

The Flat Six Journal

Mid Continent Corvair Association Newsletter

February 2021

Cold Tuna Sees Changes

It is Tuna time. Come out to the Kalp shop at 2140 W. 101st Street North, Valley Center, on Saturday February 20th for a day of Corvair “tune-up” and repair.

Due to Covid restrictions there will be some differences for Cold Tuna. Masks are required except when eating. Hopefully the weather will cooperate and those attending can spread out over the Kalp compound and won't have to be all huddled by the fire. If anyone is uncomfortable with the restrictions or feeling sick or have been exposed to Covid, please stay home and be safe. Lunch will be pizza provided by the club. Perhaps a pot or two of chili might show up also. Terry will supply bottled water to drink, if something else is required, bring it.

Time to start planning your Corvair upgrades for Spring and Summer Corvair driving enjoyment. While a few events have been cancelled or moved, most are still on. Doors open at 9:00 am (Note the Time Change) and close when the last project is finished. There will be a pizza lunch. The Club will be providing plastic ware, plates, bowls and napkins.



Roy Juenemann parked his red Monza just outside the window of the Bread Basket. The historic Warkentin Mill is in the background. See Story on page 4.

There will be discussion on pending projects for the Tuna at the February meeting. If you don't make the meeting and have a project contact Terry Kalp 316-882-3056. Not very many projects are planned at this time. Still plenty of time and space for Corvair repair/upgrade projects. Let Terry know if you are bringing in a large or complex project so that proper space and resources can be allocated. If you need to discuss your Tuna project you can contact Terry Kalp at 316-882-3056.

Feb. Meeting is Spring Fling

Time to celebrate, Spring is just around the corner. The February MCCA meeting is the Pre-Spring fling and will be held at Spears Restaurant & Pie Shop, 4323 W. Maple in Wichita. Not only do members eat well the Mel Horstman Award for 2020 will be presented. The Mel Award is given to the MCCA member that drove a Corvair to the most MCCA designated events during the calendar year. Mel Horstman kept the club going for many years. He believed in driving your Corvair. Mel passed away in 2014 and the “Mel” award was created in his memory and to encourage members to drive their Corvairs.

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Feb. Meeting
Saturday,
Feb. 13th 6 pm

Spears West
4343 W. Maple
Wichita, KS

Corvair for Sale

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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** Thank you for your help.

Lloyd Folger

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 mkluke@cox.net

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Ned Madsen
2015 Award Winner



Larry Lee
2016 Award Winner



Lyle Ackerman
2017 Award Winner



Terry Kalp
2018-19 Award Winner

2021 Mel Horstman Award Rules

Objective of the Mel Horstman Award:

For MCCA members to drive their Corvairs to club events.

Events that qualify for the award:

Members who drive their Corvairs to:

- Regular MCCA meetings
- Club-sponsored events
- Club-sponsored road trips
- Lake Afton
- Cars & Coffee on non-Tuna dates.
- Club-sponsored participation in Parades
- Club-sponsored monthly A designated Friday Night Cruise-In
- Other events specifically designated in-advance by majority vote of MCCA officers

Specific events that do not qualify for the award

- Tunas
- National or Regional Conventions
- Other events specifically excluded in-advance by majority vote of MCCA officers

One point per event, per family who drive their Corvairs.

An MCCA officer will document an official Corvair count at each qualifying event. If an MCCA officer cannot be present at an event, an MCCA member will be designated to document the official Corvair count.

In the event of tie names will be drawn from a hat, overseen by an MCCA officer.

Start date to begin accumulating points for the Sixth Mel Horstman Award is January

1, 2021. The period covered for the award is January 1 through December 31 annually.

The first award was presented at the MCCA 2016 February Dinner Meeting, thereafter recurring annually at the MCCA February Dinner Meeting.

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

February Meeting

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The winner of the “Mel” award receives a engraved crystal memento and their name is put on a club plaque. Since the meeting includes a dinner the event will start at 6 pm.

