

Corvair Houston Newsletter



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This month: Club Meeting on Friday, September 18th at Hickory Hollow
and Work Day on Autocross Car on Saturday, September 19th



Visit to U.S. Armed Forces Museum

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Driver's Seat

by Ed Walsh



Greetings fellow Corvair Houston Enthusiasts! We have a very busy schedule planned for October. On October 8th, Larry Keast, a founding member of Corvair Houston (and now a lifetime Honorary member) has invited us to "Larry's 3rd Annual Car Party". Last year's party was awesome. Those that attended saw some amazing cars and had the chance to meet some interesting folks. As I recall, we even had a few Corvairs in attendance. Please plan on attending and bring your Corvair if possible. Larry has an impressive manufacturing operation called Venture Tech. What's amazing about Larry is that you

would think that his manufacturing operation would take up all of his time. He has a non-profit operation called America in Recovery, Inc. On top of that Larry has several car restoration projects in his shop. Come on down to The Car Party and meet Larry and many other car enthusiasts. Be sure and RSVP if you plan on attending.

Please register for Corvair Heritage Day 2015 October 16-18th and to make your hotel reservation soon. This is your chance to drive the Corvair Houston Autocross Car. Yes that's right, you don't have to even bring a Corvair. The club will supply one for you. We have done this to create

more interest in this event. How many other car clubs do this? This is your chance for a fun weekend with the great folks in the North Texas Corvair club. Also I would like to mention that the October club meeting will be conducted at the Hampton Inn in Hurst Texas during the event.

Members have put great efforts into the autocross car. The next work day will be at Greg Fox's on Saturday September 19th. Please plan on attending. It's amazing you have the opportunity to have a super tech session on a Corvair then get to autocross it too. I would say that you really get your money's worth belonging to Corvair Houston. Please come

out and join the fun. We are planning a Drive Inn movie night one of the weekends after Corvair Heritage Day. The Drive Inn Theater in Hockley is like stepping back in time to revisit the 1960's. We will send out an email when we have a date set.

Autorama will be held Thanksgiving week like always and we are looking for members to show their cars. If you have an interest in displaying your Corvair, please contact either Ricki Jannise or me as soon as possible so that we can finalize the display list.

I will be out of the country till September 25th so hope to see you when I return.



Don't forget to join Corvair Houston on Facebook. You will see reminders of events and meetings along with photos. You will be able to post your own photos, questions about our club or your Corvair. You will also be able to post any parts and Corvairs that you might have for sale.

Contact Dee Watkins if any questions.



UPCOMING REGIONAL CORVAIR EVENTS TO CONSIDER

Great Plains Roundup in Little Rock AR (Sept. 25-27)

Corvair Heritage Day in Hurst, TX (October 16-18)

Great Western Fan Belt Toss Palm Springs CA (Oct 23-25)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

2016 CORSA National Convention

Springfield, Illinois

July 12th to 16th, 2016

Rearview Mirror

by Jon Protteau



The August monthly meeting was held on the 21st. Thank you to Howard King for arranging to help find the new summer location for our monthly meetings at the Hickory Hollow BBQ Restaurant. It is located at 8038 Fallbrook Drive in northwest Houston between Highway 249, also known as the Tomball Parkway, and Fairbanks N. Houston Road. It can be also be accessed from the Beltway 8, also known as the N. Sam Houston Tollway. The Hickory Hollow BBQ Restaurant is just around the corner from the Sam Houston Racetrack. The Club has reserved, upstairs on the 2nd floor, the “Texas Hall” meeting room where we can meet, greet, and eat which is optional, but comes with everyone’s high recommendations.

On August 22nd, Corvair Houston had the opportunity to visit the incredible National United States Armed Forces Museum off of Wallisville Road, inside the W. 610 Loop. Alan driving his Corvair and Ed driving his Chevy Cobalt, met

up with yours truly driving “Old Blue” on the Tomball Parkway. The temperature felt like it was about 110 in the shade, so Old Blue had its top up and A/C on max! The three cars then headed to Melba’s Country Kitchen on Beaumont Highway, also known as Highway 90 just outside W. 610 Loop. On Alan’s recommendation to stop at Melba’s Country Kitchen, we met up with Ricki Jan-nise and Jim Watkins both driving their Corvairs, and Mark and Waynette Clarke along with her father, Waymon Worsham. Also joining us was Jim Watkins and Alex Hem-leb and his family, wife Amanda and son, Hunter.

