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## October Meeting Highlights

Vice-president Mike Dawson presided over the meeting, as Cliff Carlino had to work. As promised, Sheila Carlino brought cake, her cherry cheesecake cupcakes—mmm-mmm good! Thanks Sheila. Attendance was around 45 with at least twelve Corvairs outside. (Not everyone signed in.) Mike called the meeting to order, Kim Mellies, secretary, read the minutes and they were accepted. Gary Jones, treasurer, reported we have money. Don Wagner, membership chair, reported we had no new members, but was glad to see Ariel Mellies, Jack and Elaine Richardson and their daughter Linda at the meeting.

Ray Seago announced that he, actually his Corvair, Sally, had won an award at the Grindstone Winery Car Show in Osborn. While he was happy to win, he did take exception to winning the “Best Odd Ball Car” trophy. Ray also announced on Oct. 18 that Sally would be featured at the Bridal Show and Fair at the St. Joseph Casino on Oct. 18. (See page 4.) Chris Green, Larry Sherwood, Gary Jones and Karl Cozad had their cars at the Ol’ Marais River Run in Ottawa, KS. (See Chris Green’s article on page 7.) Jim Gately announced that the Lee’s Summit Veteran’s Parade is November 7 starting at 10am at the Lee’s Summit High School. Last year we had ten Corvairs in the parade. If anyone would like to join the parade this year meet at Johnny Ray’s Drive In, 800 SW Blue Pkwy in Lee’s Summit at 9am. Scott Allison reminded everyone of the Fall Fling/Chili Feed at the Hoelting Airport near Basehor on Oct. 24. (See page 5.)

It was a tough job, but someone had to do it. Wes and Kim Mellies, Gary Wolfe, Gary Jones and Cliff and Sheila Carlino joined Don and Wilma Cory at Joe’s Kansas City BBQ to sample

and pick out the food to be catered at the Holiday Party. Speaking of which, the Annual Holiday Party will be at Don and Wilma Cory’s this year, catered by Joe’s Kansas City BBQ. Cost is \$22 per person for the meal, plus a \$5 per person optional charge for those wanting beer or wine. **If you haven’t paid already, please bring your payment to the November meeting.**

Connie Whitman, an agent for the Transportation Security Administration, presented the program for the evening. She described (without specifics) “Stuff that Happens at the Airport.” She gave us some sage advice on what *not* to carry into the airport, and told us some humorous stories of those who failed to heed the rules or even use common sense.

It was a beautiful evening for a Parking Lot session. The primary entertainment turned out to be “Get Gary Moore’s Rampside Going Again.” Helen was overheard referring to her truck as “Gary’s Rampside” while they were working on it. (Busted!) [Editors note: The

*truck did make it home. Helen and I would like to thank all those who helped and especially Barb and Don Wagner for following us home. I replaced the weak coil the next day and all is well now.]*



# HACOIA Calendar at a Glance

Social Chair Scott Allison

Date	Event
Tuesday <b>November 10</b>	<b>HACOIA Monthly Meeting, Paul and Jacks, North Kansas City, MO</b>
Saturday <b>December 5</b>	<b>HACOIA Holiday Party, Don and Wilma Cory's house, Kansas City MO</b>
Tuesday <b>January 12</b>	<b>HACOIA Monthly Meeting, Paul and Jacks, North Kansas City, MO</b>
Tuesday <b>February 9</b>	<b>HACOIA Monthly Meeting, Paul and Jacks, North Kansas City, MO</b>
Tuesday <b>March 8</b>	<b>HACOIA Monthly Meeting, Paul and Jacks, North Kansas City, MO</b>
Tuesday <b>April 12</b>	<b>HACOIA Monthly Meeting, Paul and Jacks, North Kansas City, MO</b>
Tuesday <b>May 10</b>	<b>HACOIA Monthly Meeting and Charity Auction, Paul and Jacks, North Kansas City, MO</b>
Tuesday <b>June 14</b>	<b>HACOIA Annual Meeting in the Park, Sar-Ko-Par Park, Lenexa, KS</b>
<b>July 12-16 2016</b>	<b>2016 CORSA International Convention, Springfield, IL</b>
<b>September 23-25 2016</b>	<b>2016 Great Plains Corvair Round Up, Renaissance Tulsa Hotel and Convention Center</b>

Check the online calendar for more information and additional events visit: [WWW.HACOIA.org](http://WWW.HACOIA.org)