Also in February is the Cold Tuna set for Saturday, February 20th. Note the changes, starting time has been moved to 9 am and masks are required. If you have projects to work on or food suggestions let Terry Kalp or Bill Smith know. More details in the story on page 1.

On Saturday, February 27th will be the February MCCA breakfast. Fat Ernie’s is the location, see the story on this page for details.

The March 2021 meeting will return to the Oaklawn Activity Center. The March meeting will be on Saturday the 13th and start at the regular time of 7 pm. Cars & Coffee usually starts up in March. If there is a March event it will be Saturday, March 20 Watch the MCCA Facebook page and this newsletter for confirmation. Save Saturday, March 27th for the March Breakfast/Road Trip. No location set yet, but keep an eye on the newsletter for additional information.

MCCA got off to a great start for 2021. Both the Pre-meeting eating at Hog Wild and the January meeting at the Oaklawn Activity Center were well attended. Then a couple of weeks later there was a good group that showed up at the Bread Basket in Newton for the January MCCA Breakfast.

One never knows what might pop up when cruising on the Internet.

This image appeared in an advertisement for hoodies on the V8 Corvair Facebook page.

MCCA must have a kool logo, because it was used to dress up this product.



MCCA members had the back room of the Bread Basket in Newton pretty much to themselves for the January club breakfast.

Jan./Feb. Breakfasts

Ten club members and three Corvairs (all LMs) showed up at the Bread Basket in Newton for the January MCCA Breakfast. January 23rd First arrivals were Lyle and Lonene Ackerman followed by Gary and Ruby Moore, who brought David Jacobson with them. Next were Bill and Tiffany Smith, who met Terry Kalp at the shop and they drove their Corvairs together to Newton. The final couple was Roy and Connie Juenemann. Roy had triple-bypass surgery in mid-December, but he got his red LM Monza out for the trip. Breakfast was a buffet which was ample and quite tasty. For most of the meal the MCCA members had the back room all to themselves.

MCCA has scheduled the February club breakfast for Saturday, February 27. The February MCCA Breakfast will be at Fat Ernie’s Family Dining 2806 S. Hydraulic Ave, Wichita. Fat Ernie’s was the first location for MCCA breakfasts in January of 2020. Everyone had a good time and great food then and are looking forward to returning. The meal will start at 9 am. Everyone is welcome.

Plans for the March and April breakfast/trips have not been finalized yet, but Bill and Roy have quite a few good ideas. If you need more information on the monthly MCCA breakfast/trips, contact Bill Smith at 316-469-9882.

Fuel Pumps



By Mike Dawson

The following is the outline used at the HACO A Fuel Pump Tech Session January 31, 2021 and is offered as suggestions to keeping our Corvairs as safe and reliable as possible.

Mechanical Fuel Pumps Available:

Airtex: Clark's, Rock Auto, Amazon, O'Reilly, NAPA, Advance Auto Parts, Car Quest. Prices from \$45 to \$119.99. Airtex pump are re-boxed by many suppliers at various prices.

Carter: Limited Availability, they used to be re-boxed Airtex.

Delphi: Limited Availability

US MotorWorks: Junk, do not buy! (The "US" part is a grin) The one I bought did not even have a mounting hole and had very high pressure. (See PMS 153 on the HACO A.org website)

Mechanical pumps have contained the following defects from the manufacturer at various times in the past:

- Loose valve assemblies due to poor staking and the rubber flap valves may be affected by ethanol (curling up when hot).
- It may be missing the stand pipe which keeps leaking gas from entering the crankcase.
- Check for reinforced gasket material in all three gaskets (sandwich material). Non-reinforced material could be the wicking type instead of non-wicking.
- Make sure the hole for mounting is correct for your type of lock bolt. There are two bolts, pointed and blunt. Reshape your bolt if needed for best contact.
- Check that the screws are threaded completely through the bottom section of the pump and that they are tight. See PMS article in the

December 2020 Vaircor or on the HACO A website: HACO A.org (Number 153).

- Check that the stem protrudes very close to 7/32 inch (.220).
- Check the dimension from the mount hole to the tip of the stem: 15/16 (0.930).

