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June meeting

We finally had an actual face-to-face meeting! And while it was not as heavily attended as usual, it was a good time for everyone to (with some sense of social distancing) get together. Gary and Helen Moore were even donning their new Corvair face masks!

The day was a bit on the warm side but at meeting time it was fairly pleasant. After a short board meeting at the small table, President Travis Bolton called the meeting to order.

After the board meeting, and everyone getting a chance to chat with one another, the meeting was called to order shortly after 7:00. We started off with member updates. These included Wilma Cory getting a heart catheter along with Marti Jones going through another round of chemo. Additionally, Jack and Elaine Richardson are going back to their house from the nursing home.

Since our May meeting wasn't much of an actual meeting, there wasn't a lot to report from our committee chairs. However, for trophy reports, Kat King reported that a car show took place in her garage. The contestants were her convertible Kandy and her blue coupe Kit. It sounded like Kit won best of show!

In addition to this, Kat and Helen Moore announced that there will be a Father's Day parade at the Oxford Grand Assisted Living Facility on Saturday, June 20. With social chair Scott Allison absent, Travis read off a few upcoming events, including the Juna Tuna on June 13, the Great Plains Roundup and the Corvair Track Classic. As of this writing, all events are still planned.

Following this, Travis received updates on projects. Some of these included Chris Green removing the engine from his newly purchased '66 Monza, Larry
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HACOA Calendar at a glance

Date	Event
Tuesday, July 14	HACOA auction/meeting, Paul and Jack's Tavern, North Kansas City, MO
Sunday, July 19	The Great Car Show, Liberty Memorial, Kansas City, MO
Saturday, July 25	Belton Cruise, Belton, MO
Tuesday, August 11	HACOA monthly meeting, Paul and Jack's Tavern, North Kansas City, MO

Presidential Ramblings

Independence Day edition

I'd like to start by saying Happy 4th of July to everyone! I hope you had a fun and safe 4th. I would also like to thank anyone in the club who has served in our nation's armed forces. I know Mike, Dick and Chuck served and of course Dominique currently serving in Afghanistan. To anyone else I didn't mention I apologize but also thank you as well.

Not a lot of club news to cover right now. We are currently planning to proceed with the July meeting on the 14th at Paul & Jacks. Remember we will be holding the annual auction that night so bring your items to auction and an open wallet! We will be allowing members to mark larger items as a 50/50 which means half the sale price will be paid to the club, and half to the owner. Keep in mind that the club treasurer will play no role in the payment to the owner, so if you bring or buy a 50/50 item it will be up to you to settle up.

As of this writing, North Kansas City and Clay County both have facemask ordinances in effect. Currently they are set to expire before the meeting, but I would encourage the wearing of facemasks. I know it will be hot and we will be outside so it will be up to your discretion. And of course, if you are still not comfortable in public, please stay home and stay safe. I will monitor the NKC/Clay County mandates as we draw closer to the meeting and will send out an update before the meeting with the current guidelines.

Unfortunately the HACOA family has had a couple more loved ones pass. Jack Richardson passed away while returning home and Dick Berger lost his brother too. Please keep Elaine, the rest of Jack's family and Dick's family in your thoughts and prayers.

Until then stay safe.

-Travis

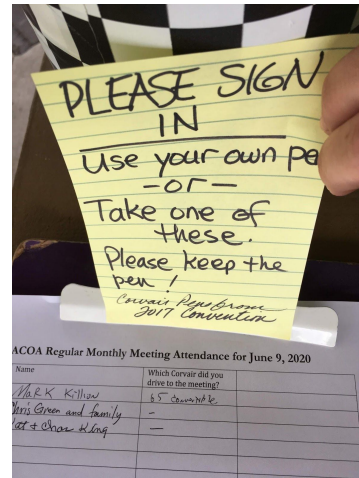
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Sherwood painting his '65 convertible, and Dick Berger putting details to his '64 Rampside. In addition to these projects, Kevin Koch has continued to work on his 4-door and Fred Bybee was having some oil leaks patched up by Mike Dawson.

