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October meeting

With it being a nice autumn evening, we were able to have our October meeting out on the patio of Paul and Jack's. Although slightly down compared to normal attendance, we doubled last month's attendance with having 26 members present!

After president Travis Bolton called the meeting to order, things were underway. With secretary Helen Moore being absent, Chris Green did his best to read the minutes from the last meeting. Treasurer Suzy Sherwood opened with her report, giving our financial situation and noting that we currently have 80 members on the roster.

Once Suzy gave her report, we had some discussion regarding the Corvair Track Classic, which several HACO members attended (with Kat King appearing as a surprise non-participating attendee). Just our

group accounted for several of the stories that took place during the event, from fires, things breaking, cars spinning out on the course and massive amounts of pizza and Runzas being consumed. All in all, it was a fun time and we all had a good time hanging out with fellow Corvair folks and it was a record turnout for the event!

Moving on from this for committee reports, newsletter editor Chris Green said not much was going on and member chair Don Wagner had no new members to report. Following this, social chair Scott Allison asked who planned on going to the MCCA Tuna event on Saturday the 17th. Parade chair Kat King said there weren't any parades currently happening (with the exception of the Dearborn parade she and Chas attended before heading to the tech session).

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HACOA Calendar at a glance

Date	Event
Tuesday, November 10	HACOA monthly meeting, Paul and Jack's Tavern, North Kansas City, MO
Friday, December 18	HACOA Christmas party, Cascone's, North Kansas City, MO
Tuesday, January 12	HACOA monthly meeting, Paul and Jack's Tavern, North Kansas City, MO

Presidential Ramblings

The United States General Election is over as I write this. Maybe by the time you read it we will know who won. Whichever way you vote, hopefully you got out (or mailed-in) and made your voice heard.

And guess what, you get to do it again! That's right, the HACOA election will be held at the meeting on Tuesday, November 10th. Please make it out if you can, or cast your vote via email. I believe there is more information about our election elsewhere, so that's all I will say about it except to thank the members of our nominating committee and the folks who have agreed to hold an office. We are an organization of volunteers, so we need everyone.

I don't think there has been too much going on so I don't have a lot to write about but I am looking forward to hearing about the Luna Tuna in Wichita that happened last month.

We were busy doing college visits for my youngest daughter Julia. We visited Truman State in Kirksville, Wichita State in Wichita and Fort Hays State in Hays in a two week period, with Wichita and Hays being in the same week. Lots of time in the car but it's fun to see the campuses (except in Wichita when we were there during the sleet and freezing rain walking around) and we hope Julia finds the right place for college.

A very important reminder: Please RSVP to Cindy for the Christmas Party by November 10th! We have to get a final, nonrefundable count to Cascones. I assume this is covered elsewhere also, but mail a check or bring it to the meeting.

Right now the weather for Tuesday isn't looking too good so I would expect to be inside but if it turns out to be nice I will move us outside.

Hope to see you soon!

-Travis

October Meeting, continued

With committee reports finished, a few other items were presented. First, Kat King and Dean Segó have volunteered to co-chair the 2022 Roundup to be held in St. Joseph, Missouri, with the Stony Creek hotel being considered for hosting. Second, the nominating committee is going to present their collective inquiries at the November meeting. Finally, it was mentioned that we are still a go (as of now) for the Christmas party/meeting on December 18th at Cascone's. Any members wishing to attend need to provide payment before or at the November meeting.

In other member news, Scott Allison performed an engine transplant from one car to another, now happily cruising with his '69 coupe. Dominique Allen mentioned he's in final planning to get a new three car garage built so he can have some more space to play. Also, Travis Bolton is sorting through some of his parts and starting to sell some of them online. Anyone looking for something can feel free to ask.

Our meeting was adjourned and we didn't have a program due to darkness. As of this writing, our November 10th meeting at Paul and Jack's is still happening but be sure to watch your email for any updates. We hope to see you at the November meeting!

To the right: After her scouting mission in preparation for the 2022 Roundup, Kat King was provided with plenty of Cherry Mash candies, a staple of St. Joseph, Missouri, where they are produced. Suzy Sherwood and Wilma Cory look on as Dick Berger is speaking.



