

The Flat Six Journal

Mid Continent Corvair Association Newsletter

March 2019

Terry is the 2018 Mel Award Winner

Despite the chill in the air there was a good turnout of people and even a few Corvairs at the February dinner/meeting at Spears West. The highlights of the evening was the presentation of a couple of Awards. President Lyle Ackerman awarded Greg and Stephanie Renfro with a plaque honoring their leadership during the 2018 Great Plains Corvair Roundup. They put in many hours to help make the event a great success. Congratulations and a huge "Thank You" to the Renfros. (See photo on page 3)

Lyle then announced that Terry Kalp was the winner of the Fourth Annual Mel Horstman Memorial Award. Terry was surprised and honored by the award. He was given a beautiful individual award and his name was added to the large plaque that lists all the winners names.

The next MCCA event in February was Cold Tuna on the 16th. The threat of storms and a 19 degree temperature resulted on only a core group showing up. While it was cold outside, things soon warmed up in the shop. (See story on pages 4 & 5)

There was an informal MCCA event last Saturday, March 2. Ross Reed had stopped by the Kalp shop to invite MCCA members to check out his two Corvairs and stash of parts he wanted to sell. (See page 6)

Upcoming



President, Lyle Ackerman, presented Terry Kalp the 2018 Mel Horstman Award at the February MCCA dinner/meeting. Greg Renfro photo.

March events are the regular monthly meeting March 9th at the Oaklawn Activity Center. Come by early if you want to eat at Hog Wild.

It might be hard to believe with a few inches of snow on the ground, but the outdoor car show season starts on Saturday, March 16th with Cars & Coffee. April will be full of activity with Central & West on April 5, meeting on April 13, Cars & Coffee the 20th and the first MCCA Road Trip for Spring April 27th.

March Meeting

Saturday,
March 9th 7 pm

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

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FOR SALE 1964 Corvair Monza convertible Solid, clean driver. 110 hp engine with automatic PowerGlide transmission. Rebuilt engine and front end. Originally a Spyder. Has exhaust cutout and proper VIN. . For current price and more information call **316- 461-7890**

Thank you for your help.

Lloyd Folger



FOR SALE 1963 Corvair Monza coupe 102 hp 4-speed. Leaks oil and could use a tune up. Solid body and interior. Family crisis forces sale. \$3000, for more information call **316- 209-0008**



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Greg and Stephanie Honored for Roundup

President, Lyle Ackerman, honored Greg and Stephanie Renfro an award for their outstanding leadership during the 2018 Great Plains Corvair Roundup process. The presentation was made at the February MCCA dinner/meeting.

Pre-meeting eating

Some MCCA members will be gathering at Hog Wild Bar-B-Q at 662 E. 47th St. South, Wichita, to eat before the March 9th 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.



Past MCCA member, Eric Kline is getting back into Corvairs. He purchased this '65 Corsa near Winfield last week. Lee Olsen Photo.

When is a Cherry Picker Required for Trunk redo?



Mark Stever recently posted the left hand photo on the MCCA Facebook page, asking the question, "LETS PLAY A GAME: Guess what the Gimp is doing...." Later he posted the second photo and this response, "I used the engine hoist to lift my gimp butt into the trunk to strip paint, rust, and rodent urine. Working like this was much more comfortable." When you can't use your legs, you just need to use your head.

**2019
MCCA
Dues
are due in
January**

The \$15 annual dues may be paid to Bill Smith in person or sent to:

MCCA
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Tiffany Smith's '61 sedan didn't grow legs. Bill Smith and Greg Renfro were reinstalling the starter and checking wiring.

Cold, Cold Tuna

by Terry Kalp

It wasn't the coldest Cold Tuna in MCCA history . . . but



Buffing is one of the final steps in trim repair. LP is using a tight buffing wheel and special compound.

it was close. The coldest Cold Tuna was in 2006, when temperatures started out at 9 degrees. This Tuna started at 19 degrees.

