

# Heart of America Corvair Owners Association

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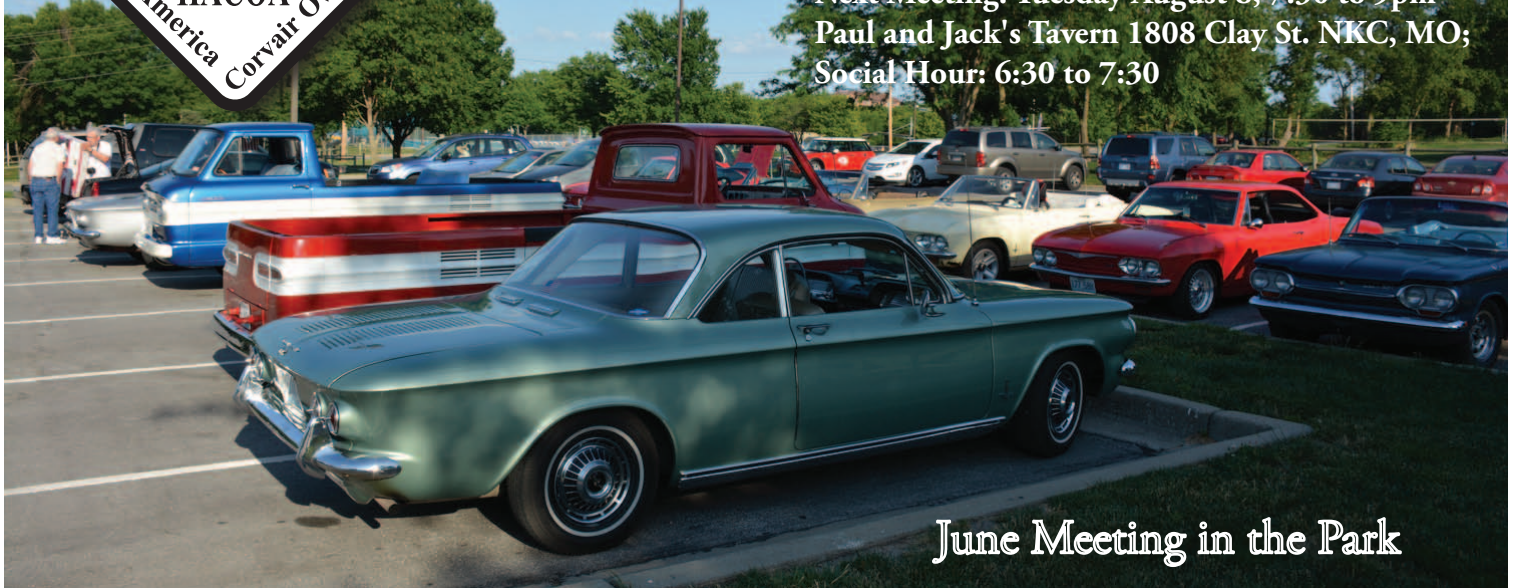
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# VAIRCOR

July/August 2017

Next Meeting: Tuesday August 8, 7:30 to 9pm  
Paul and Jack's Tavern 1808 Clay St. NKC, MO;  
Social Hour: 6:30 to 7:30



June Meeting in the Park



June Working Tech Session



2017 CORSA Convention



Kat King loaned her car to some "kids" to take to the Sock Hop at the Country Squire Retirement Home.



Suzanne Berger welcomes our newest HACO member, Rebecca Mayer, at the July meeting.

