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From the President: Mike McClay

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Happy Independence Day, everyone!

I hope everyone was able to take some time and reflect on how great it is to live in this country and to remember all The heroes, past and present, who made it possible. Since our monthly meeting would have taken place during the holiday weekend, we combined it with our monthly activity.



I know I have said this before, but if you have never been to a Corsa convention, I highly recommend it. This year's convention was in Gettysburg, PA, and it was a great success. Karen and I have made it to the latest four conventions (Peachtree, GA; The Wisconsin Dells; San Luis Obispo, CA; and Gettysburg). Honestly, we would never have made these areas vacation destinations, but after visiting them, we have no regrets. Not only was the destination enjoyable, but the drive to each was spectacular. Next year, the Convention will be in Franklin, Tennessee. Franklin is a one-day driving adventure away. Our goal is to drive our Greenbrier.

Be there or be square!

I must acknowledge the passing of long-time NTCA member and friend, Robert Freeman. What a guy! He was one of the first members who welcomed us into the club. I always admired his Texas demeanor and southern charm. One of the most welcoming and friendly people I have had the pleasure of knowing. I will miss him greatly and think of him often.

Please keep Kay, his son Scott, and family in your thoughts and prayers.

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From Vice President: Ron Hilliard, July 2026

I hope everyone had a great 4th!

I was sorry to hear that Robert had passed, and my condolences to his wife and family. He has been an important part of NTCA for many years.

Between the CORSA Convention, work, and family, I have been very busy lately.

This was the third Convention in a row that I have driven the Greenbrier. While not everything went as I had planned, it was a great convention. I am thankful for everyone who helped me get the brier ready to go home. I saw friends and met new friends. I drove for several hours in heavy traffic and rain coming home. I was happy to have the disk brakes. It always stopped straight without pulling. One of the meetings I went to was AirVairs. There was a lot of talk about electric A/C. We will have a program on that this fall.

I am looking forward to seeing you at the NTCA birthday party on the 18th.

Ron Hilliard

Secretary's Meeting Minutes- by Karen McClay

No meeting on July 4, due to it being America's 250th anniversary and a lot of us having family and parties to attend

See You on July 18 at the NTCA Party

Written by Karen P. McClay, Secretary

CORSA Update- by Jeannette Alberte

Many just returned from a great week in Gettysburg for the 2026 Convention. It was BIG- over 650 and 225+ Corvairs and FUN! Members of the club participated in events and won awards. Our own Ron Hillard won the "Hard Luck Award" too! There will be a complete recap of the week at our August meeting and in the CORSA Communique Magazine. I want to thank ALL the NTCA members who were there- everyone volunteered or *were volunteered to help with events*. Great work, NTCA folks!

NTCA Filler Pipe		7/4/2026
Past due- MAY		
Cole	Nick	05/01/26
Hockman	Nick	05/01/26
Smith	William K (Bill)	05/01/26
Last month - JUNE		
Beach	Danny	06/01/26
Bentz	Laura	06/01/26
Bentz	Robert	06/01/26
Miller	Darrin	06/06/26
Renken	Britney	06/01/26
This Month - JULY		
Cook	Bob	07/05/26
Mosely	David	07/01/26
Wofford	Doug	07/05/26
Wofford	Walt	07/05/26
Wright	Tommy	07/05/26
Next Month - August		
Cook	Bob	07/05/26
Mosely	David	07/01/26
Wofford	Doug	07/05/26
Wofford	Walt	07/05/26
Wright	Tommy	07/05/26

As of June, NTCA has 94 paid members.

Renewal dues can be made by cash, check, or Venmo

We appreciate our members

Dues Payments can be mailed to
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Membership update:

Our Membership Chair is Gail Fricker, who has volunteered to reach out to former and past due members, encouraging them to come back! If you know a member who hasn't been around for a while, invite them back! See a Corvair in your area- give them your information and share the benefits of being in our club.

Cookie Monsters:

July – NTCA Party

August – Rob & Becky Rosenboom

September – Pati & Mike Dobie

October- Robert & Joronda Crow

November – Gary Duncan & Dan Rose

December – McKennan McMurry



Monthly Meetings

NTCA Meetings are the first Saturday of the month at 2:00 p.m., in Irving, Texas

Location for the rest of 2026 is as follows:

Garden and Arts – 906 Senter Road

- November, and December

Senter East -100 Senter Road

- August, September, and October

The July Meeting is July 18

location for The Club Party will be at Ray & Jeannette's house (read on)

Month	At Mtg	Total	Early	Late	FC
January	32	106	3	6	1
February	22	106	0	4	1
March	28	104	0	0	1
April	27	98	1	2	1
May	36	97	3	7	0
June	29	98	0	2	1
July					
August					
September					
October					
November					
December					

