

Corvair Houston Newsletter



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This month: Club Meeting on Friday, Nov.20th, Autorama Nov. 26th to Nov. 29th and Christmas Party on Saturday, Dec. 12th



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Driver's Seat

by Ed Walsh



Greetings Corvair Houston members and welcome to our new members. This year is rolling along fast and we have two great events coming up later this month. Friday November 20th at the Party Barn starting at 6:30 p.m. is the Club Meeting and PotLuck Thanksgiving Dinner. This was such a success last year that we have decided to do it again this year. Please bring your favorite dish, appetizer or dessert. I will be providing the drinks and door prizes; the club will be providing the turkey and ham. Thanksgiving is a time to reflect and be thankful for all the good things

going on in our lives. I am thankful for all the Corvair Houston members that support and help make our organization such a great car club. I am thankful to Mike Feehery for letting us use the Party Barn for our meetings. To show our appreciation to Mike, please make a generous donation to the donation jar for the sodas, waters and beers that he provides. The Annual club dues for Calendar 2016 will also be accepted at the meeting by Membership Chairman, Ricki Jannise.

The club Autocross car was a great success. It ran close to 40 laps and was still going strong. We

are looking for someone willing to store the car until the next Autocross. The car's future will be discussed at the meeting.

Autorama time is near and we will need all the club support we can get. Autorama is a great way to promote the Corvair and the club. It is also a fun car event and full of car enthusiasts like ourselves. We will need help with loading the display trailer on Sunday, display set up and tear down the following Sunday evening and unloading/storing the following weekend. I encourage everyone in the club to visit the Autorama car show and come see our display.

This year has been fun and is now quickly moving to a close. We will be looking for members to fill the officers positions in 2016. This is your opportunity to join the group effort that makes the club what it is. The December meeting will be held at the Christmas Party. It is not just a wonderful event, but a Corvair family celebration and we are thankful that Ricki and Sally Jannise continue to graciously host this event. I hope to see everybody at the meeting Friday and I wish everyone safe Thanksgiving travels.



1954 Corvair Concept car

CHD VI Review

by Howard King



When we were presented the idea of taking a car donated to the club and making it into a drivable competition vehicle, by Mike Tidwell, I was fascinated with the concept. Then the roll out at the meeting of the idea was also very well received. So, off to the races we go!

As you have read in past articles the repairs were generally straight forward and good teaching moments too. The car was completed just in time for the trip to Lone Star Park for the Saturday event in Grand Prairie. After some time elapsed there were the required driver instructions and the walk of the course. This was all new to me, as I had never participated in an Autocross event although I had some experience racing go-carts.

I believe everyone was ready to get started, but the organization was running a bit slow, which just made the anticipation greater. As the day went on, I was convinced that I wanted to collect some thoughts and observations

from the CH drivers. Putting the fa-la-la behind me, I was excited to be a part of the event and share with readers what some of those thoughts were.

The Corvair Houston drivers were Ed Walsh, Greg Fox, Ricki Jannise, Mark Clarke, Greg Wrobleske, Howard King, Alan Dunlap, and Jon and Betty Protteau.

In addition to trailering the car to the event Greg Fox also worked as pit crew chief and kept the old buggy going. Greg Wrobleske was the first driver. With Mark Clarke as his navigator, he said; "The second lap I was ready to make great time. A soon as I was given the go, the accelerator got stuck. after the second turn I stopped the car and left the track. We returned the car to the pit area and repaired the defect." When I asked about his winning time he replied "Surprised! Greg Fox, I believe beat my time. We learned later that his run was disqualified" Next was Mark Clarke and he shared that after Greg's

mishap, what more could go wrong. "My biggest concern was to improve my time with each run and to not embarrass myself with the slowest club time. I can say that I accomplished these goals and I think that I had the second fastest time after Greg's winning time." The rest of the drivers drove in the afternoon session. Ed Walsh who commented "I was impressed with the track layout. Not all layouts are created equal". He also said "The brakes and springs really made the car perform well." Alan Dunlap was ready to get racing! He had really looked forward to this function. He also believed the track layout to be the best yet. Greg Fox and I were the last men to run in the club car and I thought I did very well on the last run with a time in the 73 second range only to see that time go down with Greg's first run. He later said that it was just like driving a fire truck but it just didn't weight 20,000 pounds. Sounds light to me now but that

is the number I remember.

