

# Corvair Houston Newsletter



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This month: Club Meeting on Friday, July 17th at Hickory Hollow and  
Fun Run to Carlos on Saturday, July 18th



## CORSA National Convention in Knoxville, TN

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# Driver's Seat

by Ed Walsh



Greetings Corvair Houston members. We have quite a few activities coming up this month. Our next meeting will be July 17<sup>th</sup> at Hickory Hollow Restaurant 8038 Fallbrook, Houston 77064. Mike Tidwell has volunteered to provide a tech session on differentials. If your engine and transmission are working fine and your car doesn't move then you have a differential failure. I am always grateful when Mike shares his amazing knowledge of Corvairs with us. Another topic that will be discussed is an autocross car. Someone donated a late model Corvair to the club. At the meeting, we will discuss

whether to part it out or make an autocross car out of it. This might be a great way to introduce members to the annual Corvair Heritage Day Autocross event. If the club took on such a project it would have to be a group effort from the start. Future events will also be discussed at the meeting.

Saturday the 18<sup>th</sup> we have a fun run scheduled. We will be meeting for breakfast at The Fish Pond Restaurant in Willis at 7:30 am. For those that want to, we will meet at The Tidwell's home at 6:30 am and caravan to the restaurant. After breakfast we will drive to Annette's Antiques in

New Waverly and tour the shops in town. Next on we go through the Sam Houston Forest and around the Lake for a scenic drive. It is a great feeling to get out of the city and be part of a group of Corvairs driving through the forest. The rumble and smell of Corvair exhaust will boost your Corvair enthusiasm. Our lunchtime destination is Yankee's Tavern and Grill in Carlos. For those that haven't been to Yankee's, this is a great place to experience. The food and hospitality are excellent. The place caters to weekend motorcycle enthusiast and the parking lot is always full of interesting bikes. They always

welcome us and let us park the Corvairs together. It is like a mini car show and the people are always amazed at the Corvairs and thank us for coming.

I hope to see you at the meeting. Our fun run starts early when it's cool and we will be constantly moving in the Corvairs. If there is one thing constant in the club it's the great and interesting people and places we journey to in the amazing Corvairs. If your car is on jack stands or you're having problem with the heat, drive your water pumper. Come on out and enjoy the cars and have some fun!



## Note from the VP

by Mike Tidwell

Hello everyone! It's been awhile since I have written an article for the newsletter and as usual, this is short and sweet.

At the club meeting this Friday I will be re-sealing a automatic differential. I will show how to not only reseal it, but

also how to set up the gear pattern as well. As a side note I will have something on my trailer that I hope will get more members active in the club. See you on Friday..



The Jannise's & Tidwells at the Tail of the Dragon

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# Rearview Mirror

by Jon Protteau



Leaving Houston late in June, Corvair Houston club members came by different routes at different times through different states in a wide range of vehicles; from 50-year-old Corvairs to late model cars and trucks, the only things that they shared were their destination, the 2015 Corsa convention in Knoxville, Tennessee, and that virtually all had air-conditioning. Mike and Audrey Tidwell brought their '64 Monza coupe with a set of aluminum wheels that really changed the whole appearance of the car; Ricki and Sally Jannise drove their '65 Corsa coupe; Jerry and Loretta Kelley arrived in their '64 Monza convertible; Greg Fox, with his son, David, drove his rare Corvair motor home with what looked like an all new interior; Mark and Waynette Clarke with Waymon Worsham (Waynette's dad) cruised in their roomy Toyota van; Jon and Betty Protteau pulled a tear-drop trailer with their Mazda CX5; and Todd Hasfjord and Hong Nga arrived via plane arriving

at different times. None of the members experienced any major problems traveling which speaks for the dependability of the Corvair when given some care over the years.

The Knoxville Marriott Hotel provided an excellent venue for the convention, and the Knoxville Area Corvair Club had everything well-organized. All of the usual driving events were offered: the economy run, autocross, and rally. In addition, there were tours of the nearby Dollywood, a steam-engine train tour along the river, and a riverboat dinner/cruise. And of course the many subgroups under the Corsa umbrella met: Virtual Vairs Group, Corvanatics, 1960 Caveman Group, Stock Corvair, V-8 Corvair Group, and others. Clark's Corvair Parts brought hundreds of parts available with a 5 – 10% discount, and other vendors also offered items that usually pertained to Corvairs. The activities ran nonstop for 14 to 16 hours each day; something for everyone. And if that wasn't enough to keep

visitors occupied, with the location near the Smoky Mountains National Park, the Blue Ridge Parkway, Gatlinburg, and Dollywood, it was possible to wander off and find even more things to see and do.

For example, the Tidwells and Jannises decided that it would be fun to run the Tail of the Dragon, a road that runs along the Tennessee/North Carolina border and which contains 318 curves in 11 miles. It was truly amazing to follow the two Corvairs driven by Mike Tidwell and Ricki Jannise; one an early model with powerglide and the other a late model with a 4-speed. Granted that they are both excellent drivers who know how to handle a car, it was still a shock at how difficult it was to keep up with those 50-year-old Corvairs when we were following in a two-year-old Mazda CX5 which is a small suv that drives and handles very well on curvy roads. It was easy to see how Corvairs were able to win races against much more powerful cars. They really

handle well even today.

After running the "Dragon", we continued into the Smoky Mountains National Park and discovered why it is the most-visited park in the U.S. park system. It offers mile after mile of beautiful forests and mountains on well-maintained roads, clean air, and cooler temperatures, especially in the higher elevations. We climbed one of the steeper grades and watched the outside temperature drop from 87 to 77, and it also offered a convenient overlook area at that point.

