

# Corvair Houston Newsletter



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This month: Corvair Heritage Day II in Hurst, TX on Oct. 14th-16th  
Club Meeting on Friday, Oct. 21st at Hooks Airport



The September Club meeting was held at Hooks Airport

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# Driver's Seat

by Ricki Jannise



Hello, Corvair Houston! Welcome to October! Ahh, finally, Fall! It's almost convertible weather. Time to put the top down and go cruising around town. I'm just back from another international trip; Brazil and Columbia this time. Hopefully, I get to stay home for a while this time. We had a busy and fun September with all the club activities. I'll let Tony cover that.

Need to say congratulations to Greg and Sandra Wroblecke. They are the winners of the Sunset Tour of Houston raffle! They get an all expense paid helicopter view of the city. This prize was sponsored by Jim Watkins and Helicopter Services, Inc. with the proceeds going towards a new electric wheelchair for Chris Roberson. Jim also awarded a tour to Brett and Kelly Finley for their gracious support of this raffle; they bought the lion's share of the tickets.

Before I get into our schedule for the month I have a little club and CORSA business to dis-

cuss. During the CORSA board meeting at this year's convention a change in chapter policy was enacted. CORSA is now requiring each chapter to pay \$3 for each member that is not also a member of CORSA. This is to help pay for the \$1,000,000 umbrella insurance policy that protects all chapters for meetings and other club activities. As in the past CORSA is also requiring the chapters to report with a list of club officers, a contact address and a list of all members and their addresses.

While discussing implementation of this policy your board of directors took a look at our club finances. We noticed that there has been a slow, but steady decline in club finances over the last few years. Also, we are seeing some new expenses; the bank is now charging us a fee for our club checking account. For many years our club membership dues has been \$20 for CORSA members and \$25 for non-CORSA members. We have changed

our club dues structure. For CORSA members the dues will be \$25. For non-CORSA members the dues will be \$28. The additional \$3 paid by the non-CORSA members will be sent, once a year to CORSA. This policy will begin January 1, 2012; the date our club dues are due to be paid for next year. This subject will be discussed with those attending the regular club meeting on October 21<sup>st</sup>.

Speaking of which, the October club meeting will once again be held at Helicopter Services, Inc., located at Hook's Airport. The address is 19931 Stuebner Airline Road, Spring, Texas 77379 between Spring Cypress and FM 2920. As was the case last month, hot dogs will be provided for \$6 per person. The meeting will begin at 7pm. I suggest getting there around 6pm to enjoy those dogs! Also on tap for the meeting is a tech session conducted by Mike Tidwell; adjusting carburetors on your Corvair.

During this meeting

we also need to finalize the list of club Corvairs for the AutoRama display this year. I have started a list of potential cars; come to the meeting and add your Corvair to the list! As usual, AutoRama is held during the week of Thanksgiving. We need a team to load the display material on the trailer the weekend before and help set up the booth. We usually get an early start on Wednesday morning (November 23<sup>rd</sup>). Once we have a final list of cars I will send in the registration forms along with a club check to cover the competing entry fees (\$50). I will check to see if we also have a non-competing entry fee. Last year that fee was \$15. The display car owners will be responsible for

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## ON THE COVER

**The September club meeting was hosted by Jim Watkins at the hangar of Helicopters Inc. at Hooks Airport in Tomball.**

# Rearview Mirror

by Tony Pomponio



Well, it was another fun-filled month for many CHers. We started out with a great September club meeting held at Jim Watkin's Hanger. Hot dogs and all the fixin's were available to all in attendance. The drawing for the Sunset Tour of Houston, up, up in the air in a helicopter ride for two was held and the winner was Greg & Sandra Wrobleske. All the proceeds for the raffle were donated to Chris Roberson's new power wheelchair.

Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> found many of CHers braving the rain to participate in the Men's Center

& New Hope Women's Center Ride for Recovery. The brave ones included Brett/Kelly Finley, Greg/Sandra Wrobleske, Mark/Waynette Clarke, Alan Dunlap, David Kescian, Jon Protteau, Ricki/Sally Jannise, Mike/Audrey Tidwell, Jerry Kelley and Ed Walsh. Unfortunately, the weather did take its toll on the number of motorcycles participating this year. The police escort was there and provided great traffic control. An enjoyable BBQ was provided at the end of the run, along with live music, an auction and other festivities.

Saturday and Sunday,

September 24/25 found Mike/Audrey Tidwell, Jerry/Loretta Kelley, Ricki/Sally Jannise and Gail & I at the beach community of Corpus Christi (sans Corvairs). The four men enjoyed a great tour of the USS LEXINGTON (CVA-16) tied up about a 1000 yards from our hotel. The women spent the day shopping. We all met afterwards at Blackbeard's for some late day refreshments. We then headed to the city of Rockport for dinner at the Boiling Pot. You have to be there to appreciate the ambiance of this seafood restaurant. A great time was had by all.

Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> found CHers at the Lonestar Motorsports Park/Hennessey Performance facility. Mike Tidwell, Jon Protteau, Mark Clarke, Ed Walsh, Dave/Liz Hopkins, Jim Watkins, John McCullough and Gail & I. Soooo many high performance cars! Many others who were there took a test ride in a new high performance Nissan and/or Cadillac going through

the paces on the track.

