

Corvair Houston Newsletter



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This month: Club Meeting on Friday, Oct. 10th and
CHD V in Hurst, TX Oct. 17th to 19th



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Driver's Seat

by Mark Clarke



We had a great turnout for the 40th Anniversary celebration. Based on the feedback that Dee Watkins and I have received, it sounds like everyone had a great time. Jon Protteau will provide more details in his Rear View Mirror article, but I would like to thank the leadership of our officers and directors for their support of this event. A special thanks also goes to Dee Watkins, Matt Feehery and Guy and Pat Bobkoff for their contributions to making this event a success. We have some great photos in this newsletter courtesy of Howard King,

Matt Feehery and Nga Lee. Most importantly, the club would like to thank Larry Keast for hosting the event and for his continued support of Corvair Houston. Larry has extended a special invite to the members of Corvair Houston to attend his 2nd Annual "Larry's Car Party" this Thursday, October 9th at VentureTech from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. I plan to take Larry up on this invitation and I hope that you will as well.

Our club meeting this month will be this Friday, October 10th rather than the normal 3rd Friday. We plan to serve dinner

for the normal contribution of \$5/person. We are holding the club meeting earlier this month as we are as we have several club members that plan to attend CHDV (Corvair Heritage Day Five) in Hurst the weekend of October 17th. Waynette and I are looking forward to attending this event and catching up with friends from NTCA and hopefully a few from Oklahoma. It is always fun to attend CHD with the special activities (Auto-cross, Valve cover races, car show and all the eating out).

We have our monthly board meeting tomorrow night and we will be firming

up the plans for our participation in the 55th Annual AutoRama at George R. Brown Convention Center from Thanksgiving Day (November 27th) through Sunday, November 30th. More information will be provided at our club meeting, but we plan to have a "used car lot" theme. Our "camping theme" was a huge success last year and I am sure that this year will be a success as well. If you have an interest in showing your car this year, please let Ricki Jannise or I know no later than this Friday. Looking forward to seeing everyone soon.



Member Musings (let's share the stories)

Corvair Pedigree: I finally got to see Kim's life-long family friend John Sinclair's red-on-red '65 Corsa Turbo coupe. On a trip to Washington state this week we paid a visit to John and Mary Ann. It was a treat to see this one owner car with 66,000 original miles. Only one repaint, otherwise it's completely original. The car is driven regularly

during the warmer and drier months. John also knows an 80+ year old local repairman who still works and uses his Rampside for appliance pickup and delivery.



shared by Matt Feehery

I recently received an email from Gene Marshall, one of the club's founding members. He shared a story from the early days when the club was sorting out meeting locations. They decided to meet at Northline Mall, which at one time was a popular shopping mall on the near north side of Houston. Apparently there were enough cars in

attendance that the crowd mistakenly thought that a new "used car lot" specializing in Corvairs had just opened up. When it was discovered that this was a Corvair meeting and the cars were not for sale, several folks in the crowd became quite upset.

-Mark Clarke (as shared from Gene Marshall)



Rearview Mirror

by Jon Protteau



The 40th Anniversary Celebration of Corvair Houston was held on September 20, 2014, at Venture Tech, which was also the site of the 30th Anniversary Celebration. Larry Keast, the founder of the company, is also a long-time car hobbyist with a number of vehicles which have been restored or are in the process of restoration housed in the building where we held our celebration. He is also the founder of America in Recovery, an organization dedicated to helping recovering addicts, ex-convicts, and others find their way back into gainful employment. He believes that these people deserve a second chance, and he has successfully hired a large portion of his company's employees from their ranks.

Inside the large building, tables decorated with models of Corvairs were set up, and a screen behind the podium showed Corvairs and club activities over the years. The meal was catered by Fajita Willie's, and the food seemed to meet

with everyone's approval.

More than ninety people, some arriving in their Corvairs, attended the celebration. Included in the group were those who founded the organization in 1974 and many others who discovered the club over the next forty years. Among the founders were Guy Bobkoff, Gene Marshall, Charles Lee, and Bob Goodman, four of the evening's speakers. They were joined by a fifth, long-time member, Greg Riley, and told of the club's earliest days and described the wide range of people who were drawn together by an affinity for that most unusual of American cars, the Corvair. The Corvair seems to have attracted many people who admired its advanced technology, engineers, architects, techni-

cal people, designers, and even doctors and lawyers, and all those who believed it was too good a car to just let it go to the scrapyards. They told of the the Corvair's rather amazing successes on the racetrack, a car with such great handling characteristics that with its small six cylinder engine it could beat V 8 powered Mustangs and Corvettes on short track races. A car that is happiest on twisty, hilly, challenging roads. But they emphasized that the continued healthy existence of Corvair Houston is because the members truly enjoy each others company; that there are always enough people knowledgeable about the inner workings of the car, and who are willing to help those who do not have the same mechanical

aptitude, so that these engineering marvels can be kept on the road; and that it is an enjoyable social organization. Our weekend drives almost always begin with breakfast and end with lunch; the annual Christmas party is always the best-attended event; the club occasionally gets together for outings that are not actually car-related. The club also sponsors charitable activities for veterans and people in need. According to the founders, this spirit as a social organization has carried the club through forty years and will continue to do so.

