

The Flat Six Journal

Mid Continent Corvair Association Newsletter

February 2020



MCCA President, Bill Smith was having a great time at the first club breakfast. That was a huge Chicken fried Steak. See story on page 6.

Feb. Meeting, Mel Award

The February MCCA meeting will be a dinner meeting, held at Spears West at 6 pm February 8. One of the highlights of the meeting will be the awarding of the Mel Horstman Award to the member that drove a Corvair to the most club events in 2019. Mel's leadership kept the club going even in the years there were only 3 or 4 members. He was a huge advocate of driving Corvairs. More information on the award can be found on page

3 of this newsletter. Spears is just off the NorthEast corner of Towne West Square.

The year started off with a well attended, productive meeting. New members, Nick and Kayla Pool were introduced. Membership cards were distributed, and plans made for the February meeting and Cold Tuna.

The next January event was the inaugural MCCA fourth Saturday breakfast. It was a great suc-

cess. Fat Ernie took great care of the group. See more details in the story on page 6.

February will be a busy month. February 8th 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. See more details in the story on page 7.

On the 22nd will be the second MCCA breakfast. Members will meet and eat at the Huddle House in Twin Lakes. See more details in the story on page 6

Soon the weather will be getting more conducive to getting the Corvairs out to drive and display. Time to get tinkering and waxing our favorite cars.

Feb. Meeting
Saturday,
Feb. 8th 6 pm

Spears West
4343 West Maple
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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Ned Madsen
2015 Mel Award Winner



Larry Lee
2016 Mel Award Winner



Lyle Ackerman
2017 Mel Award Winner



Terry Kalp
2018 Mel Award Winner

2020 Mel Horstman Award Rules

Objective of the Mel Horstman Award:

For MCCA members to drive their Corvairs to club events.

Events that qualify for the award:

Members who drive their Corvairs to:

- Regular MCCA meetings
- Club-sponsored events
- Club-sponsored road trips
- Lake Afton
- Cars & Coffee on non-Tuna dates.
- Club-sponsored participation in Parades
- Club-sponsored monthly Central & West Friday Night Cruise-Ins
- Other events specifically designated in-advance by majority vote of MCCA officers

Specific events that do not qualify for the award

- Tunas
- National or Regional Conventions
- Other events specifically excluded in-advance by majority vote of MCCA officers

One point per event, per family who drive their Corvairs.

An MCCA officer will document an official Corvair count at each qualifying event. If an MCCA officer cannot be present at an event, an MCCA member will be designated to document the official Corvair count.

In the event of tie names will be drawn from a hat, overseen by an MCCA officer.

Start date to begin accumulating points for the Fifth Mel Horstman Award is January

1, 2020. The period covered for the award is January 1 through December 31 annually.

The first award was presented at the MCCA 2016 February Dinner Meeting, thereafter recurring annually at the MCCA February Dinner Meeting.

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MCCA Dues

The \$15 annual dues may be paid to Bob Bright in person or sent to:

MCCA
4920 N. Hillcrest St.
Bel Aire, KS 67220

Kansas City Here We Come

It was a chilly, blustery morning when Bill Smith, Mark Welte and Terry Kalp headed North from the Kalp Shop to Kansas City. The comfort of the Kalp Buick was appreciated. The goal was a HACO A Tech Session hosted by Mike Dawson.

The first stop (after a couple of potty and stretch breaks) was Scott Allison's home and garage just over the state line in the Missouri section of Kansas City. Keith Hammett from Springfield, MO was already there and the garage was warmed up. The next couple hours were spent checking out Scott's latest projects and Corvair chatter. Scott had just completed swapping the engine in Travis Bolton's station wagon over to a FC/SW block with the oil fill/dipstick toward the back and renewing a few seals.

Eventually hunger took over from the need to talk so the group of five piled in to the Buick and headed South on Holmes Road. Mexican food was suggested, so Scott steered them to Margaritas, which was on the way to the Dawson's in Belton. Great food and more talk. Soon it was time to pack back into the Buick and head farther South to Belton.

The gang of five arrived at the Dawson's only a few minutes late, unpacked their chairs, and headed for the garage. Mike had the garage nice and toasty. He also had four tables filled with the specialty tools he used to repair and rebuild Corvairs. According

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The first stop for the MCCA trio was Scott Allison's garage. One of his recent projects was building a FC/SW block engine for Travis Bolton's '62 wagon.



ABOVE: After a couple hours of bench racing at Scott's shop, it was time for Lunch. Everyone piled into the Buick for an excellent Mexican food at Margaritas. Bill Smith Photo.



LEFT: One of the Tables-O-Tools Mike Dawson had set up in his shop. The 4 pm HACO A Tech session covered speciality tools, production and home made that are available to work on your Corvair. Bill Smith Photo.

Kansas City

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to Mike there were more than 80 commercial and homemade tools he used to make life with Corvairs easier.

Of course there was a handout listing most of the tools. Just like the tools on the tables they were divided in to groups of how and where they were used on the Corvair. During the talk, Mike took the time to show the crowd each of the tools, explain how they were used and in some cases, why they were better for the task than similar tools. After his presentation, Mike opened up the floor to people who had brought along speciality tools from their collections.

