

# Corvair Houston Newsletter



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This month: Club Meeting at Doss Park February 15th, Pancake Breakfast February 16th, Club Car Parts Auction February 23rd, Old Car Show March 9th



## Corvair Houston 2008 Board Members

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# Driver's Seat

by Mark Clarke



For those of you who were unable to attend the January meeting, we continued the tradition of appointing a new slate of officers to serve for the new calendar year. I am honored to be your next President and I will do my best to help the Club have another fun and active year.

I would like to recognize Matt Feehery for his leadership and commitment in serving as our past president. Over the years, Matt has implemented a number of exciting new ideas to the Club – to include the Member Profile, numerous Fun Runs, a camping trip, arranging a tour of the O'Quinn collection, Rancho Neglecto outings – just to name a few. I am pleased to report that Matt has agreed to serve as a director so we will continue to benefit from his valuable input in the future.


Jon Protteau will be relinquishing his position as Secretary to serve as our new Vice President. Based on his past contributions, I know that Jon will

contribute greatly in his new role. Jim Watkins, one of our newer members, was appointed Secretary and we look forward to his articles and updates in the Rearview Mirror. In addition to the current director slate (Gail Brown, Mike Tidwell and Todd Hasfjord), Tony Pomponio and Matt Feehery will be serving as new directors this year. We are also pleased that Ricki and Sally Jannise have graciously agreed to continue serving as Newsletter Editor and Treasurer respectively. If you have an opportunity, please take a minute to let all of these folks know how much you appreciate their commitment to the Club. Also, please know that your Board is always receptive to new ideas - we value your input and we want to hear from you.


We kick off an event filled year with our annual Pancake Breakfast at the Fox's house on Saturday, February 16<sup>th</sup>. I believe that this is the 5<sup>th</sup> consecutive year that Greg

and Mary have hosted this "do not miss" event. Volunteers are always appreciated and can arrive around 8:00 a.m.; the event should be in full swing by 9:00 a.m. Plan on driving your Corvair and bring a hearty appetite. On Saturday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Tidwell's will be hosting a tear-down/auction for the '64 Monza coupe (parts car) that was recently donated to the Club. Plan on arriving around 10:00 a.m. and stick around for hot dogs, sausage and chips after the tear-down/auction. Remember to bring some cash or your checkbook as all proceeds will go to the Club treasury.

On Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, the club will be participating in the annual Old Car Picnic at the San Jacinto Battleground & State Park. We will send out more information via email as we get closer, but plans are to meet for breakfast around 7:45 a.m. and then caravan to the Park. Be sure to keep the date of Saturday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> open as Matt

& Kim Feehery have extended an invite to the Club to spend a fun filled day at Rancho Neglecto (located in Coldsprings) near Lake Livingston. The relatively short 75 mile drive to Rancho Neglecto will provide an opportunity to make sure your car is ready for the approximate 250 mile drive to Glen Rose for HOT (Heart of Texas) on the weekend of April 18<sup>th</sup> to April 20<sup>th</sup>. If you haven't already done so, be sure to make plans to attend HOT. We expect that Corvair Houston will be well represented with perhaps as many as 15 Corvairs making the trip this year. I look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting on Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at Doss Park. 

## ON THE COVER

From left to right: Ricki Jannise, Sally Jannise, Jon Protteau, Tony Pomponio, Mike Tidwell, Gail Brown, Matt Feehery, Dave Brown, Mark Clarke, Todd Hasfjord and Jim Watkins. 

# Rearview Mirror

by Jon Protteau



January was a quieter month for Corvair Houston members after six weeks of Autorama, the Christmas party, and the New Year's Eve bash. (Bash? OK, so nobody called the police; call it a dignified bash.)

However, Corvair



Jon Protteau's '62 Greenbrier


Houston did add some new members: Billy and Gail Dove with a '61 Rampside; Joe Murphy, son of Ed, with a '67 Monza; and Michael Tidwell, who acquired a '63 Monza which passed from Don Manen to Mike Tidwell to Ed Murphy to Michael. Welcome, new members.

