

Corvair Houston Newsletter



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KI Speed Go Karting



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Driver's Seat

| by Richard Jonec



As I write this monthly column at 35,000 ft, I am headed to California to close another chapter in my life. My wife, Kristin and I, are flying to California to move her mother Emily Ives back to Texas. Doug Ives, her loving husband of 57 years, passed away last month. With Emily's health the way it is, it only makes sense that she comes back to live with us in Tomball.

Being empty nesters, we have more than ample room for her to live out the rest of her days with us here in the greater Houston area. Emily has Texas roots and is looking forward to seeing and living in Texas again. Her grandfather was a cattle rancher in West Texas during the turn of the last century into the 30's and had many sections for his cattle to graze. Her father was a border patrol agent and was in the first graduating class of Texas border patrol. So, there is quite the Texas history with the Ives-Cotter clan. I'm sure Emily will be able to join Corvair Houston during one

of our events this year.

Spring is almost here, and it is certainly one of the best times of the year in Houston. We are enjoying the weather and our Corvairs, especially the ones not equipped with AC. If you are lucky enough to own a convertible, the driving fun is that much more enjoyable. Before you know it, we'll be attending HOT in Kerrville and enjoying our cars at the great Hill Country drive organized by Mike Tidwell and Ricki Jannise. It is a tour that you will not want to miss. I suspect that by now the rooms are booked at the YO Ranch. If there are any left I suggest you snap it up.

The board has been busy coordinating and organizing HOT. Greg Wrobleske has taken the reins on this and Dee Watkins is busy planning the gift baskets and raffle items. Some of the Cor-

vair Houston members are donating great items for the raffle, including Howard King who is donating a complete set of early OEM rims freshly powder coated and looking concourse correct. You won't want to miss purchasing a ticket for these. Alan has donated a Corvair pattern fabric quillow (quilt and pillow combined into one). We also have some wonderful sponsors supporting our event including Bars Leak and Tire [Stickers.com](#). Look for some cool swag to be in the goodie bags when you arrive at HOT registration.

Although our efforts are focused on HOT, we are still setting aside the calendar for some great upcoming events. The Bellville car show in Bellville TX is our kickoff event. The show has been moved [from Saturday the 11th to](#)

[Sunday the 12th](#) due to expected inclement wet weather. Let's hope you've made it out to this wonderful annual event.

Next weeks meeting [on March 17](#), will be at a new venue for Corvair Houston. It will be held at the K1 Speed Go Karting facility on the NW side of town. We have a room reserved for the meeting and K1 has been gracious enough to discount the karting tickets from \$20 to \$15 per track session. This is a top notch Karting venue and it should be a thrill for everyone who is willing to drive one of these 45 mph Karts. K1's facility offers everything we need including food and beverage to have an enjoyable meeting and venue. All safety gear is included with the Kart rental.

Ken Boysen our VP will chair this months meeting as I will be heading back from California. He'll update you on some of the future events that are planned. So start to mark your calendar for 2017 because Corvair Houston is ready to motor.



Rearview Mirror

| by Betty Protteau



On February 18th, Corvair Houston held its monthly meeting at the Pancake Breakfast graciously held at Ricki and Sally Jannise's house. Over 25 Corvair Houston members and spouses were treated to a fabulous breakfast including not only pancakes, but an array of other breakfast treats including blueberry pancakes, fruit dishes, and sausages to name only a few. Corvair Houston had a visitor at this breakfast meeting, Kevin Shade, from Missouri City. He explained that he has had a silver, 1965 4-door Monza-110 since he was 16 years old. Mike Tidwell brought his ramp side Corvair loaded with an assortment of leftover Corvair parts from his collection from home, which he was offering to other members. Contact him first if you are need of anything as he is downsizing his compilation of Corvair vehicles and parts. Discussed at this meeting was the upcoming Heart of Texas annual reunion, which will be held on April 20-23 in Kerrville. Greg Wroble

skes discussed that during this year's reunion the actual 'Car Show' will 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. Everyone was encouraged to get his or her hotel rooms as soon as possible since the Y.O. Ranch is almost totally booked for this year's H.O.T. reunion. Ken Boysen, Heart of Texas registration manager, reminded everyone that the deadline for the reduced registration rate is March 15th. Everyone was reminded about the Bellville Car Show on

