

# The Flat Six Journal

Mid Continent Corvair Association Newsletter

April 2019

## Spring: Hit the Road & Shine for Shows

Lots of Corvairs and even more people showed up for the March MCCA meeting. President, Lyle Ackerman called the meeting to order and the club got down to business.

With the arrival of Spring and even a little bit of Spring like weather area car events are sprouting all over the place. MCCA events for the upcoming months were discussed at the meeting. First up was the Starlight Drive-in show on Saturday, March 23. (see story on page 3) Several members showed off their Corvairs.

For the first Road Trip of the



April is time for April foolishness. The nationally syndicated cartoonist, Dan Piraro used a Corvair as an early Batmobile in a recent cartoon .

year Bill and Tiffany Smith have planned a nice drive to Lindsborg, KS April 27th to the Lindsborg in Bloom festival. (See flyer on page 5) Looks like a fun event. The next Saturday is the May MCCA Road Trip. The Corvairs are again heading north, this time to the McPherson College Car Show. It is always an exceptional event. (see details on page 3)

In other business members discussed creating Membership Cards. Terry Kalp said he would work on a design. The Club web page was also discussed as it has not been updated for a long time. Mark Welte offered to look into an upgrade.

Green Country Corvair Association, who are hosting the 2019 Great Plains Corvair Roundup

have been concerned about a lack of people pre-registering and getting reservations at the Host hotel. MCCA members voted to pay for two room nights at the Host hotel. The free nights can be used by GCCA to promote early registration.

Two regular MCCA Summer events started up last month. Cars & Coffee will be April 20th. Remember the show only runs from 8am till 11am. Central & West for April 5 has already occurred. The next MCCA night at Central & West will be Friday, May 3rd. Mark it on your calendar because it will be before the next meeting and newsletter. These are both events that qualify for Mel Horstman Award points. There is more information on these events inside.

**April Meeting**

**Saturday,  
April 13th 7 pm**

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

# Corvair for Sale

**FOR SALE** Orange Crush 1966 Corvair 500 Sport Sedan 4 door. 110 hp engine with automatic. Factory Air Conditioning, clock and folding rear seat.

Beautiful Orange Crush (Ford Color) exterior with a fresh tan interior. A real attention getting combination.

Supplemental electric fuel pump.

New Chrome Cragar Five spoke wheels and new 14 inch tires. Stock appearing modern AM/FM radio. \$9000, contact **Ken Meyer at 316-214-8020**. Selling because we just do not have the time to drive it.



**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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There was an impressive row of Corvairs in front of Hog Wild BBQ before the March meeting. There were at least two others that did not make the photo. Bill Smith Photo.

## *Pre-meeting Eating At Hog Wild BBQ*

Some MCCA members will be gathering at Hog Wild Bar-B-Q at 630 E. 47th St. South, Wichita, to eat before the April 13th meeting. Remember Hog Wild has moved across the parking lot to the old Long John Silvers building. 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.

## McPherson Car Show

The second road trip of 2019 is a nice drive to a special car show on Saturday May 4th. The car show is the 20th annual 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 Bill Smith 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.

Last year there were about 275 cars in attendance. The show is entirely organized and run by students enrolled in the Automotive Restoration program. They Restoration Program is 42 years old.

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.

# 2019

## MCCA

## Dues

### are due in January

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

**MCCA**

4920 N. Hillcrest St.

Bel Aire, KS 67220

## *Check out MCCA On Facebook*



Mid-Continent Corvair Association

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/105523176146520/>



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# Starlight Drive-in Benefit

By Tiffany Smith

Bill and I had the opportunity to help with the Show N Shine car show at the Starlight Drive-in on Saturday March 23rd. This event was organized by the Kansas Right Lane Society. It was the first year for the event.

81 total cars were registered the day of the event. There was a variety of cars, both old and new.

There were also a few MCCA members that brought their cars out. Thank you Owen Strawn, Bob Ferenc, Larry Lee, Gary Israel, Lyle and Lonene Ackerman for coming out to the drive in car show Saturday and representing the Corvair community. Great turnout and as always it was good to see you guys.

Starlight opened up the concessions for the attendees to get popcorn, burgers, and other snacks and drinks. The money raised by registrations and donations was donated to the drive-in and to Wichita's Littlest Heros. After the early



Caught cruising down the entrance road to the twin drive-in theatres is MCCA member, Bob Ferenc in his '63 Spyder convertible.

morning torrential rains and wind, it ended up being a nice day!

The Starlight Drive-in two screen outdoor theater opened as the Rainbow Drive-in in 1953 and operated every Summer thru 2018. It is one of only five operating in Kansas and the only one in south-central, Kansas. The Theater had

been owned by Jim Goble, who died in 2015. Chuck Bucinski inherited the property and ran it as a theater until he closed it on October of 2018 citing plans to develop the land. A movement started to save the drive-in, resulting in a new owner who plans to continue to show movies.



