

Corvair Houston Newsletter



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This month: Regular club meeting at Doss Park on September 17th



A traditional wedding celebration includes a special “get-away” car

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Driver's Seat

by Tony Pomponio



Well, it's been a busy, wet, dry, hot, cool September, but can anyone expect anything less from the greatest state in the U.S.?

Let's see, there's the monthly meeting at Doss Park on Friday, September 17th. The next day, Saturday September 18th is a scheduled teardown of two Corvairs. This will be the last teardown hosted by the Tidwells. Future teardowns will be at other locations to be announced. Bring your tools, chairs, drinks and MONEY! We will be auctioning off the parts removed and the proceeds will benefit the club.

Sunday, September 19th is the Fifth Annual Ride for Recovery which benefits the Men's Center and New Hope Women's Center. Corvair Houston has donated bottled water and CH members will be manning "water station stops" at the half-way point. More details will be provided by Matt Feehery at the Friday meeting. The following weekend is the Great Plains Roundup.

Members of CH will be caravanning on Friday, September 24th to Tulsa, Oklahoma and spend the weekend at the Embassy Suites, the host hotel. A schedule of events is listed on their website.

October is full of fun things, too!

CH members will be enjoying a week-end camping trip at Jellystone Park, October 8-10, 2010. My wife is hoping the pool water will be warm!

October 16th, CH members will be caravanning to Hurst, Texas to celebrate "Corvair Heritage Day."

This annual event is sponsored by the North Texas Corvair Association. The event was inspired by the Vintage Corsa's attempt to encourage what they call "a global day of Corvair celebration." The idea is to showcase the Corvair to the public and educate them as to the history and unique qualities of our favorite car. The festivities begin at 11:30AM on Saturday morning with a picnic lunch provided by NTCA at a local park. At 1:30PM you can get your cars ready for a concours event if you wish to par-

ticipate. At 3:30PM will begin the "main event" which will be a large car show presented by the Christian Classic Cruisers (a local car club). It is a "judged" event and trophies will be awarded. The host hotel is the Hampton Inn in Hurst. We have about six couples who will be going but we'd like to see more. The hotel cost is \$79 which is a bargain for a room at a Hampton Inn. Please consider joining those who are going. If you need additional info, please call or email me and I will be happy to provide

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ON THE COVER

Shown on the front cover are newlyweds Kelli and Johnny Mena who were joined in marriage on June 12, 2010 in Tomball, Texas. The couple makes preparations to exit in their "getaway" vehicle, a 1965 Monza convertible owned by Ricki and Sally Jannise, proud parents of the bride.

Photo provided courtesy of Jennifer McCullough, wedding photographer.



Spider on Spyder - 2009 Nifty Fifties Halloween Night

Rearview Mirror

by Jon Protteau



August was a quiet month for Corvaire Houston. It was too hot to schedule daytime activities, but the Niftee Fifties car show was still active on Saturday evenings at Kroger's in Tomball, and the August club meeting at Doss Park had 26 members in attendance. That would have been a good turnout even in good (read, cooler) weather. In spite of the August heat, at least six Corvaire had been driven to the meeting. Members discussed the upcoming club activities for September and October, including the Fun Run to Huntsville on 9/11; the parts tear-down at the

Tidwells' on 9/18; the Corvaire escort for the Houston Motorcycle Ride for Recovery charity event on 9/19; the trip to Tulsa for the Great Plains Corvaire Roundup on 9/24; the camping trip to Jellystone Park near Waller and Hempstead on 10/8; and the trip to Hurst for the NTCA Corvaire Heritage Day on 10/16. Some of the club members have become more active lately; in particular, Chris Langley picked up a '65 Corsa from David Kesian for restoration purposes, and Ron Holter bought a '66 Monza with A/C from Mike Tidwell for the same reason. As

usual, when the meeting was adjourned, most of the members caravanned to the Highway 59 Diner on 249 for an evening meal and more socializing. The food was good; the company was better. The Tidwells and the Watkins attended the Lions Club Fundraiser Car Show in Sweeny, Texas, in Brazoria County. Just 20 miles from the Gulf of Mexico, the town was named for John Sweeny who was the first American settler to arrive in the area in 1833. People who arrived later were fair to name the town for him since the town's river was named for San Ber-

nard, who already had a large dog named after him. In addition, Mike Tidwell's Corsa coupe received the Longest Distance to Drive to the Show trophy, and the Lions' events are always worthy causes.

On another note, last month, the retired next door neighbor's plants started disappearing overnight, every night for several nights, so he set up a stake out by his back window and waited for the motion-sensing yard light to reveal the culprit. Sure enough, when the light came on, he popped up out of his chair in time to see what looked like a 20

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We had an exceptional turnout at the August Meeting



The Tidwells receive recognition at the Sweeny Car Show

Driver's Seat



by Tony Pomponio

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you with more details. And, of course, October ends on a SPOOKY note. HALLOWEEN!!!! I really enjoy Halloween. I get to dress up and act like a complete idiot (more so than usual) and get away with it! Niftee 50ees Classic Cruise In (Spring

Cypress and Champions Forest – Kroger's Parking Lot) will be celebrating Halloween on Saturday, October 30th. This is a great and safe event to bring your classic car, kids, and grandkids. In the past, more than 500 classic cars attend. The providers

ask for a \$5 donation to help with insurance costs and security. Some cars are decorated and many participants dress up in Halloween costumes. See the picture of my Corvair decorated at Niftee 50ees last Halloween. It's great fun! I've asked the opera-

tors of the event to save 10 spaces for the Club – I hope more than that show up. Anyway, that's how things are shaping up for Corvair Houston. See you on Friday, September 17th. Live well and laugh often. ☺

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Bulletin Board

Happy Anniversary To:

Brett & Kelly Finley	23 years	Sept 5
Greg & Sandra Wrobleske	23 years	Sept 19
Jim & Dee Watkins	37 years	Sept 21

Happy Birthday To:

Gary Johnson	Sept 5
Nelma Boisjolie	Sept 9
Joan Clarke	Sept 13
Tony Pomponio	Sept 20
Andrew Spenn	Sept 20
Jordan Wrobleske	Sept 21
Guy Bobkoff	Sept 26

Mark your Calendar!!

