

Corvair Houston Newsletter



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This month: Club Meeting and Annual Pancake Breakfast on
Saturday, February 18th at the Jannise's home



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It is my honor and privilege to serve as your Corvair Houston Club President for 2017. I look forward to serving you our members. We will continue to make Corvair Houston the fun and exciting car and social club that it is. With over a 40-year history we have a legacy to uphold in the Corvair club community. As you all are aware, we are the HOT host club for 2017. Although the board's primary focus is on preparation for HOT the first quarter of the year, we still have time to attend and support a few car events between now and HOT in April.

Plan on attending the Bellville Classic Car Stampede on March 11th and let's have a strong showing by bringing as many Corvairs as possible. Times and locations will be confirmed at the annual Pancake Breakfast. Don't forget that this month's club meeting is in conjunction with the Pancake Breakfast at Ricki and Sally's Home on Saturday February 18th. All meeting activities will be

discussed at the breakfast. Mike Tidwell indicated he plans to bring Corvair parts to the event to sell. If you have anything to sell by all means bring your Corvair wares. If you have something that you are looking for to complete your project let the membership know. Mark Clarke can help facilitate that via a broadcast email to the members. Also, don't forget our clubs FaceBook page for these type of communications.

Moving beyond HOT the membership has some great opportunities to become involved in social events and car related activities for the balance of the year. This years' focus will be on less frequent core events and increasing member participation at those events. Being a motorsports enthusiast I propose to our membership that we plan on participating in a local autocross event in the greater Houston area. I will reach out to some of the clubs that organize such events and find out the schedule for 2017. We will coordinate an event date

at the upcoming board meeting and inform the membership accordingly. There are several local vintage car races scheduled throughout the year and we should plan to attend one of those as a club. Chris Langley our resident Corvair racer and Stinger owner can let us know his racing schedule for 2017.

Moving beyond these type of activities Corvair Houston needs to consider how we will continue to promote the Corvair Marque. One of the ways we can do this is to be involved in outreach events to a younger generation of enthusiasts. The car culture crosses over to all generations and we have experts and very knowledgeable members that can tell the Corvair story. We have some wonderful cars to show the younger car enthusiasts by attending venues that are school sponsored either at high schools, trade schools or colleges. You never know when you can spark the interest of a budding car enthusiast.

As far as business matters are concerned we

need to address the clubs status as a non-profit. and consider choosing a recognized charity that the club could support this year. We can do this by making a charitable contribution or providing scholarship to a deserving student to assist in attending a trade school, or university.

Finally the 10th edition of Bob Helt's book The Classic Corvair has hit the books shelves. Bob is an icon in the Corvair Community has scribed many articles for the Communique. I just picked up a copy at Auto Books Aero Books in Burbank during my visit to CA last week. Whether you are old or new to the Corvair Hobby this is a must have book to add to your library. If you are ever in Burbank, CA do not miss the opportunity to stop in and browse their shelves of all things transportation. The place is a Gem and should be on be on your bucket list if you are truly a car enthusiast. Amazon can't provide an experience like this. [https://www-autobooks-aerobooks.com](https://www.autobooks-aerobooks.com)



Rearview Mirror

by Jon Protteau



On January 20th, Corvair Houston held its first meeting of 2017 at the 'Party Barn' off Guhn Road in NW Houston, which is generously provided by Mike Feehery, brother of member Matt Feehery. The election of Officers is always held at this January meeting so there was a full house attending this important gathering. The new officers include Richard Jonec, President, Ken Boysen, Vice President, Ricki Jannise, Treasurer, Jon Protteau, Secretary, and Ed Stock, Howard King Sally Jannise as Directors. Corvair Houston continues to request that a member take over as Editor of the Newsletter to relieve Mark Clarke who has had this position for a

number of years. The new Auto-Rama Coordinator is Todd Hasfjord alleviating Ricki Jannise who held this position for many years. Discussed at this meeting was the upcoming Heart of Texas annual reunion, which will be held on April 20-23 in Kerrville. Greg Wrobleske, founder of the H.O.T. event twenty-one years ago, is the Chairman of this event for which Corvair Houston is hosting, again this year, following the three-year rotation with the Dallas, Austin and San Antonio Corvair Clubs. Greg discussed that this year's reunion would be a bit more relaxed with the actual 'Car Show' to be held on Friday afternoon instead of Saturday so that everyone could enjoy a leisurely drive through