A hot wood fire and some fresh coffee got the Tuna off to a great start. The crowd was smaller than usual because of the weather. The Kansas City folks were snowed in and stayed safe at home. About a dozen and a half local MCCA members found their way to the Kalp Shop.

Early arrivals were Mark Welte and Lyle Ackerman. Lyle started brewing the coffee and Mark was sent on a donut run. Got to have the essentials. After returning with the sugary O's, Mark grabbed Terry's dial read-out inch pound torque wrench to check the pre-load on his steering box.

After a few more arrivals, L.P. Penner showed up and Greg Renfro helped unload the heavy buffer and other items needed for L.P.'s demonstration. Around 11 am L.P. began showing a very interested crowd the process of aluminum trim restoration.

The first step is to strip the anodizing off of the part. The anodizing is a hardened surface put on the trim for protection. L.P. uses a chemical from an Air Conditioning shop called Clean Bright. After about a half hour bath the anodizing comes off with the help of a Scotch-Brite pad.

Next is getting all the dents out of the trim. L.P. showed a set of tools he has purchased and made for the process. Small hammers and dollies that fit into the tiny curves and corners are necessary. He likes to remove the dent and keep the repair a bit high. Then the

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President, Lyle Ackerman filled and warmed by the Chili prepares to call a short meeting to order.



LP Penner gave an excellent presentation on restoring Corvair aluminum trim. Bill Smith recorded the demonstration and posted it on the MCCA Facebook page. Lots of interest from the crowd.

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repair is filed down to make a smooth surface. The Corvair trim is thick enough to allow some filing.

Now that the trim is straight, time to regain the shine. L.P. starts with 180 grit sandpaper and steps down into stages to a 6000 grit wet or dry

sandpaper. Those final very fine scratches are polished out on the buffing wheel. LP uses a tight buff with special aluminum compound on it.

Soon it was lunch time. Lonene Ackerman provided festive green decorations for the table and the cabinets were filled with food. I found that two scoops of the Welte's chili mixed with one of Greg's was just the right heat for me.

Bill Smith (and several others) pushed Tiffany's '61 into the heated shop. Bill put the torque converter bolts in place from the engine swap. Greg Renfro dove in to help Bill with the starter.

Mark Stever brought in the rear axles and bearings from his '64 Corvair project. One bearing needed replacement, the other was cleaned and greased. Mark had help from Alex Moats and Terry.

Next Tuna is Juna Tuna on June 15th. I guarantee that it will be warmer than Cold Tuna.



Outside there was a dusting of snow around Mark Stever's LM. A couple of other members braved the cold and drove their LM Corvairs. Bill Smith Photo.



It was "all hands on deck" as Alex Moats, Terry Kalp and Mark Stever work to remove a rear wheel bearing from an EM axle. Mark Welte Photo.



One of the Corvairs Ross Reed had for sale was this Marina Blue '67 500 coupe. It had an updated cloth and vinyl interior, 110 hp and Auto.

Cars & Coffee Starts 4/16/19

The first Cars and Coffee Show of 2019 will be Saturday March 16th at The Alley Indoor Entertainment parking lot, 11413 E. 13th St. North, Wichita, KS 8-11 am. Get there early as it fills up quickly. A Mel Award event.

Bill's Sunday Cold Tuna



Bill Smith decided to continue Tuna activities on Sunday. First he pulled out the seats of Tiffany's sedan and discovered even more mouse houses.



Armed with gloves, a whisk broom and good vacuum cleaner, Bill dove into cleaning. His efforts paid off with much cleaner floor pans. Very little rust thru was discovered. Another nasty job completed .

Corvairs & Parts Stash

A group of MCCA members gathered at the Kalp Shop on Saturday, March 2. They were headed a couple of miles down 101st to check out a pair of Corvairs and a collection parts to be sold as a package.

On the trip were Ken & Nora Meyers, Lyle Ackerman, David Jacobson, Terry Kalp, Mark Welte,

Gary Israel plus a couple more.

