

Corvair Houston Newsletter



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This month: Club Meeting on Friday, Nov. 21st, Autorama from Nov. 27th to Nov. 30th and Christmas Party on Saturday, Dec. 13th



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Driver's Seat

by Mark Clarke



It's hard to believe that this is the final newsletter of the year. Where did the year go? As we close out Calendar 2014, be sure and try and attend our club meeting this Friday. The club is providing a ham and a smoked turkey and several of the members have offered to bring covered dishes and desserts. If you cannot make the meeting, our Christmas party will be on Saturday, December 13th at the home of Ricki and Sally Jannise starting at 5 p.m. Be sure and bring a covered dish, appetizer or dessert to share. As is the tradition, we will have our annual gift exchange

where we get to trade or should I say, steal gifts from each other. The recommended gift limit is \$20 and the guys should wrap their gift in green and the ladies should wrap their gift in red.

We are finalizing 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" them. If you can help with setup or teardown, please let Ricki Jannise or I know.

This year we will have the following members displaying their cars - Andrew Brennan - 1965 Monza Convertible (Blue); Bruce Parker - 1961 Monza Coupe (White), Kelly Finley - 1966 Monza Sedan (White), Mike Tidwell - 1964 Rampside (Green), Jim Watkins - 1963 Monza Coupe (White) and Todd Hasfjord - 1968 Monza Coupe (Blue). Be sure and come out and support the club and these members during the Thanksgiving holidays. Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$18 or at O'Reilly's for \$16. Another option is to help with setup or teardown and pay no admission.

We will be holding our annual elections at the January club meeting and I would like to encourage you to be involved in the direction of the club by holding an elected or appointed position. If you have an interest in serving, please let me know. Our Vice President (and President-elect), Ed Walsh, will be taking over as club president next year and I am looking forward to supporting his efforts in Calendar 2015.

On behalf of the officers and board of Corvair Houston, I wish you and your family all the best this holiday season.



Member Profile - Gary Buckner

by Matt Feehery

Gary "Buck" Buckner has been a Corvair Houston fixture for a long time. In fact, Gary first joined the club back in 1990, some 24 years ago. Since that time he has owned at least one Corvair continuously. So what got Gary interested in Corvairs? "My father always wanted

a Corvair since we built VW's when I was a kid. I was a commissioned mechanic on VW's when I was 15." So the rear engine, air-cooled part was a natural fit. Gary's first Corvair was a '66 Corsa that came without an engine. "I built a 110 for it and that is the same engine I now have in my '67." Gary has owned five Corvairs, all late models, with three being convertibles and two being coupes. Today he has one complete Corvair, a '67 convertible with a power top, automatic transmission and factory air. The body is orange with a black top and black interior.

The car runs but needs some body work as a result of someone clipping the car's rear end. "It's on my agenda to get it repaired soon."

His favorite Corvair is the Corsa 140 and, based on his Corvair ownership record, it is safe to say

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Rearview Mirror

by Jon Protteau



Saturday, October 25th, one of those warm early fall evenings, saw Corvair Houston members at the largest Niftee 50ees gathering of the year: the annual Halloween car show. More than 700 classic cars filled the lot at the Corum Shopping Center, at the corner of Louetta and Kuykendahl in Spring, Texas.

In order to park the Corvairs together, our group met early that afternoon, and then enjoyed a leisurely meal at Buffalo Wild Wings where the service was slowed by the much greater than usual number of customers, but the food was worth the wait. Tony and Gail Pomponio drove both of their Corvairs, the purple '64 Spyder convertible with its

spider passengers and the custom white '60 4 door sedan; Mike and Audrey Tidwell arrived in their yellow '64 Monza coupe; Ricky and Sally Jannise had their '65 Corsa coupe; Jon and Betty Protteau with daughter Suzy and grandson Hayden in their blue '62 Monza convertible; Jerry and Loretta Kelley arrived in their blue '64 Monza convertible; Ed Walsh drove one of many from his Chevrolet collection, a Corvette; and Alan Dunlap rode his recently acquired Harley Davidson motorcycle.

