

# Corvair Houston Newsletter



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Hot Nights/Cool Tunes in Brenham on Saturday, July 16th**



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# Driver's Seat

by Mike Tidwell



I hope that everyone had a great Father's Day and 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend. I heard back from several club members that were able to go on the Ship Channel tour. They all had a great time. If you were not able to make it that is something you really need to do and it is free.

Our next meeting is on July 15<sup>th</sup> at the Hick-

ory Hollow Restaurant on Fallbrook. We will be discussing some of our upcoming events.

On July 16<sup>th</sup> we will be going to Brenham for Hot Nights & Cool Tunes. There are different musicians playing each Saturday night. The Texas Unlimited Band will be playing on July 16<sup>th</sup>. There is a car show, food and drinks

are available for purchase to support the community and help pay for the free concerts. The car show is on Alamo Street so bring your lawn chairs.

At the meeting we will see who is going and discuss a possible caravan so we can all park together.

Kurt and Pam Massey have opened their home to the club for a pool

party on August 6<sup>th</sup>.

They have a beautiful outdoor living area with covered seating and BBQ pits. Times and menu items will be decided at a later date or at the meeting.

It's hot out there but still drive your Corvair. See ya at the meeting.



Photos from the Houston Ship Channel Tour

# Rearview Mirror

| by Howard King



The June meeting was the first of the summer months to be held at Hickory Hollow in the upstairs air-conditioned room, for which we are grateful. Many thanks to Mike, our gracious host as manager of Hickory Hollow, for providing the meeting place.

Just like last year we had a good turnout of Corvair folks to enjoy the food and fun together. It seemed a little harder to get the large group of thirty-five calmed down to start the meeting. The room was abuzz with conversation, of which much was about Corvairs and the summer ahead, I am sure. Even if it wasn't, it sounded as if they were all talking about something, you get the idea.

Club President Mike Tidwell brought the meeting to order and talked about the flood victim relief, collection and upcoming events. There was an issue with the Saturday Houston Ship Channel Tour which he and Audrey cleared up along with instructions for those that would be

attending. More about that subject in a moment.

Mike then went on to a mini tech session on early rear wheel bearing maintenance. As he said, owners of an early model often forget about those bearings until they fail. In just a little time one can do some prevention by removing the rear axle just far enough to split the bearing apart, cleaning and greasing it with a quality hi temperature grease. Many of the bearing grease products on the shelf now have some moly in them.

Mike went on to say that even he had experienced this issue recently with replacement bearings he installed and not done the greasing maintenance.

This is somewhat due to the age of the bearings and the fact that each bearing contains about a teaspoon of lubricant.

He admonished all early owners to spend some time and do it. Thanks Mike.

On Saturday morning it was off to Melbas Country Kitchen for an early breakfast. From what I gathered it is in a building built back in the late 1800's and been a trucker favorite for quite some time. In the same building is a working CB radio repair shop crammed with nostalgic items. Breaker, breaker, you remember those days, right?

After breakfast we caravanned a short distance to the Ship Channel Tour

parking area to await the 10AM call for boarding. The boat was comfortable with a courteous crew for our near 90 minute tour. The ride took us down the channel just a little past the 610 bridge over the channel during which some of the industry and sights were described over the loud speaker. As we turned around to head back to the dock we were treated to a complimentary soda or water.

On arriving back at the dock we gathered for a group photo, which included the Captain Doug Mims, who interestingly learned to drive in a Corvair. Hope to see you at a future meeting or event.



