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A patriotic beginning to the entrance of Texas Motor Speedway's "Gift of Lights"



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- **Individual Membership**
 - * \$25.00 per year for CORSA members
 - * \$30.00 per year for NON-CORSA members.
- **Family Membership:**
 - * CORSA or Non CORSA member
 - \$10 additional per family member living at same address
- **CORSA dues** are \$45.00 per year.

Support NTCA - Join CORSA



On Leave until
Zoom Meetings
are over!

2021 MONTHLY MEETING TALLIES

MONTH	Att	Ttl	E	L	F
JANUARY:	30	Z	O	O	M
FEBRUARY:					
MARCH:					
APRIL:					
MAY:					
JUNE:					
JULY:					
AUGUST:					
SEPTEMBER:					
OCTOBER:					
NOVEMBER:					
DECEMBER:					

Att = Attendance Ttl = Total # Cars
E = Early Cars L = Late Cars
FC = Forward Control Cars

Welcome New Members!

Jeff and Logan McKinley,
of Arlington
1965 Corsa, White and Rust

Damon Sacks, of Dallas
1963 Black Monza Convertible

Marlow Wojtek, of Dallas
1965 Corsa Convertible Black 140HP

Tom Roman of Mansfield
1965 Monza Convertible 140, Red on Red

Rich Kresler of Watauga
1966 Corsa Convertible, Red

FILLER PIPE

Current Membership 108

Who's Dues Are Due!

Due in October	Going to Drop Soon	
D'Avignon	Robb	10/1/2020
Due in November	To be dropped	
Baker	Donna	11/1/2020
Baker	Sam	11/1/2020
Hilliard	Ron	11/1/2020
McClay	Mike	11/1/2020
McClay	Karen	11/1/2020
Mulligan Sr	Dan	11/1/2020
Spencer	Freeman	11/1/2020
Due in December	Last month	
Leonard	Mike	12/1/2020
McGregor	Joel	12/1/2020
Wispell	Carolyn	12/1/2020
Wright Jr.	Tommy	12/1/2020
Due in January	This month	
Dobie	Pati	1/1/2021
Duplantis	Justin	1/1/2021
Goldstein	Zach	1/1/2021
Martin	John	1/1/2021
Martin	Ann	1/1/2021
Moore	Christopher	1/1/2021
Renken	Britney	1/1/2021
Tarpenning	Bob	1/1/2021
Due in February	Next month	
Arras	Dan	2/1/2021
Arras	Denise	2/1/2021
Boyle	Jennifer	2/1/2021
Boyle	Lindsey	2/1/2021
Boyle	Mike	2/1/2021
Bryan	Debbie	2/1/2021
Bryan	George	2/1/2021
Crow	Joronda	2/1/2021
Crow	Robert	2/1/2021
Dobie	Mike	2/1/2021
Fricker	Gail	2/1/2021
Rehders	Fred	2/1/2021
Rehders	Martha	2/1/2021
Sheedy	Jack	2/1/2021
Sheedy	Judi	2/1/2021
Surbaugh	Greg	2/1/2021



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From the President
McKenna Wright

From the Vice-President
Jayson Woods

From the Secretary
Sandra Crum



What an amazing turnout to kick off 2021! Thank you to everyone who joined our January Zoom meeting, and we hope to see any more faces at future meetings.

Congratulations to Mike Boyle! He is the winner of the ZOOM meeting participation drawing.

As noted during the meeting, we will be keeping an eye on the weather to see if we can safely have outdoor physical meetings. Please keep an eye out as we will inform the club of where we will be meeting.

Hope everyone is staying safe and warm, and we will see you at our February meeting!

Thanks,
McKenna Wright

My thoughts and prayers go out the Family of Sam Baker! What a way to start out 2021.

At the next meeting if you have any stories of Sam please get them ready. We will be sharing our favorite memories then.

The Directory located in the Garage on the NTCA Website has been updated.

The password for the website has been changed. The new password is *corvair2021*

Be safe & stay well.