With so many fine classic cars to see and enjoy, it was almost impossible to choose a favorite, but there were some that stood out from the usual crowd of tri-five Chevys,

Camaros, Chevelles, Mustangs, GTO's, etc. Of note was a 1960 Chevrolet Impala 4-door hardtop, the flat top with an overhang at the rear edge, similar to the early Corvair 4-door roof, with all original paint and upholstery. The current owner's grandfather had bought it new, and it had only 29,000 miles. Another unusual entry was a bright red 1970 Ford Pinto coupe that had been restored by the original owner, a lady who had bought it as her first car and kept it for 44 years because she had become attached to it. A really classy older car was a black '34 Buick 4-door sedan with a long, long hood that had originally housed a big straight eight, but now had a big-block V-8 along with

other modern amenities, but the older couple that owned it had kept a very stock appearance. And last, a few car owners allowed children to actually touch and sit in their classics, and our three-year-old grandson, Hayden, liked the Delorean with its gullwing doors that gave him a place to sit down that he said was just the right size for him.

If you have never been to the Niftee 50ees .car shows, they run every Saturday from March to November, and they usually draw hundreds of fine classics. Make it a point to bring your Corvair and check out the many cars on display We would love to see you at one of next year's events..



Member Profile - Gary Buckner

by Matt Feehery

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that Gary prefers lates. But his automotive interests do not rest with the Corvair. Gary owns a 1990 Chevrolet SS 454 pick-up that he purchased new. "I also have a 2008 Chevy HHR SS turbo that I bought new. I have a '91 GMC Suburban 4x4 that's lifted and a kind of rare '94 Olds Cutlass Supreme convertible with the DOHC engine in it." Other notable cars that Gary has owned include a '71 GTO, '69 Firebird, '66 Galaxy 500, '85 and '86 Monte Carlo SS's and even a '86 Fiero GT. No question, he's a Chevy Super Sport fan, but he's culled the herd over the years, adding "I just had too many cars to maintain. It's more manageable now."

Gary has big plans for a motor he acquired from

a good friend, "a 120 over hot rod engine that I want to put it in a station wagon with a surf scheme or even into a late coupe." Another project is of the two-wheeled variety: "My old Harley is a '61 Panhead rigid frame chopper that I've had for 25 years. I hope to convert it to a Captain America since it has no electric starter and I probably won't be riding it much anymore."

His most interesting and challenging technical issue encountered was "building the engine that I'm still using in my '67." He added, "I've never totally restored a Corvair, but I pretty much do all my own work on them." Gary's strangest Corvair experience was a mechanical one. "When switching my 110 stan-

dard to an automatic, I didn't know about the bushing in the flywheel!"

One other mention is the '61 manual choke 84hp display engine that Gary has given to the club for use at shows. "I am dedicating the display to my father, Milton A. Buckner USMM Lt.jg, WWII veteran and Pearl Harbor rescuer, and to my uncle, Lennie Fisher USN MM2, Korean war veteran who is still living." Nice tribute Gary! Some of you may recall that Gary brought the display motor to the Corvair Houston 40th anniversary event in September.

Some of Gary's favorite Corvair Houston club events include seeing the set-up each year at Autorama. He adds "we used to go to Brazos

Bend State Park and I liked that. The old car picnics we had at the San Jacinto Battleground were great also." While everyone who owns a Corvair is used to the usual comments about their car, Gary is most amused when someone asks "what kind of engine you got up there?" while pointing to the trunk.

Gary was born in Kansas City but is a long-time resident of Baytown. He is retired from oilfield and industrial cleaning and equipment mechanic work. He has one daughter, Samantha, who used to attend all the Corvair functions with him. Now he has a granddaughter, Cadence, and she'll be attending club events with him shortly. And so the Corvair tradition continues.



