

Corvair Houston Newsletter



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This month: Club Meeting/Annual Elections on Friday, January 16th
& Fun Run to George Bush Library on Saturday, January 17th



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Driver's Seat

by Mark Clarke



Happy New Year and Welcome 2015! It's hard to believe, but my tenure as President is coming to an end. The next Driver's Seat article will be drafted by Ed Walsh, current Vice President (and President Elect). I have truly enjoyed serving as your president and I look forward to remaining actively involved with the club for years to come. We have an incredibly committed group of officers and directors and their support has made for a truly enjoyable year. Your new President has a number of exciting events planned for this year and I hope that you will show your support by attending our club meetings and events. Our regular club meeting is this Friday, January 16th and the focus

will be to announce (and confirm) the planned slate of officers. This list is not finalized so if you have an interest in serving as a director or Vice President, please contact me before the meeting. We plan to serve hot (and spicy if desired) bowls of chili with all the fixings for chili pie (if that is your preference). After dinner, we will finalize the officer listing and discuss upcoming events. I hope that you will join us for a Fun Run to College Station on Saturday, Jan. 17th to visit the George Bush Library. We will meet at 10:00 a.m. at the Exxon Station located at HW290 and FM1488. From there, we will travel to Brenham and eat lunch at the Southern Flyer Diner at the Brenham Airport (yes,

Brenham has an airport). After lunch, we will arrive in College Station to tour the George Bush Library (cost is \$7/person). Once the tour is complete (around 3:00 p.m.), we will head back home. We hope that you will drive your Corvair, but everyone is welcome, even if you feel compelled to drive your "water-pumper."

On Saturday, Jan. 24th, Jim Watkins is leading a Cruise to the Houston Auto Show at the NRG Center. Plans are to meet a 11 am at the James Coney Island at FM 1960 and I-45.

As announced in an earlier email, I hope that you plan to attend HOT 2015 in Burnet, TX the weekend of April 17-19. The Austin club has a

great event planned and you can check out the details on our website (or theirs). Be sure to make your hotel reservations soon as the rooms are going fast. Also, the CORSA National Convention is scheduled for June 24-27 in Knoxville, Tennessee. More information including hotel information is available on the CORSA website. We have at least a half dozen club members that have expressed an interest in attending this fun event. If you have never attended a national convention, you will be pleasantly surprised at how much fun you will have. Several of us attended the 2011 Convention in Denver and still cherish the memories.



Houston 2015 February 13-15 Reliant Center

See the best CORVAIRS, Corvettes, Camaros, Chevrolet Trucks and Classic Chevrolet show cars in the country! There is a large swap meet with loads of Chevrolet parts. Check out the car sale mart, with a great selection of new and used Classic Chevrolets

Rearview Mirror

by Jon Protteau



The Autorama 2014 was held at George R. Brown Convention Center on Avenida De Las Americas across from Discovery Green was once again very well represented by our Corvair Houston with Andrew Brennan's '65 Monza Convertible along with Bruce Parker's '61 Monza Coupe. Mike Tidwell displayed his '64 Rampside as well as his '64 yellow Monza Coupe. Todd Hasfjord exhibited his '68 Monza Convertible, and Kelly Finley showed her '65 Monza 4-door which should be noted received 3rd Place in its class.

(Boomers find 2-doors cool; Millenials know that 4-doors rule.) Congratulations, Kelly. The set up and the tear down this year went a good deal faster because Auto Rama assigned Corvair Houston the spot on the exhibition floor with a pillar in the middle of it. Because of this pillar the usual carpeting for Corvair Houston's display could not be used, thus actually making it much easier for the guys setting everything up.

Just when we thought Corvair Houston's Parties could not get any better or bigger, here come

Sally and Ricki Jannise surpassing themselves for the annual Christmas holiday festivities on Saturday, December 13th. Almost 60 Corvair Houston folks gathered at the Jannise's Tomball Garagemahal Ranch. The Jannise's seated everyone at festively adorned tables amidst incredibly beautiful and original holiday decorations made by Sally, in their spacious indoors for a pot-luck dinner with a deliciously smoked Turkey by the Tidwells. Great food was plentiful thanks to Corvair Houston having many extraordinarily

outstanding cooks and chefs. Wouldn't a Corvair Houston Recipe Book be a dandy project for 2015? Everyone had much fun and laughs with the traditional jovial Gift-Grab with many of us humorously forgetting about the 'Red-is-for-Girls' and 'Green-is-for-Boys' gift wrapping strategy. As our little 3 year old grandson exclaimed to his Story Time group at the Public Library, when asked what are the colors of Christmas: "Red is for Stop and Green means Go-Granny-Go". Oh, well. Happy New Year.