ABOVE: Larry Lee stands ready to answer questions at the Starlight Theatre benefit show  
RIGHT: Owen Strawn poses in front of his Ultra Van that he brought out for the Drive-in fund raiser.







(Photos from Visit Lindsborg)

**What:** MCCA Spring 2019 Road Trip

**Where:** Meet at Terry Kalp's shop in Valley Center at 8:30 to depart by 8:45.

Going to Lindsborg to the Lindsborg in Bloom festival.

**When:** Saturday April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019 (runs from 10:00 to appx. 3:00)

\*MCCA will be given a row of parking on Main Street.\*

Lindsborg in Bloom is a day-long event. It celebrates the pop culture of the 60's. There will be food, music, costumes, interactive artwork, and other activities. The merchants put out sidewalk sales. Activity maps will be offered by Lindsborg merchants.

#### **Shops on Main St:**

- \*Small World Gallery – 127 N Main
- \*The Bouquet Shop – 103 N Main
- \*Rendezvous Adventure Outfitters – 113 N Main
- \*Collections and Essentials – 110 S Main
- \*Trollislanda Toy Store – 135 N Main
- \*The Good Merchant – 131 N Main
- \*Pastries by Rachel – 126 ½ N Main
- \*Glass Decorators – 201 N Main
- \*Hemslojd, Inc – 201 N Main

#### **Coffee Shops on Main St:**

- \*Blacksmith Coffee Shop & Roastery – 122 N Main
- \*The White Peacock Tea and Coffee Co. – 124 S Main

#### **Restaurants on Main St:**

- \*Sugar Shack – 108 N Main
- \*The Swedish Crown Restaurant – 121 N Main

#### **Bar and Pubs on Main St:**

- \*Farley's Bar and Grill – 101 N Main
- \*Ol Stuga – 119 S Main

*Flyer Created and Designed by Tiffany Smith*

# '19 Corvair Performance Workshop

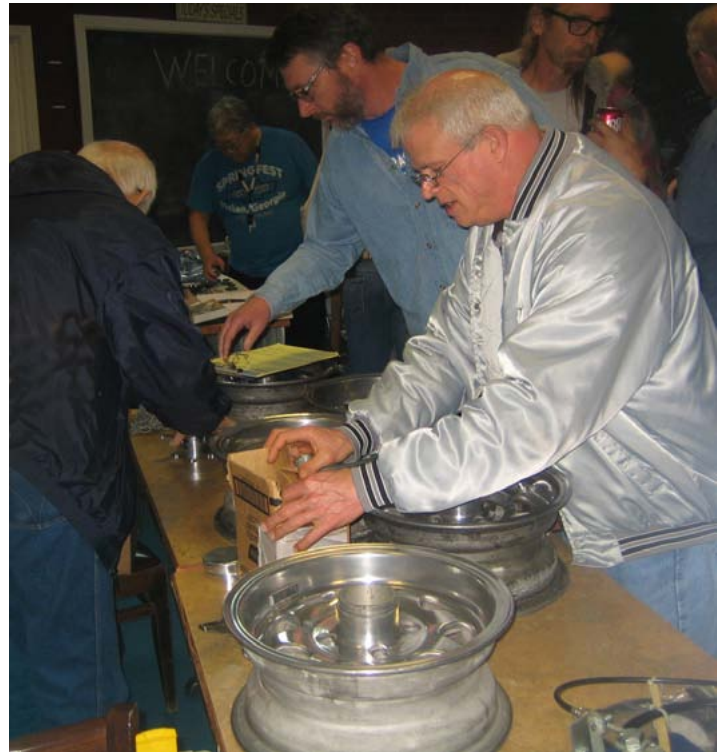
By Scott Allison

The 2019 Performance Corvair Group (PCG) Workshop did not disappoint. There were concerns early on about the “where, when and what” particulars of the event but as with any other Corvair Gathering many stepped up to bring this group of folks together. It was a pleasant surprise to discover that 2 weeks before the event it had sold out to capacity. The event took place in Decatur Illinois at the Corvair Museum April 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. Many thanks to the CPF for opening up the space and hosting the event. HACO/MCCA had 11 members at the event; Gary Jones, Jerry Lentz, Chris Green, Travis Bolton, Dick Berger, Charlie Clark, Kat King, Chaz King, Ray Sego, Dean Sego, and myself. Terry Kalp was represented as the winner of a set of wheels offered up by Smitty.

Friday afternoon began with an Open House at Mark Allen's Repair Shop where we were able to see his Crown conversions and his tube-frame track car. A tech session by John Lanning & Bob Depaolo around power steering kept the attention of many. That evening was bench racing at the hotel sponsored by the V-8 Registry.

