

Corvair Houston Newsletter



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This month: Club Meeting Feb. 20th, Pancake Breakfast Feb. 21st, Brazoria County Charity Car Show
Mar. 7th, HOT Preparation Mar. 14th, Old Car Picnic Mar. 15th



Corvair Houston Officers and Board of Directors for 2009

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Driver's Seat



by Jim Watkins

As I look back over the past year as secretary of the club, I have been honored to work with a group of outstanding people, that goes above and beyond in trying to promote the Corvair and the Corvair Houston Club. As the club's president for 2009 I will try to continue with the traditions that have been established by past officers and board members.

As I have gotten to know Mark and the other past presidents, I have learned that when their tenure as president is over they don't go away; they just move over and continue to work very hard for your club. I would like to thank Mark and Waynette for all they have given to the club this past year. I know Mark, the board members and the directors will continue to

work hard making it another outstanding year.

As we all know this is the year that Corvair Houston will host "Heart of Texas" Corvair Reunion, which will be held in New Braunfels March 20th through March 22nd. Everyone is working hard to make this the biggest and best reunion of the 13 years since it began. We are lucky to have Greg Wrobleke whose idea it was to start the reunions 13 years ago. Greg has been putting everything together with the help of other club members and it is going to be quite an event. I am asking all of the club members to try to support your club by participating in this yearly event. We would like to see all of you, your

families and Corvairs at the reunion. If you do not have a Corvair that is running at this time, please come anyway. It will be an excellent weekend to enjoy the company of other Corvair owners where you can renew old friendships and make new ones in the beautiful hill country of Texas. Go visit our club website, (www.corvairhouston.com) check out the T Bar M Resort and register for the reunion.

2009's first event will be the annual Pancake Breakfast on the 21st of February. This will be the perfect opportunity for all of us to take our Corvairs out of the garage and get them on the road again. This year Sally and Ricki Jannise have offered to hold the event at their home north of Tomball (see map). Again, drive your Corvair and if you can't we would like for you to come out anyway.

On March 7th I will be going to the "7th Annual Brazoria County Charity Car Show" in Brazoria, Texas and would like to

see as many Corvairs as we can get. There will be a craft show, parade and lots of food. For information call me at 713-301-6499 and I will get a flyer and pre-registration form out to you or send you the link. If you pre-register you are eligible for a drawing for a \$50.00, \$100.00 or \$150.00 gas card. Brazoria is 60 miles south of Houston off of Texas State Highway 288. The car show benefits the Boys and Girls Club of Brazoria.

Saturday March 14th club members will gather at the Tidwell's home in Pinehurst, north of Tomball at 11 AM to put together the registration bags and other items for HOT. Hamburgers and hot

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ON THE COVER

From left to right: Alan Dunlap, Todd Hasfjord, Jim Watkins, Mark Clarke, Tony Pomponio, Mike Tidwell, Sally Jannise, Gail Brown, Ricki Jannise, Jon Protteau and Brett Finley.



Mark Clarke, 2008 club president and his '63 Monza



Rearview Mirror

by Jon Protteau



After a one year hiatus as vice-president of Corvair Houston, I am returning as secretary, and in this column, as the chronicler of the club's travels, adventures, and occasional misadventures. Hence, the title of this column has been the "Rear-view Mirror" as it provides a look back at the previous month's happenings.

Let's begin with a report on this year's election of club officers which takes place every January. The well-attended January election meeting was held at Doss Park, and the elected positions were filled as follows:

President - Jim Watkins
 Vice President - Tony Pomponio
 Secretary - Jon Protteau
 Treasurer - Sally Jannise
 Directors - Gail Brown, Mark Clarke, Brett Finley, Todd Hasfjord and Mike Tidwell
 Car Locator and Historian - Guy Bobkoff
 Membership - Dave Brown
 Newsletter Editor - Ricki Jannise
 Photographer - Jim Watkins
 Webmasters - Dave Brown and Mark Clarke
 H.O.T. Chairman - Greg Wrobleske

Deer Update:

As you may remember, a couple of years ago, Little Red, the young California Redwood tree that traveled 2,500 miles to live in our back yard, was savagely attacked by deer, but miraculously survived. Subsequently, our daughter's Beetle was t-boned by a deer that attacked the left rear quarter panel to the tune of \$2000.00 and managed to run away from the scene of the accident.

