

# The Flat Six Journal

Mid Continent Corvair Association Newsletter

May 2020

Lyle and Lonene's Granddaughter, Abby is one of the High School Seniors missing out on a formal graduation ceremony. Last week she donned her cap and gown, then picked up her diploma, witnessed only by a couple of officials. The Ackerman's decided to have a drive-by celebration in their Corvair Corsa. More photos of MCCA members out and about in their Corvairs on Page 3.



## May Phone Meeting

The good news is that the April Conference Call Meeting went very well. Ten members participated and the discussion was excellent. The bad news is that enough Coronavirus pandemic restrictions remain in place that the May MCCA meeting will be by Conference Call. The procedure will be the same, including phone number and code number. Specific

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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 May meeting will start a 7 pm, Saturday May 9. 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. The April meeting had ten participants and went very smoothly.

Hopefully by June the pandemic restrictions will have been lifted enough for MCCA can resume the in-person meetings.

### Virtual Meeting May Meeting

Saturday,  
May 9th 7 pm  
Conference Call  
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# Corvair for Sale

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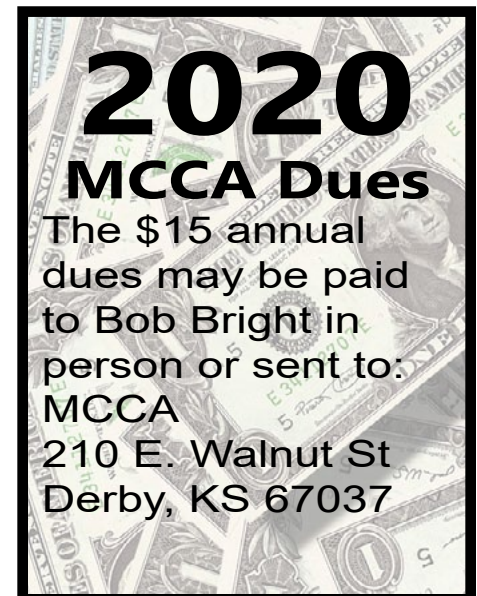


**FOR SALE 1965 Corvair Monza**  
4-speed 95hp Corbeau front seats, rear seat redone to match, front disc brakes, Bluetooth radio. Volt, oil pressure and temperature gauges. Finned aluminum oil pan. Everything works. Body has some lumps and bumps. Drive anywhere. \$3750 Call or Text Terry 316-882-3056 or email [tkalp@cox.net](mailto:tkalp@cox.net)

**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. Lloyd Folger

**FOR SALE 1966 Corvair Price lowered to \$1000 (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. Call or Text 512-585-6469



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**ABOVE:** Darlene Welte got her first ride in Mark's recently acquired Corsa convertible. Ched'R' poppers and milkshakes were the treats.

**BELOW:** Bob and Lee Bright also hit the Derby Sonic in Bob's '65 Monza convertible. They also took the Corvair for popcorn and drinks from the Derby Plaza Theatres on a Friday night.



## May Meeting by Phone

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instructions are on the front page of this newsletter. Nothing besides a 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 April conference call meeting consisted mostly of shuffling the MCCA Events Calendar because of the Shelter in Place restrictions. The June meeting will be combined with Juna Tuna and will be held on Saturday June 13. The Lake Afton car show is scheduled for the next day, Sunday, June 14, but it will most likely be cancelled because of Shelter in Place rules on gathering size.

The second Cars & Coffee of the year, scheduled for April 18th was cancelled because of Shelter in Place. The May 16 C&C will not be held for the same reason. Mark Welte arranged for MCCA to be one of the featured clubs. The Corvairs will be honored at the September 19, Cars & Coffee. The present restrictions will be lifted by then.

The show and shine at Central & West in Wichita. Scheduled for Friday, May 1st did not occur due to the limits on public gatherings. The June 5th event will be cancelled also.

The April MCCA Road Trip set for 9:30 am, Saturday, April 25th was rescheduled to Saturday, May 30th. MCCA members will meet at South Village Inn located at 3535 South Meridian, Wichita, KS. There will be no breakfast there due to ongoing restrictions. So get your breakfast before you arrive. The Corvairs will be pulling out for Anthony at 9:30 for the road trip to the 911 Memorial in Anthony. Lloyd Folger has also arranged to view a small, personal collection of historic automobiles. Lunch is on your own also, a picnic lunch is suggested. Contact Bill Smith at 316-469-9882 for additional information.