**HACOA Calendar at a Glance**

Social Chair Scott Allison

Date	Event
Tuesday August 8	HACOA Monthly Meeting, Paul and Jacks, 1808 Clay St., North Kansas City, MO
Saturday Sept. 9	Rally Rerun, Hilton Garden Inn, Independence, MO
Tuesday Sept. 12	HACOA Monthly Meeting, Paul and Jacks, 1808 Clay St., North Kansas City, MO
Sept. 29- Oct. 1	2017 Great Plains Corvair Round Up Embassy Suites, Oklahoma City, OK
Tuesday Oct. 10	HACOA Monthly Meeting, Paul and Jacks, 1808 Clay St., North Kansas City, MO
Tuesday Nov. 14	HACOA Monthly Meeting, Paul and Jacks, 1808 Clay St., North Kansas City, MO
Friday Dec. 8	HACOA Annual Holiday Party, Argosy Casino, Riverside, MO

Check the HACOA online calendar for up-to-date list: [WWW.HACOA.org](http://WWW.HACOA.org)**Member Suggested Events**

Date	Event
Monday August 21	Total Solar Eclipse, Helen's planning a party. Details TBA
August 25-27	Corvair Track Classic, Motosport Park, Hastings, NE
August 25-27	Kowtown Custom Greaserama, Platte County Fairgrounds, Platte City, MO
Saturday Oct 21	Luna Tuna, Terry Kalp's shop, Valley Center, KS

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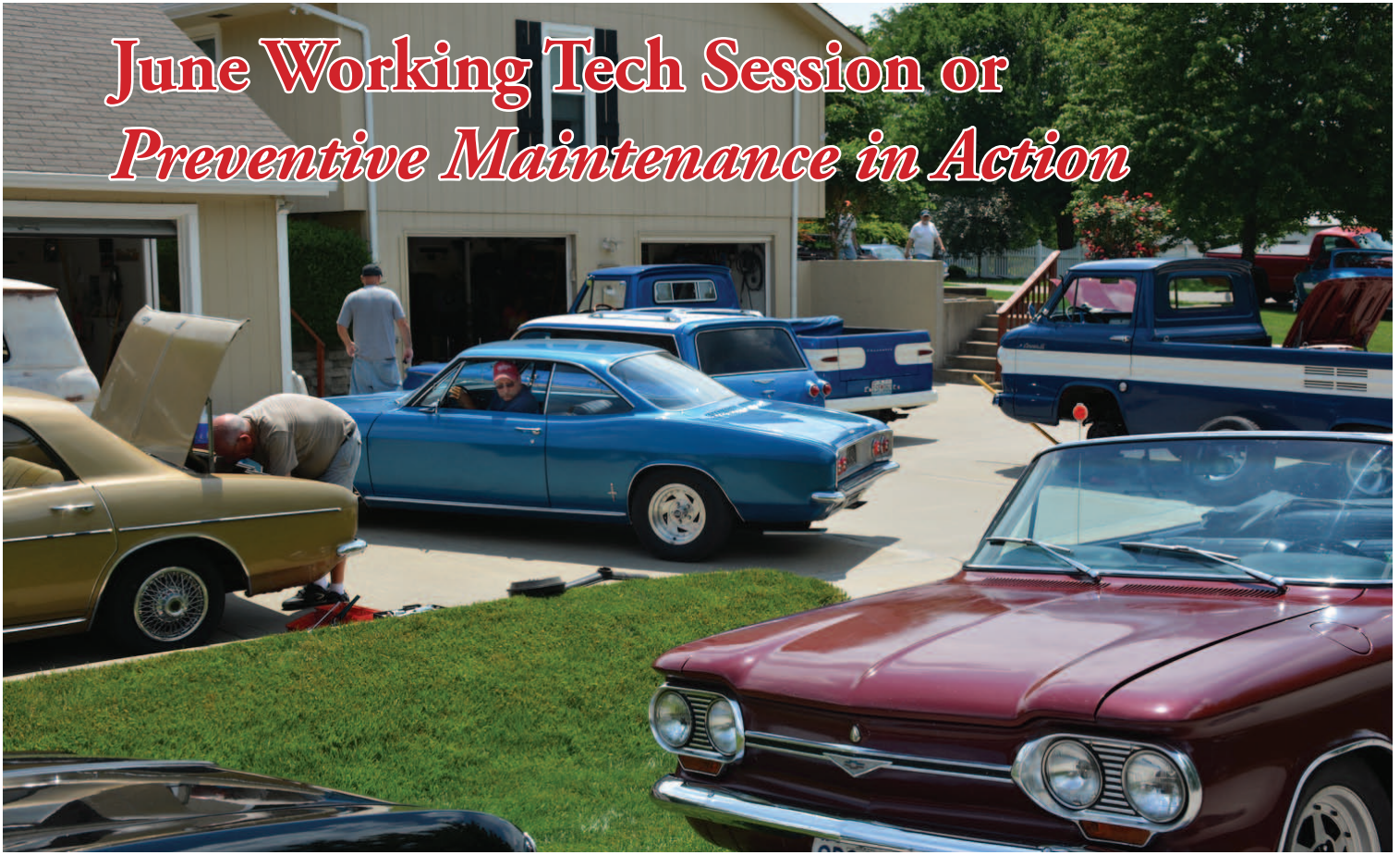
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## June Working Tech Session or *Preventive Maintenance in Action*



