

The Flat Six Journal

Mid Continent Corvair Association Newsletter

March 2020

MCCA Vice-President, Jay Allen, presents Terry Kalp with the Mel Horstman Award for 2019. Terry is the first repeat winner and first to win two years in a row.



'20 Roundup Info

The 2020 Great Plains Corvair Roundup is being hosted by the Arkansas Corvair Club. Recently they announced that the dates are October 2 thru 4, 2020. The host hotel is the same as the last Roundup in Arkansas: Wyndham River Front Little Rock AR 2 Riverfront Pl, North Little Rock, AR 72114 Phone: (501) 371-9000. There is a discount if you mention the Corvair event.

Spring Schedule Filling Up

The curse of the bitter cold weather for the Pre-Spring Fling at Spears was broken this year. The mild weather resulted in a parking lot with many Corvairs outside and several tables of MCCA members inside.

The next MCCA February event was Cold Tuna. The day started out snowy and chilly. After a chilli lunch everything warmed up nicely. See story on pgs. 4&5. The final February MCCA event was breakfast at the Huddle House. It was as much fun as the first. Check out page 6 for more details on the February breakfast and the plans for March and April.

The March MCCA meeting moves back to the Oaklawn Activ-

ity Center. Some members will be getting together to eat at Hog Wild on 47th before the meeting. Everyone is welcome.

The arrival of warmer weather means that car shows will be starting up. March 21st will be the first Cars & Coffee of the year. Mark Welte once again got the MCCA to be one of the featured clubs. See page 7 for additional details.

March 28th is the date set for the third MCCA breakfast. This month is will be at Livingston's Diner, near the corner of North 21st Street and Webb Road, Wichita. For April the breakfast moves to the South Village in and will be combined with a road trip to Anthony. See details on page 6.

Pre-meeting eating

Some MCCA members will be gathering at Hog Wild Bar-B-Q at 630 E. 47th St. South, Wichita, to eat before the March 14th 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.

March Meeting
Saturday,
March 14th 7 pm

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

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A Gerald & Two Terrys Make a Small World

By Terry Kalp

Decades ago I purchased a '64 Monza AC coupe from a Gerald Black. When I picked it up from his storage garage in Udall, KS he also had three or four of the early Honda 600 sports cars (chain drive). When we executed the paperwork at his apartment, I noticed a photo of a Devin C with top and side curtains parked in the snow.

Later, going thru the paperwork that came with the car, I found some old FlatSix Journal MCCA newsletters addressed to him. The Monza was eventually sold to Steve Ziegler who had it repainted and named him "Bert". Julie Strecker purchased "Bert" from Steve and the Corvair was eventually sold to someone in OKC.

Zip ahead to 2020. While browsing Facebook I spot a post from Terry Boyce about having a disc of photos of cars owned by Gerald Black. Boyce is a Wichita native that wrote about cars for the Wichita Eagle in the late '60s and early 70's. If you remember the "peach" section that came out on Wednesdays, his stories there. He graduated to work for *Old Cars Weekly* and now has articles published in many of the collector car publications.

Back to the story. I replied that I had purchased a Corvair from a Gerald Black and wondered if it was the same man. Boyce responded with a photo of the Corvair and affirmed the we were discussing the same person. He also mentioned that a relative of his had purchased a '39 Austin Bantam project from my dad, years ago and posted a photo of the Bantam.

Curious, I asked about photos of the Devin. First Boyce responded with a fuzzy black and white photo of Black's driveway filled with unusual cars, including the Devin in full top and side curtains. Then he followed up with a half-dozen additional photos of just the Devin in black and white and color.

I shared the photos on a Devin Facebook page. John Priddy is one of the folks who responded to the photos. Priddy is very active in the Devin Community and knew Bill Devin well. In fact Priddy was pretty sure he knew some of the history of this Devin. He relayed that Devin had talked about a Devin C that went to a serviceman in Kansas that did not return from duty. In fact it had a special racing weight body. It is the Devin C that Priddy owns today. Small world.



