

# Corvair Houston Newsletter



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This month: Club Meeting and the Annual Club Election on Jan. 20th  
at the Feehery Party Barn located at 6914 Guhn Road



A special surprise Christmas gift for our Club President

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# Driver's Seat

by Ricki Jannise



Hello, Corvair Houston! Happy New Year! Welcome to 2012! I have thoroughly enjoyed our club events this past year. See Tony's Rear View Mirror article for a rundown of them all. This will likely be my last article to you; since we will elect new officers and directors at this month's meeting. More about that later. I want to thank my fellow officers and directors for their support this past year; we could not have been successful without you. Mike Tidwell as Vice President (and President Elect), thank you for your honest input and for filling in when my job took me away during club events. Tony Pomponio as Secretary, your input as past president has been invaluable. Also, I am really enjoying the Tony of the Resto-Rangers articles! Julia Murphy as Treasurer, I appreciate the job you are doing keeping track of the club finances and work towards saving the club's money with the banking arrangements. Jim Watkins, Mark Clarke and Ed Walsh as Directors,

thank you for always being there to offer and provide solutions, suggestions and your honest opinions throughout the year. Some of you have also served as Committee Chairpersons; thank each of you for that!

Okay, the January meeting. The meeting will take place on the 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. The location is Mike Feehery's Party Barn once again. Matt, please pass on our appreciation to Mike for the use of his place for our meetings throughout this year, it has been a lifesaver! As you know the address is 6914 Guhn Road, Houston, TX 77040. Sally and I will pick up pizza for everyone on the way to the meeting. We can settle-up the bill when you get there. This should save time from past meetings where a group of ladies would leave to get

the pizza after everyone shows up. If you have any special desires for a particular flavor, give Sally a call.

Don't forget that this meeting is our election meeting! We will have ballots prepared to hand out. There will be a last chance to nominate someone for a position; they will need to accept the nomination before being placed on the ballot. After the elections we will have a technical session to show how to convert an early generator charging system to a more modern internally regulated alternator system.

In February we will have our annual Pancake Breakfast on Saturday the 18<sup>th</sup>. The monthly club meeting will be conducted during the Pancake Breakfast; we will NOT have a meeting on Friday night! The location will be our

house (Ricki and Sally Jannise). The address is 13102 N. Decker Dr., Magnolia, TX 77355. The feeding will begin at 9am. As usual we will have pancakes and breakfast sausage. If you would like to contribute some "special" breakfast food please contact Sally.

In the coming months we will be making decisions for the 2013 Heart of Texas Corvair Reunion since 2013 will be Corvair Houston's turn to sponsor the event. Your Board of Directors, and HOT Chairman Greg Wrobleske, encourages your input and suggestions.

The club treasury stands at \$4,683 and membership is currently 63 families.

Thank you for a great 2011...look forward to a great 2012!!

## ON THE COVER

Club President, Ricki Jannise was surprised on Christmas Day with a very special gift from his lovely bride - a 1961 Rampside. She located the truck in Oklahoma and brought it home with help from Mike and Audrey Tidwell.



Ed. note: Thank you to the Jannise's for a great year

# Rearview Mirror

by Tony Pomponio



OMG, another year bites the dust! It's amazing how quickly time zooms by as I add another year to my birthday celebration.

Corvair Houston enjoyed another year of great events, activities and some downright fun. We had elections, lost Doss Park as a meeting place, found some new and better locations for our meetings; we were introduced to Chris and Breyton Roberson and began a wonderful association with them. We had car shows become no-shows due to weather; Club Tuna at the Watkins with Mike Tidwell filleting and cooking fish, invited

to the Toyota Tech Center for a great club meeting and tour – oh, and don't forget the great gift Greg handed out! Wings and Wheels at the Houston Airport Museum, H.O.T. in Lakeway where CHers walked away with many trophies; Pancake breakfast at the Jannise's; fun run to Yankee's in Carlos, Texas, Cameron Dewberry Festival with Jim and Dee Watkins taking the "Peoples Choice" award. Opening night at Niftee 50ees, gathering at El Rancho Neglecto for food, drink and good company. The fantastic trip of CHers to Denver, Colora-

