

The Flat Six Journal

Mid Continent Corvair Association Newsletter

January 2020

Another new event for MCCA members is a little closer. Roy Juenemann and Bill Smith put their heads together and proposed having a monthly Saturday breakfast social. This first one will be January 25 at Fat Ernie's. (See story on page 6).

February will be a busy month. The 9th will be the Pre-Spring Fling Dinner and a Meeting. The winner of the 2019 Mel Award will be announced at the Fling. The next weekend February 15th will be Cold Tuna at the Kalp Shop. Be thinking about potential projects and dig out your cold weather recipes. On the 22nd will be the second MCCA breakfast. The location has not been selected, so if you have suggestions, get them to Roy or Bill. Looking forward to another great MCCA year in 2020



New Year, New Events

The final MCCA event of 2019 was a great Italian dinner hosted by Bob and Lee Bright. There was an excellent turn out

of members, many of them driving Corvairs. Friends and food are always a great combination. A big Thanks to Lee and Bob.

Looking forward to 2020 and it should be a great year for the club. While the CORSA convention is far away in San Diego, the Corvair Preservation Foundation is putting on a Mini-Convention in Springfield, IL. The Corvair museum has been moved on Route 66 just outside Springfield and will be featured at the convention. (See story on page 6).

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 11th 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 Bill Smith know.

Jan. Meeting

Saturday,

Jan. 11th 7 pm

Oaklawn Activity Center,
4904 S. Clifton, Ave.

Wichita, KS

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FOR SALE 1966 CORVAIR \$1500 (Wichita) Have a 66 Chevy Corvair Monza 140. This is a straight and solid car that can be restored or be your parts car. Motor disassembled and comes with car. Clear Kansas title. On Wichita Craigslist under Auto Parts.



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



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**Mid-Continent Corvair
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Photo Op in western Kansas. Body damage jammed the driver's side door and damaged several windows. Sean had to crawl thru the window to get in.



Sean noted the trip went pretty smoothly. When it didn't he had the tools and knowledge needed to keep him on the road back to McPherson, KS.

It was all downhill

The question was, how to get a damaged project/parts Corvair from North Central Colorado to South Central Kansas on a student budget? Sean Whetstone's answer was to just drive it. Here is how he told the story.

"I did a thing. More specifically I drove 500 miles in 11 hours from Fort Collins Colorado to McPherson Kansas yesterday in this corvair. It has no side or rear windows. The drivers door is smashed shut and it has no interior except the drivers seat. I can't reverse in it because the shifter has so much play and I had to block of the secondary carbs with masking tape to get it to idle. It was a seriously tiring and cold experience but I'm proud the car I spent so much time working on made it, with a little coaxing."

Sean is a student in the Restoration program at McPherson College. He met several MCCA members when they participated in the Car Show at the college last Spring.



When the sun went down, so did the temperatures. Since the Corvair was missing a few windows, Sean said he had to dress like he was skiing to keep warm.

MCCA '20 Calendar

Photos were submitted and finally there were enough for Terry Kalp to put together the 2020 MCCA calendar. There were 37 calendars printed and Terry has 12 left to get to their owners. He will bring the unclaimed calendars to the January meeting. There is one spare calendar if anyone is interested. Cost is \$11 each. More calendars can be printed, but the cost increased to \$14 plus \$2 each shipping. contact Terry at 316-882-3056 if you are interested in a calendar.

2020
MCCA Dues
 are due in January
 The \$15 annual dues may
 be paid to Bob Bright in per-
 son or sent to: MCCA
 4920 N. Hillcrest St.
 Bel Aire, KS 67220

An OK Corvair Christmas

By Mark Welte

Some of you may remember our 'Tri-State Adventure' traveling to Crested Butte, CO during June of 2018 -- Darlene and I were stranded in the Colorado foothills with a broken exhaust rocker arm on the Black & Silver car. We were rescued by a caravan of helpful Corvair owners from the Central Oklahoma Corvair Association (COCA) also on their way to Tri-State.

During this adventure we became fast friends with many COCA members, and also became COCA members ourselves. This year several of our Oklahoma friends invited us to attend the COCA Christmas Party on Saturday, December 7th.

We decided to attend and made reservations at the event



Corvairs of Central Oklahoma President, David Castiaux presents Ken Drye (left) with the Capron-Dekker memorial award. Welte Photo.

hotel, the same great venue as the 2017 Roundup: Embassy Suites Oklahoma City Will Rogers

Airport. Shortly thereafter James and Ann Ergenbright found out we planned to attend and graciously invited us to stay with them while in OKC. So we accepted their offer and cancelled our hotel reservation.

When the day came the weather was sunny and warm as we drove down Saturday morning. Arriving at the Ergenbright's around 10:30 we visited with them until time to leave for the party, which was from Noon until 4 PM. When we arrived we were warmly greeted by our Oklahoma City friends and mingled for about an hour before sitting down for a wonderful buffet meal provided by the Embassy Suites staff. Following the meal,



Members and friends of COCA socialize at the Embassy Suites Will Rogers Airport before the Christmas repast. Welte Photo.

