

*Central Oklahoma Corvair Association
Newsletter*

February, 2018



THE PREZ SEZ

I want to give a **BIG SHOUT OUT** and **THANK YOU** to our last group of officers, as well as everyone else for your great support of our association. This last year, our club put on a **Highly Successful Round Up Event** and held **MANY** other grand activities: **Caravanning to other Club's Events, Representing our Club at these events, Parade Participations and an awesome Christmas Party.**

I must express my **GRATEFUL RECOGNITION** and **APPRECIATION** to our very dedicated members who contribute above and beyond. **Colleen Law, our Newsletter Editor, Joe Nels, our club Secretary and Ken Drye, our Treasurer** who continue to hold these positions and provide necessary continuity. They are effectively and efficiently contributing their personal time and money in support of our club! These positions require a lot of their precious time, and yes, I know they spend their personal money! We, the members, often just don't see or know about it. I want to give you folks a big **THANK YOU** for all you do. You don't get enough of the credit and recognition you deserve, but surely get criticized when there is a minor or perceived problem. Thank you for staying with it!!!

I've been a club member for the past 33 years, other than the three-year break while Cheryl and I were stationed in Japan. I have seen this club go through growing, shrinking then growing pains again. I currently feel that we are in a good place with our membership and participation and on an even keel. Our Great Plains Round Ups are attracting National attention throughout the Corvair community with attendance steadily increasing every year. I think we can all agree that **WE** have set the **STANDARD!!!**

Our cars as well as most of us are getting older. This means more maintenance on both, but we will persevere with continued **TEAMWORK** to keep our club strong.

By now, we all probably know the Groundhog saw his shadow, so our Corvairs will be tucked away for some more weeks. I still encourage all of us to get our Corvairs cleaned up and ready to have some fun again this year. If you need some minor help or advice, "Coffee at Ken's" might be a good starting point for you. "Coffee at Ken's" is held at Ken Drye's shop on Sunday mornings, 8:30 – noonish. Ken supplies the coffee, someone usually brings the donuts! Those who have been participating have expressed that they have been learning a lot and agree that the time is well spent. It's all about getting our cars road ready.

We now have an Event Director, Jim Gaily, who will gather ideas from club members and other sources to build an events calendar. Bring your ideas to his attention and/or to the meetings.

We also now have an Outreach Director, Louise Main, whose position should help members stay informed when there is a life event regarding a member or their family and she will reach out to members we haven't heard from or about in a while. Please provide Louise with pertinent info. I greatly appreciate you two stepping up to take on these positions, I will support you whole heartedly and encourage all of us to do the same.

Traveling together to different events around the country is fun and our club has done some great ones in the past. It would be even better if we could get more of our members to join in. You get to see a lot of nice cars, meet different clubs' members and see some

beautiful countryside. The Texas' clubs always manage to put on great events and pick out very interesting locations. They are great hosts, and we always have fun at their events. The H.O.T (Heart of Texas) is the next event, April 13-15 in Boerne, TX, plan on joining in. We already have a few members planning to attend. The Texas Clubs are great supporters of our Round Ups!

My forecast for the upcoming year.... Corvairs...Corvairs... Corvairs!!!

Our new Meeting Time and Location has changed starting with the February 24th, 2018 meeting. Meetings will be at 10am, the fourth Saturday of the month at the Golden Corral, 1501 SW 74th Street (Frontage Rd on north side of I240). I missed the meeting when the voting took place to move the meetings to Saturday mornings. Had I been there my vote would have been a "no", HOWEVER, now that we are approaching our first meeting my attitude has changed and I feel that Saturday mornings should turn out to be a good idea. It will give us more opportunities to get our cars out and do more as a group. I think this time and day will allow us to schedule outings we can do with our Corvairs right after the meetings. For example, we might like to cruise over to Draper Lake and do some small event/game or just cruise around the Lake showing off our Corvairs and take great pictures with the lake as a backdrop....

New Ideas and Suggestions are crucial to keeping Central Oklahoma Corvair Association strong and vibrant! See you at the meeting.

PLEASE KEEP THE PRAYERS AND POSITIVE THOUGHTS COMING FOR RANDY DEKKER, GAYLE AND THEIR FAMILY.

David Castiaux, The New Prez

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January 2018 COCA Meeting Minutes**submitted by Joe Nels**

The January membership meeting was held on 11 Jan 18 at Swadley's Bar-B-Que with President James Ergenbright presiding. He welcomed the club members. There were no visitors.

