

Corvair Houston Newsletter



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KI Speed and Go-Karting



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Driver's Seat

| by Richard Jonec



We are in the heat of the summer in Houston and that means less driving activities for the Corvair Faithful! What do we do during the dog days of summer to avoid the sweltering heat. When the heat index is in the triple digits it is time to take solace in an air-conditioned house, the backyard pool or hopefully an air-conditioned garage and you are prepping the car for the fall driving season. While in other parts of the country most Corsa members are in their peak driving season before fall hits and most are putting their cars away for winter storage. As I write this some of the best car related events are just hitting their stride. For example, the Woodward Dream Cruise in Detroit is an iconic cruising event held every year at the fabled Woodward Avenue in the Motor City. This year's event is Saturday August 19th. The Detroit chapter of Corsa will certainly have the opportunity to bring their Vairs out and cruise the Blvd. in style.

While on the Left Coast another iconic event kicks

off on the 17th which are the Monterey Historic Races, if there ever was a historic race event to attend this is this one. Each year a marque like Chevrolet is celebrated and the best vintage cars in the world are represented at this event. This is truly a global event, vintage racers from all over the world are invited to attend and bring vintage race cars from some of the most prominent collections the world has ever seen. Most of these multi-million-dollar machines are raced at Laguna Seca which is one of the most iconic permanent

road courses in North America. The who's who of past racing legends are invited to the most prestigious vintage car event on this side of the Atlantic. Alas there are no Corvairs represented at this year's event. However, over the years Yenko Stingers and Corvair powered sports racers have been well represented. See the picture of a 1960 Kellison Corvair special is in the famed "Cork Screw" turn at Laguna Seca in 2011.

While some of the best car events are held in August, some of us maybe preparing to go back to school and hope-

fully have prepared their cars ready to hit the high School parking lot. Our own member Aidan Baker is almost of driving age as he enters his sophomore year and is certainly looking forward to showing off his Early later this year. I suspect he'll get lots of attention when he rolls into the High School parking lot.

With the heat on, there are no official Corvair Houston events during the month of August with the exception of our monthly meeting Plan to attend this month's meeting at K1 Speed in NW Houston

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Rearview Mirror

by Betty Protteau



On Friday, July 21st the Corvair Houston Club held its monthly meeting at the Gateway Classic Cars off Esplanade Blvd. in north Houston. Mr. James Stanley, Business Sales Development manager, graciously hosted and guided over 20 members of our club, throughout their spacious facility. Sally and Ricki Jan-nise drove their 1965 Corsa and Alan Dunlap drove his 1964 Monza Coupe to the meeting. Others in attendance driving water pumpers included Vicki and Bruce Eichenberg, Nga and Todd Hasfjord, Kristin and Richard Jonec, Mark Clarke, Ed Stock, Ken Boysen, Aiden Barker and his father, Paddie and Jeff Trick, Vince and Pam Zinnante, Greg and Sandra Wrobleske, Kurt and Pam Massey, and Betty & Jon Protteau. We were treated to over 50 gorgeous collector automobiles and trucks at the Gateway Houston location which has more than 14 similar facilities throughout the country. Even though my brother has purchased several cars through Gateway Classics, I had no idea what a hu-

monious high-class collector car facilitator they truly are. For over 17 years, Gateway Classic Cars has serviced more than 14,000 buyers and sellers using over 280 websites worldwide. It should be noted that in their showroom they had an early white Monza Coupe Corvair for sale. Alan Dunlap also found out that there is a monthly indoor car show the 1st Saturday morning of each month. He went to the August event and reported that

many Houston area car clubs were in attendance.

Several of Corvair Houston members went to the Brenham Hot Nights festivities on July 22nd. Alan Dunlap, Barbara and Howard King, Fred and Sandra Mahler, Paddie and Jeff Trick, and Aiden Barker and parents braved the weather to drive their Corvairs to this fun evening around the town square in Brenham. Kris and Richard Jonec joined the others driving their Minicooper. Although we

planned on attending, the ominous weather kept our cars in the garage and we stayed home. The attendees later informed us that there wasn't a drop of rain in Brenham. Oh well!

On the evening of August 3rd, the board members not on vacation met at the Razzoo Restaurant from Louetta Road in north Houston to discuss upcoming events and ideas. They normally meet the 1st Thursday of every month, and all members are always welcome to share their ideas, of course. This meeting is generally held in different areas of Houston each month so always check-in with our President for details. Of particular note was the sale of the beautiful black with white silhouette Corvair T Shirts, designed by Sandra and Greg Wrobleske. The remaining shirts will be advertised in Corvair Houston's Website and perhaps in the Corsa magazine. Also discussed was the paying of our annual dues via PayPal directly from the club website.



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DRIVERS SEAT ARTICLE

held on the 18th. This is an indoor Go Kart Track where we previously held our March meeting. The location is 14900 Northwest Fwy. Houston 77040. This was a fun event and you should plan to attend and turn a wheel and have some fun with these 20 Hp high speed Karts. Plan to get some great BBQ

or Tex Mex afterwards. The Corvair Houston board has some great events in store for the balance of the year so get ready for an active fall schedule that includes a Social / driving event in early September and Vintages Races at MSR at the end of the month. October 20 - 22nd plan to

run up to Mineral Wells, TX for Corvair Heritage Days hosted by North Texas Corvair Association. This will be round two of the Corvair Houston Autocross Championship. November the 5th we are headed to Grand-sport Speedway to hit the track again for the final round of our Autocross

Championship. Thanks-giving weekend CH members will be at Autorama with our Corvair Houston Display and the FC contingent will be significant. We will close out the year with the Annual Christmas Party at Ricki and Sally's. Until then enjoy the rest of the summer.