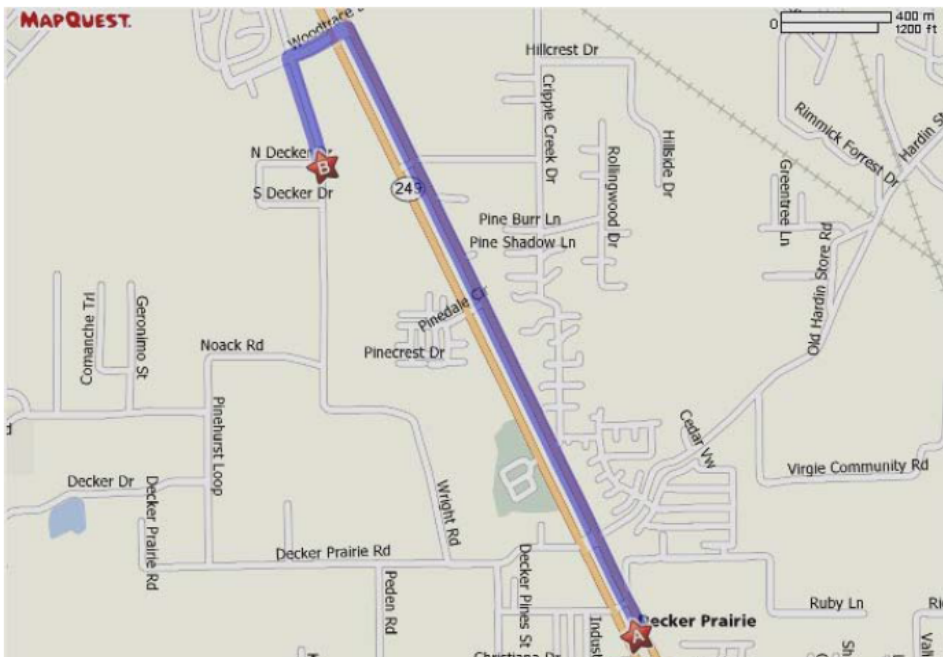
Gary "Buck" Buckner at the 40th Anniversary (center)



Display engine built by Gary and donated to CH

Corvair Houston Christmas Party

This year's Christmas Party will be held on December 13th at Sally and Ricki Jannise's home. The address is 13102 North Decker Dr in Magnolia, Texas 77355 (see map below). From Highway 249, turn left (west) on Woodtrace Blvd (look for the highway intersection warning sign). Turn left at the first STOP sign on Wright Rd. Look for the first house on the right; at the corner of Wright Road and N. Decker Dr.



OTHER DETAILS FOR CHRISTMAS PARTY

- * BRING A COVERED DISH, APPETIZER OR DESSERT ITEM
- * ACTIVITIES START AT 5:00 P.M. AND USUALLY END AROUND 9:30 P.M.
- * EVERYONE BRINGS A GIFT FOR THE GIFT EXCHANGE
- * \$20 COST LIMIT
- * GIRLS WRAP GIFT IN RED
- * GUYS WRAP GIFT IN GREEN
- * BRING A GIFT ITEM TO DONTATE FOR TOYS FOR TOTS

Bulletin Board

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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Tech Session Ideas?

Have an interesting technical project you worked on recently? Need to see a technical demonstration of a procedure that will help you with your restoration or repair project? Your Corvair Houston Officers are looking for ideas for technical demonstration sessions for our monthly club meetings. These technical sessions can be helpful for those of us restoring or performing maintenance on our Corvairs.

If you have an idea, please notify one of your officers listed on page 8 of this newsletter. Have a project to present? Presentation assistance is available. Email any submissions to newsletter editor at mwclarke01@hotmail.com

TREASURY REPORT

REPORT AS OF OCTOBER 31, 2014

Beginning Balance	\$7,394.02
Receipts	
Deposits	-0-
Subtotal	\$7,394.02
Withdrawals:	
40th Anniversary	\$1,833.22
CORSA dues	\$90.00
Service Fee	\$15.00
Ending Balance	\$5,455.80

Mark your Calendar!

CLUB ELECTIONS - CALENDAR 2015

To be held at the January 2015 Club Meeting. If interested in being considered for a director or officer position, please contact Mark Clarke or Ed Walsh. Your active involvement can make an important difference in keeping Corvair Houston a fun and active club.

