

The Flat Six Journal

Mid Continent Corvair Association Newsletter

May 2019



This Jet Black Thunderbird was just one of a fantastic, eclectic collection of automobiles displayed on the campus in McPherson. (More on 5&6)

On Road Trips and to Car Shows

Miles Being Put on Corvairs

The Spring like weather cited last month turned in to rain and more rains. Luckily there were breaks in the weather for the back-to-back MCCA Road Trips on April 27th and May 4th. It was pretty much different groups that went on the two road trips. (See stories on pgs 4-6)

The April meeting was short and sweet. It was over shortly after 8 p.m. President Lyle Ackerman called the meeting to order shortly after 7 p.m. and Bob Bright gave the Treasurer's report. The secre-

tary, Bill Smith was unable to make the meeting so Lyle reconstructed minutes of the March meeting from his notes. Terry Kalp was reminded to work on a design for MCCA membership cars. He promised to bring some ideas to the May meeting. David Jacobson's medical situation was updated to the group.

Roy Juenemann had the first club outing with his freshly painted (bright red) '66 Monza two door. He shared with the club a bit of the history and some of the work he performed on the Corvair. It looked

and ran great. Good seeing it back on the road. Roy and his wife took the Monza on the MCCA Road Trip to Lindsborg.

The only other scheduled MCCA activity for may after the meeting is Cars & Coffee on the 18th. June has several special MCCA events. The June meeting will be held at the Lake Afton Car Show on Sunday June 9th. It is also the annual Officers Elections. There is at least one candidate for every office except President. If you are interested in putting your name in for an Office, contact Lyle Ackerman.

Another special June event will be Juna Tuna on the 15th. This is always a fun day to spend with Corvair friends. If you are thinking about a project, Check with Terry. Central & West is June 7th and the Third MCCA Road Trip is set for June 22. A busy month.

May Meeting
Saturday,
May 11th 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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Newton Gary Moore brought the powerpack from his '66 four-door up to the Kalp Shop for a refresh. First step was to rid the engine of the remains of a decade long rodent camp out from under the turkey roaster.

Project Police

Mark Stever marked a milestone in his project. He explained it this way, "I have been hit with some medical issues and also took on a second job to get some money to get this 64 on the road. Today is significant because it marks the first day of reassembly. I am actually going to be putting it back together now...just finished up the trunk."

Excellent work Mark.

April/May Cars & Coffee

The second Cars & Coffee of 2019 was Saturday April 20th at The Alley Indoor Entertainment parking lot, 8-11 am..

Only one MCCA Corvair showed up for the April show. Gary Israel displayed "Odd Ball" his '64 Monza coupe. Gary has spent a lot of hours enhancing the patina and adding a lace job to the roof.

Plan to attend the May 18th Cars & Coffee. 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. This will be a

great opportunity to bring attention to our favorite cars. The crowd and cars number in the hundreds for this event.

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 May 11th 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.

Check out MCCA On Facebook



Mid-Continent Corvair Association

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Lee Olsen brought two cars to the McPherson show. Lee drove his Saab Sonett III while his wife drove his beautiful '65 SS Corvair convertible.

C.A.R.S. Show

By Terry Kalp

It was Gary, Larry and Terry who set off thru the fog in their Corvairs for the second Road Trip of 2019. The morning of May 4th the trio left the Kalp shop headed down old 81 Highway to the 20th annual C.A.R.S. show at the McPherson College.

Gary was driving "Odd Ball" his '64 Monza, Larry was at the wheel of "Old Blue" his '66 Corsa and Terry was in "Sherman" his '65 Monza Sport Sedan with David Jacobson riding shotgun.

The heavy fog stayed with the group until they reached McPherson. They were met at the show

grounds by Newton Gary Moore and Lee Olsen. Gary's Corvair is apart so he drove his Prius. Lee drove his barn find Sabb Sonnet III. His wife Elizabeth drove the '65 Black SS Corvair convertible. Lee even brought his sister along for the ride.

There was only one other Corvair in the show. Parked in the Student area was a LM coupe with an all aluminum 215 cu. in. Oldsmobile V8 mounted in the rear where the stock Corvair air-cooled six usually resides. It was at the show last year too. Kyle Smith, who is a McPherson alumni, works for Hagerty Insurance and lives in Michigan. Usually he drives a Corvair to the show, but not this year. He did stop by to chat with the Corvair group. Kyle often uses his Corvair as a subject in the how-to-work-on-old-cars videos he creates for Hagerty and are posted on the internet.

Donald Osborne was the featured celebrity for this year's show. He is an automotive consultant, historian, Accredited Senior Appraiser. Donald is best known

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ABOVE: This 1914 Peugeot L45 Grand Prix was one of four featured cars placed around the C.A.R.S. booth. RIGHT: One spectator appears stunned by Gary Israel's Odd Ball '64 Monza "Rat Rod".





This aluminum replica of a D Type Jaguar body was on display in the courtyard between Templeton Hall and the food trucks.

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for his current role on Jay Leno's Garage where he educates viewers on classic car values. Singing is one of his lesser known talents, but he belted out an outstanding rendition of the Star Spangled Banner to start the activities at the McPherson show.

In addition to the featured personality, the show had four

featured vehicles. The oldest was a 1914 Peugeot L45 Grand Prix. It is one of two in existence. Most noted as the originator of the dual overhead cam engine. One sold for over seven million dollars in 2017.

