

# The Flat Six Journal

Mid Continent Corvair Association Newsletter

August 2020

## August Meeting is a Cookout at Kalp's

Continuing Covid restrictions are keeping the Oaklawn Activity Center closed. The August MCCA meeting will be held at the Kalp Shop at 7 pm, preceded by a cookout starting around 5:30-6. The meeting date remains Saturday, August 8. Weather conditions determine whether the meeting will be inside or outside at the shop.

The July meeting was held at the Country Kitchen at Best Western North. Below are notes from the meeting as provided by Bob Ferenc, Secretary.

Vice-President, Jay Allen started the meeting with Old Business. Bob Bright gave the Treasurer's report. The club is solvent. Bob Ferenc, Secretary, read the minutes from the June Meeting.

Discussion turned to upcoming events, several which had been cancelled due to the Covan virus. The first was Automobilia, cancelled at the downtown location, at the last minute moved to South Wichita. The July MCCA breakfast at A-Maize-N Sandwiches was still on (see report on page 3). Cars & Coffee was cancelled for July. The August Breakfast/Road Trip is

set for August 22. Breakfast at Auntie C's then the second half of the Roy's Toys tour (see story on page 3).

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**Hot dogs & marshmallows are on the menu for the Pre-meeting eating. The fire and food are free.**

## *Pre-meeting Eating Is a Weiner Roast*

Everyone is welcome to a pre-meeting Weiner Roast and Marshmello Fry at the Kalp Shop, 2140 W. 101st Street North, KS, before the August 8th meeting. Weiners, buns, condiments, and some drinks will be provided. The club will supply paper plates and plastic utensils. So bring your chairs and appetite to join your friends starting at 5:30-6 on Saturday. It is a chance to meet and socialize before the meeting.

**Ziesenis, Glenn R.** age 77, owner 4Z Manufacturing, inventor of RodHandler, and active in MCCA during the early years, passed away Wednesday, July 22, 2020. Memorial Services Sat, Aug. 8th, 2-4pm, 4Z Manufacturing, 1704 S. Baehr, Wichita. Survivors include: wife of 54 years, Sylvia; son, Cary (Paula Bradt) Ziesenis; grandson, Devin.

**Aug. Meeting  
Saturday,  
Aug. 8th 7 pm**

**Kalp Shop**  
2140 W. 101st St. North  
Valley Center, KS

# Corvair for Sale

**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. Good Yellow paint with nice black interior. Solid Black top. For current price and more information call 316- 461-7890. Lloyd Folger

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**FOR SALE 1960 Corvair Four-door sedan. (Tulsa)** Marvin Luke of Green Country Corvairs is selling his 1960 Corvair 500 four door. Later 164 engine. PowerGlide. He bought it in '65. It is an show worthy car. Well detailed **\$8750**. Marvin Luke [mklukecox@gmail.com](mailto:mklukecox@gmail.com) 918-250-1500



**FOR SALE 1966 Corvair Monza Convertible (110, PG)**

Looking to sell my '66 tag top. 110, Powerglide. Electric top. Great running and driving car. Does pull to right (Needs alignment), has a couple rust bubbles on the rocker panels and a spot in trunk that would need repaired. Paint needs a good buffing, otherwise great car. New interior and top is in excellent condition. Car just doesn't get driven, and is like to fix up my Rampside. Asking **\$7500** or best reasonable offer. Car is located in Wichita, KS **Jared Strecker** Text: 316-992-3533.





Roy Juenemann demonstrated many of toys in his collection when MCCA members toured last year.

## August 22, Breakfast And Roy's Toys II

The August MCCA Breakfast/Road Trip will be Saturday, August 22. Plans are to meet at Auntie C's Restaurant 425 East 61<sup>st</sup> St N. Park City, KS to eat breakfast at 9:30. After breakfast we will head out a few blocks to Roy Juenemann's home to tour the second half of his toy collection.