The Preventive Maintenance Series

Mike Dawson

Motor Oil, the 2020 News

Oil formulation continues to evolve in order for internal combustion engines to meet new emission and mileage requirements. If you drive vintage cars it is necessary to keep up with the changes because apparently there may be a point in the near future where you need to be very particular with which oil you choose. The information I write about is taken from the API.org website, Old Cars Magazine and oil company websites. Of course, all of this is moot if oil production is banned as is currently proposed.

As of today, the oil rating on the shelves (for Corvairs) is API SN, and it is “backward-compatible”, meaning that it is safe for all previous vehicles. There was early concern that additives were needed to protect our Corvair engines but that concern was misplaced unless you had an unusual use such as high speed racing or constant heavy hauling. As of May 1, 2020, new sub-categories were licensed and designated ILSAC GF-6A and API SP, both of which are also described as “backward-compatible”. **However**, there is also another new oil about to appear: ILSAC GF-6B specifically for the 0W-16 rating and it is **not** “backward-compatible”. I have not seen it on the shelves yet but it should be visibly marked to prevent confusion.

The following is a direct quote from Old Cars Magazine:

In addition to viscosity, make sure to use a high-quality oil that has been tested to prove compliance with the ILSAC and API standards. Any API SP and earlier, such as SN, SM and SL etc., and ILSAC GF-6A and earlier, will protect engines in collector cars that are used in normal driving. It is not enough to just buy any oil – carefully reading the label is needed before buying.

Backward-Compatible Oils:

ILSAC GF-6A (and earlier)

API SP

API SN

API SM

API SL

Not Backward-Compatible

ILSAC GF-6B (0W-16)

Everyone will have their individual preference for brand name and viscosity, and if you read online forums, old car publications or just listen to other folks, you have a lot of choices. The key is to be informed and most important, change the oil on a regular basis or when you suspect contamination from lots of slow speed driving, leaking carburetors, bad valve guides or rings.

Nominating Committee Report

In accordance with HACO A By-Laws, the Nominating Committee for the 2021 Officers and Directors has completed the process and they have selected and received confirmation from one individual for each of the positions in our organization as follows:

President: Travis Bolton	Board of Directors:	Dick Berger
Vice President: Kat King		Chris Green
Secretary: Dominique Allen		Mike Kliethermes
Treasurer: Mike Dawson	Last Outgoing President:	Scott Allison

At the November meeting, the slate of proposed Officers and Directors will be presented to the membership and additional nominations can be accepted from the floor at that time. If you have an additional nomination (and they have accepted) and you cannot attend the meeting, please contact one of the Committee members listed below.

If there are additional nominations for any position at the November meeting, the Chairman of the Nominating Committee will immediately prepare and email a ballot to all members, directing them to return their ballots to the Chairman not later than December 1, with the results announced at the December Meeting/Christmas Party.

If there are no additional nominations from the floor at the November meeting, a voice vote will be taken to accept the candidates as presented and no ballot will be emailed.

For a complete reading of our By-Laws covering the Nominating Committee and voting process, please refer to ARTICLE VI, SECTION 1 and ARTICLE VII, SECTION 1. The HACO A By-Laws can be found on our website (HACO A.org) under Document Library/Miscellaneous.

The 2021 Nominating Committee

Mike Dawson, Chairman

Don Wagner

Mike Kliethermes

Dominique Allen

Paul Sergeant

Classifieds


The Tool Crib

Club tools for rent


Contact: Ken Ragan

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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

Internally regulated
63 amp Corvair
alternators \$85
exchangeRebuilt harmonic
balancer
\$105 exchange for a
rebuildable coreRebuilt Corvair
starters with
solenoid \$90
exchangeMike Dawson
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816-322-4057Professionally rebuilt Corvair clutch disc on a
welded center Borg & Beck core with a thickness
of .325" \$55 exchange with same core.Reproduced end plates for the 12 and 8
plate oil cooler. These are the two pieces of
sheet metal that help keep all the hot air
from the oil cooler moving out the bottom
instead of back in to the engine
compartment. \$10 each


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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.