Jayson Woods



Meeting Minutes

January 2021

The January zoom meeting was called to order by the President, McKenna Wright at 2:10 pm.

The Secretary reminded members to pay their dues.

Jeannette Alberte, Treasurer, reported there was no activity for December. No income received and no payments made.

Jayson Woods, Vice-President, will ask members to step forward and help with programs for the coming year. The January activity will be a combination regular meeting and "banquet".

Future activities will be TBA for now.

Tech tips and Open Forum followed.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sandra Crum

IN MEMORY

Philip Sammy Baker

October 11, 1954 - January 11, 2021



Phillip Sammy Baker passed away January 11, 2021 from his long time battle with Addison's Disease.

Sam was an integral part of NTCA and a genuinely wonderful person. We will miss his quick wit, funny stories and helpful ways. He was loved and respected by all who knew him.

His family shared that Sam would want us to celebrate him together as a group when we can safely do so. In the mean time, please honor him by taking ride in your Corvair and remembering the great times with Sam.

Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife Donna, son Beaux and Phillip Baker, his family and friends.



ZOOM Meetings

This link will be used for all the Zoom meetings we have in 2021.

Topic: NTCA February Meeting

Time: Feb 6, 2021 02:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system.

Monthly: <https://us02web.zoom.us/join?pwd=Zm9kZWpudGhpZG9JRvEgqFBGkKexkqgmqtzjS/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGgqjoiE92WsBiBRpw-Boj4WfPxmHZjfp3rgnAEid1QATdHedaOaN4HcnE>

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88418993016?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88418993016?pwd=eUc2ZGIxWWlnQSs5N0k3QTFhczRJTU09)

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H.O.T UPDATE

Heart of Texas Corvair Reunion for 2021 has been moved to a new date!

After rescheduling for April 2021, we have had to move it to November 12-14, 2021. It will still be in Nacogdoches, TX and the Fredonia Hotel. While another change was not in the plan, health experts anticipate the many challenges with Covid will continue in Spring and the new dates insure we mitigate any risk to our Corvair family. The hotel and City of Nacogdoches have been flexible and wants to have us there. Fall in east Texas is a beautiful time of year in the piney woods of east Texas and we still have plans for a great time! If you made hotel reservations, they will be moved for you to these new dates. If you want to cancel, please call the hotel. Registration will open later this year. Looking forward to seeing everyone in Nacogdoches in Fall!



2021 Car Club Program Partnership

Good news for CORSA Members! CORSA is now a part of the Mecum Car Club program. Attending the Mecum auction in 2021? You get discounted tickets.



Corvair Society of America is proud to be a part of the Mecum Auctions Car Club Program for 2021. This program was established to support the car clubs, their members and the collector car community.

CORSA Members will get discounted tickets

Bidder Registration Discounts! Individual CORSA members can buy a **Standard Bidder registration** for Mecum Auctions **that includes one (10 Bidder Badge and one (1) Guest Badge**. The normal price for Standard Bidder registration is \$200 per auction, but CORSA members pay only \$100. This offer is available only for those of you who register online. You can also register by phone, by mail, or when you walk in the door, but you won't get the discount. You can find all the details at corvair.org and log into your account.

CORSA will also be on display

Mecum has a car club booth at each one of its auctions. CORSA will be among the clubs represented there with brochures and sample copies of the CORSA Communique magazine. Our logo will also appear in Mecum show programs and in *Mecum Magazine*.

In addition, Mecum will make available contact information gathered at the car club booth for CORSA membership prospects.

Heart of Texas Corvair Reunion

Nacogdoches **November 12-14, 2021** Fredonia Hotel

Information and Registration:
<http://www.northtexascorvair.org/>
Coming soon!

North Texas Corvair Association

My first Corvair was my first car at age 16 in '74, a \$200 Corvair Monza 900 convertible. My dad thought it would be a good idea to get a project car to work on and drive. He'd had one - a '62 4-door like the t-shirt - and a high school friend had a neat early coupe that I liked. My friends had old cars and I'd been rebuilding and working on motorcycles and I was heading towards a career in mechanical engineering. We rebuilt the first engine and over the years went through it all together, having a blast. The first engine dropped valve seats twice so we rebuilt and installed a 110hp '64 engine that he found. There was no internet, but I knew every Corvair in every junkyard within 25 miles of Roanoke, Va - and you could still get parts from a Chevy dealer or auto parts store.