# Todd & Nga Hasfjord Wedding Ceremony July 9, 2016



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# Calendar of Events

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## JULY 2016

15	FRIDAY AT 6:30 P.M.	CLUB MEETING	HICKORY HOLLOW
16	SATURDAY EVENING	HOT NIGHTS/COOL TUNES	BRENHAM

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## AUGUST 2016

6	SATURDAY AT 3:00 P.M.	POOL PARTY	MASSEY'S HOME
19	FRIDAY AT 6:30 P.M.	CLUB MEETING	HICKORY HOLLOW
20	SATURDAY AT 8:00 A.M.	LONE STAR FLIGHT MUSEUM	TELWINK DINER/GALVESTON

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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

## Our 42nd Year!

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**For Sale: 1961 Monza 900 \$8,000**  
80 hp automatic; Contact Nancy Yezzi  
directly at [nyezzi@aol.com](mailto:nyezzi@aol.com)



## TREASURY REPORT

REPORT AS OF JUNE 30, 2016

Beginning Balance	\$6,465.95
Receipts	
Deposits (Dues, Club Car)	<u>-0-</u>
Subtotal	\$6,465.95
Withdrawals:	<u>\$50.00</u>
Ending Balance	\$6,415.95

**For Sale: 1962 Monza 900** with a 4 speed Saginaw and dual carb. White exterior/red interior in decent shape. 2nd owner. It's been garaged kept and it does have an older paint job and headliner. Seats are in very good shape. All lights, horn and gauges work (except reverse lights-it's wiring) Radio there but not plugged/wiring. New shocks, washer pump, battery, belt, idler pulley etc. Has electric fuel pump and converted to electronic ignition. Car runs, steers, drives, stops; It shows its age-rust spots in trunk and needs some work but not bad for a 54 year old car. Car has fender skirts, gas chrome guard and bumper guards. Asking price \$4000 located in Webster.

**For Sale: 1966 Spyder Convertible**  
with a Turbo engine and a Saginaw transmission. Red paint with fawn interior. Will need top-keep it in garage and down. Engine was rebuilt by last owner. Car has the usual rust problems here and there from being a convertible. I was using it as a daily driver during the winter and it drives, steers, handle and brakes ok. Had carburetor rebuilt by Clarks plus new shocks, belt, washer pump, gas tank, left rear bearing and brakes. All gauges/cluster lights work. Radio turns on but needs speaker and wiring. All lights-horn wiper/washer in working condition. Reverse lights inop. Asking price \$4500 located in Webster  
For both cars, contact Jonathan E. Lunar  
(832)221-6593 (cell) txt or call.

[Txfordtk@yahoo.com](mailto:Txfordtk@yahoo.com)

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

Bill Ranshaw		July 1
Gary Buckner		July 3
Julie Murphy		July 7
Jim Watkins		July 14
Lloyd Jannise		July 18

**Happy Anniversary To:**

Ricki & Sally Jannise	40 years	July 10
Greg & Ronnie Riley	24 years	July 10
Jerry & Loretta Kelley	51 years	July 16

**Welcome New Members!**

Dan & Nancy Cockrell (Huffman, TX)  
1965 Monza Coupe

**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](mailto:matidwell323@att.net)

**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)

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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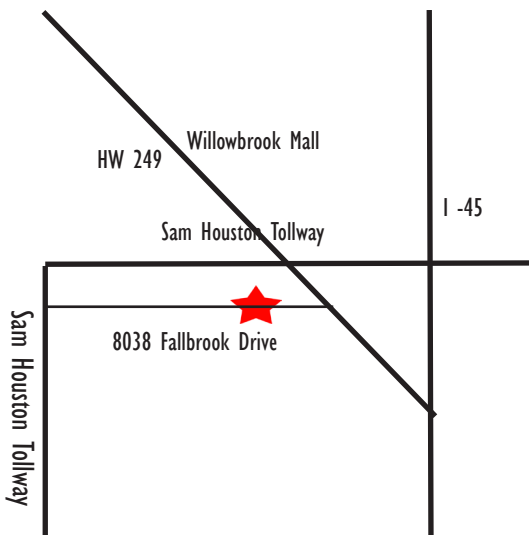
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Dave Brown's Rampside - 4th of July in Wimberley, TX

## CLUB MEETING TO BE HELD ON FRIDAY JULY 15TH AT HICKORY HOLLOW

Map to the Meeting Location  
 8038 Fallbrook Drive, Houston, TX 77064



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 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

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