We had 31 HACOAs folks turn out for a great afternoon of maintenance and repair plus food and drink consumption. Consider the following variety of activities:

Gary Jones and Jerry Lentz arrived early with Gary doing reconstruction work on his FC turn signal mechanism and lighting. Jerry had a somewhat mystifying 140 problem with his secondary carburetors not opening but after a lot of adjustments in the rear it was determined that the accelerator pedal was slipping on the splines due to a loose nut. Fred Bybee had a hot restart issue plus a wet carburetor so he removed it and replaced the needle & seat plus the top gasket. Larry Sherwood got some parts cleaning done plus found that his front FC brake shoes were grinding sideways into the drums; some machining by he and Chris Green took care of it. John and Teresa Miller got an oil cap gasket and some idle adjustment, also the long distance award of 139 miles. Jerry was second with 100 miles.

Don Cory found he had a bad coil due to the previous owner wiring the Pertronix and coil incorrectly. No more DWH (dying when hot). Kevin Rafferty straightened a header tube plus he disassembled his turbo carburetor and got it cleaned for reconditioning. Kat King drove her convertible named Kandy down from St. Joe for seat belts and tail/brake light work. Being a girl in need of help, she attracted several of the available technical assistants.



Travis Bolton and daughter Marie brought an assembled engine crankcase and proceeded to install heads and a top cover. This will hopefully be his race engine for the convention autocross – I believe Marie was encouraged to think about driving it also. Chris Green discovered his starter was bad while helping others and would up replacing what appeared to be an original unit. Linda Reece stopped by with a Spyder full of girls to dine with us and got a turn signal problem fixed.

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# Working Tech Session

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Other attendees who either spent time helping others or just hung out enjoying the fellowship included Scott Allison, Mark Whitman, Gary Moore, Helen Moore (came after dinner with convention related news), Dick Berger, Taylor West, and our Master Chef Bill Bennett. Bill served up a great batch of burgers, brats and hot dogs, with able assistance from the ladies in the kitchen which included Sandy Dawson, Joan Bennett, Teresa Miller, Wilma Cory, Sharon Bybee, and Suzanne Berger.

Thanks to all the members who helped each other diagnosis and fix stuff, it just made a perfect afternoon!



*Top: Master Chef Bill Bennett is never too busy to mug for the camera.*

*Above: Scott Allison and Don Corey consult in the "Blue Rampside Parking Area." (How many clubs can say they have multiple Rampside in duplicate colors?)*

*Upper left: Scott Allison and Mark Whitman (?) work on Kat King's tail lights.*

*Below left: Fred Bybee works on the carburetors in his '65.*

# Minutes of July HACOIA Meeting

By Cindy Anders

The meeting was called to order with a welcome by Mike Dawson. There were 39 people in attendance.