We revisited some old business, including the winner of the CORSA raffle car (Jamie Rhinehart) and that we are still looking for a chair for the Great Plains Roundup in 2021 (our turn to host!). Additionally, the July meeting will be our auction and our new platform will be in place to allow members to bring higher end items and keeping some of the proceeds.

A couple items on the new business list included HACO making a donation to the Susan G. Komen Foundation in honor of Suzanne Berger. Also, Dick Berger is spearheading a modification to the Mellies Cup that would include a base with nameplates of previous winners.

All in all, a pleasant evening, with everyone enjoying each other's company (we didn't have a program). Many members drove their Corvairs to the meeting and there was even another boxer-engined car that showed up. In case you didn't know, you'll find out at our July meeting/auction!



Our sign-in sheet.



From the top: the Moore's arrival at the meeting, not the biggest turnout but everyone was glad to get out.

The Preventive Maintenance Series

Mike Dawson

Working Tech Session, Saturday, June 6, 2020

A clear hot day in Belton, as 18 HACOAs folks gathered for an afternoon of car stuff and fellowship followed by pizza and more car stuff. The first guest arrived at 11:30 and the last one headed home at 8:00.

Terry Kalp gets the long distance award, and as usual had interesting experiences to relate as well as tips, new tools and just fun Corvair interactions. Other long distance attendees included Keith Hammett from Willard (144 miles), Ed Park in a un-air conditioned Corvette from Marshall (98 miles) and Kat King from St. Joseph (75 miles). First time Corvair vehicles attending included Dick Berger's new '64 Rampside, Kevin Koch's newly acquired and painted '65 Monza Sedan and Gary Jones's '65 Corsa Turbo Coupe – the body from the late Steve Langford collection.

Work done included Dick Berger test-driving his Rampside and loading it on the trailer for the paint shop, Don Cory and Jim Nelson assembling an engine on a table with lots of new parts, Travis Bolton had two '66 four-speed transmissions apart and made choices to assemble one good one, Fred Bybee changed a bulb and did some exploratory sheet metal removal checking for oil leaks, Gary Jones along with helping others, was investigating his turbo for possible flooding and also was seen bargaining with Fred over radios. John Martin and wife Martha changed oil, oil filter and air filter plus checked dwell & timing. Martha did most of the heavy work as John was still recovering from a shoulder injury. Kevin Rafferty worked on tracking down a dead cylinder and discovered a broken valve spring which got replaced. Kevin Koch was still getting familiar with his newly painted sedan and he removed the trunk A/C components in preparation for trunk rehab and future installation of an aftermarket A/C unit. Kat King, with help from Gary Jones, got her clutch adjusted, tail pipe straightened, and wiper blade replaced. Scott Allison also accurately diagnosed an unknown noise from the rear of Kat's car (heater switch was on). Keith Hammett did mostly socializing as he had a broken bone in his foot that was not healing properly. Other socializers and pizza consumers included Sharon Bybee and Sandy Dawson.

Thanks to Terry Kalp who was the event photographer:



Jim Nelson and Don Cory following the manuals for rebuilding.



Left: John & Martha Martin doing spring servicing.



Above: Fred replacing a bulb in the front of his '69 before pulling sheet metal and checking an oil leak in the other end.



Left: Travis Bolton & Kevin Koch discussing Travis's '66 four speed parts.



Above: Kevin Rafferty's Rampside getting a compression check; fortunately the miss was a valve spring and not a valve seat! Replacement was successful.



Keith Hammett explaining his broken bone issue to Sandy, Dick is on his break.



Kevin checking out Dick's newly acquired Rampside – Keith with newly acquired cane.



Part of the group anxiously awaiting pizza!

In memoriam....

