

# The Flat Six Journal

Mid Continent Corvair Association Newsletter

April 2020



**Mark Stever's Helper, Theo, works with the dash harness on Mark's '64. They spent a few hours trying to figure out what wires go where. Theo had to take a nap so they called it a day. More Story on Page 3.**

## Conference Call Meeting

Our lives have changed from just a month ago. Many MCCA activities are on hold along with

nearly every other "normal" activity of modern life. All due to the coronavirus pandemic.

However, the club will remain connected thru the newsletter, and Facebook page. Thanks to the efforts of Bill Smith and Greg Renfro MCCA will conduct the April meeting over a conference call. The instructions on how to participate in the call/meeting are in the side-bar to the right. Members are encouraged to participate in the Practice Session 7-7:30 pm Thursday, April 9th. Nothing besides a

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### Conference Call Instructions

The process is pretty easy. Using your cell phone or land line call:

**701-802-5402**

After answering your call the operator will ask you to enter the code for your call.

Enter:

**892660#**

The operator will come back on and ask you to announce yourself. Say your name so everyone will know you are now on the call.

The conference call April meeting will start at 7 pm, Saturday April 11. It will be helpful to call and log in during the 10 minutes before the meeting.

Greg Renfro will Host the meeting and MCCA President Bill Smith will lead. They will be providing a Practice Session Thursday evening, April 9 from 7-7:30 pm. They encourage members to call in and try out the system at that time. That will allow Greg to associate your name with your phone number on the program and make the meeting smoother.

**Virtual Meeting  
April Meeting**

**Saturday,  
April 11th 7 pm  
Conference Call**

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# Corvair for Sale

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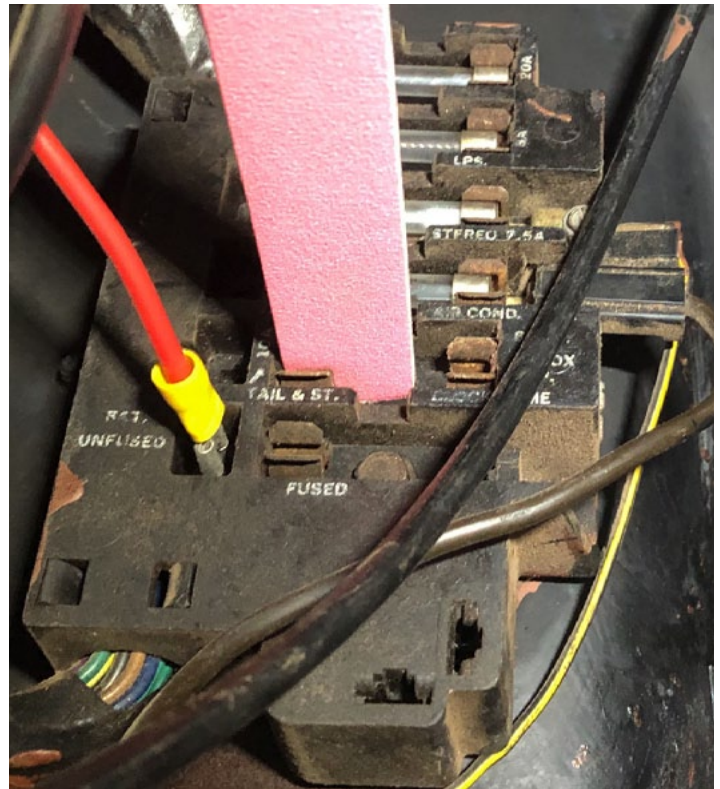
# Tech Tip: Cleaning Fuse Box Connections

By Mark Welte

Recently I had an issue where I lost brake and taillights, dash lights and courtesy lights on my '65 Corsa convertible. Troubleshooting, I found no power to the brake light switch at the pedal. I worked backward to the fuse box and found intermittent power at the 10A Tail, Stop, Dome Lamp fuse.

The clips holding the fuse in place were corroded making a poor connection and needed to be cleaned. Before starting the cleaning I disconnected the negative battery cable. To clean the clips I used a thick foam emery board. It fits well between the clips, is sturdy and flexible enough to work the angles necessary without breaking, and the underlying foam has some give, allowing the abrasive outer layer to follow the inside curve of the clip.