I drove that car for 9 years, anywhere and everywhere. At Virginia Tech in Engineering school I took every automotive class I could get - even "Vehicular Safety" from a professor who was a Corvair guy. After I started working - and moving - I had too many vehicles and not enough drivers. So, in a fit of stupidity, I sold my Corvair to a co-worker. Two months later his son flipped it. Luckily he was not injured and the car went back to the junkyard for what we paid for it -\$200. I saw it after the crash and regretted selling it but knew then that one day I'd have another one.



Fast forward through career, employers, 9 moves, 7 states, 2 kids to the 90's. I learned about the car I have now - a '64 Monza convertible - from a co-worker in Kansas City in the mid-90's. It was stored in his family's barn but I didn't have the time or place to do anything with it. We moved down here to Texas in 2003 and I hadn't thought much about Corvairs for a while. In 2007 my KC friend called - said they were cleaning out the barn - if I wanted the Corvair I had to come get it NOW. So I drove up there, sight unseen, bought the car and drove it down here on a trailer in an ice storm. I bought some parts and a battery and fooled around with it enough to get the engine to light off (and joined NTCA briefly, attended a couple meetings) - but that's where the project died because....my son found a '66 Mustang shortly after and we worked on it together for about 5 years - the Corvair sat

Fast forward again through retirement in 2016 and then a move to Justin in 2018. It was time to resurrect the Corvair project. I built a shop with a car lift for doing old car work. I still have all the old Corvair manuals, tools, etc from my Dad's workshop. I started hitting it pretty hard last year (re-joined NTCA) and last November I made it run, then drove it - the first time it had seen the road since 1984. (Before the clutch died and Covid hit she made it over to Irving for a NTCA meeting.)

Thanks to Covid-19 I've done extensive work this year getting her to this point, it is currently in the shop getting a new top, but still needs floorboards, then carpet. And I need to go through the front suspension and steering gearbox as well. Here's a list of the big stuff I've done to date, and of course there's tons and tons of little stuff - and an amazing stack of receipts from Clark's and others.



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My Corvair Story Cont.

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An interesting part of this project is wrapping my head around the historical perspective. My first Corvair, the '63, was a "clunker" at the time but only 11 years old. We were able to drive it home and the amount of work it took to get it back in shape wasn't overwhelming. Other than the engine most everything worked well or could be easily repaired. It died in a crash at age 20, but was running great. The '64 I am working on was "running when we parked it, but having clutch issues" at age 20 in 1984. But before running again, it turned 55 years old having sat unused and mostly untouched in a barn/garage for 35 years. The fact that anything works at all is amazing.

- Removed everything from the top of the engine including the shroud to clean out the critter nest of acorns and a good chunk of the cotton rear seat padding.
- New brakes from the backing plates out including drums, brake lines, wheel cylinders and the late model master cylinder conversion.
- New fuel tank and sending unit.
- New tires, stayed with the original 13-inch, had to scrounge a couple good rims.
- All lights, lenses, switches and accessories gone through, fixed or replaced and they all work. Added "retro" radio/stereo with Bluetooth and kick pan speakers. Wipers replaced and washer pump replaced. New heater blower fan.
- Weatherstripping replaced.
- Rear suspension rebuilt, new rubber, new shocks front and rear.
- New wheel bearings, front and rear.
- The engine - most likely a '62 - runs pretty well. I've done extensive work on carburation, engine seals, ignition, alternator upgrade, etc. and it runs pretty well but has started leaking oil from pushrod tubes. (At about this time Robert Parker advertised a '64 engine for sale so I bought it and it's now sitting in the shop ready to go in when I get the car back. Felt like high school again - drove out to Abilene, helped pull an engine out in the driveway, then loaded it on the truck and drove home with it.)
- Clutch failed so I built an engine dolly, pulled the power train and enlisted the aid of Sam Baker. He rebuilt my transmission/transaxle and provided priceless technical advice and support. I put her back together with all new clutch, pressure plate, flywheel, release bearing, u-joints, etc.
- Rubbed out original paint with restore compound and waxed it. Also cleaned then polished the chrome - thanks to Mike Boyle's aluminum foil tip.
- New upholstery - from Clark's but used early black/grey cloth instead of vinyl.