## HACOIA member recommended events

Date	Event
Saturday <b>November 7</b>	<b>Lee's Summit Veterans Day Parade, Lee's Summit High School</b>
Saturday <b>February 20, 2016</b>	<b>MCCA Cold Tuna, Terry Kalp's Shop, Valley Center, KS</b>
Saturday <b>April 2</b>	<b>Jerry and Donna Pentzer's Anniversary Gathering, Ozark, AR</b>
<b>June 4-5 2016</b>	<b>Tri-State Corvair Event, TBA</b>
Saturday <b>June 18</b>	<b>MCCA Juna Tuna, Terry Kalp's Shop, Valley Center, KS</b>
Saturday <b>October 15</b>	<b>MCCA Luna Tuna, Terry Kalp's Shop, Valley Center, KS</b>

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

### Lee's Summit Veteran's Day Parade

Saturday, November 7

**Corvairs meet at Johnny Rays Drive In at 9am**

800 SW Blue Pkwy, Lee's Summit, MO

Staging at Lee's Summit High School at 10am

All Corvairs welcome.

### Happy New Year! It's Renewal Time

HACOIA dues are still \$15 a year due in January.

Don't wait until the last minute.

**Please fill out a new membership form**

**if your contact info has changed,**

**if your Corvair collection as changed,**

**if you can't remember the last time you filled one out.**

We are still a 100% CORSA membership chapter!

### HACOIA Holiday Party

**Don and Wilma Cory's House**

**8621 N. Utica Ave.**

**Kansas City, MO**

**Saturday, December 5**

**\$22 per person with optional \$5 per person charge for beer or wine**

**Social Hour 6-7 pm**

**Dinner 7pm**

**White Elephant Gift Exchange \$15 limit**

(Rules to be explained before exchange.)

**Charity collection for Synergy House**

(See [www.synergyservices.org](http://www.synergyservices.org) for needed items.)

**More information to come in the**

**December VairCor.**

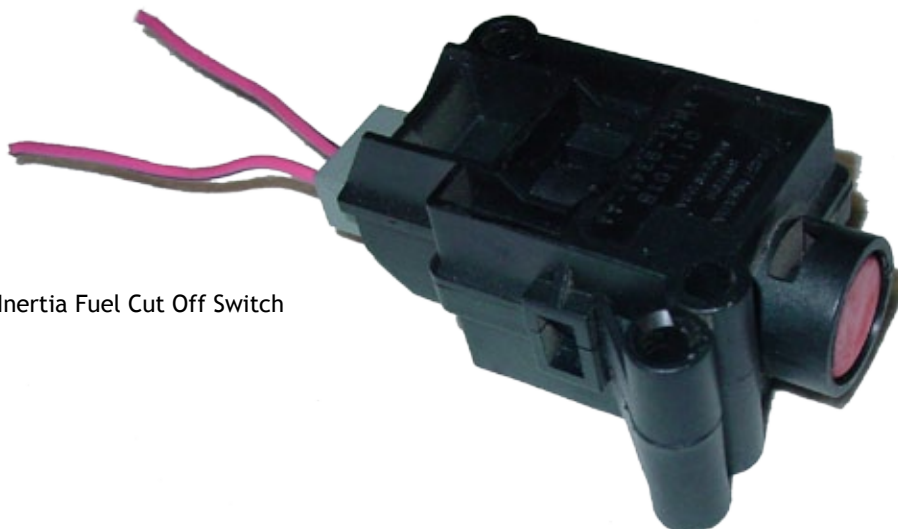
# The Preventive Maintenance Series

By Mike Dawson

## Electric Fuel Pump Installation Addendum

Since the article last month on electric fuel pumps I have completed two new installations and serviced one that had been installed for a longer period of time. The following are recommendations I would add for safety and maintenance:

1. After installing two of the pass-through plates in stock pumps and using two modified fuel line relocations to work with electric pumps, there is no question that using the stock pump with the pass-through plate is the easiest installation. The only benefit to removing the stock pump is easier access to the oil pressure sender and a little more clearance when removing and installing the power train – neither of which we hope to be doing very often!
2. An electric fuel pump installed near the tank will change the function of the line from the new pump to the engine compartment from what was originally a vacuum line to a pressure line. Located next to the starter is a short rubber fuel line connector to accommodate engine vibration. These rubber lines are often forgotten and since they are now under pressure should be carefully inspected or changed. The starter creates sparks at the brushes so leaking fuel could be a fire issue.  
  
