

Corvair Houston Newsletter



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This month: Club Meeting on Friday, June 17th at 6914 Guhn Road and Fun Run/Picnic at El Rancho Nuevo on Saturday, June 18th



Corvair Houston shows its support for Wings & Wheels

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Driver's Seat

Hello, Corvair Houston! Welcome to summer in Houston... can't wait for super-summer, come August. I hope everyone enjoyed the May club events; I know we did! The run to Yankee's Tavern in Carlos was fun; even though it was a bit warm it was good driving weather. The club meeting at the 1940 Air Terminal Museum was a real treat with founding member Gene Marshall as guest speaker. And, of course seeing the planes on display at the monthly Wings and Wheels event was cool.

So, what's going on for the summer? Glad you asked. First, our club meeting this month will be held on Friday, June 17th at Matt Feehery's brother Mike's Party Barn. If you recall our March club meeting it is the same place. The physical address is: 6914 Guhn Road, Houston, Texas 77040. To get there, turn north on Fairbanks North Houston from Highway 290, then turn right on West Little York and left on

Guhn Road. Look for the warehouse on the right. As before, we will display the Corvair Houston banner out front.

This month we will discuss final plans for the club outing at Matt and Kim Feehery's El Rancho Nuevo. Also, we will discuss club outings in the planning stages for late summer and fall not to mention the upcoming road trip to Denver, Colorado to the CORSA National Convention. We plan to have club merchandise at the meeting for those interested. We will also discuss a plan in the works to reinstate the position of Parts Committee Chairman; Mike Tidwell has volunteered to take on the position (Thanks, Mike!). Primarily we will provide many basic maintenance and repair parts for your Corvairs. Also available to order are other special parts as you need them. Mike is finalizing the inventory list now. This list will be made available to all of our members.

by Ricki Jannise



Mark Clarke has donated a door prize for this month's meeting: a bottle of ZDDP additive and a Clark's oil filter (Thanks, Mark!). Only those who drive a Corvair to the meeting are eligible and will get a ticket. One lucky ticket will be drawn.

Before I get into the other activities I wanted to announce a changing of the guard, of sorts. Julia Murphy, current club Treasurer, has graciously offered to take over Chair of the Membership Committee effective last month. Be sure to thank her for volunteering for this committee position, I have (Thank you, Julia!). Speaking of the Treasury, our current balance is \$5,310.70. Current membership is 62 families.

Now for the other club activities coming up. First, on Saturday, June 18th we will caravan to Matt and Kim Feehery's newly rebuilt El Rancho Nuevo home on Lake Livingston. You may remember this as the former El Rancho Neglecto. The address is: 1580 Harrell Road, Cold-

spring, TX 77331. It is exactly 1.6 miles west of SH 156 on Harrell Road. We will meet at the Jack-in-the-Box restaurant in Willis, Texas north of Conroe at I-45 Exit number 94 (FM 1097). The caravan will pull out of Willis at 10am. We should get to El Rancho around 11am for a rest, a visit, maybe a short fun run to Onalaska and some burgers and dogs and snacks. We will discuss the food plans at the meeting, but plan on bringing any specific beverages you prefer and maybe a snack or dessert to share. I don't have a complete list of who is coming, so if you find you are running a little late give me a call and let me know...we will wait...713-702-6716.

Now for July. Don't forget our road trip to Denver, Colorado for the

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ON THE COVER

Corvair Houston had a solid turnout at Wings & Wheels on Saturday, May 21st. See the Rear View Mirror article for more details.

Rearview Mirror

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by Tony Pomponio



OMG! Can you believe this heat? I wonder what's in store for us on June 21st when summer finally (?) gets here. But then I remember, we're in Texas – wait five minutes and the weather will change. So OK, I waited five minutes...

May was a fun month once again for CHers. Many of us drove to Carlos, Texas for lunch and adult beverages at Yankee's. We gathered at the Tidwell's home and before we started the trek stopped for gas a few miles away. Now we all have experienced a problem or two going to or coming from a Corvair event. Unfortunately, Saturday, May 14th was one of those experiences. Alan Dunlap was driving Brett & Kelly Finley's late convertible. All went well until we were leaving the gas station. Alan fired up the convertible and it sounded terrible so he immediately turned it off. Mike Tidwell analyzed the problem – a dropped valve seat. We checked with the gas station owner and he said we could leave it and

pick it up later that day. Fortunately, it was parked away from the store front and not in the way. Alan joined Mike Tidwell and we took off for Yankee's. We stopped in Anderson and after going over the Edsels parked in an empty lot we explored the court house. Then it was onward for some great hamburgers and adult refreshments. Quite a few motorcyclists were there but it wasn't as crowded as it had been in the past. A very enjoyable day and the Finley's car was picked up and taken to Mike Tidwell's.

