

# The Flat Six Journal

Mid Continent Corvair Association Newsletter

April 2018

## April Snows Bring Car Shows

Despite the snow this week, it is Spring and opportunities to show off our Corvairs are everywhere. Recently MCCA officers decided to add Cars & Coffee Wichita to the events eligible for Mel Award points. For details check out the story on page eight.

MCCA events for April begin with the monthly meeting Saturday, the 14th. The following Friday is MCCA night at the Central and West car show. The next day, Saturday 21st is Cars & Coffee in the morning. The final Saturday in April, the 28th is our Road Trip to Pawhuska, OK. Details on page three. It should be a fun trip.



The Mercantile in Pawhuska, OK. MCCA is headed there for the first road trip of 2018. The store is owned by Ree Drummond star of the Food Network's hit show, "The Pioneer Woman".

MCCA is on the road again the first week in May with several members headed to the CARS show at McPherson College.

This is also the time of year that members are working on their Corvairs, or at least thinking about it. Some of this activity is related in "Project Police". If you are working on a Corvair project let your editor know so it can be included in the newsletter. Also your editor welcomes stories and story ideas for the newsletter. Mark Welte have given some great presentations at recent meetings and I know he is looking for other club members to present also.

Looking forward to another great year of Corvair activities.

## *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 April 14th 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.

**April Meeting**  
**Saturday,**  
**April 14th 7 pm**

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

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Thank you for your help.

**Lloyd Folger**



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## Pioneer Woman

# *Pawhuska, OK April Road Trip*

A Food Network show is transforming Pawhuska, Oklahoma. In 2011, the Food Network aired the first episode of "The Pioneer Woman," starring Ree Drummond. The show, which was based on Drummond's popular cooking blog, quickly turned Drummond into one of the most beloved personalities on the network.

Now, the small town near Drummond's family's ranch is reaping the benefits of the star's success.

Pawhuska is the destination for the April MCCA Road Trip set for Saturday April 28. Ned Madson announced the trip at the March MCCA meeting. Meet at Rock Rd and Madison in Derby at 8:30 am, leave at 9 am. Ned can be contacted at 316-680-3483

MCCA members will travel to Pawhuska to eat at Drummond's restaurant, shop at her general store, and revel in the "Pioneer Woman" lifestyle.

"The Merc," as it is often called by Drummond and her fans, is a triple threat: bakery, deli, and general store. The menu features some of Drummond's recipes from her blog and Food Network show.

Drummond is known for her comfort food, meaning the menu is filled with items like pancakes, mac and cheese, and chicken fried steak.

There's also a bakery-coffee shop hybrid.

The Boarding House is going to be a small eight-room inn,



Inside The Mercantile is filled with tourists. The small town of Pawhuska with 3,600 residents attracts up to 15,000 visitors a day.

located down the street from The Mercantile. According to Thrillist, nearly a dozen new businesses have

opened over the past year or so, and the town's sales-tax revenue has risen 33% across all businesses.

## McPherson Car Show

The second roadtrip of 2018 is a nice drive to a special car show on Saturday May 5th. The car show is the C.A.R.S. show at the McPherson College. This show draws a collection of very nice cars from all across the country. The entry fee to display your car in the show is \$20, \$15 if you pre-register before April 15. If you plan on entering the show, please let Ned Madsen know so he can contact the organizers to get all the Corvairs together.

The show begins Saturday and includes technical demonstrations from professors and students, live bands, shop tours, and much more.

The gates open for show cars at 8 AM, we will need to get started fairly early. The plan would be to meet at Terry's shop and be ready to leave at 8 AM. The drive to McPherson is about 40 minutes if we take the Interstate and about 45 minutes if we take back roads. We can talk about the route and other specifics at the April meeting.

# KS Sunflower Swap Meet at Century II

by Terry Kalp

With a new date and venue, The Annual Kansas Sunflower Swap Meet for Charity lives on. When the Kansas Pavilions were closed to public events after last year's event, promoters of the Swap Meet had to scramble for another location. If a suitable spot wasn't located the Swap Meet would die.

They were able to find Century II Exhibition halls available within a few weeks of the original first week of February date. So on Thursday, March 15 vendors were loading their wares into the venue.

As usual not many of those wares were Corvair related. More on this later. Several Corvair fans had booths. Dan Hagenbuch and I had a nice window view at our spaces on the North side of the exhibition space. Bob & Lee Bright, were located three rooms away at the South entrance to the main exhibition hall. Fred and Sharon Bybee were selling their refurbished radios and clocks in the balcony just above my booth. Tom and Kathy Stout had set up camp about halfway between Bob and I.

