

# Corvair Houston Newsletter



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This month: Club Meeting on Friday, May 11th at the Feehery Party Barn,  
Dewberry Fest in Cameron, TX on May 19th



## People's Choice Winners at HOT 2012

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# Driver's Seat

by Mike Tidwell



Hey Everyone. The NTCA folks did a great job of hosting H.O.T in Salado last month. We had a great turn out from Corvair Houston. Mark Clarke, Ricki Jannise, and Ed Murphy brought home trophies for Early Open, Late Closed and Forward Control classes for the People's Choice

selections. John Jackson and I won the washer toss competition. It was good to see old friends and meet some new ones.

The next event is the Dewberry Festival and Classic Car Show in Cameron, Texas on May 19<sup>th</sup>.

Please note that the May meeting has been moved up a week to Friday

May 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. and will be held at the Feehery Party Barn located at 6914 Guhn Road in northwest Houston. We are seeing more female drivers in the club so I have been asked to do a "ladies" technical session (would have thought that their loving husbands would have already revealed such

secrets). Lastly, I have an important announcement about Corvair Houston that I plan to share at the meeting. Now that I have your attention, be sure to come to the meeting to hear the exciting news.

See ya there. I hear that we may have a doorprize or two if you drive a Corvair,



# Driving Shotgun

by Brett Finley



First of all, I want to thank the great folks at the North Texas Corvair Association for their tremendous hosting of the 16<sup>th</sup> Heart of Texas Corvair Reunion this past weekend in Salado Texas. In spite of the one very glaring issue of Mike Tidwell's trailer being "liberated" by one or more individuals who will, no doubt get repaid in spades somewhere down the road for their efforts (karma is a real bitch, folks) we did have a very good time and enjoyed some unbelievably nice weather for this time of year. I

hope Geary and Deborah Grimes are willing to share with us how they pulled that off so we can repeat it for future gatherings.

As usual, we were treated to a Sooner Schooner visit with Chris, Pat and the gang from north of the Red River jumping in their windmills and coming down south for a spell. What a wonderful group of guys and gals from Oklahomal! They are always welcome, even in October when crimson battles burnt orange for bragging rights for another year. Hope you all got back to OK

ok. (sorry). Also present were several members of the Austin/central Texas Corvair club and I believe we had one (ONE???) member from the Alamo City Corvair group in attendance. I hope we didn't say or do anything in the past to discourage their attendance as we certainly love our fellow Vairnuts from San Antonio. Maybe the timing was just not right for optimal attendance this year? I hope we see them in force next time around.

Speaking of that, we couldn't help but notice that some attendees just

didn't seem too enthused about us going to Ker-ville for next year's HOT. I know it's a long drive

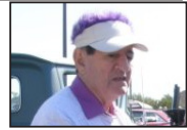
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## ON THE COVER

**The HOT 2012 Peoples Choice Awards - Ricki & Sally Jannise's 1965 Corsa (Late Open); Mark & Waynette Clarke's 1963 Monza Convertible (Early Open) and Ed & Julia Murphy's 1965 Greenbrier (Forward Control). A big thank you to these folks for their efforts in representing CH at HOT 2012.**

# Rearview Mirror

by Tony Pomponio



My gosh, it's May already. Wasn't it February yesterday? I guess time goes faster when you begin to mature. We had a great April and I understand there's more to come. Our monthly Board of Directors meeting finalized some of the events scheduled for the rest of the year. More on this from the Prez and/or the VP in future newsletters.

Some of the CH members gathered at the Katy Park in Katy, TX for the Relay for Life "run" sponsored by MD Anderson and the American Cancer Society in support of the Brett Finley Team. I understand he exceeded his goal of \$5,000 in donations to the Cancer Society. It was a two day event involving many cancer survivors and supporters. Way to go Brett!