As the garage was being rearranged for the pot luck supper, Mike pulled out a HV carburetor top and asked a few of the folks around what was wrong with it? After a few guesses he explained the vent was plugged with mud, causing it to operate poorly.

Supper was soup, salad, bread and desserts. More eating and conversation and soon it was time to head home. First back to Scott's house where he and Keith were dropped off then South to Wichita.



Mike explained the benefits of using a ball hone on Corvair engine cylinders. He also recommended the ball hone over the stone style for brake cylinders.



Many of the tools Mike displayed, he made. This oil cooler pressure tester was one of them. He also used PVC pipe sections and caps to create bearing and seal drivers. Bill Smith Photo.



After the formal presentation ended, Mike Dawson pulled out a HV carburetor top out and asked, "What is wrong with this?" Welte photo.

January Breakfast

Thanks to the ideas and efforts of Roy Juenneman and Bill Smith the first MCCA breakfast was a home run. Roy suggested having monthly breakfast socials, then he and Bill put their heads together to work out all the details and make it happen.

Fat Ernie's was ready for the group, they had several tables pushed together and as more and more people showed up, more tables were added. The final count indicated 16 members gathered around the checkered tablecloths.

Ernie's menu was basic traditional comfort food breakfast fare. After everyone had ordered and been served there were waffles, eggs (fixed many different ways) bacon, toast, hash browns, omelettes and one huge Chicken Fried



A happy group at Fat Ernie's as most of them had either finished or were in the process of finishing a fine January MCCA breakfast.

Steak. A fresh supply of coffee was always on the table. Service was great. There were even a few Corvairs in the parking lot.

The February breakfast will be Saturday the 22nd at the Huddle House in the Twin Lakes Center.

February Breakfast

The first monthly MCCA breakfast in January was a great success. Plans are to do it again, this time in the North end of Wichita.

The February MCCA breakfast will be held at The Huddle House, 1735 W. 21st Street, Wichita. The date is Saturday, February 22nd. The location is a free standing building on the Twin Lakes complex, next to Wendy's on the North East corner of the property. 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.



Passing the time with conversation were Terry Kalp, Bob Ferenc and Jay Allen. Breakfast had been ordered, but not served. Smith photo.



Last year at Cold Tuna, Tiffany Smith's '61 sedan got some bottom side work. Bill Smith and Greg Renfro were reinstalling the starter and checking wiring.

Cold Tuna Feb. 16th In VC at Kalp Shop

It is Tuna time. Come out to the Kalp shop at 2140 W. 101st Street North, Valley Center, on Saturday February 15th for a day of Corvair "tune-up" and repair. Time to start planning your Corvair upgrades for Spring and Summer Corvair driving enjoyment.

Doors open at 8:00 am and close when the last project is finished. There will be a Pot Luck lunch, the main dish will be Soups and Greg will be fixin' Chili. The Club will be providing plasticware, plates, bowls and napkins. There will be discussion on food and projects for the Tuna at the February MCCA Meeting. If you don't make the meeting and not sure what to bring, contact Bill Smith 316-469-9882.

Several projects are planned. Mark Welte is planning on doing some brake work. Bill Smith is continuing work on Tiffany's '61. Terry Kalp is turning Mike Dawson and Scott Allison loose on his '61 Greenbrier.

Still plenty of time and space for Corvair repair/upgrade projects. Let Terry know if you are bringing in a large or complex project so that proper space and resources can be allocated. If you need to discuss your Tuna project you can contact Terry Kalp at 316-882-3056.

2020 Events

February 8, 2020: Saturday February MCCA Pre-Spring Fling dinner meeting at 6 pm. Spears West 4343 West Maple Wichita KS. 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 The Huddle House, 1735 W. 21st Street, Wichita (Twin Lakes) 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, 2020: Saturday April MCCA Regular meeting. Oaklawn Activity Center, 4904 S. Clifton, Ave. Wichita, KS 7 pm. Contact Bill Smith 316-469-9882

April 17-19 2020: Friday-Sunday Heart of Texas Corvair Reunion. Host Hotel The Fredonia Hotel, Nacogdoches, TX 936-564-1234. Hosted by the North Texas Corvair Association north-texascorvair.org.

April 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 Bill Smith 316-469-9882

April 25, 2020: Saturday MCCA Road trip. Location TBA 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.

May 9, 2020: Saturday April MCCA Regular meeting. Oaklawn Activity Center, 4904 S. Clifton, Ave. Wichita, KS 7 pm. Contact Bill Smith

Ran When Parked

This Ran When Parked photo was sent in by- Lee Olsen. His job takes him all over Kansas.

This late 50's Chevrolet car hauler looked like it was ready to transport a load of similar vintage trucks down the road.



February Meeting

6 pm

Feb. 8th

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Ten Years Ago Feature



Terry Kalp attended the January Oklahoma City Corvair Club meeting. The first half of the meeting was a BBQ dinner and the second half was a car collection tour. Dan Boulton of Oklahoma City has been collecting Brass-era cars for most of his long life. This row of magnificent cars was just half his collection. Dan was a great host answering many questions and explaining many of the details of these almost 100 year old cars.



Calendar

- February Dinner Meeting Pre-Spring Fling Feb. 8
- Cold Tuna Feb. 15
- MCCA Breakfast Feb. 22
- March Meeting March 14
- March Breakfast March 28
- Central and West April 3
- April Meeting April 11