Then on May 21st many gathered at the Telwink Restaurant for breakfast before heading towards the Hobby Airport Terminal Museum for Wings and Wheels. As a matter of fact, that's where the May monthly meeting was held. We were honored to have a guest speaker at that meeting, Gene Marshall, one of the founding father's of Corvair Houston and the individual who wrote the by-laws our club lives by today. Gene told us some

of his "war" stories about the Corvairs he owned/drove. The meeting was concluded with Ricki Jannise presenting Gene Marshall with a framed certificate as a life member of Corvair Houston. A life member framed certificate was also presented to Guy Bobkoff, Corvair Houston's Historian and longtime member. A third certificate was to be given to Charlie Craig but he was not at the meeting.

The five dollar per person admission fee to Wings and Wheels included hot dogs and all the trimmings, chips and a drink, which we all enjoyed. Corvair Houston was not the only car club there. I can't remember if it was the Model A

or Model T Club and unfortunately their cars out-numbered Corvair Houston.

We spent the remainder of the day going over the "wings" part of the day looking at the many aircraft on display including a four seater Cessna that was being raffled off. I was told by one who bought a ticket (at \$50 a shot) that the winner will be announced sometime in July. A very nice little plane.

Let me close by thanking our current President for doing such a great job in scheduling these many enjoyable events. I know he has many more "up his sleeve." Thanks Ricki, keep it going! Live well, laugh often. 



Wings & Wheels display for Corvair Houston

Driver's Seat

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by Ricki Jannise



national convention. The Corvair Houston contingent will leave the area on July 23rd with stops in Lubbock, Texas; Taos, New Mexico and Pueblo, Colorado before arriving in Denver on the 26th. If you are going, please let us know! The return trip will leave Denver on Saturday, July 30th and arrive in the Houston area on Sunday the 31st. More information will be discussed at the meeting this month and in July.

Speaking of the July meeting, this one will be at the Toyota Tech Center here in Houston. Greg Wroblese has offered to host us there for the meeting; who knows what Toyota secrets Greg will show us. More information will be given in next month's newsletter. The address is 1375 Enclave Parkway, Houston, 77077.

Future events in the planning stages include a day trip to Galveston in August. The plan is to visit the Ocean Star Drilling Rig Museum as well as the Lone Star Flight Museum; of course, we

will eat, too. Likely we will meet for breakfast at either the Telwink Grill or the Denny's at I45 and the south Loop 610. We'll update the plans next month. For September we have a weekend trip to Corpus Christi to see the WWII Aircraft Carrier Lexington as well as various antique shops in the Corpus area. There will be hotel accommodations to make as well as transportation; either multiple car pools or a rental multi-passenger van. Let us know if you would like to attend any of these events so that we can get a head count. Our annual camping trip to Jellystone in Waller is still

in the works with plans for the weekend of October 21st through 23rd.

Our turn at the wheel for the Heart of Texas Reunion is coming up; we will host the 2013 event. Plans are already being discussed. Possible locations include Conroe or Nacogdoches or who knows? Any ideas for locations, activities or other fun stuff? Jim Watkins has offered a helicopter ride for a couple called "Sunset Tour of the City". This fun ride will be raffled off to club members at \$5 per ticket. Buy your tickets at the meeting. Tickets will be sold until the August club

meeting with a drawing thereafter. The proceeds will go towards expenses for HOT; including a cruise for two to be raffled off.

Many of you remember Chris Roberson, right? Chris is the military veteran who was paralyzed in a traffic accident. We collected Christmas gifts last year for Chris and his son Breyton as well as paid for repairs to his motorized chair. It seems Chris' motorized wheelchair is failing. A new chair costs about \$2400. He can also use a truck lift sling to fit a motorized chair at a cost of \$400. We will solicit donations from the public when we can, but also need donations from club members to help Chris. Please be generous.