In Memory of Suzanne Berger Beloved wife, mother, grandmother and friend 1948-2020

Could you ever conceive that a car would bring two families together? Two families that otherwise would not have met? Two families that got to share and experience a lifetime of love, loss, kindness and compassion together? Two families that lived (and continue to live) life fully together amidst those experiences? Was the car the focus of that life lived together? Certainly not. Was the car a catalyst for that life lived together? It sure was. That car was a Corvair.

My dad (Tom) met Dick Berger at work. Dad and Dick became fast friends because of a passion for racing. Dick invited my dad out to autocross his Corvair one Sunday and the rest is history. That would have been in the early 1970's. That meeting started a lifelong relationship between not only my dad and Dick, but my mom and Suzanne. They travelled, raced, raised families and lived life together! Suzanne would go on to be a great friend to my mom. She supported my mom during her forty year battle with MS, even when my mom had nothing to offer except her friendship. Suzanne would come over to the house to help my mom with housework and chores. Suzanne and Dick would take me and my mom to Worlds of Fun and have us over for dinner and to watch movies. Suzanne was always smiling, happy, loving and ready for an adventure.

Suzanne was born May 18th, 1948 and passed away May 19th, 2020. She is survived by her husband Dick, daughter Tara, sisters Sandra and Sharon and step-children Kelly, Liz, Andrea and Ricky, and three grandchildren. Suzanne was born in Kansas City and attended William Chrisman High School. She became Mrs. Dick Berger on July 10th, 1976 overlooking Lake Perry in Kansas. According to Dick, the lucky couple drove there in a 1963 imitation Spyder Coupe that he had purchased from another Corvair Club member. Suzanne and Dick would continue to live in Kansas City until 1993 when they moved to Atlanta for Suzanne's job with TWA. Suzanne worked for TWA as an executive secretary from 1975-2005. From 2005-2014 Suzanne worked for New York Life Insurance Company. She also did seasonal work for H&R Block from 1999-2019.

One of Suzanne's hobbies was the Corvair Club. Suzanne was involved with the Corvair Club for at least 45 years. Dick thinks it could have been even longer than that! Suzanne did a lot of heavy lifting for the club. She planned and organized many parties, socials, rallies, autocrosses, and Christmas parties. She also planned the awards banquet at the National Corvair Convention in 2017. If you've been to one of the Christmas parties in the last couple of years, we have Suzanne to thank for those events! Suzanne loved to go to the club functions and club meetings with Dick. On occasion, she'd even manage to convince me and my family to go with them!

Another hobby of Suzanne's was racing. She was a highly decorated and accomplished race-car driver. She won many races and titles, including three SCCA National Solo Championships in 1985, 1986 and 1987. All these titles were won driving a Corvair. She was the first person ever to win three national titles in a row. Having competed at this event myself, I can tell you this is no easy feat! In Suzanne's typical unselfish fashion, she would donate her

winnings (a brand new set of racing tires) to another Corvair racer so they could compete as well.

Suzanne's other passion was taking care of her family and loved ones. She loved to dote, support and be involved in her grandkids' lives. She was selfless, giving all she could to her grandchildren. I was in awe of her dedication to her family. She often poured out way more than I could ever imagine a person could. Spunk, dedication and unselfish are all words that come to mind. After my parents passed away, Suzanne stepped right into the lives of my wife (Melissa) and kids with that same passion and unselfishness she showed to her own family. Suzanne never hesitated to walk side-by-side with us, loving us and supporting us in our life together. Suzanne and Dick attended all of our kids' school functions, plays, choir concerts, and cheerleading. We attended church, birthday parties, and races together. Melissa and Suzanne had a long-standing bi-weekly appointment at the salon to get their nails done together. Melissa cherishes those times together so much. They got to do and share life together in those moments. They got to be vulnerable and love each other. Always the cheerleader and encourager, Suzanne was always there for us. Surrogate mother and grandmother does not do justice to what Suzanne meant to us. Suzanne loved my wife, kids and me so much. I am beyond thankful and blessed to have been part of her life.