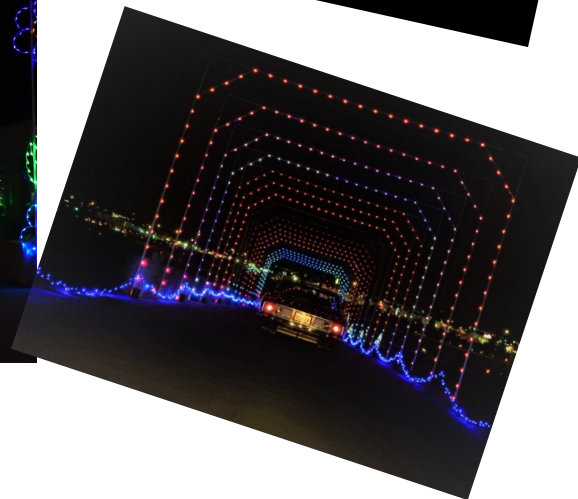
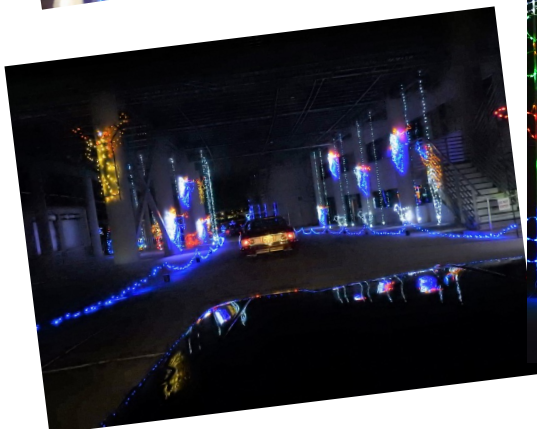
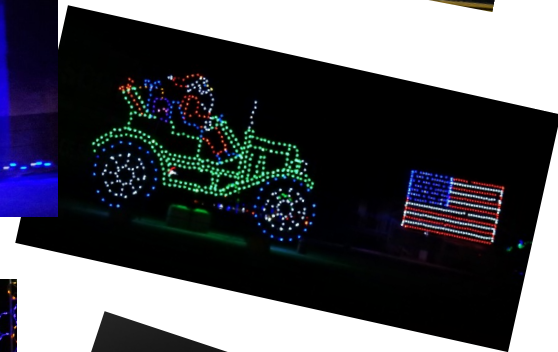
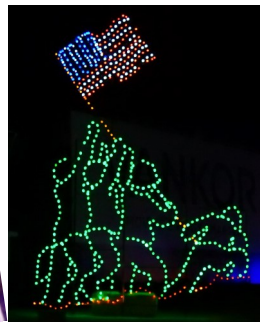
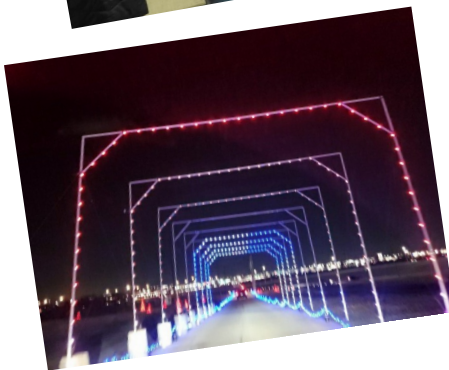
The old gal is not perfect, but looks pretty good going down the road. There's some rust on her and I'll have to take that on when I get all the mechanical stuff done. For now I just like jumping in it and tooling around the country roads with the top down, listening to that amazing air-cooled engine sound. One of these days I'd like to get her back to Virginia and tool around on the Blue Ridge Parkway with my Dad.

