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From the President: Mike McClay

Happy October, everyone!

October is a special month for Corvair owners and enthusiasts. Chevrolet introduced the car on October 2, 1959. To celebrate, take advantage of the terrific weather and drive your Vair whenever you can. If your car is a project and does not run, what better time than now to turn a wrench? You could also take advantage of the many events we have scheduled for this month.

Nick Hockman's car party was this weekend, and 14 Corvairs attended. By far the most of any other vehicle. We had every model of Corvair on display, except for a wagon. Nick does an excellent job putting this event together. This is one of my favorite shows of the year. Thanks, Nick, for inviting us!

Coming up is Heritage Days in Mineral Wells. This is the NTCA premier event of the year. Autocross, Valve cover racing, and Econo run all in one weekend. If you are reluctant to enter your vehicle in a race event, don't be. You can run the course as wild or mild as you want. Either way, it is a blast. Come out and join in the fun. Besides the many scheduled events, Mineral Wells has plenty to do, including shopping, dining, and antiquing, just to name a few.

I need to plug an event on Saturday, October 31. The Terrell High School Robotics Club is hosting a Trunk or Treat car show to raise money for the club. The show will be held during one of their regional robot competitions. We can help them raise needed funding while introducing them to the Corvairs. You can also spectate at the robotics competition. These kids are future engineers, and we know how engineers dig the Corvair. It's going to be a fun month celebrating the Corvair. Please get out and enjoy it!

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From Vice President: Ron Hilliard, October 2026

I hope everyone enjoyed the electric A/C program. Thanks for the help getting things packed up afterward. I have talked to the owner of Preston Upholstery and hope he will agree to show us around next meeting. I am hoping that he will commit by next week. If not, I will make other plans. There are still openings for next year's board. If you haven't been on the board, please let me know. I have enjoyed the opportunity to get to know other members better and to help support the club. I am looking forward to seeing you at Heritage Days

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 was on A/C in Corvairs
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 Robert & Joronda Crow–thank you!
Corvair of the month is: Not one this month
Open Forum: Question asked and answered –
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- ntcatreasurer@gmail.com

NTCA Filler Pipe		10/3/2026
Dropped - JULY		
Cook	Bob	07/05/26
Mosely	David	07/01/26
Wofford	Doug	07/05/26
Wofford	Walt	07/05/26
Last month - September		
Eaton	Barney	9/1/2026
This Month - October		
Bauer	James	10/01/26
Phillips II	Dorothy	10/01/26
Phillips II	Reginald	10/01/26
Next Month - November		
Faubion	Al	11/01/26
Harkins	Steve	11/01/26
Kern	Robert	11/01/26
Markin	Ric	11/1/26
Youngblood	Charlie	11/1/2026

As of September, NTCA has 94 paid members.

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Send your submission, sales, wanted classifieds, or Ideas.

Membership update:

Welcome new members: Last month, new members were introduced and we left off the last name of Rob Teeters! Rob recently moved to Ft. Worth from Bend OR with is '62 Convertible. Edwin and Susan Gordon of Stephensville also joined the club. They are shopping for a Corvair. Some of us got to meet them at Round up! Also, welcome back Shawn Fox and Chad Forney who returned to Irving from Portland OR. We look forward to seeing them and "Howard," the early model Corvair shipped here.
Please give a big welcome to everyone at our next event or meeting.

Cookie Monsters:

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. The 2027 list will be ready for generous "monsters" to sign up.

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

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			0	1	1
November					
December					

Event Recap – Great Plains Roundup by Jeannette Alberte

NTCA showed up to the Great Plains Round up in Springdale, AR! We had a great time at all the events and drives. The Valve Cover Racing was an NTCA Sweep with Ray Morales, Mike Boyle and Mike McClay finishing1,2,3! Other car show awards went to Robert Crow and Ray Morales. Mike Boyle added to his Corvair Bike collection by winning one of the big Raffle Prizes! Thank you to Arkansas Corvair Club for hosting a fun weekend.