Throughout her life Suzanne grew in her relationship with Jesus. Her relationship with Him deepened even amidst some trying times. Suzanne was a breast cancer survivor and also survived a massive stroke that doctors thought she couldn't. She was a fighter and survivor personified! Sadly, after a courageous and difficult nine-month battle, Suzanne would succumb to complications of pancreatic cancer. Despite her difficulties, she lived life fully the whole time. She fought for her family and marriage and during that nine months she continued to love, give selflessly and support others. Over the years we got to share many stories of faith and God's goodness together. For this I am so thankful.

I am saddened by the loss of Suzanne. My heart aches for her family and Dick. We have all lost a beautiful soul and a great friend. We all love and miss her. I am happy though because she gets to go home, body restored and be with our creator. She is free from her earthly shackles and concerns forevermore. She has been restored to live in fullness again with her Father.

Rest in peace Suzanne.

Love, Aaron Holstrom



In Memoriam: Jack Richardson, 1927-2020

Mike Dawson

On June 12, 2020, Jack Richardson passed away after enjoying 93 busy years. On a recent June morning, Sandy and I met with Elaine, son Bob (from CA), and daughter Linda (from KC) on their patio in south Kansas City. The Richardson's other daughter, Sharon, had returned to Virginia after visiting since Jack's passing.

We shared a lot of memories of events we had all attended over the 15 years since Jack and Elaine first joined HACO; they included lots of cruise nights, car shows, Roundups and our National Convention in Independence. Jack's baby was his 1964 red-on-red Monza convertible, with 4-speed and wire-wheel covers. Jack was still driving it when he and Elaine moved in to a retirement apartment at Park Meadows in Overland Park back in January of this year. With help from family, they planned on getting their home of 66 years ready for sale. Jack was on a waiting list for a separate garage located just behind their new apartment when the virus threat locked him and Elaine away from the world for three months. They eventually elected to move back in to their home on Jarboe when Jack passed away after a short illness unrelated to the virus. The Jarboe house renovation was just being completed by their family and was like a new home when Jack & Elaine decided to move back in.

Fond memories of close friends at their passing always start with shared experiences and then expand with the discovery of a full and rich life that many of us knew little of. Jack and Elaine were perfect examples. What follows is a sampling of the contributions to this article by Jack's family.

Jack was born in Springfield, MO, in 1927 and began growing up during the depression years. He lost his father at age 8, and his mother raised the five children, Jack being the youngest. He did not graduate high school and took jobs such as shoe shining, selling papers and working at a bakery until he was 17 when he and friends drove to Kansas City in a 1939 Crosley. Jack got a job as a journeyman at TWA where they promised to hold his job if he joined the Armed Services during WWII. At 17 he was not old enough to enlist so he joined the Merchant Marine in 1944, serving on ships both in the Pacific and Mediterranean theaters, as well as cargo shipping to South America.

After Jack's service was over he returned to TWA, completed his GED and became a Certified Mechanic in 1949. He then pursued his chosen career repairing aircraft for 43 years, retiring in 1983. Backing up one important step, Jack met Elaine early in that career, and it was "the girl next door" story — roller skating and swimming at the Pla-Mor, and malts at the Katz Drug Store down Main Street. They married in 1947, taking their honeymoon on a TWA Constellation flight, of course. That marriage lasted 73 years. They bought their current home on Jarboe in 1954 but the GI Bill was not available to Merchant Marine veterans. In retrospect, it would seem that someone serving on a refueling tanker off of Okinawa in 1945 should be eligible!

Jack also participated in team bowling, was a roller-skating enthusiast, enjoyed painting, and utilized the flying privilege with TWA to take his family to several European countries. He drove a motor home on family vacations around the country and he loved his Corvair which he acquired in 1972. He bought it from his neighbor who was a flight attendant and had purchased it new. Jack drove it to work for 10 years, finally allowing it to spend time in its own retirement as a vintage vehicle. In 2009 Jack decided to restore the body and get a quality paint job. Since then, he and Elaine have attended countless shows and cruises, accumulating a large number of dash plaques and awards. I especially remember them attending the Belton Cruise Nights along with other HACO members and then hanging out

on our deck with the gang consuming pizza and various beverages. As we all know, old-car folks are just plain fun to be around and Jack and Elaine certainly fit in! Jack's family agrees that his favorite Corvair pastime was showing his convertible and conversing with the interested public as they would inquire and then share their own Corvair stories.

