

The Flat Six Journal

Mid Continent Corvair Association Newsletter

January 2019

November Meeting

Ending up at the November MCCA meeting was much like following a list of clues to find a treasure. The November meeting was originally set as a dinner meeting at Bob and Lee Bright's for Italian food. Unfortunately Bob's mother developed medical problems just before the scheduled date for the meeting. Bob notified MCCA officers that due to the medical problems they would not be able to host the dinner meeting. It was decided to postpone the November meeting one week.

Members were notified of the change thru e-mail, Facebook, and phone calls. As the week continued on and Bob's mother's medical issues continued, the officers got together and decided that the



Brights didn't need the additional stress of hosting the dinner meeting. The decision was made to move the meeting place to Spear's. Once again notifications were made. The night of the meeting the weather was not very good, but slowly a good crowd filtered into Spear's. Inside it was warm with good food and fellowship. Three members drove Corvairs.

2018 was a busy, productive year for the MCCA. Hosting the Great Plains Corvair Roundup was the highlight. Check out the recap of a few of the 2018 club activities on pages 4 & 5 of this issue.

The January meeting will be

the start of a new adventure for the club. Plans will be made for activities and road trips in 2019.

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 January 12th 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.

Jan. Meeting

Saturday,

Jan. 12th 7 pm

Oaklawn Activity Center,
4904 S. Clifton, Ave.

Wichita, KS

Corvair for Sale

FOR SALE 1962 Corvair Monza
2 dr. PG

My father-in-law passed away. I'm selling this Corvair for my mother-in-law. There is some rust on the body but the floor and the trunk look good. The odometer reads 48,000 miles. The digits appear quite even so I don't think it is 148,000. I have not tried to fire up the motor but the motor turns by

hand so I don't believe it is froze up. The windows roll up and down good and the doors, trunk lid and hood open and close nicely. The rear bumper is bent but there is a spare. There is also a spare engine that also turns by hand. We have a key but no title.

It was stored in a building for decades on a dry dirt floor. I removed it from the building about six months ago as the building is quickly deteriorating. It can be seen on the south side of Red Rock road in Yoder, Ks. For more information call my cell at **620-960-2239**. We are asking **\$800 OBO**. Steve Hindle



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. Constantly maintained and parts that needed replaced. **\$7200 Contact Jens Mohr 620-605-7122 Oakley, KS**

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Project Police . . .

The cold weather and holiday happenings have slowed down the work MCCA members are performing on their Corvairs. **Marc Nuessen** had the body for his '63 Resto-Mod project media blasted to give a fresh surface for bodywork and paint on his Corvair. Next **Marc** broke out the measuring tape and metal working tools to create mounts for the '65 Corvair suspension trailing arms and coil springs. The trailing arm front brackets are complete, spring cups in process.



ABOVE: Marc Nuessen brings home his '63 four-door after media blasting. RIGHT & RIGHT BELOW: The more challenging part of Marc's rebuild of the '63 is adapting '65 Corvair fully independent suspension to the Early Model body. The photos show the brackets Nuessen fabricated to locate the trailing arm.



Ken Myer has been working on a 1/25th scale model of his full sized Sport Sedan, Orange Crush. He combined a resin body and an AMT kit.

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January

Three MCCA members attended the Thursday, November 16th Auction of a 45 year collection of Corvair cars and parts near Skiatook, OK (North of Tulsa) Chupps Auction conducted the sale. All three brought Corvairs home from the Auction.

William Smith purchased a '61 700 four-door from Terry Kalp. With help from Greg Renfro it was drug out of the lean-to where it had slept for two decades.

February

Greg Renfro presented the Third Annual Mel Horstman Memorial Award to Lyle Ackerman, MCCA President. The award was presented at the Pre-Spring Fling dinner/meeting at Spears restaurant.

Cold Tuna was Saturday the 17th at the Kalp Shop. Multiple varieties of chili were available. Mike Dawson and Scott Allison had great

demonstrations: fixing a PG cable leak and assembly and setup of a Corvair differential.

March

Bob Bright and Ned Madsen, pulled the engines from their Corvairs. Bob's goal was to replace the loose flywheel in his convertible. Ned's powerpack removal was part of the transformation of his white two-door from an automatic transmission to a four-speed.

Larry Lee discovered the outer ring of his harmonic balancer had separated from the hub and was rubbing on the oil filter. 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.

April

There was a good turnout for the first MCCA Road Trip of the year, traveling with the group were

Larry and Donna Lee in Larry's '66 Corsa convertible. Ned and Kathy Madsen were cruising in their '65 four-door. In non-Corvairs were Terry Kalp, Bill and Tiffany Smith. Ned planned a nice scenic trip to Pawhuska, OK.

