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August Meeting Highlights

by Helen Moore

For me the highlight of the August meeting was the amazing appreciation and generosity shown to Gary and me for our work as newsletter editors. The gift of custom slipcovers for our Rampside caught us completely off guard. Thank you.



Gary Moore, Taylor West and Helen Moore hold up custom made slipcovers made by Taylor. Note the embroidered HACOIA logo.

The rest of the meeting was fun too. Cliff Carlino opened the meeting and had Kim Mellies read last month's minutes. Don & Wilma Cory's daughter, Kyla was with us and so was long-time member Bob St. John visiting from Mesa, AZ.

Treasurer Gary Jones reported that we still have a healthy balance and, "Everyone has been paid." Assistant Northern Division Parade Chair Dean Segó reminded us that the NWMSU Homecoming Parade in Maryville, MO is October 24 and they will want convertibles. Gary Moore reported that the Dust Bowl Jamboree was a nice event with good music even though his truck ate a Hagerty bag. (See page 4) Scott Allison, Social Committee Chair, gave the longest committee report of all. The next event is the Leavenworth Cruisers car show (See page 5), the Ace Hardware Charity car show (See page 6), the trip to the Lyceum Theater in Arrowrock (See page 7), the Corvair

Track Classic in Hastings, NE, and the Fire & Ice Autocross in Marshalltown. Check the calendars on page two and on the web site for more events. The August newsletter only had two articles written by Gary or me. The rest were submitted by members (and a member's grandson!) and that's just how we like it. The website is also going good. Travis mentioned that he put up seven articles. Ken Regan reports that the Tool Crib is still earning its keep and has, "lots of tools." (See page 9.)

In Old Business everyone was reminded that we still have raffle tickets to win a car lift and that Gary Moore, 2019 Convention Chairperson is still accepting volunteers for the exploratory committee.

In New Business Cliff reminded everyone that we need new officers for the coming year. The nominating committee will be selected next month. Mike Dawson presented Gary and I with the slipcovers made by Taylor West. (I still can't believe you guys did this! Gary actually had a tear in his eye.)

Chris Green presented the program for the evening. He teaches fourth grade so in honor of the first day of school he gave us a Corvair themed, "Are You Smarter Than a Fourth Grader?" quiz. It turns out that some of us are.



Chris Green has to use his "teacher voice" on Dr. Koch.

Drive your Corvair to the September Meeting!

HACOA Calendar at a Glance

| Date | Event | Social Chair Scott Allison |
|------------------------------|---|----------------------------|
| Tuesday September 8 | HACOA Monthly Meeting, Paul and Jacks, North Kansas City, MO | |
| Saturday September 12 | Working Tech Session, Mike and Sandy Dawson's, Belton, MO | |
| September 25-27, 2015 | 2015 Great Plains Corvair Round Up, North Little Rock, AR | |
| Tuesday October 13 | HACOA Monthly Meeting, Paul and Jacks, North Kansas City, MO | |
| Saturday October 24 | Fall Fling Dust Up Airplane Rides and Chili Cook-off, Hoelting Airport, Basehor KS | |
| Tuesday November 10 | HACOA Monthly Meeting, Paul and Jacks, North Kansas City, MO | |
| Saturday December 5 | HACOA Holiday Party, Don and Wilma Cory's house, Kansas City MO | |

Check the online calendar for more information and additional events visit: WWW.HACOA.org

HACOA member recommended events

| Date | Event |
|----------------------------|---|
| September 5-6 | Corvair Time Trails 2015, Marshalltown, IA (Formerly Corvair Dust Up, Formerly Fire & Ice) |
| Sunday September 20 | Bonner Springs United Methodist Church Social and Cruise Night, Bonner Springs KS |
| Saturday October 10 | Hannibal Tour, Hannibal MO (Day trip with St. Louis and Springfield, IL chapters.) |
| Saturday October 17 | The Fabulous Luna Tuna, Kalp Shop, Valley Center, KS |

For even more local events visit: <http://clubs.hemmings.com/acckc/EventFinder.htm>

Working Tech Session & Front Yard Car Show

Saturday September 12, 2015 12:00 – Until Finished

16001 Oakland Ave, Belton, MO

Take this opportunity to enjoy some great socializing, get to know other members, and most important, take care of any repair or maintenance item you have been contemplating doing (Roundup September 25-26). Come and be comfortable knowing that parts, tools and advice will be available to make sure you can drive home whatever project you take on.

