

Corvair Houston Newsletter



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| by Mike Tidwell



April was a busy month. We had the Tuna on the 9th, Burton Cotton Gin Festival on the 16th, HOT in Granbury on the 22nd and Cameron Cars Show on the 30th. My Corvair has been driven a lot this last month. In May it has slowed down a little bit but I still plan on doing some driving if the weather permits. On May 13-15 Corvair Houston is going camping in Bastrop.

If you did not reserve your spot, you can just come out on Saturday and enjoy good friends, food and a camp fire. Just sit around and listen to nature and talk cars. On Sunday May 22nd Corvair Houston has been invited by the Buick Club and Matt Feehery to tour the Tony Gullo Auto Museum. This is his private museum with over 250 Classic cars in a facility complete with

mock gas station, 1950's style diner, and muscle cars outfitted with car hops. There is a \$10.00 admission fee. You will enjoy viewing all of the beautiful cars for 3 hours. You can meet at the the Original Super Burger at 12:00 for lunch on 20555 FM 1488 in Magnolia or at Tony Gullo's Museum at 30723 Old Hockley Rd, Magnolia Texas 77355. The tour will start at 1.30 p.m.

The meeting this month will be on May 20th at the Party Barn and dinner will be provided by the Feehery's. I will be doing a tech session on how to sync carburetors and answering any questions you have. We will also be discussing upcoming events for the month of May and June.

I hope to see you at the meeting on the 20th.



Camping Trip at Bastrop State Park May 13-15



Come join the fun!
Contact Dee Watkins for details

Rearview Mirror

by Howard King



Wow, this past month has been a jam-packed, fun filled events time to enjoy your Corvair and the company of other like minded folks. Barbara and I have enjoyed time away from it all and participated in as much as possible.

Earlier in the month Mike conducted a Tuna at his home on the 9th. Members with repair needs were invited to participate in preparing their cars for upcoming road trips, especially for the HOT event in Granbury.

On the following Saturday, twelve CH members in six Corvairs made an appreciated appearance in the Burton Cotton Gin Parade. An exciting time of participation in a small town parade after which we all parked and had fun touring the various vendor booths, museum and the bailing of the historic cotton bales at the gin. The gin was built in 1913 by a co-op of farmers and in 1925 the engine was upgraded from steam power to its current Bessemer injected engine. Weighing in at 6 tons it produces a whopping 125-horse

power and drives the gin from a 57 foot connected driveshaft. This old gin was a must see and we were amazed to watch it produce the bailed product. Of course, there were the normal food vendors, various beverages and a live band which were enjoyed throughout the day.

Then the very next weekend was the HOT (Heart of Texas) 2016 in Granbury. This year the event was organized by NTCA from the Dallas/Fort Worth area. The last information I had showed there were 42 Corvairs on the Granbury town square for the car show and 104 participants at the banquet Saturday evening. In spite of the

various organizational challenges that faced the NTCA folks, the events were a great deal of fun.

The Friday evening Ghost and history tour around the square was a hit with sixteen or more participants at the two scheduled times. Several others attended the nostalgic drive in movie double feature which was also indicated to be a fun time.

On Saturday morning after placing our cars for the show there was just enough time to get ready for the valve cover races located just off one corner of the square. I saw Jerry Miller there racing his valve cover as was I. The races were over by noon so it was shopping at

the numerous neat places.

In the afternoon there was a fun run organized to tour the surrounding area and a Revolver Brewery tour. The tour started with an explanation of beer making and the company history and followed up with a tasting time of four popular Revolver beers.

The banquet was held at an alternate restaurant adjacent to the square and was packed with hungry HOT attendees. Lots of door prizes were handed out by a drawing and then the show results were announced.

Several awards were snagged by CH members including Jeffrey Trick who received the Hilton Managers award after getting the beeebers scared out of him when they called him to the front with an announcement about a problem with his car. Jeffrey also took home the first place in Late Open class. Ken Boyesen took second place in Early Closed, and I got third place in Late Open class. There is still some discussion about that as I have a coupe.