Melba’s Country Kitchen is a remarkable, small restaurant with incred-

ible home-cooked meals. Naturally, we had to have a piece of her Blackberry and Peach cobblers, which were delicious. About 10 minutes from Melba’s Country Kitchen, Jim Watkins had pre-arranged for the Club to visit the National United States Military Museum that is dedicated to keeping alive the memory of the sacrifices and valiant service of our United States Military men and women from all wars and military engagements. Everyone was truly amazed with the collection and preservation of the historical military artifacts and the magnificent presentation and guided tour of the facility. The Museum has acquired artifacts from almost all conflicts and has precisely restored every piece of

equipment imaginable to pristine condition such as the numerous military vehicles including Personnel Carriers, Armored Cars, Armored Fighting Vehicles, and several Helicopters totally restored. Besides the immense collection of Military Vehicles the Museum also had on display historical items such as uniforms, ammunition, service metals, and artilleries, weaponry’s, guns, and missiles.

August 29th was another “Work-Day” on the 1967 Monza Coupe. More than a dozen guys from the club pitched in, again, to help restore the car for the club’s use as an Auto-cross Racer. Our Corvair Guru, Mike Tidwell and Todd Hasfjord repaired much of the rusted out floor with layers of fiberglass while Howard King led a crew who disassembled, cleaned, and reassembled the distributor. Alan Dunlap donated wheels and new tires, and another “Work-Day” is scheduled for the morning of September 19th at Greg Fox’s Garage.



Fun Run to Melba's and the United States Armed Forces Museum



Kolache Fest in Caldwell, TX



Bulletin Board

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For Sale: 1963 Monza Sedan

1963 four door with very cold A/C. Asking \$7,000. Phone is 281-324-1617 or e-mail thenews2me@yahoo.com to Jerry Miller

TREASURY REPORT

REPORT AS OF AUGUST 31, 2015

Beginning Balance	\$5,545.08
Receipts	
Deposits	345.00
Subtotal	\$5,890.08
Withdrawals:	\$595.00-
Ending Balance	\$5,295.08



For Sale: 1964 Monza Sedan

Asking \$2,000. Call Greg Fox at 713-826-2828



For Sale: 1965 Monza Convertible

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

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

Sally Mhire		Sept. 4
Waymon Worsham		Sept. 10
Joan Clarke		Sept. 13
Gene Marshall		Sept. 17
Tony Pomponio		Sept. 20
Andrew Spenn		Sept. 20
Jordan Wrobleske		Sept. 21
Guy Bobkoff		Sept. 26

Happy Anniversary To:

Bruce & Kathy Parker	36 years	Sept. 16
Greg & Sandra Wrobleske	28 years	Sept. 19
Jim & Dee Watkins	42 years	Sept. 21

CH Wants You!

Corvair Houston is always open to member submissions for articles to be printed in the newsletter. Articles can cover areas such as technical information, commentary, personal Corvair experiences, and restoration tips. Writing assistance is available. Call your editor at 281-217-8573. Email any submissions to mwclarke01@hotmail.com or snail mail to 1907 Iron Ridge, Sugar Land, TX 77478.

Mark your Calendar!!

The annual club Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, December 12th.

For Sale - Left rear floor pan from Clarks, brand new in the box = \$100

Need - Front and rear suspension - Rebuilt
Please contact Matt Miles at mattemiles@me.com

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
Sept. 18th	Club Meeting	Hickory Hollow	E. Walsh
Sept. 19th	Work Day	Fox's home	M. Tidwell
Oct. 5th	Board Meeting	Hickory Hollow	E. Walsh
Oct. 16-18	CHD VI	Hurst, TX	E. Walsh
Nov. 20th	Club Meeting	Party Barn	E. Walsh
Nov. 24-29	Autorama	Brown Conv Center	R. Jannise

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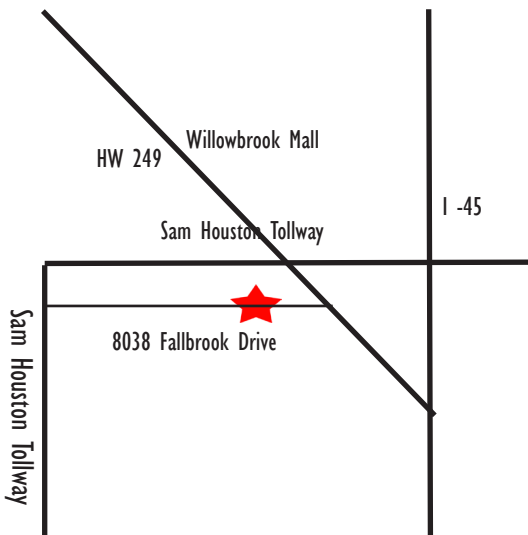
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Work Day on the club autocross car at the Fox's shop.

**CLUB MEETING TO BE
 HELD ON FRIDAY
 SEPT. 18TH 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
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