

Corvair Houston Newsletter



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This month: Club Meeting on Friday, September 15th at
The Party Barn



Greg Wrobleske displays his '61 Rampside at Walden on Lake Conroe

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Driver's Seat

| by Richard Jonec



The dog days of summer appear to be behind us. The feel of changing weather is in the air. That is for sure. What appeared to be a smooth transition into fall will only go down in the history in terms of Texas weather conditions. Heading into the last weekend in August and the Labor Day holiday the central Texas coast line of Corpus Christi and Rockport were ravaged by Hurricane Harvey. The storm continued its path north east toward Galveston and the ensuing rains would create a biblical level flooding event in Houston and continue to create more devastating damage to our neighboring state of Louisiana. Many lost their homes and personal property to these storms, but we have to be most thankful that relatively few lives were lost to these terrible storms. There is a lot to be said about the preparation and resiliency of Texans and the neighboring states that supported our great state in this time of need. So many came together to help each other out

when they needed it most.

There were some Corvair Houston members that were affected by these devastating storms. The Bergesen's, Murphy's, the Protteau's and the Duplantis family. If there are others please let Corvair Houston know. We are so grateful from the outreach that was provided by various neighboring Corvair Clubs that were willing to support Corvair Houston members in need. The Corvair board decide to make a donation to the J.J. Watt foundation as they are focused on supporting the local Houston community. So, if there are any members that require some support or relief please let the board know. We are here to help and support each other during this time of need.

As we head into the fall season we have some great events lined up. Greg Riley organizes monthly Poker run's as we approach prime driving weather in the Houston area so plan to attend one of these events. Although, these are not marque specific events you have the opportunity

to share your car with like minded car enthusiast. We already had two members Greg Wrobleske and Jerry Kelley attend the event on Saturday the 9th. So plan to attend the next one in October. The next monthly meeting will be at the Party Barn. Matt and Mike Feehery are hosting and they will provide Mike's delicious BBQ. The meal is \$10 / head. We can't thank them enough for the use of their wonderful facility. At the end of September plan to attend the CVAR Vintage Races at MSR in Angleton on Saturday the 30th - October 1st for qualifying and heat races.

As we head into October, Mike Tidwell will be hosting a parts auction the morning of October 7th. Mike has accumulated years of parts and is letting it go to the highest bidders. Other Club members plan to bring their parts as well. If you want to get more details please reach out to Mike and he will fill you in. Plan to preview the parts at 9 AM and the bidding will begin at 10 AM. This should

provide an opportunity to get parts for your early or late and get some of your projects completed during the winter. Mike is also generous enough to give 20% of the auctions proceeds to the club. The board will decide what to do with the proceeds, but it will be a charitable contribution in the name of Corvair Houston and the Tidwell's. Plan to attend the Heritage Days event in Mineral Wells on the 20-22nd of October hosted by the North Texas Corvair Association (NTCA). This is also round 2 of Corvair Houston Autocross Championship. Note there is no plan for a monthly meeting as the schedule conflicts with Heritage Days.

November will start off with our third and final autocross event on November 5th at Grand Sport Speedway in Hitchcock TX. Things should be cleaned up by then as the facility is only about 18 miles outside of Galveston. The annual Thanksgiving meeting on the 17th will be at the

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Rearview Mirror

| by Betty Protteau



August is normally a vacation month with not many activities for Corvair Houston. In addition, August 2017 was rather un-newsworthy. However, our Corvair Houston club member, Bruce Eichenberg had some rather unpleasant excitement on his way to the Niftee Fiftees Saturday night car show get-together earlier in August. When turning into the Niftee Fiftees gathering location at the northeast corner of Louetta and Kuykendahl roads, heading south, another vehicle was traveling at a high rate of speed going north bound and plowed right into Bruce's beautiful 1956 Mercury Monterey (see picture). Thankfully, Bruce is doing well with some stitches on his forehead and bruising all over, of course. We are thankful that he was driving a heavy, substantial 3,800-pound cruiser and wasn't driving their 1966 Corvair Monza Convertible. And, we are very, very thankful that his wife, Vicki, didn't go along that evening! There is something to be said for those large, smooth, luxurious

cruisers from the 1950's.

The Corvair Houston club met at on August 18th at the Hickory Hollow Restaurant off of Fallbrook Drive in northwest Houston. The club welcomed new members April and Justin Duplantis, and sons, from Conroe, with their newly acquired 1962 green Monza four-door. Justin bought and drove this beautiful vehicle straight through from Nebraska to Conroe, about 900 miles, with no major issues. However, after the meeting, the four-door Monza didn't want to start. Consequently, a tow truck was called with Jon and Betty Protteau giving Justin a ride home. Fortunately, April had driven their water-pumper with the boys, leaving

earlier in the evening.

Hurricane Harvey took its toll on the Houston area with some member's homes and vehicles being flooded. Corvair Houston's officers voted unanimously to make a generous donation to JJ Watt's Hurricane Harvey Relief Fund. All of our hearts and prayers go out to those who lost so much more than we did. Moreover, with continued unselfish efforts from the community, we pray normalcy will be swiftly returned to all. Thankfully, we were able to get our Corvairs and vehicles out of the flood (see pictures) thanks to neighbors who helped us quickly drive them to higher ground in the Walden subdivision at the local Church next to

the Fire Station. According to the Firemen, the dome light was left on in the Greenbrier Van, so when the time came to bring it back home after the floods in Walden had subsided, it wouldn't start nor would it take a battery charge. Frustrated, because we needed to move the Van before Church services on Sunday, Vicki and Bruce Eichenberg came to our rescue by bringing their car dolly and towing the Van back home. Audrey and Mike Tidwell stopped by our house and Mike, the miracle worker, performed his usual artistry and got 'Jefferson' Greenbrier running within about 1 minute. The 'Crew of Women' unselfishly spent 3 days shoveling and clearing out the garage (see picture at back of the newsletter). 'Jefferson' will have to patiently park in the driveway until garage is remediated. And, 'Old Blue' is being graciously housed by Alan Dunlap while he's replacing the carpeting.