Panaramic view of the club's Autorama display (courtesy of Ricki Jannise, Event Chairman)

Christmas Party 2014



Autorama 2014



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 DECEMBER 31, 2014

Beginning Balance	\$4,756.25
Receipts	
Deposits	-0-
Subtotal	\$4,756.25
Withdrawals:	
Club Decals	\$160.04
Service Fee	\$15.00
Ending Balance	\$4,581.21

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:

Audrey Tidwell	Jan. 7th
Alex Hemleb	Jan. 7th
Andrew Brennan	Jan. 7th
Roger Garrett	Jan. 8th
Costa Kouzounis	Jan. 8th
Jerry Miller	Jan. 8th
Michell James	Jan. 11th
Larry Keast	Jan. 15th
Kathy Parker	Jan. 17th
Joe Vogt	Jan. 17th
Mike Murphy	Jan. 18th
Alan Dunlap	Jan. 18th
Ed Walsh	Jan. 21st

Happy Anniversary To:

Bill & Kay Ranshaw 52 years Jan. 26

TECH TIP

Old tech tip- vintage 1982, by Ed Corson, reprinted in Central Valley Corvair club newsletter, 3/07:

Easy oil fix for Front/Rear seals

An inexpensive way to stop some small oil leaks in your engine, especially in the front & rear main seals, is to add one to two ounces of brake fluid. This will not reduce the lubricating qualities of your oil. There are additives in the brake fluid specifically designed to keep rubber parts soft & pliable. The front & rear main seal will become hardened & take a set, allowing seepage of oil through the seal. If this has not progressed too far, the brake fluid will soften the seals, and allow them to reseal. If the seals have already become crystallized or cracked- it won't help-, but at the price of brake fluid it's worth a try, - since the alternative is to replace the seals. This will also work on some power-glide transmission leaks.

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
Jan. 16th	Meeting/Elections	Party Barn	M. Clarke
Jan. 17th	Fun Run	George Bush Library	J. Watkins
Jan. 24th	Hou Auto Show	NRG Center	J. Watkins
Feb. 13-15	CorvChevy Expo	NRG Center	J. Watkins
Feb. 21st	Pancake Brkfst	Jannise's home	S. Jannise
Mar. 20th	Club Meeting	TBA	E. Walsh

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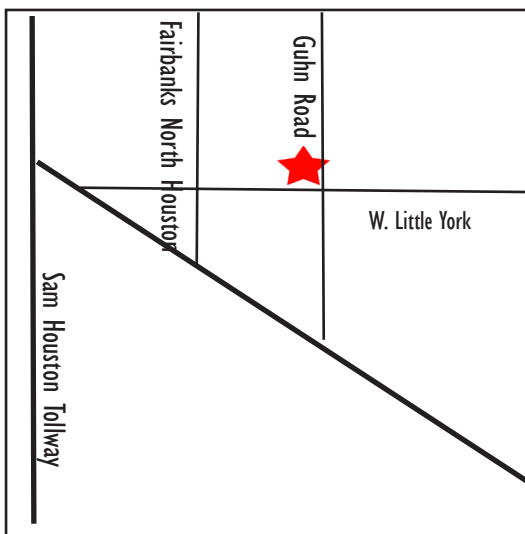
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Musical Entertainment at the November Club meeting

**CLUB MEETING TO BE
 HELD ON FRIDAY
 JAN. 16TH 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
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:

Membership & Library	Ricki Jannise	281-259-2256
Historian/Car Locator	Guy Bobkoff	713-666-0475
Merchandise	Dee Watkins	979-848-6713
Newsletter	Mark Clarke	281-217-8573
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Technical Chair	Mike Tidwell	281-748-4576
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