

The Flat Six Journal

Mid Continent Corvair Association Newsletter

June 2018

Lake Afton, Tuna & Road Trip fill Calendar

Everyone should try to make the June meeting, Sunday, June 10th at Lake Afton at 11am. Not only is this a great place to show off your Corvair and view many other interesting vehicles, there will be MCCA officer elections. Presently on the slate are Lyle Ackerman for President, Jay Allen for Vice-president, Bill Smith for Secretary, and Ned Madsen as Treasurer. Terry Kalp has also agreed to continue as Newsletter Editor. If anyone else is interested in running for any of the elected positions, contact Lyle Ackerman.

There will also be a drawing for a free room at the Roundup from those that have sent in their registrations. The MCCA usually sets up in pretty much the

center of the show field. Bring a chair and sit in the shade with fellow club members.

The Saturday after Lake Afton will be Juna Tuna on June 16th. Contact Ned or Terry if you have a project to work on at the Tuna. More information on the Tuna is on page 3.

The next Saturday, June 23 will be the MCCA June Road Trip. Ned has a great trip planned to Medicine Lodge. See more details on the trip in the story below.

Highlights of the May meeting included quite a bit of information on the Round Up. Bill Smith of-

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Medicine Lodge is Final Spring MCCA Road Trip

We will have our final spring road trip on June 23. We will be heading west to Medicine Lodge to visit the Stockade and Carrie Nation's house. This trip should only take about 1.5 hours to drive the 80 miles. We will gather at the Westside Home Depot at Tyler and Kellogg around 9:30am for a 10:00 AM departure. There's no Interstate driving and the route is pretty easy. The next road trip after this one, will be after the Great Plains Roundup.



Daniel Goldberg was chasing an oil leak at the Mini-Tuna at the Kalp Shop on Sunday, June 3rd.

June Meeting
Sunday,
June 10th 11 am

Lake Afton Car Show
MacArthur Road at 247th
Street West, Wichita

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Join in the fun at Juna Tuna

It is Tuna time again. . Come out to Terry Kalp's shop at 2140 W. 101st Street North on Saturday, June 16th for a day of Corvair "tune-up" and repair. It is time to get you Corvair in shape.

If you need to discuss your Tuna project you can contact Ned Madsen at 316-680-3483 or Terry Kalp at 316-882-3056. Larry Lee, Alex Moats and Mike Dawson will be setting up and installing a differential for Larry's Convertible. There will be room and help for other projects.

For the noon meal the club is providing the meat. Bob Bright will be cooking on the club grill. Bring a side dish and a chair.

Even if your Corvair is running fine come out for the noon meal and Corvair fellowship, maybe even help out a fellow club member on their Corvair project.

Make sure you Corvair is ready for the road trips that are being planed for this Spring and Summer. Fun, food and fellowship . . . what more could one ask for.



Greg Renfro and Bill Smith check out the cylinder head temperture gage wiring on Greg's Corsa. Just one of the may activities during the 2017 Juna Tuna.

Project Police . . .

Ned Madsen, Added a 500 lb. lift table to the recent Quick Jack purchase. **Ned** used them both to drop the powerpack back out of his coupe because of problems with the 4-speed. He too the troublesome trans to **Mike Dawson** for a rebuild.

Larry Lee and **Alex Moats** brought **Larry's** '66 Corsa convertible to the Kalp Shop to swap out the differential and maybe chase down some oil leaks. All went well removing the powertrain. There was a lot of engine oil in the bell housing, so **Alex** dug a little deeper and located a damaged front main seal. With new gasket and seal the engine was buttoned up. As the differential was being installed **Larry** noticed the snout was cracked. **Mike Dawson** is coming to Juna Tuna and will replace the snout then **Alex** and **Larry** can get the drivetrain back in the convertible.

Ken Meyer had **Terry Kalp** install an electric fuel pump in his '66 four-door. **Terry** also hooked up the chokes and tuned the carburetors.

Terry has replaced all the top studs, replaced a broken piston and honed all the cylinders on the rescue engine he is working on.

May Meeting . . .

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ferred to help Terry Kalp in the Valve Cover Race. Greg presented a general overview of event progress. Doug Horstman shared the information he gathered from the T-shirt printing company. With the excellent turnout of Corvairs in the Student section of the MCPerson show, plans were made to contact the College next fall and try to get the student Corvair owners to participate in the Round Up. Terry mentioned that when the group from Oklahoma City came to his garage to help assemble the Valve Cover Track, they brought along the Eastwood model 135 MIG Welder to be raffled off at the Round Up.

It didn't take much sweet-talking by Lee Olsen to get Dennis Gage into Lee's Corsa for a photo opportunity. Dennis is the host of the "My Classic Car" show on the Velocity Channel and was the guest celebrity of the McPherson College Car Show.



McPherson Welcomes Corvairs, MCCA

by Terry Kalp

Three Corvairs and a Fiero headed out from the Kalp Shop, Saturday morning, May 5th. Their Destination was the McPherson College Car Show. Greg Renfro led the group in his Red Corsa. Most of the trip was a pleasant drive down Old 81 Highway. Following were Lyle and Lonnene Ackerman, Jay Allen and his dad, with Terry Kalp bringing up the rear in his F car.