We also have some old members who have acquired new-old rides. Mike Tidwell has a clean '64 Rampside from California. Like many Rampside, it was a work truck, and this

one saw duty at a California airport. In fact, the steering wheel still twitches a bit every time a plane flies over in a westerly direction.

Mike put me in touch with Peyton Bay, a former president of Corvair Houston, who sold me his '62 Greenbrier, the only solid black 'brier I've ever seen (color code 50A on the body tag), and it originally belonged to Texas A&M University. Who but the Aggies would buy a black van with no air in Texas? OK, so I bought it, too, but mainly

for its rarity.

Our new club secretary, Jim Watkins, will be writing this column from this day forward, so with a glance at the rear view mirror, I'm pulling out of here for now to let Jim introduce himself. 



Michael Tidwell and his '63 Monza

# New Rearview Mirror

by Jim Watkins



I'd like to thank you for the opportunity and appointment to become more involved in the club. I'm excited to get to know each and every one of you in the coming months and I feel that having this appointment will help a lot. I am not the best with names but I am going to work on that.


My wife, Dee, and I live

in Brazoria, Texas. That's about 65 miles SSW of Houston. We have three daughters and six granddaughters, with only one of each living in Texas.

I went to Phoenix and bought a 1963 Corvair Monza 900 Coupe body for parts in October but the body was in such good condition with no rust we decided to use it and have

been completely restoring it; it should be ready to cruise within a month. Three weeks ago we bought a 1964 Spyder Convertible in California and will start restoring it when we are finished with the 1963.

Dee owned two Corvair's in her youth but I have never even ridden in one so I am doubly

excited about getting the 1963 on the road. It has been amazing talking to friends about the Corvair and hearing stories from them about their or their friends' Corvair. I'm sure everyone gets stopped on the road with strangers telling you their Corvair stories and I am excited that my Corvair story is just beginning. 

# Happy Trails

by Matt Feehery




Just like that, my year at the helm of Corvair Houston has drawn to a close. As I say goodbye to that role I ask you to join me in welcoming a new president, Mark Clarke. He officially began his new term after the January Corvair Houston meeting. Our election lacked the drama of McCain vs. Romney or Hillary vs. Obama, but we can't go wrong with our selection.

The club gets Mark's enthusiasm for all things Corvair as well as his desire to see the club grow to involve more Corvair enthusiasts.

I am pleased about the new activities that came our way during this past year, such as the major league parts party in December, the trip to see John O'Quinn's car collection, and the acquisition of a club car. We also retained our traditional

events such as the Craig Picnic & Auction, the Pancake Breakfast, the Old Car Picnic, and HOT. A few more events are becoming traditions, including the Fish Fry at the Tidwell's and our club journey to El Rancho Neglecto.

One usually associates "Happy Trails" with farewell, goodbye, or I'll see you again sometime in the future. In this case,

Happy Trails is meant to refer to the open road ahead. My '66 Corsa coupe has been converted from a turbo back to its original factory built state as a 140-4. It is itching to roll and log some well-deserved blacktop time. I can't wait to see you on the road. Thanks for allowing me to serve our club as president. It's been a good trail ride. Happy trails and happy motoring. 

## CORVAIR HOUSTON MEMBER'S PHOTOGRAPHS



Mark Clarke in his Driver's Seat



Happy Birthday, Mike!!



Matt's 140HP engine



Jim & Dee Watkins' '63 Monza Coupe...



...and Jim & Dee's '64 Spyder Convertible



Matt's '66 Corsa with the 140

# the Corvair Houston Bulletin Board

## Heart of Texas Round-up

The 2008 Heart of Texas Round-up is coming!! April 18th, 19th and 20th in Glen Rose, Texas. If you haven't registered yet, do it soon!! The host hotel is:

The Glen Rose Motor Inn  
Highway 67 and Highway 56  
Glen Rose, Texas 76043.

