

The Flat Six Journal

Mid Continent Corvair Association Newsletter

September 2017

EMs Abound at August Meeting

Larry Lee drove the lone LM Corvair to the August MCCA meeting at the Oaklawn Activity Center. Three EMs showed up. Jay Allen drove his '64 coupe, Lyle Ackerman arrived in his '62 coupe and Terry Kalp was there with his '61 station wagon. This was the first meeting since July of 2014 that the EMs outnumbered the LMs in the parking lot.

The host hotel for the 2018 Roundup was announced. The Best Western Wichita North at 53rd North and 135 will be the Host Hotel. Unknown to the selection committee, this hotel was the site for the very first Great Plains Corvair Roundup. Dates for the Roundup have been set for September 28-30, 2018. Now the dates and location of the Wichita Roundup can be



announced at the 2017 Roundup banquet.

Greg Renfro, 2018 Roundup Chairman, also revealed the logo for the event. Greg has spent a lot of time to give it that '60Tes vibe. Logo is above on this page.

Members discussed trips to the 2017 Roundup in Oklahoma City at the end of the month. One group is leaving Thursday morning while another is taking out on Friday. More details on the trips will be a topic at the September MCCA meeting. More information on the 2017 Roundup are on page 5.

Terry and Greg offered to take care of the awards ceremony slide show. A suggestion was made to try to have on-line registration and payment. That option is being looked into. Jay asked about awards. He offered to provide the finished wood bases and said he may have a source for laser burning on the plaques.

David Jacobson talked about a scam where people are sent a notice they failed to pay a toll and need to send money right away. Usually they cite your tag number and car make. Sometimes even a blurry dark photo that could be anything.

Lyle led an around the table discussion of projects, then the meeting was dismissed.

Pre-meeting Eating

Some MCCA members will be gathering at Hog Wild Bar-B-Q at 662 E. 47th St. South, Wichita, to eat before the September 9th meeting. So bring your appetite and join your friends at 5:30-6 on Saturday. It is a chance to meet and socialize before the meeting. If you have suggestions on places to eat tell Terry Kalp or Lyle Ackerman.

Sept. Meeting
Saturday,
Sept. 9th 7 pm

Oaklawn Activity Center,
4904 S. Clifton, Ave.
Wichita, KS

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ABOVE: An excellent line up of Corvairs were on display at the third Friday in August Central and West Show and Shine. Mark Stever photo.



ABOVE: What better way to break up a work week than a car show. Mark Welte's co-workers at the Air Base brought their cars to work. Mark Welte photo.

Squadron Show

by Mark Welte

The guys in my squadron at McConnell AFB decided to have a Car Show Day at work Thursday, August 17th. Despite some questionable weather on the days leading up, the weather Thursday was perfect -- sunny and low 80s. Fifteen members brought their vehicles out for the day -- everything from old pickups and vintage autos, muscle cars and hot rods, to modern muscle cars and sports cars. Grilled hamburgers, hotdogs, and brats were on the menu for lunch. Many of our coworkers enjoyed stopping by and admiring the variety of vehicles on display. I think we'll be having Car Show Day at work more often!

Central & West Show & Shine

With cooperation from the weather there was a great turn-out of Corvairs for the August 18th Central and West Show and shine. Six MCCA member Corvairs showed up at the August Central and West show. It was a nice balance with three EM and three LM Corvairs. All three LMs were Gold Monza two-doors. Alex Moats, Patrick Tinnin and Mark Stever drove the LMs. Bringing their EMs (also all two-doors, but different colors) were Lyle Ackerman in his white '62 and Jay Allen drove his blue '64. It was the first Corvair event for Bill Smith in his Safety Yellow and white coupe recently purchased from Mark Stever.

MCCA has selected the third Friday of the month to try to get as many Corvairs to the show as possible. Come out to the next MCCA night at Central and West, Friday, September 15, 2017 and bring your Corvair to the Show.