The second oldest, also a race car, was the 1946 Kurtis Novi Indy race car. This famed Indy 500 racer featured the Novi 183 cu. in. double overhead cam V8

in a new for 1946 Kurtis front wheel drive chassis. The race car started the 1946 Indy 500 in 19th place, worked up to first for 44 laps before a mechanical problem put them out of the race.

Turning from pure race cars to grand touring cars for the next featured car, a 1952 Ferrari 212 Inter Vignale. This slick coupe was the first of six made. It was restored at Gassman Automotive and completed in 2013. This Ferrari was put on display at the 1952 Geneva World Auto Show. The restored Ferrari was auctioned for over 1.6 million dollars in 2014.

The final featured car was a 1970 Plymouth Hemi 'Cuda. The Hemi 'Cudas were known as the King Kong of pony cars. Only 666 Hemi 'Cudas were built in 1970.

The show is entirely organized and run by students enrolled in the Automotive Restoration program. They Restoration Program is 42 years old. Tours of the facilities, technical demonstrations, a Model T build (in less then 7 minutes) plus live Jazz music were all part of the Motoring Festival.

Larry Lee and Terry Kalp were directed to their usual parking spot near this sturdy tree. The LM Corvairs were parked with other '65-'72 cars while the EMs were directed to another parking area reserved for '55-'64 automobiles.



Lindsborg Road Trip

By Terry Kalp

There was a good turn-out of MCCA members and Corvairs for the first MCCA Road Trip of 2019. Thanks to Bill and Tiffany Smith for planning a fun event.

The travelers gathered at the Kalp shop on Saturday, April 27 and left about 9 a.m. They took scenic Old 81 Highway to Lindsborg. Leading the group was Bill and Tiffany, followed by Jay Allen, Terry Kalp, Roy & Connie Juemann, Lyle & Lonene Ackerman in their Corvairs. I was the first MCCA Road Trip for Roy & Connie's bright red LM Monza two-door.

Upon their arrival in Lindsborg the Corvair caravan located their reserved parking spots on



One of the highlights of the Lindsborg Road Trip was lunch at Ol Stuga, a historic fixture of downtown. Bill Smith was checking out the dollar bills thumb-tacked to the ceiling as a Bethany graduation ritual.

Main Street. Organizers for the Lindsborg in Bloom Festival were in contact with Tiffany and arranged for the front row parking.

A brisk wind combined with a moderate temperature had the MCCA group reaching for their jackets. Once the Corvairs were settled in the group divided up. Lyle and Bill stayed by the Cor-

vairs. Jay and Terry headed to the White Peacock Tea and Coffee Company for a Caffeine boost. Connie, Tiffany and Lonene headed out for a little shopping. However it wasn't long before they ended up at the White Peacock just as Jay and Terry were leaving.

For the rest of the morning the MCCA members roamed around the downtown, checking out the quaint shops and art galleries. Usually there was at least one member hanging out by the row of Corvairs to answer questions and listen to the many Corvair stories.

Around 12:30 the members gathered at Ol Stuga, the local bar and grill for lunch. With the festival, it was quite crowded. It looked like there would not be a spot for all eight of the travelers to sit together. A nice local family moved to a smaller table and there was space for everyone to dine together. The food was excellent and the conversation even better. It was an outstanding location for lunch. After lunch some headed home while others shopped a bit.



The Lindsborg Police set up a special parking area for Corvairs on Main Street as part of the Lindsborg in Bloom celebration.



Terry Kalp and Jay Allen took a caffeine break as their first stop in Lindsborg . Tiffany Smith photo.

Central & West Show

Threatening weather kept most cars away from the May 3rd Central and West show. One of that handful of cars in attendance was Larry Lee's 1966 blue Corsa convertible.

Hopefully soon the weather and schedules will be stabilized and more Corvairs can make it to the first Friday show. The next MCCA night at Central and West will be Friday, June 7th 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



Larry Lee sent this photo and showing there was a lot of room for more Corvairs May 3. Larry Lee photo.

2019 Events

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

June 15, 2019: Saturday Juna Tuna. Kalp Shop 2140 W. 101st Street North, Valley Center, KS 8 am till ????. Contact Terry Kalp 316-882-3056

June 22, 2019: Saturday April MCCA Road Trip. To be announced. Contact Bill Smith 316-469-9882.

July 5, 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.

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

July 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

July 22-July 27, 2018: Tuesday-Saturday CORSA International Convention, Chicago, IL. Host Hotel Pheasant Run Resort, St. Charles IL.

August 2, 2019: Friday August MCCA Central and West Show & Shine. Corner of Central and West streets in Wichita, KS 5-9 pm. Contact Lyle Ackerman 316-207-3321.



A great "Ran When Parked" photo posted by Geoffery Flynn on the Corvair Owners Facebook page. Send your RWP photos to Terry.

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Bonus Photo



Eric Kline found that a Ford truck made a great 6000 lb wheel chock. He used his to help keep his Corsa from rolling out of the storage shed.



Calendar

May Meeting	May 11
Cars & Coffee	May 18
Central & West	June 7
June Meeting & Lake Afton	June 9
Juna Tuna	June 15
Road Trip	June 22
July Meeting	July 13