Many CHers gathered at the Jack-in-the-Box on Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at HW290 and FM1488 for the journey for the 16<sup>th</sup> annual H.O.T. Reunion in Salado, Texas. This year the sponsoring club was our colleagues to our north, North Texas Cor-

vair Association. What a turnout! Thirty one members in 16 Corvairs. We arrived late afternoon on Friday (some went up on Thursday) and checked into the host hotel. We then caravanned to the Sonic up the street for an evening social and eats. We returned to the hotel and practiced Washer Toss in the hospitality room. Yeah, we tossed large metal washers into one of three holes in a slanted board (5 points through the hole and 1 point if it stayed on the board) in readiness for the tournament the following day. Saturday morning found us all at the Village of Salado's civil center for a car show. Some

of the women members went across the street and spent money at the many antique shops in the area. After the car show (about 11AM or so) there was a two stage fun run. The early one ended at Dead Fish Grill on Lake Belton for lunch and returned to the hotel. The second leg took us around the area ending at the Pace Park Pavilion in Salado. There the Washer Toss took place. The winner to be announced at the evening banquet dinner. We returned then to the hotel to freshen up, change clothes and headed over to the Historic Stagecoach Inn for the evening meal and awards presentation. There were a few hiccups

during dinner but it only added to the flavor of the evening. I believe every one got a door prize. The trophy winners were announced and once again CH was well represented. Mark Clarke won for Early Open, Ricki Jannise for Late Closed and Ed Murphy for Forward Control. And of course, we can't forget the Washer Toss winner—the team of Mike Tidwell and John Jackson. The evening ended at the hospitality room at the hotel. Sunday, after breakfast we departed going our separate ways. Many of the CHers gathered to caravan back to Houston. All in all a great week-end. Many kudos to Geary Grimes and his wife Deborah for all of their efforts to make this a memorable H.O.T. As far as I know, there were no problems with Corvairs going to or traveling back to Houston.

Cap'n Tony of the Corvair Resto-Rangers is on hiatus this month. In place of his antics, here's an episode of "Dumb and Dumber."

On Saturday, April 14

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Sprint for Life Fund raiser - leader Brett Finley

# Driving Shotgun

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from both Dallas and Houston (not to mention Oklahoma) but it is arguably the BEST scenic driving in all of Texas, and the facilities and attractions are galore. Nonetheless, we are giving additional consideration at this time and your officers from all represented clubs are in discussion about the location of the 17<sup>th</sup> annual gathering. More to come

on that later. We had some new faces at this year's HOT and we are always happy to see all of our friends and new members!

The winners of best of class for three of the car show categories came from CH and we couldn't be happier! Congratulations to Mark and Waynette Clarke, Ricki and Sally Jannise, and Ed and Julia Murphy for their re-

spective wins! The Clarke's 63 convertible, the Jannise's 65 Corsa and the Murphy's 65 Greenbrier all were simply stunning. CH had the lions share of both members and vehicles in attendance this year and we hope to continue our solid representation at future meets. No one got hurt and there were no CH breakdowns I am aware of. As I said

earlier, except for Mike's trailer disappearing, it was a great time. Now we are going to have to huddle and figure out how we are going to raise the bar next year when it is CH's turn to host. It is a tough standard to beat thanks to our great friends in the DFW area. We have one year to come up with a plan...



by Brett Finley



# Rearview Mirror

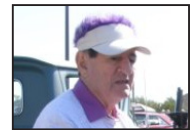
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Dumber sans Dumb decided to attend a morning Car Show at the Home Depot on I-45 in Spring. Dumber (that's me, by the way) jumped into Gail's car and headed south, she stayed home and performed some housewifery duties. Upon arrival he was given a number. He was the 10<sup>th</sup> car on display; unfortunately also the last car to drive in. Dumber stayed for a couple of hours. The foot traffic was slight maybe 50 or so. Dumber decided to leave early and thought, "Gee,

I'll continue north and get gas at Sam's Club." He toiled onto I-45 north and stopped at Sam's for gas. He loaded up with 7.1 gallons of gas, secured the gas cap and got into the car for the ride home. Putting the key in the ignition

and turned it on. Nothing! No click. No turnover, Nothing! He got out and pushed the car out of the fuel island. Tried again and still nothing. He got on the phone and called his child bride of 51 years telling her what happened. She

called the tow truck guy (we've used him before) and said she'd come up and keep me company. She and the tow truck arrived at the same time. John (the tow truck driver) asked "what's wrong?" I told him I was sure it was the starter motor. He got out and released the brake and put the car in neutral. Are you ready? Now wait for it! . . .He said "the car's in gear!" that's why it wouldn't start!!!! TTFN. Live well, laugh often.