I cut the round end off the emery board making it square to better fit in the clip. It is a bit tedious cleaning each side of the clip separately, at both top and bottom, but the emery board works well. Once finished, a can of compressed air was used to blow the dust from the fuse clips. I reinstalled the 10A fuse and reconnected the negative battery cable, and had working lights again!



**Over decades rust invades our Corvairs, including the contacts in the fuse box. Might not hurt to check the contacts and clean them before problems occur.**

## Getting the '64 Road Ready

Mark Stever is working two jobs but still finds time to work on his '64 Corvair Monza with his helpers Alex, Bill and Theo. First project was connecting the dash panel to the new wiring harness Bill Smith put in. After chasing down a few strays it is done.

Next Alex Moats dropped by to help complete all the suspension and brakes. Once Mark and Alex completed that task, they were able to install the new wheels and tires purchased for the project. The Monza will be on the ground soon.



**Looking more complete than it has for a long time, Mark Stever's '64 coupe is on the way to become a runner this summer.**

# Ladies of MCCA

By Tiffany Smith

I never grew up around many cars. I never grew up around classic cars. I also had a dad who didn't work on cars. Fast forward to 2009, when I met Bill, he has a love of cars like no one I have ever known. A few years ago, Bill met Greg Renfro at a model car club. Greg then introduced Bill to Corvairs. When we started attending MCCA meetings, I wasn't sure what to expect. Many of the people had been in the club for a long time. What I found was the best group of people, especially the ladies! I gradually got to know the ladies of MCCA, and we became good friends. I have found a lot in common with many of them, in addition to being 'a car guy's wife.' They make me smile when I think of the good times, con-



versation, and food that we have shared. I have found life-long friends in the ladies. One of my favorite activities has been the monthly breakfasts. These meals have been a nice time to just be able to sit and visit and enjoy good food. I look forward to all of the MCCA activities in the future!



## '20 Roundup

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.

## Conference Call Meeting

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phone is required to participate in the meeting. If there are any questions about the process contact Bill Smith 316-469-9882 or Terry Kalp 315-882-3056.

The March MCCA meeting at the Oaklawn Activity Center was before the Shelter in Place orders. There was a good crowd at the meeting and before eating at Hog Wild. Most of what was discussed at the meeting is moot, because most of the activities were cancelled because of the virus threat.

The March MCCA breakfast set for March 28th at Livingston's Diner got the ax as restaurants were required to shut down their dining areas.

The first Cars & Coffee of the year, scheduled for March 21st was called off. Mark Welte arranged for MCCA to be one of the featured clubs. The Corvairs will be honored at the September 19, Cars

& Coffee. Hopefully the present restrictions will be lifted by then.

Members also missed out on the initial show and shine at Central & West in Wichita. Scheduled for Friday, April did not occur due to the limits of public gatherings.

The April MCCA breakfast is scheduled for 9:30 am, Saturday, April 25th as South Village Inn located at 3535 South Meridian, Wichita, KS. Breakfast will be combined with a road trip to the 911 Memorial in Anthony. The trip will occur depending on what restrictions are in place. Contact Bill Smith at 316-469-9882 before heading to the Village Inn.

The Heart of Texas Corvair Reunion has been cancelled. The National CORSA Convention, set for San Diego has been postponed until 2021.

Heading to the garage and giving your Corvair some care sounds like good therapy.



# DRC Parking Lot

## August 2007

By Terry Kalp

During the Shelter in Place, I have been looking thru some old photo files. In August of 2007 MCCA meetings were held at the Derby Recreation Center. For the August meeting the lot was full of Corvairs . . . mostly Early Model ('60-'64) Corvairs.



**ABOVE:** Jim Dallas brought his barn find '61 Rampside to the meeting. The Rampside was later sold to Kansas City Gary More who drove it for years.



**Carl Mitchell** owned this '66 in 2007. Later it was totaled. It was then repaired by a father and son then stripped of the drivetrain. Now Mike B is restoring it.