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club president David Castiaux honored several members with awards and a plaque. Elizabeth Capron and Gayle Dekker, whose husbands recently passed, were presented with Lifetime Club Memberships. Ken Drye was presented the prestigious Capron-Dekker memorial award, presented to the member who best represented the enthusiasm and love for Corvairs as exhibited by Loren Capron and Randy Dekker. After the presentations a gift exchange ensued, which was a lot of fun. Following this we visited with friends until the party concluded.

After the party, James and Ann showed us some of the sights in the local area, including a stop at their recently acquired acreage with shop where they host club meetings and events. We then returned to the Ergenbright's



Most Sunday mornings Ken Drye opens his shop for fellowship and some Corvair repair, sometimes on Ken's Corvairs sometimes on others.

home where we spent the rest of the evening into the wee hours talking with James and Ann.

Sunday morning after Darlene and I attended early mass, James and I spent some time at Ken Drye's shop helping change out transmission mounts on

Ken's '63 Spyder. It was fun hanging with all the guys.

After returning to the Ergenbright home, Darlene and I said our goodbyes to James and Ann and returned to Kansas. Overall it was a rewarding trip, with great weather, good friends, and fun



This Sunday mornings project was putting new transmission mounts into Ken's Spyder. Welte Photo.



James Ergenbright, Pat Silver, David Castiaux and Ken gather under the lift for Ken's project.



Springfield Mini

By Eva McGuire

SET THE DATE: JUNE 17-21, 2020... The Corvair Preservation Foundation is pleased to present a mini-convention called:

“Corvair - The Next Generation”, that will be held at the Crowne Plaza in Springfield, Illinois. This event is designed to attract and entertain Corvair lovers of all ages as we look to preserve the future of our hobby and its air-cooled legacy while having a lot of fun.

There will be plenty of activities including a Concours on Thursday (with the appearance of a “special” Corvair, maybe two), swap meet, tech session, funkana, road tour, banquet with guest speaker, and a new added car display event on Saturday for the working crowd. All things Corvair are welcome.

One of our exciting highlighted features this year will be special guest speaker, Mr. William Wynne of FlyCorvair.net who is well-known for converting Corvair engines into airplane engines. As a special treat, a Corvair powered airplane will be on display and William may have a surprise to go with it. Invite your aviation friends who may find this very interesting. If you want to learn more about what William does, go to You Tube and search «WW Fly Corvair».

Another new feature will be a Corvair-themed Art Show at the hotel for folks who want to bring their original paintings, sketches, renderings, photographs, or three-dimensional artwork pieces made from Corvair parts for others to enjoy. Please bring your own easel or stand for display.

The Crowne Plaza is now accepting room reservations at a rate of \$105 per night (no meals included). This hotel is pet friendly so bring your fur family members with you. You can click on the link provided below to make a reservation on line. Alternately, you can call 1-888-303-1755 and mention you are part of the group: «CORVAIR SOCIETY (CODE CV9)». The last day you can make a reservation is May 22, 2020, to obtain the special group rate.

On-line registration for the event will be available in January, and we will keep everyone updated. It will appear on corvair.org.

We hope you will be able to attend this very special event. If you have any questions, you can contact me at corvailady@gmail.com. Eva” Corvair Lady “McGuire Historian and Publicist Corvair Preservation Foundation



MCCA Breakfasts

At the end of 2019 Roy Juenemann suggested maybe club members could get together for a breakfast once a month. President Bill Smith liked the idea and the club members decided to give the idea a try.

The first MCCA breakfast will be held at Fat Ernie’s Family Dining, 2806 S. Hydraulic Ave, Wichita. The date is Saturday, January 25th. Plans are to start at 9:30. Keep the fourth Saturday of the month open because plans are to have either breakfast, a road trip or both on those days. If you have questions or suggestions contact Bill Smith 316-469-9882.



Don Cory looks on as Scott Allison demonstrates setting a carb float at the June HACOIA Tech Session.

KC Tech Session on Special Corvair Tools

HACOIA will be holding a Mid-Winter Tech Session: Saturday, January 18, 2020. Starts at 4:00 pm, Dinner around 5:30. At Mike and Sandy Dawson's home, 16001 Oakland Ave, Belton, MO

This will cover the large selection of Corvair specialty tools that are available, both commercial and homemade, which make life with Corvairs easier. I currently have over 80 for display and which I will include in the handout; probably more by printing date. If you have an interesting tool to share please bring it and we will have a group show-and-tell following the initial presentation.

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, salad or bread. Bring a chair to be comfortable and spouses are encouraged to attend; there will be an upstairs version.