by Tony Pomponio



# the Corvair Houston Bulletin Board

## Happy Anniversary To:

Geary & Deborah Grimes	29 years	May 13
Ron & Linda Holter	6 years	May 23
Matt & Kim Feehery	28 years	May 26

## Happy Birthday To:

Jeanelle Moser	May 4
John Spenn	May 17
Madelyne McCullough	May 22
Kay Freeman	May 23
Matt Feehery	May 24
Jo Ann Miller	May 24
Ray Rosenbaum	May 27
April Grimes	May 30

## Mark your Calendar!

4th Annual Dewberry Festival & Car Show

May 19th - Cameron, TX

Questions: Contact Dee Watkins 979-548-1313 or 979-848-6713  
or by email to [snicktaweed@msn.com](mailto:snicktaweed@msn.com)

## Gasoline Tip



With gas prices going up again, it can be useful to shop around for the cheapest prices in your area. The website at <http://autos.msn.com/everyday/gasstations.aspx> allows you to enter your zip code and will provide the prices for gas at all the stations near you. The data is updated daily.

## Mark your Calendar!

Ice Cream Social at the Jannise's home

Saturday, July 7th

## 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
May 11th	Club Meeting	Feehery Party Barn	M. Tidwell
May 19th	Dewberry Fest	Cameron, TX	D. Watkins
June 9th	St. Arnolds Tour	Houston TX	M. Tidwell
June 15th	Club Meeting	TBA	M. Tidwell
July 7th	Ice Cream Social	Jannise's home	S. Jannise
July 20th	Club Meeting	TBA	M. Tidwell

# HEART OF TEXAS 2012 Salado, Texas



# Corvair Classifieds

## For Sale: 1965 Monza Convrt - see note below from Guy B

Charlie Craig requested this ad. It appears a friend started a project with his daughter. Along the way, she lost interest and he chose not to continue. He had done some preparations, following find information Charlie shared. 1965 Corvair Convertible- Monza or Corsa unknown. Engine turned over when brought into his Hydraulic shop. Body is on Cradle and intact, all parts appear to be there.(Charlie noted Cradle goes with car) Body is in Black primer.,Charlie said seats on side were white.

Seller is open to best offer.

Car is near NW mall, between 290 and old Hempstead road. 6012 1/2 B Central Crest Street  
Mark Hermann 713-822-2087 Cell

## 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)

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## For Sale: 1966 Monza Coupe - see note below from Guy B

Received a call from a Gerald Smitherman. He has a 1966 Chevrolet Monza Coupe. The car sounds very original. Owned by his father in law and bought for his wife in Central Iowa. Always garaged, not driven much, taken out for parades etc.Brought here to Houston and garaged in a gated community in illis. He is unsure what price, but was told those from the club who would be looking would be fair. 1966 Corvair Monza Coupe All Original parts, glass, caps, Seats, etc. Yellow exterior/Black interior 68,000 Miles Manual (He drove it 2 miles on Houston arrival, believes it to be 4 Speed).Seats in good shape, one thread loose. Has title (Iowa)

Forty six years old since it was born, this car sounds like a good original car.

Gerald Smitherman

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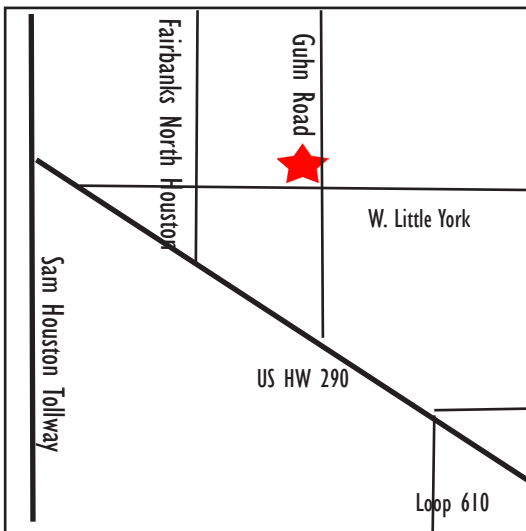
Deliver to:



John Jackson taking a break from the Open Road

**CLUB MEETING TO BE  
 HELD ON FRIDAY  
 MAY 11 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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