

Driver's Seat

by Mike Tidwell



Hopefully everyone and their Corvair survived the recent rain. I can't wait to drive my Corvairs to all of the weekend events that are planned in the coming months. The Bellville Classic Car Stampede was on March 12th. I was not able to attend, but I heard that we had a few folks attend and represent the club. I can't wait to hear how the show went and see pictures. This month's meeting is going to be at the Party Barn and our gracious host, Mike Feehery, will be providing a BBQ dinner. For the folks celebrating the season of Lent, Mike will be offering Fish. Please make sure you put a generous donation in the jar for your meal and any drinks you get out of the coolers. I will be doing a tech

session on the common problems with Early turn signal and how to adjust.

Our next main event is scheduled for March the 19th. The Battle Ship of Texas is doing a Hard Hat Tour for the Normandy Invasion. If you made your reservation, make sure you bring a flashlight, good shoes for climbing stairs, and a camera. Hard Hats are provided. Hard Hat Tours aboard Battleship TEXAS are a truly unique opportunity to see the inner workings of the last Dreadnought Battleship on earth. Go behind the locked gates on an expertly led tour through the events as they relate to Battleship TEXAS' involvement in D-Day. Prior reservations are required. Tours are 2 hours in length. You are going

into areas of the ship that in some cases have not had any restoration work done so these areas can be quite dirty. Wear clothing that is appropriate for this type of adventure.

On April 15-16 in Burton is the Cotton Gin Festival. On Saturday there is a parade at 10:00 am and then at 1:00 is the Old Time Tractor Pulls. If you want to participate in the parade, please let me know at the meeting so I can fill out a club entry form. There is no cost to participate or see a caravan for the drive.

HOT is being hosted by North Texas Corvair Association on April 22-24 in Granbury Texas. Make sure that you mail in your registration form to confirm your attendance.

I will be holding a Tuna (aka Tune Up session) on April 9th for the Corvair members that are going to HOT. You will be able to check out your car and I will help you with any small repair.

Dee Watkins is working on a Corvair Camping trip for the weekend of May 14th in Bastrop. Please let her know if you are interested in attending so she that will know how many spots to reserve.

Make sure that you keep up with the calendar of events in the newsletter and the emails that I send out about upcoming events. Hope to see you at the meeting on Friday night. Be sure and drive your Corvair.



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.

Rearview Mirror

by Howard King



The February club meeting was held on Saturday the 20th at the Jan-nise's home where the annual Pancake Breakfast was the order of business. It is always a big hit with everyone and this year was no exception with a good turnout of both Corvairs and members.

I counted 14 Corvairs in attendance for the breakfast and club autocross car auction. The weather was a contributing factor to the outstanding attendance along with the yummy blueberry pancakes that Sally and the team kept

shoveling out for the hungry group. Yea, Sally!

After we were all stuffed with all that could be eaten we went outside for the presentation and auction of the Corvair Houston Autocross car. First off we wanted to offer up our appreciation to Ed Walsh, with the presentation of his Corvair Houston Past Presidents jacket. Thanks Ed for your service to the club.

This 67 coupe had been donated to the club and was refurbished with help and donations from members for that race event. It was decided that

the club no longer had an interest in keeping it to participate in local autocross events due to several reasons and would be auctioned off. As you recall, this was the car that was driven during the Heritage Days event last year in Dallas. It inspired and amazed several from the various clubs as a club participation idea. Several of us drove the car during the event there, on the track, and had a blast. I believe we were told it made 34 laps during the race.

The winning bid was placed by longtime member Todd Hasfjord and

100% of the proceeds went to the club treasury. Todd made arrangements to drive the car to his Missouri City home that very day. After the goodbyes several of us drove to Mike's home for his parts sale and to assist in moving Fred Mahler's car into position for the installation of his new 140HP engine.

There were many parts that exchanged hands to go to new homes. Mike is reducing his stash of Corvair goodies, so if you have a need please contact him for more information.



In Memorium - Charles Blanton February 5, 1932 - February 18, 2016

Charles Ellis “Charlie” Blanton passed away on Thursday, February 18, 2016, at the age of 84 years. He was born on February 5, 1932, in McCamey, Texas, to Doris Winifred Blanton and Anna Louise Holcomb Blanton. On February 22, 2002, he married Joy Annette Pleasant in Houston. Charlie had a passion for old vintage cars and was a “Gardener Delux”.

He is survived by his wife, Joy Pleasant Blanton of Katy; sons, Charles E. Blanton and his wife Nelia, and John Mark Blanton and his wife Nancy, all of Ft. Worth, Texas; daughter, Laurie L. Pleasant of Houston, Texas; four grandchildren; 3 great grandchildren; as well as other loving family members and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents; son, Richard Blanton; and brother, Don Blanton.

