

# The Flat Six Journal

Mid Continent Corvair Association Newsletter

April 2021

## Show Season Started MCCA Events Almost Every Week

If your Corvair is not ready for Summer fun, time to get it ready. With the warmer weather and lifting of Covid restrictions, the car show season is underway. The first show of the season for the MCCA was the First Friday Show that took place April 2, at the Town and Country Classic restaurant. Everyone was ready for a show judging by the turnout. Six Corvairs from MCCA showed up. See the story on page 6.

Upcoming shows in April are the initial Cars & Coffee for 2021 on April 17 at The Alley. Details in the story on page 7. The next Saturday, April 24 will be the Drags and Car Show in Norwich, KS. Details for both of these events are provided in a story on page 3 of this newsletter. The following Saturday is May 1 and the date of the May Road Trip. The May event will be the Downtown Car Show in Newton, KS. There is an optional Cruising Main activity the Friday Night before, also in Newton. See details on page 7.

The April 2021 meeting will be at the Oaklawn Activity Center. There is plenty of room for more members to show up at the Activity Center. The April meeting will be on Saturday the 10th and start at the regular time of 7 pm.

There has been an excellent response to the "Miles of Smiles" reporting of Corvair miles driven each month. It is not a contest nor a scientific study. The miles reported don't have to be exact. There are almost 2500 reported miles this year already and there are many more unreported Corvair miles.

Get out and drive your Corvair.



**Lloyd Folger and Terry Kalp were able to park together in the crowded Jimmie's Diner parking lot.**

## Pre-meeting Eating

Some MCCA members will be gathering at Hog Wild Bar-B-Q at 630 E. 47th St. South, Wichita, to eat before the April 10th meeting. If you are comfortable with dining out, join the group. So bring your appetite and join your friends starting at 5:30-6 on Saturday. After a great meal and conversation members will head East to the OAC.

**April Meeting  
Saturday,  
April 10th 7pm**

**Oaklawn  
Activity Center  
4904 S. Clifton, Ave.  
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# 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](mailto:mkluke@cox.net)

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# April MCCA Trip To Norwich Show

The April MCCA Road Trip will be to the Tri-Cities Car Show in Norwich, KS. Bill Smith noted, "So I talked to the organizer of the tri cities car show in Norwich which I have chosen for our April trip. The date is April 24th. Registration is \$20 and is accepted up to the day of the show. Registration sent before April 14th gets you a free T-shirt. Registration day of the show starts at 8 am. Awards for the car show start at 11:30 am.

There is also a drag race that starts at 1pm if you wish to stick around for that. If you want to participate in the car show feel free. If you want to drive down there with us but don't want to enter your car that is fine as well. There isn't any cost for spectating, and you will be eligible for Mel points. We will also have an earlier depart time to head to the show to a lot for drive time and registration done at the show along with staging.

I figured that Town and Country restaurant at K-42 and Maize Rd will be a good meeting point. Departure time will be 8:30 that morning. Here is the web link for more info on the show and you can print off your registration forms there as well.

[http://tricitychamber.org/?fbclid=IwAR1gIZ5aaoY9tYlXls4APMNZv-zgp\\_ENli4-ICShG11Dl3\\_Wd22X2C4PEZ8](http://tricitychamber.org/?fbclid=IwAR1gIZ5aaoY9tYlXls4APMNZv-zgp_ENli4-ICShG11Dl3_Wd22X2C4PEZ8)

If you need more information on the monthly MCCA events, contact Bill Smith at 316-469-9882.



Activity on the "Miles of Smiles" project has continued to increase. As of the April FlatSix Journal deadline, six members have reported their miles driven for March. Larry Lee also reported 167 miles for February, which didn't make the deadline for the March newsletter.

- Bob Ferenc .....254 miles**
- Keith Hammett..... 1 mile**
- Terry Kalp..... 127 miles**
- Larry Lee .....257 miles**
- Bill Smith .....261 miles**
- Mark Welte ..... 40 miles**

That is a total of 940 reported miles driven in March. That is impressive. An increase of 131 miles over those reported in February. After three months the total for 2021 is 2452 miles. If you wish to participate, write down the odometer reading April 1st, then again on April 30th Subtract the difference and send the number to tkalp@cox.net or text 316-882-3056.

