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A CHARTERED CHAPTER OF THE CORVAIR SOCIETY OF AMERICA

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From the President: Mike McClay

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Hello all! Can you feel it? Fall is coming, and the temps will cool off soon. I know about you, but the weather tends to take my mechanical ambition away. It is hampering the use of my eagerness to drive my Corvair too, although not completely. We still made the meeting in our Monza this month.



! Big thank you to long-time club member Herb Duplant for volunteering to present the monthly program this month. I enjoyed looking through all the photos he put up for grabs; I kept quiet a few. Herb also spoke about his experiences as an NTCA member since, I believe, 1985. He is a huge asset and contributor to the club.

I hope you have made plans to attend Heritage Days. This is our premier event of the year, and you will really miss out if you do not make it. Mineral Wells is closer to the DFW area than you may think. An easy drive in your Corvair. If you can't drive your Corvair, drive your water pumper. If you can't spend the weekend, come out for the day.

We are in the process of organizing a Zoom meeting as an additional way for us to gather as a group. This not a replacement for a monthly, it's another way for the club to reach out to members. We had them during Covid and they were an excellent way to gather as a club. More on this in the near future. Any subject in particular on your mind?

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From Vice President: Ron Hilliard, September 2026

Thank you, Herb DuPlant for the September program. I have known Herb for many years and learned more about him at the program. As I said at the meeting I learned I need to make sure to tell Jeanette about changes in the program because not everyone reads my report.

The October program will be on electric A/C and heat. This may be part one on the basics. I plan to mockup the evaporator and some of the vents in the Spyder and take photos. I will have the complete heat pump kit and instructions. I may do a part two when it is installed and working.

I am working on November and December programs.

Ray, I enjoyed the trip to the museum last month

Secretary's Meeting Minutes- by Karen McClay

September Meeting Minutes

We started the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

President Mike McClay welcomed members and visitors.

Today's program: Herb Duplant brought pictures from the past and car memorabilia

Tom Wright talked about Heritage Days in October.

The Filler Pike information about dues was read by Karen McClay

Activity Director, Ray Morales, reported on the month's activities

Break time: We had cookies supplied by Mike and Pati Dobie – Thank you!

Corvair of the month is: Charles Cram

Tech Tip: Alternator talk

Open Forum: Question asked and answered – Kay will bring club appeal to next months meeting.

A table offering car parts and apparel was displayed by Kay Freeman, Alice Gephardt, and Luis Guion

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Then some of us went to dinner

Written by Karen P. McClay, Secretary

New for the club: We take Zelle!

Use ntcatreasurer@gmail.com as the address for another easy way to pay!

We appreciate our members

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

NTCA Filler Pipe		8/1/2026
Past Due - JULY		
Cook	Bob	07/05/26
Mosely	David	07/01/26
Wofford	Doug	07/05/26
Wofford	Walt	07/05/26
This Month - September		
D'Angelo	Barbara	9/1/2026
Eaton	Barney	9/1/2026
Next Month - October		
Bauer	James	10/01/26
Phillips II	Dorothy	10/01/26
Phillips II	Reginald	10/01/26
Raley	Diana	10/01/26
Raley	Michael	10/01/26

As of September, NTCA has 95 paid members.

Renewal dues can be made by cash, check, or Venmo or now ZELLE!

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Membership update:

We love all our members- new, long time and returning! Our chapter has had members who leave and come back for the community we have built around this car and friends. We welcome back Steve Upham from Garland who is working on his late model. We also welcome two new members who joined at our meeting: Edgar Velasquez from Mesquite and Rob Teeter who recently moved to Ft. Worth from Bend OR with is '62 Convertible. We look forward to seeing them at meetings and events and helping them keep their cars on the road.

If you know a former member, reach out and stay connected. Our Membership Chair is Gail Fricker, who has volunteered to reach out to former and past due members, encouraging them to come back!

Cookie Monsters:

October- Robert & Joronda Crow
November – Gary Duncan & Dan Rose
December – McKennan McMurry

Thank you for the cookies!
They were yummy!



Thank you to everyone who volunteers to bring treats to make our meetings enjoyable and fun.

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 -1000 Senter Road
in October

We will "pass the hat" for Irving Cares at our October meeting! Cash or checks appreciated for this fine organization.

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	-	97	-	-	-
August	27	93	0	1	1
September	34	95	0	3	1
October					
November					
December					

Event Recap – Ray Morales rmorales@ameritech.net

Our August event was very educational and fun. DFW has many world class museums and the Amon Carter in Ft. Worth. did not disappoint. It is free with free parking too. Summer has been brutally hot and the museum had the AC cranked down cold. The tour guide provided us with details and background about the museum and works of art. It was very interesting. I'm ready to go back there and to the pizza restaurant!



