

# Corvair Houston Newsletter



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This month: HOT at Lakeway on April 15-17 and Dewberry Fest in Cameron on April 30th  
No regular scheduled meeting in April



**The March Meeting had a record turnout of Rampsides**

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# Driver's Seat

by Ricki Jannise



Here I am coming to you from beautiful downtown Kuala Belait, Brunei Darussalam. Yeah, another trip out of the country. Not as long this time; I'll be back home just in time to wash the Corsa for the trip to Lakeway. Gotta get ready for the Heart of Texas Reunion. Looks like we have 19 Corvair Houston members attending this year. There will be two organized convoys for the drive to Lakeway. One will leave the Jack-in-the-Box at Highway 290 and FM 1488 at 10:30 am on Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup>. The second will leave the same location at 3:30 pm. There will be some independent travelers leaving at other various times. Don't forget; due to the scheduling

of H.O.T. this year, there will be no regular club meeting for April.

Now, as for future meetings and events, your Board of Directors has been making plans. At the end of April, the 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, we will attend the Dewberry Festival in Cameron, Texas. There is a car show scheduled for Saturday, the 30<sup>th</sup>. A caravan of dedicated Corvair Houston members will depart from the Jack-in-the-Box at Highway 290 and FM 1488 at 6:00 am on Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>. We plan to attend the car show at Wilson-Ledbetter Park in Cameron, stay the night in Hearne and see some attractions on Sunday before returning home. Let me know if

you would like to attend so that we can look for you.

On May 7<sup>th</sup> we will have a half-day road trip to Carlos, TX. We will meet at Mike Tidwell's house and caravan to Yankee's Tavern for lunch. We will depart the Tidwells' at 9:00 am. After lunch we will return home. Also, in May we have been welcomed to attend Wings and Wheels at the 1940 Air Terminal Museum near Hobby Airport. This event will take place on May 21<sup>st</sup>. We need to arrive at the museum between 9:30am and 10:00 am. We will meet for breakfast at the Telwink Grill at 7:00am. The Telwink Grill is located at Winkler and Telephone road near Hobby Airport. The

Wings and Wheels event for May is dedicated to the War Birds. If the weather cooperates there should be several great old fighting planes and bombers. Come on out, drive your Corvair and see some magnificent fighting machines. I am hoping that we can conduct our May club meeting at the museum. They have some rooms available for this meeting; although we will need to bring our own chairs. Stay tuned to this newsletter for confirmation of the meeting location in the May newsletter.

Coming up later this spring is a revival of the club trip to El Rancho

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## Dewberry Fest - April 30th - Cameron, TX

The 3rd annual Dewberry Festival and Car Show will be held in Cameron, TX on Saturday, April 30th. In addition to the car show, the Festival will feature arts and crafts vendors, a barbeque cookoff and music entertainment. The club will meet at 6:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 30th at the HW 290 and FM 1488 and then caravan up HW 36 to Cameron. Come for the day or plan on staying over for the night in Hearne, TX.

See enclosed registration form. Contact Dee Watkins (979-848-6713) or Tony Pomponio (281-794-5080) for more information.

### ON THE COVER

The March club meeting was held at the Feehery's warehouse. The meeting was well attended and we saw a record turnout of rampsides. Proud owners are Mike Tidwell, Duane Baker, Ron Holter, Greg Wrobleske and Ed Murphy.

# Rearview Mirror

by Tony Pomponio



The monthly club meeting for March was well attended at a new and great location. Matt Feehery's brother, Mike, graciously provided the use of his "Party Place" warehouse located just off HW 290 and Fairbanks N. Houston. There were a "ton" of Corvairs! So many rampsides. It was a great meeting lead by our Prez and a tech session about points and igniters (electronic ignitions) by Mike Tidwell. Those at the meeting chipped in and pizza was bought and consumed on the premises. Drinks were also available. The meeting covered, in part, details of our journey to Austin for

H.O.T. on April 15<sup>th</sup>, treasury balance, membership renewals and various car shows and events that are being planned. The President's article covered the H.O.T. meeting details and future events in the works.

The Great "Tuna" workout was in full swing when Gail and I got there on Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup>. Many Corvairs were getting minor and major "tuna"-ups/repairs in anticipation of H.O.T. It was quite a workout for Mike Tidwell (mostly), Jim Watkins, Ricki Jan-nise, Mark Clarke, Brett Finley, and Ed Murphy among many others. Tuna fish and ham and cheese sandwiches were provided

along with chips. Drinks were provided by those in attendance. The weather could not have been nicer. Sunny, but not too warm.

April 2<sup>nd</sup> was the opening of Niftee 50ees 2011 Cruise In at the Kroger parking lot on Spring Cypress and Champions Forest. And as expected quite a number of cars were there. Corvair Houston was well represented. At last count, nine Corvairs of various models were parked together. The gathering was "covered" by Brett and Kelly Finley's collapsible tent. Thanks Brett & Kelly! Alan Dunlap helped the volunteers by insuring no one "snuck"

in by moving the "cones" and driving in without paying. The weather was cloudy but comfortable. The majority of Corvair-ers took leave for a couple of hours and dined at Rico's Mexican Restaurant (where the Margaritas were hidden!). Door Prizes were awarded and Corvair Houston member, Dee Watkins won a "feed bag" (maybe she can provide the details at HOT).