do for the annual CORSA Convention, returning to Houston with "booty" from a "local" Corvair "farm." The Ride for Recovery for the Memorial Hermann Prevention & Recovery Center – right after the Tri-County Fire. A sunset helicopter tour of Houston raffle by Jim Watkins with Sandra and Greg Wrobleske buying the right ticket; NTCA's second annual Corvair Heritage Days in Dallas with an autocross and the now famous "GIVE 'EM HELLEY, KELLY!"; a self-tour on board the USS LEXINGTON CVA-35 in Corpus Christi; Au-

torama on "Turkey Day;" the introduction of Capt. Tony of the Corvair Res-to-rangers; and the great finale of the year – A Christmas Party hosted by Ricki and Sally Jannise. What a great way to end an exciting year. I probably missed some of the activities we were involved in, but I think I covered the major highlights. I know our new president and officers of 2012 will provide more of the same. Well, that's the best I can do for this issue so keep in mind the fun we've had and the fun that's planned for this year and become a part of it. Live well, laugh often.

# Autorama 2011

by Mark Clarke



As shown on page 4, we had a total of six Corvairs represented in the Corvair Houston Autorama Display over Thanksgiving weekend. Matt Feehery and his 1965 Corsa, Mike Tidwell and his 1964 Rampside, Jim Watkins and his 1963 Monza coupe, Ricki Jannise and his 1965 Corsa, Ed Walsh and his 1963

Corvan and last, but not least my freshly repainted 1963 Monza convertible. Ed and Matt declined to participate in the judging of their cars. Jim and Ricki were awards for "outstanding in class" while Mike and I both placed in our respective classes. We would like to thank these members for taking the time to partici-

cate and represent Corvair Houston. Also a big thank you to those members who showed their support by helping with setup and and tear down.

On a personal note, this was my first year to show my Corvair in Autoram and I would like to thank Mike Tidwell and Demo's Automotive for helping to make my 1963

Monza Converible "show ready". Demo's Automotive did an outstanding job with the body and paint work. Mike took care of the interior work at the shop along with a number of other details such as removing and properly reinstalling the engine, the engine sheet metal and related trim.



# Autorama 2011



# the Corvair Houston Bulletin Board

## New Members!

A big Corvair Houston Welcome to our newest members!  
 Richard and Kristin Jonec  
 Welcome to you from all of us at Corvair Houston!

## Happy Anniversary To:

Bill & Kay Ranshaw                      49 years                      Jan. 26

## Happy Birthday To:

Brett Finley	Jan. 6
Audrey Tidwell	Jan. 7
Roger Garrett	Jan. 8
Costa Kouzouinis	Jan. 8
Jerry Miller	Jan. 8
Mike Murphy	Jan. 18
Alan Dunlap	Jan. 18
Ed Walsh	Jan. 21
Roger Boisjolie	Jan. 30

## Mark your Calendar !!

16th Annual Heart of Texas Reunion in Salado, TX  
 April 20-22, 2012

Questions: email or call Geary Grimes: jgglaw@aol.com

## Corvair Houston Elections!!

It's nearing that time of year again...time to renew memberships for the next year and time to elect new club officers. The annual Corvair Houston club elections are held at the January regular club meeting (January 20, 2012). You don't have to register Democrat or Republican. There are no political parties in Corvair Houston; only Corvair parties!!

If you have a desire to serve your club as an officer simply express your desire at the January meeting and you will be nominated. Please be sure to attend the January meeting to let your voice and vote be heard!