Last month, the deer went too far. On a Tuesday evening just after dusk I was driving Old Blue, our mild-mannered '62 Monza convertible, to Wally World to buy something which would probably turn out to have been made in China no matter what American Company's name was on it, when a huge buck leaped out of the darkness and landed directly in front of Old Blue. I stood on the brake pedal and at the same instant, felt a thump and heard glass shatter. I got out of the car to find the headlight shattered, the

bezel dented, and though I expected to find the remains of a seven-hundred-pound deer, it had vanished.

Exactly twenty-four hours later, I found myself driving Black Beauty, our faithful '87 F-150, to the friendly neighborhood auto parts store to buy a new headlight for Old Blue. When I reached the very same spot in the road, another deer landed directly in front of the truck. Right on cue, I jumped on the binders, hit

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Corvair Houston Merchandise

Note: I am taking orders for name tags. They are plastic, have the club logo and your name on them. They sell for \$5.50. You have the choice of either a pin or a magnet back. If you are interested please call me at 979-848-6713 or email me at: sniktaweed@msn.com.

Thanks! Dee Watkins 



Remember Little Red the California Redwood?

C H Scrap Hounds United...

by Matt Feehery



(Editor note: The Full Title is "Corvair Houston Scrap Hounds United to Save, Scavenge and Salvage Corvairs - Part 1")

The Corvair Rescue Rangers are at it again. Deliberate. Dedicated. On a mission from God. It seems that wherever Corvairs can be found rotting in a field, decaying in a barn, sitting quietly in a garage, or feverishly rusting on a Galveston tarmac, there can also be found members of Corvair Houston prowling, prodding, and poking. Where others see junk, Corvair Houston members see possibilities. Like Captain Kirk before them, they are boldly going where no one has gone before.

Our Corvair rescue league is an adventurous bunch for sure. They see



Treasure found...telescopic steering column

no half empty glasses; only those that are half full. They see a diamond in the rough, a pearl waiting to be harvested. And rarity makes the find all the more special. The car could be practically melting, but if there were only a few copies made, it must be saved. And if an entire car can't be restored, then it is dismantled piece by loving piece. Nothing goes to waste.

To witness a Corvair start some 30 years after it last saw pavement is a sight to behold. Yet it is hardly a rare and unique sight. I have

witnessed this scene repeated over and over during the past few years, but it is still thrilling each and every time. First a sputter, then a cough, then a pow, followed by a projectile launched from the tail pipe, disintegrating in a cloud of exhaust smoke. Amid a swirl of rodent nesting material, leaves, feathers, and dust spewing from the turkey roaster, the "little engine that could" fires up. It struggles to run at first, but finally submits to the urge to rejoin the ranks of the mechanical. Like a Timex watch, Corvair engines take a licking and keep on ticking.

Harvesting parts and retrieving unwanted Corvairs has become our

favorite pastime. Why clean the yard or repair the house when you can roll up your sleeves, break out the tools, and pick apart a Corvair? Have you ever seen the smile on the face of a grown man when he locates a part that is in better condition than the one on his car? It's a good thing there is no eleventh commandment "Thou shall not covet your neighbor's Corvair." If that were the case, we would all be in trouble.

In the last few years, our club has engaged in a significant number of rescue operations across Texas and Oklahoma. There are more to come. It's all in good fun and, more importantly, we are preserving a piece of Americana and automobile history at its finest, funniest, and most misunderstood. If Corvair enthusiasts were in charge of this planet, organ donations would be plentiful, recycling would be more prominent, and the world would generally be a much happier place to live.



Treasures found, loaded and ready to go...



the Corvair Houston Bulletin Board

Spare Tire Covers

Did you order any spare tire covers from Alan Dunlap? They are ready and Alan will have them for you at the next club meeting on Friday, February 20th.

CH Wants You!

Corvair Houston is always open to member submissions for articles to be printed in the newsletter. Articles can cover areas such as technical information, commentary, personal Corvair experiences, and restoration tips. Writing assistance is available. Call your editor at 281-259-2256. Email any submissions to rsjannise@gmail.com or snail mail to 13102 N Decker Dr, Magnolia, TX 77355.

