

# Corvair Houston Newsletter



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This month: Club Meeting on Friday, Nov. 18th, Autorama  
Nov. 23rd-27th and Christmas Party on Dec. 10th



## Andrew & Kasey Clarke - an Autumn wedding in Bastrop

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# Driver's Seat

| by Mike Tidwell



Hey Everyone! Last month at the Niftee Fifteens Monster Classic Cruise-In there were over 300 cars in attendance. A few Corvair Houston members (and their Corvairs) showed up to pass out candy to all the little monsters. To our surprise we did not know that Auto Lab was doing a judging on the best unique classic car. Before 9 o'clock the folks from Auto Lab said that I had to go up front because my Rampside was in the finals for the judging.

Audrey and I went up front and to our surprise we won 2<sup>nd</sup> place from Niftee Fifteens and Auto Lab on the Best Unique Classic Car.

Then in Flatonía at the Czhlispiel 44, Howard and Barbara King took 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Great job on representing the club and Corvair ownership.

This year is quickly coming to a close. Corvair Houston needs your help. Audrey and I will be stepping down from our roles and we will not be able to do as much with the club in the future. With a family life and Audrey's health, we need to slow down a little bit. We will still be involved with the club, but mostly as Tech support and as members.

That said, we have some openings on the board for next year. We will need a Vice President,

Treasurer, Secretary, and a volunteer for newsletter editor. None of these positions require a lot of time, just dedication to show up to meetings and offer your advice. To keep the club alive, we need committed leadership to set up fun runs, activities, car shows and to promote Corvair ownership. If you would like more information on a position on the Board please ask me or a Board Member. Our next Board meeting will be on December 6<sup>th</sup> at Hickory Hollow restaurant. Anyone is welcome to come and see what it takes to keep Corvair Houston running. It's not much work at all

and this is a family club so bring the wife and kids.

December 10<sup>th</sup> is our annual Christmas party at Ricki and Sally Jannise's house. Bring a side dish and a present wrapped in red for the ladies and a present wrapped in green for the men. Suggested value of the gift is \$25.

Enjoy driving your Corvair as weather gets cooler.

As previously communicated, we will be enjoying a Thanksgiving dinner at the club meeting this Friday so please bring an appetizer, vegetable, casserole or dessert. Hope to see you there as we will be discussing our Autorama car display.



## 1964 Rampside

Custom paint and interior (green and white); Auto transmission

15' mag wheels

Overhauled engine 30 overbore

Carbs freshly overhauled

Has won many awards

Drive anywhere

Needs suspension bearings I can do for buyer

\$20,000.00

Contact Mike Tidwell 281-748-4576

# Rearview Mirror

by Howard King



Without a doubt, Fall has arrived and also the usual activities that go with the coming colder weather. This change brings out more club members to the meetings. We had more than 25 club members in attendance at the October meeting and several members drove their Corvair. The focus was on the months events and a look forward to November and December.

Brice Bergeson commented that he was pleasantly surprised to see the picture of his original late coupe in the October edition of the club news-

letter. Perhaps Mark can recruit him to take over the reins as Newsletter Editor next year. While it seems that most of us have a garage full of Corvairs, there are still some unmolested ones still out there. These "originals" have that ability to make us proud to talk about. Almost like a new PaPa. I presume you have all seen the article that appeared in the latest Communique about my find. Mark Corbin added some of the photos I had sent to make it a great presentation.

Mike Tidwell called on me to talk about the

upcoming Czhilispiel in Flatonia the next weekend.

There is also a call out for volunteers to help with this years Autorama Corvair Houston display. This is a challenge for just a few people but could be so much easier if more members volunteered with the setup and tear down. Please consider putting in some time on this. The setup bonus is you get to see many of the cars displayed without paying the admission fee. Ricki Jannise has headed this team effort for many years and he does an outstanding job.

Take a look at the calendar and choose a time to help.

Mike Tidwell gave an excellent tech talk on an overlooked topic for many. Grounding is one of those mysteries that can be illusive, as he pointed to some early tail light issues on a particular car. Due to the design and age of our cars, getting the tail lights and brake lights light to operate properly can often be a challenge. If you missed this topic be sure to follow up with Mike, as he pointed out some very good things to look for in diagnosing and curing these bugs.

## Czhilispiel 44 in Flatonia - October 28-30

by Howard King

Just as described last month, the Czhilispiel 2016 on the last weekend of October was one to talk about. It seemed as if it was going to be a good one and it was. Of course, with superb weather in the mix and cool nights on hand the entire weekend was a blast. If you did not make the event this time then put it on your calendar for next year. The

chili and BBQ cook-off events on Saturday were brimming with entrants. Maybe since last years Czhilispiel was literally rained out more contestants wanted to try their hand at a win. The tasting and judging took much of Saturday afternoon and many awards were given.