## 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.

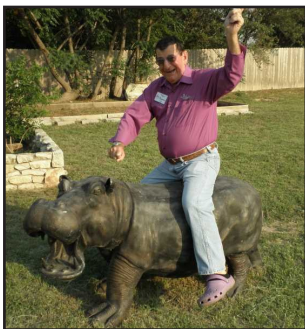
PLEASE do not overlook the potential value of a CORSA membership. Try it out. Your first year will cost only \$45. For more information, contact any of the Corvair Houston officers listed on the back of this newsletter, or contact:

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## Corvair Houston Calendar

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACT
Jan. 20th	Club Meeting	Feehery Party Barn	R. Jannise
Jan. 20th	Club Elections	Feehery Party Barn	R. Jannise
Feb. 18th	Mtg/Pancake Bfst	Jannise's home	S. Jannise
Mar. 3rd	Bellville Show	Bellville, TX	M. Tidwell
Mar. 16th	Club Meeting	TBA	M. Tidwell
Apr. 20th	Club meeting	TBA	M. Tidwell

# Memories from 2011



# Corvair Classifieds

## For Sale: 1968 Coupe

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: 1963 Corvan \$300 OBO

1963 Corvan, automatic transmission  
Stored in Garage in Missouri, had work done on engine. Mechanic used parts and did not finish. Van engine removed, Replaced by a running car engine to trailer to Texas. Unsure of engine status at this point.  
Contact Eugene Davis at Cell: 713-503-3824 or Home: 713-731-2666 [gened@norhtstarhost.com](mailto:gened@norhtstarhost.com)

## For Sale: 1967 Corvair Monza (see photo below)

Yellow with black interior. Paint is very good and the seats and carpet are new. 110hp engine with powerglide transmission. Fuel and brake systems have been gone through. It looks, runs and rides great. Asking \$7500.00 (CH members price \$6500.00)  
Contact Greg Fox at 713-826-2828



## For Sale: 1965 Monza Convertible (see photo below)

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](mailto:rsjannise@gmail.com).



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.

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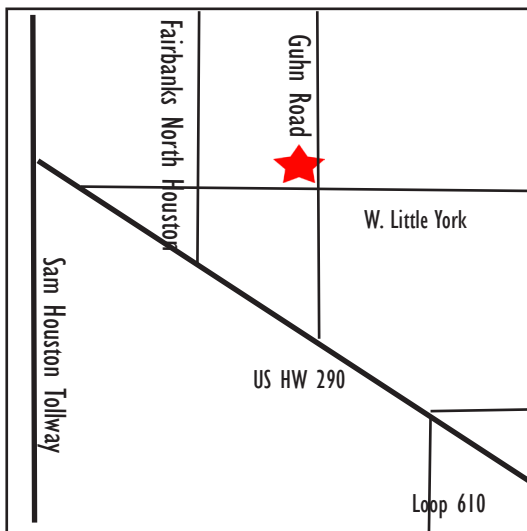
Deliver to:



Autumn Walker in Grandpa Clarke's '63 convertible

**CLUB MEETING TO BE  
 HELD ON FRIDAY  
 JANUARY 20 AT THE  
 FEEHERY 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.

2011 Officers:

President	Ricki Jannise	281-259-2256
Vice President	Mike Tidwell	281-748-4576
Secretary	Tony Pomponio	281-794-5080
Treasurer	Julia Murphy	281-251-8553
Director	Mark Clarke	281-217-8573
Director	Ed Walsh	281-825-6361
Director	Jim Watkins	979-548-1313

Committees:

Membership & Library	Ricki Jannise	281-259-2256
Historian/Car Locator	Guy Bobkoff	713-666-0475
Merchandise	Dee Watkins	979-548-1313
Newsletter/Website	Mark Clarke	281-217-8573
Events Coord./Photographer	Jim Watkins	979-548-1313
H.O.T. Chairperson	Greg Wrobleske	281-356-5542
Social Chair	Sally Jannise	281-259-2256
Technical Chair	Mike Tidwell	281-748-4576
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