Happy Anniversary To:

Carrol & Shirley Alford	19 years	Feb 16
Kenneth & Laurel Peakman	19 years	Feb 25
Roger & Nelma Boisjolie	13 years	Mar 11

Happy Birthday To:

Betty Protteau	February 16
Jack Green	February 16
Justin Wenzel	February 20
Lani (Brittin) Lucero	February 21
Trenton Moser	March 1
Todd Hasfjord	March 3
Jon Protteau	March 4
Robert Freeman	March 7
Dennis Svetlik	March 7
Geary Grimes	March 8
Cory Valdes	March 10
Charles Atkinson	March 13
Rich Purtell	March 18

Heart of Texas Reunion

The 2009 Heart of Texas Reunion is coming on March 20th, 21st and 22nd!! Corvair Houston is the host club this year. This year's event will be held at the T bar M Resort in New Braunfels, Texas. If you haven't registered yet, do it soon!! You must register for both the event and the hotel room! The T bar M Resort contact information is:

The T bar M Resort
2549 Highway 46 West
New Braunfels, Texas 78132

The number to call for hotel reservations is 1(800) 292-5469. You can also e-mail them at reservations@tbarm.com. Be sure and tell them you are making your reservations for the Heart of Texas Reunion. The room rate is \$109 per night and includes a hot continental breakfast for up to four people!! Check out the HOT web page on the Corvair Houston website: <http://corvairhouston.com> for all of the information and forms you need to register. Don't forget the event registration form (included with this newsletter and on the website). It must be completed and sent to:

Tony and Gail Pomponio
25610 Pecan Valley Circle
The Woodlands, Texas 77380

Corvair Houston Calendar

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACT
Feb 20	CH Meeting	Doss Park	Jim Watkins
Feb 21	Pancake B'fast	Jannise's Home	Sally Jannise
Mar 7	Brazoria Show	Brazoria, Texas	Jim Watkins
Mar 14	HOT Prep.	Tidwell's Home	G. Wrobleske
Mar 15	Old Car Picnic	San Jacinto Mmt.	Jim Watkins
Mar 20-22	Heart of Texas	New Braunfels, TX	G. Wrobleske

Driver's Seat

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dogs will be served so come on out and help us get ready for HOT. After all is prepared some of us will be heading to the first "Niftee-Fiftees" car show for 2009.

On Sunday March 15th we will be participating in the annual San Jacinto Old

Car Picnic. Again we will be trying to win the trophy for the car club with the most cars in attendance.

March 20th brings us to the much anticipated 2009 "Heart of Texas" Corvair Reunion. Hope to see you there.

SCRAP HOUNDS PHOTOGRAPHS



Loading a "found" engine in Matt's truck



Loading up the found treasures

Rearview Mirror

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the deer, and heard the thump. This time no glass shattered. In fact, there was no damage to the truck, but the deer once again had vanished.

All of these deer attacks

are just coincidence, you say? I think not.

Watch for more, strange car/animal stories in coming issues of your Corvair Houston

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1965 Corvair

110 engine - 4spd. Lost storage due to IKE- New panel under windshield before car was painted (1996) Put in storage due to new job, Engine rebuilt in 1996, have receipt from Clark's for parts, turns by hand will run with tinkering carbs, no battery. Now body rust: both doors, engine cover, front hood, lower valance. Strong undercarriage & running gear. Also have 2 pre-65 engines that need rebuilding. \$1000 for all (little time!)-interested contact me at: E-mail morris-richard@att.net

1965 Convertible

110 engine, automatic transmission, new paint, new top new leather interior, new tires and wheels It still needs some work but can call me for information. Jim 713-301-6499. Price \$10,000.



1962 700 FOUR DOOR

Updated Ad: PowerGlide. Runs - oil leaks, Right Carburetor Should be Replaced, Needs Tires, Battery and Body Work. Some Rust on the Top Edge. Asking \$1,500.00 but the Price is Negotiable. Located in Goldthwaite, TX. Contact Buck (325) 938-5404 or hideaway@centex.net



1966 Monza Coupe

110 hp, pg, maroon with black interior, located in Center, Texas (about 30 miles east of Nacogdoches). Contact Billy Hairgrove at 936-598-5291 (work) or 936-598-6127 (home after 6:30 pm) if interested. Asking price is \$1,200.

1964 Monza Convertible

It is white with a recent black top, the drive train is a 110HP - 4 Speed and has some minor rust. Asking price is \$5,000. Contact Bob Tucker at 713/468-5607 or e-mail bob@bobandmaggi.com



Wanted!! Parts...