A sample of items that can easily be addressed during the afternoon are: greasing fan bearings, packing wheel bearings (front and rear), carburetor balancing, distributor rebuild, brake jobs, etc. Brake replacement requires turning drums; I can have exchange items ready if you let me know ahead of time.

The following will be furnished: grill food, plates, soft drinks and adult beverage. Please bring a dish or snack to share; grilling begins at 4:00 and spouses are encouraged to attend.



Please RSVP to insure food and beverage supply and I will email all potential attendees of any changes.

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Bring a chair!

The Preventive Maintenance Series

By Mike Dawson

How To Make a Big Deal Out Of Replacing A Gasket Type Windshield in a Lakewood Wagon

Our '61 Lakewood 500 windshield had some light scratches and it was not tinted and shaded like the rest of our cars and the gasket was patched in places due to leaks. I checked Clark's catalog and they showed wagon windshields available for \$524 plus \$120 shipping. I ordered the gasket (a 500 wagon has no SS trim) and decided to look around for a better price on the glass.

I contacted Santa Fe Glass in Harrisonville since they had installed a new windshield in our '65 sedan. After inspecting it they said they had done them before and they gave me a price of \$100 for installation. They had only one windshield in their locator: \$450 delivered plus installation. I agreed and the windshield was ordered. When it arrived I brought the wagon to their shop but the deal died since the windshield was an NOS item and had seen hard times in storage. They could find no more wagon windshields.

I checked other sources for a wagon windshield but found none. I sensed that there might not be another chance since the wagon windshields are taller than the cars and it was only a year and half production. I ordered a windshield from Clarks since the website catalog showed they were available but I was quickly notified that they were out of stock with no idea of future availability. At least I had a new gasket now.

Mark Whitman told me that several new Corvair windshields had shown up on eBay and I found one for \$389 (tinted & shaded) plus \$90 shipping. Always concerned about getting the correct item from on-line sellers I was pleasantly surprised to receive an extremely well packaged tinted and shaded wagon windshield. Next I called Santa Fe Glass about installation and they informed me they had sold their auto glass part of the business to Safelite Auto Glass. I called Safelite and asked if I could get the team that had originally looked at my wagon and they told me they didn't know anything about where they went but that their team could certainly do the job for \$125. I made an appointment and upon arrival found they were half an hour behind schedule so I took a short walk and then returned to the waiting room. After about ten minutes the installer came out and informed me that the gasket was not correct and proceeded to lay it out on the windshield top showing me that it was too short. I tried to get them to install it on the glass and got nowhere; they just kept repeating that it was the

wrong gasket. I returned home and installed the gasket on the glass just like it was supposed to work – they obviously didn't want the job.

How hard can it be? I read the three pages in the Corvair Shop Manual on how to install a windshield and I watched the U-Tube video that showed it taking all day; I decided I was still in need of a professional installer.

Kevin Koch gave me the name of a shop that had done work on his Rampside including a new windshield so after a couple of calls I found Sam at Discount Auto Glass in Shawnee. On the phone he said he knew what I had and that he could do the job while I waited the next day. I showed up on time for the appointment and they got the wagon in immediately. After about an hour Sam got me and asked if I wanted additional sealer under the outer lip or was it just a show car. Of course I opted for the additional sealer. Total cost was \$136 and the installation looks perfect. I would certainly recommend them for any gasket type installations - and some appreciation to Clarks for a perfect gasket.

Discount Auto Glass & Tire, 6020 Merriam, Shawnee, KS (913) 599-4527. Ask for Sam.

Windshield: Auto City Classic on eBay: www.autocityclassic.com

Editors note: A few years ago (2010) I was able to purchase eight windshields for club members from Autoglassfinder.com at a cost below \$300 a piece delivered. The order was for four FC windshields (one of which was Kevin Koch's) and four Early windshields. Wagon windshields were also available. The kicker; the purchase must be a multi-windshield order (minimum of six) and delivered to a business address (hopefully with a loading dock and forklift).

If you are considering a windshield for your FC, Early, or wagon let me know, if there is enough interest within our club I will inquire about another order. --Gary Moore



Save the Date: October 24, 2015

Event: HACOIA Fall Fling

Where: Hoetling Airport, Basehor KS

- Chili Feed (bring a crockpot of your chili or a covered dish).
- Airplane Rides if weather permits.
- Hayride for the kids.
- Scooby Doo and the Mystery Machine will be there.
- Map and More information in the October VairCor

The Dust Bowl Jamboree



Bluegrass and Classic Cars

Don and Wilma Cory's just delivered 1962 Monza made its debut at the Dust Bowl Jamboree. It joined Gary and Helen Moore's 1961 Rampside, Karl and Janet Cozad's Corsa V8 and Gary Wolfe's 1965 500 Turbo.