The CORSA Mini-Convention in Springfield, IL has been rescheduled from June of 2020 to May 19-23 of 2021. The National CORSA Convention, set for San Diego has been postponed until 2021.

Despite all the restrictions, several MCCA members have been taking advantage the mild weather and enjoying their Corvairs. If you have your Corvair out take a photo and send it to your Editor..

# Three Generation Project

By Terry Kalp

Sometime in the '70s Glenn Ziesenis pulled the drivetrain out of his '65 Corvair convertible. No one remembers what project the power train went into, but the cherry body was put under a cover. That is where it sat for decades. Cary was Glen's son and they worked on Corvairs together as Cary was growing up. At one point Cary was tired of Corvairs and vowed to never work on another one.

Times change, recently Cary was inspired to fix-up the convertible for his dad, who is still fond of the old Corvair. With Glenn's blessing, Cary pulled the convertible out of storage and into a garage spot at Mark Stever's. Mark and Cary have been friends since childhood. Both have a lot of experience working on Corvairs.

Cary was getting excited, figuring what parts would be needed to get his Dad's Corvair back on the



Cary Ziesenis and his son, Devin clean the gas tank the old school way. A chain, some mild chemicals and a "whole lot of shaking" makes a clean tank.

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Devin tries out the driver's seat for size. Looks like a great fit. Lots of Glenn touches on the interior. A large tachometer clings to the steering column, with more gauges under the dash. Also a custom shifter.



This sticker on the engine lid is from one of the last shows the red convertible attended. Shortly afterward the drivetrain was removed and the body was stored.

# Project . . .

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road. Devin, Cary's son heard about the project and wanted to help. Cary, Devin and Mark are in the process of making a list of needed parts and chasing them down. They have already pulled axles from a parts car and the gas tank.

The major missing part of the puzzle was the absent power train. After a couple of dead ends and a few phone calls an engine and transaxle were located. Gary Jones in Kansas City had a recently rebuilt engine for them. Mike Dawson also in the Kansas City area had a transaxle and many other little parts needed. May 2nd Cary and Mark made a road trip to Kansas City to pick up their bounty. Soon the parts will be going together. Follow their progress in the FlatSix Journal in the next few months.

**Mark Stever is too young to remember the Space Saver Spare. They were the fore-runner to today's Donut Spares. Early Camaros and Firebirds used these because of their small trunks.**



**Glenn Ziesenis touches in the engine compartment. Remote oil filter and cooler, power antenna, and bracket for moving the car without transaxle.**



**A couple more vintage '70s stickers grace the inside of the engine cover. IECO was a major supplier of VW and Corvair performance parts.**



**More Glenn touches in the trunk. A gas heater from a '60-'64 Corvair was adapted to the '65 convertible for instant heat. Space Saver Spare fits like a glove.**



**Although Cary said he would never work on a Corvair again, here he is on Mark Stevers driveway pulling parts from the donor Corvair.**

# May MCCA Road Trip Set for 30th

With the State of Kansas lifting some of the coronavirus pandemic restrictions, the May MCCA road trip is a go.

There will be some changes. Since the dine-in restaurants will be carry out only or limited inside seating with 6' social distancing,

## Bucket Seat Swap Part II

Last month Larry Lee told the story of how he acquired a fresh pair of seats for his '66 Corvair convertible. MCCA President, Bill Smith had been looking for a pair of buckets to replace the bench seat in his 1968 500.

Bill spotted Larry's old seats and soon a deal was made. Bill picked up the seats from Larry. The seats are stored in Bill's '68, but not bolted down yet.



Larry Lee's old bucket seats will get a new life in Bill's '68 500.

members will be responsible for their own meals. Get breakfast before hitting the meeting spot. A picnic lunch is suggested, leaders will find a roadside place to eat.

The South Village Inn will still be the starting point for the May MCCA Road Trip. The date will be Saturday, May 30. Plans are to leave 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 bypass.

