

# Corvair Houston Newsletter



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This month: Corvair Heritage Day & Autocross in  
Hurst, TX on October 16th-18th



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# Driver's Seat

by Ed Walsh



Greetings Corvair enthusiasts. We have several events coming up and these aren't just car events. They are opportunities to fully experience the Corvair hobby. The cars, people you meet and places we go are what it's all about. Next weekend is Corvair Heritage Day in Hurst, Texas. It's not too late to join us. Please make your hotel reservations if you are spending the night. Call or email the North Texas Corvair

Club and let them know you are coming. The club has gone to great efforts to build the Autocross car, please take advantage of this fun opportunity. The car was built to encourage club participation in this event. It is a "Win Win" situation for everybody that participates. If you attend, you will have fun memories of this weekend that will last for years. Also remember that our regular October Club meeting will be held at this event.

The November club meeting will be held at the Party Barn. November is another event filled month. Thanksgiving weekend is the Autorama show at the George R. Brown Convention Center. We will need volunteers with the set up and tear down of this event. We also need six Corvairs to display. Please be sure to volunteer to support this important event. This is a great way to promote the Corvair hobby and the car. Folks are impressed with

the cars and the club when they see the cars and learn about the fun stuff we do. The show is another fun group effort, please join us.

Thanksgiving is quickly approaching. Joining these events and supporting the club are things we will be thankful for participating in. I look forward to seeing everybody at these events.

Happy motoring!



## Larry Keast's 3rd Annual Car Show



# Rearview Mirror

by Jon Protteau



The September monthly meeting was held on the 18<sup>th</sup> at the Hickory Hollow BBQ Restaurant on Fallbrook Drive in the upstairs meeting room. This will be the last meeting at the restaurant for the season because the October meeting will be at Dallas for the Heritage Day Autocross races on October 16-17<sup>th</sup>. The Corvair Houston monthly meetings will resume at the Party Barn on November 20<sup>th</sup>.

September has been a busy month for the club's new autocross car project. Every Saturday members have met at Greg Fox's garage in Spring to clean, repair, disassemble, reassemble, and restore the 1967 Monza Coupe to racing condition. They plan to use it at the Autocross races the weekend of October 16-18. They have worked on everything except for exterior paint including the gas tank, seats, wiring, brakes, carburetors, distributor and windshield installation. For fear of leaving someone's name out, I will not attempt to list all of the workers, as it has

been a crew of at least a dozen hard working members from all of the areas around Houston. These volunteers had the opportunity to have hands-on experience courtesy of veteran Corvair members led by Mike Tidwell, Greg Fox, and Howard King, all of whom have lengthy experience rebuilding and restoring Corvairs.

The weekend of September 12-13<sup>th</sup> several Corvair Houston club members traveled to the Caldwell Kolache Festival and Car Show, which was kindly arranged, by Jim and Dee Watkins. Club members, beside Jim and Dee, cruising to Caldwell included Mike and Audrey Tidwell, Howard

and Barbara King, Fred and Sandra Mahler, and yours truly with grandson Hayden riding in Old Blue with the top down. Several couples spent the weekend in the Caldwell area at a very unique motel, Rainbow Courts. The Kolache Festival was actually held right on the square in downtown Caldwell with vendors featuring thousands of their homemade, delicious Kolaches. Of course there were many sausage and beer vendors so no one went hungry or thirsty. Several Czech bands provided authentic Czech music, and many of local children and adults dressed in authentic Czech vintage clothing. The Car Show was held

just a couple of blocks from the square in a lovely, shady park area within walking distance of the square. Many really well-done cars appeared for the car show, and while none of the Corvairs won trophies this time, Howard King did win a Chevrolet Sign as a door prize. If you have never been to this festival, give it a try next year. The friendly people and the great food make it well worth a visit

A number of the Corvair Houston club members have been attending the Nifty-Fifties Saturday night Car Shows located at the northeast corner of Kuykendahl and Louetta Roads in the Spring area. At the October 3<sup>rd</sup> show, Alan Dunlap won the door prize of a couple of dozen 'Nifty-Fifty' shop rags. With 50-year-old Corvairs, you can never have too many shop rags.