# Static Stoppers

AM radio was king during the 60's. It was also more open to electrical interference than FM. This summarized article from June 1966 Popular Electronics explains the sources and solutions for electrical radio interference used in the '60s. Corvairs used most of them. If a dealer installed a radio in a non-radio equipped Corvair, they also had to install all the static suppressors, including the flat braided wires between the body and engine tin.

By Robert L. Ruyle, W0FCH

Electrical interference prevents clear reception and reduces the range of mobile communications equipment. Mobile radio installations are generally afflicted with noise from ignition systems, charging systems, switching circuits, moving metal parts, metal-to-metal contacts, and other electrical noises.

**Ignition System Noise.** Ignition system noise usually originates from one or more of four places: spark plugs, wiring, distributor, and the ignition coil.

Spark plug interference is heard as a popping noise in the radio receiver which increases to a loud buzz as engine speed is increased. A resistor-type spark plug is an effective way to suppress this interference. The nearer the resistor to the spark gap, the more effective. You can use suppressor spark plug cables, but resistor-type spark plugs are more effective.

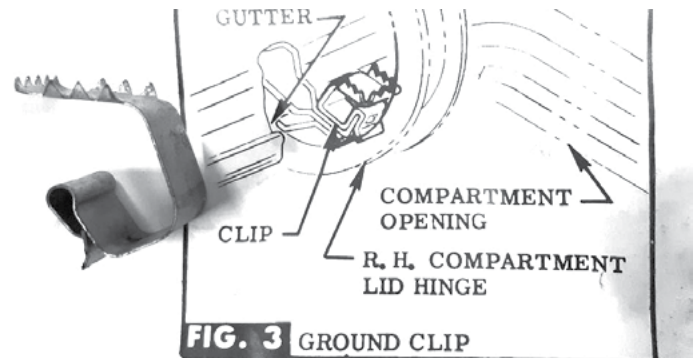
Distributor interference also causes popping, its pitch also varies with engine speed. Check that the distributor cap and rotor are clean. The cap and rotor should be replaced every 25,000 miles. After 25,000 miles, the inside of the distributor cap usually becomes impregnated with millions of tiny metallic particles.

Ignition coil interference can be easily filtered by installing a 0.1µf. coaxial-type capacitor. Attach the capacitor to the supporting band of the ignition coil and mount it as close as possible to the coil terminal.

**Generating System Noise.** Noise from the generating system can usually be traced to alternators, generators, and voltage regulators.

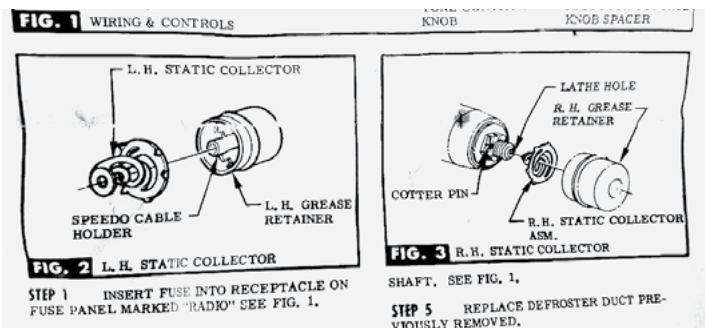
Alternators generally do not create a noise interference problem. The best remedy is to insert a coaxial feed-through type capacitor in each alternator lead.

Generators are common offenders. Be sure to install filters and capacitors in a proper manner, particularly around the generator's field terminal.



This little clip, often overlooked or missing is mounted at the RH engine cover hinge. It is to electrically bond the cover to the body to reduce radio static.