Bluegrass wasn't limited to the pavilion; several jam sessions popped up around the park.

The jamboree, held in E.H. Young Riverfront Park in Riverside, MO, is a combo bluegrass music festival and classic car show with a 1930s theme. Of course there were many Model A Fords, a few Model T's on display. All classic cars were welcome, and the diversity of cars ranged over many decades.

Visitors came by the look at our Corvairs. Lots of stories, good and bad were told. Most had fond memories of family trips and Corvair driving adventures. As the first band began to play the car show crowd moved over to the Riverfront Pavilion to listen to some of the great bluegrass music and enjoy the breeze was coming off the Missouri River.

The event was well-organized and fun. When it comes back next year I recommend it. Good food, great music and a great spot to socialize.



Shatto Dairy had a booth and displayed their 1954 Divco milk truck.



Gary Wolfe's daughter Adrianna, who lives nearby, stopped by on her morning run through the park.

Leavenworth Cruisers Car Show



In all HACO walked off with 11 trophies including Largest Club Participation. The extra guy left front is Tom, Wes' friend and flying companion. He received an award for giving Wes the photographers job during their flyover.

The Leavenworth Cruisers always have a great car show and this year was no exception. Of the over 150 cars 12 were Corvairs and again this year we were the club with the most members and cars present. It gave us a large voting block so ten of top 50 trophies went to Corvairs. Other clubs grumbled a bit, but the Cruisers told them they were welcome to bring more cars next year.



Kat King was the big door prize winner this year, literally, she won a 2 1/4 ton floor jack. Don Cory graciously carried it to her car.



Ray Seago wore his 1998 St. Louis Convention T-shirt. It's not his oldest Convention shirt.



We weren't able to park all our Corvairs together this year. The Cruisers promised that next year we will have a reserved spot.



FC's at the Hardware Store

By Scott Allison

The first time I took my Loadside on a trip longer than around the block, I decided to stop in and pick up a few things at the Westlake Ace Hardware store near my home. The truck got lots of attention as always. The manager approached me and asked if our club would be interested in having a small car show in conjunction with their charity event kick-off in August. I got with the club and got good feedback so we began planning the event.

It worked out perfectly. We had one example of every FC present for a hardware store car show. How appropriate! John and Linda made it out in the Mystery Machine (a Corvan), Mike and Sandy in the Bagel Wagon (a Greenbrier Sport Wagon), Gary and Helen in the Rampside, and I in my Loadside. Kim and Wes also joined us in Rumble-Bee (a 1965/66 Corsa Convertible).

Scooby Doo even made a few appearances for the kids and kids at heart. His visits were short lived as it was a warm day and we know how hot Scooby Doo gets on these types of days. There were hotdogs, chips, and drinks for a very modest donation of only \$1, to the Children's Miracle Network. We have already been asked back next year but may plan it later in the year for cooler temps.

Following the car show the group caravanned out to 119th and I-35, Texas Roadhouse, for some dead cow, dead pork, rattlesnake bites, cactus blossom, and fried pickles. It just happened to be Wes's birthday so we got to see him say "yea haw" while in saddle after dinner. It was a special day for Wes as he performed his first solo flight; many congratulations to Wes!

Thanks to everyone that could come out for the car show and dinner.



Corvair Forward Controls on display: one each Greenbrier, Loadside, Rampside and Corvan (The Mystery Machine).



A perfectly placed shade tree and a breeze made for a pleasant afternoon. Some of us took advantage of the nearby Indian Creek Bike/Hike Trail to get some exercise.



The redheaded kid followed Scooby around for an hour. He examined the Mystery Machine and pointed out a few things that needed fixing. He is going to grow up to be an engineer.



Scooby kept sneaking off. We found him in the fan department.



Even these two tough guys have a soft spot for Scooby.

Road Trip to the Village of Arrow Rock

By Cindy Anders



Members of the Show-Me Corvair Club and Heart of America Corvair Owners Association gathered in Arrow Rock to catch *Driving Miss Daisy* at the Lyceum Theatre. left to right: Sherman Rutherford, Kristine Rutherford, Dorothy Morris, Cindy Anders, Chuck Morris, Gary Wolfe, Rhona Hall, Mike Hall, Helen Moore (front), Doti Williamson, Dave Wilson, Stefani Wilde, Paul Sergeant, Gary Jones, Scott Allison (front), Beverly Dautenhahn, Joan Cavanga, John Cavanga, Barb Wagner, Sandy Reece, Don Wagner, Linda Reece and Gary Moore

On August 23, we met in Lexington, MO to begin our road trip to Arrow Rock, MO (Est. 1829). With clear, blue skies and temperatures in the mid-70's we couldn't have asked for a better driving day.