Calendar of Events

AUGUST 2017

18	FRIDAY	CLUB MEETING	KI SPEED & GO-KARTING
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SEPTEMBER 2017

9	SATURDAY	FUN RUN / SOCIAL EVENT	TBA
15	FRIDAY	CLUB MEETING	TBA

OCTOBER 2017

13	FRIDAY	CLUB MEETING	TBA
20-22	FRIDAY - SUNDAY	HERITAGE DAY	MINERAL WELLS, TX

A/C Blower Switch Repair

| by Howard King



A while back Barbara and I were out in the Corvair when the Air Conditioning blower would not come on. Okay, I thought there must be a bad connection, blown fuse or worse something burnt up in the 50 year old car. A 1967 Monza Coupe with factory air to be more precise.

Well the wife prefers air so I proceeded to dig a little further. First I checked to see if there were any fuses out. I dug out the flashlight and pushed up under the dash to get a good view, hum. All were fine. Next I put the volt meter on the terminals on the fuse block, also to discover all were right on target. Ok, how about the compressor clutch?

I turned on the ignition and the Temperature lever to the cool position.

In the engine compartment it was easy to see that the clutch disc had pulled in to engage the compressor. I did this so that the compressor was not building up pressure without the blower running. No extra problems

needed created by myself. It was bad enough to be without the AC. This is Texas, ya know?

So far no answer to the missing blower, so it would be the old style air on the way back to the house.

Once I had some extra time I dug into the circuit with the Corvair manual and the volt meter to find the culprit. It didn't take long to find

that there was voltage going to the AC/Heat switch located on the side of the controls, but none was leaving. This switch is the one that switches between the heater and air conditioning blower.

I removed the four screws holding the control to the dash and the plug on the offending switch. No problems like corrosion or burned wires were seen,

so I removed the switch.

It didn't take much to see that the button plunger was stuck part way in. I have had good experiences with opening these old switches.

In the photo you can see the tangs that lap over the circuit board which I pried up carefully just enough so it could be removed. As it was removed I took photos to be sure the right placement for the parts was available.

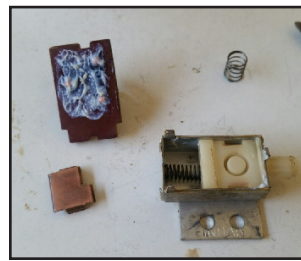
What I found was a perfectly good switch glued together by 50 year old grease that was amply cured with some mineral spirits.

On reassembly I used Luberplate brand white grease intended for fishing reels. Jus a dab is necessary. Once done, I bent the tangs back in place with some pressure with a screw driver and finished off setting them with a pair of pliers. This is a case of a little is fine and more is too much.

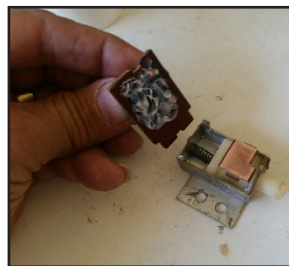
Happy Corvairing with my AC again.



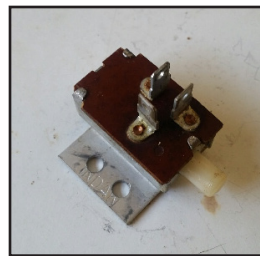
Old assembly



Clean-greased



Assembly



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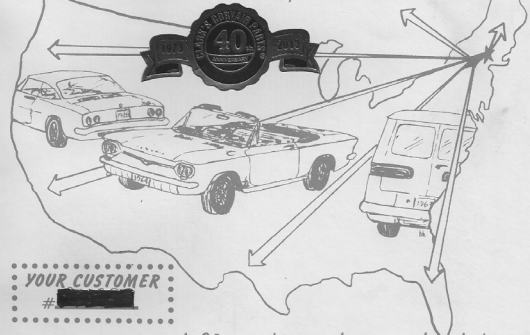
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REPORT AS OF AUGUST 1, 2017

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Club Dues	-0-
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Tim Carey	August 3
Justin Duplantis	August 15
Cynthia Ruiz	August 17
Ed Halpin	August 23
Lara Malynn Langley	August 26
Jennifer McCullough	August 30
Cheryl Halpin	August 30
Sandra Wrobleske	August 31

Happy Anniversary To:

Guy & Pat Bobkoff	49 years	August 11
Ed & Julie Murphy	39 years	August 12
Robert & Kay Freeman	52 years	August 20
Tom & Joan Clarke	72 years	August 25
Rebecca & Roger Garrett	15 years	August 31



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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:

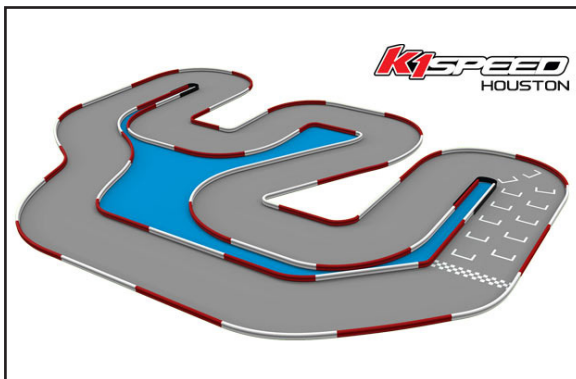
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Corvair Houston, the local chapter of the Corvair Society of America, is a non-profit association dedicated to the preservation of the Corvair automobile. Dues are \$25 per year (\$20 for CORSA members). The club conducts regular monthly meetings, and also sponsors or participates in other activities through the year: local and national car shows, picnics and barbeques, 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.

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