Come early as the parking lot fills up quickly. This show counts for the Mel Horstman Award. Show starts at 5 pm. Contact Lyle Ackerman 316-207-3321



This design appears on the back of the T shirt created for the 2017 UltraVan National Rally to be held in Hutchinson, KS. Production of the Corvair powered motorhomes moved from California to Hutchinson early on. The coaches were constructed much like an aircraft fuselage and local workers had experience in that type of construction.

UltraVan National Rally in KS

MCCA member Owen Strawn has been busy organizing the UltraVan club national meet to be held in Hutchinson, KS where most of the Corvair powered motorhomes were manufactured. The rally is planned for September 18-22. Owen noted that there are two items that may be of interest to the local Corvair aficionados.

Wednesday September 20 we have scheduled tech sessions and coach hopping from 9am-4pm, with lunch provided (chili dogs). We will be covering both Corvair tech and UV tech. For instance Ken Hand will be talking about the Clarks/Ted Brown EFIS/DIS and Jim Davis about the Seth Emerson distributor; OTOH Carl Jones will talk about installing the Speedway disk brake kit for Nova/Chevy II and Jerry Mello about the Silverado rack & pinion steering with Saturn electric power steering booster. Tech sessions will be held at the Lighthouse Landing RV Park 9 Heartland Dr. South Hutchinson. (Junctions of Hwy 50-61, 96 & 14)

Thursday 9/21 the rally will be participating in the monthly Hutchinson Third Thursday street festi-

val (5-9pm). We plan to have seven UVs and a Tiara set up at the Reno County Museum parking lot (100 S Walnut) for open-house tours and "story time". A few of the ex-employees of Ultra, Inc may participate. There will be food trucks set up and the R&B Drive-In restaurant (next door to the Museum) will be open.



This design decorates the front side of the UltraVan National Rally T shirt.

'17 Roundup

Time has almost run out. The 2017 Great Plains Corvair Roundup is only a couple of weeks away. People planning on attending need to: Print registration form. Fill out registration form. Send payment and registration in the mail. Book your hotel room.

Host Hotel is Embassy Suites Oklahoma City, Will Rogers Airport, 1815 S Meridian Ave. Oklahoma City OK. Reservations 405-682-6000 mention Central Oklahoma Corvair Association Rate to receive the rate of \$109 per night. Or book online www.oklahomacity.embassysuites.com and use the group code of COR.

Event registration is available at: <http://www.cokcca.org/images/2017-Great-Plains-Round-up-Registration.pdf>. Dates for the Great Plains Corvair Roundup are September 29 thru October 1, 2017. The club is planning on 100 Corvairs.

Events/Plans: Registration required to participate in any of the Roundup events

Friday, Sept 29

10:00 - 9:00 PM Registration and Check-in

10:00 - 5:00 PM Hospitality Room Open same hours

5:30 - 7:30 PM Manager Special Free Beer, Wine and Finger foods

6:00 - 7:30 PM Valve Cover Races

8:00 - 10:00 PM River Boat Cruise Boat 1 ready to board at 8:15 Departs at 8:30 pm

Boat 2 ready to board at 8:30 departs at 8:45 pm

8:00 till we stop Tire Kicking for those not on the Boat rides

Saturday, Sept 30

8:00 - 10:00 AM Registration after 10:00 AM go to the hospitality room

9:00 - 5:00 PM Hospitality Room



9:00 - 11:30 PM Car Show in Hotel Parking lot

12:00 All Ballots for Car Show and Model Car show must be turned in to be counted

11:30 - 1:00 PM Lunch on your own

1:30 - 4:00 PM Afternoon Events (Go to the Outlet Mall, Tour Downtown OKC)

5:30 - 7:30 PM Managers Special Free Beer, Wine and Finger Foods

6:00 - 9:00 PM Entertainment, Dinner and Awards

9:30 till we stop Parking Lot "Tire Kicking" social gathering

Sunday, Oct 1

8:30 to 9:30 AM Officers Breakfast Meeting

10:00 AM Depart for Home

***Turn all Banners into Hospitality Room COCA Member No later than 10:00 AM Saturday Morning

****Model Car Show Setup see Hospitality Room COCA Member****

****Security will be provided in the parking lot to include trailer parking****

Project Police

Owen Strawn has been working in the engine compartment of his UltraVan. **Owen** had the unused holes in his top shroud welded up, then blasted and painted it along with other brackets and pulleys. He upgraded his alternator and in the process of rewiring it cleaned up the other wiring in the engine compartment. **Owen** also added a screen over the fan opening to prevent critters from nesting while the coach sits.