Jack Richardson: Family man, working man, war veteran and Corvair enthusiast. Rest in Peace Jack, you have earned it.

Thanks to Bob Richardson, himself an "old car guy", Linda Jones and especially Elaine, for sharing Jack's story with us.



Classifieds

The Tool Crib

Club tools for rent

Contact: Ken Ragan

212 Warner Rd, Bonner Springs, KS 66012
913-422-5778 E-mail: kenrragan@gmail.net

Tool	Deposit	Monthly rental fee
Harmonic balancer puller	\$3.00	\$1.00
Ramps, auto	\$4.00	\$1.00
Torque wrenches		
½ inch drive 20-150 ft/lb	\$15.00	\$2.00
¾ inch drive 100-1000 in/lb	\$15.00	\$2.00
Floor jacks and stands	\$25.00	\$3.50
Ring groove cleaner	\$3.00	\$1.00
Dwell/tach meter	\$5.00	\$1.00
Greaser: Fan and idler bearing	\$5.00	\$1.00
Ken's advice	\$.02	Grain of salt
Hubs: Rear (towing LM PowerGlide)	\$5.00	\$1.00
Pushrod tube extractor	\$10.00	\$2.00

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Dick Berger still has several sets of wheels and tires for sale. Most are 14" diameter. Let him know if you're interested. 678-650-4246

Free-Late model block with two pulled studs. Has crank (will need turned) and -891 (110/140 HP) cam.

Contact Chris Green (call or text) 913-369-5861.

Due to a dropped valve seat, Jeff Biaggi is looking for a serviceable left side head for his '62 Spyder while he sends it to be machined. His email is:

boulderforkfarm@gmail.com.

Classifieds, continued

Wilson Liter has several items for sale, including:

- 1966 transaxle, code AA (3.27 non-posi) and V8 bellhousing: \$400
 - 140HP engine (code T0223RN). Engine turns over but has not been apart: \$600
 - Set of 6 Sealed Power 0.060" over pistons on rods with cylinders (one has a crack): \$600
- Or \$1,500 for all. Wilson Liter 417-667-6927. wilsonliter@hotmail.com

For Sale: Ray Sego is selling: 1964 Corvair convertible , 4-spd., good top. NOT a rust bucket. NOT running/driveable. \$999.99. Contact Ray at: SEGO5661@SBCGLOBAL.NET

******* Auction update*******

Remember, our annual auction meeting will take place during our normal meeting date on July 14. Bring those items to auction and see some fellow club members! We will be outside like usual, and as of this writing, Paul and Jack's is still open and expecting us. Please take whatever safety precautions necessary and you are comfortable with doing. A listing is below of some of the items that will be up for grabs.

Jack Richardson's estate has donated the following items for the July auction:

4 - 175/80R13 Narrow White Wall Tires, all with good tread.
Pair of '64 rocker moldings, driver quality.
Pair of '64 convertible door sill plates, driver quality.
Two red HACOJA jackets with various patches, pre-owned good condition.
New "Corvair" long sleeve shirt.
New hub/axle/general purpose puller.
Books, shop manual, miscellaneous Corvair memorabilia.
One lot of miscellaneous hand tools.
Craftsman beam type 1/2" torque wrench.

Also donated and in good used condition:

Used quick shift kit for 4 speed.
Used U-joint type shift coupler.