Saturday evening through the night the music could be heard in the big tent as many name

bands played and sang. Lots of food and beverage mixed with a county fair atmosphere. On Sunday the car show started at 10 AM and in the past it seems there wasn't nearly the number of entries as this year. At about 2:30 I checked in with the organizers and was told there were over 65 there. Registration and classes for judging did not seem to resemble each other

as there were about 10 on the form but trophies were handed out for 20 classes, or so, with First thru Third in each. At the end, I inquired and found out that if more Corvairs were registered then they would more likely be in their own class. This is far different then some of the other shows we attend. And yes, I did get a trophy, yahoo again.







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# Calendar of Events

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## NOVEMBER 2016

1	TUESDAY AT 6:30 P.M.	BOARD MEETING	HICKORY HOLLOW
18	FRIDAY AT 6:30 P.M.	CLUB MEETING	PARTY BARN
20	SUNDAY AT 4:00 P.M.	LOAD AUTORAMA DISPLAY	JANNISE HOME
22	TUESDAY 2:00 - 4:00 P.M.	UNLOAD AUTORAMA DISPLAY	G. BROWN CC
23	WEDNESDAY 8:00 A.M.	AUTORAMA SETUP	G. BROWN CC
24-27	THURSDAY TO SUNDAY	AUTORAMA EXHIBIT	G. BROWN CC
27	SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M.	AUTORAMA TEARDOWN	G. BROWN CC
28	MONDAY AT 6:00 P.M.	UNLOAD/STORE DISPLAY	JANNISE HOME

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## DECEMBER 2016

6	TUESDAY AT 6:30 P.M.	BOARD MEETING	HICKORY HOLLOW
10	SATURDAY AT 5:00 P.M.	CHRISTMAS PARTY	JANNISE'S HOME

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## JANUARY 2017

20	FRIDAY AT 6:30 P.M.	MEETING/ELECTIONS	TBA
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# Bulletin Board

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## Our 42nd Year!

Get the 2013-2018 Catalog. If you did not get the catalog in 2013 or 2014, you can get one FREE on your first \$50 order during 2015. (Additional catalogs \$3 with an order) Over 100 new repro parts in the past 3 years.



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### For Sale: 1965 Greenbrier 6 Door Van

Color is green and white.  
Has been custom painted for about 4 or 5 year's and looks great. Never been outside or seen rain since it has been painted.  
Will have to be put back together by buyer  
All interior custom work done  
Have everything for van to complete  
**\$5,000.00**  
Contact Mike Tidwell 281-748-4576

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## TREASURY REPORT

REPORT AS OF OCTOBER 31, 2016

Beginning Balance	\$6,048.66
Receipts	
Deposits (T-shirt sales)	<u>250.00</u>
Subtotal	\$6,298.66
Withdrawals (Autorama)	(\$434.12)
Service Charge	<u>(\$15.00)</u>
Ending Balance	\$5,849.54

**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 Monza 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.

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

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

**Happy Anniversary To:**

Ron & Michelle Richburg	19 years	Nov. 1
Mark & Waynette Clarke	35 years	Nov. 7
Ray & Dorothy Rosenbaum	59 years	Nov. 10
Chuck & Claudia House	11 years	Nov. 17
Tony & Gail Pomponio	55 years	Nov. 21
Richard & Kristen Jonc	34 years	Dec. 12
Fred & Sandy Mahler	47 years	Dec. 20
Gene & Joyce Marshall	54 years	Dec. 22
Charles & Clarkie Atkinson	59 years	Dec. 30
John & Jennifer McCullough	12 years	Dec. 31
Jerry & Joann Miller	50 years	Dec. 31

**Newsletter Editor needed!!**

We need a volunteer to take over the duties of Newsletter Editor. It is a fun role and a great opportunity to serve the club. Please contact Mark Clarke at 281-217-8573 or by email at mwclarke01@hotmail.com if you would like 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

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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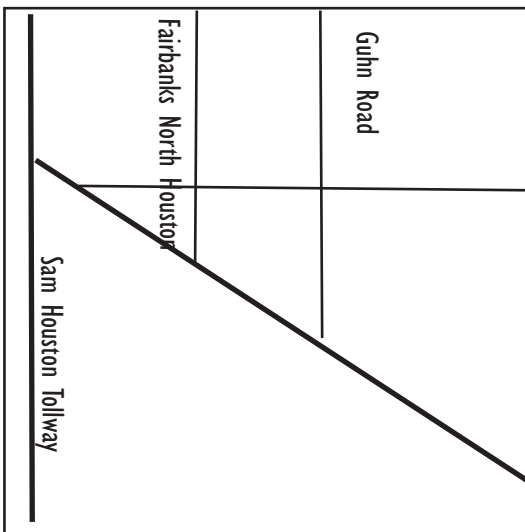
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Tidwells take 2nd place for Unique Classic Car at Niftee 50s

## CLUB MEETING TO BE HELD ON FRIDAY NOVEMBER 18TH 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.

2016 Officers:

President	Mike Tidwell	281-748-4576
Vice President	Richard Jonec	832-559-1629
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Director	Ken Boysen	281-831-5049
Director	Jim Watkins	979-824-6225

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