The October board meeting was held on October 5<sup>th</sup> at the Hickory Hollow BBQ venue with continuing preparations for the Autorama Display during the upcoming Thanksgiving weekend.



Howard & Barbara King show off their Door Prize

# Club Autocross Car

by Howard King



Another great turnout for the final work day on our Corvair Houston Autocross car went off quite well. With our number 8 and club name affixed, the last few items were attended to.

Today the gas tank, seats, charging circuit, tail lights and bumpers were the items being affixed

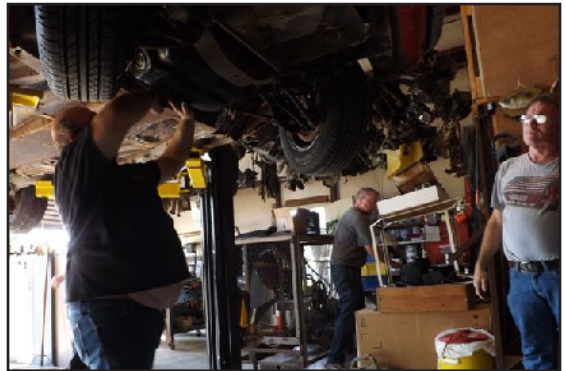
to the car. Alan Dunlap, Bruce Eichenberg, Ed Walsh, Greg Fox, Howard King, Jim Watkins, Jon Protteau and Mike Tidwell worked as a pit crew to accomplish the tasks. Once those were completed Mike balanced the carbs and put his special tune on the timing. The car ran so well that Jim and

the team were inspired to wax the whole car.

Mike backed the Number 8 out of the garage and took it for a spin. Gosh it ran good. I think we have a real winner here. Let us know what you think.

Thanks to Greg Fox for the loan of his tools and garage space to get all of the repairs done just in

time. Greg was a great host and consistently treated the crew to delicious hot dog lunches. This truly was a huge club effort that wa accomplished over the last two months The club autocross car will benefit all of our club members for years to come. !



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## CORVAIRE HERITAGE DAY IV WEEKEND ITINERARY

OCTOBER 16, 17 & 18, 2015

### Friday, October 16, 2015

3:00 pm - Registration in hospitality room of host hotel, Hampton Inn, 1600 Hurst Town Center Drive, Hurst, TX; 817.503.7778

6:00 pm -Dinner @ Italianni's, 1601 Precinct Line Road, Hurst, TX

7:30 pm @ host hotel- Welcome party, valve cover races, washers toss, t-shirts distributed

### Saturday, October 17, 2015

7:00 am - 9:00 am Setup (NTCA)

8:30 am - 9:30 am Registration/Tech Inspection

10:00 am- 12:00 pm Autocross

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm Lunch (at Lone Star Park)

1:15 pm - 3:00 pm Autocross

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm Christian Classic Cruisers setup

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm Awards dinner @ Cristina's Mexican Restaurant, 9159 Hwy. 26, North Richland Hills

(within walking distance of Christian Classic Cruisers car show)

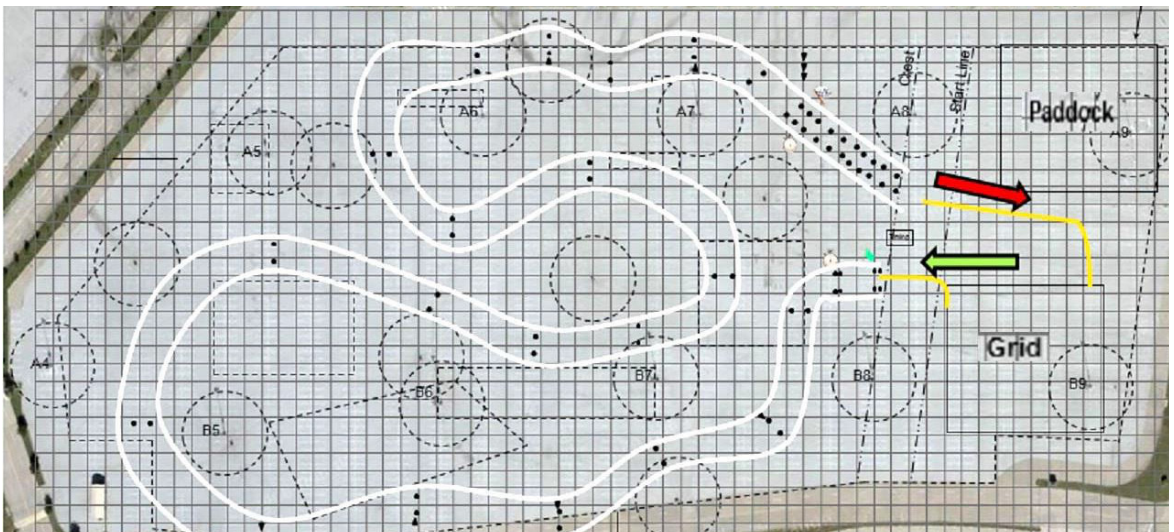
7:30 pm - 9:00 pm Christian Classic Cruiser