The number to call for reservations is (254) 897 2940. Be sure and tell them you are making your reservations for the Heart of Texas Round-up. See the registration form inside of this newsletter. There is now a website: <http://www.northtexascorvair.org/HOT2008.htm>

## Happy Anniversary To:

Richard & Mary Ann Vance	28 years	Feb 1
Victor & Dee Dee Wenzel		Feb 9
Carrol & Shirley Alford		Feb 16
Kenneth & Laurel Peakman	18 years	Feb 25
Roger & Nelma Boijolie	12 years	Mar 11
Mike & Audrey Tidwell	12 years	Mar 23

## Happy Birthday To:

Mike Tidwell	Feb 5
Betty Protteau	Feb 16
Jack Green	Feb 16
Todd Hasfjord	Mar 3
Jon Protteau	Mar 4
Robert Freeman	Mar 7
Dennis Svetlik	Mar 7
Geary Grimes	Mar 8
Cory Valdes	Mar 10
Charles Atkinson	Mar 13
Rich Purtell	Mar 18
Mark Clarke	Mar 23

## 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 \$38. 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
Feb 15	CH Meeting	Doss Park	Mark Clarke
Feb 16	Pancake Bkfst	Fox's Garage	Greg Fox
Feb 23	Club Car Auction	Tidwell's	Mike Tidwell
Mar 9	Old Car Show	San Jacinto Park	Mark Clarke
Mar 21	CH Meeting	Doss Park	Mark Clarke
Mar 22	Rancho Neglecto	El Rancho Neglecto	Matt Feehery
Apr 11	CH Meeting	Doss Park	Mark Clarke
Apr 18-20	Heart of Texas	Glen Rose, Texas	G. Wrobleske

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## 2008 Officers and Directors

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President - Mark Clarke



Vice President - Jon Protteau



Secretary - Jim Watkins



Treasurer - Sally Jannise



Director - Mike Tidwell



Director - Gail Brown



Director - Todd Hasford



Director - Matt Feehery



Director - Tony Pomponio

# Corvair Classifieds

## 1966 MONZA COUPE

Factory A/C, 110 hp PowerGlide, Cragar Wheels, 91,000 miles, Pioneer AM/FM CD with Sony Speakers and Amp. Very Clean Interior. Second Owner. \$8,000, trade or best offer. Pasadena Area. Contact Robert Yates (713) 253-1715



## 1962 700 FOUR DOOR

PowerGlide. Runs - oil leaks, Right Carburetor Should be Replaced, Needs Tires, Battery and Body Work. Some Rust on the Top Edge. Asking \$3000.00 but the Price is Negotiable. Located in Goldthwaite, TX. Contact Buck (325) 938-5404 or [hideaway@centex.net](mailto:hideaway@centex.net)



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Even though gas prices have gone down, it can still be useful to shop around for the cheapest prices in your area. The website at <http://autos.msn.com/>

[everyday/gasstations.aspx](http://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. 

## CH Dues Reminder

As always, our dues expire at the end of the year & are due as of January 1st. Several members are already paid through 2008. Thanks!

Amount:

If you are a Corvair Houston member only, dues are \$25/year.

If you are also a CORSA member, your dues are \$20/year.


If you're not sure, contact David Brown as he has a current list from

CORSA (281-579-9321, [corvair69@gmail.com](mailto:corvair69@gmail.com)). See CORSA membership data on page 5.

You can pay at the meeting(s) by cash or check or you can mail them to:

Sally Jannise at [22114 Kenlake Dr, Katy, TX 77450](mailto:SallyJannise@corvair.com). Please make checks out to:

**Corvair Houston.**

The March issue of the newsletter will be the last for those who have not paid their dues for 2008. 

