

The Flat Six Journal

Mid Continent Corvair Association Newsletter

November 2018



The front row at Luna Tuna. Quite a variety of Corvair powered vehicles. Left is Terry Kalp's '63 Devin C, Greg Renfro's '61 Rampside, LP Penner's '67 Monza, Lloyd Folger's '64 Monza. Behind is Owen Strawn's Ultra Van.

Nov. Meeting Italian Dinner

It is hard to believe that 2018 is winding up for MCCA. The last event of the year is a dinner meeting at Bob and Lee Bright's. They are providing Italian main dish(s) members will provide the side dishes. Remember to bring a chair

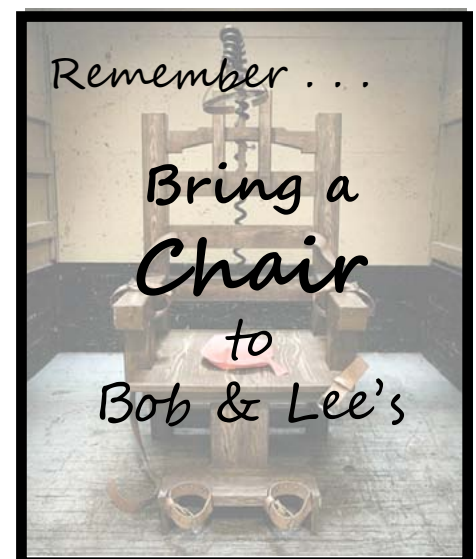
or two along. A big Thank You to Bob and Lee for hosting. There is no MCCA meeting in December.

The October meeting was led by Vice-President Jay Allen in the absence of President Lyle Ackerman. The meeting mostly was a recap of the Great Plains Roundup. The club also had to find a replacement Treasurer as Ned Madsen resigned from the position. Bob Bright stepped up and offered to be MCCA Treasurer until Officer elections in June.

MCCA activities continued thru October. Luna Tuna was Saturday the 20th. There was a nice turnout and even better weather at

the Kalp Shop. (Story pg. 4-5) The next Saturday was the road trip to Goddard (Story pg. 3).

Nov. Meeting
Saturday,
Nov. 10th 6 pm
Bob and Lee Bright's
210 E. Walnut, Derby, KS



Classifieds

FOR SALE is Tami's Air Vair. A 1965 Corvair, PG, LOS car with a/c. The a/c is converted to the 1966 style with a Sanden Compressor. It is currently not working due to a line break at the dryer. I have a new dryer and the fittings but did not get around to repair it. Original tinted windows, The 13-inch tires are two years old. Wheel cylinder, brake hoses

and master cylinder are new. The interior is in excellent condition, the body is an older restoration with flaws. There is rust in the driver door and a dent on the right front fender. The trunk is in excellent condition. The underbody is nice. The engine is a 95, Z block with 1964 110 heads. Installed are Otto valve covers.

This Vair is not a sprinter but very reliable. We were to the Conventions in Springfield and Independence, to Round Ups and several time to Wichita (MCCA) and to school. Constantly maintained and parts that needed replaced. **\$7200**
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October MCCA Road Trip/Show



The October MCCA Road Trip turned out to be a “Tying up loose ends trip.” The first loose end was a destination for the October road trip. Bill Smith and Terry Kalp had discussed some possible destinations, but nothing clicked. The second loose end was the Goddard Lions Club Car Show. It was originally scheduled to be held during the Goddard Fall Festival on October 6. Bad weather cancelled the show on the 6th. Larry Lee was looking for cars to come to the rescheduled show.

When the Goddard show was rescheduled for October 27 (the same day as the MCCA Road Trip) the plan began to come together. Bill and Tiffany Smith, met up with Gary Israel and Terry at the Kalp Shop at 9 am then enjoyed the fall colors on a back-roads trip to the Pathways Church. Larry, Ken and Nora Meyer were already set up at the show when the others arrived. Five of the 25 cars at the show were Corvairs.