Scott Allison tested his mechanic's skills on the drive to Arrow Rock. The clip for the driver's side carburetor came off where the throttle rod connects to the carburetor. Further inspection revealed that the fast idle cam on the carburetor was too close to the throttle rod and it was pushing it off on acceleration. Scott said this has never happened before so he thinks it must be a symptom of a cross shaft that is wearing out allowing a slight geometry change. Scott bent the fast idle cam back a little, replaced the clip, and the car did great the rest of the day. Don and Barb Wagner circled back to check on Scott and then, after the repairs were made, they quickly caught up with the group. Linda and Sandy Reece joined us in Marshall and we completed the drive into Arrow Rock.

There were eight Corvairs with 16 people present from the HACO club, and we joined nine people from the Show Me Corvair Club (St. Louis) and the Prairie Capital Corvair Association (Springfield, IL). Since it was raining in St. Louis that morning, none of them drove their Corvairs. We met at J. Huston Tavern for a delicious lunch that included potato salad,

slaw, fruit salad, and biscuits with apple butter. That course was quickly followed by fried chicken, ham, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, and corn. Our servers were very friendly and provided prompt service throughout the meal. The finale was Pecan Pie Bread Pudding. Yum!

The tavern is the oldest continuously serving restaurant west of the Mississippi River with 180 years of continuous service to the public. It is the centerpiece of Arrow Rock State Historic Site and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

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It's a pleasant walk from Huston's Tavern to the Lyceum Theatre. Arrow Rock is full of history including stone street gutters.

Arrow Rock

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After lunch, the group had a few minutes to shop and stroll along the cobblestone streets before attending an excellent production of *Driving Miss Daisy* at the Arrow Rock Lyceum Theatre. The action of the play takes place from 1948 to 1973 mostly in Atlanta, Georgia. Daisy Werthan, a Jewish widow living in Atlanta, is determined to maintain her independence. However, when she crashes her car, her son, Boolie, arranges for her to have a chauffeur, an African-American driver named Hoke Colburn. Daisy and Hoke's relationship gets off to a rocky start, but they gradually form a close friendship over the next 25 years, one that transcends racial prejudices and social conventions. In 1990, the movie *Driving Miss Daisy* won four Academy Awards, including Best Picture (the last G-rated movie to do so). If you haven't seen the play or movie, I recommend it. After the play, Scott was able to locate a very kind person (His name was Steve.) to take our group photo in front of the Lyceum Theatre before everyone headed home.



It was a great day for a Sunday drive across the orchard country of central Missouri. The best part was every HACO member arrived in a Corvair.



Cindy Anders behind the wheel for her first long trip in a Corvair. On the way home they put the top down

I want to shout out a big "Thank You" to my Dad, Chuck Morris. This was my first time driving the 1964 Monza convertible. I was a bit tentative at first but then became comfortable with the cornering on the back roads. The drive home was so relaxing. We put the top down (until we got chilled and Dad's head got numb from the wind), listened to the cicadas, felt the sun and wind on our face and enjoyed the ride home.

It was definitely a good day to take the long way home.



The J.Huston tavern, known for its fried chicken served family style, was a perfect spot to meet the Show-Me club from St. Louis.



The Show-Me and HACO members filled two rows at the Lyceum. The play, "Driving Miss Daisy" was excellent.

The Tool Crib

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| Tool | Deposit | Monthly rental fee |
|-----------------------------------|---------|--------------------|
| Harmonic balancer puller | \$3.00 | \$1.00 |
| Ramps, auto | \$4.00 | \$1.00 |
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The President's Corner

By Cliff Carlino

Ahoy there! I am writing this month's message cruising the Bahamas while on my presidential retreat. It is a little known fact that HACOIA allows its president to go on an annual retreat, however the bodyguards must remain behind... something about maritime law I think. Now that you know, running for HACOIA president sounds like a good idea, doesn't it?

All kidding aside, this month we begin our annual search for talented members to fill the upcoming officer vacancies. It will begin with the appointment of an election committee who will canvas the membership for the right people to "steer the ship" for the upcoming year. If approached by one of us there is no need to hide, all we will be asking from you is to be on the election committee. You will then seek out the right candidates to fill the open positions.

Later this month is the Great Plains Roundup. If you are not yet sure if you want to attend, time is running out. I see the first lady is calling me to the hot tub, so I will have to end this message.