Old Business- James gave an update on Randy Dekker. Randy has been in and out of the hospital battling his current ailment. James also encouraged everyone to take a minute and call the Dekkers or call and then go by to see them. They have both been through so much. Eldon Stevens made a motion to accept the minutes and the motion was seconded by Jim Gailey. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report- Treasurer Ken Drye passed out the monthly Treasurer's report and went over our financial state. Ken Drye made a motion to suspend this year's dues. It was seconded by Debbie Nels. There was considerable discussion both pro and con. The bylaws were consulted and then a vote was held. There 17 votes to suspend 2018 dues versus 4 votes against the suspension. This suspension of dues would also apply to any new members that may apply for membership during the calendar year of 2018. Jim Gailey made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, that motion was seconded by Larry Duval. The motion carried.

New Business- James read a thank you note from the Red Andrews' organizers. They expressed their gratitude for the extra money that they were able to put to very good use because of the COCA donation.

In a somewhat strange twist of fate James told of his meeting with our Swadley's manager prior to the start of our meeting. A new policy would have Swadley's charging COCA \$100.00 for the use of our normal room and there would be a mandatory 15% gratuity charged as well. James told them of our new arrangements and everyone is satisfied with the outcome.

On that note James announced the new meeting place for our monthly get togethers will be at the Golden Corral located at 1501 West I-240. The original plan to meet at Furr's Cafeteria fell through when they could not accommodate the size of our group. The meeting will take place on the 4th Saturday of each month and will commence at 10:00 A.M. Come early if you want breakfast or stay late if you want to do lunch. Or Loren, you can do both!! The club would like to thank Pat Silver for all the considerable time and energy he expended to find our new meeting location. Thank you very much Pat.

COCA has been invited to participate in this year's St Patrick's Day parade. There was enough interest exhibited that the club will send in it's application. As the time gets closer we will be able to find out more about the route and how the present downtown road construction will impact our plans.

James also announced that a couple of our bylaws will be rewritten to reflect our desire to vote on board members and officers in different years. This to help ensure continuity between administrations. Another item is to change Board of Directors meetings from once a month to quarterly. These items will be voted on by the Board at their next meeting.

The voting for club officers was next on the agenda. The floor was opened for any last minute nomina-

tions. There were no further nominations. Cliff Nieman made a motion to close the nominations and that was seconded by David Main. The motion carried. With no one running against David Castiaux for President or Joe for Secretary, Bill Ashlock made a motion to only vote for the contested position. The motion was seconded by Bob Welch. There was a short introduction by the Vice-Presidential candidates. Jim Gailey and Eldon Stevens both waxed eloquently on what they have as a vision for the future of our club. The ballots were then cast and counted. There were no "hanging chads" and the result was a very closely contested race that was won by Jim Gailey. So with that we have a new president in David Castiaux. Our new vice-president is Jim Gailey. The Secretary is Joe Nels. The Treasurer remains in Ken Drye's capable hands and the newsletter Editor remains Colleen Law the "Multi-Tasker"

Because Jim Gailey is on the Board of Directors and was elevated to the office of vice-president his position on the board needed to be filled. Colleen Law made a motion to nominate Bob Welch for that position and that was seconded by Loren Capron. Mr. Welch accepted the nomination and was voted in by the membership to be our newest board member.

David Castiaux was introduced as the new president. He thanked everyone for their support and asked for the help of the members to ensure we continue as a strong club.

Jim Gailey volunteered for the opening in our newly created Activities Directorship. He was overwhelmingly approved.

Our new Outreach Director is Louise Main. She was sponsored by husband David.

James brought all the officers to the podium, introduced each of them and gave them each a heartfelt thank you. He presented them with a pen inside an engraved wooden box with their respective cars carved on the front. "Vairy" Cool.

Thank you James from all of us. You did a great job on the Round-up to make it the most successful ever. Your time at the helm was certainly a high water mark. Now enjoy your free time to do more of what you want to do. You've more than earned it.

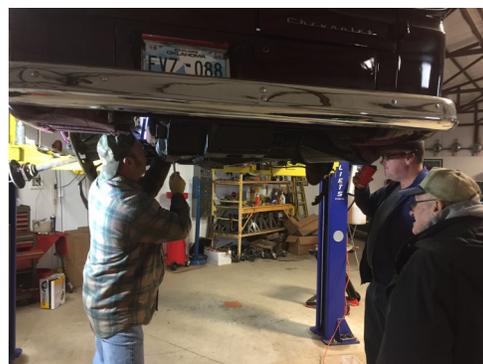
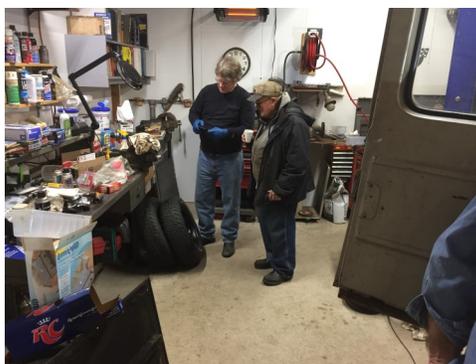
Over the years Bob Welch has collected Corvair Tips from an online site. He has a list of many, many tips to share with the members. If you have a particular bit of tech information you may need, contact Bob. It has been rumored that Bob may also do a monthly Tech Tip for the newsletter. Let's hope we can talk him into that.