Event Recap – Ray Morales *rmorales@ameritech.net*

Our September event was the Parts Auction! Thank you to Charles and Sandra Cram for opening their home and garages to our event. It was a fun day- with lots of parts exchanging hands. The Big Tent went up, and Auctioneers Mike McClay and I started working the crowd to bid. The potluck lunch had a great variety of food, so no one went hungry. The "new" parts found good homes, and the total sale was donated to the club. In total, the club made $345.

Upcoming Events

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

October is a busy month for the club! We have three events for you to get out with your cars and/or visit with your Corvair Friends! One is East, one is Central and one is West- so no one can say our events are too far from where they live!

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

This is one we look forward to every year. It's in Irving- Central! 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!

November Event- TBD! Working on a few ideas so stay tuned.

More Event Updates:

NTCA showed their support of Irving Cares, our sponsored charity. Over $1,600 was collected at the October meeting for this worthy organization. There were also a lot of bags delivered for the food pantry. What a great group! Any amount you can give goes a long way to folks in need. Consider giving over the holidays too!

December Holiday Gathering – Party at the Meeting! December 5th 2pm
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 potluck, 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 for event information: northtexascorvair.org
Facebook also has events and information posted. Join the group!

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.

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

Social Media Update: Jeannette Alberte has been the administrator of our Facebook and Instagram Accounts. In September, Facebook suspended her account for an unknown reason which means she lost the ability to administer Facebook or communicate with Messenger. Fortunately, Instagram was not linked so she can still post there! She reached out to a former member who set up the account and still "owns it" to get the husband Ray set up as Admin. Our Facebook is still active- you just won't find Jeannette out there anymore!

Corvair of the Month:

The rainy weather kept Corvairs inside so there was no Corvair of the Month! Bring yours to the next meeting and you could be recognized! The Car of the Month is selected by a board member to honor those who drive their cars to our meetings.

Member News

Thanks to postings seen on Facebook, our members are showing off their Corvairs- large and small!

Nancy Duplant posted Herb's winning Corvair Models at the Texas State Fair.

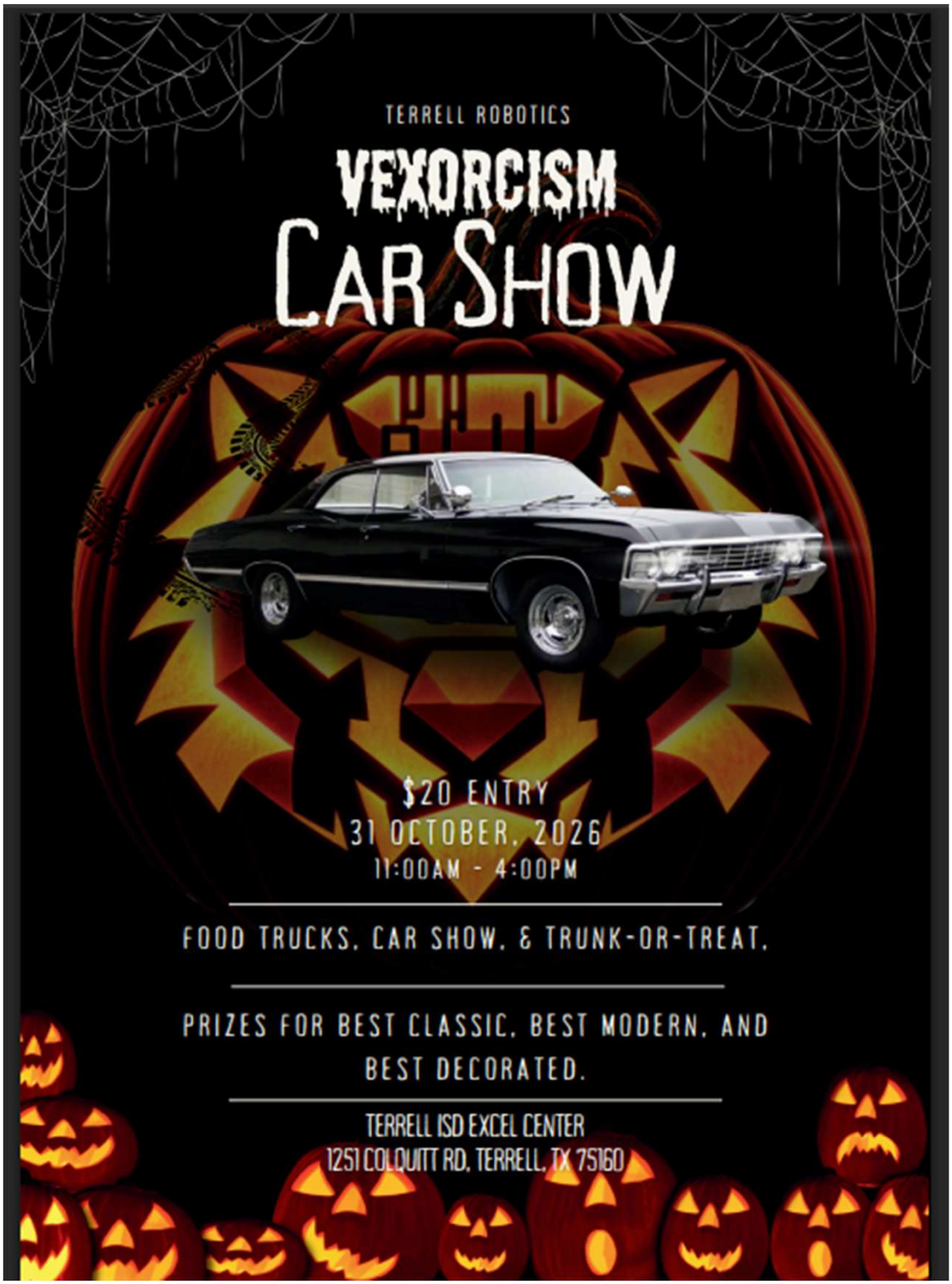
Great representation by Herb!