If you have not attended a Corsa convention, make it a point to try to come to one in the future. Next summer, it will be held in Springfield, Illinois. At these conventions, you will find people from all around the country, and even from other countries, all of whom share a common interest in a rather unique American car, the one with engine in the trunk and the trunk under the hood. And one that is still affordable.



## Report on June Meeting

by Howard King



Wow, what a turn out at the June meeting held at the Hickory Hollow on Fallbrook. Even with members on the road to the CORSA National Convention we had a great group of 27. This included a new member and his family. This is a good place and they have welcomed us in a grand

style. The club has roped off parking up front and a private upstairs room.

In addition everyone I talked to was pleased with the food. Personally I have been going there for years and never received any order I disliked. Oh, I forgot to mention it's air conditioned. What a nice benefit to hold the meet-

ing in such a venue during the hot summer months. Let's continue to be active and show our appreciation to this restaurant. Of course since some were gone there were less Corvairs driven but we still had a reasonable showing of five or six.

Club President Ed Walsh conducted the

meeting and brought door prizes for everyone who drove a Corvair. What a deal. Thanks Ed. If you missed out the meetings for July and August will be held at the same place.

Parking this month will be on the East side so we can look at the donated car we will be discussing. Hope to see you there soon.



## June Outing to HALS

by Howard King



The CH outing to the Houston Area Live Steamers on the 20<sup>th</sup> of June was a blast. This is one of those places that the grandkids or kids of any age enjoy. While it was lightly attended I did see at least two Corvairs there. Barbara and I arrived before the park opened as we

had heard it gets busy later in the morning. Even so, Alan Dunlap and his family made it on the train before we did. As a matter of note, it had filled up somewhat by the time we left.

By arriving early we were on the third or fourth train to leave the station and enjoyed a ride

around the park on one of the many scale trains. The only thing we were not prepared for was the mosquitoes in the back section in the woods.

I noticed Ed talking to Jerry and Loretta on their way in, as we were walking out to the car to leave.

We sure enjoyed the

ride and recommend this for families with kids old enough to ride the train. Best of all it is free, but a donation box is there to help then maintain the rides. More information is available at [www.hals.org](http://www.hals.org).



# CORSA National Convention



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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](mailto:thenews2me@yahoo.com)  
 Jerry Miller

## TREASURY REPORT

REPORT AS OF JUNE 30, 2015

Beginning Balance	\$5,614.88
Receipts	
Deposits	-0-
Subtotal	\$5,614.88
Withdrawals:	-0-
Ending Balance	\$5,614.88

### For Sale: 1965 Monza

I am selling my 1965 Monza. I drive it all of the time. Lots of new parts and work done. Too much to list. please call for more information. Mike Tidwell 281-748-4576

PHOTO to be provided with the next newsletter or come see the car this Saturday on your to the Carlos Fun Run



### For Sale: 1965 Monza Convertible

\$10,000. Contact Dave Pyle at 713-464-6717 or [Dap8@comcast.net](mailto:Dap8@comcast.net) if interested.

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

Bill Ranshaw		July 1
Gary Buckner		July 3
Jeff Moser		July 4
Julie Mirphy		July 7
Jim Watkins		July 14
Lloyd Jannise		July 18

**Happy Anniversary To:**

Ricki & Sally Jannise	39 years	July 10
Greg & Ronnie Riley	23 years	July 10
Jerry & Loretta Kelley	50 years	July 16

**FUN RUN to Carlos, TX****Saturday, July 18th.**

Meet at the Tidwell's at 6:30 a.m. or in Willis at the Fish Pond Restaurant at 7:30 a.m. We will visit Annette's Antiques in New Waverly and caravan to Yankee's Tavern & Grill for lunch. Contact Ed Walsh or Mike Tidwell for more information.

**For Sale: 1966 Monza Sedan**

Kelly Finley has decided to sell her 1966 Monza Sedan. Asking price is \$12,000. If interested, email Kelly at [kellyscats@hotmail.com](mailto: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](http://www.corvair.org)

**Corvair Houston Calendar**

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACT
July 17th	Club meeting	Hickory Hollow	E. Walsh
July 18th	Fun Run	Carlos	M. Tidwell
Aug. 3rd	Board Meeting	Hickory Hollow	E. Walsh
Aug. 21st	Club Meeting	Hickory Hollow	E. Walsh
Sept. 18th	Club Meeting	TBA	E. Walsh
Oct. 16-18	CHD VI	Hurst, TX	G. Grimes

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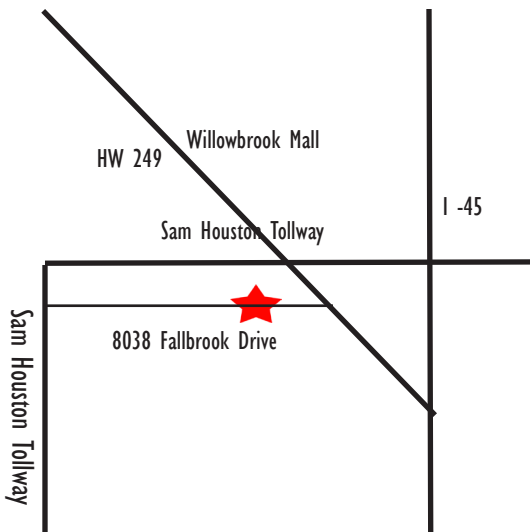
Deliver to:



Alan Dunlap & family at Houston Area Live Steamers

**CLUB MEETING TO BE  
 HELD ON FRIDAY  
 JULY 17TH 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.

2015 Officers:

President	Ed Walsh	281-825-6361
Vice President	Mike Tidwell	281-748-4576
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