Back to the Corvair related items for sale . . . as usual there were Corvair hubcaps available at several locations. A couple of tables displayed vintage Glow-Brite Corvair replacement taillight lenses.

I almost had more Corvair items given to me than I purchased. Our old neighbor to the South while we were in the Pavilions ended up just around the corner at Century II. He stopped by and gave

me two NOS GM LM gas filler door guards. Scott Haines caught me as I went by his tables and gave me a set of Cal Custom wheel trim rings (that fit around the center of the wheel) for '60-'61 Corvairs and threw in a Corvair shirt patch also.

What I ended up purchasing was a EM sedan friction toy, a cut-away HV carburetor, and a 1966 Road & Track magazine with an article on the '66 Corvair powered Cord built by Glenn Prey.

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Moving the Winter swap meet from the Pavilions to Century II resulted in much less dust but also less exhibition area.



There were a couple of Corvair Toys at the swap meet. This pressed tin EM four-door sedan sported friction drive and working wipers.



It is just wrong to advertise Falcon parts on an EM coupe door, but this vendor did it anyway.

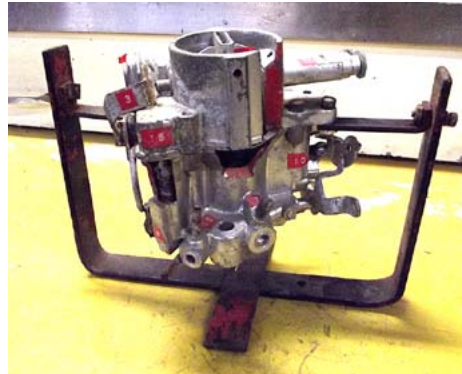
# Sunflower Swap Meet



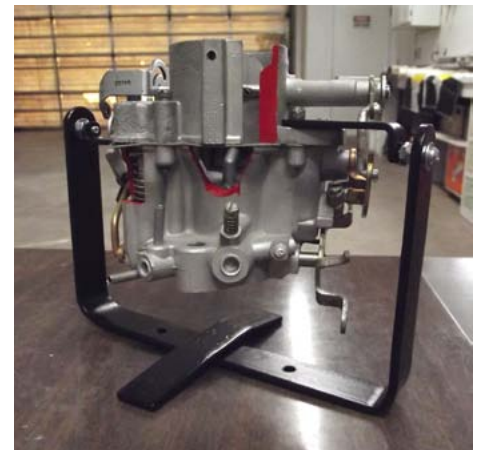
Another toy. This Structo Rampside was in rougher shape and missing the important ramp parts.



Mixed in with these GlowBrite replacement taillight lenses were two '64 Corvair lenses and a '65.



Someone spent a lot of time creating a cut-away version of the Corvair Rochester HV carburetor. Most likely it was made as a teaching aid for an automotive class.



Terry Kalp bought the cut-away then spent a couple of days cleaning and restoring it .

# Project Police . . .

There must have been some sort of a “bug” going around Derby last week. It infected **Bob Bright** and **Ned Madsen**, causing them to extract the engines from their Corvairs.

**Bob’s** long term mission was to replace the flywheel in his convertible. The rivets had loosened up and were rattling and vibrating.

**Ned’s** powerpack removal was part of the transformation of his white two-door from PowerGlide automatic transmission to a four-speed. He has completed the conversion on the interior of the Corvair and now is working on the underside. **Mike Dawson** rebuilt a posi-manual transmission differential for the project. The new four-speed transmission was rebuilt by **Ned**, who also bolted a flywheel for the project.

**Larry Lee** threw a fan belt on his “66 Corsa convertible . . . then a short while later threw it again, The second toss was accompanied by some strange sounds. Popping the hood once again **Larry** discovered the outer ring of his harmonic balancer had seperated from the hub and was rubbing on the oil filter. After consulting with **Terry Kalp** AAA was called and the Corsa was delivered to the Kalp Shop where the separated balancer was replaced with a new one **Terry** had on hand.

**Dennis Fuller** is also progressing on a project, not a Corvair, but just as important a new shop. In the last couple of months the concrete has been poured, the posts and rafters set and now the roof is on.

# Central & West Starts in April

April marks the start of the Friday night car show in the parking lot at the Southwest corner of Central and West Streets in Wichita.

MCCA has selected the third Friday of the month as a Mel Horstman Award event to try to get as many Corvairs to the show as possible. Come out to the next MCCA night at Central and West, Friday, April 20, 2018 and bring your Corvair to the Show.