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

2020 Events

January 11, 2020: Saturday January MCCA Regular meeting. Oaklawn Activity Center, 4904 S. Clifton, Ave. Wichita, KS 7 pm. Contact Bill Smith 316-469-9882

January 18, 2020: Saturday HACOIA Mid-Winter Tech Session. Starts at 4:00 pm, Dinner around 5:30. At Mike and Sandy Dawson's home, 16001 Oakland Ave, Belton, MO. Bring a chair. Please RSVP to Mike Dawson 816 322-4057, mdawson1961@sbcglobal.net

January 25, 2020: Saturday 9:30 am MCCA breakfast at Fat Ernie's Family Dining, 2806 S. Hydraulic Ave, Wichita. Contact Bill Smith 316-469-9882

February 8, 2020: Saturday February MCCA Pre-Spring Fling dinner meeting at 6 pm. Location to be announced. Contact Bill Smith 316-469-9882

February 15, 2020: Saturday Cold Tuna. Kalp Shop 2140 W. 101st Street North, Valley Center, KS 8 am till ????. Contact Terry Kalp 316-882-3056

February 22, 2020: Saturday 9:30 am MCCA breakfast. Location TBA Contact Bill Smith 316-469-9882

March 14, 2020: Saturday March MCCA Regular meeting. Oaklawn Activity Center, 4904 S. Clifton, Ave. Wichita, KS 7 pm. Contact Bill Smith 316-469-9882

March 28, 2020: Saturday 9:30 am MCCA breakfast. Location TBA Contact Bill Smith 316-469-9882

April 3, 2020: Friday April MCCA Central and West Show & Shine. Corner of Central and West streets in Wichita, KS 5-9 pm. Contact Bill Smith 316-469-9882

April 11, 2019: Saturday April MCCA Regular meeting. Oaklawn Activity Center, 4904 S. Clifton, Ave. Wichita, KS 7 pm. Contact Bill Smith 316-469-9882

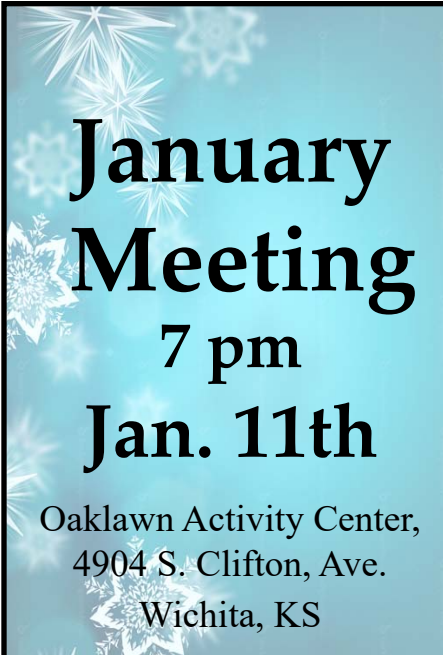
May 15-17 2020: Friday-Sunday Tri-State meet. Host Hotel Marriott Pyramid North, 5151 San Francisco Road, Albuquerque, NM.

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FOR SALE: '66 Corvair convertible. Solid floors, custom wood shifter knob. Extra trunk.

Thanks to Eric Prorise from Iowa for posting the photo of this forlorn Corvair on Facebook.





January Meeting

7 pm

Jan. 11th

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

Ten Years Ago Feature

2010 Lake Afton to feature Corvairs

Wichita Area Council of Car Clubs
Presents the 38th Annual

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Sunday, 11A.M.-4P.M.
June 13, 2010

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EMS, Sheriff, & Fire Departments

RAIN DATE:
JUNE 20

Per Sheriff & County rules: NO alcohol; NO open fires; NO burnouts; golf carts ONLY for handicapped usage.

There was a great showing of MCCA members at the November meeting of the Wichita Car Council. Doug Horstman, Greg Renfro, Terry Kalp, Ned and Kathy Madsen were present when the Council voted to feature the Corvair at the 2010 Lake Afton Car Show.

The Corvairs will be featured on the ads, posters, and T-shirts. A proposed design for the ad is shown to the left. Daryl Standifer created the design from photos submitted by MCCA members. The ad should show up first in the Cars Cruzin '10 Calender of events that is usually distributed at the end of January at the time of the Starbird Custom Car Show.

Let's try to get as many Corvairs as possible out to Lake Afton Park for the event, it can be a part of the continuing celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the first Corvairs. It will be an excellent opportunity to promote the Corvair and maybe even expand our membership. Perhaps we could drag out the Club trailer and make it roadworthy enough to take some Corvair exhibits out the show. Would be a good Cold Tuna project.



Calendar

January Meeting	Jan. 11
MCCA Breakfast	Jan. 25
February Dinner Meeting	
Pre-Spring Fling	Feb. 8
Cold Tuna	Feb. 15
MCCA Breakfast	Feb. 22
March Meeting	March 14
April Meeting	April 11