**Duane Grimm** fixed up this '60 for his grandsons, Alex and Ryan to drive to South High. It is parked at the Kalp Shop.



**Terry Kalp** arrived in this bright red '62 700 4-door sedan. It had been purchased from MCCA member Art Chandler. It is still in Terry's collection.



**Lloyd Folger's** '64 Convertible has been a staple in MCCA for many years



This '68 500, 140, 4-speed was donated to the club and auctioned off. Alex Moats won the auction and is slowly restoring the rare Corvair.

**BELOW:** Mel Horstman drove his recently restored Monza to the meeting. An interesting option on this convertible was the factory air conditioning.







To adapt the Alero seats to a Corvair a portion of the front seat rail needs to be bent 90 degrees and a hole drilled in the proper spot.



On the rear of the track, just drill a matching hole in the floor.

**2020**  
**MCCA Dues**  
 The \$15 annual dues may be paid to Bob Bright in person or sent to:  
 MCCA  
 210 E. Walnut St  
 Derby, KS 67037

# Bucket Seat Swap

by Larry Lee

A few months ago Terry Kalp called me and said he had a moral dilemma. He had traded for some bucket seats that were close to what he wanted for one of his projects, but he knew a guy, that might need them and invited me to look at them.

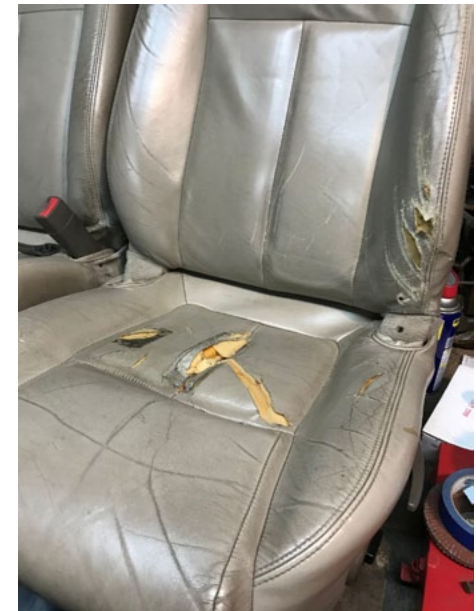
I did.... My jaw dropped.... They were the exact match for the worn Olds Alero seats I had in my '66 Corsa convertible. Exact might even be an understatement, as they are in better shape than the ones I took out of my Alero before I sold it. The old ones have over 100,000 miles on them between the Alero and the Corvair.

The new ones looked new. Only the driver's seat on each set were powered. I thought I might be able to put the old driver's side electric base on the passenger side, but the factory assembly of the seat clearly has the leather on last, and I decided dismantling had too many opportunities to ruin a seat. So it is electric adjust only on drivers side. Since all the seat controls are on the seat it is easy to keep the power seat feature by just running a fused hot wire to the seat.

For those of you who might want to consider a similar switch, I think most GM mid size car bucket seats from about 1995 to 2005 have a similar base and adapting them to a Corvair is relatively simple. Bend the front tangs, 90 degrees and drill a hole to match



The "new" Alero seats perk up the interior of Larry Lee's Corsa.



The "old" Alero seats had served Larry well, first in his Alero then later in his Corsa Convertible. The leather wears well, but not forever.

where you need it for the Corvair. Then decide whether you want a new hole in the Corvair or an off center hole in the new seat base for the rear. Fish a wire to the seat area and power it up.

Thank you Terry.



Pictured above are a few of the FDNY firefighters who came to help in the Anthony, KS 911 memorial dedication on Sept. 2004. Several return annually to visit the memorial and join some of the local firefighters to spend some time deer hunting.

## April Breakfast/Trip

The March MCCA breakfast was cancelled due to restaurants closing their dining rooms and the state wide Shelter in place order. These actions were necessary because of the Coronavirus pandemic.

If the restrictions are lifted in time, the 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 outdoor 911 Memorial there. Lloyd Folger has arranged for a tour of a small private classic car collection also in Anthony. 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. Please give President, Bill Smith a call at 316-469-9882 to make sure the trip is still on.