Saturday, March 11th at the 'square' in downtown Bellville on highway 36 about 20 miles north of I-10. Howard King suggested that the Corvair participants meet-up at the Newman's Bakery by 8:00 AM so that they could all park together at the show. The monthly board meeting was held on Thursday, February 2nd at Rudy's Restaurant off of highway 290. Everyone present agreed that another location was needed to the board's meeting because the construction and traffic in this area is horrendous. Consequently, the next Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 6th at the "Watson House of Ales" on Grisby Road just east of Highway 6 and south of

I-10. Alan Dunlap showed those present his fantastic creations he is kindly donating to be given away at H.O.T. including his unique Corvair Quillow, which is a quilt that conveniently folds into a pillow and his Corvair emblmed tool kit. Howard King reminded the group about the 5 special Corvair wheels his company is contributing and Dee Watkins discussed the large grill being given away, also. Ken Boysen also mentioned that his company is also donating the goody-bags for all of the registered H.O.T. participants. Alan Dunlap told the Board members present that he has ordered magnetic signs so that we can better advertise our club when caravanning, and he informed the club that the Nifty-Fifties has started up again each Saturday evening from 6-9 PM and is still at the northeast corner of Kuykendahl and Louetta Roads. Generally, the Corvairs tend to park on the far east side of this area.



A New Leaf or Not? An analysis by Howard King

by Howard King



Over the years that I have been involved with Corvairs, there have been off and on efforts of some to spread the interest in the Name. This means more to us who love the marque and more than just recognition of the Corvair as an era of automobiles produced by Chevrolet in the sixties. Much of the promotion has been to participate in events in various venues for the benefit of the folks that already are engaged in some way with the local or national organization. However, in addition to the ones who have Corvairs and are not

already members there are potential others in the general public that are classic car inclined that are not familiar with the one we hold dear. In that arena is where this article waits to resound. As the ones who already champion the Corvair by our participation we should also seek out others, maybe of a younger age, to introduce to the very special intricacies and idiosyncrasies of the Chevy creation. During the first board meeting with our 2017 year's president, Richard Jones, he announced that this year one focus for events would be to interest a

younger generation to the club and to the Corvair. In the latest Corsa Communique I also found an article, titled, "New Ideas" by Director, Jack Bacon, trending toward the same idea. CORSA is now in a process of discovery for methods to interest and involve younger folks in the hobby. They have invited others to participate in conference calls for the purpose of discussing ideas on how to accomplish this goal. Please be sure and read Jack's article in the March Communique. At the Corvair Houston level I encourage anyone with ideas to

come to a board meeting and share your idea. The average age of those of us that found the Corvair years ago is increasing and if we do nothing else more that enjoy them we must pass the love of and the knowledge about Corvairs on to a new round of enthusiasts. In short, let's get busy promoting the Corvair in schools of all kinds, where those who are already interested in the automobile might be found so that they are exposed to the unique design which started at Chevrolet in the late 1950's.



Photos from the annual Pancake Breakfast at the Jannise's

Bellville Car Show - March 12th



Calendar of Events

MARCH 2017

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| 12 | SUNDAY AT 9:00 A.M. | CLASSIC CAR STAMPEDE | BELLVILLE TEXAS |
| 17 | FRIDAY AT 6:30 P.M. | CLUB MEETING | KI SPEED GO KARTING |

APRIL 2017

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| 1 | SATURDAY AT 9:00 A.M. | TUNA FOR HOT | TIDWELLS HOME |
| 21-23 | FRIDAY - SUNDAY | HOT ROUNDUP | Y-O RANCH IN KERRVILLE |

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.



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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

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 28, 2017

Beginning Balance	\$5,572.31
Receipts	
Merchandise sales	\$133.00
HOT registration	\$2,780.00
Club Dues	<u>\$530.00</u>
Subtotal	<u>\$9,015.31</u>
Pancake Breakfast	(\$105.43)
Bank Service Charge - Jan/Feb	<u>(\$15.00)</u>
Ending Balance	<u><u>\$8,894.88</u></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:**

Todd Hasfjord	Mar. 3
Jon Protteau	Mar 4
Robert Freeman	Mar. 7
Dennis Svetlik	Mar. 7
Rebecca Garrett	Mar 7
Gearly 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	21 years	Mar. 23
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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 sidewinder67@msn.com

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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Deliver to:

CLUB MEETING ON
FRIDAY, MARCH 17TH AT
KI SPEED AND GO KART-
ING LOCATED AT 14900
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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
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