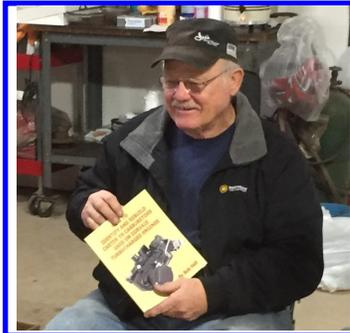
David Castiaux and Ken Drye invited anyone and everyone to Ken's garage at or about 8:30 A.M. until noon Sunday mornings. If the big gate to the South of his house is open then C'Mon in sit a spell. Coffee at Ken's will be a weekly event where information and or tall tales can be swapped and you can get your coffee fix at the same time. If you need directions, get in touch with either David or Ken.

David Castiaux sold raffle tickets saying that someone else would now inherit or be assigned that duty in the future. The door prizes were picked up by the winners. David Castiaux made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Bob Welch and so it came to pass the meeting was adjourned.



Coffee at Kens





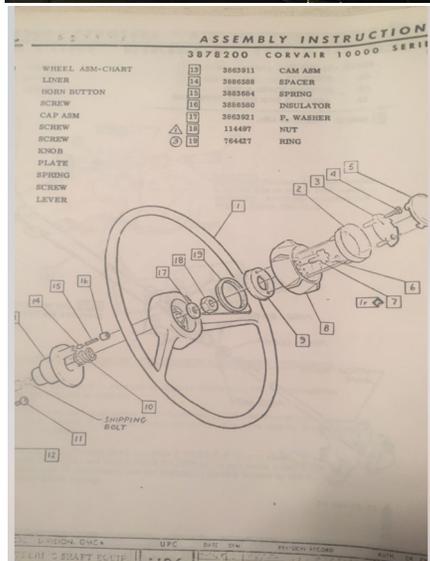
Bob's Tech Corner



The wood wheel/sport wheel option has several differences from the standard steering wheel with Telescopic column.

The removal of the steering wheels, one will see that the columns themselves are identical! Same electrical switch and horn contact cam assembly, (turn signal cancelation). Even the turn signal stems are the same.

The real differences come in the horn contact assembly in the standard steering wheel and the Steering Wheel adaptor for the simulated wood/sport steering wheel.



Looking up the two in the Assembly manuals shows this difference but is not all inclusive, that the diagram of the 66 standard steering wheel does not show the horn parts that go on inside the steering wheel.

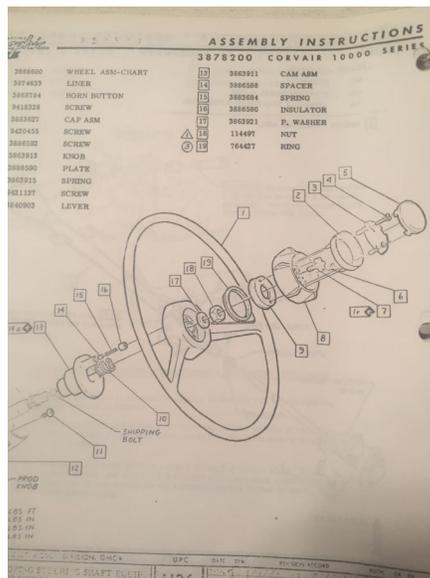
That said the only other parts that ARE the same are the horn button, the horn button liner, the horn button stand and the (knob) chrome locking ring.

The center screws are also different. The one for the regular steering wheel is shouldered and 2" long.

The center screw for the sport wheel is much shorter.

Also the turn indicator switch and the directional signal control switch are also distinct to the telescopic column. However, both are still available from Clark's

Here is an exploded view of the telescoping column with the "sport wheel". Compare this with the next view of the telescopic column with a standard wheel



Although there have not been many articles about this subject, Seth Emerson did do a write up in the Corvaír Tech Guide.

His article outlined the parts availability and the parts that are shared with Corvette of the same era.

