

# Corvair Houston Newsletter



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This month: Regular club meeting at Doss Park on August 20th



**Corvair Houston presents last of HD TV sets to Michael E. Debakey VA Hospital**

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# Driver's Seat

We've had a busy August, but you ain't seen nothin' yet – as a famous singer once said. But before I get to what's up in the near future I want to single out two of our members with great praise.

As you know Corvair Houston's charitable efforts for the past year and a half has been to provide large, flat screen LCD HDTV's for the six waiting rooms at Michael E. DeBakey Veterans Medi-

cal Center. Thanks to Jim Watkins, our past president and current Special Events Coordinator/Photographer, this became a reality. On Saturday, August 7<sup>th</sup> we delivered the last two to the Center. A few donations came from corporations but most of the monies collected came from individuals at various car shows CH members attended and from CH members. Getting the monies was an on-going effort. However, the big-

gest effort was put forth by Jim in that he was able to get the best deal for the TV's and coordinated the delivery arrangements with the Center and their personnel. Thank you, Jim Watkins, for your effort and dedication in fulfilling your original idea and the speed in which it was done.

I'd also like to thank Alan Dunlap for his donations of many boxes of puzzles to the Veterans Medical Center. They were

also accepted with great enthusiasm.

September will be another great month for activities, events and fun runs.

Saturday, September 11<sup>th</sup> there are two car shows dedicated to our military. The Inaugural Military Appreciation Day at 11AM in Kingwood. There'll be a silent auction and live bands hosted by Harley-Davidson of Kingwood. No info on entry fees. The second show is in Cleveland. Remembrance Day Festival Classic Car and Truck Show - \$35.00 entry fee

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## ON THE COVER

Corvair Houston fulfills its commitment to provide HD TV sets to each of the waiting areas at the Michael E. DeBakey VA Hospital. Thank you to past president Jim Watkins and current president Tony Pomponio (both veterans) for their commitment and leadership in helping us achieve this worthwhile goal.



by Tony Pomponio



Corvair Houston lines up at Michael E. DeBakey VA Hospital

# Rearview Mirror

by Jon Protteau



The July 16<sup>th</sup> club meeting at Doss Park was well-attended, and club members examined the club by-laws and made some minor revisions, most notably the addition of the H.O.T. Committee to the list of “Regular Committees”. Also discussed were the August 7<sup>th</sup> donation of two more televisions to the Michael D. Debakey V.A. Hospital and tour of the Classic Cars of Houston restoration shop; the September 24<sup>th</sup> trip to Tulsa, Oklahoma for the Great Plains Corvaire Roundup; and the October 8<sup>th</sup> camping trip to Jellystone Park near Hempstead. Jim Watkins gave a slide presentation of a recent trip to Oregon in search of Corvaire

which was made by Jim and Dee Watkins and Mike and Audrey Tidwell. They trailered Jim and Dee’s 1965 Greenbrier up to Oregon, bought another Greenbrier which they trailered back to Texas, while Mike and Audrey Tidwell drove the Watkins’ Greenbrier 2,000 miles through the Rocky Mountains without a problem. The Tidwells were so impressed with the traveling comfort of the Greenbrier that they decided to restore one for themselves. To make room in the garage for the Greenbrier, the Tidwells will be selling one or two other Corvaire. See the “For Sale” section of this newsletter.

On August 7<sup>th</sup>, a group from Corvaire Houston took a fun run which, on the advice of member Alan Dunlap, started at Melba’s Café & CB Shop at 10840 Beaumont Highway in Houston, where they started their day with some really good home cooked food. Mike Tidwell, a connoisseur of Southern cooking having lived in Tennessee, was heard to say that the grits were “great”. Yes, truckers still use CB’s, and the CB shop is adjacent to Melba’s café. If you’d like a great breakfast or you need a new CB, stop in at Melba’s.

The well-nourished group motored to Classic Cars of Houston on Alder

Drive for a tour of a genuine restoration shop. The shop contained all types of cars from a Model T Ford to early pony cars, and even a “61 Buick LeSabre, they do everything from bodywork to drive trains. The cars were in various stages of the restoration process from bare shells to finished cars, but unfortunately, no Corvaire were in the shop that day. Thanks to Jim Watkins for arranging this tour.

The Corvaire caravanned from the shop to the Michael D. Debakey Veterans Hospital to deliver the last two large-screen televisions

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Tour of Classic Cars of Houston

# Driver's Seat

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to participate in "Best of Show" judging or a \$10.00 entry fee for judging, BBQ Cook-off, live concert, auction, raffle and much more.

