

# Corvair Houston Newsletter



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**This month: Club Meeting on Friday, May 19th**  
**at the Party Barn**



**Best of Show at HOT 2017 in Kerrville Texas**

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# Driver's Seat

| by Richard Jonec



As you read this, you most likely had the chance to celebrate Mothers Day with your mom or your mom's surrogate. Wishing every mom, a Happy Mother's Day. This is what makes Corvair Houston such a great car enthusiast club. We have so many great ladies that are involved with their husbands and support the club's efforts. Ladies, without you, Corvair Houston wouldn't be what it is today, a fun, social gathering for all, at each and every event. HOT 2017 in Kerrville is behind us. It was a great event for one and all! I have to thank all the Corvair Clubs and their members that supported this annual event. Not only did we have representation from all the Texas Clubs, Oklahoma and Kansas but even had representation from New Mexico. I want to publically thank Greg Wrobleske, our HOT Chair, who coordinated a great venue and event, and to Mike Tidwell and Ricki Jannise for coordinating the wonderful drive through the Texas Hill Country. Some of

those roads were simply breathtaking. Thank you to Ken Boysen, our Vice President, for directing our registration along with help from many others. Thank you to Loretta Kelly for her outstanding effort minding the Raffle prize tickets and register, and to Sandra Wrobleske (Social Games), along with Vicki Hanks, Sally Jannise and Audrey Tidwell who ensured all the door prizes were coordinated during the registration process. The coordination of the gifts and raffle prizes would not have happened without Dee Watkins! The event T-shirts and trophies that you received were also her doing. Some of these items were in the works for months. Nga Hasfjord assisted Dee to ensure all the door prizes were organized to make the trip from Angleton to Kerrville. Hats off to you Dee and all the volunteers!

The show would not have been a success without the efforts of David Brown. He showed up in his work clothes Friday evening and jumped out of his car and started

judging cars without a hitch. His point scoring system kept it fair with some winning cars were only separated by a few points. We always get a good turnout of some great cars HOT that represent all the generations and types and I don't think anyone was disappointed by the turn out.

The Corvair Houston community really put forth a great effort and donated some great door prizes. One of our directors, Howard King, provided a full set early wheels that were of concourse show ready. Alan Dunlap provided an emergency road side kit specific for a Corvair that had everything you needed to get your car running again if you ever got stranded on the road in the middle of nowhere.

The guest clubs came and spent some of their hard-earned money at HOT along with the Corvair Houston faithful. The raffle buckets were full and everyone had a chance at those great prizes. We also had great apparel that was popular with all the club participants. The

new Corvair "Front End" T-shirts allowed everyone to identify with their favorite model year. If you own an early, FC or a late, there was a shirt for you. We still have plenty of those shirts in various sizes available. They will be posted on our site for sale soon. So, if you missed out at HOT or were not able to attend you have a chance. The board has earmarked a portion of the proceeds generated to a charitable cause. We will keep you posted on where this money is donated. Thank you to all the board members that pitched in to make HOT a success.

See our secretary, Betty Protteau's article for all the show details and recent Corvair Houston activities. Beyond HOT, we have a spring and summer full of events. Our monthly meeting will resume at the Party Barn on May 19th. Matt Feehery will be hosting a dinner so please be sure to bring a donation to help support this wonderful venue. This event will be special so please clear your calendar and

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# Rearview Mirror

| by Betty Protteau



This year's annual state Corvair reunion "Heart of Texas" also known as H.O.T. was held at the Y.O. Ranch Hotel Conference Center off of Sidney Baker Street in Kerrville and was hosted for the 7<sup>th</sup> time by Corvair Houston. Greg Wrobleske, co-founder of the H.O.T. twenty-one years ago, was the Chairperson of this event along with Ken Boysen, Vice President of Corvair Houston, taking on the enormous task of handling registration as well as meal orders and shirt distribution. Corvair Houston had the largest turnout of the approximate 50 Corvair vehicles present.