In Appreciation



We honor our long-time member and friend Robert Freeman, who passed away on June 27th. Many knew him as Butch but in NTCA he was Robert, a generous and kind person who gave so much to our club and the Corvair Community. He exemplified the word gentleman. As written his obituary, "Beyond his professional achievements, Butch was a man of many passions. He was never happier than when immersed in the beauty of the outdoors, pursuing the quiet thrill of hunting, the vitality of snow skiing, or the exhilaration of water skiing. Yet perhaps nothing brought him more delight than working on his beloved 1963

Chevrolet Corvair—a treasured companion through the decades and a symbol of his patient devotion. As a proud member of the North Texas Corvair Association, he found camaraderie and shared joy among fellow enthusiasts, bringing an infectious enthusiasm to every gathering."

"For 61 years, Butch shared his life with his beloved wife, Kay Freeman—an extraordinary partnership marked by steadfast love, mutual respect, and countless memories forged side by side. Their bond was the cornerstone of a family that grew to include their son, Scott, daughter-in-law, Julie, and cherished grandson, Chase, who brought him boundless pride and joy.

Many of us can recall how we first met Robert and a consistent theme is his friendliness and warmth. Robert was always one of the first to say hello to new members and those who were returning. Over the past few years, he took on the role of Membership Chair, reaching out to past members who haven't been around. It was from his efforts we were able to reconnect with many people. Robert was also generous with his creativity, designing our event apparel and new logo. He also volunteered for many roles, serving on the board and organizing our attendance at the Christan Classic Cruisers Car show and the St. Paddy's day Pickel parade. It isn't often one meets a person like Robert and we will miss him. Please keep Kay and the family in your thoughts.



Check out the events page on our website for all the details!



July Club Birthday and Picnic – Pizza Party on July 18

There is NO meeting in Irving on the first Saturday, July 4th

It's time to tell us if you are attending the club party on July 18th!

We will have a "double day" of celebrating NTCA and our meeting on July 18 at the home of Jeannette and Ray Morales in Sunnyvale, TX. Members and a guest are invited. Additional guests pay a small fee.

The BIG NEWS: It's a Dobie Pizza Party too! These are "make your own" pizzas. Bring a savory dish to share (the club provides dessert), and the club will provide beverages. BYOB, and there is a pool if you want to take a dip. There will be games too! This is a "rain or shine" party with lots of room to be out of the sun or weather.

Details: 3–6 p.m. 505 Robin Ridge Drive, Sunnyvale *Please tell us if you are coming by July 13th- email rmorales@ameritech.net or call 847-254-1398*

Other upcoming events:

I am working on the months of August and November, so stay tuned!

August: TBD

September: Start getting those parts organized because it's PARTS AUCTION TIME! And this year we will have some good ones! Bring your parts and a dish to share for lunch.

Saturday, September 19, Auction starts at 10 a.m. Location: Charles and Sandy Cram's garage/yard, 6175 Meadowlands Dr, Crum, TX.

October: A busy month- we have the Nick Hockman Car party in Irving on October 17 and Corvair Heritage Days, October 22-25 in Mineral Wells (See more below)

November: TBD

December: NTCA Christmas Party



Corvair Heritage Days 2026 Mineral Wells, TX,

October 22-25

Get your hotel reservations now!

Our Biggest Event of the year! Host hotel: Red Lion Inn, 6801 US Hwy 180, Mineral Wells, TX 76067

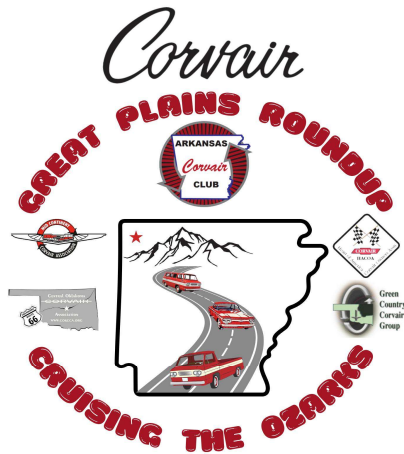
Rate: \$95.00 per night, includes breakfast

Call direct: 940-325-7829 for the rate under

North Texas Corvair Association Heritage Day

Event schedule is on the Website- check it out!

Other Corvair Clubs and Activities



September 10-13, 2026
Springdale, Arkansas

**Make plans to attend another
great regional event!**

Great Plains Roundup – September 10-13th
Springdale, Arkansas Holiday Inn

We have been told that rooms at the host hotel sold out but other hotels are being lined up...stay tuned.
Registration form can be found on the website or check out their Facebook page "Great Plains RoundUp."

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