Bill Smith discovered a badly frayed clutch cable when he went to put the tunnel cover on his '62 coupe. He brought the coupe out to the Kalp shop to use the lift. With some help from **Greg Renfro** and **Terry Kalp** the new cable got threaded thru the proper pulleys and adjusted. Finally the tunnel covers could be installed.

Ned Madsen put all new gauges in the gold sedan, including a GPS speedometer. **Ned** is still working on getting his air conditioning sorted out. Presently Clark's Corvair is shipping him a new compressor to replace the defective one. He built new speaker boxes for the gold sedan and had them covered and installed. While in the building phase, **Ned** has created a couple of prototype consoles for the white coupe.

Greg Renfro pulled the gas tank out of his Sport Wagon and has purchased all the parts he needs to rebuild the brake system.

Alex Moats did some trading with **Terry Kalp** and now has his grandfather's Bell Telephone Van. **Alex** and **Terry** got the van started up and running off an auxiliary gas tank. Leaking push-rod tube O-rings and valve cover gasket were replaced on the driver's side by **Alex**. Future projects include improving the brakes and replacing a badly bent shift tube.

Lyle Ackerman and **Terry** put **Lyle's** '62 coupe up on the lift at the Kalp Shop to try to stop some automatic transmission fluid leaks. The transmission pan was drained and pulled. While the pan was getting cleaned and straightened, **Terry** pulled the shift cable and TV valve arm to replace the O-rings on those parts. The clean pan and a new gasket were installed and fluid added. When started the Corvair only had drive, no neutral or reverse. The shift cable needed to be reinstalled correctly. After a couple of tries and **Terry** figuring out when the manual says counter clockwise that clockwise does not work, all was well.

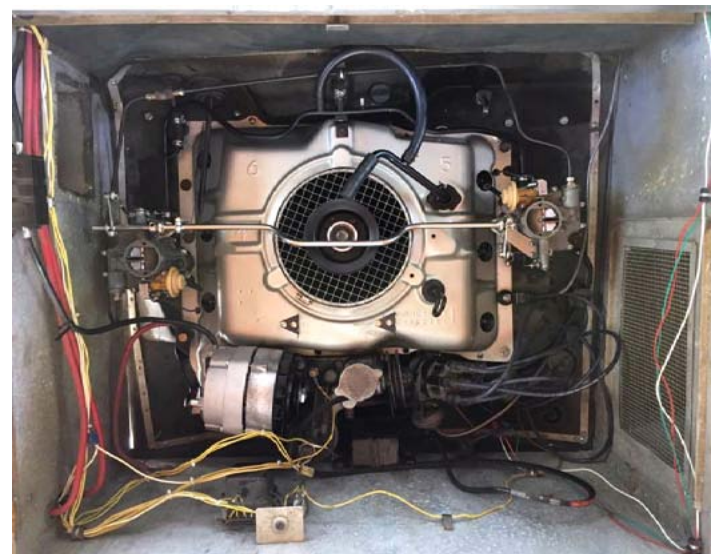


ABOVE: Alex Moats and Terry Kalp got Alex's Grandfather's Bell Van running again.

RIGHT: Bill Smith noticed this frayed clutch cable on his '62.



BELOW: What started as a carb rebuild ended up as an engine compartment redo.





TV Star

Lee Olsen was at a small car show in Hutchinson August 19 at Dillons The money raised was for St. Jude's. Lee was fortunate to be interviewed by David Wolfe of Street Rodding American Style and his car will be featured in one of their shows next year. You can see some of their shows on You Tube and the shows are aired on our local PBS stations in Kansas. Lee thought it was, "pretty neat."



Mark Wele's Corvair on the field at St Mary Church

St. Mary Car Show

Mark Welte took his Corsa to St. Mary's for a benefit car show. Proceeds from the August 20th show will benefit Anke Cash, Carter Roberts, and St Mary Parish.