May

The McPherson College Car Show on May 5th was the May MCCA Road Trip. 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 Lonene Ackerman, Jay Allen and his dad, with Terry Kalp bringing up the rear. Lee Olsen was already there with his black '65 Corsa SS.

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.

June

Mark and Darlene Welte along with Jens and Tami Mohr made the trip to Tri-State Corvair Meet in Crested Butte, CO On the way Mark's Turbo Corsa suffered a broken rocker arm. With a trailer ride courtesy of the Oklahoma City club and parts supplied by Steve Goodman. Mark's Corvair was back on the road for an uneventful trip home.

Nine Corvairs showed up at Lake Afton for the show and June MCCA meeting. The highlights of the meeting were election of officers and the drawing of the winner of the free hotel suite for the Roundup. MCCA officers elected for next year are: Lyle Ackerman,

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2018 In Review. . .

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President; Jay Allen, Vice-president; Ned Madsen, Treasurer and Bill Smith as Secretary.

Saturday June 30 was a MCCA Road Trip to Medicine Lodge. Making the drive were Lyle & Lonene Ackerman, Greg Renfro, Ned & Kathy Madsen.

July

The main emphasis of the July meeting was planning for the Roundup. Greg and Stephanie Renfro passed around a list of options for the buffet and a final decision was made. A list of deadlines were announced. Lonene Ackerman is setting up a tour of Karg Art Glass for Saturday morning of the Roundup.

Three Corvairs ended up at the Automobilia Moonlight Car Show and Street Party July 14th. Alex Moats and Mark Stever headed downtown Wichita mid-afternoon. Bill Smith joined them later after attending the July MCCA meeting.

August

The August meeting at the host hotel was well attended (someone counted 23 members present) Those that arrived early enjoyed an excellent meal from the buffet. For the meeting the group moved to the atrium area of the motel. First off was a tour of the motel and facilities. The location for the valve cover track was noted and the expansive banquet hall was viewed. After the walkabout the group returned to the atrium and concentrated on the details of the roundup.

September

MCCA hosted Great Plains Corvair Roundup the last weekend in September. Thanks to the leadership of Greg and Stephanie Renfro, outstanding cooperation from the host hotel management and staff, and a multitude of assistance from MCCA members, it was an excellent Roundup.

Last count was 57 Corvairs registered and 120 banquet meals served. Corvair enthusiast from seven states gathered at the Best Western Wichita North on the last weekend in September.

October

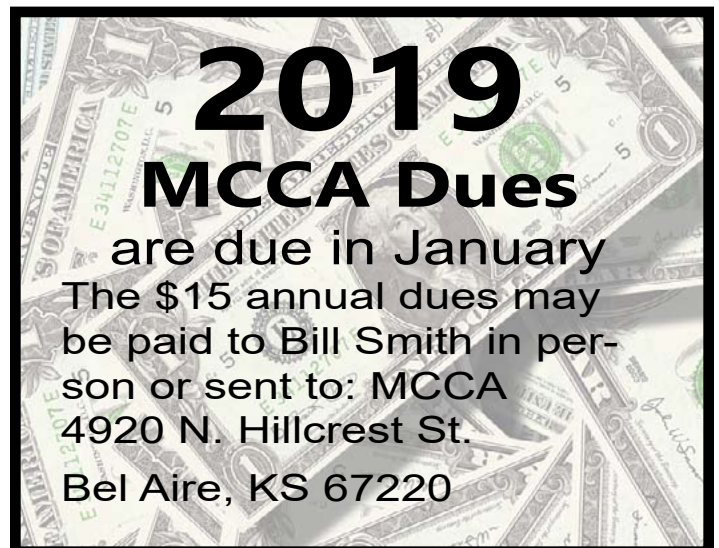
The October MCCA Road Trip was to The Goddard Lions Club Car Show on October 27. Five of the



Driving your Corvair on a rainy day is when you discover if your wiper blades are up to the job. Rather than replace the blades with clunky black plastic parts TRICO makes these Classic blade replacements. They are designed to look like the blades from the '60s. Terry Kalp found these at his local O'Reilly Auto Parts. Although the computer said they were in stock, they had to be ordered from the Wichita warehouse and showed up in an hour. Alex Moats had purchased the Classic blades from local Auto Zones also. Corvairs use 15" wiper blades.

25 cars at the show were Corvairs.