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Party Barn which will be a Pot Luck style event. The following week plan to be at the George R. Brown Convention Center for Autorama over the Thanksgiving weekend.

This year the theme is Forward Control Corvairs. The Club has some great FC's that we will have on display. Get with Todd Hasfjord as he is the committee chair for this event. He will be coordinating

vehicles for the display.

We finally close out the year with our annual Christmas party at Ricki and Sally Jannies's home. Please contact Sally as she coordinates this wonderful annual get together.

With that being said, let the fall driving season begin. I hope to see you next Friday the 15th at the Party Barn.



Calendar of Events

SEPTEMBER 2017

15	FRIDAY	CLUB MEETING	PARTY BARN
30/1ST	SATURDAY/SUNDAY	CVAR VINTAGE CAR RACES	MSR HOUSTON

OCTOBER 2017

5	THURSDAY	LARRY'S CAR SHOW	6901 ALABONSON ROAD
7	SATURDAY	PARTS AUCTION	TIDWELL'S HOME
20-22	FRIDAY - SUNDAY	HERITAGE DAY	MINERAL WELLS, TX

NOVEMBER 2017

5	SATURDAY	SCCA AUTOCROSS	GRAND SPORT SPEEDWAY
17	FRIDAY	CLUB MEETING	PARTY BARN
23-26	THURSDAY-SUNDAY	AUTORAMA	BROWN CONV CENTER

Newsletter Editor needed

by Mark Clarke



As previously announced, I am resigning my position as Newsletter Editor effective at the end of the year. I have faithfully served as Newsletter Editor since 2010 and have been actively involved in the club since 2006, having served as club president in 2008 and again in 2014. I care deeply about the club and the members,

but I need to take a break to recharge my battery, so to speak. That said, we need for someone to step up and take on the role of newsletter editor. I will provide all the necessary training and assist with the transition. As we no longer print the newsletter, the task only takes about 3 to 4 hours once a month to compile

articles and photos and prepare the monthly newsletter. Of course, it does require commitment to attend meetings, events and the monthly board meeting. If you have a creative flair and know how to copy and paste, then you are qualified to take on this role. I am hopeful that someone will step up to the plate on this

request as our club has been around since 1974 and the newsletter has proven to be an effective communication tool for the last 43 years. If you have an interest in being our next newsletter editor, please reach out to Richard Jonec or to me.



Parts Auction

by Mike Tidwell



On Saturday October 7th, Corvair Houston is having a large parts auction as long-time club members Mike Tidwell and Ed Murphy are cleaning out their garages. This is a great opportunity to get parts at a low price. All parts are new or used so take advantage of this opportunity to stock up on parts that you may need in the future. Come preview at 9.00 a.m. The Auction will start around 10.00 am. at the home of Mike and Audrey Tidwell located at 719 Oak Valley Lane, Pinehurst TX 77362. Bring

plenty of cash to spend on a great selection of parts. Also bring a side dish to share with your fellow club members. Hamburgers and fixings will be provided.

This auction is open to club members that have extra parts that they wish to sell. The rules are simple – the club keeps 20% of all sales and members selling parts get to

keep 80%. Remember to bring your folding/bag chairs and drinks. Call me at 713-526-3781 if you have any questions.



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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

TREASURY REPORT

REPORT AS OF SEPTEMBER 7, 2017

Beginning Balance	\$8,418.22
Receipts	
Club Dues	-0-
Subtotal	\$8,418.22
Expenses	
CORSA administrative fee	\$35.00
Ending Balance	\$8,383.22

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Waymon Worsham	Sept. 10
Joan Clarke	Sept. 13
Gene Marshall	Sept. 17
Tony Pomponio	Sept. 20
Andrew Spenn	Sept. 20
Nga Hasfjord	Sept. 20
Jordan Wrobleske	Sept. 21
Guy Bobkoff	Sept. 21

Happy Anniversary To:

Bruce & Kathy Parker	38 years	Sept. 16
Greg & Sandra Wrobleske	30 years	Sept. 19
Jim & Dee Watkins	44 years	Sept. 21



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"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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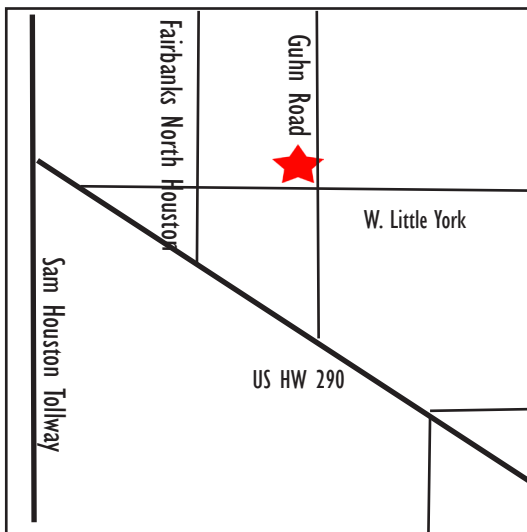
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**CLUB MEETING TO BE
 HELD ON FRIDAY
 SEPT. 15TH AT THE
 FEEHERRY PARTY BARN**

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 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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