It was almost exactly a year ago when club members first visited Roy's collection. Time ran out after only the first room of his collection was viewed. Roy will show the group the second half of his collection.

## July Club Breakfast At Nancy's in Maize

The July MCCA Breakfast took place at Nancy's A-Maize-N Sandwiches on Saturday, July 25. There were three Corvairs in the lot. Bill and Tiffany Smith arrived in their '68, the Ackerman's were in their Corsa, and Terry drove his '65 Monza sedan.

Also joining the group for breakfast were Mark Welte, Marcus and Tracy Trotter. The food was ample and good. Given the choice of toast or biscuits and gravy, several chose the biscuits only to discover they were a meal in their self. Several styrofoam boxes left with the diners. Need to go back sometime.



Mark Welte, Lyle Ackerman and Terry Kalp converse during the wait for food. Lots of Coffee consumed.



Tiffany Smith takes a selfie with Lonene Ackerman. Tables were set up with social distancing in mind.



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# Project Police of the South . . .



**Alex Moats and Mark Stever provided Cary Ziesenis help and advice to get the '65 Corvair on the road.**



**Glenn Ziesenis and the convertible before the renewal started. It sat under a cover for 45 years.**

## Ziesenis Family

When Cary Ziesenis found out his father, Glenn, had a terminal illness, he wanted to do something. That something turned out to be reviving a Corvair convertible that Glenn had put under a cover 45 years ago. One of the major obstacles was that the engine and transaxle (plus a lot of other parts) had been removed from the Corvair. Mark Stever and Alex Moats became Cary's partners in crime as they sourced, cleaned and installed parts. Cary's mom, Sylvia and his son Devin also assisted.



**ABOVE:** Cary Ziesenis poses with the road-worthy Corvair. **RIGHT:** Glenn's wife, Sylvia, is with grandson, Devin. Devin got interested in the project when his dad, Cary started on it. After Glenn's passing, Sylvia pushed to get the Corvair ready for his memorial.



**Paula Bradt took on the dusty, dirty interior. With some cleaners and labor, it looks like new.**



# Project Police of the North . . .

**Greg Renfro**



**Greg was tired of his Rampside leaking fluids. He decided it was time to drop the power pack to clean & reseal it. First step, the powertrain was removed.**



**The PowerGlide needed the most cleaning, so Greg dove in. Some cleaning has been done, more to go.**



**After hours of work, it is finally clean, time to replace the seals. It will be much nicer to work on.**

**Bill Smith**

*Bill cleaned and resealed the engine on his '68, then reinstalled the freshly painted engine tins. As sometime happens, there were major driveability issues. Bill posted the process of resolving these issues on Facebook. Let's follow along with the process.*

Got the 68 back together. I knew I was going to

have issues with the choke being too tight because I can't get the rods to go down to a working adjustment. Used a screwdriver to open both chokes so it would start. Once running, it has no power and pops every now and then. Think the valve adjustment is to blame.

Well I adjusted the valves again, this time using the paper trick like a feeler gauge. Test drove car and it still lacked power. Two miles into the drive and the car starts bogging down, then starts tapping loudly then starts backfiring. All of this happening as I'm slowing down to pull over. So I'm not sure if the car broke a rocker or push rod or if it dropped a valve seat.

Update on the 68. Adjusted the valves a 3rd time on the drivers side. I discovered that #2 exhaust valve's rocker nut had backed out. I adjusted cylinder



**With the engine clean and freshly painted the 110 in Bill Smith's 500 looked great. Now to get it to run as good as it looks.**

#2 and noticed the nut on the exhaust valve rocker, being set at exactly like the intake valve, didn't have as many threads sticking out the end. Test drove it and had the same issues. Did a compression test and found inconsistent numbers across the drivers side bank. #2 - 120lbs, #4 - 65 lbs. #6 - 135 lbs. Replacing the rocker, ball and nut on the #2 exhaust valve cured the issue with the loud chatter and backfiring. Still down on power. Pressurized #4 cylinder with air (the one that had 65 lbs. of compression) and air is coming out of the exhaust pipe and the pcv tube.