Ricki Jannise drove his own car in the Experienced Class and when asked about his run times said "My first run was a throw away just to get the feel of the track and warm the car. Each run was better than the last; got it down to 65 seconds flat." I did not get a comment from Jon, but I know Betty was having a good time. She even took a lap in the hot Mustang that was turning in the mid 50's. Matt Feehery participated by taking photos and enjoyed watching the rally get underway. Needless to say, we all had a great time and wouldn't hesitate to do it again. Big thanks to Mike for presenting the idea and organizing the effort. Clubs everywhere should consider this example as it was well attended by members.

In total I heard the car made 36 laps and the NTCA sponsors were amazed at the performance of the "club car" Thank you to NTCA for sponsoring such a fun event..

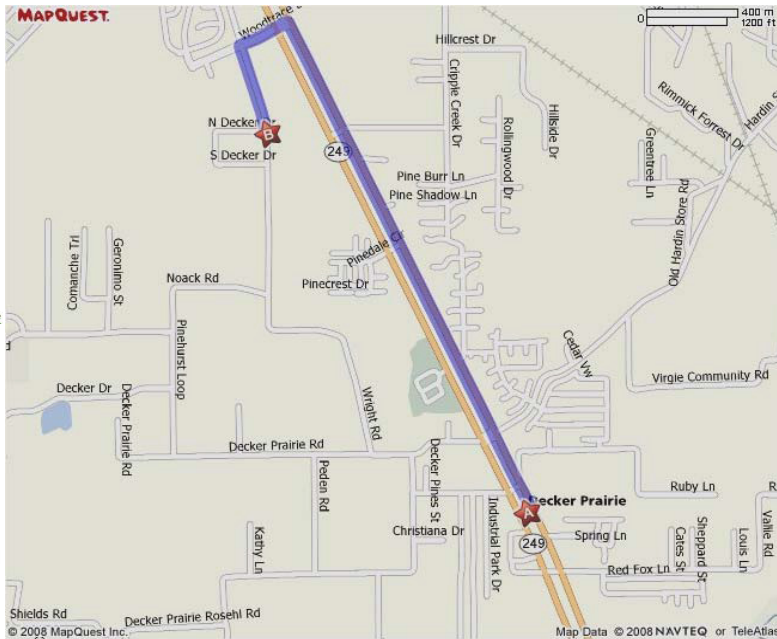


Corvair Heritage Day VI



Corvair Houston Christmas Party

This year's Christmas Party will be held on December 12th at Sally and Ricki Jannise's home. The address is 13102 North Decker Dr in Magnolia, Texas 77355 (see map below). From Highway 249, turn left (west) on Woodtrace Blvd (look for the highway intersection warning sign). Turn left at the first STOP sign on Wright Rd. Look for the first house on the right; at the corner of Wright Road and N. Decker Drive.



OTHER DETAILS FOR CHRISTMAS PARTY

- * BRING A COVERED DISH, APPETIZER OR DESSERT ITEM
- * ACTIVITIES START AT 5:30 P.M. AND USUALLY END AROUND 9:30 P.M.
- * EVERYONE BRINGS A GIFT FOR THE GIFT EXCHANGE
- * \$20 to \$25 SUGGESTED COST LIMIT
- * GIRLS WRAP GIFT IN RED
- * GUYS WRAP GIFT IN GREEN
- * RSVP to SALLY JANNISE AT RSJANNISE@ATT.NET OR 281-259-2256

Bulletin Board

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TREASURY REPORT

REPORT AS OF OCTOBER 31, 2015

Beginning Balance	\$5,295.08
Receipts	
Deposits	25.00
Subtotal	\$5,320.08
Withdrawals:	\$537.97
Ending Balance	\$4,782.11

Welcome New Members!

