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From the President: Mike McClay



Good day, NTCA,

Let me start by saying I hate missing an NTCA meeting or event. As President, it bothers me even more. I did have a good reason, though; it was my Aunt Alice's 80th birthday. That's a once-in-a-lifetime event for sure. It was great visiting with all my cousins and extended family. I even found out that my cousin Connie knows John and Ann Martin. Small world for sure.

Now down to NTCA business. Thank you to everyone who took advantage of our "bonus" Zoom meeting. Our club's membership covers a large area of Texas, and it is difficult for members outside of the DFW to physically make it to a meeting. This will be a valuable resource for members who find it difficult to attend but still want the information and camaraderie that only a live meeting can provide. Looking forward, we would like to continue the bonus meetings if attendance improves. If you regularly attend the monthly meeting in Irving, please attend the virtual meeting as well. Many virtual members need you there to share your Corvair knowledge and experience. As it was during the pandemic, it's good to spend time and share stories with those we don't see often enough.



The year is coming to an end, and we have some good times planned ahead. The Christmas party is always an absolute riot, and the Banquet is a must-attend. Good food and fabulous company are coming soon. I always look forward to this time of year. Come out to these events; this is where your club becomes a family.

I also want to say a special thanks to Kay Freeman, who has donated many club logo apparel items to our club. We appreciate her generosity. What remains will be available at the next club meeting.

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From Vice President: Ron Hilliard, November 2026

I hope everyone enjoyed the field trip to Preston Upholstery. Next month will be the Christmas Party. Jeanette has put the invitation on the website for the next meeting/Christmas party.
A big thanks to Shawn Fox for volunteering to be Vice President next year and Darin Miller for Director 1. We do not have anyone for activities at this time. I am looking for people to pick a month and an activity to arrange. We have the banquet in January, Christian Classic Cruiser in May, the Birthday party in July, CHD in October, and the Christmas party in December. If we have an auction, that leaves 6 activities to fill in. I am looking to take one month; I am checking on a couple of properties.

Secretary's Meeting Minutes- by Karen McClay

September Meeting Minutes
We started the meeting at 2:00 p.m.
Vice President Ron Hilliard welcomed members and visitors.
Today's program was an outing to Preston's Upholstery for a photo op
The Filler Pipe information about dues was read by Jeannette
Activity Director, Ray Morales, reported on the month's activities
Break time: We had cookies supplied by Gary Duncan & Dan Rose; thank you!
Corvair of the month is: Not one this month
Open Forum: Question asked and answered – Shawn Fox announced a Monza and several parts for sale
Louie Guion announced early FC headlight Bezels for sale
Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.
Then some of us went to dinner

Written by Karen P. McClay, Secretary
With the Help of Susan Wright

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		11/7/2026
Two months - September		
Eaton	Barney	9/1/2026
Last Month - October		
Bauer	James	10/01/26
Phillips II	Dorothy	10/01/26
Phillips II	Reginald	10/01/26
This Month- November		
Kern	Robert	11/01/26
Markin	Ric	11/1/26
Youngblood	Charlie	11/1/2026
Next Month- December		
Parker	Robert E.	12/01/26

As of November, NTCA has 95 paid members.

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Membership update:

We have new members! Last month we had three new members join: Lynwood Givens of Plano who has a '62 in need of what he called TLC! Also joining is David Haefer from Benbrook we met him and his wife at the meeting. Bryan Pyferoen and his wife Karen were attended the meeting and shared they live in Aubrey. Both David and Bryan are shopping around for cars. Hopefully, they'll find that special Corvair. It's great to have new members and we look forward to seeing them at our next event or meeting.

As a reminder, members are given three months to pay their dues! Check the Filler Pipe in this newsletter for when you are due. We don't like dropping anyone so please reach out to the treasurer, Jeannette, if you need assistance paying

Cookie Monsters:

December – McKennan McMurry
January – Mike and Karen McClay

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 in December.



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:

For December, we will be at the Garden and Arts Building– 906 Senter Road for our Christmas Party.

Good News for 2027: We will be at Garden Arts for ALL the meetings. Our July Birthday Party will be at the Senter East Building.

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	23	94	0	1	1
November	29	95	2	4	1
December					

Events Recap – Corvair Heritage Days by Jeannette Alberte

It was a great weekend in Mineral Wells! First, huge thanks to Tom and Susan Wright for *all* their hard work to put this together. Tom organized the hotel, food, city and county leaders, as well as setting up the wonderful tour of the Blue Oval! It is a long list of work items and appreciation. I'm sure there was more than I listed! Susan handled all the registration, raffle items, and was the Track Chef for Saturday's lunch. We appreciate all her hard work too. So many volunteers pitch in at the event- and thank them all. It truly "takes a village" to put this on. We also want to give a call out to our friends in Oklahoma and other parts of Texas who came. The Corvair community knows how to have a good time. Congratulations to Karen McClay, the Dollie L. Cole Award winner, and all the other winners of Valve Cover Racing, the Econo Rally, and Autocross. Enjoy these pictures and highlights.

















Karen McClay, Dollie L. Cole Award Winner





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

A Halloween "Trunk or Treat" was a great way to show off our Corvairs, especially that confusing trunk! There were many quizzical looks! Congratulations to Charles and Sandy Cram and Karen and Mike McClay for being selected winners by the students.







November Event

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



The station was completed in 1908. The Texas Electric Railway operated from 1908 to 1948. The station was renovated by the City of Plano in 1990 and opened as the Interurban Railway Museum. Since 2001 the museum has been operated by the Plano Conservancy for Historic Preservation.