So I took the 68 to Terry's on Wednesday. Found that the timing was about 20 degrees retarded. Dwell was on the money. Re-timed the engine and it runs great now. So it's ready for some road time.

# Project Police



**SOUTH** Even while helping Cary Ziesenis with a Corvair project, Mark Stever was able to chase down a bunch of loose ends on his own Corvair. Bob, Mark's '64 Monza, is now road-worthy and Mark is an expert on EM Corvair throttle linkage and Power-Glide throttle pressure settings.

## August Meeting . . .

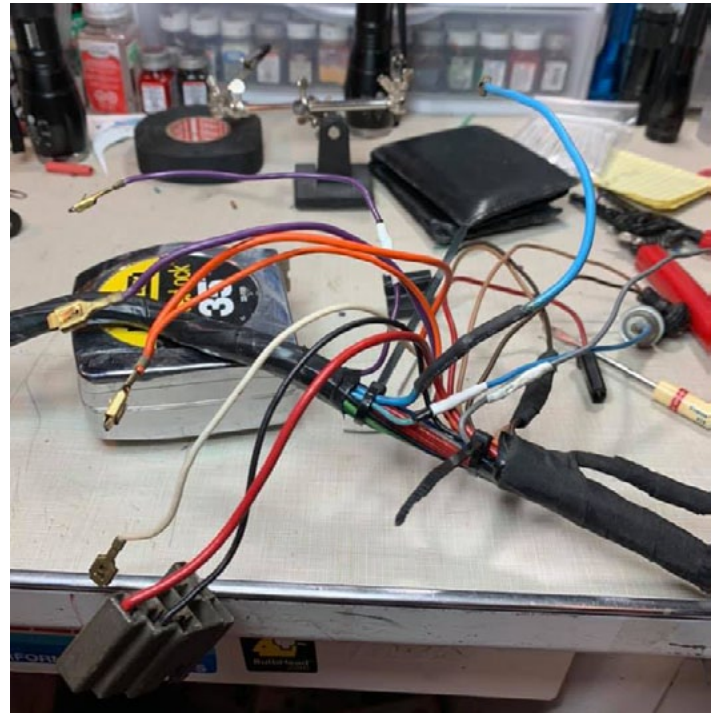
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that there is a Friday night car show at the Sedgwick County Park that might be a replacement for the discontinued Central and West show.

The July Cars & Coffee was cancelled, but the August show is still on. Might be good to check with someone to make sure it is still on before heading out. The July MCCA event was breakfast with no road trip. However the breakfast at Nancy's A-Maize-N Sandwiches satisfied most appetites. (see story on page 3)

Flipping through the pages of this newsletter, readers may have noticed there is a whole lot of work being done on Corvairs by MCCA members. Not sure of the reasons, Covid, summertime blues, phase of the moon . . . but it is a great thing. Marcus Trotter is putting his Corvair project back together after rebuilding the carburetors. Marcus doesn't have a lot of Corvair experience, but he is asking questions and getting things done.

Glenn Ziesenis passed away in July. Most present members never met Glenn, but he played a major part in the history of MCCA. Glenn and Sylvia put out the newsletter for several years. He even had a business making and modifying parts to improve the Corvair. There are still several SCCA racers that are using cylinder heads modified by Glenn. Rest in Peace.



**NORTH** Taking a break from working on his '61, Bill Smith worked on repairing the dash harness from Tiffany's '61 sedan. Varmints had chewed the insulation on several wires and the connector housing for the headlight switch had gotten quite warm and melted. Using a donor harness from Terry Kalp, Bill spliced and replaced connectors until he came up with a good harness.

## First Friday Car Show

By Bill Smith

Hey folks, Friday, August 7 is typically the Friday we would gather at Central and West st. Since this show has been shut down, a new First Friday show has been selected. MCCA members will be attending the 21st and Ridge show and shine.