Classifieds, continued

Wilson Litter 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

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- 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

Other Events and Tidbits

Upcoming arrivals

Although they haven't been able to attend a meeting for a while, Cliff and Sheil mentioned that they are going to be grandparents for the third time. The new grandbaby is due May 23, the day before their 41st wedding anniversary. They send their regards and mention they've missed seeing everyone!

Lake Garnett Grand Prix Revival

It's happened each October since 2013 and I've always sat on the bench when it came around. Usually it was something we had going on or I possibly had an excuse. This year I decided to go all in and do the events I was interested in doing, the autocross on Saturday morning and the grand prix on Sunday morning.

I had some prep to do on my car, namely installing rear shocks and more importantly, washing it (the accumulation of dust and tree droppings was more than I'd like to admit). While washing the car on Friday, I was moving the hose around the bushes and one of the branches from the bush hit my eye. It was minor and a bit bothersome at first, but I made the mistake of rubbing it and then it was watering and REALLY bothering me! So much, in fact, that I didn't sleep well Friday night and there was no way I was trailering my car and driving it in the autocross. Instead of autocrossing that day, I was at the eye doctor.

After getting a clean bill of health from the eye doctor (and some relief), Saturday night was much better. Sunday morning I left early for the hour drive to Garnett and by sunup I was on the grid. After chatting with the nearby drivers and checking out the many cool cars, we had the driver's meeting and the heats began. I was in the 80 mph class (maximum speed allowed) and shared the track with the Datsun dudes I was parked next to along with a wide variety of domestic and foreign cars.



The grand prix itself is not touted as an actual race, but more of a driving event. Despite that, it was still a good chance to flog the cars and put them to the test, with passing zones and two straightaways allowing full-throttle driving up to the maximum allowed speed. The 100 mph and over classes were fun to watch, with the usual Mustangs and Camaros but also some really fast Lotus racers and Miatas; all were blaring down the front straight!



Even though I was down about missing the autocross, I was really pleased that I made it to this event and participated in the grand prix. It gave me a glimpse of at least a fraction of what the real races were that happened in the heyday of the event!

Adding to that, I received not one negative comment regarding the Corvair. On the contrary, most people had a positive experience or comment to add, including Mark Morgan from St. Louis, Missouri, who knows several St. Louis club members and mentioned HACOIA by name; he also took some pictures of me driving! There were even some nice local surprises for me in the form of HACOIA members Dick Berger, Charlie Clark, and Ken Ragan working the event along with Travis Bolton showing up to spectate. Dick, noticing the, ahem, less than professional numbering job on my car, had a few choice words to say about it; let's just say next time my numbers will look better! All in all this was a great experience and I am looking forward to going again next year.



Animal Trunk-or-Treat event

I decorated "Kit" for the Friends of the Animal Shelter's HOWL-O-WEEN Trunk-N-Treat/Pet Parade. It was in St. Joseph, Missouri, on Oct 31. I gave out small candy bars to well over 300 kids.

I had the kids reach into the candy sack in the trunk to pick which piece they wanted. It was a bit hard for some of the smaller kids. There was one little witch who was challenged. However, when she finally got a piece, she turned around excitedly, hopped twice, and told her mom, "I got one!"

I also asked many of the children to count my cats, dogs, pumpkins, etc. They all enjoyed that and it made them appreciate the decorations. Many wanted to pet my cat and dog statues because they weren't afraid of them. One small boy said, "That looks just like my Grandma Carol's cat. She has like a billion cats!"

I was dressed as the Mad Hatter, but could have doubled as "Kat" in the Hat. I was asked, "Are you Alice in Wonderland? I love that movie!" Yes...(close enough!).



HACOA birthdays

November	
Name	Date
Dick Berger	3
Patrick Reavey	3
Connie Whitman	5
Joan Bennett	7
Chuck Morris	7
Kevin Deneault	10
Marty O'Mara	10
Keith Hammett	12
Kat King	13
Sherman Rutherford	16