ABOVE: Five Corvairs in a row. From right to left, Larry Lee’s Corsa, Bill Smith’s 500, Terry Kalp’s Monza, Ken Meyer’s 500 and Gary Israel’s EM Monza.
BELOW: Ken and Nora Meyer show off their 1966 500 Sport Sedan, Orange Crush.



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Project Progress Theme of Luna Tuna



Alan Ballard (left) and Gary Israel are replacing a bad wheel bearing and axle on Gary's '64 Monza coupe.



Larry Lee had his '66 Corsa on the lift checking the differential fluid and giving it a lube job.

When the doors of the Kalp Shop were opened for Luna Tuna, two projects were already waiting inside. Bill Smith was at the shop earlier in the week and he and Terry moved Tiffany's '61 four-door into the shop over the scissors lift. Gary Israel was also busy. Odd Ball (his '64 Monza) was scheduled for a noisy pilot bearing replace and get an oil leak fixed. However it developed a nasty noise in the rear end. Gary borrowed Terry's trailer and brought Odd Ball into the Kalp Shop Friday night.

Mark Welte was one of the early arrivals Saturday morning. His projects were to check the bearing load on a differential and to rebuild a Corvair steering box. But he got roped into making coffee before he could start on his projects.

Alan Ballard and Gary showed up and got Odd Ball up in the air to diagnose the noisy rear-end. Following the arrival of donuts were Greg Renfro and Bill, who began the process of extracting the old engine and mouse apartments from Tiffany's '61. Meanwhile Larry Lee had his Corsa up on the four post lift to check the transaxle fluid level and give it a lube job.

Allan and Gary diagnosed Odd Ball's ailment as a bad wheel bearing on the driver's side rear. They sourced a rebuilt axle and bearing from Terry and installed it.

Mike Dawson and Scott Allison arrived from

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Gary Israel (left) shares the story of his Corvair, Odd Ball with DJ and Kota Harms. Tiffany Smith photo.

'18 Luna Tuna. . .

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Kansas City. Mike dove in helping Mark adjust the differential preload and help him sort out which steering box parts fit a '65 Corvair. Mike's next task was to help Terry sort some shifting problems he was having in his LM coupe.

All that was before lunch. Traditional for Luna Tuna lunch is Greg Renfro's spicy chili and Greg came thru again this year. For the less adventure-some Welte's bought some Turkey Chili and there was pulled pork BBQ also. Of course there was the usual excellent selection of side dishes, salads and desserts. Of course there was lots of soda left over from the Roundup Hospitality room.

After lunch Odd Ball was back together and ready for a test drive. Tiffany's car was ready to have the running 102 hp engine slipped into the bay. Thank goodness there was a lot of help. This was the first time the combination of scissors lift and lift table were used to install just an engine. There were a couple of hiccups but the efforts of Greg and Bill overcame them and the 102 found a new home.

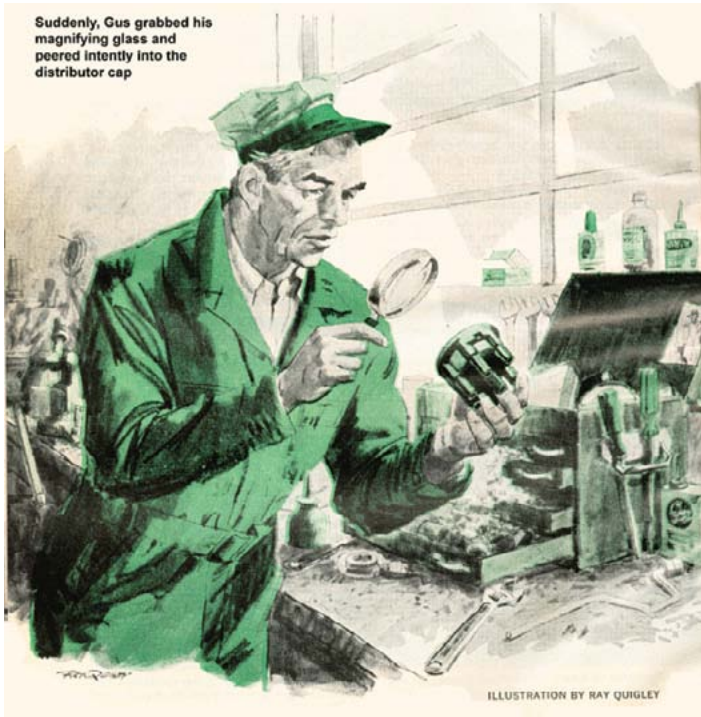
Roy Junnaman drove his LM coupe project to the Tuna. He wanted the carburetors balanced. Scott borrowed some tools from the shop and had it purring like a kitten. Soon the table was cleared, tools wiped down and put away. Tiffany's 700 was put back out to pasture. Another Tund was in the books.