Other activities are slated for the rest of this month and I'll cover them when next we meet.

Guess what time it is boys and girls? It's time for CAPT TONY OF THE CORVAIR RESTO-RANGERS.

When we last left CAPT. TONY OF THE CORVAIR RESTO-RANGERS he was having a differential tantrum. As this episode opens we find CAPT. TONY OF THE CORVAIR RESTO-RANGERS, hands on hips and cape flurrying in the breeze, having completed two weeks of rehabilitation and ready to start again.

"I have to locate the origin of that grinding, rubbing sound," he says out loud to no one in particular. "All this thinking is making my head hurt," he said to himself. Then all at once a GE bulb (or was it Sylvania) glows brightly over his head. "Eureka," he shouts, "I'll ask Mrs. CAPT. TONY OF THE CORVAIR RESTO-RANGERS to

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Tour of the USS Lexington

# Driver's Seat

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by Ricki Jannise



repayment to the club for these fees. Included in your competing entry fee are an ISCA membership card, ISCA window decal, ISCA rulebook, online subscription to the Showstopper Magazine, 2 weekend exhibitor passes, a commemorative car number sign and one issue of Hot Rod Show World Annual. Not a bad deal!

You will probably get to read this newsletter just prior to departing for the annual Corvair Heritage Day II held by the North Texas Corvair

Association. At least two caravans will depart our area on Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup>; one early and one late. Brett Finley will lead the early charge; departing the Spring area around 9am. The late group will be led by yours truly and plan to leave the Pinehurst area by 4pm. Let Brett and I know if you want to join either of the caravans. Of course we will caravan back home on Sunday morning after the goodbye breakfast. See, now we will have another thing to discuss at our October meeting.

Our November meeting is scheduled for the 18<sup>th</sup>. The location will be disclosed in the November newsletter. Please let me know if there are any subjects you would like to see covered for that meeting. Our annual club Christmas Party is scheduled for Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at our house: 13102 North Decker Drive, Magnolia, Texas 77355. The start time is around 5pm and goes until everyone is exhausted. As in years before, this will be a covered dish dinner

with the club providing smoked turkey for everyone. The real fun begins with the gift exchange and steal. As usual the limit is \$20 per gift. Wrap the boy's gift in green and the girl's gift in red; that way we can tell them apart. I hope the weather is favorable for everyone to drive their Corvair!

The club treasury is at \$4,492.86 and membership is at 62 families. Come to the meeting on October 21<sup>st</sup>! See ya!



# Rearview Mirror

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by Tony Pomponio



help." He runs into his house and politely asks if she would help. She replies, "Yes." He adds as he walks out the door, "And you don't need gloves."

She enters the garage, the sun shining behind her, dressed in her Blue and White Gingham frock (which, by the way, matched the headliner of her 1960 4-door sedan), starched, white laced kitchen apron and heels.

(Could Wally and Beaver be far behind?) "What would you like me to do and I'm so happy that I can help," she states.

"I need for you to start the 1960 4-door sedan and then put into 'D' for Drive when I tell you." He commands. "Okey, Dokey." She responds. CAPT. TONY OF THE CORVAIR RESTO-RANGERS crawls under the rear of the 1960

4-door sedan, careful not to get is cape tangled in the process. "OK, start the car and put it in 'D' for Drive," he shouts. She fires it up and puts the car in 'D' for Drive. Suddenly, he feels a burning/rubbing sensation on his stomach. Seems he is lying directly under the rear tire and it beginning to scorch his costume. "TURN IT OFF – TURN IT OFF!" he shouts. He stands up

brushing his costume trying to put the fire out. He tells Mrs. CAPT. TONY OF THE CORVAIR RESTO-RANGERS to take a break while he changes his costume.

Oops! Once again, I've run out of space. I guess we'll have to continue this next month. But be assured that I will be back and remember – Live well, laugh often.





the Corvair  
Houston

# Bulletin Board



Greg & Sandra Wrobleske win the Sunset Helicopter Tour

## Happy Anniversary To:

Greg & Mary Fox	39 years	Oct. 14
Chris & Lara Mallynn Langley	1 year	Oct 30

## Happy Birthday To:

Kelly Pritchard	Oct 1
Kelly Finley	Oct 3
Billy Dove	Oct 4
Rufus Youngblood	Oct 7
Bob Willhelm	Oct 8
Joy Blanton	Oct 9
Naoko Brittin	Oct 11
Ronnie Riley	Oct 16
Brice Bergesen	Oct 18
David Brown	Oct 19
Perry Radoff	Oct 19
Raul Garcia	Oct 19
Pat Bobkoff	Oct 22
Ricki Jannise	Oct 22
Chrissy Murphy	Oct 27

## The Corvair Society of America (CORSA)



"Founded in 1969 by and for those who still appreciate the Corvair automobile"



Corvair Houston strongly encourages all members to become members of the Corvair Society of America (CORSA). Anyone with a fondness of the Corvair automobile will benefit from CORSA membership. In addition, we will all benefit by maintaining a strong national presence to lobby our interests and organize our collective purposes.