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.

## 2020 Events

**April 11, 2020: Saturday** April MCCA meeting. Via Conference call 7 pm. Contact Bill Smith 316-469-9882

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

**April 18, 2020: 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 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 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

**May 9, 2020: Saturday** May MCCA Regular meeting. Oaklawn Activity Center, 4904 S. Clifton, Ave. Wichita, KS 7 pm. Contact Bill Smith 316-469-9882

**May 16, 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

**May 23, 2020: Saturday** MCCA Breakfast and Road trip. To be Announced. Contact Bill Smith 316-469-9882

**June 5, 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

**June 14, 2020: Saturday** April MCCA meeting combined with the Lake Afton Car Show, Wichita, KS 7 pm. Contact Bill Smith 316-469-9882

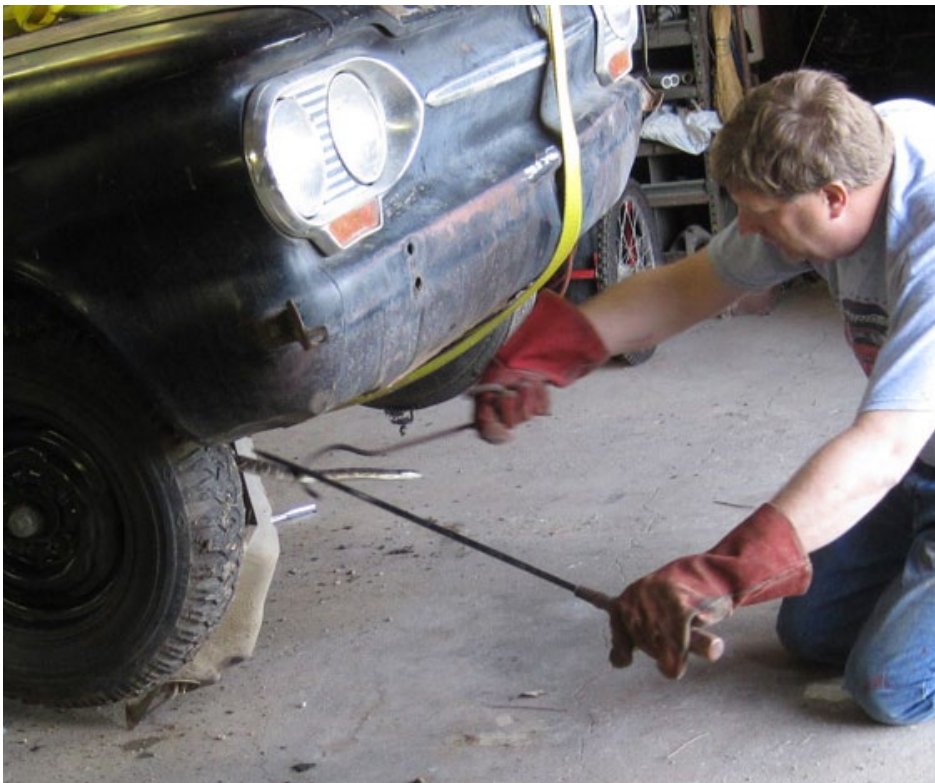




Sean Whetstone stopped by the Kalp shop again this month. This time to check out his Corvair for the trip back to Ft. Collins, CO. MacPherson College started Spring Break and was shutting down the campus for the rest of the semester. He lost the hood on the trip to the shop.

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## Ten Years Ago...



The April 2010 FlatSix Journal reported on the trip that Greg Renfro, Terry Kalp, Bernie and Julie Strecker took to Nebraska to pick up a barn find '63 Monza coupe. The coupe would be a school car for Ben, Greg's son. The Monza has suffered an engine fire and had set for years. One project was pulling the gas tank. That disturbed a hibernating snake. While Greg dealt with the snake, Terry held the camera.



**Calendar**

April Meeting	April 11
Conference Call	
Cars & Coffee	April 18
<b>CANCELLED</b>	
April Road Trip	April 25
Central & West	May 1
May Meeting	May 9
Cars & Coffee	May 16