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From the President: Mike McClay

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August is upon us, bringing the 100-degree weather we anticipated. Despite a low turnout of Corvairs, attendance was good. Thank you to those who braved the heat and drove their Corvairs.

While I'm on the subject of weather, ponder this: Due to the cold weather, our friends up north

tend to "winterize" their Corvairs and bring them out during warmer weather. Here in Texas, we tend to do the opposite. We opt for our air-conditioned cars during the hottest days and drive our Vairs in the cooler months. Ron Hilliard has a program coming up on electric-powered AC units next month. It may be the secret to driving your Corvairs year-round. This month's program was presented by Jeannette Alberte and other members who attended the Corsa Convention in Gettysburg, PA. Did you know the NTCA has many members who volunteer annually to make the Convention possible? Just a quick count on my fingers, I came up with 10. There are probably more, but I ran out of fingers. Thank you to all who did. Outside of making the NTCA one of the most visible Corvair clubs in the nation, you are instrumental in making the event run so well.

Mike McClay

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From Vice President: Ron Hilliard, August 2026

Thanks to Ray and Jeanette for opening their home for the birthday party and to Mike Dobie for bringing the pizza oven. I know everyone had a great time. I would love to have the garage space that Ray has and have things as organized as he does. Thanks again to everyone that helped me get the Greenbrier back on the road and home safely. I hope to be at the next outing on the 15th in Ft. Worth. At the last meeting I said the next program would be on electric A/C, and then Herb DuPlant asked if he could do a program on photos he had taken of club functions in the past. The A/C will be put off until October. I am working on the rest of the programs and open to any suggestions.

As we get closer to the fall, I am looking for people to fill board positions for next year. I hope any members that have not served on the board will consider it. Most of the positions don't require much time, and it is a great chance to get to know people better and see how things work. I have been on the board for the past 3 years, and it has been a great experience.

Looking forward to seeing you soon.

Ron Hilliard

Secretary's Meeting Minutes- by Karen McClay

August Meeting Minutes

We started the meeting at 2:00 p.m. President Mike McClay welcomed members and visitors. Today's program: CORSA Convention Recap. Tom Wright talked about Heritage Days in October. The dues information was read by Karen McClay, Activity Director; Ray Morales reported on the activities for the month. Break time: We had cookies supplied by Rob & Becky Rosenboom – Thank you! Corvair of the month is: Mark Wilson. Tech Tip: Upholstery Herb will bring pictures of the club to the next meeting. Open Forum: Questions asked and answered; a table offering car parts was displayed by Herb Duplant, Alice Gephardt, and Luis Guion. Meeting adjourned at 4:57 p.m. Then some went to dinner

Written by Karen P. McClay, Secretary

CORSA Update- by Jeannette Alberte

Many members of NTCA are also members of CORSA. NTCA supports the national organization by providing a discount of \$5 for those are members of CORSA. CORSA is the national organization that advocates for our cars and sponsors the annual International Convention. It also provides the insurance for meetings and other event locations. This a big benefit to clubs. In addition, members have access to publications and receive the Communique Magazine. Please consider renewing and, if you have never been a member, join! With a 2-year Print membership, you get FREE: two additional months of membership AND a copy of "Corvair Basics"! Go to corvair.org for more information.

NTCA Filler Pipe		8/1/2026
To be Dropped:		
Cole	Nick	05/01/26
Hockman	Nick	05/01/26
Smith	William K (Bill)	05/01/26
Past Due - JULY		
Cook	Bob	07/05/26
Mosely	David	07/01/26
Wofford	Doug	07/05/26
Wofford	Walt	07/05/26
Next Month - September		
D'Angelo	Barbara	9/1/2026
Eaton	Barney	9/1/2026

As of June, NTCA has 95 paid members.

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

We appreciate our members

Dues Payments can be mailed to
P.O. Box 170796 Irving, TX 75017
or use Venmo @NTCAPayment

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Membership update:

Welcome new member Marc Marcoulides of Robinson, TX. We met Marc at the August meeting, where he shared that he has owned Corvairs and is looking for one. Hopefully, he'll find one, and we will see him at meetings and events.