It was after 9am when the group arrived on campus and the show field was rapidly filling up. Lee Olsen was already there with his black '65 Corsa SS. Also on the grounds was Kyle Smith with the white LM two-door he drove down from Michigan.

The cars were grouped on the show field by years, so the '65 and later Corvairs went one direction, while Jay's '64 went another. There were a record number of cars

at this year's event. The year span was from a late 1890s vehicle to a brand new Ford GT.

In addition to the wide variety of cars to explore, the event also

offered live music, tours of the college restoration facility, and an opportunity to see students put together a Model T Ford in just about

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Jay Allen and his father get comfortable in the shade. Jay prepared his EM Corvair to be judged by McPherson College restoration students.

McPherson welcomes

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ABOVE: Greg Renfro had his red '65 Corsa all shined up for the McPherson College show.



seven minutes. Dennis Gage was the guest celebrity this year and was often visible wandering through the crowd. Lee even convinced Dennis to sit in Lee's Corvair for a few photos.

The lunch situation was greatly improved over last year. Again there were several food trucks offering their wares, but this year they were processing meal orders fairly quickly. There was even a large dining fly with tables and chairs where one could sit and eat in the shade.

Lyle and Lonnene had to leave early. The rest of the group headed home after the 3pm Awards Ceremony was concluded.



ABOVE: It was great to see several Corvairs in the student section of the show. TOP: A very well preserved '60 Corvair 700 four-door. MIDDLE '63 Monza coupe that has been student owned for years. BOTTOM LEFT: '65 Monza convertible solid body. BOTTOM RIGHT: '65 Monza with aluminum 215 Olds engine in the back.

Venting a Locking Gas Cap

by Mark Welte

I've been using a Stant 10492 locking gas cap on my '65 Corsa, but it is not truly vented like the original. The locking gas cap has a spring-loaded pressure release valve that releases tank pressure above a certain PSI. I did some research and came to the conclusion that this pressure buildup may have been contributing to an occasional vapor lock issue I had been having. So I decided to modify my locking gas cap to be fully vented in both directions.



Stant 1042 Locking Gas Cap.

The pressure release valve is a small spring-loaded metal disc located in the steel center section of the locking gas cap, staked inside the alloy outer casting. My idea was to drill a small hole in the metal disc to allow pressure (or vacuum) in the tank to equalize with that outside the tank. I wanted to remove the steel center section of the cap before drilling the vent hole so no metal shavings would end up inside the cap, which could eventually end up in the fuel system.



Using a Dremel to smooth the staking inside the casting.

To remove the steel center section I used a Dremel tool with a small cutoff wheel to easily smooth the stakes inside the alloy outer casting. Once that was done I used a small set of channel locks to grasp the steel center section, twisting it back and forth to slide it out of the outer casting. I then drilled a small hole in the disc from inside the steel section. Working from this direction held the valve closed dur-

ing drilling (otherwise the drill bit would be pushing the valve open while trying to drill it).

I used a can of compressed air with a small straw to blow out all the metal shavings before reassembling the steel center section into the outer casting. A small cold



Finished fully vented cap with center section restaked.

chisel was used to stake the steel center section in the outer casting to complete the reassembly.

Now I have a locking gas cap that is fully vented in both directions!



Bob Welch, Pat Silver, Jim Gailey, Joe Nels and Bill Ashlock from the OKC Corvair club came to the Kalp garage May 12 to help with the VC track.



Larry Lee looks on as Alex Moats prepares to pull the bell housing on Larry's Corsa convertible. Alex replaced a damaged seal on the front main bearing.

Central & West Show

No Corvairs made it to the June 1st Central and West Show. The schedual change may have been a factor. Let's have a better turnout for the next MCCA night at Central and West, which will be Friday, July 6th, 2018.

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 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 Show

Seems like life was busy and no one made it to the May Cars & Coffee. The June Cars & Coffee falls on the same Saturday as Juna Tuna, so no Mel Award points will be given.

The next Cars & Coffee for Mel Award points will be Saturday, July 21st. Although the show starts at 8 it fills up fast so getting to the show early is advised. The show is at the Alley 11413 E. 13th North in Wichita and ends at 11.

2018 Events

Dates in Red are Mel Horstman points events

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 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. Medicine Lodge Stockade. Contact Ned Madsen 316-680-3483

July 6, 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 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 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 CORSA International Convention, Pittsburgh, PA. Host Hotel The Double Tree by Hilton-Green Tree.

August 3, 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

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

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August 18, 2018: Saturday
 August 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 7, 2018: Friday
 April MCCA Central and West Show & Shine. Corner of Central and West streets in Wichita, KS 5-9 pm.

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 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

June Meeting
 11 am
June 10th
 Lake Afton Car Show
 MacArthur Road at 247th Street West, Wichita

Bonus Photo



Looks like we are sinking to new lows for this month's "Ran When Parked" photo. David Wenzlick posted this photo of a forlorn EM Corvair on the Corvair Owners Group Facebook page.



Calendar

June Meeting	
Lake Afton Show	June 10
Juna Tuna	June 16
Road Trip	
Medicine Lodge	June 23
Central & West	July 6
July Meeting	July 14
Cars & Coffee	July 21