See you at the meeting,
Cliff



Greetings from the HACOIA Presidential Retreat.

2015 Great Plains Corvair Round Up

Hosted by the Arkansas Corvair Club www.arcorvairclub.org

September 25-27

Wyndham Riverfront Hotel

2 Riverfront Place

North Little Rock, AR 72114

Toll-free (866) 657-4458

Local (501) 371-9000



For more information, contact Keith LaCrosse, 501 882-9389 or kl617@yahoo.com.

Hotel Update

The Wyndham Riverfront Hotel is completely booked. If you would like to be added to the hotel's waiting list contact Melissa Harlow at 501-907-4839, ask for Melissa or Emily. Mention the Great Plains Corvair Round Up waiting list.

Arkansas Corvair Club recommends

- Comfort Inn & Suites, 707 Interstate 30, Little Rock, AR, 72202: reservations 501-687-7700.

<https://www.choicehotels.com/arkansas/little-rock/comfort-inn-hotels/ar115>.

Also suggested:

- Courtyard Little Rock North, 4339 Warden Road, North Little Rock, AR 72116 phone for reservations - 501 753- 2000.
- Clarion Hotel, North Little Rock, 120 W Pershing Blvd, North Little Rock, AR 72114 phone for reservations - 501 758-1851

The registration form for the 2015 Great Plains Corvair Roundup is available on the Web site of the Arkansas Corvair Club. www.arcorvairclub.org or at HACOIA meetings.

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Road Trip to Elkhart KS: Another Corvair Adventure By Gary Jones

At the August HACO meeting Gary Moore asked me if I was interested in a road trip. I'm always interested in a Corvair road trip. My next question was, "When, and where are we going?" Paul Sergeant had purchased a '61 Rampside in Elkhart KS and didn't have the time to go get it. This was a complete truck without a motor. In case you don't know Elkhart is in the corner of southwest Kansas, six miles north of Oklahoma and ten miles east of Colorado, about 550 miles from KC.

We loaded up for Elkhart at 6am on Monday, August 24 with Gary Moore's diesel truck pulling my flat bed trailer. At about 1pm we stopped in Kinsley, KS to eat a good lunch, stretch our legs and switch drivers. Then on to Dodge City where we checked out the corn fields and the huge wind farms.

We finally arrived at Robert Greishaber's farm near Elkhart about 3:30.

First thing we saw was the front of a white Rampy peeking out the shop door and a nice eight-door Greenbrier near by. This was the right place. Robert greeted us and quickly let us know that was his white Rampside and not the white one we were looking for. The one we wanted was on the west side of the barn. We quickly checked it out, finding a very nice 95% rust free Colorado Rampy.



With Paul's Rampside loaded safely on the trailer we headed back toward Wichita to meet Terry Kalp for supper.

After running a long extension from the barn we proceeded to load the truck and tie it down for the trip to Topeka. Now we had time to check out the other CORVAIRS. Behind the barn we found the parts cars. About three earlyies, three later, and one van, all rough, most missing motors and various parts. Out on the west side was a complete '63 Spyder, an old van, and

a late coupe. Then we went inside the shop to find a primer gray '65 coupe along with his nice Rampy. Robert escorted us to another barn that contained about eight more cars. We found a Lincoln Mark III, a '65 Corvair 4-door with A/C, a '65 Corsa with a Toyota diesel motor installed, a '65 Monza convertible, a rough '62 Monza wagon, a rough '63 Rampy, and a '65 Corvair coupe. We would have liked to stay longer, but

we had to get back to Wichita where we planned to spend the night.

We arrived in Wichita about 9pm and met with Terry Kalp for a late dinner. After a long day and about 800 miles driving, we were ready for a good night's rest. Tuesday we met Paul in Topeka to put his Rampy in storage. I offered to make room for his truck in my shop in Paradise, but he declined.

We arrived home about three in the afternoon with no delays or problems. We're ready for our next Corvair Adventure.



Paul was like a kid in a candy store after we unloaded his Rampside. He took photos and started an inventory catalog. His Mom came out to see the truck and approved of it. She told us that Paul was a Corvair nut. We already knew that; as the old saying goes, "It takes one to know one." In the photo on the left, the shovel is for taking care of an unwanted mud dauber's nest.



All models of Corvair Forward controls were on display at the Watts Mill Westlake Ace Hardware charity event. A Rampside pick-up, a Loadside pick-up and a Greenbrier Sports Wagon. Also on display was a Corvan 95. See page 6.

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