Upcoming Events

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

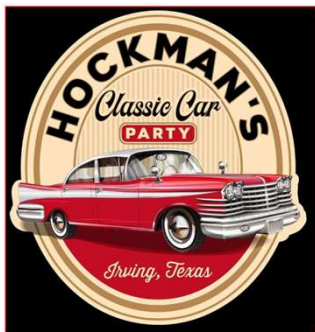
Get Ready to hear SOLD! Its PARTS AUCTION TIME!

Bring your parts to sell and plan on buying too. Saturday, Sept. 19th

The home of Charles and Sandy Cram, 6175 Meadowlands Drive Krum, TX, 76249

Set up starts at 8:30. Auction will start around 9:30 and end around 3 depending on the parts. There will be lots of parts not seen before- collected by Mike and Ray who will auction them for the club. Go to the website, Events Tab to read how it works! And don't forget: Bring your own tables and chairs AND a luncheon dish to share at the pot luck lunch.

October Event: Nick Hockman Car Party! October 10th 11:30 AM 2:30 PM



This is one we look forward to every year. Member Nick Hockman opens his yard to area car clubs for a great show. 1511 Irvin Road, Irving, TX

This is a free event for active NTCA Club Members. Meet at the Albertson's Parking lot at 11:30 AM - 2200 W. Shady Grove Road (SE Corner of Shady Grove and Story Road.) We will drive over together. If you attend the event in your Corvair but don't meet up to drive over, you may not be able to park in the group! Please bring chairs and any special beverages you may require. Food and beverages will be provided. The weather should be nice so come out and show off your Corvair!

More Upcoming Events

We will "pass the hat" at the October Meeting for Irving Cares, our sponsored charity. Please bring cash or checks for Irving Cars. Over the years, our club has been generous to this community organization.

December Holiday Gathering – Party at the Meeting! December 5th

By Request- we will have our party at the meeting at the Irving Garden and Arts Building this year. Same time! For this event, there will be a pot luck, food and the infamous Gift Exchange. More details to come but start looking for that fun gift.

Extra Club News

**The club website is the place to go: northtexascorvair.org
Facebook also has events and information posted. Join the group!**

- Go to the Club Garage to find the Chapter Directory. It is now current through September. Contact the club if something needs changing – ntcorvair@gmail.com
- Also on the Club Garage: Looking for a current or past issue of the Transaxle Telegraph? They are now in the Club Garage tab, going back to 2020!
- How to access the club garage? It is for members only, and we want to protect your information, so the password updates each year.
- Added to the home page is interesting information shared with the Club. It will change out often. Check it out!

Bonus Meeting in November! Watch for an invite to join a Zoom call meeting on **November 11th at 7pm**. It will be a great opportunity to catch up with members who haven't been able to make a meeting or live too far.

Corvair of the Month:

The honored Car and Owner is Charles Cram in his 1965 late-model convertible. He often drives a Corvair to our events and meetings, even in the heat of summer!

This special award is presented each month to the owner of a car driven to the meeting.

We encourage everyone to DRIVE





It's almost here! Corvair Heritage Days 2026 October 22-25

Red Lion Inn Host Hotel Palo Pinto Airport Autocross Site

Our Biggest Event of the year! Registration is NOW OPEN with form and schedule included in this newsletter and on the Website. Check out the shirt design too! There are MANY events, something for everyone. Car show and Valve cover races in downtown Mineral Wells. Driving tour Econo Rally. And- for those who like to go fast, Autocross! We want everyone to enjoy the weekend- even if you don't have a Corvair. Just be a member of a Corvair club or CORSA and come on out!

Get your hotel reservations now: rate is \$95.00 per night, includes breakfast
Call direct: 940-325-7829 for the rate under North Texas Corvair Association Heritage Day

The Dollie A. Cole Award will again be presented at Corvair Heritage Days! This award recognizes women competing in Corvair events – the Economy Run, the Road Rally, Autocross, and car show judging. Scoring will be based on a point system combining scores from all four events. We encourage Women attending to sign up for the events, have fun and compete!

Questions: Contact Tom Wright at 972-345-3446



Corvair Heritage Days 2026 Schedule:

North Texas Corvair Association presents
Corvair Heritage Days 2026 in Mineral Wells, Texas
October 22-25, 2026

Host hotel: Red Lion Inn 6801 US Hwy 180, Mineral Wells, TX 76067

Call direct: 940-325-7829 for the rate under North Texas Corvair Association Heritage
Day Rate: \$95.00 per night, includes breakfast

Thursday October 22, 2026

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM Registration Open in the Hospitality Room at the Red Lion Inn

Friday October 23, 2026

8:00 AM – 10:00 AM Registration Open in the Hospitality Room

-  10:00 AM Econo Rally: COMBINED Economy Run and Road Rally
Begins at the Allsup's Valero gas station
1900 Hwy 180 WEST
Mineral Wells, TX 76067
- 1:00 PM Lunch on your own in Mineral Wells
- 3:00 PM Car Show and judging and Tour the Blue Oval Barn
SW 1st Ave. outside the Blue Oval Car Barn
Plenty of shopping and restaurants nearby
- 5:00 PM Valve Cover Races
SW 1st Ave. at the Blue Oval Car Barn, rain location is inside