Last year there were several cancellations of the shows on the third Friday. At first it was heavy rains and storms, then later in the Summer it was extremely high temperatures. Weather had not been a factor in past years, so hoping for the best in 2018. MCCA as a group started attending the show in 2014.

The show starts at 5 pm so come early as the parking lot fills up quickly. If you are planning to attend the show, but cannot make it until later, contact another member that is going and have them reserve a



Early and Late Corvairs were represented at the June 2017 Central & West show. Lyle Ackerman arrived in his '62 Monza and Mark Welte Drove his '65 Corsa. Mark Welte Photo.

spot for you. Sometimes reserving a spot works better than others. This show counts for the Mel Horstman Award. Contact Lyle Ackerman 316-207-3321

## *Cars & Coffee is a Mel Event*

In March, Mark Welte proposed to his fellow MCCA officers, "In accordance with these rules, I



Mark Welte got an early start and good parking spot for the first Cars & Coffee for 2018. Ken and Nora Meyer arrived later in Orange Crush. Welte Photo.

propose for vote to we four MCCA officers that Cars & Coffee Wichita be designated as an ongoing qualifying event for the Mel Horstman Award. What say you? Discussion?" March 24th Mark announced on Facebook that Cars & Coffee Wichita was now a qualifying event for the Mel Horstman Award.

Cars & Coffee Wichita meets from 8-11 am the third Saturday of the month in the parking lot of The Alley Indoor Entertainment at 11413 East 13th Street North. The Show starts in March and ends after October.

Saturday, March 17th was the opening day of 2018 Cars and Coffee for this year. As always, coffee and donuts were provided free. MCCA members at the March show was Mark Welte in his '65 Turbo Corsa and Ken and Norah Meyer in Orange Crush, their '66 AC 500 4-door. Mark reported that over 600 attended the March Cars & Coffee.

The next Cars & Coffee Wichita will be Saturday, April 21st. Although the show starts at 8 it fills up fast so getting to the show early is advised.

# 2018 Events

**Dates in Red are Mel Horstman points events**

**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 21, 2018: Saturday** April MCCA Cars and Coffee Show at The Alley Indoor Entertainment parking lot, 11413 E. 13th St. North, Wichita, KS 8-11 am. Contact Lyle Ackerman 316-207-3321

**April 28, 2018: Saturday** April MCCA Road Trip. Pawhuska, OK. Pioneer Woman. Meet at Rock Rd and Madison in Derby at 8:30 am, leave at 9 am Contact Ned Madsen 316-680-3483

**May 5, 2018: Saturday** MCCA Trip to CARS show at McPherson College. Meet at Kalp Shop 2140 W. 101st N. Valley Center, KS leave at 8 am 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 19, 2018: Saturday** April MCCA Cars and Coffee Show at The Alley Indoor Entertainment parking lot, 11413 E. 13th St. North, Wichita, KS 8-11 am. 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

**June 16, 2018: Saturday** April MCCA Cars and Coffee Show at The Alley Indoor Entertainment parking lot, 11413 E. 13th St. North, Wichita, KS 8-11 am. Contact Lyle Ackerman 316-207-3321

**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 Regular meeting. Oaklawn Activity Center, 4904 S. Clifton, Ave. 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 21, 2018: Saturday** April MCCA Cars and Coffee Show at The Alley Indoor Entertainment parking lot, 11413 E. 13th St. North, Wichita, KS 8-11 am. 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

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**August 18, 2018: Saturday**

April MCCA Cars and Coffee Show at The Alley Indoor Entertainment parking lot, 11413 E. 13th St. North, Wichita, KS 8-11 am. 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 22, 2018: Saturday**

April MCCA Cars and Coffee Show at The Alley Indoor Entertainment parking lot, 11413 E. 13th St. North, Wichita, KS 8-11 am. Contact Lyle Ackerman 316-207-3321

**September 28-30, 2018:**

**Friday-Sunday** Great Plains Corvair Roundup Wichita,

**April Meeting**  
7 pm  
**April 14th**  
Oaklawn Activity Center,  
4904 S. Clifton, Ave.  
Wichita, KS

## Bonus Photo



Very early prototype Corvair rear engine concept. It was posted on the Old and interesting places in Kansas Facebook page by Jim Booker.



### Calendar

H.O.T	April 13-15
April Meeting	April 14
Central & West	April 20
Cars & Coffee	April 21
Road Trip	April 28
McPherson College Show	May 5
May Meeting	May 12