Our annual Christmas Party will be held on December 11th at 6:00 pm at the home of Ricki and Sally Jannise - stay tuned for more details.

Great Plains Roundup

Be sure to make plans now to attend the Great Plains Roundup in Tulsa on September 24-26. The event is sponsored by the Green Country Corvair Group in Tulsa and will be held at the Embassy Suites Tulsa 1-44. The event will include valve cover racing, slo-drags, people's choice car show, concourse, tech sessions, hospitality suite and awards banquet. This should be a great event to close out the 50th anniversary celebration. For more information, check out the Green Country Corvair Group website at www.tulsa.com or contact event chair, Marv Luke at 918-250-1500 or by email at m Luke@cox.net.

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:

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Corvair Houston Calendar

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACT
Sept 17	Club Meeting	Doss Park	T. Pomponio
Sept 18	Parts Tear down	Tidwells	M. Tidwell
Sept 19	Ride for Recovery	TBA	M. Feehery
Sept 24-26	Grt Plains Rdup	Tulsa	T. Pomponio
Oct 8-10	Camping Trip	Jellystone Park	S. Jannise
Oct 16-17	Heritage Day	Hurst, TX	R. Jannise

Rearview Mirror

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by Jon Protteau



pound rat munching on his pink hibiscus bush. It wasn't really a rat; it was a rodent from South America that someone imported as a great money-maker for its fur and meat, but people didn't seem much inclined to wear its fur or eat it, so the Nutria escaped or were turned loose, and now they have spread all over the wetter areas of the South. The neighbor declared war on the Nutria, and enlisted

me in his efforts to rid the neighborhood of this pest, or as it turned out, pests. The neighbor used wire fencing inside his iron fence, but that did not stop an animal with yellow teeth that are 5 inches long; the Nutrias just ate their way through the fence and kept on enjoying their nightly meals of hibiscus and roses. We switched to Plan B: he borrowed another neighbor's live trap and I got

mine out from under the Greenbrier in the garage (Corvair content), and we set them out with big old Walmart carrots. Those Nutria love carrots almost as much as hibiscus, and sure enough, we caught and removed more than a half-dozen of those big rats before they wised up to the live traps. Apparently they have learned to tiptoe into the trap without setting it off because the last two times I set

it out all loaded up with those Walmart carrots, they ate all of the carrots without setting off the trap. They had to step over the trigger mechanism without stepping on it, and that's exactly what they did. Twice. I guess we'll just call it a Nutria feeder and keep stocking it up with carrots. Sooner or later one of those rats is bound to get clumsy.



Corvair Heritage Day - Saturday, October 16th by Geary Grimes

NTCA (North Texas Corvair Association) has decided to sponsor an annual event called the "Corvair Heritage Day Celebration." The event is inspired by Vintage Corsa's attempt to encourage what they call "a global day of Corvair celebration." The idea is to showcase the Corvair to the public and educate them as to the history and unique qualities of our favorite car. The NTCA board approved our participation in this celebration, at the August board meeting, and we have decided to do so with activities on Saturday, October 16. This will become an annual event, in October of each year, and we hope to build on it from year to year. The decision to participate has just been made, so time to prepare for this year's event is short. Nonetheless, we are excited about the event and will do our best to make it an enjoyable activity for all. We very much appreciate the support we received from CH in last year's 50th Anniversary celebration and enjoyed spending time with CH members. We want to formally invite all members of CH to this event and I have temporarily put a hold on a block of 10 rooms at the same "host hotel" as was used for last year's celebration. The room rate is \$79 per night plus tax. The hotel is the Hampton Inn at 1600 Hurst Town Center, Hurst, Texas. The phone number is 817.503.7777. The rooms are blocked under "Corvair Group." T-shirts are being prepared to commemorate the event and orders will be taken soon.

PLEASE BE SURE TO CONTACT RICKI JANNISE FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THIS IMPORTANT EVENT

Corvair Classifieds



1962 Monza coupe \$4,000 OBO

Most everything is new and there is way too much to list so call for more information. Most of you know this car as Audrey's car - this is a beautiful car if you have not seen it. Contact Mike Tidwell at 281-748-4576.

Restored Gas Tank for Sale

I have a restored gas tank for sale - \$50 or best offer. Contact Mark Clarke at 281-217-8573 if interested.

This space is available for Free Advertising to Club Members - be sure and submit your advertisements 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.

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

Need Late Model Engine

I am looking for a late model engine for my 1965 Monza Convertible. Please call Dick Pirkey at 281-420-5914 (home) or 281-420-4550 (work) if you have an engine you are willing to part with.

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 281-217-8573. Email any submissions to mwclarke01@hotmail.com or snail mail to 1907 Iron Ridge, Sugar Land, TX 77478.

Parts Tear Down/Auction

Be sure to attend the Parts Tear Down and Auction at the Tidwell's place on Saturday, September 18th. There will be many valuable parts available and all proceeds go the Club Treasury to support future activities, events and charitable causes. If you have any surplus parts that you would like to donate to the club, please be sure to bring out to the auction. Your support and participation at this event is greatly appreciated!

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