

# Corvair Houston Newsletter



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**This month: 21st Annual Heart of Texas Reunion in  
Kerrville, Texas at Y-O Resort April 21st to 23rd**



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# Driver's Seat

| by Richard Jonec



If you are a CORSA member what is \$20 dollars worth today? 4-5 cups of coffee at your favorite brew house? Maybe a couple of burgers, fries and a drink? Whatever it maybe, I feel certain that the \$20 dollars spent on your annual dues with Corvair Houston surpasses the value of your favorite beverage or food item. That is why I find it so puzzling that our membership is slightly down for the year in 2017. I suspect spending \$20 dollars on the membership is not an issue of being a financial burden, but more of an issue of convenience. I suspect more of you are carrying a debit card instead of a check book and that pretty much goes for cash as well. With today's electronic mobile devices, we can do just about anything we need to, whether it is communicating verbally or with the written word. We can purchase our goods, do our banking, and much more with these devices.

Well Corvair Houston has made it easier to conduct business with the club and pay your

dues. Now, you can go on-line and pay your dues by simply going to PayPal. With a few clicks of the mouse or your mobile device interface, you can be a full-fledged dues paying member of Corvair Houston via simply paying your dues on-line. While you wait for that coffee or burger that you ordered, you now have the option to take care of paying your club dues, as well as visit the Corvair Facebook page or web page. All you have to do is log into PayPal, select the email "corvairhouston@yahoo.com," and hit the Pay Now button.

While we are on the topic of membership, the grace period for paying your dues usually runs through March, so that means if you missed paying, you are not receiving the monthly newsletter. At this time, the newsletter is still the club's method for disseminating all Corvair Houston activities. Our website has some information available, but is not the tool we use for updating current activities. Our Facebook page

is more of a social tool and does not list the club's business related activities, however, I'll try and leave some posts while we are attending and administrating our HOT activities next weekend in Kerrville.

If you have not registered for HOT 2017, there is still time. You can register the day you arrive. Ken Boysen, our Vice President, will be directing our registration area, and will get you signed up for all the planned activities. Remember this year's format is slightly different with the car show being Friday afternoon instead of Saturday morning. The Great Hill Country drive, coordinated by Mike Tidwell and Ricki Jannise, will consume a good portion of the afternoon. The rooms at the Y.O. Ranch (Host Hotel) are booked, but there are other local hotels which should have rooms available.

Be ready to spend some of your hard-earned money at HOT. You will be amazed at some of the raffle items that will be available during Saturday night's activities. Also, we

will have apparel available that will knock your socks off. If you have an Early, Late or FC, we have some unique designs for you. You will truly identify with these Tee-shirts. If you want to keep your head in the shade, then the new caps we have will be a nice accessory with the Tee-shirts. Beyond HOT, we have a spring and summer full of events. Keep in mind the April Club meeting will not held in Houston, due to the conflict with HOT. We will resume at the Party Barn the third Friday of May with Matt and Mike Feehery hosting. Their venue is always appreciated. In May, we have several events that are on the roster. May 6th is the annual Cameron car show which Corvair Houston has supported over the years. This should give you ample time to recover from HOT. We also would like to have a strong Corvair showing at Niftee Fifties in Spring. Plan for that event on May 13th. Arrive around 4 PM, so we can park the cars as a group.

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# Rearview Mirror

| by Betty Protteau

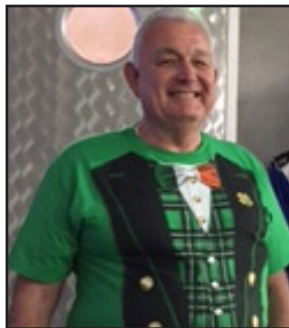


This year's Austin County Cruisers', "14<sup>th</sup> Ever Classic Car Stampede", was held on Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at the 'square' in downtown Bellville on highway 36 about 20 miles north of I-10. Originally scheduled for March 11<sup>th</sup>, it was postponed to the Sunday because of monsoon-like weather conditions in the area. Although the temperature was above freezing, perhaps 50 degrees, many of us froze due to the wind and cloudy day.

Three brave Corvairs actually made it to the Car Show. Those driving their Corvairs were Fred and Sandra Mahler who are also members of the Austin County Cruisers, Howard and Barbara King, and Jon and Betty Protteau. The Kings and Protteaus met at Newman's Bakery around 8:00 AM so that they could park together at the show. Ed Walsh and Rhonda Rhodes arrived a bit later due to morning chores with horses and other critters. Normally, this Bellville Car Show has over 400 antique vehicles but this year due to the inclement weather there

were 189 registered vehicles. It should be noted that the Austin County Cruisers' Classic Car Stampede always has free registration with over 15 'nifty' awards presented.

On St. Patrick's Day, Corvair Houston had its monthly meeting at the "K1 Speedway" on the northbound frontage road of Highway 290, south of Beltway 8. Although the name Eichenberg doesn't seem especially Irish, Bruce nevertheless wore his St. Patrick's Day Shirt so that nobody would pinch him. Members present were reminded that the position of Editor of the Newsletter is open to anyone willing and able to relieve Mark Clarke. Even though following Mark's extraordinarily excellent job as Editor will be diffi-



Bruce Eichenberg

cult, he has agreed to fully tutor and train the new apprentice and assures everyone that the Editor position has many perks.

