HOUSTON

1974-2014

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

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Corvair
memories



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TWO THOUSAND FOURTEEN
6:00PM

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Houston, Texas 77058

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the Corvair Houston Bulletin Board

Happy Birthday To:

Tom Clarke		Aug 2nd
Tim Carey		Aug. 3rd
Rachel Grimes		Aug. 8th
Ron Holter		Aug. 8th
Katherine Spenn		Aug. 14th
Cynthis Ruiz		Aug. 17th
Lara Mallynn Langley		Aug. 26th
Jennifer McCullough		Aug. 30th
Howard King		Aug. 30th
Sandra Wrobleske		Aug. 31st

Happy Anniversary To:

Guy & Pat Bobkoff	46 years	Aug 11
Ed & Julie Murphy	36 years	Aug 12
Robert & Kay Freeman	49 years	Aug 20
Tom & Joan Clarke	69 years	Aug 25

Gasoline Tip



With gas prices going up again, it can be useful to shop around for the cheapest prices in your area. The website at <http://autos.msn.com/everyday/gasstations.aspx> allows you to enter your zip code and will provide the prices for gas at all the stations near you. The data is updated daily.

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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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Corvair Houston Calendar

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACT
Aug. 15th	Club Meeting	Willie's Grill Cypress	M. Clarke
Aug. 30th	Shankz Min. Golf	The Woodlands	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
Nov. 27-30	Autorama	Brown Conv Ctr	R. Jannise

Bulletin Board

Our 40th Year!

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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.



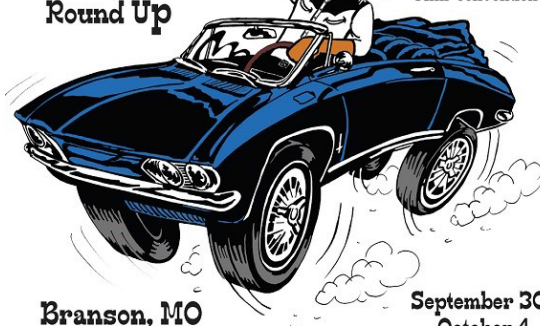
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Branson, MO

September 30-
October 4

TREASURY REPORT

REPORT AS OF JULY 31, 2014

Beginning Balance	\$7,665.39
Receipts	
Deposits	-0-
Subtotal	\$7,665.39
Withdrawals:	
Expenses	\$300.00
Service Fee	\$15.00
Ending Balance	\$7,350.39

North Texas Corvair Association presents

Corvair Heratage Day V

October 17-19

Come join us for our fifth great year! Friday evening dinner
and valve cover races, Saturday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. autocross,
evening car show and awards dinner. Sunday breakfast
send-off. Details, and registration WWW.Northtexascorvair.org



Host hotel is Hampton Inn & Suites, 1600 Hurst Town Center
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Mark your Calendar!!

The annual club Christmas Party will be held on
Saturday, December 13th. at the Jannises.

Member Profile - Matt Feehery

by Jon Protteau

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project vehicles, including the rarest of Corvairs, the one-year-only FC Loadside. He currently has a stable of three very desirable Corsas: two show-winning 1966 coupes and a rare Evening Orchid 1965 turbocharged convertible. His favorite Corvair model is the Corsa, he said, because he loves “the timeless lines and profile of lates, but the early convertibles sport a unique and classic design. The rear tail lights remind me of the Corvettes from the same period.” Although the late model Corsa is his favorite Corvair, Matt said, “I dearly loved my blue ‘64 Spyder convertible with the Kelsey Hayes wire wheels.” A broken wire wheel did disappear in the bowels of a California repair shop for more than a year. “I didn’t think I would ever see it again, but I got lucky.” Later, at a Keels and Wheels Concours D’Elegance at the Lakewood Yacht Club in Seabrook, Texas, Matt was visiting with the manager of Houston lawyer John O’Quinn’s collection of more than

900 classic and collectible cars, and he suggested that Mr. O’Quinn needed a Corvair. Matt said, “So John bought mine!”

Many Corvair owners perform some of their own maintenance and repairs, and Matt said, “I have done a lot of work on my Corvairs over the years, but I lack the confidence and patience needed with some of the more difficult

mechanical tasks. Mike Tidwell and Ed Murphy have always been helpful and encouraging. I’m still really good at washing and detailing my cars. Maybe there’s a future for me at Mister Car Wash!”

Matt likes other classic cars besides the Corvair, “especially those from the 50’s and 60’s. Always loved the shoebox Chevs, especially the Nomads, but

never bought one. My first classic was a ‘67 Mustang fastback. I owned it long enough to realize that I didn’t have the means or ability to restore it. It was a pile of junk. I just acquired a ‘63 Buick Riviera, but I will always be a Corvair man first and foremost.”

According to Matt, “The members, past and present, are the best thing about the club. The cars are what we have in common and what brings us together, but they are really secondary. Just a bunch of good-hearted, down-to-earth people.”

Matt Feehery was born and raised in Houston, and he is a healthcare administrator. Matt and his wife, Kim, born in Canada and a dietician, just celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary. They are the parents of two very talented and successful daughters.

We are fortunate to have Matt and Kim in our club and we look forward to many more years of their involvement and contributions.



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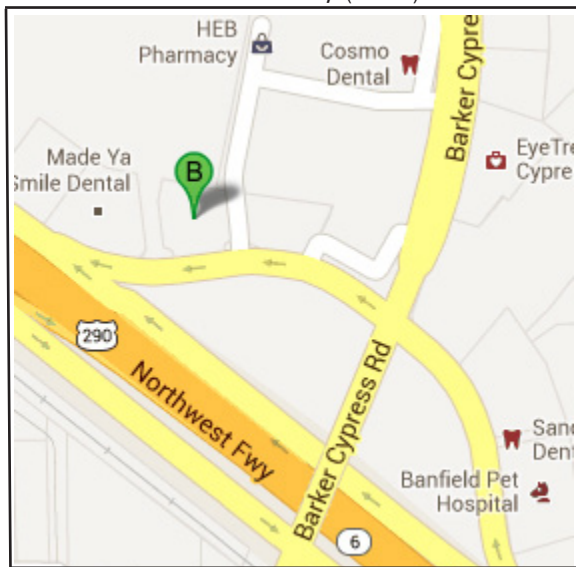
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CLUB MEETING TO BE HELD ON FRIDAY AUGUST 15TH AT WILLIE'S GRILL IN CYPRESS

Map to the Meeting Location
 24236 NW Freeway (US 290)



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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