### Sunday, October 18, 2015

8:30 am -Send off breakfast @ IHOP, 6240 Precinct Line Road, Hurst, TX

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## MAP OF COURSE TRACK



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# Bulletin Board

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## Our 42nd Year!

Get the 2013-2018 Catalog. If you did not get the catalog in 2013 or 2014, you can get one FREE on your first \$50 order during 2015. (Additional catalogs \$3 with an order) Over 100 new repro parts in the past 3 years.



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

## TREASURY REPORT

REPORT AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2015

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

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](mailto:mattemiles@me.com)

For Sale - New Gas Sending Unit straight out of the box from Clark's \$60, gasket included.

Please contact Mark Clarke at [mwclarke01@hotmail.com](mailto:mwclarke01@hotmail.com)

THIS SPACE IS AVAILABLE FOR YOU AT NO COST. EMAIL YOUR WANTED AND FOR SALE ADS TO MARK AT [mwclarke01@hotmail.com](mailto:mwclarke01@hotmail.com)

### UPCOMING REGIONAL CORVAIR EVENTS TO CONSIDER

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

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

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

2016 CORSA National Convention  
Springfield, Illinois  
July 12th to 16th, 2016

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

Kelly Finley	Oct. 3
Bob Willhelm	Oct. 8
Shirlee Lapp	Oct. 8
Joy Blanton	Oct. 9
Naoko Brittin	Oct. 11
Ronnie Riley	Oct. 16
Brice Bergesen	Oct. 18
David Brown	Oct. 19
Pat Bobkoff	Oct. 22
Ricki Jannise	Oct. 22
Ron Richburg	Oct. 24
Chrissy Murphy	Oct. 27
Karl James	Oct. 28
Zandra Keast	Oct. 30

**Happy Anniversary To:**

George & Shirlee Lapp	37 years	Oct. 3
Greg & Mary Fox	43 years	Oct. 14
Bruce & Vicki Eichenberg	5 years	Oct. 29
Chris & Lara Mallynn Langley	5 years	Oct. 30

**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](mailto: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 at the home of Ricki & Sally Jannise on Saturday, December 12th.

**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
Oct. 16-18	CHD VI	CHD VI	E. Walsh
Nov. 2	Board Meeting	Hickory Hollow	E. Walsh
Nov. 20	Club Meeting	Party Barn	E. Walsh
Nov. 24-29	Autorama	G. Brown CC	R. Jannise
Dec. 7	Board Meeting	Hickory Hollow	E. Walsh
Dec. 12	Christmas Party	Jannise's home	S. Jannise

Corvair Houston  
13102 N. Decker Drive  
Magnolia, TX 77355-8461

Deliver to:



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

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## NO REGULAR CLUB MEETING THIS MONTH AS WE WILL BE AT CORVAIR HERITAGE DAY IN HURST, TX

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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.



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
Secretary	Jon Protteau	936-520-2395
Treasurer	Audrey Tidwell	832-434-1154
Director	Todd Hasford	281-704-3848
Director	Howard King	832-687-8251
Director	Bruce Eichenberg	281-380-1809

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