Remove the lower push rod from the engine and check the tip for wear (it has a chamfer for reference check), plus be sure the Teflon button is not missing or turned sideways; either will cause pump issues.

Installation of mechanical fuel pumps is critical. Be sure the lock bolt point fits the hole, do not over tighten or you will pinch the pushrod (but it does have to be tight). Feel the bolt fit in to the hole with your fingers, stroking the pump very lightly as you feel the bolt enter the hole. Snug it firmly and tighten the lock bolt. Recheck after a few miles by trying to rock the pump in its mount.

Electric Fuel Pumps That I Have Used:

Airtex: E8016S (2.5-4.0 PSI) Pulse Type Pump – Thumps but quiet while driving. I have installed many with no failures to date.

Airtex: E8012S (5-9 PSI) – Same as above, the higher pressure is not necessary for stock cars.

Airtex: E8016S (2.5-4.0 PSI) Vane Type (Airtex outsourced this pump to China but it has worked fine to date).

Carter: P60430 The "Made in USA" (stamped on the pump) Carter pump works fine at 4.5 PSI, the "Made in China" pump *does not work*. I checked four of the Chinese units and talked to the Carter tech center with no resolution except to get refunds, which I did. See also PMS 134.

An electric fuel pump must have a pre-filter and the filter that comes with the pumps is small. If you have an original gas tank or one that has had old gas from a decade of storage you should consider changing the tank and the filter on the tank pickup.

Electric Fuel Pumps Mounting:

An electric pump should be installed as close to the tank as possible for best results. The pumps are more efficient on the pressure side than the vacuum

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side plus the less time dry running the better. There is adequate room just to the rear of the vertical member (rear of the tank) on both early and late model cars. You can fabricate a cover plate to protect it from debris depending on the filter you use. FC vehicles have an easy install along the vertical member just to the rear of the tank where the steel line connects to the rubber hose from the tank; also lots of room for a larger, see through filter.



'61-'65 FC Mounting

Another method for cars is to mount the pump in front of the tank against the vertical side of the trunk. This requires longer hoses but allows an easy change of filters (or pump) because unbolting the pump lets it hang down for service. It also protects the pump from debris.

Mount the pump with rubber bushings, washers, grommets or whatever between the bolt head on the top and the pump bracket for quiet operation. Solder and shrink fit all connections and protect the ground connection from weathering.



'60-'64 Mounting

The power wire can be attached to a spade connector at the fuse block. I usually use the radio fuse upgraded to a 10 amp, but the electric pumps all pull less than 1 amp and you could switch power source at the fuse block if there was an issue with the radio circuit. Make a note about how you wired it.

You could also add an inertia switch that would shut off the power in case of a crash. They are available both new and used on eBay for less than \$20. Mount it anywhere vertically and in line with the power wire.

The rubber fuel hose next to the starter needs to be checked and /or upgraded since with an electric pump it would be under pressure instead of the original vacuum.



'65-'69 Mounting

Safety: Since you would be looking up at your work area be sure to use a light source that would avoid any gas drips and would not shatter if it did get dripped on.

I highly recommend using the Clark's fuel pump by-pass plate installed in a mechanical fuel pump. It is a \$50 item but eliminates fabricating lines (I did that on one of my 140 cars and spent \$30 on lines, fittings and a lot of time). The Clark's plate also appears stock. Installs in your old pump with hand tools and instructions are included.

Other folks may have different (and better) ideas on the fuel pump situation. If you have a product source or electric pump installation you have good experience with, please share with your fellow Corvair enthusiasts!



Activity on the “Miles of Smiles” project has picked up since last month. No sooner had the January newsletter been put to bed, than Lyle Ackerman reported his December miles. Lyle reported that he drove his Corsa coupe 72 miles in December, which included some trips to view Christmas lights.

As of the February FlatSix Journal deadline, five members have reported their miles driven for January.