The '64 Corvair I purchased from Gerald Black setting outside the storage garage in Udall.



The first Devin photo Terry Boyce sent was of Gerald Black's driveway crowded with interesting cars.



This black & white photo of the Devin was taken in Riverside Park. The Kansas tag reads 1966.

Cold Tuna

Cold Tuna started out true to its name, snow on the ground and the outside temperature below freezing. However, by the end of the day most of the snow had disappeared from the ground and people were wandering outside without jackets. This warming may have been because of the aftereffects of Greg Renfro's Chilli, Mother Nature, or both.

The day started with Terry Kalp building a fire in the stove, Jim Dallas providing fresh doughnuts and someone get-



Despite the chill and snow on the ground, several members drove their Corvairs to the Tuna. Parked at the front of the Kalp Shop are (L to R) Larry Lee's '66 Corsa, Lyle Ackerman's '65 Corsa and LP's '67 Monza.



Mark Welte's project was to replace the front brakes on his recently purchased '65 Corsa. A sticky brake drum and corroded fittings added to the challenge.



EM Corvairs were represented also. Parked in the snow were Bob Ferenc's '63 Spyder and Lloyd Folger's '64 Monza sporting fender skirts.

ting the coffee pot going. Mark Welte was one of the first arrivals. His plan for the day was to go completely thru the front brakes on the Corsa convertible he recently purchased.

The other major project for the Tuna was to get Terry's '61 Greenbrier running better and the manual chokes working. The duo of Mike Dawson and Scott Allison were taking on that job.

Mid morning arrivals from Oklahoma City were Bob Welch and Chris Teer. Shortly after that Mike, Scott and Chris Green made it in from Kansas City. The final long distance travelers, Keith

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Mark Welte (L) discusses his brake project with Mike Dawson (C). Jay Allen (R) listens. Jay pitched in and helped Mark for most of the day. Mike, assisted by Scott Allison worked on Terry Kalp's Greenbrier.



Lloyd Folger wasn't attacking Lee Bright with a knife, he was heading to slice the cake behind her.

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and Jacy Hammett arrived from Springfield, MO next. Folks continued to show up until there was a crowd of about 30 people in and around the shop.

Mike dove into the Greenbrier, which was down on power. After some diagnostics and a short test ride, Mike discovered a bad fuel pump, and plugged filters in the carbs. While the carbs were apart, he swapped the main jets out for larger versions.

Meanwhile Mark was making progress on the brake job. After fighting a brake drum that didn't want to come off and some brake line fittings with a similar problem, he had everything off and was ready to install the new parts.

The lunch bell rang and everyone lined up. Greg's infamous Chili was there joined by other soups and pot luck dishes.

After the meal, work and conversation continued. The valve track trailer was dug out and hitched to Keith's truck for the trip back to Missouri. By the end of the day Mark's brakes just needed bled, Terry's choke needed parts. Much had been accomplished. Thanks the Smiths for all the Tuna photos.



Dennis Fuller (L) chats with Larry Lee (C) and Lloyd. Most Tunas have more Corvair conversation than repair .



Once the eating began the noise level in the Kalp shop dropped quickly. With a good crowd and two Corvairs space was tight in the shop.

February Breakfast

The Second monthly MCCA breakfast was just as great success as the first. The February breakfast was hosted by the Huddle House on 21st Street. By the time the Corvair group arrived, the Huddle House staff had created a long line of tables down the center of the dining area.

The atmosphere was conducive to chatting and the menu full of tasty items. The wait staff provided good service to the group.

It was great seeing Lonene Ackerman out and about after her knee surgery. Bill Smith, President William Smith's father, also joining the group. Several members arrived by Corvair and were able to park together in the parking lot.

For March the breakfast heads East on 21st Street to Livingston's Diner at 9747 E.. 21st Street. More future breakfasts details are in another story on this page.



