

Corvair Houston Newsletter



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This month: Club Meeting on Friday, August 19th at The Feehery Party Barn
Galveston Fun Run on Saturday, August 20th



Corvair Houston attends CORSA International Convention in Denver

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Driver's Seat

Hello, Corvair Houston! Well, here it is... super-summer! It's not much fun driving around in a non-air conditioned Corvair these days. In spite of that, the road trip to Denver for the CORSA Convention was great! The Corsa ran fine, even to the top of Pike's Peak. What a drive; 14,110 feet above sea level! Makes it kinda hard to breathe. The trip through Texas to Lubbock was kinda hot, but we endured. Through the mountains of New Mexico to and around Taos was beautiful and cooler. The weather in Denver was real nice with highs around 90 and occasional showers in the afternoon; kinda like Houston in the spring, a normal spring that is. The convention was a first for Sally and I and we really enjoyed it. Sally took advantage of the Clark's Corvair Parts booth to order a lot of the needed interior parts for her '63 sedan. I also got a few things for the Corsa. I can't wait to see my actual fuel mileage numbers from the econ-

omy run. I guesstimated around 27 mpg; thought I would place for a few minutes there, but didn't. The good news is I didn't do anything special to maximize the mileage, just drove softly and conservatively. Didn't even empty the trunk and roll up the windows. We saw some nice cars and trucks, but you know the Corvair Houston Corvairs were as good as or even better than most of them! We got plenty of attention.

The return trip provided for longer days since we used three days to get to Denver, but only two to get back. The return trip was more direct; we made Amarillo the first night. On Sunday we made the

entire drive from Amarillo to Houston in one day; that was a hot one!! I'm just glad we decided to drive through the Dallas area when the temperature was only 102; if we had waited one day, it would have been 105! Sally and I went through a lot of water on that return trip with minimal pit stops. All in all it was a very good trip and well worth it!

Okay, now down to business. Our club meeting this month is once again at Mike Feehery's Party Barn on Friday, the 19th. Remember the physical address is: 6914 Guhn Road, Houston, Texas 77040. The meeting will begin at 7:00pm as usual. We will make an estimate

of the volume of pizza necessary and bring it to the meeting. Money will be collected from everyone to cover the expense. Drinks are available at Mike's; just don't forget the tip jar. At this meeting we will discuss the CORSA convention with a slide show and maybe some video, too. Don't forget, we are still selling raffle tickets for the Sunset Tour of Houston (for two) by helicopter. Tickets can only be purchased at the next 2 club meetings and are \$5 each; buy lots of them. The winning ticket will be drawn at the September meeting. Mike Tidwell will have a Tech Session on installing a front spoiler on a late Corvair. Oh, I found out during a tech session at the convention that the front spoiler is officially an air
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ON THE COVER

Corvair Houston had a total of 18 members and 7 Corvairs in attendance at the CORSA International Convention in Denver, CO.



by Ricki Jannise



Ricki & Sally's '65 CORSA (view from Pike's Peak)

Rearview Mirror

by Tony Pomponio



July was kind of quiet in comparison to previous months except for the CORSA Convention. I'll let Ricki Jannise and Mark Clarke provide the details, as I was not able to attend the convention. I would like to comment on the monthly July meeting location. We were treated

to the cleanest, nicest "garage" I've ever had the pleasure to be in. I'm speaking of the Toyota Training Center. Greg Wrobleske (who works for Toyota) provided this latest venue for our monthly meeting. Greg detailed the background of Toyota, even how the earthquake

and tsunami effected their production. We then were treated to a tour of the facility. A great time was had by this "mechanic in training" and I hope I speak for all of those who were also there.

I am relinquishing the rest of this column so that Ricki and Mark

can expand on the trip to the CORSA Convention in Denver and to allow room for photos from the Convention. However, I must warn you, I will return next month whether you like it or not. 'Til then, live well, laugh often.