Secretary was not present, passed on reading of the minutes.

Treasurer was not present, passed on the Treasurer's report.

*Membership report:* Don Wagner introduced a new member, Rebecca Mayer, who purchased a 1962 Black w/ red interior Corvair coupe the prior weekend in Paola.

Convention chairs thanked everyone who supported their events and reported on convention awards received by HACOIA members.

*Concours* – Don Wagner reported that 18% of the entries were HACOIA members.

Bronze awards went to:

Ray Sego with 88.58 points for his '64 white Monza coupe  
Gary Jones with 89.71 points for his '64 purple Monza coupe,  
Larry Eilenberger with 91.28 points for his '66 Monza red convertible

Silver awards went to:

Helen Moore with 94.19 points for her red/white '61 Rampside

Mike Dawson with 94.41 points for his green '61 700 station wagon

Gold awards went to:

Jim Conway with 96.06 points for his '65 bronze Corsa coupe  
Teresa Miller with 96.33 points for her orchid '65 Corsa coupe  
Mike Kliethermes with 98.62 points for his red '65 Corsa coupe

The person who took the overall award was Jim Allen with 99.11

*Rally* – Gary Wolfe reported that there were 74 entries and 63 participants. There were 6 DNFs. The HACOIA team of Larry Sherwood (Driver) and Chris Green (Navigator) participated but did not receive an award.

*EconoRun* – Paul Sergeant reported that there were 57 entries and 43 participants. The start was delayed by heavy rain. There were 2 DNFs and 23 who were over on time. Member Chuck Morris driving his 1960, received 3rd place in the automatic transmission group with 22.02 mpg.

*Autocross* – Travis Bolton reported there were 76 who took times. There were 2 members who received an award:

Mike Dawson was awarded 1st place in the "Street Stock 5" class driving his '62 Greenbrier

Travis Bolton was awarded 1st place in the "Street Stock 1" class driving his '65 Monza convertible

*People's Choice Car Show* – Mark Whitman reported that there were 90 registered and 75 participants. 10 awards were presented to HACOIA members.

Mayors Award went to John Mellies for his 1963 Scooby Doo Mystery Machine

Concours class awards went to:

Michael Kliethermes 1965 Corsa coupe

Teresa Miller 1965 Corsa coupe

Early Closed class awards went to:

Chuck Morris 1960 700 4 door

Cliff Carlino 1964 Spyder

Early Open class award went to:

Cindy Anders 1964 Monza

Late Closed class awards went to:

Scott Allison 1967 Monza 4 door

Teresa Miller 1967 Monza 2 door

Racing class award went to:

Gary Wolfe 1966 500

Engineering, Specialty and Ultravan class award went to:

Don Cory 1964 Spyder V8

*Model Cars* – Bill Bennett reported that 3 awards were presented to HACOIA members.

Modified Class awards went to:

1st place to Bill Bennett Silver V-8 convertible

3rd place to Bill Bennett red mid-engine hardtop

Promotions/Collectibles class award went to:

2nd place to Don Wagner black early model

There were no Social Committee or Parades reports. However, everyone was reminded to see the August newsletter for upcoming events.

Don Cory provided a Car Shows report. There is an upcoming event in Leavenworth; July 18 event at Chillicothe park; 1st Saturday in October at Eastside Baptist Church; 4th Saturday on Belton's Main Street; 3rd Friday at Pleasant Hill's old downtown area; and 3rd Saturday at Johnny Ray's.

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## July Meeting Minutes

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*Tools report:* Ken Ragan said there are tools and parts available.

Suzanne Berger provided an updated on the Christmas Party. It will be held on Friday, December 8, at Argosy Casino. The social hour will start at 6:30 p.m. and be held in the upstairs banquet room. The cost for members and guest will be paid by the club. Menu details will be shared at a later date. RSVPs should be emailed to Suzanne Berger or Mike Dawson so that we have an accurate count. Suzanne asked if there was an interest in obtaining a discounted rate for hotel rooms at the Argosy. There was limited interest, so that option will not be pursued.