TOP: Greg Renfro (under) and Bill Smith disconnect parts preparing to remove the old engine from Tiffany Smith's '61 700 four-door. Tiffany Smith photo.

MIDDLE: Lots more help appeared on the scene as '63 102 hp engine was going into the 700. The 102 was used but had been test fired on the MCCA engine run stand to make sure it was good. Mark Welte photo.

LEFT: Gary Israel (left) looks on as Terry Kalp (center) and Lloyd Folger have a little Corvair chat. Tiffany Smith photo.



Gus Gets To the Point

For several Decades, starting in July, 1920 and until the 1970's Popular Science Magazine ran stories each month about Gus Wilson's 'The Model Garage'

Month after month Gus and his partner Stan would be presented seemingly impossible to solve automotive problems and by the end of the story they would come up with a solution. I enjoyed these stories so much when I was a kid that I never forgot them. Gus and Stan never worked on a Corvair. In order to correct that I have written a modern version of the Model Garage where Gus and Stan get to fix a Corvair.

It had been a quiet week at the Model Garage. Gus and Stan were ready for a challenge when Alan pulled up with an ancient Corvair on a trailer. He had purchased the car recently and it had been setting for many years. Alan had tried starting it but was having no luck. This should be easy thought Gus, fuel, com-

pression and spark (at the correct times) that is what is needed to start an engine. Find which element is missing and the engine will start.

To check for a fuel problem Gus grabbed his handy can of aerosol carb and choke cleaner. He asked Alan to crank the engine over. The speed and evenness of the engine indicated that it was not a compression problem. Gus sprayed a mist of carb cleaner down each carburetor, no change. Most likely not a not a fuel problem.

The next easy check would be for spark. Stan found a spark plug around the shop and brought it to Gus. Gus pulled the plug wire off #1 cylinder and attached it to the spare spark plug, then grounded the base of the plug to a nearby engine bolt. Gus had Alan crank the engine again. Ah ha, no spark at the plug. Gus knew he had found the issue.

Now all he had to do is to find the fault in the ignition system. Gus knew that cars with points that sit for a long time often develop corrosion that insulates the points. Time to pop the distributor cap and break out the multi-meter.

First check was for voltage at the + terminal of the coil with the ignition on and points open. Check. Next was to check for voltage on the moving arm of the points with switch on and points open. Check. Then check for a spark at the points when they are opened and closed with the ignition on. No spark. Gus had to clean the point contact surfaces several times before he got a spark. Gus set the proper point gap, put everything back together and Alan cranked the key . . . still no start.

Back to checking. Hmmm, still no spark at the plugs. Gus pulled the cap again and checked the contacts inside the cap and the rotor for damage, they looked fine. Gus decided it pretty much had to be the coil. A known good coil was sourced and wired up loose. The cap and rotor was returned to the distributor. Alan cranked again, and again no fire.

Gus was thinking this "simple" job was getting too complex. Perhaps it was a bad condenser. A new one was installed with no better results. Perplexed, Gus decided to try a new set of points he had on hand. Once again the cap came off, points installed and everything buttoned up. This time when Alan turned the key the engine that had been silent for decades roared to life. Evidently there had been too much resistance in the old points to provide proper voltage to the coil.