Annual Dues Reminder

As always, our club dues expire at the end of the year and are due as of January 1st. If you are a Corvair Houston member only, dues are \$25/year. If you are also a CORSA member, your dues are \$20/year. If you're not sure, contact Ricki Jannise as he has a current list from CORSA (ph. 281-259-2256, rsjannise@gmail.com). You can pay at the meeting(s) by cash or check or you can mail them to: Ricki Jannise at 13102 N. Decker, Magnolia, TX 77355-8461. Please make checks out to: Corvair Houston. The March 2015 issue of the newsletter will be the last issue for those members who have not paid their dues for Calendar 2015. .

the Corvair Houston Bulletin Board

Happy Birthday To:

Michelle Richburg	Nov. 8th
Dorothy Rosenbaum	Nov. 13th
George Lapp	Nov. 20th
Bruce Parker	Nov. 24th
Chris Langley	Nov. 26th
Ed Murphy	Dec. 3rd
Bob Tucker	Dec. 3rd
Maggi Tucker	Dec. 5th
Dee Watkins	Dec. 13th
Jerry Kelley	Dec. 16th
Claudeann Jannise	Dec. 20th
Sally Jannise	Dec. 23rd
Dudley Gray	Dec. 28th
Abigail McCullough	Dec. 28th
Vicki Eichenberg	Dec. 31st
Mary Fox	Dec. 31st

Happy Anniversary To:

Ron & Michelle Richburg	17 years	Nov. 1
Mark & Waynette Clarke	33 years	Nov. 7
Ray & Dorothy Rosenbaum	57 years	Nov. 10
Tony & Gail Pomponio	53 years	Nov. 21
Richard & Kristen Jonec	32 years	Dec. 12
Jeff & Jeanelle Moser	21 years	Dec. 18
Fred & Sandy Mahler	45 years	Dec. 20
Gene & Joyce Marshall	52 years	Dec. 22
Charles & Clarkie Atkinson	57 years	Dec. 30
John & Jennifer McCullough	10 years	Dec. 31
Jerry & Jo Ann Miller	48 years	Dec. 31

Welcome Back!

Bill & Kathleen Lush
Cypress, TX
1960 Monza coupe

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
Nov. 21st	Club Meeting	Party Barn	M. Clarke
Nov. 27-30	Autorama	G. Brown CC	R. Jannise
Dec. 1st	Board Meeting	TBD	M. Clarke
Dec. 13th	Xmas Party	Jannise Home	S. Jannise
Jan. 16th	Club Meeting	TBA	M. Clarke
Jan. 16th	Club Elections	TBA	M. Clarke

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 Magnolia, TX 77355-8461

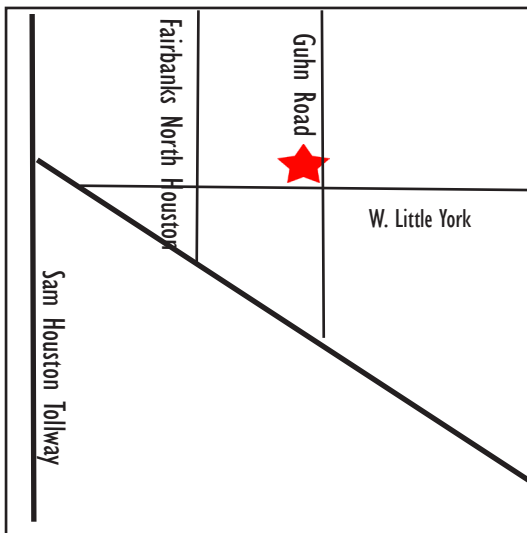
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CHD V Autocross Winners in FC Class

**CLUB MEETING TO BE
 HELD ON FRIDAY
 NOV. 21ST 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.

2014 Officers:

President	Mark Clarke	281-217-8573
Vice President	Ed Walsh	281-825-6361
Secretary	Jon Protteau	936-520-2395
Treasurer	Kelly Finley	281-615-9522
Director	Alan Dunlap	281-203-9977
Director	Ricki Jannise	281-259-2256
Director	Jim Watkins	979-824-6225

Committees:

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Website	Dave Keseian	936-689-8179
Events Coord./Photographer	Jim Watkins	979-824-6225
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