Other items being offered:

Assortment of early model door edge guards

Early model rear tubular grille

Late model chrome gas door guard

1 set of late model gas tank straps

2 FC gas tank straps

Assortment of bucket seats: 1-65 newly recovered seat on rails (original foam), 1-66 seat bottom with a seam separation and 2-66 seat backs in fair shape (no rips), and 2-65 cloth bucket seats in blue/white (needs cleaned)

Set of 4 65 Monza hubcaps (driver quality)

Set of 4 late model wheels (roller tires on them)



Additionally, items that members may be interested in bidding on (if anyone has some laying around):

- 66 or later A/C condenser
- CORSA glove box door

Other Events and Tidbits

The Great Car Show sponsored by the KC Auto Museum and the National WWI Museum is scheduled for Sunday, July 19.

HACOA members have attended every show so far and this would be a good opportunity to carry on the tradition (is it a tradition yet?) and to get together while safely social distancing. We will need to coordinate our arrival in order to park together. Parking for the event begins at 6:00 AM; we must arrive before 9:00 AM.

Registration for the show is \$25 and includes passes to the WWI Museum. All proceeds will go to the two museums. No refunds will be made should the event be rained out or if COVID-19 guidelines change not allowing the event.

The show will adhere to current COVID-19 guidelines, such as social distancing and face coverings. The WWI Museum is open and COVID-19 guidelines will apply. Currently there are two special exhibits on display, *The Viet Nam War: 1945-1975* and *100 years of Collecting*. <https://www.TheWorldWar.org>

For more show information and to register go to:

<https://www.kansascityautomuseum.com/gcs>
Registration ends July 15.



If you are interested in going please contact Gary Moore via email or phone ASAP.

Father's Day parade(s)

The Moore's were able to take their Rampside to visit Helen's mom at the Oxford Grand Assisted Living Facility on June 27 (original date was to be June 20).



From Ray Sego: Attended the Father's Day car show at Stanberry per my habit for several years. Big turn-out and the park was full! One other 'vair there from Grant City. Sally was noticed of course. She did spring a severe fuel pump leak, #1 Son to the rescue, and #1 Son chastised Dear ol' Dad for not having a spare with me, but he didn't take away the cookies he baked for me!



Mellies Cup update

As mentioned earlier, Dick Berger has been working on updating the Mellies Cup, the annual award for a member who has shown outstanding service for the club and membership. It's typically given during the Dustoff, but with everything being canceled/postponed, it didn't happen this year (yet?). Dick has modified the trophy to include a base with nameplates for past winners.



Belton Cruise Night

Mike & Sandy Dawson, Floyd Becker, Phil & Cherie Hammond, and I attended the first Belton Cruise night in 2020. This event generally occurs on the 4th Saturday of each month beginning in April and running through October but due to the COVID-19 concerns it did not occur in April or May of 2020. The June event was a plea to the City Council which they obliged to a limited extent. There was no DJ, 50/50 pot, or facilities provided by the city but they did agree to block off the streets for the night for the gathering. We were represented by four Corvairs (Early Coupe, Greenbrier, Late Coupe, and Late 4-door) and one Ford Bronco. We arrived early and had a chance to visit with some folks and see the other cars. When the sun came out, we walked back to the house for conversation and pie on the deck beneath the trees. It was great to see people out enjoying the cars and spend time with a few club members. I'm hoping things begin to decline and we can have a larger gathering on the 25th of July when the City of Belton will be in full participation mode. More on the plans for this event at the July meeting. We apologize that we didn't think to take any pictures but *The North Cass Herald* had a picture of the event on the cover of the July 3rd edition (photograph below courtesy of *The North Cass Herald*).

Main Street celebrates first Cruise Night of 2020



NCH photo/Allen Edmonds
After a combination of bad weather and pandemic-related cancellations, Belton's Main Street held its first Cruise Night of 2020 on Saturday, drawing hot rods from across the region under sunny skies. The tradition continues on the fourth Saturday of each month through October.

HACOA birthdays

July	
Name	Date
Corly Allen	6
Erin Curtis	16
Jerry Pentzer	17
John Martin	19
Wilson Liter	20
Marcia Bolton	24
Cliff Carlino	26
Kay Conway	26
Jerry Lentz	26
John Biaggi	27