Well, it seems my ink cartridge is running low so I'll give way 'til next time. Hope to see many of you at H.O.T. – we always have a great time!

Enjoy life – live well, laugh often.



Big decisions to make at the Club Tuna



Gail Pomponio's 1960 Sedan at the March meeting

# Driver's Seat

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by Ricki Jannise



Nuevo (formerly known as El Rancho Neglecto), the Feehery family Lake Livingston retreat. The road trip will take place on June 18<sup>th</sup>. More information will follow in subsequent newsletters. Our club meeting for July, the 15<sup>th</sup>, will be held at the Toyota Tech Center in Houston. Greg Wroblese has arranged for our club to use a meeting room at his office. We are cur-

rently planning the June and August club meetings and locations. Again, more information will be provided in later newsletters.

Trip planning for the caravan to Denver, Colorado for the 2011 CORSA Convention is under way! Get your reservations in and let us know if you plan to go so that we can plan on your attendance for the trip. August plans include a weekend trip to

Corpus Christi for, among other things, a visit and tour of the aircraft carrier Lexington museum. In September we are planning to visit the Ocean Star drilling rig museum in Galveston. We are checking on group tour rates and will communicate the schedule and plan at a later date. Don't forget our annual camping trip in October, probably at the Jellystone Park in Waller,

Texas. All of these activities will be clarified as the planning continues. Stay tuned for more information!!

Our current club treasury balance is \$5,072.27. Membership level is now 57 families. We have lost 9 families as members from 2010, but we have also picked up 6 since 2010. Remember to recruit new members every chance you get!



## Photos from the Club Tuna at the Tidwell's



# the Corvair Houston Bulletin Board

## Wings & Wheels - May 21st

Display your Corvair, enjoy the museum and all the beautiful aircraft!! Join us on the third Saturday of May at the 1940 Air Terminal Museum at William P. Hobby Airport. See the map on the back page. The address is:

9325 Travelair Rd  
Houston, Texas 77061

We meet at the museum at 9:30am. Admission is \$5.00 per person when displaying a car and includes lunch. Join us for breakfast at The Telwink Grill at 7:00 am located at Telephone Rd and Winkler. Check out the museum website:  
<http://www.1940airterminal.org/>

## New Members

A big Corvair Houston Welcome to our newest members!

Robert Belt  
Phone: 713-299-3552 & email: [rbelt@carriageclubhouse.com](mailto:rbelt@carriageclubhouse.com)

Waymon & Twila Worsham  
Phone: 713-676-1566 & email: [wworsham@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wworsham@sbcglobal.net)

## Happy Anniversary To:

David & Liz Hopkins	15 years	Apr. 13
Perry & Rose Radoff	43 years	Apr. 28

## Happy Birthday To:

Bill Lush	Apr. 21
Jacob Moser	Apr. 23
Clarkie Atkinson	Apr. 26
Kay Ranshaw	Apr. 29

## 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
Apr. 15-17	HOT 2011	Lakeway, TX	G. Wrobleks
Apr. 30	Dewberry Fest	Cameron, TX	D. Watkins
May 7th	Fun Run	Carlos, TX	R. Jannise
May 21st	Wings & Wheels	Hobby Airport	R. Jannise
June 18th	Meeting/Outing	El Rancho Nuevo	R. Jannise
July 15th	Club Meeting	Toyota Tech Center	R. Jannise

# Photos from the March Club Meeting



# Corvair Classifieds

## 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 or thasfjord@aol.com.

## For Sale: 13" Wire Wheel Covers (several sets)

Contact Mark Clarke at 281-217-8573 or mwclarke01@hotmail.com

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**www.corvair.com      email: clarks@corvair.com**

## 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 110 hp engine

Looking for late model 110 hp engine and or late model 95hp or 110 hp heads. Contact Mark Clarke at 281-217-8573 or mwclarke01@hotmail.com

## For Sale: 1962 Lakewood Station Wagon

Older restoration (2001), 102 hp, pg, Clark's interior, 450 miles on new tires. Asking \$5,000. Contact Carroll Alford at 281-447-0027.



## Tickling your Funny Bone

--contributed by Tony Pomponio

This item was posted at a Woodlands Medical Center recently.

### HEALTH TIP:

If you can't afford a doctor go to the airport. You can get a free X-ray and breast exam. And if you mention Al Qaeda, you will get a free colonoscopy.

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

Deliver to:



Corvair Teamwork at its finest at the Club Tuna

## NO REGULAR CLUB MEETING FOR APRIL !

### 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](mailto:mwclarke01@hotmail.com) or snail mail to 1907 Iron Ridge, Sugar Land, TX 77478.

### Tech Session Ideas?

Have an interesting technical project you worked on recently? Need to see a technical demonstration of a procedure that will help you with your restoration or repair project? Your Corvair Houston Officers are looking for ideas for technical demonstration sessions for our monthly club meetings. These technical sessions can be helpful for those of us restoring or performing maintenance on our Corvairs. If you have an idea, please notify one of your officers listed on page 8 of this newsletter. Have a project to present? Presentation assistance is available. Email any submissions to [rsjannise@gmail.com](mailto:rsjannise@gmail.com) or snail mail to 13102 N Decker Dr, Magnolia, TX 77355.



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.

2011 Officers:

President	Ricki Jannise	281-259-2256
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