There was food available for purchase along with a beer garden in the Knights Hall. Also included were activities for the kids, door prizes for the car show entrants, cool trophies, a 50/50 drawing and. DJ San Fernando Dan.

2017 Events

September 9, 2017: Saturday September MCCA Regular meeting. Oaklawn Activity Center, 4904 S. Clifton, Ave. Wichita, KS 7 pm. Contact Lyle Ackerman 316-207-3321

September 18-22, 2017: Monday-Friday Ultra Van Rally Back Home in Hutchinson. Lighthouse Landing RV Park and Cabins 9 Heartland Drive, South Hutchinson, KS

September 22, 2017: Friday MCCA Bring your Corvair to the Show and Shine at Central and West Streets in Wichita, KS Get there as early as you can, spots fill up fast. Show starts at 5 pm. Contact Lyle Ackerman 316-207-3321

September 29-October 1, 2017: Friday-Sunday Great Plains Corvair Roundup Oklahoma City, OK. Host Hotel Embassy suites Oklahoma City 1815 S. Meridian, Oklahoma City, OK 73108.

October 14, 2017: Saturday October MCCA Regular meeting. Oaklawn Activity Center, 4904 S. Clifton, Ave. Wichita, KS 7 pm. Contact Lyle Ackerman 316-207-3321

October 21, 2017: Saturday Juna Tuna. Kalp Shop 2140 W. 101st Street North, Valley Center, KS 8 am till ????. Contact Terry Kalp 316-882-3056

November 11, 2017: Saturday November MCCA Pot Luck dinner and meeting at Bob and Lee Bright's 210 E. Walnut, Derby, KS, KS 6 pm. Contact Lyle Ackerman 316-207-3321



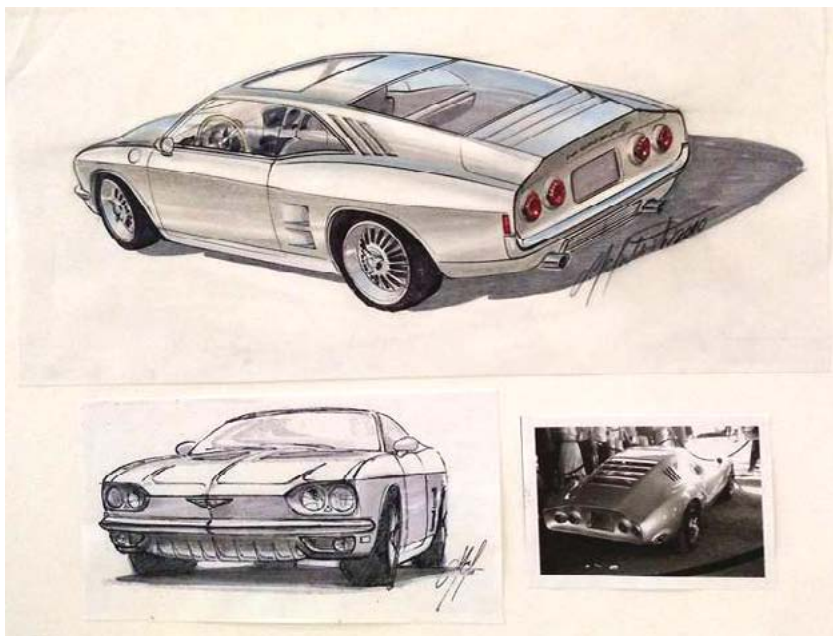


Ran when parked. Lake Nova Scotia, Canada. Photo by Ruth Nisson. If you have Ran When Parked photos, send to tkalp@cox.net.

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Bonus Photo



This concept drawing of a streetable Monza GT was created by one of the members of the League of Retired Automotive Designers and Displayed at the 2017 DAC Homecoming .

Calendar

Sept. Meeting	Sept. 9
Central & West	Sept. 15
KC Tech	Sept. 16
Great Plains Roundup	Sept. 29-Oct. 1
Oct. Meeting	Oct. 14
Central & West	Oct. 20
Luna Tuna	Oct. 21