The other major October event was Luna Tuna. Bill Smith, with help from Greg pulled the non-running engine from Tiffany's '61 four-door and replaced it with a good used 102. Gary Israel (with help) replaced a bad rear wheel bearing on "Odd-Ball". Mark Welte had several projects.





by **Bill Smith**

My family and I spent the holidays in Chicago. The day after Christmas my father in law and I made the 2.5 half hour trip south to Decatur and visited the Chevrolet Hall of Fame museum which houses the Corvair museum. This attraction, including the Corvairs, draws spectators from all around.

As we waited for the attendant to return from lunch we noticed a couple of guys doing the same. We struck a conversation with the father/son duo and turns out they made the trip from eastern Pennsylvania to see some Corvairs. The father is currently restoring a 1964 Greenbriar van.

I told the gentleman about Tiff and I's cars and my friends back home (you guys). We also discussed the Roundup, MCCA outings and monthly meetings.

The attendant returned about 10 minutes after our arrival. Tim Souders (my father in law) and I paid our admission fees and the fun began. Upon entering the



GM cut-away turbo drivetrain.

museum there is a small lobby area, you pass through a door and enter a spread out area of various Chevrolet automobiles and memorabilia. At the back of the museum is another room about half the size of the main area, all Corvairs and Corvair related material.

Included in this area were: a Loadside tow truck that sported a spider gauge cluster and 140 hp engine. The Clean Air Corvair, a late model coupe that runs on propane, and also a salt flat racer that set a record of over 173 mph.

Also on display was Warren LeVeque's 1960 Corvair that was originally built by Doug Roe as part of the GM Skunkworks racing program. There was the shell

of a 1969 coupe finished by Fisher Body, but never had a drivetrain installed. Nearby was the last surviving Corvair, Number 5999, a Corvair Monza coupe.

The exhibit was filled with all kinds of interesting articles, displays, and engineering prototypes. Included were interior and exterior color chips for every year Corvair made. Clark's had a small display of their own, showcasing the items and services they offer. The exhibit is very educational and a must see for any Corvair enthusiast, especially newbies like myself.



Warren LeVeque's '60 road race Corvair restored to race trim.



MCCA Member, Bill Smith took a few minutes to pose by 1969 Corvair 5999, the last known surviving production Corvair.

HACOA Tech Session

HACOA will be holding a Mid-Winter Tech Session: Saturday, January 19, 2019. The Tech session starts at 4:00 – Dinner to Follow. Mike and Sandy Dawson are hosting the event at 16001 Oakland Ave, Belton, MO

Mike explained, “This will be a basic introduction to welding covering types of equipment, safety, and uses. **I am not a professional welder**; I took the welding course at Longview and I have used both gas and MIG to fix lots of stuff on old Corvairs. Hopefully I can pass on some of what I have learned if you are considering personal use at home.”

When feeding time arrives (approximately 5:30) Sandy will provide soup and stew with tableware, soda, coffee and adult beverage. Please bring something to compliment dinner such as veggies, chips, fruit, bread etc. Bring a chair to be comfortable and spouses are encouraged to attend the upstairs session.

Please RSVP to insure food and beverage supply, and so that I could contact you if we would need to cancel due to weather. Mike Dawson 816 322-4057, mdawson1961@sbcglobal.net

MCCA Calendars

The 2019 MCCA Corvair club calendar is out. Thirteen members submitted photos (13 month calendar) and Terry Kalp had 35 copies printed. Many of these calendars have been picked up or mailed. If you ordered a calendar, but haven't picked it up contact Terry at 316-882-3056 and make arrangements to get them delivered. Terry will be bringing them to the January meeting. There may be a couple of extras, so if you want one and didn't order one see him.

The cost of the calendars is \$11, including tax, but not shipping. This is the fifth year for the MCCA calendar project. Terry would like to thank all the members that provided photos of their Corvairs and/or purchased calendars in the past. They have made the calendar project a success.

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

2019 Events

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

January 19, 2019: Saturday HACOA Mike Dawson's 16001 Oakland Ave, Belton, MO. Tech session on welding starts at 4 pm, potluck supper about 5:30. RSVP Mike Dawson 816 322-4057, mdawson1961@sbcglobal.net

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.



Dennis Fuller's Corvair project has been building a nice shop for his Corvairs. He has it all closed in. He had to modify the garage door tracks to clear a lift, then devised a counterweight system to help open the door. Corvair parts laying around supplied the pulley and weights.

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7 pm
Jan. 12th

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Bonus Photo



This month's Ran When Parked photo was posted by Robert Sharp in the Corvair Owners Group Facebook page. Submit your Ran When Parked photos to Terry Kalp.



Calendar

January 2019 Meeting	Jan. 12
HACOA Tech	Jan. 19
Feb. Meeting & Pre-Spring Fling	Feb. 9
Cold Tuna	Feb. 16
March Meeting	March 9
April Meeting	April 13