the scenic Hill Country. Many club members plan to caravan to Kerrville on Thursday with another group planning to drive there early Friday morning. Dee Watkins discussed the solicitation of more raffle items from club members as well as door prizes. Dee Watkins showed the members who were present the design of this year's theme and the proposed T-Shirts. Ken Boysen discussed the registration progress and noted that the hotel rooms were being quickly reserved with only a few remaining. He also stated that the deadline to register for the reduced rate would be March 15th. At the Corvair Houston Board meeting, held on Thursday, February 2nd

at Richard and Kristin Jonec's house, Dee Watkins presented the club with the actual sample T-shirts which the printing on the front and back. The club discussed involving more events geared towards promoting and attracting the younger population for the unique Corvair autos. The club plans to focus on sharing its love of the Corvair with as much of the public as possible. One idea discussed was having magnetic signs on some of the member's vehicles with the club spider logo and contact information so that they can enlighten the general public about the club's existence and promoting interest in our little, old Corvairs.



HOT Raffle Item - 5 Early Wheels (M. Tidwell, G. Fox & R. Jannise with coating by Quality Product Finishing Inc.)



HOT Raffle Item - Bluebonnet Bag (B. King donation)

Your Officers & Directors for 2017



Richard Jonec - President



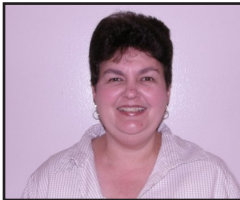
Ken Boysen - Vice President



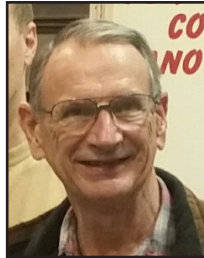
Jon Protteau - Secretary



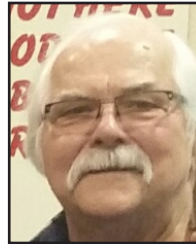
Ricki Jannise - Treasurer and Membership Chairman



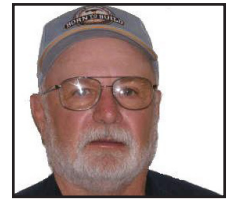
Sally Jannise - Director and Social Chairman



Howard King - Director



Ed Stock - Director



Jim Watkins - Events



Dave Keseian - Website



Mark Clarke- Newsletter



Dee Watkins - Merchandise



Todd Hasford - Autorama



Greg Wrobleske - HOT



Guy Bobkoff - Historian



Will the Corvair kill you? An analysis by Howard King

| by Howard King



Just a few days ago, below the cover photo of the Spring 2017 issue of Hagerty arrived with a high action photo of a 1960 Corvair sedan on the front cover. I thought that was really cool and wanted to see more but did not have the time at that moment, so I set it aside not paying any more attention to it.

The next day at work another car enthusiast stopped me in the hall and asked if I had seen the Corvair on the cover of Hagerty and proceeded to pull it from his back pocket while continuing to talk. He said the article was good in spite of the title. "Title", I questioned? Yes, and he pointed to it

Well I thought, now I have to get to it for sure. That evening I sat down and read, trying to keep an open mind, the article by Larry Webster. Beginning on page 44-45 with another great shot of the sedan in action and its title in BOLDER type the story is presented. Ok, I grimaced; you got your point across while wondering if he was somehow related to Nader clan. As the tale unfolds Larry develops a decent analysis of the claims made by Ralph Nader in his book Unsafe at Any Speed. Larry procured the test 1960 4 door from a former

GM engineer, Peter Koehler, and a set of period correct bias ply tires from Coker and inflated them to the factory recommended pressures. He tries running a simulated slalom course at increasing speeds and gets comfortable enough to ham it up for the photographer. He soon discovers several things about the Corvair including how to do a U-turn in one lane and only the limited horsepower kept him from hanging it out continuously.

In the final analysis he doesn't really answer the question presented by the title, so I surmised it was to be an eye catcher, but he does go on to say he

is shopping for a Corvair. Well, if he wanted to do this examination fully he should have also requested a late model to run the same course.