Saturday October 24, 2026 Track Day



Autocross Location: **EVERYONE **PARTICIPANTS AND SPECTATORS** MUST SIGN A WAIVER BEFORE ENTRY**
No alcohol or vaping is permitted on county property

Palo Pinto ICP Heliport Facility – aka The Dempsey Facility Located at 1344 Palo Pinto Hwy, Palo Pinto, TX 76484 Membership in a CORSA Chapter OR CORSA is required to participate

- 7:00 AM – 8:30 AM Arrive and prep cars for autocrossing
9:00 AM Autocross drivers meeting & racing begins
- NOONish lunch served at the track – FREE
- 1:00 PM Racing resumes
- 2:00 PM Back Seat Drivers event after auto crossing is completed
7:00 pm Banquet and Awards Program – BBQ Brisket and Chicken Dinner at hotel

Sunday October 25, 2026 send off – have breakfast at the hotel

Corvair Heritage Days 2026
October 23-25, 2026 - Mineral Wells, Texas

Mail form and payment to: NTCA
P.O.Box 170796 Irving, TX 75017

Check the Information Page including info about the Dollie A. Cole Award for women participants.

HINT: If completing form in WORD, turn OFF insert so entries don't change the format.

Names): _____
Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____
Phone #: _____ Contact # during event: _____ Email: _____
Corvair Club Affiliation: _____

MERCHANDISE ORDER MUST BE RECEIVED BY September 20, 2026

MEALS MUST BE PAID October 1, 2026

NO REFUNDS AFTER OCTOBER 11, 2026

Registration Fee per form (includes registration and meal at the track) **\$ 40.00**

Friday October 23, 2026

Econo Run / Road Rally meet up \$10.00 per car competing (see instructions on page 2)

NAMES OF COMPETITORS: 1) _____ 2) _____ \$ _____

Car Show – Peoples Choice Free

NAMES OF COMPETITORS: 1) _____ 2) _____

Valve Cover Racing \$5.00 per entry

NAMES OF COMPETITORS: 1) _____ 2) _____ \$ _____

Saturday October 24, 2026

Autocross Racing: # drivers _____ at \$65.00 each => \$ _____

CORSA or local chapter membership required to Autocross – it's an insurance thing

Provide the CLASS you are racing in. These may be updated later.

Classes: NLHP or ELHP – Novice or Experienced Low HP (80-110)

NHHP or EHHP – Novice or Experienced High HP (140-180)

Elite – Highly Modified FC – Forward Control LC - Ladies – Corvairs Only

MO – Men's Open All non-Corvair LO – Ladies Open All non-Corvair

Driver: _____ Class: _____

Driver: _____ Class: _____

Back Seat driver Competition on a shortened autocross track 5.00 per driver x # _____ \$ _____

Banquet and Awards Program – BBQ Brisket & Chicken Dinner \$30.00 per person x # _____ \$ _____

Merchandise Orders: orders must be received by September 20, 2026

T-Shirt NO Pocket \$20.00 each	# _____ Small # _____ Medium # _____ Large # _____ X-Large # _____ XX-Large-add \$1.00 # _____ XXX-Large-add \$2.00	Shirt Total	Merchandise Total \$ _____
Polo no year \$35.00 each	# _____ Small # _____ Medium # _____ Large # _____ X-Large # _____ XX-Large-add \$1.00 # _____ XXX-Large-add \$2.00	Polo Total	
Hats \$20.00 each	# _____ Structured # _____ Unstructured	Hat Total	

TOTAL DUE \$ _____

Entrants, participants, and spectators, by execution of the entry form, release and discharge North Texas Corvair Association, their officers, employees, agents, representatives, and anyone else connected with the management or presentation of Corvair Heritage Day of any known or unknown damages, injury, loss, judgements, and/or claims from any cause whatsoever that may be suffered by any entrant to his/her person or property.

Email the form to ntcorvairs@gmail.com and

Payment can be made by check to the PO Box OR
Venmo to NTCAPayment OR Zelle to ntcatreasuer@gmail.com

Other Corvair Clubs and Activities



At Corvair Heritage Days 2025, NTCA was honored to present the inaugural Dolie L. Cole Award to Colleen Law of the Central Oklahoma Corvair Association. Colleen achieved the highest combined score for Autocross and the Econo-Rally. The Cole Family sponsors this award for Dolie Cole, who was a promoter of the Corvair. This year, the award will gain be presented and we encourage women to sing up for these events. Congratulations Colleen



Classified Ads



Have something to sell? Car or Parts? List them here for free!