Corvair Houston board of directors chose to recognize Larry Keast, Charles Lee, and Bob Goodman with Honorary Life Memberships in Corvair Houston for their contributions to the organization. Guy Bobkoff and Gene Marshall were previously recognized with lifetime memberships for the same reasons. We thank them for their efforts on behalf of Corvair Houston.



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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
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TREASURY REPORT

REPORT AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2014

Beginning Balance	\$7,335.39
Receipts	
Deposits	\$3,183.33
Subtotal	\$10,518.72
Withdrawals:	
Expenses	\$3,094.70
Service Fee	\$15.00
Ending Balance	\$7,409.02

Larry Keast's 2nd Annual Car Party

Thursday, October 9th (5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.)

VentureTech Facility located at 6901 Alabonson

We gearheads have diverse interests, yet we seem to like everything automotive. At last year's party, we had guys in Bonneville racing, road racing, and drag racing. Then there were collectors, restorers, and street rodders. Wayne Moncla brought his beautiful 32 roadster, and even a restored military ambulance showed up. I showed off one of our new diesel-hydraulic power swivels along with 350 hp and 630 hp Caterpillar engines. Good food and a good time. We just finished my 42 Ford GPW Jeep and 49 Willys Jeep. This year I bought a 46 Dodge Power Wagon for the body which I want to put on a late Dodge Cummins diesel pickup chassis, and I'd like to put my 46 Chevy truck cab on a late model Chevy diesel chassis with a 1-ton flatbed. My dream projects, the 62 Corvette and the 34 Ford pickup, are just about to start and will take a couple of years. In Seattle recently, I toured Art Morrison's impressive chassis shop and I plan one of his chassis under my Corvette. My manufacturing business is growing fast and I'm having a great time developing our diesel-hydraulic drilling machinery that gearheads always appreciate. I'll show off some of it at the party. So come Thursday Oct 9 and bring an interesting vehicle if you can. A few things we're expecting include a drag bike (172 in 1/8 mile), a Bonneville C/Gas Camaro, a couple of 32 roadsters, a 170 mph Ducati road racer, a 262 mph Bonneville record setting roadster, a Model AA Ford truck, an original 46 Dodge 4 door and a restored 56 T-bird. So feel free to add yours to this car show. Looking forward to seeing you,

---Larry Keast---

the Corvair
Houston**Bulletin Board****Happy Birthday To:**

Kelly Finley	Oct. 3rd
Bob Willhelm	Oct. 8th
Shirlee Lapp	Oct. 8th
Joy Blanton	Oct. 9th
Naoko Brittin	Oct. 11th
Ronnie Riley	Oct. 16th
Brice Bergesen	Oct. 18th
David Brown	Oct. 19th
Pat Bobkoff	Oct. 22nd
Ricki Jannise	Oct. 22nd
Ron Richburg	Oct. 24th
Chrissy Murphy	Oct. 27th
Karl James	Oct. 28th

Happy Anniversary To:

George & Shirlee Lap	36 years	Oct. 3
Greg & Mary Fox	42 years	Oct. 14
Bruce & Vicki Eichenberg	4 years	Oct. 29
Chris & Lara Mallynn Langley	4 years	Oct. 30

Welcome New Members!

Honorary Life Membership recognition was awarded to the following former members at the 40th Anniversary:

Larry Keast

Charles Lee

Bob Goodman

Congratulations for your past service to Corvair Houston.

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:

**Corvair Houston Calendar**

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACT
Oct. 9th	Larry's Car Show	Venture Tech	M. Clarke
Oct. 10th	Club meeting	Party Barn	M. Clarke
Oct. 17-19	CHDV	Hurst TX	G. Grimes
Nov. 21st	Club Meeting	TBD	M. Clarke
Nov. 27-30	Autorama	G. Brown CC	R. Jannise
Dec. 13th	Xmas Party	Jannise Home	S. Jannise

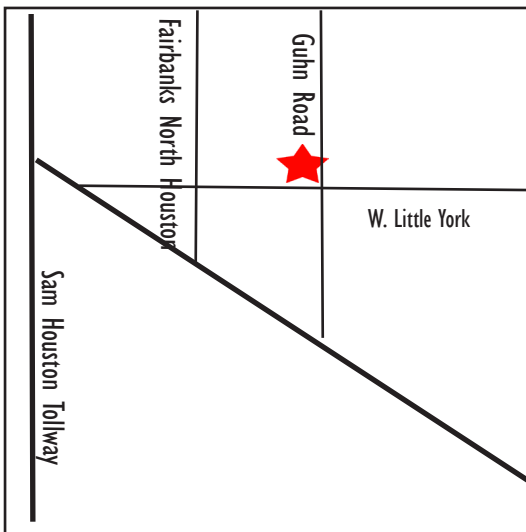
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**CLUB MEETING TO BE
 HELD ON FRIDAY
 OCTOBER 10TH AT THE
 FEEHERY PARTY BARN**

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.

2014 Officers:

President	Mark Clarke	281-217-8573
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Director	Ricki Jannise	281-259-2256
Director	Jim Watkins	979-824-6225

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