- Bob Ferenc 180 miles**
- Terry Kalp..... 99 miles**
- Larry Lee 189 miles**
- Bill Smith 83 miles**
- Mark Welte 23 miles**

That is a total of 554 reported miles driven in January. That is impressive. Two members reported miles driven in two different Corvairs.

If you wish to participate, write down the odometer reading February 1st, then again on February 28th. Subtract the difference and send the number to tkalp@cox.net or text 316-882-3056.

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are due in January

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Project Police . . .

Larry Lee's speedometer died, he traced the problem down to the cable not turning. While replacing the cable, he noted the housing was also damaged. After replacing the cable and housing all is well.

Mark Welte is in the process of replacing a noisy engine fan bearing on his '65 Corsa convertible. He had planned to make the swap at Cold Tuna, but had some other “while I am there” projects that would take more than a day. Once everything was apart he took the top cover and new bearing to the Kalp shop for some heat and press work. It should be all back together by Tuna time.

Not directly Corvair related, but **Mark Stever** has been making some major improvements to building where he works on his Corvairs. Hopefully **Mark** will provide some photos and details soon.

Terry Kalp replaced leaky oil cooler seals on his '62 four-door. He has also been working on modifying an EM throttle linkage bell crank to work on his '63 Devin project. **Terry** also acquired a MGB windshield from **Eric Kline** also for the Devin.

Greg Renfro has rescued his Rampside heads from Kansas City thanks to **Scott Allison** and **Terry**.



Marcus Trotter and Eric Kline borrowed the Kalp shop for a day early in January. Their project was to swap out the gas tank in Marcus' project LM Corvair with a new one. The operation included new hoses and fuel sending unit. They reported the tank renewal was a success.



Mini-convention Set At Museum for May

CORSA Mini-Convention & Aviation Spectacular, Springfield, Illinois Hosted by the Prairie Capital Corvair Association.

The Corvair Next Generation event for 2021 will be a CORSA-sanctioned Mini Convention, May 19-23, 2021. The event is being held again, to support the CPF and the CPF Museum. All proceeds after expenses will be donated to the CPF for the continued operation of the Corvair Museum. The museum will be open and ready for your visit during the convention.

The museum has moved to a new location just south of Springfield, Illinois near Glenarm. Being a sanctioned mini means that CORSA judges will be used for the Concours on Thursday.

A road rally on Friday, car display and Funkhana on Saturday, a cruise-in Wednesday night, drive-in movie Thursday, night at museum Friday and self-guided tours to Lincoln Sites and Historic Rt.66 sites being scheduled for each evening should provide something to do for everyone.

Aviation Spectacular! Another one of our exciting



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features this year will be welcoming special guest, Mr. William Wynne of FlyCorvair.net, who is the authority for converting Corvair engines into aircraft power plants. As part of the Friday road trip, Mr. Wynne and some of his aviator friends will be presenting an “Aviation Spectacular” event at a nearby airport where Corvair powered airplanes will be on display and; (weather permitting), flight demonstrations.

Mr. Wynne will be giving a talk presentation about the history of Corvair flight at the Saturday night banquet. Invite your aviation friends who may find this fun and informative. You don’t want to miss out on this. Anyone wanting further details about this particular event can contact Eva “Corvair Lady” McGuire at corvailady@gmail.com.

The host hotel is the car hobby-friendly Crowne Plaza in Springfield, IL. Guests can call 1-800-227-6963 for reservations. They will need to reference the Crowne Plaza Springfield IL, their arrival and departure date, and that they are part of a group: Corvair Society of America (code C9S). It is important that you inform your group members of the last day to make reservations (4/18/2021). Any unreserved room in the block will automatically release on this date. Late reservations will not receive the group rate and I cannot guarantee availability after this date has passed. This is an excellent opportunity for you and your car if you’re prepping for a National Concours or a means to help maintain your current seniors status status—or just to see how your Corvair stacks up in a CORSA judged event.



The Corvair Museum, just outside of Springfield, IL will host the 2021 CORSA Mini-convention. Located on historic Rt. 66, it will be the center of activity.



Downtown Nacogdoches reflects the heritage of being the oldest town in Texas and host of 2021 HOT.

