

# The Flat Six Journal

Mid Continent Corvair Association Newsletter

March 2018

## Mel Award to Lyle Ackerman

There was an excellent turnout of MCCA members at the Pre-Spring Fling and February meeting. The event was held at Spears West Saturday, February 10th. Despite the cold temperatures there were several Corvairs in the parking lot.

Greg Renfro presented the Third Annual Mel Horstman Memorial Award to Lyle Ackerman, MCCA President. Lyle's name was also added to the plaque of winners that is displayed at the Kalp Shop.

New members Ken and Nora Meyer were present at the dinner. They purchased "Orange Crush" a 1966 500 4-door Corvair from Terry.



Greg Renfro presents the Mel Horstman award for 2017 to MCCA President, Lyle Ackerman at the February MCCA dinner/meeting.

The next MCCA event was Cold Tuna on Saturday the 17th at the Kalp Shop. (See story on pgs. 4-6) Multiple varieties of chili were available. Mike Dawson and Scott Allison had great demonstrations of fixing a PG cable leak and assembly and setup of a Corvair differential.

The March MCCA meeting will return to the Oaklawn Activity Center and "Pre-meeting Eating" will be at Hog Wild on 47th. Weather on Saturday is predicted to have a high of 62 degrees so it

would be a good day to get your Corvair out for a drive.

The meeting is the only official MCCA March event, however some members will be attending Cars and Coffee on the 17th or the Sunflower Swap Meet on the 16th & 17th. April is full of events with Hear Of Texas on the 13th-15th, MCCA meeting on the 14th, Central and West Show and Shine on Friday the 20th, and the first 2018 MCCA Road Trip set for April 28.

Get your Corvair out and start piling up points for the Mel Award.

**March Meeting**  
**Saturday,**  
**March 10th 7 pm**

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

# Classifieds

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Thank you for your help.

**Lloyd Folger**



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# Project Police . . .

While **Larry Lee** was driving his Corvair home Wednesday evening, February 28, his clutch decided to not disengage. **Larry** had a chance to look under



his Corsa later in the week and posted a photo of his problem. The clutch rod became disconnected from the Z bar. The cotter pin that holds the assembly together was missing. An easy fix and **Larry** was back on the road quickly.

After returning from a long business trip to California **Ned Madsen** was busy working in his garage. **Ned** has been a putting a fresh wrinkle paint job on the dash of his white Corvair. As part of the updating and 4-speed conversion on his coupe, **Ned** also revamped the gauge cluster and added a fuel priming button.

# Pre-meeting eating Hog Wild on 47th

Some MCCA members will be gathering at Hog Wild Bar-B-Q at 662 E. 47th St. South, Wichita, to eat before the March 10th 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 in the upcoming months let Terry Kalp or Lyle Ackerman know.

# Matthew Cox Dies in Accident

MULVANE-Cox, Matthew William Mulvane-Matthew William Cox,30, died January 11, 2018 Wichita, Ks. Memorial Service 10 am January 24, 2018 at Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints on 1409 S. Rock Road Derby, Ks, Services will be followed by a reception, refreshments provided. Matthew is survived by wife, Karen Cox; sons, Valor and Ronan; mother, Charlotte Cox; brother, Curtis (Delena) Shelton; sisters, Jennifer Cox, Ashley (Tony) Cook and many more nieces and nephews.

Matt and his older brother, Curtis Shelton had been involved in MCCA and Corvairs for many years, starting when Matt was still a student. With the advent of marriage and family Matt was not as active in the past few years.

Matt left an EM Corvair behind. Terry Kalp will be working with Curtis Shelton to get Matt's coupe road worthy and eventually restored for the family to display and enjoy in Matt's memory.

**2018 MCCA Dues** are due in January

The \$15 annual dues may be paid to **Ned Madsen** in person or sent to **1212 Patrick Henry, Derby, KS 67037**

# *Fifty Shades of Chili*

by Terry Kalp

Well maybe not 50 but there were at least five varieties of chili for lunch at Cold Tuna. Everything from Greg Renfro's extremely spicy chili to a crock pot of gluten free chicken chili. As usual there was a great selection of excellent food available for lunch. But that is getting ahead of ourselves.

The Kalp Shop was ready and warm when the first arrivals started showing up. Jim Dallas offered

to make the coffee and ended up running to the store when we found the shop supply was low. Mark Welte also showed up early as he wanted to get his differential project disassembled before Mike Dawson from Kansas City showed up. Ken Meyer was also one of the early birds as it was his first Tuna and he was ready to dive in. Soon Mark, Jim and Ken were huddled around Mark's differential with parts and tools flying.