November Event takes us to Plano. Centrally located and not too far!
Time to learn about transportation in the Dallas-Ft. Worth Area in the early 20th century. Please contact Ray if you have not signed up so we have space for everyone

Saturday, November 21st starting with Brunch at 11am at Ellie's Cafe at High Street Antique Mall, 800 N Central Expry, Plano, TX 75074
After eating, browse the extensive antique booths at the unique mall.

At about 1pm, we will drive over to the Interurban Railway Museum. Once known as the Plano Station of the Texas Electric Railway, it is located in a historic train station at 901 E 15th Street in Plano, Texas. There is a lot of history to see.

Extra Club News

We had our first Bonus Zoom Meeting on November 11 at 7 p.m. While many forgot, those who were there enjoyed the story of Mike and Karen McClay's journey to NC to get a new car! They learned many lessons along the way. It was fun to hear others share their encounters with U-Haul Trailers too. We also met new member Lynwood Givens on the call. We hope to do more bonus meetings in 2027 and will remind folks to add it to their calendars with alerts!

Check out the fantastic You Tube Video about Corvair Heritage Days by John Jackson of NotStockPhotos! Just search for that name or Corvair Heritage Days on YouTube!



Holiday Gathering Details:

December Holiday Gathering – Party at the Meeting! December 5th, 2 p.m.
By Request, we will have our party at the meeting at the Irving Garden and Arts Building this year. Same time! For this event, we'll have a potluck, food, and the infamous Gift "Exchange." If you want to be a part of the gifts, bring one with at least a $20 value. And bring a dish to share. We'll have iced tea and soft drinks.

Reminder to "save the date" for our annual banquet on January 16, 2027. Club members and their guests pay $25 each for the dinner at Salarnos in Highland Village. Sign-up and payment will begin in December. Information is on the website.

Corvair of the Month:

There wasn't one this month!

Other Corvair Clubs and Activities

Start planning to attend the CORSA International Convention in Franklin, TN the week of July 11, 2027 This is an event for CORSA members so join up to register and attend. Here is how to make hotel reservations and Volunteer! Contact Jeannette Alberte with any questions.

2027 CORSA Convention Update

Planning to attend the convention? You can now make hotel reservations for the convention, which begins the week of July 11, 2027. Our newly remodeled host hotel, the **Embassy Suites Cool Springs in Franklin, Tennessee,** offers many included amenities and is an excellent convention location. Every room is a suite and the rate includes a complimentary made-to-order breakfast each morning, plus free drinks and snacks at the evening Manager's Reception. Rooms are $169 per night, plus local taxes and fees, and if available, the rate is available for three nights before and after the convention—giving you extra time to explore local attractions. To make your reservations, call Central reservations at 1-800-371-8318 and use the group name "Corvair Club."

Or use this QR code to the left to book your room.

The convention is the week of July 11th, 2027. Pre-convention activities begin on Sunday with registration, vendor set up and sales, followed by a fun evening event with prizes. The main program runs Monday through Thursday, concluding with the Awards Banquet on Thursday evening. A post-convention visit to the Lane Auto Museum is planned for Friday morning, July 16th, for attendees to enjoy on their way home. Monday features Concours meetings and Operations check, a Welcome Gathering with People's Choice Car Show and the always fun Valve Cover Racing. Tuesday is Concours Day and a local tour; Wednesday is Autocross Day; and Thursday features Competitive Driving and the Awards Banquet. Each day will also offer Tech Sessions, Specialty Chapter Meetings, opportunities to shop for parts, and time to visit with friends in the hotel's beautiful atrium. Much more information will be shared in upcoming issues of the Communique.

Event registration will open in early 2027. In the meantime, consider volunteering to support the CORSA-hosted convention. This convention is being led by the CORSA Convention Planning Committee (Larry Claypool, Paul Sergeant and Jeannette Alberte), the Board of Directors and National Event leaders and we need your help! To learn how you can help, visit the "Headlines" section of the CORSA website. Contact the convention planners at corsaconvention@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing you in Tennessee!

Use this QR code to the left to volunteer.

Member News

Club member Will Smith in Fairview is selling a car, lift and quick jack. Contact him at slt@usa.com

CAR: $22468 … 105676W102619 partial Restoration sked for EOY completion.
4-POST LIFT: $2500; QUICKJACK: $1200

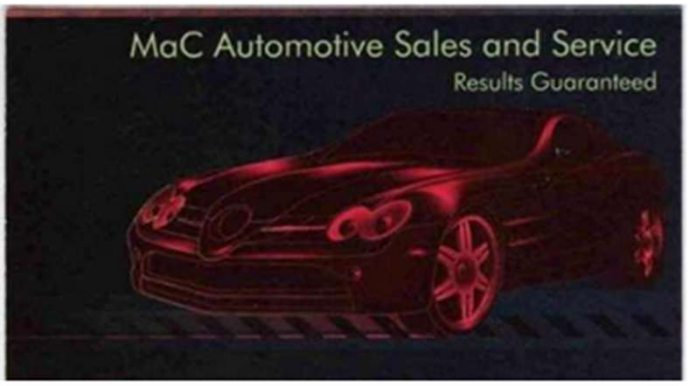




Parts for sale: Robert Howard in Abeline robertehoward59@gmail.com reached out to the club to share he has 2 new in the box AC Delco Radios for sale- $250 and $300. He can be reached at 325-280-3402- contact him for more pictures







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

Irik McMurry, club member