

Corvair Houston Newsletter



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**This month: Pancake Breakfast and Club Meeting on
Saturday, February 20th at the Jannise's**



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Driver's Seat

by Mike Tidwell



It is going to be a great year for outings this year.

You will start to notice the calendar of events in the newsletter. There will be several months of Corvair Houston events listed so you can plan ahead and make arrangements to attend.

Our first event on February 20th is the Corvair Houston annual Pancake Breakfast hosted by Ricki and Sally Jannise. Make

sure you drive your Corvair so we can get some new pictures of you and your cars to update the web site.

This year at the breakfast we will be accepting bids for the club car that was donated to the club last year and was rebuilt as a tech session effort by club members. The car was taken to Heritage Day in Dallas for the Auto Cross and made over 30 laps on the track with con-

tinuous back to back runs.

There will be other exciting outing this year that are scheduled and will be posted on the calendar. In March is the Bellville car show. Then comes April and that is HOT in Granbury. If you have any events that you are interested in please let me know so we can add it to the calendar.

As Corvair Houston members you are encouraged to participate in club

activities and tech sessions. If there are ANY tech session ideas that you would like to have please bring it to my attention no matter how small or large it is. Your input is very important to me and the Club as a whole.

See you at the Breakfast and be sure and drive your Corvair.



Calendar of Events

February 2016

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| 20 | Saturday at 9:00 a.m. | Pancake Breakfast | Jannise's home |
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March 2016

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| 12 | Saturday at 9:00 a.m. | Classic Car Stampede | Bellville, TX |
| 19 | Friday at 6:30 p.m. | Club Meeting | Location TBA |

April 2016

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| 9 | Saturday | TUNA | Tidwell's home |
| 22 - 24 | Friday - Sunday | HOT 2016 | Granbury, TX |

Rearview Mirror

by Howard King



With the elections for this year finalized at the January meeting and no events during the month, I began to toil over what was of interest to members that I could write about. I decide to dig into the library of past Communiques to see if there was something of interest there. Since this was for the February CH Newsletter I chose to pull out the issue for February, 10 years ago. Not difficult to do, so I sat down to read through the articles printed there. Almost immediately, I saw one about the 1965 Corvair Monza Spyder. WOW! That had my attention really quick.

The article went on to say that the writer was on a renewed search for the very car pictured in the newsletter from the CORSA Chapter, Corvair Houston. I would say WOW again, but I might think it a bit repetitive. But, you get my point.

Not only did I find an article of interest, it was about us! Then I looked into more of the details. The author was David Brown and the car had

been owned by Charles Lee, both of whom I know. As it turns out, the CH Newsletter from June 1975 sported a cover by John Noser, photo by Jim Hazlett, of Charles Lee's newly rebuilt 1965 Monza coupe. Although there was no mention of the car in an article within the pages, it was noted in David's article the extensive search he did to track down this rare car. He made attempts to contact various persons concerning the location and details of the car. His effort led him to Charles's ex-wife Janie who was awarded the car when they divorced. He drove to an address he found and actually got to speak with

her about the car, only to find that it had been left on the property she sold some years before. Not to be out done he obtained directions to its location and the property owners name. They were sketchy at best, but he managed to find the man and ask about the vehicle. His heart sank when he was told that the car had been sent to the crusher. You can almost hear the moan.

David did follow up on the remaining information from the VIN number and license plate numbers. Ultimately to find that this one could not have been a pilot production run car with the Monza and Spyder badges.

None the less, look at the photo of the car and you can see them there. Real or not, you decide???

I will tell you that in my humble opinion, knowing Charles, this for sure would be something he would do.

By the way, in the same issue of the Communique there is an additional article about the 1965 Monza Spyder. Much stir was created by a photo of one in the October 1964 issue of Car and Driver. As it goes it was of a GM Styling full sized fiberglass model with no powertrain.

Thanks to Ricki for digging out the old newsletter from which the photo was clipped.



Your Officers & Directors for 2016



Mike Tidwell - President



Richard Jonec - Vice President



Howard King - Secretary



Audrey Tidwell - Treasurer



Alan Dunlap - Director



Ken Boysen - Director



Jim Watkins - Director



Ricki Jannise - Membership



Dave Keseian - Website



Mark Clarke- Newsletter



Dee Watkins - Merchandise



Sally Jannise - Social Chair



Jim Watkins - Events



Greg Wroblese - HOT



Richard Jonec - Club Email



Guy Bobkoff - Historian

The Benefits of Attending Car Shows

by Bruce Eichenberg



I received an e-mail last month about the All-American Muscle Car Show in Conroe. I forwarded it to Vicki to give her advanced notice about going. I wanted to take her 1966 Monza convertible to this show/benefit. I did not look at who sent this e-mail I assumed it was forwarded by a Corvair Houston member so I expect to see some of our members and of course Corvairs. But we were the only Corvair in about 100 cars. Anyway I am not sure how I got on All-American Muscle Car's e-mail list, but I am sure glad I got this e-mail. Had I known our club members did not get the e-mail, I would have sent it to our members. I wanted to do a short article regarding this show held on Sunday, January 24,

2016 at the Conroe Air National Guard Airport. This group of people really know how to put a car event and benefit together. As it turned out I don't know what group put the show on I had assumed it was All-American Muscle Cars. AAMC just got wind of the car show benefit and sent out a mass e-mail that was answered with vigor that lead to far more participants than the benefit had expected. In advance they planned for a 30 cars and 100 people event. 100 cars and 300 people showed up as you might think they fell short on Food, drink and many other things. But on the fly, and in a timely manner, they came up with enough of everything to make

the event great for the people who showed up to support the benefit and Mr. Terry Brooks who has stage 4 cancer. I will support All-American Muscle Car's events in the Future. They support area events when they think it's worthy of support whether or not they planned it. Please remember Vicki and I were just participants so this article is not all the information the benefit have on this event and how well they did for Terry Brooks and family. They did announce that it was a grand success and from all we could tell it was just that.