There will be a Roundup this fall in Oklahoma City. The hotel is filling up so everyone was encouraged to make their reservation. The Riverboat cruise had 3 seats left. Members were encouraged to check the HACOIA or CORSA websites for more information.



Travis Bolton mentioned there would be an SCCA event on August 5 and 6 at Heartland Park and information could be found on the SCCA website.

*Website report:* Travis Bolton that there continue to be attempts to hack the HACOIA website and he is trying to keep on top of it. If members notice anything unusual when visiting the site, please let Travis know.

It was reported that there will be a CTC event in Hastings, Nebraska the week before Labor Day. It will be all Corvairs, all weekend, with head-to-head drags and no bracket racing.

*Newsletter report:* Helen Moore that there will be a combined July/August newsletter issued prior to the August meeting. Please send pictures with stories for inclusion in the newsletter by July 24.

*Old Business report:* Mike Dawson that the convention went well and thanked Co-Chairs Gary and Helen Moore with a standing ovation. Numerous thank you's were extended to everyone who helped make the convention a success.

Sheila Carlino provided a summary of comments from the convention's "How did we Do?" box. The majority were positive with a few negative comments. These were passed on to CORSA.

Auction proceeds were approximately \$1,000. Members voted that the proceeds should be split between Mind Drive and the Alzheimer's Association.

Bill Bennett asked for volunteers to present programs at upcoming meetings.

New Business – Cliff Carlino and Gary Wolfe suggested a club event to drive the convention rally course on an upcoming Saturday. Members present were interested so they will get a date set on the calendar.

Sheila Carlino read July birthdays: Gary Wolfe, Wilma Cory, Scott Allison, Larry Eilenberger, Teresa Miller, Linda Mellies, Sandy Dawson, and Carol Segó.

Members who had convention expenses to submit for reimbursement were asked to stay after the meeting.

Dick Berger moved for the meeting to be adjourned and Taylor West seconded.

Meeting was adjourned.



*Far right: Helen and Cliff judge the Model Car Concours. Terry Kalp also judged and so did Mike Dawson who took over for Helen.*

*Right: Modified Class 1st Place Bill Bennett's model of Karl Cozad's V-8 Corvair.*

## The Tool Crib

Club tools for rent

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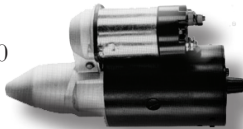
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Greaser: Fan and idler bearing	\$5.00	\$1.00
Ken's advice	\$.02	Grain of salt
Hubs: Rear (towing LM PowerGlide)	\$5.00	\$1.00
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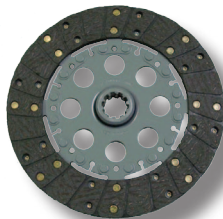
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## The Final Convention Corner

First off, THANK YOU to everyone who made this convention work—which is pretty close to everyone in the club except for the few who had to be out of town. Yes, it was a lot of work but it was FUN because it was a team effort by an amazing team!

I missed getting to thank a few people who were not at the July HACO meeting. Meghan Green and Suzy Sherwood—the hospitality room got rave reviews; thank you for making it happen! Also thank you for the crafts workshop—I popped my head in there and it seemed like everyone was having fun. (Wish I could have stayed, actually.) Larry Sherwood and Chris Green thank you for taking care of things that needed to get done; you two seemed to be everywhere including the Hospitality Room. Kat King I saw you out there helping get all the vendors settled in—again, I heard positive things from all the vendors; evidently sales were good and they liked their location. Kevin Koch—the bus tours also got rave reviews and not just because the tour venues were excellent. Someone came up to me and said, “That nice young man was so knowledgeable!” Evidently you are the consummate tour guide! I know I’m missing people, if so, I’m sorry. Please know that your efforts are appreciated.