Valve Cover Racer display

HEART OF TEXAS 2016 in Granbury



Calendar of Events

MAY 2016

| | | | |
|-------|---------------------|--------------|--------------------|
| 13-15 | FRIDAY - SUNDAY | CAMPING TRIP | BASTROP STATE PARK |
| 20 | FRIDAY AT 6:30 P.M. | CLUB MEETING | PARTY BARN |

JUNE 2016

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| 17 | FRIDAY AT 6:30 P.M. | CLUB MEETING | TBA |
| 18 | SATURDAY TIME TBA | SHIP CHANNEL BOAT TOUR | |



The 2016 CORSA International Convention will take place in Springfield, Illinois on July 12 through July 16. Join us for “Corvairs on the Prairie.” The host hotel is Crown Plaza Springfield, 217/529-7777, but it is sold out. Alternate lodging: Comfort Suites, 217/753-4000, \$99; Hilton Garden Inn, 217/529-7171, \$99; Residence Inn and Suites, 217/527-1100, \$124; Holiday Inn Express, 217/615-5057, \$99. For more information on the 2016 Convention, visit the 2016 Convention website.

Bulletin Board

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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.

TREASURY REPORT

REPORT AS OF APRIL 30, 2015

| | |
|---------------------------|-------------------|
| Beginning Balance | \$6,148.12 |
| Receipts | |
| Deposits (Dues, Club Car) | <u>\$280.00</u> |
| Subtotal | \$6,428.12 |
| Withdrawals: | <u>\$1,898.84</u> |
| Ending Balance | \$4,529.28 |

Mark your Calendar!

HOT 2017 - KERRVILLE, TX

Hosted by Corvair Houston

April 21-23, 2017

Y. O. Ranch Hotel

www.yoranchotel.com

More details to be provided in the coming months

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 Mike Tidwell at matidwell323@att.net

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Bulletin Board

Happy Birthday To:

| | | |
|------------------|--|--------|
| John Spenn | | May 17 |
| Madee McCullough | | May 22 |
| Kay Freeman | | May 23 |
| Matt Feehery | | May 24 |
| Jo Ann Miller | | May 24 |
| Ray Rosenbaum | | May 27 |
| Fred Mahler | | May 27 |
| April Grimes | | May 30 |

Happy Anniversary To:

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| Geary & Deborah Grimes | 33 years | May 13 |
| Matt & Kim Feehery | 32 years | May 26 |

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.

Gasoline Tip



With gas prices going up again, it can be useful to shop around for the cheapest prices in your area. The website at <http://autos.msn.com/everyday/gas-stations.aspx> allows you to enter your zip code and will provide the prices for gas at all the stations near you. The data is updated daily.

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

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.



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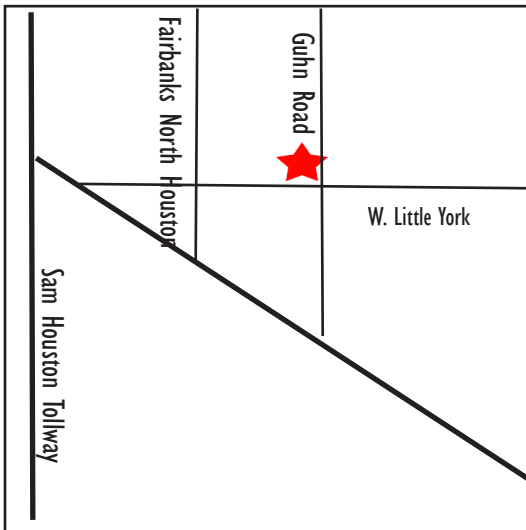
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Best of show award winners from HOT 2016

**CLUB MEETING TO BE
 HELD ON FRIDAY
 MAY 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:

| | | |
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| President | Mike Tidwell | 281-748-4576 |
| Vice President | Richard Jonec | 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:

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|----------------------------|----------------|--------------|
| 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 |
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| Social Chair | Sally Jannise | 281-259-2256 |
| Technical Chair | Mike Tidwell | 281-748-4576 |
| Club Email | Richard Jonec | 832-559-1629 |