It wasn't long until the yard at the shop began filling up with Corvairs and the daily drivers and the shop was soon filled with people. Chris and Toni Teer showed up from Oklahoma. A SUV arrived from Kansas City filled with Chris Green, Mark Whittman, Mike Dawson and Scott Allison. Arriving from

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LEFT: Mark Welte, Ken Meyer and Jim Dallas work together on Mark's differential.

RIGHT: LP Penner's '67 Convertible  
BELOW: The Corvairs lined up on the East side of the Kalp Compound. The wagon with the white top belongs to Keith Lippoldt.



# Chili

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Kansas City in another vehicle was Gary Jones and his son. Keith Hammett trucked in from Springfield, MO.

Shortly after their arrival Mike took charge of the differential refresh and Scott headed out to the lift to pull the PG shift cable out of the 4-door on the lift. Back inside the shop Lonene Ackerman, with some help, was decorating the lunch table with a St. Patrick's day theme.

Meanwhile Scott had the cable out of the transmission and thoroughly scrubbed with brake clean. He checked the condition of the

O ring where the cable goes into the case and deemed it reusable. Scott cut the shrink tube in half and slipped it over end of the cable to cover the joint between the metal housing and plastic cable cover. The shrink tube is Gardner Bender

HWT-1138 1 1/8". It is available at Menards and some Ace Hardware Stores.

With some help from Gary and a heat gun, Scott began to shrink the tubing to fit the cable.

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ABOVE: Scott Allison demonstrates the shrink tube method of PG cable repair on Ken Meyer's '66 500. Gary Jones assists.

LEFT: Mike Dawson demonstrates the assembly and set up of a Corvair differential. Gary Jones looks on.

BELOW: Scott's PG cable leak repair lesson drew an audience while working on the lift in building B of the Kalp compound.



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The tube has to shrink a lot he took his time and heated it slowly and evenly. The tube is lined with a glue/sealer that is activated with the heat and may seep out of the ends a bit. Once the tube was in place and fully shrunk, it was time to let it cool completely. This coincided with the lunch break so while the tubing chilled, everyone warmed up with a chili meal.

Installation of the cable is pretty straight forward. Place the shift lever in D(rive) , then with both accelerator rods removed the the TV lever rotate it fully counter-clockwise and hold it while the end of the cable is inserted into the transmission, bolt down the retaining clip. Check for proper installation by gently rotating the TV lever counter-clockwise. If the hole in the notched arm of the lever is below the transmission pan rail, the installation is incorrect and needs to be redone.

While Scott was wrapping up the cable fix, Mike Dawson was showing the crowd inside the shop how to adjust the bearing pre-load and check the tooth engagement pattern on Mark's differential. Soon the differential refresh was completed.

Another new MCCA member, Keith Lippold, showed up with his son. Keith purchased Art Chandler's nice '61 station wagon and had me reseal the engine and some other work. It was finished so Keith was driving it back to Pratt.



MCCA members, Mark Welte, Jay Allen and Greg Renfro at the March 2017 Cars and Coffee.

## Cars & Coffee

Saturday, March 17th is the opening day of 2018 Cars and Coffee for this year. The event is hosted by Cars and Coffee Wichita. Come on out to our opening Cars and Coffee in the parking lot of The Alley Indoor Entertainment at 11413 East 13th Street North. As always, coffee and donuts will be provided free. The show runs from 8am-11am. Turnout should be amazing, just show up and admire all the rides.

Several MCCA members have attended the Cars and Coffee shows last year and have shown an interest in attending this season.

## KS Sunflower Swap Meet at Century II

The Annual Kansas Sunflower Swap Meet for Charity will be held Friday, March 16 and Saturday March 17. This year they will be at a new venue, Century II at 225 W. Douglas Avenue in downtown Wichita.

Several MCCA members have booths at the show including: Bob & Lee Bright, Terry Kalp and Tom Stout. Fred Bybee from HACO brings down his radios and clocks from Kansas City. If you go to the swap meet be sure to stop by and say hello to the Corvair club members.