At that same point check the end of the steel lines that connect to the rubber hose. They originally had an expanded area (bump) near the end to aid in sealing inside the hose. Be sure someone has not cut off the line to install an inline filter leaving the steel line smooth at one or both ends. Again, this area is now under pressure, not vacuum. If the lines are smooth, you can expand them slightly by using the first step only of a double flare. Leave slightly more tubing exposed where you install the mandrel and only tighten the tool halfway.
3. Most new electric fuel pumps come with a small pre-filter to protect the pump. If you have an older (or original) fuel tank it would be a good idea to check the filter that is on the gas tank pickup. An easy way is to use a drain pan and pull off the rubber line at the tank and observe the flow in to the pan. Let it run for five seconds and if there is no reduction in flow over that time period the filter is good. It is always possible that someone before you has removed the tank filter so keep that in mind. And look at the fuel removed for rust flakes. You can replace the small pre-filter that comes on the electric pump with a larger visible filter to better monitor the fuel condition. I used a Wix filter (33002) and a 1/8 NPT by 5/16 fitting which fits the electric pump.
4. Adding an inertia switch in the trunk or under dash to shut off the pump in case of a crash is a good idea. I found a two-wire switch (fits Ford products) on eBay that cost less than \$20 with free shipping. Since the switches are protected and seldom have to function, I feel a used switch is not much of a gamble. New switches are available at various prices upwards. As in all electrical connections, solder and use shrink fit tubing.



Inertia Fuel Cut Off Switch



## Showman Ray Sego

Ray Sego is making the rest of us look like slackers. He and his Corvairs, Sally and Punky Sue, have had a busy October. On the tenth he and Sally, his white '64 Coupe, were honored with the Best Oddball Car Award at the Grindstone Winery Car Show in Osborn, MO. (Above) It seems the judges were not familiar with Corvairs. (Ray educated them.) Sally was also featured at the St. Joseph Frontier Casino Bridal Show (Below) from the October 14 through 18. Ray entered Punky Sue, his '64 red convertible in the Trenton Car Show on October 18 and was awarded first place in the D-Class: 1962-1972 stock cars and trucks. (Right) Congratulations Ray!



Ray with Ashley Wheeler Sales manager at the St. Joseph Frontier Casino.





## Hoelting's Airport Chili Feed, Halloween Party and HACOA Fall Fling

by Gary Moore

If you like airplane rides, bonfires, Halloween decorations, costumes, spicy chili, mild chili, sweet chili, meaty chili, soupy chili, beany chili, chili with cheese, sour cream, cornbread, crackers or just plain chili, Hoelting Airport was the place to be on October 24. Okay, there was the lack of a truly hot spicy chili, but no one complained. When the dinner bell rang Cliff Carlino made it a point to try a bit of all sixteen pots of chili. As the party went on more crockpots came in and I think he gave up. Oh, and then there was the dessert table; cookies, brownies, cake, etc., etc., etc.

Albert and Sherry Hoelting have hosted the event for the past eight years at their backyard airstrip designated SN-22. Every year something is added. This year it was our Corvairs on display. There were maybe 150 people in attendance including 29 HACOA members with 13 of our cars.

The airplane rides were great, according to Mike Dawson. Tom Woods, flying Albert Hoelting's Cessna, took off from the grass runway and looped around the area. His passengers got a good look down on the Kansas Raceway, the Legends Shopping Center, the Renaissance Festival grounds and the Sandstone Amphitheater. Coming in for the landing was a little scary; to the untrained eye the airfield looked like all the other farm fields flying by. Everyone had fun. Thanks Tom and Albert.

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# Hoelting

Scooby Doo arrived via golf cart driven by Scott Allison. All the kids (and some of the "kids") had their photo taken with Scooby in front of the Mystery Machine.

There was a glorious sunset that evening and by that time the bonfire had burned down enough to gather around on lawn chairs and split logs. Helen and I had a long drive home so we couldn't stay for the hayrides that were just beginning. As we were driving away we heard screams. I heard later that there were "spooks" out in the dark somewhere!

Thanks, Albert and Sherry for inviting HACO to your party. As we say in our club, "A good time was had by all!"



Scooby was a hit with the kids, though one youngster did examine the zipper down Scooby's back.



One of the "kids" wearing an Aviator's Helmet got a hug from Scooby.