Cookie Monsters:

September – Pati & Mike Dobie
October- Robert & Joronda Crow
November – Gary Duncan & Dan Rose
December – McKennan McMurry



Thank you for the cookies!
They were yummy for my tummy!

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
• September, and October

Did you know...

Meeting dates and locations are listed on the website under "Events?" And if you don't know where to find information about events, go to the Website! Information is also posted on Facebook for those who are inclined to use it!

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					

Keep the celebration of America's 250th birthday going...

***Join us for the August Event at the Amon Carter Museum of American Art –
August 15th 10am***

3501 Camp Bowie Blvd. Fort Worth, TX 76107 817.738.1933

A tour of the museum has been arranged – meet inside the Museum front entrance
(museum opens at 10am)

Lunch around 11:30 – Pizza Nizza

401 University Drive, Fort Worth, TX 76107 – a 4 min drive

Map and parking information was emailed to all members last week!

Give Ray a call or text if questions

September: Start getting those parts organized -it's PARTS AUCTION TIME!

And this year we will have some good ones! Members have sourced parts not seen around here that will be auctioned off for the club. Bring your parts and a dish to share for lunch. You will make 90% of the sale and clean out space for more parts!

**Location: Charles and Sandy Cram's garage/yard,
6175 Meadowlands Dr, Crum, TX.**

Set up starts at 8:30a, Bidding at 10a- Brin

October Event: Nick Hockman Car party in Irving October 10th This is a fun event with free food and drinks! The best part? Showing off our Corvairs! Check out the website for location and times where we will meet and drive over!

**Corvair Heritage Days 2026 Mineral Wells, TX,
October 22-25**



**Registration is NOW OPEN- information on the website
Be sure to get your hotel reservations now!**

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

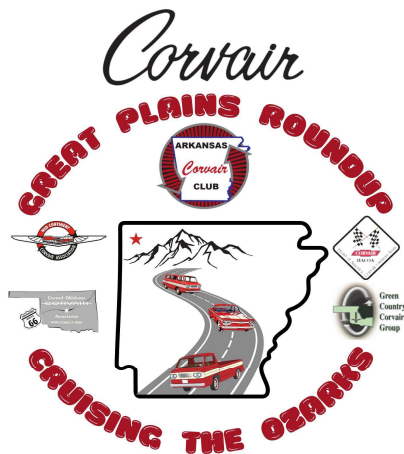
Rate: \$95.00 per night, includes breakfast

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

North Texas Corvair Association Heritage Day

Event schedule is on the Website- check it out! Contact Tom Wright with questions.

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."



Mike Boyle "Snow"



Ray Morales - Lakewood



Mike Dobie- Yenke



Ron Hilliard - Van

Family Photos: - Cars in Gettysburg

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Tech Info: Dawson Reviews Clark's Pumps *By Mike Dawson*

Note: Mike Dawson is a member of the Heart of America Corvair Association and author of many excellent Corvair tech articles. This was recently shared by Mike in their newsletter and may be of interest to anyone who recently purchased the new Clark's fuel pump. Thank you, Mike!

Fellow Members: The new Clark's fuel pump arrived today and appears to be a quality product, including reinforced gasket material, centered pump rod, and screws that are long enough to hold it together without stripping threads. HOWEVER, check the attached picture of the lock bolts that may be on your car. The hole in the Clark's fuel pump for the lock bolt is open through to the push rod. The pointed bolt does not contact the side of the tapered hole before it hits the end of the hole just before reaching the push rod. Any excessive tightening will lock up the push rod and stop pump function. This is easily addressed by cutting off a portion of the pointed lock bolt to match the blunt-end lock bolt that is pictured. Fit your bolt to the tapered hole before installation so that you can obtain a good side contact without pushing through the end of the hole. I have no record of when these different bolts were used, so check yours if you install a new pump. I am also e-mailing Clark's



Check the tip of the locking bolt. It need to be blunt to work properly with the new Clark's fuel pumps.