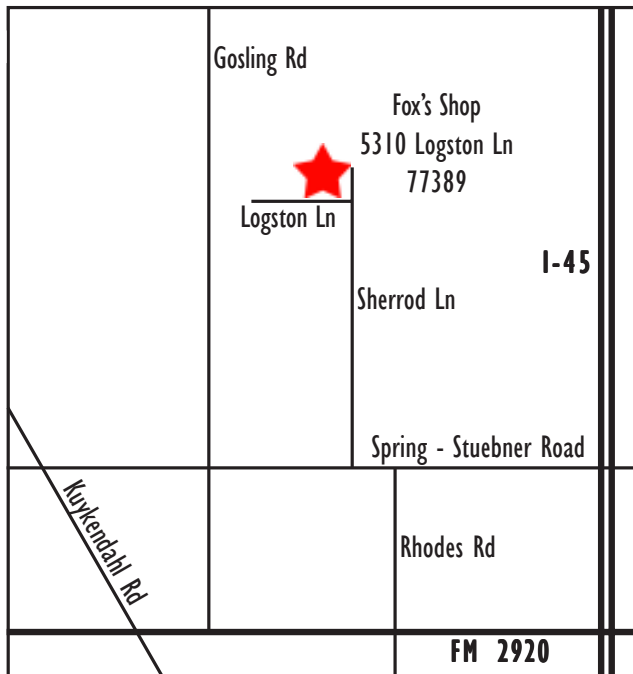
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2007 Pancake Breakfast at the Fox's

## CH MEETING AGENDA: TECH SESSION - FUEL GAUGE REPAIRS

Map to the Feb 16th Pancake Breakfast at the Fox's



Deliver to:



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.

**2008 Officers:**

President	Mark Clarke	281-217-8573
Vice President	Jon Protteau	936-582-1228
Secretary	Jim Watkins	979-548-1313
Treasurer	Sally Jannise	281-395-6797
Director	Mike Tidwell	281-356-2043
Director	Gail Brown	281-579-9321
Director	Todd Hasfjord	281-704-3848
Director	Matt Feehery	832-767-4599
Director	Tony Pomponio	281-363-9250

**Committees:**

Membership	Dave Brown	281-579-9321
Historian	Guy Bobkoff	713-666-0475
Merchandise	Dennis Svetlik	281-528-7192
Newsletter	Ricki Jannise	281-395-6797
Photography	Dave & Gail Brown	281-579-9321
Car Locator	Guy Bobkoff	713-666-0475
Website	M. Clarke & D. Brown	281-217-8573

**Registration Form**  
**Heart of Texas Corvair Roundup**  
**2008**

April 18, 19, 20  
Glen Rose, Texas

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Club Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

Pre-Registration Fee (adult or family) \$16.00 (List all who will attend below) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

On site registration \$18.00

Names for name tags \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

T-shirt cost is \$14.00, please indicate your quantity S\_\_\_ M\_\_\_ L\_\_\_ XL\_\_\_ XXL\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Car information:

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_ Color \_\_\_\_\_

In consideration of the acceptance of the right to participate; entrants, participants, and spectators, by execution of the entry form, release and discharge North Texas Corvair Association, their officers and employees, agents or representatives, and anyone else connected with management or presentation of the Heart of Texas Corvair Roundup of any and all known or unknown damages, injuries, losses, judgments, and/or claims from any cause whatsoever that may be suffered by any entrant to his/her person or property.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Mail Form / checks to:

Make check out to "North Texas Corvair Association"

Scott Netherton  
4105 Crest Court  
Colleyville, TX 76034  
817-721-7135

Host Hotel:  
Glen Rose Inn & Suites \$64.00 per night + tax  
300 SW Big Bend Trail, Glen Rose, TX 76043  
(254) 897-2940 Mention "Corvair" when reserving

## **2008 Dues Reminder**

For those who paid their dues at the last meeting, or previous to that, thanks! However, there is still a large contingent who has not paid yet. March is the last 'free' newsletter, so if you happen to notice a "LAST ISSUE" sticker on the front of your *next* newsletter, it is an indication that we have no record of you having paid your 2008 Corvair Houston dues. Please check your files to confirm that our records are accurate. If you have not paid them yet, but want to keep receiving the newsletter, please send them in now. Dues are still only \$20/yr (for CORSA members), and \$25/yr for non-members. Please send payment to the club treasurer, Sally Jannise: 22114 Kenlake Dr., Katy, TX 77450.