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.

## Amazing Purple Metal Polish



Mike B discovered this low effort, high shine metal polish.

A couple of months ago when Mike B. and Bob Ferenc were at the Kalp Shop, Mike showed Bob some amazing metal polish. It was, California Custom's The original Purple Metal Polish. It polishes aluminum and brass with very little effort.

The only problem is that

the polish is not available locally. Mark Welte heard about the polish from Bob and asked about it on the MCCA facebook page. After getting the name Mark found it available on Amazon.

Maybe the club can get a demonstration at a meeting or Juna Tuna. Hint, hint.

## Bad Bearing



Nick Pool had a rear bearing lock up on his LM coupe. After fighting a broken stud, he got the assembly out and up to the Kalp Shop. With use of the factory tool and some new parts, Nick had the bearing assembly rebuilt.



Dennis Fuller supplied this Polaroid snap of Big Brutus. In the lower right corner is Dennis' Lakewood.

## *Big Brutus Dwarfs Tiny Miss Muffet*

By Dennis Fuller

Once upon a time, in the olden days, our family took a trip to see Big Brutus, a power shovel used to remove the overburden in the strip mining operations for COAL near Pittsburg Ks.

In 1986 the shovel was no longer in operation as the coal seams had petered out so they parked it. Back then you could still drive right up next to it, and climb all over it. Which I did, being young and adventurous. Amazing view from 160 ft. In the air. You can't climb all over now but you can still go inside to see the machinery and operators cab. It's worth the trip if you like mechanical things that are bigger than you can imagine.

Four school buses will fit in the bucket. Big Brutus weighs 11,000,000 lbs. Pretty big compared to Miss Muffet. That's what the kids called our 61 Corvair wagon, Which was our family car for 12 years. Stay tuned for more adventures of Miss Muffet, and how she got her name. Any guesses?

# 2020 Events

**May 9, 2020: Saturday** May MCCA meeting. Via Conference call 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 30, 2020: Saturday** MCCA Road trip. Everyone meet at 9:30 at the Village Inn at 3535 South Meridian, Wichita, KS. The restaurant will most likely not be open, so don't plan on breakfast there. Bring or pick up something for a picnic lunch. The Road Trip will be to Anthony, KS to their 911 Memorial. Contact Bill Smith 316-469-9882

**June 5, 2020: Friday** April MCCA Central and West Show at the corner of Central and West streets in Wichita, KS 5-9 pm. Contact Bill Smith 316-469-9882

**June 13, 2020: Saturday** June MCCA meeting combined with Juna Tuna . Kalp Shop 2140 W. 101st Street North, Valley Center, KS 8 am till ????. Contact Terry Kalp 316-882-3056 or Bill Smith 316-469-9882

**June 14, 2020: Sunday** Lake Afton Car Show, Wichita, KS 7 pm. Contact Bill Smith 316-469-9882

**June 17-20, 2020 Corvair Mini Convention Postponed until May 19-23 2021** - Corvair: The Next Generation -- in Springfield, IL The mini will be featuring a CORSA Concours d'Elegance and a Road Rally with a visit to the CPF Corvair Musuem. The host hotel is the Crowne Plaza Springfield, 3000 South Dirksen Parkway, Springfield Illinois - 62703, Hotel Front Desk: 1-217-529-7777

**June 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 Bill Smith 316-469-9882



GM styling boss Bill Mitchell was a for-real sports car enthusiast. And he could see that the Corvair provided all the components to create a real two-place sports car. Eliminate the back seat, add sports car styling, and you have the Corvair Sebring Spyder, a sporting two-seater.

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## Ten Years Ago...



In May of 2010 and after a couple of stays in the hospital, Larry Lee spent the last few weeks transplanting some rust free parts onto his Corsa convert. By the time all the rust was cut out, there wasn't much left of the dash and lower windshield. Larry applies a bead of seam-sealer after the brace has been welded. The next step is to install the cover.



**Calendar**

May Meeting	May 9
<del>Cars &amp; Coffee</del>	May 16
May Road Trip	May 30
<del>Central &amp; West</del>	June 5
May Meeting & Juna Tuna	June 13