

Corvair Houston Newsletter



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Greetings Corvair enthusiasts. The summer heat is here. The Board has decided to move our meetings for the next 3 months to an air-conditioned facility. We greatly appreciate Mike Feehery allowing us use the Party Barn and we hope to have future meetings there. The next meeting will be June 19th at the Hickory Hollow Restaurant located at 8038 Fallbrook Drive, Houston 77064. This location is near the Sam Houston Race Track. We held our Board Meeting here and the food is great.

Some of our core members will be leav-

ing out for the CORSA National Convention in Knoxville, Tennessee and will be unable to attend the meeting. This means that we need for you to come out and support the club as we commit to this new summer meeting venue. We have an air-conditioned private meeting room reserved and we can park the Corvairs together in front. We also have a tech session planned. I will be bringing the door prizes, so please come on out and support your club.

If I asked members "What is your biggest Club regret?" The answer from most would be the

events that they didn't attend. Saturday, June 20th is an opportunity to attend one of those events. Houston Area live Steamers will have a public run day. This is a scale steam railroad open to the public. These trains are big enough to ride. Lots of labor and creativity go into these trains. On top of that the awesome people who built these mechanical marvels want to share them with us. Seeing these trains run and meeting the people that created them is a great opportunity. I encourage all of you to come on out. This will be a memorable club event. So please bring

your grand kids, friends or neighbors. These trains have no age limit. We will be meeting up at the Denny's restaurant on 14010 FM 2920 in Tomball for coffee around 8:00 a.m. We plan on departing from Denny's about 8:45 a.m. as a caravan to Houston Area Live Steamers. Here is a link to the trains: WWW.hals.org

Driving a Corvair is not required. I am told the train people love Corvairs. It would nice to display some of our cars to the people that love mechanical things and the public. I hope to see everybody at the meeting and the event.



Photos from 7th Annual Dewberry Fest in Cameron
Beautiful Courthouse shown in photo on right



Rearview Mirror

by Howard King



Preparation and the trip to the 7th Annual Dewberry Festival this year was not without trepidation. It seems like it has rained since the winter cold has left us. I know, it is not true so don't jump to correct me just yet. But, I will say that I think I am growing webs between my toes. It is all in the exaggeration of the rain amounts we have received and are still are getting. All in all, those that attended this year's Dewberry Fest had a great time. Attendance was down from last year, but there were some very nice classic cars in attendance.

Those that came up on Friday were treated to a trip to Sissy's restaurant which is out in the country side. I have no clue where. Great home cooked food and conversation. Sissy

is Dee Watkin's niece.

Corvair Houston was represented by five Vairs and each received a trophy. Members attending the show were President Ed Walsh, Vice President Mike and Audrey Tidwell, Jim and Dee Watkins, Ricki and Sally Jan-nise, Barbara and myself.

We were all delighted to receive trophies to cart home and show proudly. My trophy was only for second place for my class, but I was in the 1965 to 2014 Original category and faced a new Mustang and 1979 Corvette. By the way, the Vette took the First Place trophy. Fancy that. Take a look at the CH Facebook page for a photo of the winners. Have you looked to see what Dee has been up to with promoting our club on Facebook!

The numbers of tent vendors were also less plentiful. I guess the weather threat scared them off too. But after a cloudy morning the sky cleared to yield a really beautiful day.

There were the usual bobble and bead sellers but we found one selling fresh fried pork rinds. I am aware this is an item that many won't eat but we did not want to pass them up.

Fresh meant they were fried right there, Yum! Right next to them was a Viet Nam veteran and his wife selling home made sodas. Each of the flavors was made with pure cane sugar and here again I had to have the root beer. It was so good even the honey bees were coming in for a snort. We also snagged 4 of the 88 jars of Dewberry jam for Guy Bobkoff. Glad we bought

it early because they were sold out before noon.

Later on that afternoon we assembled for a new round about way caravan to Bob's Steakhouse for our regular dinner. Everyone left well fed and full for the return trip to the hotel. We said goodbye to Ed who was not staying the night. Afterward we sat by the pool talking about old movies until late. The sky was clear and Texas stars were out.

The trip back was not so dry. I was the last to leave and got a heads up from Jim that the big thunder boomer was on its way in. We loaded up and got out as it arrived and were in the rain most of the way back.

I think I can summarize by saying that a good time was had by all.



Classic black and white photo taken in route to the Dewberry Festival

Tuna at the Tidwells

by Howard King



It has been a while since we held a Tuna, but thanks to Mike and Audrey we had a great time at their place.