Aftermarket steering wheels are available for the telescopic columns thanks to the Corvette.

Seth's article can be found in the Corvaír Tech Guide, in the Accessories section, page 17.

Many parts for the telescopic column are available through Clark's. What Clark's does not have, Corvette vendors may have.

Good luck in your repair.

Heart of Texas (22nd Annual) *Corvair* REUNION

Hosted by
Alamo City Corvair Association

**** Itinerary/Agenda ****

Friday, April 13 - Sunday, April 15, 2018

Hotel: **Hampton Inn**
34935 IH-10 West
Boerne, Texas 78006
855-516-1093 (Reservations)
830-816-8800 (Frt Desk & Jacque in Sales)

Events/Plans:

Friday, April 13

4:00 to 6:00 PM Registration, Check In, Meet & Greet
(\$25.00/family
\$35 after March 10th)

6:00 PM to ??? Meet up at SodaPops: popular vintage car display
spot- we'll have just our Corvairs on display!
Then dining available at numerous nearby
restaurants- or great burgers there at SodaPops!

Saturday, April 14

6:30 to 9:15AM Breakfast (pre-paid!) at hotel.

9:30 to 10:30 AM Hill Country Road Cruise; Arrive at the
Boerne Brewery

10:30 to 2:00 PM Car Show at the Brewery; Facility tour &
tasting, then Lunch: Firehouse Fare food truck
(rated one of the best in the San Antonio area!)

2:00 to 6:00 PM Return to Hotel, Shopping, Free Time

6:00 to Midnight Awards Dinner

Sunday, April 15

8:30 to 9:30 AM Officers Breakfast Meeting, Hampton Inn
Depart for Home

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HEART OF TEXAS 22nd Annual *Corvair* REUNION
April 13-15, 2018
Alamo City Corvair Association

NAME _____ Spouse _____

Children (Name & ages) _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____ Phone # _____

Email Address _____

Pre-Registration Fee \$25 per household subtotal _____
(\$35 after March 10th, 2018)

Saturday evening Awards Banquet Dinner: (\$25.00/adult; \$10/Child under 10)
 Catered by Ann Marie : Fajitas w/Rice & Beans, Salad, Rolls, Ice Tea & Water; Dessert: Cake
 subtotal _____

Please advise of any special diet needs: _____

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Rates: \$149.00-\$159.00, incl. B-Fast

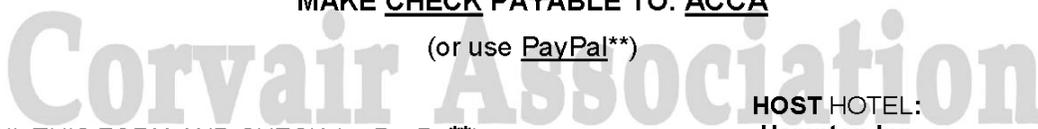
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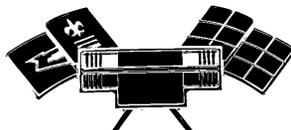
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Newsletter items must be sent to the editor and received by the 25th of the month for it to be included that month's issue. Email newslettercoca@gmail.com with your submissions

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Club Stats:

NUMBER OF MEMBERS	35	
NUMBER AT LAST MEETING	27	
NUMBER OF CORVAIRS DRIVEN	1	
NUMBER OF GUEST AT LAST MEETING	0	
NEW MEMBERS	0	

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January 2018	Monthly Meeting -
February 2018	Monthly Meeting 24th - Furr's Cold Tuna—Wichita, KS
March 2018	Monthly Meeting - 24th
April 2018	Monthly Meeting - 28th Heart of Texas – Boerne, Texas 13 April - 15 April
May 2018	Monthly Meeting - 26th
June 2018	Monthly Meeting - 23rd TRI - State - Crested Butte Co. hosted by Pikes Peak
July 2018	Monthly Meeting - 28th
August 2018	Monthly Meeting - 25th
September 2018	Monthly Meeting - 22nd Great Plains Corvair Round-Up Wichita Kansas
October 2018	Monthly Meeting - 27th
November 2018	Monthly Meeting - 24th
December 2018	Monthly Meeting - 22nd Christmas Party - Dec 9th at the Embassy Suites Hotel on Meridian
1st Saturday	Cars and Coffee North Park Mall
2nd Saturday	Cars and Coffee Norman at Crest Foods W. Robinson
3rd Saturday	Cruise in for Coffee Midwest City Santa Fe Steak House parking lot Apr - Oct
1st and 3rd Thursdays	Thursday Night Cruisers - Mustang Apr - September