PLEASE do not overlook the potential value of a CORSA membership. Try it out. Your first year will cost only \$45. For more information, contact any of the Corvair Houston officers listed on the back of this newsletter, or contact:

CORSA  
P.O. BOX 607  
Lemont, IL  
60439-0607  
[www.corvair.org](http://www.corvair.org)

## Corvair Houston Calendar

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACT
Oct. 14-16	Heritage Day	Hurst, TX	G. Grimes
Oct. 21st	Club Meeting	Hooks Airport	R. Jannise
Nov. 7th	Board Meeting	TGIF (HW 290)	R. Jannise
Nov. 18th	Club Meeting	TBA	R. Jannise
Nov. 23-27	AutoRama	George Brown CC	R. Jannise
Dec. 10th	Christmas Party	Jannise's (Magnolia)	S. Jannise

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## Club Cookbook

by Dee Watkins

I am getting down to the final stages on the cookbook and would be delighted to include any recipe, photo or story about being a member of Corvair Houston or just about owning your Corvair. Any tips (other than tech tips) you want to see in the cookbook?

Just email or mail me your items and I will include them in the cookbook. I would like to have all items by October 31st.

See you at the Hangar on 10-21-11.

## Corvair Heritage Days II October 14-16 in Hurst, TX

Be sure to register for the 2nd Annual Corvair Heritage Days in Hurst, TX sponsored by NTCA. Welcome Dinner on Friday, AutoCross and Car Show on Saturday. Contact Geary Grimes at 817-656-8137 for more information.

**Dee Watkins**

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# Corvair Classifieds

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## Wanted: Late Body Panel for '66

Looking for a late body panel for 1966 Corvair. Need the complete unit from fender to fender and from trunk lid edge to trunk lid bottom. Contact Ruben Ruiz at 281-787-7398 or rubeneruiz@aol.com

## Wanted: Late Model Body Shell

Looking for a late model body shell. Prefer doors and glass still attached. Any condition. Will haul away at no cost to you. Contact Todd Hasfjord at 281-704-3848

## For Sale: 1968 Coupe

See Photo on cover. 1968 Corvair with a 1980 Olds 350 V8, front wheel drive unit motor, trans. and rear end installed in the rear of the corvair. \$750.00. Contact Jim at 979-824-5226 or 979-548-1313.

## For Sale: Late Model Suspension/Disc Brake setup

Late model disk brake set up. New, comes with complete front suspension unit. \$450.00. Contact Jim at 979-824-5226 or 979-548-1313.

## For Sale: V8 Engines

Have a Buick and Olds 215 V8's both need rebuilding. \$250.00 each. Contact Jim at 979-824-5226 or 979-548-1313.

## Wanted: Early Model Rear Convertible Seat or Frame

Looking for an early model convertible rear seat or seat frame. Contact Mark at 281-217-8573 or mwclarke01@hotmail.com.

This space is available for Free Advertising to Club Members - be sure and submit your ads and photos to the newsletter editor at mwclarke01@hotmail.com

Advertising by non-club members may also be provided on a complimentary basis subject to review by the board of directors of CH.

## For Sale: 1965 Monza Convertible

White with white top, 110hp 4sp. New top, window gaskets, carpet and custom upholstery, three point seat belts in front and lap belts in the rear. This car is solid. You know this car; it has been to many out of town events and runs well. \$4,000. Contact Ricki Jannise 713-702-6716 or rsjannise@gmail.com.



**Wanted: 1960-64 fold down back seat.** Any condition, prefer something cheap. Please contact Tony at togatoo@charter.net or 281-974-5080.

## For Sale: 1962 Lakewood Station Wagon (reduced price)

Older restoration (2001), 102 hp, pg, Clark's interior, 450 miles on new tires. **Asking \$4,000.** Contact Carroll Alford at at 281-447-0027.



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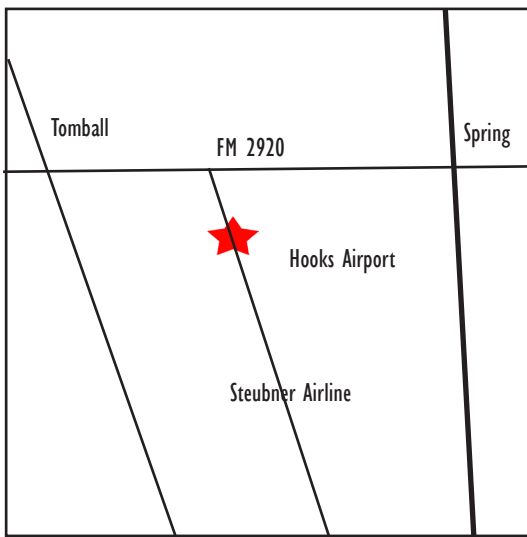
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## CLUB MEETING TO BE HELD ON FRIDAY OCTOBER 21ST AT HOOKS AIRPORT

Map to the Meeting Location at Hooks Airport  
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Corvair Houston



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.

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