How many know what a Tuna is? First answer involving fish is not correct. At least as I am aware. It is colloquialism for a tune up session. In this particular case a preparation time

for those Corvairs traveling to Knoxville Tennessee for the 2015 CORSA National Convention. Then appropriate assistance for those not traveling to the convention.

Mike assisted anyone preparing their car. In particular Ricki Jannise got much of his air conditioning installed with the

up front condenser unit and a Sanden compressor. The lift makes this a much easier job. Also Fred Mahler got a new swivel joint carburetor linkage on and adjusted. The original linkage was pretty tired.

Hot dogs for lunch provided by the Tidwells along with great conversation that filled most

of the day. Many thanks to Mike and Audrey for hosting this club event.

This is something any member family could sponsor. Just let one our club president or any board member know if you would like to sponsor an activity.



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Bulletin Board

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For Sale: 1963 Monza Sedan

1963 four door with very cold (Tidwell) A/C Asking \$7000.00 Phone is 281 324-1617 or e-mail thenews2me@yahoo.com
Jerry Miller

TREASURY REPORT

REPORT AS OF APRIL 30, 2015

Beginning Balance	\$5,856.55
Receipts	
Deposits	\$45.00
Subtotal	\$5,901.55
Withdrawals:	\$286.70
Ending Balance	\$5,614.85

CORSA International Convention Knoxville TN

Hosted by Knoxville Corvair Club

June 23rd to June 27th

Host Hotel is Knoxville Marriott
865/594-4155, \$110 night.

Mention Corvair or go online at
corvair.org/2015convention/hotel-reg.html.



For Sale: 1965 Monza Convertible

\$10,000. Contact Dave Pyle at 713-464-6717 or Dap8@comcast.net if interested.

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Bulletin Board

Happy Birthday To:

Kim Feehery		June 1
Greg Fox		June 1
Greg Riley		June 3
Richard Jonc		June 4
Charlie Craig		June 7
Gail Pomponio		June 8
Suzie Protteau		June 17
Gail Brown		June 23
Waynette Clarke		June 23
Greg Wrobleske		June 29

Happy Anniversary To:

Bob & Magi Tucker	59 years	June 6
Lloyd & Claudeann Jannise	12 years	June 12
Jon & Betty Protteau	43 years	June 17
Scott & Naoko Brittin	43 years	June 24
Andrew & Kristen Brennan	16 years	June 26
David & Gail Brown	41 years	June 29
John & Katherin Spenn	41 years	June 29



For Sale: 1966 Monza Sedan

Kelly Finley has decided to sell her 1966 Monza Sedan. Asking price is \$12,000 – see attached appraisal with all the details. If interested, email Kelly at kellyscats@hotmail.com or call 281-615-9522.

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
June 19th	Club meeting	Hickory Hollow	E. Walsh
June 20th	Fun Run	HAL Train Ride	E. Walsh
June 23-27	CORSA Conv.	Knoxville, TX	M. Tidwell
July 6th	Board Meeting	Hickory Hollow	E. Walsh
July 17th	Club Meeting	Hickory Hollow	E. Walsh
Aug. 21st	Club Meeting	Hickory Hollow	E. Walsh

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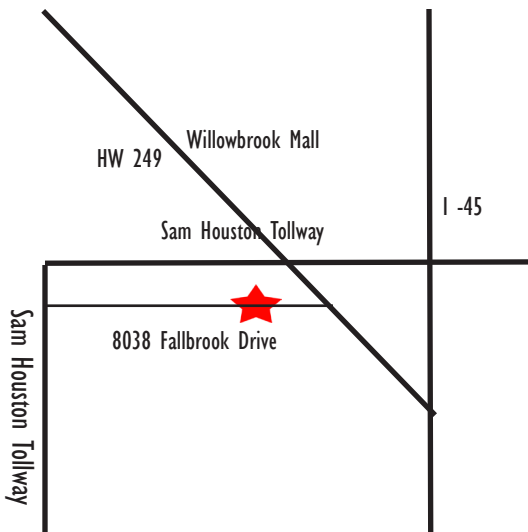
Deliver to:



Duane Baker's Rampside at the Club Tuna

**CLUB MEETING TO BE
 HELD ON FRIDAY
 JUNE 19TH AT
 HICKORY HOLLOW**

Map to the Meeting Location
 8038 Fallbrook Drive, Houston, TX 77064



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	Ed Walsh	281-825-6361
Vice President	Mike Tidwell	281-748-4576
Secretary	Jon Protteau	936-520-2395
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Director	Howard King	832-687-8251
Director	Bruce Eichenberg	281-380-1809

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Historian/Car Locator	Guy Bobkoff	713-666-0475
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