The crew at the Huddle House pushed a line of tables together thru the middle of the cafe for MCCA members. Tiffany Smith photo.



Three Corvairs showed up outside the Huddle House. Roy, Bill and Lloyd all had their Corvair out on a Saturday morning. Bill Smith photo.

March & April Breakfasts

The March MCCA breakfast will be held at Livingston's Diner, 9747 E.. 21st Street, Wichita Ste 149. The date is Saturday, March 28th. It is in the Cambridge Center just off the NW corner of N. Webb Road and E. 21st Street. Plans are to start at 9:30.

April MCCA breakfast will be at the South Village Inn and will be the starting point of a MCCA Road Trip. The date will be Saturday, April 25. Breakfast will start at 9:30. The Road Trip destination

is Anthony, KS and the 911 Memorial there. The South Village Inn is located at 3535 South Meridian, Wichita, KS. It is just a block or two North of the South 235 by-pass. There will be more information on the April event in next month's newsletter.

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.

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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

Cars & Coffee

Cars & Coffee has announced their 2020 Car Club Calendar. They had way more clubs than dates, but were able to squeeze in the MCCA as a co-featured club for September. Remember that Cars & Coffee is one of the events MCCA voted to support and it counts for points for the Mel Horstman Award. Below is a list of show dates and featured clubs.

March 21- Wichita Region SCCA
 April 18- Wichita C10 Club
 May 16- Wichita Toyota Club
 June 20- Wichita Area Mustangs
 July 18- Midwest Drivers Club/
 Wichita Supercars
 August 15- Heartland Camaros
 September 19- Mid Continent Corvair Assoc/
 Wetdub
 October 17- Midwest Motor Mafia/RevMatic

Mark Welte was instrumental in getting MCCA to be a featured club again this year. Mark noted, "Well, they took my suggestion to combine us with a VW club. Told them I thought it would be good to combine two rear engine, air-cooled marques. Wetdub is the _water-cooled_ VW club! It's all good..." Thanks Mark.

Central & West

The Friday night show and shine at Central & West streets in Wichita is another show that MCCA has voted to support. The club decided to support the show on the first Friday of the month and Mel Horstman Award points are given for driving your Corvair.

The first Central & West show of the season will be Friday, April 3. The show is held in the parking lot of the Plaza West shopping center which is on the South East corner of Central and West streets. Cars for display usually start rolling in around 5-5:30 pm. Members can arrive anytime, but some evenings the lot fills up early. The event winds down by about 9-10 pm. This is a fun event and is good exposure for the Corvairs. Pretty relaxed and low key, a great way to spend a Spring/Summer evening.

2020 Events

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 21, 2020: Saturday 8-11 am First Cars&Coffee of 2020 at The Alley 11413 E. 13th Street North, Wichita, KS Contact Bill Smith 316-469-9882

March 28, 2020: Saturday 9:30 am MCCA breakfast. Location is Livingston's Diner, 9747 E.. 21st Street, Wichita Ste 149. 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, 2019: Saturday MCCA Breakfast and Road trip. Location of the 9:30 breakfast will be Village Inn at 3535 South Meridian, Wichita, KS. The Road Trip will be to Anthony, KS to their 911 Memorial. 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 1, 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

Sean Whetstone stopped by the Kalp shop for a little carb. The wrecked Corvair is his daily driver as he attends classes in the Restoration program at McPherson College. Fixed some flipped linkage and miss adjusted choke pull offs and the 140 was running great.



March Meeting

7 pm

March 14th

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

Ran When Parked . . .



This Ran When Parked photo was sent in by Lee Olsen. Lee noted, "I have seen pictures and heard about Big Brutus since grade school finally got the opportunity to see it. Museum was closed but I plan to come back when it's open. Near Pittsburg ks. The truck to the left is an old army truck. Old road grader in photo also gives a sense of scale."



Calendar

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Cars & Coffee	March 21
March Breakfast	March 28
Central and West	April 3
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April Road Trip	April 25