Come on out to the meeting at Mike Feehery's Party Barn, share your thoughts for the club, offer suggestions for technical sessions or activities for the club. Any and all ideas are welcomed!! See you there...in your Corvair!!



Honorary Life Memberships awarded to Guy & Gene

the Corvair Houston Bulletin Board

New Members

A big Corvair Houston Welcome to our newest members!
Gene & Joyce Marshall
Phone: 713-664-0269 & email: gmarsh39@comcast.net

Robert & Kathryn Smoak
Phone: 678-887-3801 & email: robertsmoak@yahoo.com
1964 Monza Coupe

Happy Anniversary To:

Billy & Gail Dove	12 years	June 5
Bob & Maggi Tucker	55 years	June 6
Lloyd & Claudeann Jannise	8 years	June 12
Earl & Betty Jo Raabe	42 years	June 14
Jon & Bett Protteau	39 years	June 17
Barry & Kelly Pritchard	22 years	June 17
Scott & Naoko Brittin	39 years	June 24
Waymon & Twila Worsham	57 years	June 25
Dave & Gail Brown	37 years	June 29
John & Katherine Spenn	37 years	June 29

Happy Birthday To:

Kim Feehery	June 1
Ruben Ruiz	June 2
Greg Riley	June 3
Charlie Craig	June 7
Gail Pomponio	June 8
Robert Smoak	June 14
Suzie Protteau	June 17
Betty Jo Raabe	June 20
Silvia Grimes	June 21
Gail Brown	June 23
Waynett Clarke	June 23
Deborah Grimes	June 28
Greg Wrobleske	June 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

Corvair Houston Calendar

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACT
June 17th	Club Meeting	Feehery Party Barn	R. Jannise
June 18th	Fun Run/Picnic	El Rancho Nuevo	M. Feehery
July 5th	Board Meeting	TGI Fridays HW 290	R. Jannise
July 15th	Club Meeting	Toyota Tech Center	G. Wrobleske
July 23rd	CORSA Convention	Denver, CO	R. Jannise
Aug 19th	Club Meeting	Location TBD	R. Jannise



Menu

Hot Dogs
Hamburgers
Salad
Fruit
Lemonade, Ice Tea
Soda Floats

Sugar Free available.

At Matt and Kim Feehery's
El Rancho Neglecto

For those who have GPS:

1580 Harrell Road, Coldspring 77331

Bring bag chairs, favorite refreshment, and any additional side dish or snack (if you would like).



Directions from Coldspring:

Drive 10 miles north on SH 156 to Harrell Road. Turn left onto Harrell Road and drive 1.6 miles to El Rancho on right (just before Purifoy Lane).

Matt's Cell 713-249-1074

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

Wanted: Late Model Body Shell

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For Sale: 140 hp freshly rebuilt engine

Freshly rebuilt engine with a spider intake and 4 barrel carburetor. Rings, bearings lifters and gaskets all replaced and a fresh valve job on the heads. New coil and plugwire set. It has 55 psi oil pressure. Asking \$1,000. It's strapped to a pallet right now. It comes with a set of headers. I have a video of it running if anyone is interested drop me an e mail. I was going to list it on e bay but thought I'd give the club members a shot at it first. The truck freight would be huge for out of state. Contact Jerry Bell at momandpop@livingston.net.

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.



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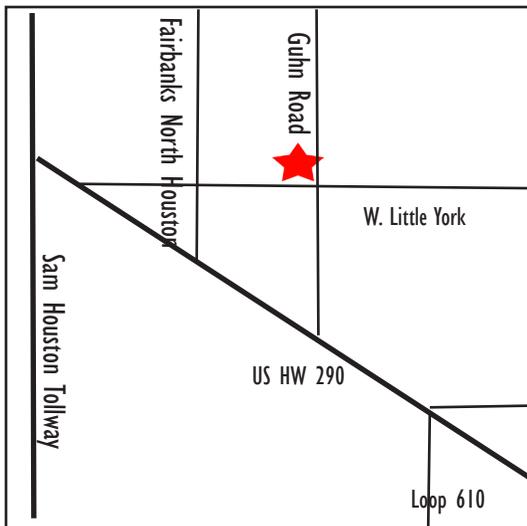
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Can anyone guess the proud owner of this Corvair?

**CLUB MEETING TO BE
 HELD ON FRIDAY
 JUNE 17TH AT
 6914 GUHN ROAD**

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
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