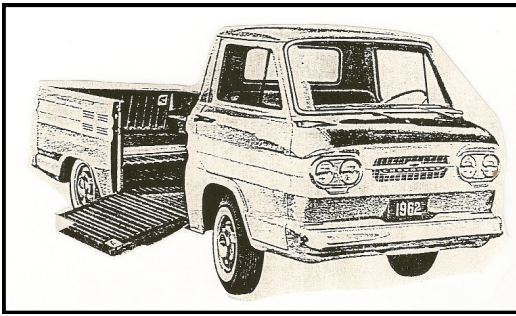


ACTIVITY REPORT

December 2020 ACTIVITY

After meeting at Buc-ee's we caravanned over to the Texas Motor Speedway for the "GIFT of Lights" show.



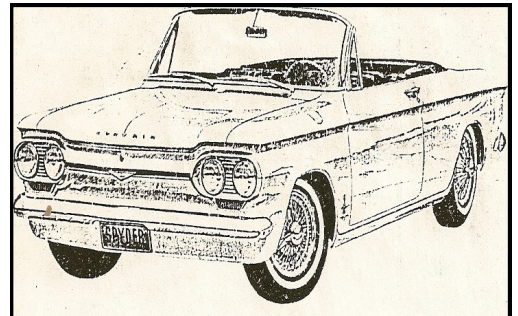


FOR SALE

Classified Ads

Material collected , taken from the bulletin board at each meeting or emailed to NTCA by deadline listed below, will be published here for three months free to NTCA members, \$25 for non-members.

FOR SALE



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Clark's Corvair Parts®



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CLARK'S CORVAIR WILL BE CLOSED

JAN 21-JAN 24, 2021

We will be updating our computer system on January 21-24, This is to be able to serve you better in the future.

We are quite confident that it will be business as usual on Monday Jan 25.

We will get as many orders out as possible by Wed Jan 20, but some may not get shipped until the following week.

Thanks,
Cal Clark

If you have a Corvair or parts for sale or are in need of Corvair parts etc, please use this space to let everyone know. It is here for you to spread the word.

Mike's Corvair Parts

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Ads for publication should be emailed to the newsletter editor at gw.fricker44@gmail.com

Ads must be received by the first Saturday of the month for printing in that month's Transaxle Telegraph.

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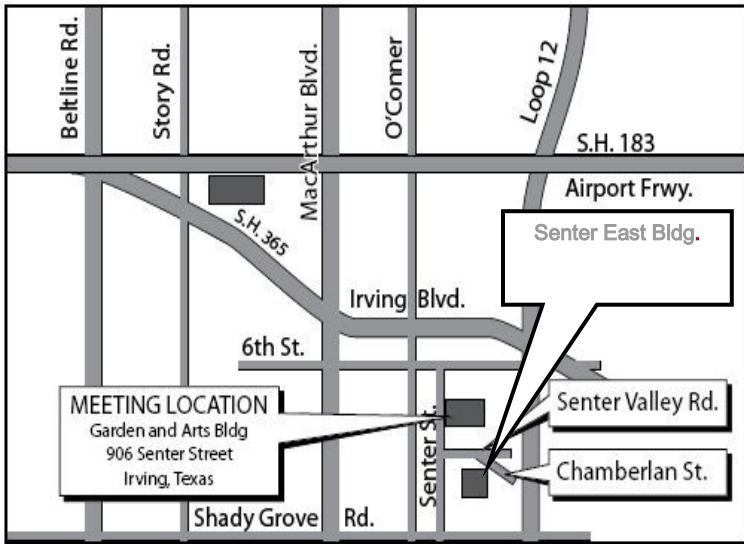
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To all Born in the Month of January: Happy Birthday!

*Your birthday always comes
as we start another year,
January is your month
your special day is here.
It's the middle of the winter
most days are cold and dreary,
so here's a birthday wish for you
that your day is bright and cheery!*
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