MCCA Calendar

Time is running out for MCCA members to provide photos of their Corvairs for the 2019 MCCA calendar. Only about eight members have either submitted or committed photos for the 2019 club calendar. There are many club Corvairs that should be in the calendar. Deadline for photos is December 1. Photo options are listed below. If you have an interest in the calendar project contact Terry at 316-882-3056 or let him know at the November meeting.

The cost of the calendars should be between \$10-20. Existing photos may be used or new photos can be taken. If you want some help or advice taking photos, let Terry know. All Photos and orders will need to be to Terry by the First of December. Terry will be able to provide additional information.

This is not a fund-raiser the calendars will be sold at cost. If you have questions contact Terry.

Note from the Editor

I would like to thank all the MCCA members that have help make this newsletter better over the past year. Lately I have had problems remembering to bring a camera and/or take photos at club events. Several members have picked up the slack and provided excellent photos for the publication. Trying to be better at giving photo credits to these folks. Mark Welte has taken the time to write some excellent tech articles, thanks, Mark. There was a outstanding response last month when I asked for Roundup stories. If you have stories contact me at 316-882-3056.

2018 Events

November 10, 2018 Saturday 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

January 12, 2019: Saturday Pre-meeting eating. Hog Wild Bar-B-Q at 662 E. 47th St. South, Wichita, 5:30-6 on Saturday.

January 12, 2019: Saturday January MCCA Regular meeting. Oaklawn Activity Center, 4904 S. Clifton, Ave. Wichita, KS 7 pm. Contact Lyle Ackerman 316-207-3321

February 9, 2019: Saturday February MCCA Pre-Spring Fling dinner meeting at 6 pm. Location to be announced. Contact Lyle Ackerman 316-207-3321

February 16, 2019: Saturday Cold Tuna. Kalp Shop 2140 W. 101st Street North, Valley Center, KS 8 am till ????. Contact Terry Kalp 316-882-3056

March 9, 2019: Saturday March MCCA Regular meeting. Oaklawn Activity Center, 4904 S. Clifton, Ave. Wichita, KS 7 pm. Contact Lyle Ackerman 316-207-3321

April 5, 2019: 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 13, 2019: Saturday April MCCA Regular meeting. Oaklawn Activity Center, 4904 S. Clifton, Ave. Wichita, KS 7 pm. Contact Lyle Ackerman 316-207-3321

April 20, 2019: Saturday 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 27, 2019: Saturday April MCCA Road Trip. To be announced. Contact Bill Smith 316-469-9882.

2019 Great Plains Roundup

Mark your calendar for October 18-19, 2019. These are the dates for the 2019 Great Plains Corvair Roundup. The Green Country Corvair Group will be hosting the event to be held in conjunction with the Maple Leaf Car Show.

The car show is part of the Maple Leaf Festival held in Carthage, MO every Fall. The host hotel is the Precious Moments Hotel 2701 Hazel Ave. Carthage, MO. There is a special room rate of \$76.49 which includes a hot breakfast. For reservations call 417-359-5900.

Registration is \$15 and is paid directly to Carthage Maple Leaf Car Show P.O. Box 283, Carthage, MO. There is a Corvair class.

Carthage is on the traditional Rt. 66 and has preserved much of the heritage from heyday of the historical highway. Get your hotel registrations early as the festival and car show fill up local lodging quickly.

For information on the Roundup contact Marilyn Ash 918-245-0888 or Marvin Luke 918-250-1500.



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6 pm
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Bonus Photo



Known most of the time as, "the Gold Sedan", this '65 500 four-door left Kansas for a new home in Nebraska last Wednesday. Once a field find by Lee Olsen with only 29k miles, the 500 was traded to Terry Kalp. Terry then sold it to Ned Madsen, who got a title for it and restored it, Then sold it back to Terry, who eventually sold it back to Ned.



Calendar

November Meeting	Nov. 10
No Meeting in December	
January 2019 Meeting	Jan. 12
Feb. Meeting & Pre-Spring Fling	Feb. 9
Cold Tuna	Feb. 16
March Meeting	March 9