After my first experience in our Corvair Houston Club Car, built by members, to run on the track at Heritage Days sponsored by North Texas Corvair Association, he would have been thrilled without a doubt. As our car was only a tired 110HP with a power-glide transmission and ran some respectable times.

The seven page spread is a good read and I would encourage you to get a copy



Calendar of Events

FEBRUARY 2017

18 SATURDAY AT 9:00 A.M. PANCAKE BREAKFAST/AUCTION JANNISE'S HOME

MARCH 2017

11 SATURDAY AT 9:00 A.M. CLASSIC CAR STAMPEDE BELLVILLE TEXAS

17 FRIDAY AT 6:30 P.M. CLUB MEETING

Bulletin Board

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.



Clark's Corvair Parts®
400 Mohawk Trail,
Shelburne Falls, MA 01370
(413)625-9776 www.corvair.com

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

Front Spoiler for sale

It will fit Corvairs 1965-1969.

\$50.00

Contact Jeff Trick at 281-512-8199 or
cruisertrick@aol.com

TREASURY REPORT

REPORT AS OF FEBRUARY 8, 2017

Beginning Balance	\$6,064.54
Receipts	
Merchandise sales	\$79.50
HOT registration	\$1,220.00
Club Dues	<u>\$350.00</u>
Subtotal	<u>\$7,714.04</u>
Club Merchandise	(\$154.85)
HOT expenses	(\$313.88)
Bank Service Charge - Jan/Feb	<u>(\$30.00)</u>
Ending Balance	<u>\$7,215.31</u>

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:**

Mike Tidwell	Feb. 5
Loretta Kelley	Feb. 5
Denise Patterson	Feb. 7
Betty Protteau	Feb. 16
David Keseian	Feb. 20
Bruce Eichenberg	Feb. 22
John McCullough	Feb. 27
Sandy Mahler	Feb. 27

Happy Anniversary To:

No Anniversaries to report.

Be sure to give your special Valentine a big hug!

Mark your Calendar!**HOT 2017 - KERRVILLE TX**

Hosted by Corvair Houston

April 21-23, 2017

Y.O. Ranch Resort

817-579-1300

Complete details and registration can be found on the club website at:

www.corvairhouston.com

For Sale: 1963 Monza 900 Coupe
Has 1964 rear suspension and 1965 140 ci engine; 4 Speed with cold AC; Runs great! interior like new, but paint is starting to show its age.
Has won many awards over the years
Contact Jim Watkins for more information
at 979-824-6225 or by email at:

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:

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P.O. BOX 607
Lemont, IL
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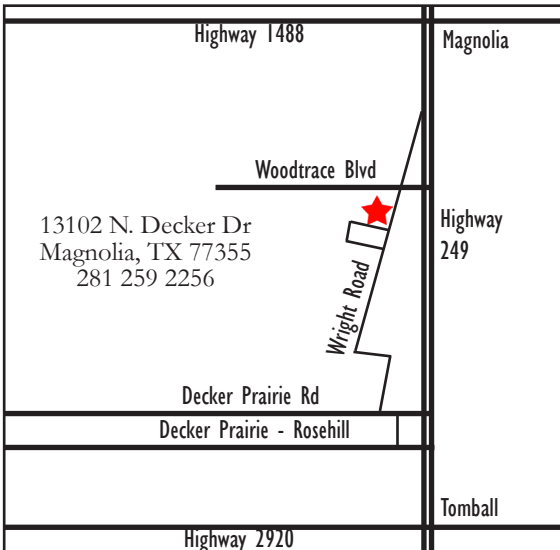
Deliver to:



HOT Raffle Item - Everything Holiday basket (W. Clarke)

**CLUB MEETING/PANCAKE
 BREAKFAST TO BE HELD
 AT THE JANNISE'S HOME
 SAT. FEB. 18TH AT 9:00 AM**

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.

2016 Officers:

President	Richard Jonec	832-559-1629
Vice President	Ken Boysen	281-831-5049
Secretary	Jon Protteau	936-520-2395
Treasurer	Richard Jannise	281-259-2256
Director	Ed Stock	281-413-3478
Director	Howard King	832-687-8251
Director	Sally Jannise	281-259-2256

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 Jonec	832-559-1629