Heart of Texas Reunion Invades Nacogdoches

The Heart of Texas Reunion 2021 in Nacogdoches, TX! Our annual gathering of Corvairs will be held in the oldest town in Texas April 16-18, 2021. Join host chapter North Texas Corvair Association for an “Air Cooled” weekend in the Piney Woods. Easily accessible for Texas Corvair owners, it is centrally located for OK, LA, MO, and AR participation too. We welcome all!

Events include an optional “pre-HOT” exploration tour on Friday for early arrivals; a Friday night welcome party and games at the Visitor’s Center and Museum downtown; Saturday morning Car show on the historic town square; a driving tour through the beautiful spring time woods of east Texas; with a post drive Tech Session or Crafting event and ending the day with awards and dinner. Shopping and dining are a short walk to downtown.

Registration and more information about the event can be found on the NTCA website! <https://www.northtexascorvair.org/>. Host Hotel Fredonia Hotel, 200 N. Fredonia St. Nacogdoches, TX 75961 Questions? Contact Jeannette Alberte at jalberte@att.net or 847-254-1399

2021 Events

- February 13, 2021: Saturday** February MCCA Pre-Spring Social. Spears West 4343 W. Maple, Wichita 6 pm. Contact Bill Smith 316-469-9882
- February 20, 2021 Saturday** Cold Tuna. Kalp Shop 2140 W 101st Street North Valley Center, KS. Doors open at 8. Come and go as you please. Pot Luck, lunch. Contact Terry Kalp 316-882-3056 or Bill Smith 316-469-9882
- February 27, 2021: Saturday** February MCCA Breakfast. Fat Ernie’s 2806 S. Hydraulic Ave., Wichita, KS. Breakfast starts at 9 am. Contact Bill Smith 316-469-9882
- March 13, 2021: Saturday** March MCCA Regular meeting. Regular meeting. Oaklawn Activity Center, 4904 S. Clifton, Ave. Wichita, KS. Pre-Meeting eating at 5:30-6 meeting at 7. Contact Bill Smith 316-469-9882
- March 27, 2021: Saturday** March MCCA Breakfast. Location to be announced. Breakfast starts at 9 am. Contact Bill Smith 316-469-9882
- April 10, 2021: Saturday** April MCCA Regular meeting. Regular meeting. Oaklawn Activity Center, 4904 S. Clifton, Ave. Wichita, KS.
- April 16-18, 2021: Friday-Sunday** Heart of Texas Corvair Reunion (HOT). Host Hotel Fredonia Hotel, 200 N. Fredonia St. Nacogdoches, TX 75961. For more information call 847-254-1399 or e-mail jalberte@att.net.
- April 17, 2021: 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 24, 2021: Saturday** March MCCA Breakfast. Location to be announced. Breakfast starts at 9 am. Contact Bill Smith 316-469-9882.
- May 19-23, 2021: Wednesday-Sunday** CORSA Mini-Convention. Located at the Corvair Museum, 10041 Palm Road (Rt. 66) Glenarm, IL For more information e-mail: pcca@corvair.org The host hotel is the Crowne Plaza in Springfield, IL. call 1-800-227- 6963 for reservations . They will need to reference the Corvair Society of America (code C9S) for the discount.



Ran When Parked. This month's photo once again comes from the Internet. Posted by Jeff Bonnell of East Central IL. Send Ran When Parked photos to tkalp@cox.net

**February
Meeting**
6 pm
Feb. 13th
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Ten Years Ago...



In 2011 Bob Ferenc had just purchased his '63 Spyder. One day Bob noticed this "string" hanging down from under his engine cover. Thinking it was part of the decayed weather strip, he pulled. Once the lid was opened, Bob discovered why this string was slippery and hairy. It was a mouse tail . . . still attached to the mouse.



Calendar

Feb. Meeting	Feb 13
Luna Tuna	Feb. 20
Feb. Breakfast	Feb. 27
March Meeting	March 13
Cars & Coffee?	March 20
March Breakfast	March 27
April Meeting	April 10