Then again on Saturday and Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> the Super Chevy Show in Baytown (Houston Raceway). Entry fees are \$45 for "Judged" Car Show and \$35 for the "non-judged" show each day.

On Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup> there's a "Tear-down and Auction" for parts scheduled. However, this will be the last

teardown at the Tidwells. Future teardowns will continue but at a different location to be decided at a later date. These teardowns have and will continue to benefit the club's finances. You can expect to get good used parts at reduced prices but not giveaway prices. The club buys these "parts cars" with the anticipation of making a profit. Please keep that in mind when you are considering on bidding for a part.

Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup> will be the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Ride for Recovery, an activity

that CH participated in last year. Last year Corvairs went out to the half way point rest stop and handed out bottled water to the many motorcycle riders and marked the turns on the route. Matt Feehery will provide more details concerning meeting points, etc. at the regular August 20<sup>th</sup> club meeting. Try to keep that date open and I was told it was a great event last year. I unfortunately was not able to attend last year but plan on doing so this year.

The Great Plains Corvair Roundup in Tulsa,

Oklahoma is slated for Friday through Sunday, September 24-26. The host hotel is the Embassy Suites with a group rate of \$95.00 + taxes. The group rate will hold true 'til September 16<sup>th</sup>. I suggest that you make your reservations sooner rather than later. Log on to their website for reservation info and registration forms. [www.tulsacorvair.com](http://www.tulsacorvair.com).

Looks like we've a "plate full" in September. Make everyday count. Live well and laugh often!



by Tony Pomponio



Tour of the shop at Classic Cars of Houston



VP Ricki Jannise helps with the final TV set

# the Corvair Houston Bulletin Board

## New Members!

A big Corvair Houston Welcome to our newest members  
 Maureen Carey & Perry Slaughter  
 1964 Monza Convertible

## Welcome Back!

Also, please welcome back long time former members!  
 Clayton Jones  
 1966 Monza Convertible

Roger & Nelma Boisjolie  
 1965 Crown V-8 Corsa

## Happy Anniversary To:

Guy & Pat Bobkoff	42 years	Aug 11
Ed & Julie Murphy	32 years	Aug 12
Robert & Kay Freeman	45 years	Aug 20
Rufus & Lynne Youngblood	23 years	Aug 22
Tom & Joan Clarke	65 years	Aug 25
Gary & Linda Blalock	41 years	Aug 29
Roger & Rebecca Garrett	8 years	Aug 31

## Happy Birthday To:

Virginia Derby	Aug 1
Tom Clarke	Aug 2
Rachael Grimes	Aug 8
Ron Holter	Aug 8
Katherine Spenn	Aug 14
Cynthia Ruiz	Aug 17
Gary Blalock	Aug 19
Earl Raabe	Aug 20
Gail Dove	Aug 23
Jennifer McCullough	Aug 30
Sandra Wroblewski	Aug 31

## 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

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
Aug 20	Club Meeting	Doss Park	T. Pomponio
Sept 17	Club Meeting	Doss Park	T. Pomponio
Sept 18	Parts Tear down	Tidwells	T. Pomponio
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

# Rearview Mirror

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that Corvair Houston has purchased for use in the waiting rooms. It has taken a year of fund-raising activities, but all of the waiting rooms now have televisions for our veterans, and it's not every day that they get to see a

Corvair Rampside making deliveries. Club members were still fairly full from Melba's breakfast, but they had a light lunch or dessert in the hospital cafeteria before heading home.

Some members finished the day at Niftee

Fifties Car Show at the Kroger's on Spring Cypress in Tomball which runs from 6:00 to 9:00 PM every Saturday from March to November. Some Corvair Houston members are usually there every week. If you haven't

already been there, stop in and enjoy the cars and the company. And there are also several restaurants in case seeing all those classic cars makes you hungry.



by Jon Protteau

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# Corvair Classifieds

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## 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.

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## Great Plains Roundup

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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 I-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](http://www.tulsa.com) or contact event chair, Marv Luke at 918-250-1500 or by email at [mluke@cox.net](mailto:m Luke@cox.net).

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## 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](mailto:corvair69@gmail.com)

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## 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.

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## 1965 Corsa coupe, with A.C asking \$2,000

Contact Dave Kesian at 936-689-8179. This car was previously owned by Mike Tidwell and was stored in his garage for years.

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## CH Wants You!

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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.

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## Parts Tear Down/Auction

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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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Corvair Houston  
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Tour of Classic Cars of Houston

Deliver to:

**CLUB MEETING TO BE  
 HELD ON FRIDAY  
 AUGUST 20TH AT  
 DOSS PARK**

Directions: Doss Park



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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