Brothers Bill and Bob Bentz showed off their Corvair Vans at the Good Guys Show at Texas Motor Speedway! Just look at those fantastic FCs! We have seen Bill's colorful van at shows but don't often get to see Bob's "Bell System" Van! Glad they got out to represent Corvairs.

Attending a car show with your Corvair? Send us pictures and don't forget- the club will support entry fee up to $20 for paid members at the time of the show.

Community Event:

Here's another fun October event! Bring your car to Terrell on October 31st. 11 a.m.– 4 p.m. for a Car Show and Trunk or Treat! Corvairs are always fun to decorate, and we hope to see you there at the Terrell ISD Excel Center. Let's show off our cars to the kids!



It's 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!
Please check with Tom Wright if you have not registered yet. There are some deadlines and he will be able to help determine if you can still get apparel or banquet tickets.

Rooms may still be available but don't delay. 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.

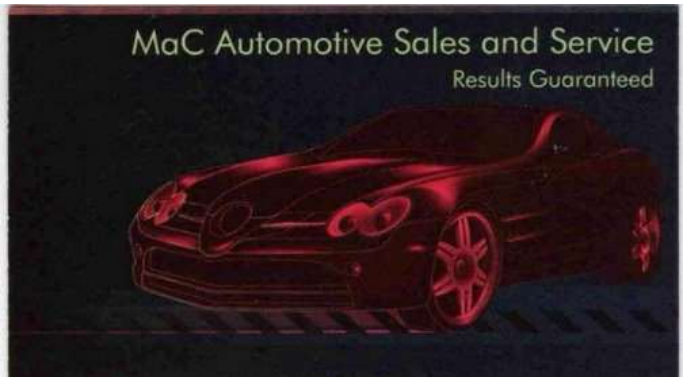
Email the form to ntcorvairs@gmail.com and

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 Dollie L. Cole Award to Colleen Law of the Central Oklahoma Corvair Association. Coleen 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, we will present the award again, and we encourage women to sign up for these events. Congratulations Colleen

Classified Ads



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