Both Corvairs had Marina Blue repaints. One was a '66 Corsa convertible with a 110 that replaced a broken 140. The other Corvair was a '67 500 coupe that belonged to Reed's father. It was powered by a 110 hp engine and had a PowerGlide transmission. The carbs were off for cleaning.



The other Corvair Ross had for sale was this '66 Corsa convertible. It was also Marina Blue, sporting a 110 hp engine and four-speed.

August Cars & Coffee To Feature Corvairs

Mark your Calendars for August 17th. That is when the Wichita Cars & Coffee will give special recognition to the Corvair Club and Corvette Club. This year Cars & Coffee decided to give special recognition each month to different local car clubs. Thanks to the efforts of Mark Welte who contacted Cars & Coffee on the behalf of MCCA our Corvair club will be honored at their August event.

There will be special parking for the Corvairs in a prime location. The Saturday morning show is held at The Alley Indoor Entertainment parking lot, 11413 E. 13th St. North, Wichita, KS. The show runs from 8 am to 11 am. Lets get a bunch of Corvairs there. It might be fun to find a spot we can caravan in from.

H.O.T. April 12-14

The 23rd Heart Of Texas Corvair Reunion (H.O.T.) is set for April 12-14 in Spring Branch, Texas. The Host Club for the event is the LoneStar Corvair Club based out of Austin, Texas.

The Host Hotel is Hampton Inn, Bulverde/Spring Branch 499 Singing Oaks, Spring Branch, TX 78070 Group Code for Room Reservations: "COR-Corvair Reunion" \$129. Hotel Phone: 830-438-5007, #0.

Event Pricing: Registration: \$25/Family; Dinner: \$25/Adult; and Tshirts: \$20 each. For more information contact: Dave Brown, 1201 Spoke Hollow Rd, Wimberley, TX, 78676 or e-mail him at: corvair69@gmail.com .Dave's phone number is 713-410-9595

Tri-State May 17-19

The 2019 Tri-State Corvair Meet will take place In Alamosa, Colorado on the weekend of May 17-19, 2019. All of the event info, including the host hotel and registration forms can be found at the PPCC Website @ <http://www.corvair.org/chapters/chapter809/index.htm>

Make your reservations as soon as possible before the rooms fill up.

2019 Events

March 8-9, 2019: Friday & Saturday Kansas Sunflower Swap Meet for Charity. Century II 225 W. Douglas Ave. Wichita, KS Starts at 8 pm each day. Contact 316-943-1191.

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

March 16, 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 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.

May 3, 2019: Friday May 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 4, 2019: Saturday May MCCA Road Trip. McPherson College C.A.R.S. club Car Show. McPherson College 1600 E. Euclid, McPherson, KS. Meet at the Kalp Shop 2140 W. 101st Street North at 8am. Contact Bill Smith 316-469-9882.

May 11, 2019: Saturday May MCCA Regular meeting. Oaklawn Activity Center, 4904 S. Clifton, Ave. Wichita, KS 7 pm. Contact Lyle Ackerman 316-207-3321

May 18, 2019: Saturday MCCA Cars and Coffee Show at The Alley Indoor Entertainment parking lot, 11413 E. 13th St. North, Wichita, KS



The cover car on the March 2019 Communique belonged to MCCA members Scott Allison and Ned Madsen. Scott is driving it in the photo on the road course in Hastings, NE. MCCA member Terry Kalp took the photo. This Corvair is also featured on the Cover of the book, Performance Corvairs.

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7 pm

March 9th

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Bonus Photo



The owner told Brian Kemp this Spyder convertible "Ran When Parked". Of course that was decades ago. Since then the engine has disappeared and Mother Nature has moved in. Photo from Facebook.



<h2>Calendar</h2>	
March Meeting	March 9
Cars & Coffee	March 16
Central & West	April 5
April Meeting	April 13
Cars & Coffee	April 20
Road Trip	April 27
Road Trip	
McPherson Show	May 4