The new location the parking lot directly behind the West Side Hurt's Donuts at 21st and Ridge Rd. It is about one half block North and East of Central and Ridge Rd. Hurt's address is 7010 W 21st Street, just east of the old Quik Trip on 21st. Directly behind Hurts donuts is a strip mall with a decent sized parking lot and the Friday show and shine is in full force there.

I have chosen this location as our replacement for Central and west st. This show counts for the Mel Horstman participation points. Get there early as the parking lot fills up quickly. Last week they were giving away door prizes. And there is a quiktrip next door so food, drinks, fuel, or whatever you may need,

# 2020 Roundup is Postponed to 2021

From Dan Hill, Arkansas Corvair Club President, Dear fellow Corvair enthusiasts, due to the continued outbreak of the Covid-19 virus in our area, the Arkansas Corvair Club has decided to postpone the 2020 Great Plains Roundup until October 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> of 2021. We regret having to postpone the event but we feel that to ensure the safety and protection of all the attendees that this course of action is best for everyone involved. For those that have sent in registrations, refunds have been sent out in the mail. Thank you for your understanding.

## Cars & Coffee Reopens?

Wichita Cars & Coffee announced the cancellation of the July 18th show shortly after it was announced that it was on. At this time the August 15th show is still on. The Saturday morning show is held at The Alley Indoor Entertainment parking lot, 11413 E. 13th St. North, Wichita, KS. Event time is 8-11 am, the lot fills up quickly so get there early.

MCCA is a co-featured club for September. Remember that Cars & Coffee counts for points for the Mel Horstman Award. Below is a list of show dates and featured clubs.

August 15- Heartland Camaros, **September 19-** Mid Continent Corvair Assoc/Wetdub, October 17- Midwest Motor Mafia/RevMatic. For more information contact Bill Smith 316-469-9882

## Check out MCCA On Facebook



**Mid-Continent Corvair  
Association**

[https://www.facebook.com/  
groups/105523176146520/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/105523176146520/)

## 2020 Events

**August 8, 2020: Saturday** August MCCA Regular meeting. Kalp Shop 2140 W. 101st Street North, Valley Center, KS. 7 pm. Contact Bill Smith 316-469-9882

**August 15, 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

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**September 12, 2020: Saturday** September MCCA Regular meeting. Oaklawn Activity Center, 4904 S. Clifton, Ave. Wichita, KS 7 pm. Contact Bill Smith 316-469-9882

**September 19, 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

**September 26, 2020: Saturday** MCCA July MCCA Breakfast. 9:30 am, Location to be announced. Contact Bill Smith 316-469-9882

**October 10, 2020: Saturday** October MCCA Regular meeting. Oaklawn Activity Center, 4904 S. Clifton, Ave. Wichita, KS 7 pm. Contact Bill Smith 316-469-9882

**October 17, 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

**October 24, 2020: Saturday** MCCA July MCCA Breakfast. 9:30 am, Location to be announced. Contact Bill Smith 316-469-9882

**November 14, 2020: Saturday** November MCCA Regular meeting. Oaklawn Activity Center, 4904 S. Clifton, Ave. Wichita, KS 7 pm. Contact Bill Smith 316-469-9882



**Ran When Parked. Another Corvair Forward Control. This fresh air van was posted by Sky Lebowski on the Corvantics Facebook page.**

# August Meeting

7 pm  
**Aug. 8th**

Kalp Shop  
2140 W. 101st St. North  
Valley Center, KS

## Ten Years Ago...

The August 2010 Meeting was held at Larry Lee's home near Goddard. Larry opened his home, yard, garage and pool to MCCA members for a combination picnic and meeting. There was special Corvair parking in the back yard near the deck and pool area..



## Calendar

First Friday Car Show	Aug. 7
August Meeting	Aug. 8
Cars & Coffee	Aug. 15
Aug. Breakfast & Roy's Toys II	Aug. 22
First Friday Car Show	Sept. 4
Sept. Meeting	Sept. 12