Saturday was full of presentations, catching up with friends, and vending. The morning presentations included Autobahn Country Club Racing by Ken Hand, Electronic Instrument Panel Conversion by Dale Smiley, Frank Parker's Extreme Performance TurboVair. After lunch we heard from James Rice about 6 carbs and who first, Performance Ignition and Racing Steering Columns by Seth Emerson, Corvair Lifters by Ken Hand, Powerglide Floor Shift Kit by Mark Corbin, what Hardcore Racing Literature should be in everyone's library by Stan East, and Allan Lacki reinforcing the importance of Safety Harnesses for Road & Track.

This was the perfect kick off to the 2019 Racing Season for me as well as catching up with so many individuals that you don't see frequently. It was great to have such a representation from the two clubs at the event. In addition to the valuable information provided during the daytime the HACO/MCCA group expanded our knowledge of the Breweries that Decatur has to offer. We found Decatur Brew Works and Door 4 Brewing Co hits while Golden Fox was a swing and



Scott Allison checks out some Hands wheels that Smitty Smith had up for auction at the Performance Workshop. Behind him is Travis Bolton.

a miss. And then on the trip home we added Mark Twain Brewing to the list of hits for the weekend.

Many thanks to the multiple clubs that came together so make this event happen; the presenters, the vendors, Smitty for the auction items, the CPF/Mike Hall, Mark Allen for the tour, the V-8 Registry and the participants that were able to make the event a hit. Goes to show that if you build it they will come.

## Central & West Show

Two MCCA members drove their Corvairs to the April 5th Friday night car show in the strip mall parking lot at Central and West Streets in Wichita. But, there were not both there at the same time. Ken and Nora Meyer came early saw not other Corvairs then left. Later arrivals were Lyle and Lonene Ackerman.

The next MCCA night at Central and West will be Friday, May 3rd. The show starts at 5 pm. The parking lot fills up quickly. This show counts for the Mel Award. Contact Lyle Ackerman 316-207-3321



Bob Ferenc shows off the turbocharged engine at the March Cars & Coffee. Bill Smith photo.

## March Cars & Coffee

The first Cars & Coffee of 2019 was Saturday March 16th at The Alley Indoor Entertainment parking lot, 11413 E. 13th St. North, Wichita, KS 8-11 am. Bill Smith and Bob Ferenc represented MCCA. Bill drove his '68 500 while Bob displayed his '63 Spyder convertible. Plan to attend the April Cars & Coffee which will be April 20th. Get there early as it fills up quickly. Cars & Coffee is a Mel Award event.

Remember to mark your Calendars for August 17th. That is when the Wichita Cars & Coffee will give special recognition to the Corvair Club and Corvette Club. There will be special parking for the Corvairs and Corvettes in a prime location. This will be a great opportunity to bring attention to our favorite cars. The crowd and cars number in the hundreds for this event.

## 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>

Mark and Darlene Welte are planning on making the trip and a couple of other members are considering it. Make your reservations as soon as possible before the rooms fill up.

## 2019 Events

**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. Lindsborg in Bloom Festival, Lindsborg, Ks. Meet at the Kalp Shop 2140 W. 101st Street N. Valley Center, KS at 8:30 am, leave by 8:45. See flyer on page 5. Contact Bill or Tiffany 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

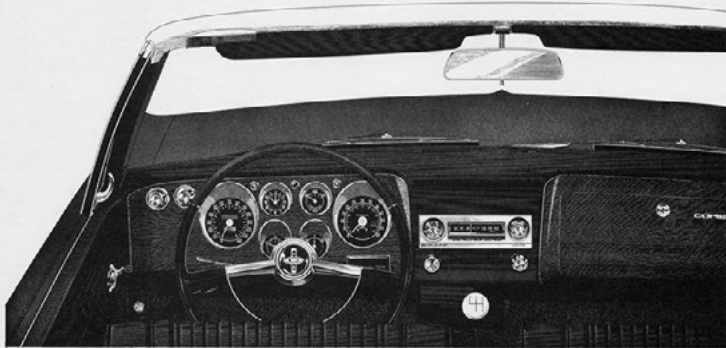
**May 18, 2019: Saturday** MCCA Cars and Coffee Show at The Alley Indoor Entertainment parking lot, 11413 E. 13th St. North, Wichita, KS 8-11 am. Contact Lyle Ackerman 316-207-3321

**June 7, 2019: Friday** June 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 9, 2019: 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



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**April  
Meeting  
7 pm  
April 13th**

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

## Bonus Photo



This photo of a Corvair fuel pump monster was taken from the internet. Lyle Ackerman was fighting such monsters last week.



## Calendar

April Meeting	April 13
Cars & Coffee	April 20
Road Trip	April 27
Central & West	May 3
Road Trip McPherson Show	May 4
May Meeting	May 10
Cars & Coffee	May 18