Because the Car Show and display of Corvairs was held in the parking lot of the Conference Center on Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup> in the afternoon, many Corvairs arrived on Thursday evening for which many of us were thankful as the State of Texas 'Love Bug Convention' apparently was occurring between Houston and Kerrville. The Corvair Caravans had to stop every couple of hours not just for gas or

food but to scrape off the windshields because there were millions of these bugs making everyone's visibility near zero. Therefore, those arriving on Thursday were able to begin scrubbing and cleaning their Corvairs for the Car Show judging on Friday. The before picture (on the left) of Greg and Sandra Wrobleske's Ramp side was taken after stopping to clean-off windshields for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time. Greg was able to get the Ramp side looking great as seen in the picture on the right.

While the H.O.T. Judging and computations were led by David Brown from the Austin Corvair Club Friday night into the wee hours of Saturday morning, everyone enjoyed going out for

evening meals and coming back to the hotel for an evening of socializing with members from all of the clubs. Sandra Wrobleske, Corvair Houston's Entertainment Chairperson, once again delightfully entertained everyone with her clever social games.

Saturday afternoon was filled with a driving tour through the gorgeous scenic hill country set-up by Mike and Audrey Tidwell and Ricki and Sally Jannise. Going through countless hairpin turns as well as going up and down the humongous hills, flatlanders from Houston naturally considered the hills as mountains. Everyone had spectacular views of the natural beauty of the rock formations, vegetation, and the wildlife as

continuously seen from the road. Many of us went through the town of Leakey where we made a pit-stop at the "Hog Pen" where we found incredibly low priced leather items from purses to jackets and a flock of Peacocks strutting around and showing off for their Peahens friends. The group had a delicious barbeque lunch catered by a local barbeque restaurant.

The Saturday evening banquet was hosted by Richard Jonec and Greg Wrobleske with a truly superb video presentation created and produced by Ricki Jannise with the countless photos from the Friday Car Show thanks to Sandra Wrobleske and Howard King. Every table had charming centerpiece-

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## REAR VIEW MIRROR ARTICLE

es of plants and clever racecar flags created by Corvair Houston's own 'Hospitality Hostess' Sally Jannise. The raffle prizes created by members of Corvair Houston went off without a hitch thanks to Dee Watkins' immense time and efforts. Loretta Kelley patiently and expertly managed the ticket counter almost the entire afternoon and evening.

Awards went to the following Corvair Houston Club members: Jim and Dee Watkins' 1963 white Corvair was awarded 2<sup>nd</sup> Place for the Early Closed; Matt and Kim Feehery's

1966 green Corvair received 1<sup>st</sup> Place in the Late Closed category; Greg and Sandra Wrobleske's blue 1965 Corvair received 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in the Late Open; Greg and Sandra's 1961 orange and white Ramp side received 1<sup>st</sup> Place in the FC category. Unfortunately, the "Hard Luck Award" had to be reestablished this year as Todd and Nga Hasfjord's Corvair broke down on the way to H.O.T. The Long Distance Award went to Curtis Shimp who drove 640 miles from New Mexico. The "Best of Show" was awarded to Greg

& Sandra Wrobleske's 1961 Ramp side.

The trip on the way home was uneventful and apparently, the Love Bug Convention was over as windshields stayed relatively clear of the bugs. Our scenic caravan back home led by Greg Wrobleske and Richard Jonec, went through the town of Elgin and stopped at the Southside Market & Barbeque for an excellent lunch.

May 13<sup>th</sup> was Corvair Night at the Nifty-Fifty Auto Show held at the northeast corner of Kuykendahl and Louetta roads

in the Spring area north of Houston. Representing Corvair Houston were Greg and Sandra Wrobleske's orange and white 1961 Ramp side, Vicki and Bruce Eichenberg's yellow 1966 Corvair convertible, Alan Dunlap's 1964 black Monza Coupe, Tony and Gail Pomponio's white 1960 custom 4-door Corvair, and Jon and Betty Protteau's 1962 blue Monza Convertible. Also joining in with Corvair Houston was a newcomer, 15-year-old Aidan Barker with his desert beige 1964 Monza Coupe.