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# 2018 Events

**March 10, 2018: Saturday** March MCCA Regular meeting. Oaklawn Activity Center, 4904 S. Clifton, Ave. Wichita, KS 7 pm. Contact Lyle Ackerman 316-207-3321

**April 14, 2018: Saturday** April MCCA Regular meeting. Oaklawn Activity Center, 4904 S. Clifton, Ave. Wichita, KS 7 pm. Contact Lyle Ackerman 316-207-3321

**April 13-15, 2018: Friday-Sunday** Heart of Texas Reunion, Boerne, TX. Host Hotel Hampton Inn, 34935 IH-10 West. For more information contact: Phone: 713-410-9595 Email: corvair69@gmail.com

**April 20, 2018: Friday** April MCCA Central and West Show & Shine. Corner of Central and West streets in Wichita, KS 5-9 pm. Contact Lyle Ackerman 316-207-3321

**April 28, 2018: Saturday** April MCCA Road Trip. To be announced. Contact Ned Madsen 316-680-3483

**May 12, 2018: Saturday** May MCCA Regular meeting. Oaklawn Activity Center, 4904 S. Clifton, Ave. Wichita, KS 7 pm. Contact Lyle Ackerman 316-207-3321

**May 18, 2018: Friday** April MCCA Central and West Show & Shine. Corner of Central and West streets in Wichita, KS 5-9 pm. Contact Lyle Ackerman 316-207-3321

**May 26, 2018: Saturday** April MCCA Road Trip. To be announced. Contact Ned Madsen 316-680-3483

**June 8-10, 2018: Friday-Sunday** TriState Corvair Meet, Crested Butte, CO. Host Hotel, The Grand Lodge at Crested Butte 888-443-6715. For more information contact: <http://www.rockymountaincorsa.org/contact/>

**June 10, 2018: Sunday** June MCCA meeting and Lake Afton Car show. MacArthur Road at 247th Street West, Wichita, KS 11 am. Contact Lyle Ackerman 316-207-3321

**June 15, 2018: Friday** April MCCA Central and West Show & Shine. Corner of Central and West streets in Wichita, KS 5-9 pm. Contact Lyle Ackerman 316-207-3321

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**June 16, 2017: Saturday** Juna Tuna. Kalp Shop 2140 W. 101st Street North, Valley Center, KS 8 am till ????. Contact Terry Kalp 316-882-3056

**June 23, 2018: Saturday** April MCCA Road Trip. To be announced. Contact Ned Madsen 316-680-3483

**July 14, 2018: Saturday** July MCCA meeting and Automobilia Moonlight Car Show. First and Emporia. Wichita, KS 7 pm. Contact Lyle Ackerman 316-207-3321

**July 20, 2018: Friday** April MCCA Central and West Show & Shine. Corner of Central and West streets in Wichita, KS 5-9 pm. Contact Lyle Ackerman 316-207-3321

**July 23-July 28, 2018: Monday-Saturday** COR-SA International Convention, Pittsburgh, PA. Host Hotel The Double Tree by Hilton-Green Tree.

**August 11, 2018: Saturday** August MCCA Regular meeting. Oaklawn Activity Center, 4904 S. Clifton, Ave. Wichita, KS 7 pm. Contact Lyle Ackerman 316-207-3321

**August 17, 2018: Friday** April MCCA Central and West Show & Shine. Corner of Central and West streets in Wichita, KS 5-9 pm. Contact Lyle Ackerman 316-207-3321

**September 8, 2018: Saturday** September MCCA Regular meeting. Oaklawn Activity Center, 4904 S. Clifton, Ave. Wichita, KS 7 pm. Contact Lyle Ackerman 316-207-3321

**September 21, 2018: Friday** April MCCA Central and West Show & Shine. Corner of Central and West streets in Wichita, KS 5-9 pm.

**September 28-30, 2018: Friday-Sunday** Great Plains Corvair Roundup Wichita, KS. Host Hotel Best Western Wichita North 915 E. 53rd N. Wichita, KS 316-832-9387

**October 13, 2018: Saturday** October MCCA Regular meeting. Oaklawn Activity Center, 4904 S. Clifton, Ave. Wichita, KS 7 pm. Contact Lyle Ackerman 316-207-3321

**October 19, 2018: Friday** April MCCA Central and West Show & Shine. Corner of Central and West streets in Wichita, KS 5-9 pm.

**October 20, 2018: Saturday** Juna Tuna. Kalp

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**October 27, 2018: Saturday**  
April MCCA Road Trip. To be  
announced. Contact Ned Mad-  
sen 316-680-3483

**November 10, 2018 Satur-  
day** November MCCA Pot  
Luck dinner and meeting at  
Bob and Lee Bright's 210 E.  
Walnut, Derby, KS, 6 pm.  
Bring a chair and a side dish.  
Contact Lyle Ackerman 316-  
207-3321



# March Meeting 7 pm March 10th

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

## Bonus Photo



Ran When  
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the photo of a  
long abandoned  
EM Corvair. It  
was posted on  
the Primer &  
Rust, Rats & Rods  
Facebook page.



## Calendar

- March Meeting March 10
- H.O.T April 13-15
- April Meeting April 14
- Central & West April 20
- Road Trip April 28
- McPherson College Show May 5
- May Meeting May 12