Mark Whitman drove his latest acquisition to the party. It's a coupe with a 4-door roof line, turbo, A/C and lots of little improvements. Originally built by Frank Regal its quite the looker. Compare the roof line to Sheila Carlino's red coupe.



Surely Joan Bennett, Sandy Dawson, Dorothy Morris and Sheila Carlino aren't singing Kum-ba-Yah around the campfire?



As promised, a bonfire was kindled to keep everyone warm.



The 28' trailer served as a buffet line for more than 16 crock pots of chili and all the fixings.



By Chris Green

A crisp Saturday morning in mid-September, the quiet sounds of nature with sunlight streaming through the treetops, open headers from a big block with an outrageous cam and the smell of cherry-perfumed alcohol. What do they all have in common? The Ol' Marais River Run in Ottawa, KS, that's what!

Fresh off my feel good moment of having a leak-free oil pan (sorry Larry for not being able to get to your alternator conversion) at the previous weekend's tech session, Larry Sherwood and I made the trek down to Ottawa for the annual Ol' Marais River Run car show on Saturday, September 19.

Every year it's a big event, regularly drawing more than 2,000 registered participants. This year I stopped counting when I saw #2,276. I always like looking at the seemingly endless makes and models, but of course I have a special eye out for any Corvairs I see. The first one we spotted was a black '64 coupe. Upon looking at the engine bay, we discovered that it was an alternator-equipped early; the only odd thing was that the alternator was missing! We found out that the owners were at the parts store picking one up.

Between the multitudes of Camaros and Mustangs, we saw Karl Cozad's Corsa along with two other V8-equipped late models, one a more "traditional" rear Buick engine and the other a front LS1 front engine swap. The gentleman who owned the front-engined LS1 also had an early model that belonged to his wife. Shortly after walking around for a bit, I looked down the road at some of the cars coming through the park and, like a beacon in the night, there was Gary Jones in

his late convertible! Larry was able to talk to him but I didn't get a chance to catch up with him.

The traditional evening cruise down the Main Street drag that night was great as usual. Lots of people and cars for a circus of lights, sounds and petroleum. Larry's Rampy was a hit with everyone, and the bed was filled to capacity with people all night, and that included me, after my brakes decided to stop working (at first I thought they were hot from all the braking but later discovered one wheel cylinder had burst). All in all, a fun time with lots of cars from rusty rats to ridiculously restored!

(Above) Olivia Green waits outside the car as her brother Ethan and his friend Charlie (Larry and Suzy Sherwood's grandson) put Chris' Corvair through its paces in an imaginary autocross. (Below) Katie Green enjoys tailgating on Larry Sherwood's Rampy.



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# The President's Corner By Cliff Carlino

It's already November so that means it's time for the annual HACO A officer elections. There is a twist this year. Enough people have been rounded up to actually have an election that requires voting with ballots. I am not sure if it also includes candidates giving campaign speeches and debates and promises that are impossible to keep, oh wait, that last part is only for our government politicians... It will be interesting to say the least.

I noticed that Hollywood has again featured a Corvair in a television series. This time it's a late coupe in the show Fargo. The car has been in the first three episodes. It's good to see that the Corvair has been "discovered" by Hollywood after all these years.

See you at the meeting,  
Cliff



## Linda Reece Travels to Hannibal



Linda Reece (upper left corner) joined members of Prairie Capital Corvair Association and Show-Me Corvair Club in Hannibal, MO for their annual fall get together. They toured the city, riding the trolley and visiting the local landmarks. The met for late lunch/early supper at Fiddlesticks. Hopefully next year more HACO A members will attend the joint get together.

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Bill and Joan Bennett and Gary Moore get a kick out of Mike Dawson's "crazed aviator's cap" at the Fall Fling/Halloween Party. Mike obviously came prepared to enjoy the plane ride. Story on page 5.

VairCor is the official publication of the Heart of America Corvair Owners Association, the oldest incorporated, continuously active single marquee Corvair club and Chapter 640 of the Corvair Society of America. The HACOA membership fee is \$15.00 annually, payable January 1. CORSA membership is required. Heart of America Corvair Owners Association monthly meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month (except June and December) at 7:30 pm at Paul and Jack's Restaurant, 1808 Clay Street, North Kansas City, MO 64116. Social time begins at 7:00. The June meeting is in Sar-Ko-Par Trails Park and the December meeting is our Holiday Party.