140 Secondary Carbs (any condition, as long as they're rebuildable) - 140 Linkage (Main Crossover only) - Headers for 140 - Good used Disc Brakes for 14" LM Wheels (front) - Contact David Brown, 713-410-9595 (c) or corvair69@gmail.com

Corvair Houston
 13102 N. Decker Dr.
 Magnolia, TX 77355-8461



Club meeting on January 16th...Election Night!

Deliver to:



Corvair Houston, the local chapter of the Corvair Society of America, is a non-profit association dedicated to the preservation of the Corvair automobile. Dues are \$25 per year (\$20 for CORSA members). The club conducts regular monthly meetings, and also sponsors or participates in other activities through the year: local and national car shows, picnics and barbecues, races and museum events, and road trips to locations within and about the Houston area. If you are interested in the Corvair and would like information about our organization, please call one of our club officers.

2009 Officers:

President	Jim Watkins	979-548-1313
Vice President	Tony Pomponio	281-974-5080
Secretary	Jon Protteau	936-582-1228
Treasurer	Sally Jannise	281-259-2256
Director	Mike Tidwell	281-356-2043
Director	Gail Brown	281-579-9321
Director	Todd Hasfjord	281-704-3848
Director	Mark Clarke	281-217-8573
Director	Brett Finley	832-717-7973

Committees:

Membership	Dave Brown	281-579-9321
Historian	Guy Bobkoff	713-666-0475
Merchandise	Dee Watkins	979-548-1313
Newsletter	Ricki Jannise	281-259-2256
Photography	Jim Watkins	979-548-1313
Car Locator	Guy Bobkoff	713-666-0475
Website	M. Clarke & D. Brown	281-217-8573
H.O.T. Chairperson	Greg Wrobleske	281-356-5542

CH MEETING FEB. 20
AGENDA:
HOT UPDATE AND CAL-
ENDAR EVENT REVIEW

Directions: Ricki and Sally Jannise



7th Annual Brazoria County Charity Car Show

(open show, including custom imports & motorcycles)

Brazoria Civic Center
220A Smith Str

Brazoria, TX 77422

Saturday, March 7, 2009

PRE-REGISTRATION fee through Feb. 28 - \$20.00
after Feb 28 & day of the show - \$25.00

**PRE-REGISTRATION QUALIFIES
FOR GAS CARD DRAWINGS
#150.00 - \$100.00 - \$50.00**

For information, contact:

Danny Coppedge at (979) 798-7714
or (979) 299-9330 cell

Mail registration forms & fees to :

Danny Coppedge,
PO Box 1502,
Brazoria, TX 77422

Registration 8:00 - 12:00 noon
Rain or Shine!

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West of the Brazos*

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Heritage Day BBQ plates and concessions

The use of Car radios & stereos or other sound systems not allowed!

See reverse side for additional information, map, & registration form.

7th Annual Brazoria County Charity Car Show

Saturday, March 7, 2009 - Hwy 36 & Smith (Old Brazoria Elem. School - Brazoria, TX 77422)

Benefits the Boys & Girls Club - West of the Brazos

Pre-Registration Fee \$20.00 through Feb. 19, 2009. Entry fee after Feb. 19, \$25.00

Registration form and Check may be mailed to: Darryl Cappedge, PO Box 1502, Brazoria, TX 77422

Make Check payable to BRAZORIA COUNTY CAR CLUB (BCCC)

REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Telephone: _____

E-Mail address: _____

Vehicle Information

Year: _____ Make: _____ Model: _____

Club Affiliation: _____

X:

Your signature indicates you have read and agree to conditions as follows. In consideration of the right to participate, promote, participate and spectators, by inclusion of this form, release and discharge Brazoria Prosestern, City of Brazoria, Brazoria County Car Club, City officials and staff/employees, the officers and members of Brazoria County Car Club and anyone else connected with the management or presentation of the Brazoria County Charity Car Show of and from any and all known damages, losses, judgments and/or claims from any cause whatsoever that may be suffered by and person or property by anyone in this event. Further, each entrant agrees to indemnify at the foregoing event, firm, persons and bodies from any and all liability occasioned or resulting from the conduct of entrants or any participant incident cooperating with, entered and under direction or control of entrant. Further, each entrant agrees to abide by the policy as stated that no alcohol is permitted on property of the school for the purpose of the event.

Map



No BUSINOLUTS allowed in Parking Lot or when leaving the show