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## DRIVERS SEAT ARTICLE

make the effort to attend. Two dear friends, who have been an instrumental part of this Club, will be moving out of the area. Jim and Dee Watkins have sold their home in Angleton and are moving to Idaho in June. They will be sorely missed! So, let's make sure that

they have a proper Corvair Houston send off.

On June 3rd, plan on attending the Rockdale, TX car show which is part of the Buckin' Bulls and BBQ cook off. We are also planning 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 autocross 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 announce those dates at the May meeting. Looking forward to seeing you all there. Until then keep your Corvair tuned for the next event.



# Calendar of Events

## MAY 2017

19	FRIDAY	CLUB MEETING	PARTY BARN
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## JUNE 2017

3	SATURDAY	ROCKDALE CAR SHOW	ROCKDALE TEXAS
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16	FRIDAY	CLUB MEETING	LOCATION TBA
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17	SATURDAY	SOCIAL OUTING	LOCATION TBA
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## JULY 2017

9	SUNDAY	SCCA AUTOCROSS	HPA PROVING GROUNDS
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21	FRIDAY	CLUB MEETING	LOCATION TBA
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22	SATURDAY	HOT NIGHTS / COOL TUNES	BREHAM SQUARE
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# Bulletin Board

## Our 42nd Year!

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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)

## TREASURY REPORT

REPORT AS OF APRIL 30, 2017

Beginning Balance	\$12,471.55
Receipts	
HOT registration	\$4,633.00
Club Dues	\$170.00
Subtotal	\$17,274.55
HOT Expenses	(\$7,158.75)
Other Expense	(1,279.65)
Ending Balance	<u>\$8,836.13</u>

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# Bulletin Board

## Happy Birthday To:

John Spenn		May 17
Kay Freeman		May 23
Matt Feehery		May 24
Jo Ann Miller		May 24
Ray Rosenbaum		May 27
Fred Mahler		May 27

## Happy Anniversary To:

Ed & Cheryl Halpin	28 years	May 8
Gearly & Debra Grimes	34 years	May 13
Matt & Kim Feehery	33 years	May 26

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Ed & Cheryl Halpin  
Castle Rock, Colorado  
1960 Monza Coupe  
1967 Monza Sedan

## Front Spoiler for sale

It will fit Corvairs 1965-1969.

\$50.00

Contact Jeff Trick at 281-512-8199 or  
cruisertrick@aol.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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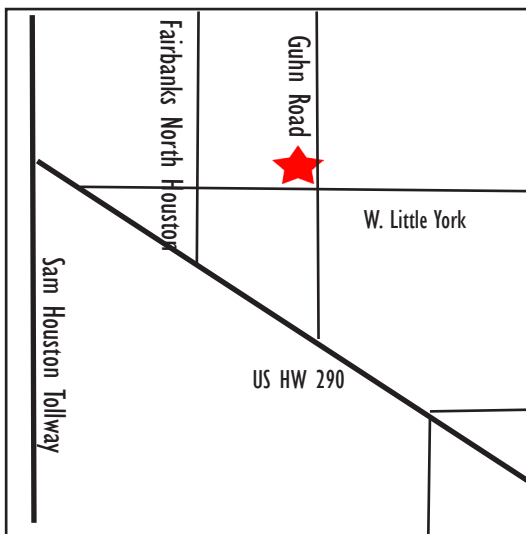
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A sharp looking group wearing their new club shirts

**CLUB MEETING TO BE  
 HELD ON FRIDAY  
 MAY 19TH AT THE  
 FEEHERRY PARTY BARN**

Map to the Meeting Location  
 6914 Guhn Road Houston Texas 77040



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.

2017 Officers:

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