At the meeting, Mr. Howard Tutt from Vulcan Corvair Enthusiasts of Birmingham, Alabama, spoke to the group about his club's annual Formula One event at Barber Motorsports Park in Leeds Alabama. Held the weekend of May 26-27, activities will include Laps driven by participating Corvairs on the Formula One Track along with a Car Show, tours of Museum, and an Awards Dinner. For more information, feel free to contact him at [hftutt@yahoo.com](mailto:hftutt@yahoo.com). Alan Dunlap brought the new magnetic Corvair Houston signs, which the club will start using when caravanning around to help attract new members. Greg Wrobleske and Ken Boysen told those present that there are over 50 Corvairs registered for the upcoming Heart of Texas annual reunion. Greg Wrobleske told the group that there may be a caravan going to H.O.T. on

Thursday morning as well as very 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.

After the meeting on March 17<sup>th</sup>, Bruce Eichenberg, Ricki Jannise, Mike Tidwell, and Brian Huson, nephew of Ricki and Sally Jannise, geared-up and went on to race at the indoor track in the electric powered go-carts. Despite having five other young people unexpectedly join them in their race, 'Racecar-Ricki' came in 1<sup>st</sup> place. Mike was side swiped by three of the various novice drivers but managed to place 4<sup>th</sup>. Brian and Bruce finished with honorable mention.

On Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup> Alan Dunlap, Jon Protteau, and Hayden Wilkerson, Jon's grandson and youngest member of Corvair Houston, participated in the Niftee Fiftiee car show at the corner of Kuykendahl and Louette Roads. May 13<sup>th</sup> will be Corvair Night at the show!





## Historical HOT Locations

2017 Kerrville (CH)

2007 Marble Falls (LSCC)

2016 Granbury (NTCA)

2006 Georgetown (ACCA)

2015 Burnet (LSCC)

2005 Kerrville (CH)

2014 Johnson City (ACCA)

2004 Waco (NTCA)

2013 Montgomery (CH)

2003 Roundrock (LSCC)

2012 Salado (NTCA)

2002 Lockhart (ACCA)

2011 Lakeway (LSCC)

2001 Conroe (CH)

2010 San Marcos (ACCA)

2000 Lampassas (NTCA)

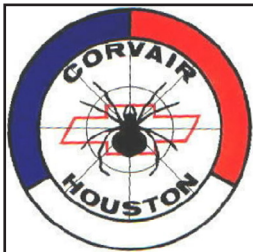
2009 New Braunfels (CH)

1999 Georgetown (LSCC)

2008 Glen Rose (NTCA)

1998 San Marcos (ACCA)

1997 Brenham (CH)



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## DRIVERS SEAT ARTICLE

On June 3rd, plan on attending the Rockdale, TX car show which is part of the Buckin' Bulls and BBQ cook off. Watch for Facebook postings from Dee Watkins for further details. We are also plan-

ning to have a social event mid-June if you are up for putting on your bowling shoes and knocking down some pins. Plan to get ready for some autocross action, as the SCCA is hosting an au-

tocross on July 9th at the Houston Police Academy Proving Grounds. Another event scheduled for July, is Hot Nights Cool Tunes in Brenham TX. We will finalize hose dates at the next board meeting

So, here's to a great spring driving season and summer show season. See you at HOT. I'll be driving Greg Wrobleske's Artisan Turquoise 1965 convertible.



# Calendar of Events

## APRIL 2017

21-23	FRIDAY - SUNDAY	HOT ROUNDUP	Y-O RANCH IN KERRVILLE
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## MAY 2017

6	SATURDAY	CAMERON CAR SHOW	CAMERON TEXAS
13	SATURDAY	NIFTY NIFTEES	SPRING TEXAS
19	FRIDAY	CLUB MEETING	PARTY BARN

## JUNE 2017

3	SATURDAY	ROCKDALE CAR SHOW	ROCKDALE TEXAS
16	FRIDAY	CLUB MEETING	LOCATION 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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### Front Spoiler for sale

It will fit Corvairs 1965-1969.

**\$50.00**

Contact Jeff Trick at 281-512-8199 or [cruisertrick@aol.com](mailto:cruisertrick@aol.com)

## TREASURY REPORT

REPORT AS OF MARCH 31, 2017

Beginning Balance	\$8,894.88
Receipts	
HOT registration	\$3,540.00
Club Dues	\$161.67
Subtotal	<u>\$12,596.55</u>
HOT Expenses	(\$125.00)
Bank Service Charge - Jan/Feb	(\$15.00)
Ending Balance	<u><u>\$12,456.55</u></u>

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## 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](mailto:mwclarke01@hotmail.com)

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## -----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:**

Barbara King

Apr. 16

**Happy Anniversary To:**

Larry &amp; Zandra Keast

49 years

Apr. 6

Howard &amp; Barbara King

12 years

Apr. 9

**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](http://www.corvairhouston.com)**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!**

Justin &amp; April Duplantis 1962 Monza sedan

Vince &amp; Pam Zinnante 1966 Monza Conv

**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](mailto: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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Nga Hasfjord helps with preparations for HOT



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)



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:

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