This event was held at the Air National Guard Reserve Airport in Conroe. Several of the Confederate Air Force WWII

era warplanes and many other types of planes were on display at the benefit. Donation was \$30 that included a \$10 ticket for a BBQ dinner this included a photo of your car next to the WWII plane of your choice or other types of planes. We did not take that picture so no photos were taken with Vicki's car. So an extra ticket for \$10 for my dinner we had a great time for \$40 that included a great dinner great cars and great planes. The money above the costs went to Terry Brook's and his family to assist them through this trying time in their lives. Oh did I mention a live band, a dinner served in a plane hanger, with a Blue Angle plane being refurbished? What a great afternoon.



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.



Mark your Calendar! HOT 2016 - GRANBURY, TX

Hosted by North Texas Corvair Association
April 22-24, 2014

Hilton Garden Inn

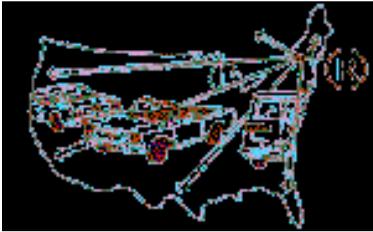
817-579-1300

Complete details and registration form are on the club website and the NTCA website.

Bulletin Board

Our 42nd Year!

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400 Mohawk Trail,
Shelburne Falls, MA 01370
(413)625-9776 www.corvair.com



For Sale: 1963 Monza Sedan

1963 four door with very cold A/C. Asking \$5,000 (REDUCED FROM \$7,000). Phone is 281-324-1617 or e-mail news2me@yahoo.com to Jerry Miller

TREASURY REPORT

REPORT AS OF JANUARY 31, 2015

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| Beginning Balance | \$4,635.34 |
| Receipts | |
| Deposits | \$545.00 |
| Subtotal | \$5,180.34 |
| Withdrawals: | \$213.35 |
| Ending Balance | \$4,966.99 |

Tech Session Ideas?

Have an interesting technical project you worked on recently? Need to see a technical demonstration of a procedure that will help you with your restoration or repair project? Your Corvair Houston Officers are looking for ideas for technical demonstration sessions for our monthly club meetings. These technical sessions can be helpful for those of us restoring or performing maintenance on our Corvairs.

If you have an idea, please notify one of your officers listed on page 8 of this newsletter. Have a project to present? Presentation assistance is available. Email any submissions to newsletter editor at mwclarke01@hotmail.com

-----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:**

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|------------------|---------|
| Susan Stock | Feb. 1 |
| Linda Holter | Feb. 2 |
| Mike Tidwell | Feb 5 |
| Loretta Kelley | Feb 5 |
| Charles Blanton | Feb. 5 |
| Denise Patterson | Feb. 7 |
| Kurt Massey | Feb. 13 |
| Betty Protteau | Feb. 16 |
| Dave Keseian | Feb. 20 |
| Bruce Eichenberg | Feb. 22 |
| John McCullough | Feb. 27 |
| Sandy McCullough | Feb. 27 |

Happy Anniversary To:

| | | |
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| Ed & Susan Stock | 43 years | Feb. 28 |
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**For Sale: 1966 Corsa \$15,000**

Let's keep this one in the club. Costa Kouzounis is selling his Corsa. Contact either Mike Tidwell (281-748-4576) or Costa (713-526-3781) for more information.

This space is available for Advertising. Please contact the newsletter editor at mwclarke01@hotmail.com for more information about how to post an ad.

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

The 2016 CORSA International Convention will be held in Springfield, IL, hosted by the Prairie Capital Association. The dates will be July 12 - July 16. The host hotel will be the Crowne Plaza Springfield Hotel (217-529-7777). For more information, go to <https://www.corvair.org/2016convention/>

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

Deliver to:



The Club Autocross Car is for sale!!

**CLUB MEETING &
 PANCAKE BREAKFAST TO
 BE HELD ON SAT. FEB 20TH
 AT THE JANNISE'S**

Directions: Ricki and Sally Jannise



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 | Mike Tidwell | 281-748-4576 |
| Vice President | Richard Jonc | 832-559-1629 |
| Secretary | Howard King | 832-687-8251 |
| Treasurer | Audrey Tidwell | 832-434-1154 |
| Director | Alan Dunlap | 281-203-9977 |
| Director | Ken Boysen | 281-831-5049 |
| Director | Jim Watkins | 979-824-6225 |

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 |
| Website | Dave Keseian | 936-689-8179 |
| Events Coord./Photographer | Jim Watkins | 979-824-6225 |
| H.O.T. Chairperson | Greg Wrobleske | 281-356-5542 |
| Social Chair | Sally Jannise | 281-259-2256 |
| Technical Chair | Mike Tidwell | 281-748-4576 |
| Club Email | Richard Jonc | 832-559-1629 |