CORSA Convention 2011

by Mark Clarke

Corvair Houston was well represented at the CORSA International Convention held in Denver, Colorado from Monday, July 25th through Saturday, July 30th. We had a total of 7 Corvairs and more importantly 18 members attend the convention. On Saturday, July 23rd, we met in Willis at 6 am with a destination of Lubbock, TX in mind. Ricki and Sally Jannise led the caravan in their '65 Corsa coupe with Mike and Audrey Tidwell bringing up the rear in their air-conditioned 2006 Chevrolet Avalanche (while towing their '64 Rampside). Safely cushioned inside the caravan with the club's walkie talkies in hand

were Mark & Waynette Clarke in their '63 Monza convertible (fresh out of the paint shop from Demo's Automotive), Greg Fox in his '64 Spyder coupe and Todd Hasfjord in a '66 Corsa convertible (borrowed from fellow CH member, Costa Kouzounis). Just outside of Huntsville, we met up with Matt & Kim Feehery and their '65 Corsa coupe. Our trip to Lubbock was relatively uneventful other than the heat that started just outside of Abilene (sure enjoyed the pool at the hotel later that evening!). We did hook up with Greg Fox's son, David in Lubbock who joined us for the remainder of the trip to Denver.

On Sunday, we made

our way to Taos, NM and enjoyed noticeably cooler temps. Since we were on vacation (which we kept reminding each other), we decided to enjoy as much Mexican food as could reasonably be tolerated (may have something to do with the Margarita "junkies" in our group). We toured the Red Willow Indian reservation on Monday morning and made our way through the mountain passes to Pueblo, Colorado on Monday afternoon.

We departed Pueblo on Tuesday morning and made our way to Denver where we joined Ed Walsh who flew in that morning. Later that day, we met up with other CH members – Dave and

Gail Brown (who trailered their '69 Monza coupe), Bob Willhelm and friend Flo and Jon and Betty Protteau who drove air-conditioned non-Corvair vehicles (glad they came). Geary & Deborah Grimes (members of CH and NTCA) flew to Denver and joined the group as well.

One of the benefits of being the Newsletter Editor is realizing when you are out of space for your article (might have something to do with opting to provide all the photos on page 6). So, I hope that you will come to the meeting on Friday night so that we can all more fully explain how we had the trip of a lifetime

Hope to see ya there!



Driver's Seat



by Ricki Jannise

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dam. Anyway, we will have these items on the agenda as well as discussions on upcoming club activities including upcoming car shows in the area.

Speaking of upcoming activities, first we have the Galveston trip on Saturday the 20th. This trip will include a tour of the drilling rig museum, Ocean Star, as well as a tour of the Lone Star Flight Museum. Unfortunately, Sally and I will not be able to make this trip due to a previous commitment. The plan is to meet at 7:00am for breakfast at the Denny's restaurant at I-45 and Woodridge near the south loop. Take the Woodridge exit off of 45. From Denny's the group will head to Galveston. You will probably have lunch on the Seawall after seeing the Ocean Star, then head over to the Flight Museum to finish the day.

For September we have some activities planned as well. First, our club meeting for September is on the 16th at the helicopter service hanger at Hook's Airport where Jim Watkins works. Driving

directions will be provided in next month's newsletter. Remember we will have the last chance to buy raffle tickets for the Sunset Tour of Houston as the drawing will be held during that meeting.

Also, in September, we will participate in the sixth annual Ride for Recovery to benefit the Men's Center and New Hope Women's Center on Sunday, the 18th. Matt Fechery will have more information at the August club meeting as well as the September meeting. We will hand out water to the motorcycle riders along the route and

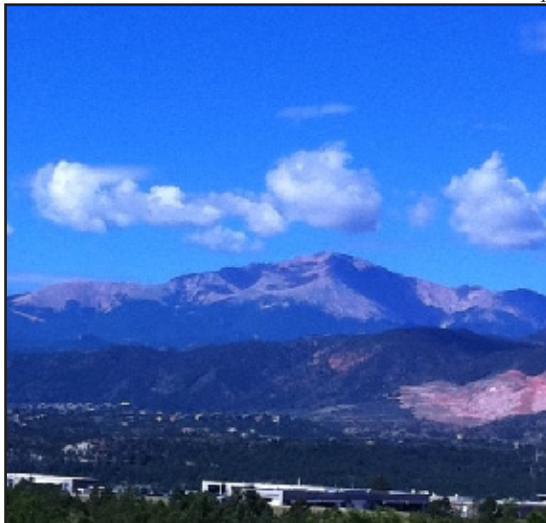
follow along to the final destination. We are also planning a weekend road trip to Corpus Christi on the weekend of the 24th. The plan is to spend the two day weekend in Corpus and tour the USS Lexington WWII aircraft carrier as well as some antique shops in the area. Tony is scoping out a neat hotel for us and we will likely enjoy dinner at the Boiling Pot in Rockport. We need to get a final head count at the August meeting so that reservations can be made. It is NOT necessary to drive a Corvair for this trip.