A memorial visitation will be held from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 24, 2016, at the Schmidt Funeral Home Chapel, in Katy, where a memorial service will be held at 4:00 p.m.

Those wishing to make memorial gifts may do so to the American Cancer Society, 6301 Richmond Avenue, Houston, Texas 77057.



Charles & Joy Blanton



Charles & Joy Blanton's 1965 Corsa at HOT 2008

Calendar of Events

MARCH 2016

18	FRIDAY at 6:30 P.M.	CLUB MEETING	PARTY BARN
19	SATURDAY	BATTLESHIP TEXAS TOUR	SAN JACINTO PARK

APRIL 2016

9	SATURDAY	TUNA	TIDWELL'S HOME
15	FRIDAY AT 6:30 P.M.	CLUB MEETING	TBA
16	SATURDAY	COTTON GIN FESTIVAL	BURTON, TX
22 - 24	FRIDAY TO SUNDAY	HOT 2016	GRANBURY, TX

MAY 2016

14-15	SATURDAY - SUNDAY	CAMPING TRIP	BASTROP STATE PARK
20	FRIDAY AT 6:30 P.M.	CLUB MEETING	TBA



Photos from the Classic Car Stampede in Bellville - also see cover photo

Bulletin Board

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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 FEBRUARY 29, 2015

Beginning Balance	\$4,966.99
Receipts	
Deposits (Dues, Club Car)	\$1,115.00
Subtotal	\$6,081.99
Withdrawals:	\$189.87
Ending Balance	\$5,892.12



For Sale: 1964 Spyder Convertible

Tony's selling his "Purple People Eater!" A Candy Violet 1964 (registered as a 1963) Spyder Convertible. The turbo has been replaced with a 140 - 4 bbl. All glass in great condition as is the upholstery and convertible top. Tires at 80% as are the brakes. Wolf whistle and under carriage lights still working. New JVC AM/FM CD player radio installed. Needs speaker to be installed (New Pioneer Speakers included). Call/email for more pix. 281-794-5080/togatoo@charter.net. DOES NOT include Purple hat. \$4,500 FIRM - CASH/CERTIFIED CHECK ONLY!

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

Trenton Moser	Mar. 1
Todd Hasfjord	Mar. 3
Jon Protteau	Mar. 4
Robert Freeman	Mar. 7
Dennis Svetlik	Mar. 7
Rebecca Garrett	Mar. 7
Geary Grimes	Mar. 8
Charles Atkinson	Mar. 13
Joyce Marshall	Mar. 13
Mark Clarke	Mar. 23
Kristen Jonc	Mar. 24
Kristen Brennan	Mar. 25
Scott Brittin	Mar. 25

Happy Anniversary To:

Mike & Audrey Tidwell	20 years	Mar. 23
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Rodney Telfor's dad is offering his Corvair van to Houston club Members for \$2,500. If any one is interested they can call Rodney at 239 349 5184. (Non -Members \$3,000.)

**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.

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

FOR SALE:

1962 Corvair Greenbrier 6-door Van
Black; originally owned by TAMU; 95 HP, 4-speed standard; some rust but body looks ok; structurally good; runs good; new brakes & tires. Licensed & driven; asking \$1,450. Contact: Jon Protteau (Corvair Houston) @ 936-520-2395 or jprotteau@yahoo.com

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

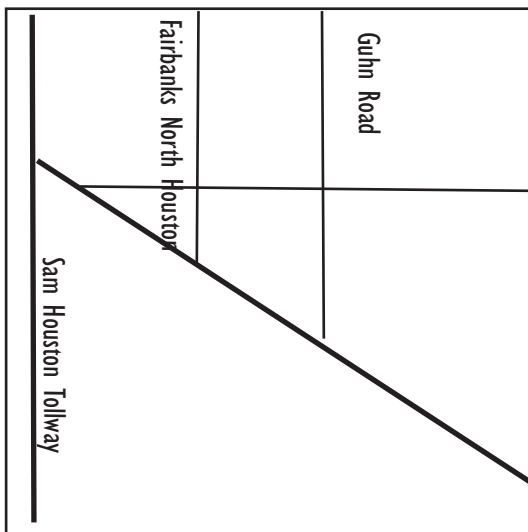
Deliver to:



This cap is your for \$10 - see Dee if interested

**CLUB MEETING TO BE
 HELD ON FRIDAY
 MARCH 18TH AT THE
 FEEHERY 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	Mike Tidwell	281-748-4576
Vice President	Richard Jonc	832-559-1629
Secretary	Howard King	832-687-8251
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Director	Ken Boysen	281-831-5049
Director	Jim Watkins	979-824-6225

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Membership & Library	Ricki Jannise	281-259-2256
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