The last of the trophies and/or trophy nameplates have been mailed and received including the few that were not picked up at the awards banquet, all the autocross nameplates, and the Cole Award

By Helen Moore

(which did show up on Saturday).

CORSA cut HACO a check for our out of pocket expenses—these are things that you (if you spent your own money) should have been reimbursed for by HACO. We still have not heard the final profit/loss figures but I think we are well in the black. I also have not heard the final convention participation figures. I guess we’ll all read about it in the Communique.

Gary and I are working on the “keynote article” for the Convention issue of the Communique. I understand a few of our members have also contributed articles. Usually there’s a “First Time Concours” article in the convention issue—I understand Michael Kliethermes wrote this one. Congratulations for coming within a whisker (.49 points actually) of winning the Mitchell on your first Concours!

Gary and I can now cross *Plan and Run a National Convention* off of our Bucket List!





Teamwork in action! Sharon and Sandy give directions to the Hospitality Room.



There were nearly 200 people in line for the Welcome Party dessert bar.



More teamwork in action! Kat and Chas King with the help of Ray Sego kept the outdoor vendors happy and organized.



These folks are having fun taking a group selfie during the Valve Cover Races. Fun was exactly what we had in mind for the evening.



Michael Kliethermes meets K.C. and Missy Corvair in the Truman Grand Foyer.



Terry Kalp was Master of Ceremonies for the Valve Cover Races. Keith Hammett posted the results on screen. Jerry Pentzer ran the light tree.

# Concours



*Above: The weather on Concours day couldn't have been better! With just a few minutes to go, contestants are putting the finishing sparkle on their vehicles. The Evening Orchid late model here belongs to Theresa Miller. (Gold!)*

*Left: Striding through the center of the outdoor vendors is Gary Jones, our ever vigilant Vendor Chair.*

*Below: Jerry Lentz, although not in Concours, spiffs up his car.*

*Right: Michael Kliethermes' red '65 Corsa during undercarriage judging. Musta been pretty clean; 98.62, Gold!*



# Autocross



*Above: The weather cooperated for Autocross at the Blue River Precision Driving School on Friday. Participants were asked to bring their own seating and shade. The GMC motor home counts as both!*