In fact, we are looking into renting a van to hold everyone that is going.

Coming up in October will be a club camping trip, possibly on the weekend of September 30th. These plans are not yet finalized. Also, the third annual Corvair Heritage Day sponsored by the North Texas Corvair Association on the weekend of the 14th. You have seen the flier sent out in e-mails. Let's plan on going! The event will include a kickoff dinner on Friday, an autocross event on Saturday morning and a car show on Saturday evening. Sounds like fun to me.

In the coming months we will finalize plans for the annual AutoRama event in November and our club Christmas Party in December. I have the basic information for AutoRama. We need to start preparing a list of Corvairs for the club display.

Anyway, plenty of time for that! The club treasury stands at \$4,757.54 and membership is at 62 families. Enjoy the rest of this fabulous newsletter! See ya!



View of Pike's Peak from Colorado Springs



the Corvair Houston Bulletin Board



“Sunset Helicopter Tour of the City” Raffle (for 2)
 Tickets are \$5.00 each can ONLY be purchased at the
 Aug. & Sept. club meetings (winner TBA at Sept. meeting)

Happy Anniversary To:

John & Jacy Jackson	3 years	Aug 8
Guy & Pat Bobkoff	43 years	Aug 11
Ed & Julia Murphy	33 years	Aug 12
Robert & Kay Freeman	46 years	Aug 20
Rufus & Lynn Youngblood	24 years	Aug 22
Tom & Joan Clarke	66 years	Aug 25
Roger & Rebecca Garrett	9 years	Aug 31

Happy Birthday To:

Tom Clarke	Aug 2
Rachael Grimes	Aug 8
Ron Holter	Aug 8
Katherine Spenn	Aug 14
Cynthia Ruiz	Aug 17
Earl Raabe	Aug 20
Gail Dove	Aug 26
Lara Mallynn Langley	Aug 25
Liz Hopkins	Aug 27
Jennifer McCullough	Aug 30
Sandra Wroblekske	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:

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Corvair Houston Calendar

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACT
Aug 19th	Club Meeting	Feehery Party Barn	R. Jannise
Aug 20th	Fun Run	Galveston, TX	R. Jannise
Sept. 16th	Club Meeting	Hooks Airport	R. Jannise
Sept. 18th	Ride for Recovery	TBA	M. Feehery
Sept. 24th	Fun Run	Corpus Christi	R. Jannise
Sept. 30th	Camping Trip	TBA	R. Jannise

CORSA International Convention in Denver, Colorado



View from Mountain Pass outside Taos, NM



Denver Tech Center (Host hotel)



Wildlife Photo (Pike's Peak)



View from Pike's Peak (elev. 14,110 ft)



Greg & David Fox at summit



Tour of Coors Brewery



Dinner with the CH group on Wednesday night



Lone CH Autocross representative - Dave Brown

Corvair Classifieds

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

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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.



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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 at 281-447-0027.



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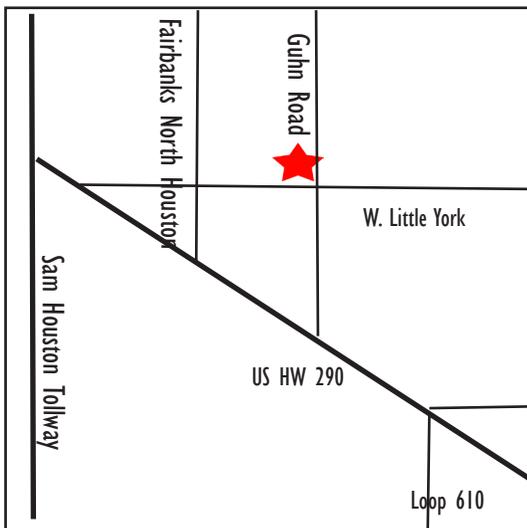
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Hi Hon! Look what I brought home from the Convention!

**CLUB MEETING TO BE
 HELD ON FRIDAY
 AUGUST 19TH AT THE
 FEEHERRY PARTY BARN**

Map to the Meeting Location
 6914 Guhn Road



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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