Kurt & Pam Massey (Houston, TX)

1966 Monza Convertible

T, Davis (Dave) Eaglin (Houston, TX)

1962 Monza Convertible

Jonathan Lunar (Webster, TX)

1962 Spyder Convertible

1963 Monza Convertible

-----ANNUAL DUES REMINDER-----

As always, our club dues expire at the end of the club year and are due as of January 31st. If you are a Corvair Houston member only, dues are \$25/year. If you are also a CORSA member, your dues are \$20/year. You can pay at the meeting(s) by cash or check or you can mail them to: Corvair Houston c/o Ricki Jannise at 13102 N. Decker Dr, Magnolia, TX 77355-8461. Please make checks out to: Corvair Houston. The March issue of the newsletter will be the last for those who have not paid their dues for 2016.

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

Michelle Richburg	Nov. 8
Dorothy Rosenbaum	Nov. 13
George Lapp	Nov. 20
Jonathan Lunar	Nov. 21
Bruce Parker	Nov. 24
Chris Langley	Nov. 26
Rose Radoff	Dec. 1
Ed Murphy	Dec. 3
Bob Tucker	Dec. 3
Magi Tucker	Dec. 5
Dee Watkins	Dec. 13
Jerry Kelley	Dec. 16
Claudeann Jannise	Dec. 20
Sally Jannise	Dec. 23
Dudley Gray	Dec. 28
Abigail McCullough	Dec. 28
Vicki Eichenberg	Dec. 31
Mary Fox	Dec. 31

Happy Anniversary To:

Ron & Michelle Richburg	18 years	Nov. 1
Mark & Waynette Clarke	34 years	Nov. 7
Ray & Dorothy Rosenbaum	58 years	Nov. 10
Tony & Gail Pomponio	54 years	Nov. 21
Richard & Kristen Jones	33 years	Dec. 12
Jeff & Jeanelle Moser	22 years	Dec. 18
Fred & Sandra Mahler	46 years	Dec. 20
Gene & Joyce Marshall	53 years	Dec. 22
Charles & Clarkie Atkinson	58 years	Dec. 30
John & Jennifer McCullough	11 years	Dec. 31
Jerry & Jo Ann Miller	49 years	Dec. 31

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

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
Nov. 20	Club Meeting	Party Barn	Ed Walsh
Nov. 26-29	Autorama	G. Brown CC	Ricki Jannise
Dec. 7	Board Meeting	Hickory Hollow	Ed Walsh
Dec. 12	Christmas Party	Jannise's home	Sally Jannise
Jan. 15	Club Meeting	TBA	Ed Walsh
Jan. 15	Annual Elections	TBA	Ed Walsh

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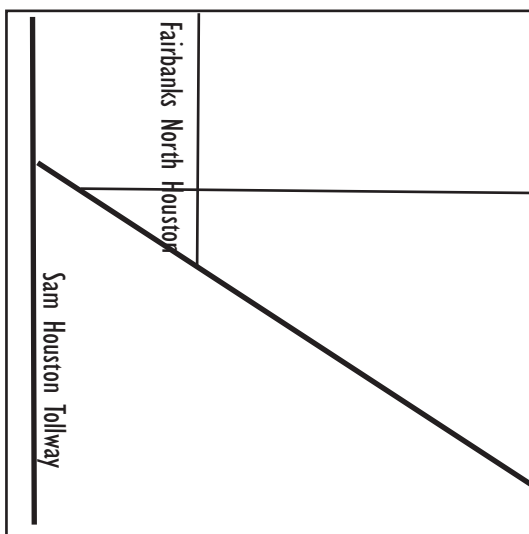
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Valve Cover Racers at Corvair Heritage Day VI

**CLUB MEETING TO BE
 HELD ON FRIDAY
 NOV. 20TH AT THE
 FEEHERRY 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.

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

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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