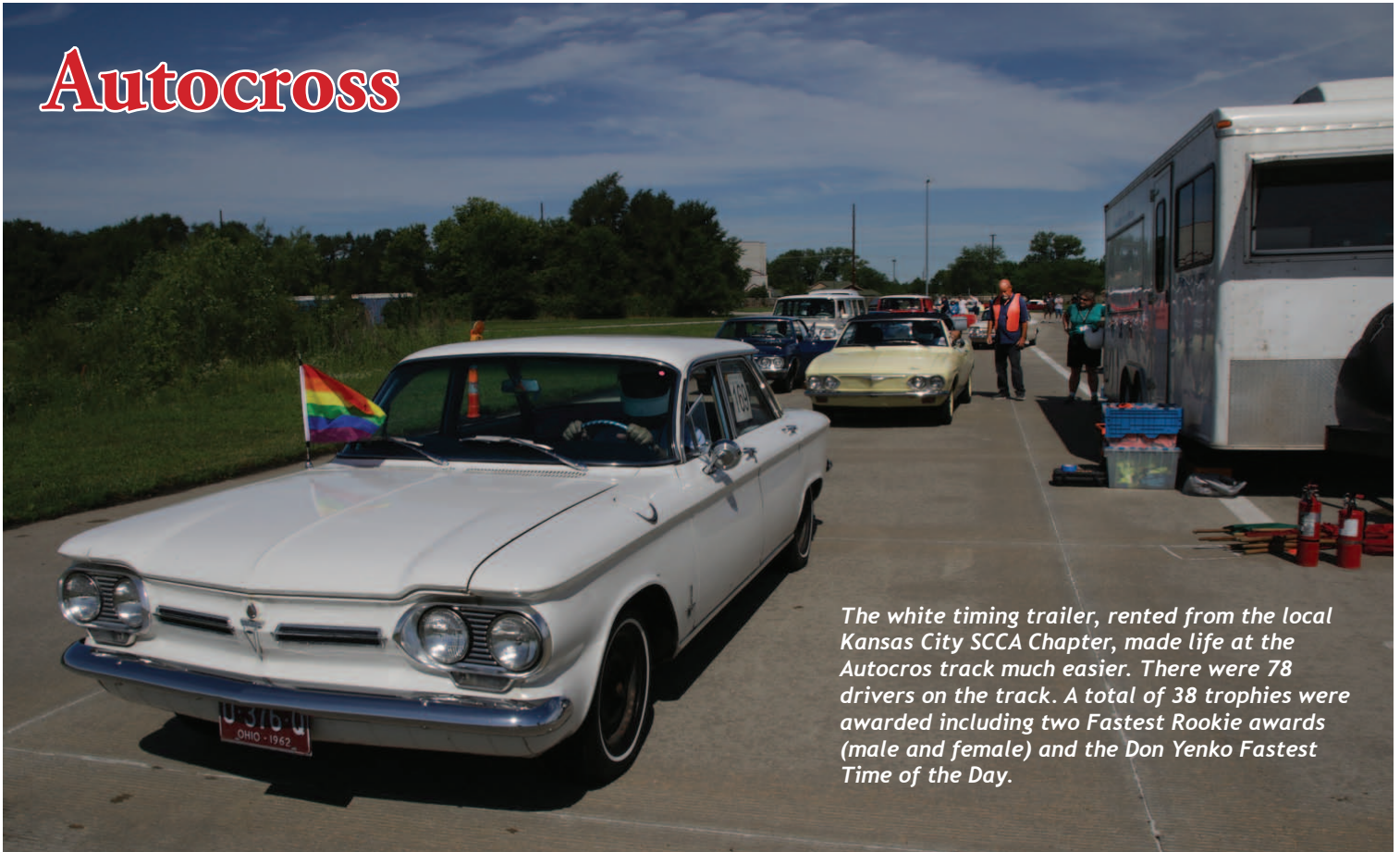
*Right: Don Cory bought the "UNSAFE" Corsa last year. He ran a best time of 61.159.*

*Below right: Travis Bolton got his '63 Monza convertible race worthy. Not only did he manage to RUN the Autocross he ran IN the Autocross placing first in Street Stock-1 with a time of 66.896.*

*Below: Chris Green gets Larry Sherwood's '65 Monza ready for the two of them to race.*



# Autocross



The white timing trailer, rented from the local Kansas City SCCA Chapter, made life at the Autocros track much easier. There were 78 drivers on the track. A total of 38 trophies were awarded including two Fastest Rookie awards (male and female) and the Don Yenke Fastest Time of the Day.

Mike Dawson can win no matter what he's driving. In this case he took first in Street Stock-5 with a time of 79.152 driving the Bagel Van, a '62 Greenbrier.



Scott Allison ran a time of 71.289 in Improved Stock-2 driving his maroon '65 Monza 4-door.



Scott Allison's sister Cherie Hammond caught Terry Kalp photographing drivers in the staging area. She also took the photo of Scott (above right.)



Charlie Clark helped design the track layout. Here he runs a time of 62.125 in Competition Class in his '67 Yenko Stinger.

# Rally



Cliff Carlino checks in the Corphibian at the end of the Rally.

## 2017 CORSA Rally

By Gary Wolfe and Cliff Carlino

After ten months of planning the CORSA International Convention Rally it finally became a reality. We pulled together a crew of helpers that really made the task of hosting the rally seamless. Without them we never could have done it, and because of them it was a resounding success. Our thanks go out to: Kat King, Charles King, Dean Segó, Keith Hammett, Adrienne Wolfe and Gary Jones for helping us at the starting line. Even though we were in the rain, we still prepared and departed 63 cars at one minute intervals like clockwork. Jim Conway, Kay Conway and Don Wagner were stationed at the halfway checkpoint. They kept track of every car that passed, until all cars were accounted for. Bob St. John drove the sweep vehicle with Ken Ragan and Chuck Morris that pointed lost Corvairs in the right direction. Chris Green joined Dean Segó, Adrienne Wolfe, Keith Hammett and us to tally the scores.

Even with all the planning and test runs we did there was still the worry that nobody was going to make it back to the finish line at the hotel. We started looking at our clocks in nervous anticipation when the window for the arrival of the first entrants opened and no cars pulled in to the finish checkpoint. The seconds seemed like minutes as we waited. Finally a Corvair pulled in! Soon after, another and another car pulled in. Suddenly we had four or five cars all checking in at once. What a glorious feeling it was to know that we weren't failures, but that we had succeeded!

We had many positive reviews from the participants. Even when they admitted that their mileage numbers were probably not that good, they said that they had a good time. That is the important thing to remember. The main reason to drive the rally is not to win, but to have a good time during the journey. We did have a few that complained that it was too hard and a few said it was too easy. It kind of made us feel like Goldilocks, not too hard and not too easy, but just right...

The best news of all for our club members that were unable to run the rally because they were too busy hosting a convention, is that in the next month or two we will pick a Saturday afternoon to give everyone the opportunity to come out and run the rally. This would be the perfect opportunity to try a rally if you have never run one before.

## President's Corner

By Mike Dawson

The complexity of planning and running a CORSA Convention is now fully understood by all those who participated in those two activities. The basic pay for members was the satisfaction of a job well done plus we all will have an appreciation for what we know is going on ahead of next year's event. We were all volunteers, our expectations were to enjoy ourselves and be proud of our production. And I think the group did just great! There were a lot of our club members who quietly worked behind the scenes who did not get in the spotlight but without them the convention couldn't have been as successful. If you see someone you know fits that description, give them a quick "thanks." They certainly deserve it. It was also rewarding to me to see how well members worked with team leaders of various activities and events.

The Moore's kept it all together from day one of planning until the last award was mailed out, and I think that the Convention Program was the best I have ever seen. All of us should add "International Convention Planning and Execution" to our resumes; we all picked up some great life experiences.

**I have an issue of the VairCor immediately following the 1989 Convention in Kansas City and while reading the list of workers I spotted 12 names that are current HACOIA members. Twenty-eight years have flown by and those folks are still friends, still playing with their Corvairs.**

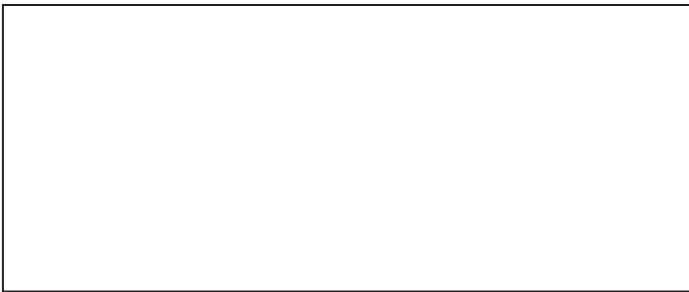
We also had several folks from '89 who just stopped by to see us at the convention, and even though they no longer have Corvairs, they still expressed a fondness for the cars and friendships our club offers. The fact that HACOIA (and CORSA) provide so many different areas of interest rolled into one organization is why we attract so many great long-term members.

See you at the meeting,  
Mike



*Kevin Koch, in his '63 Rampside, chats with Travis Bolton. Kevin was our Tours Chairman. Travis was our Autocross Chairman.*

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