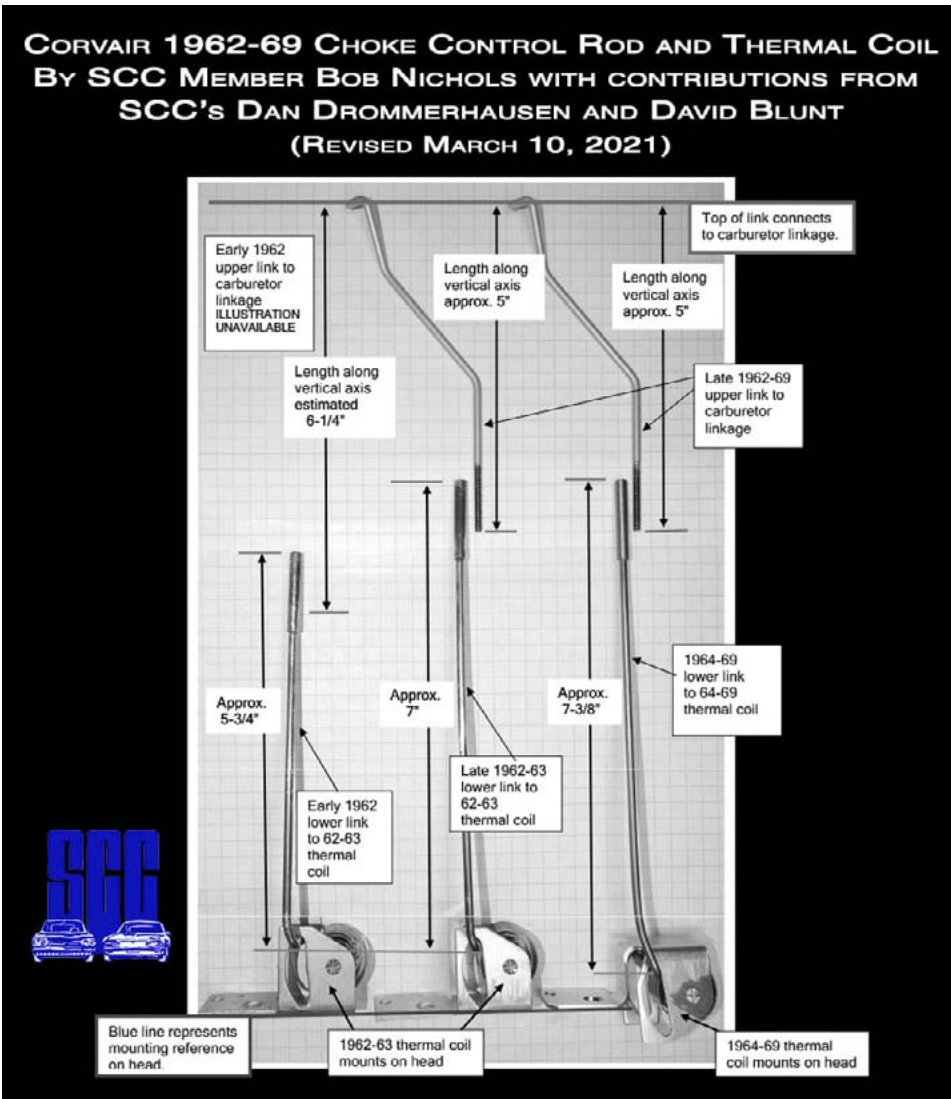
**Metal-To-Metal Contact.** The best way to eliminate noise from metal-to-metal contact is to electrically bond the two pieces of metal. Don't overlook the little bonding clips between the hood and the car body. These little clips serve a purpose.



Static Discharge suppressors were installed in the front dust covers of Corvairs with radios. These are LM as the LH side has a hole for the speedo cable.



**Static Discharge.** If you hear a "rushing" noise when your car is moving, and it disappears when you apply the brakes, chances are that your car's wheels are building up static electricity. Check inside the outer wheel bearing dust cover on the front wheels to make sure that you have static springs installed and that they are in good condition.



## Shifter Shaft Seal Seepage Solution

By Mark Welte

If you have a '60-'65 manual tranny that leaks around the shift shaft seal, and cleaning burrs off the shaft and replacing the standard seal doesn't fix it, you can try a seal with a smaller ID that fits tighter around the shaft. O'Reilly's can get these for you in a couple of days for \$3.99 each. I learned about this trick in the CORSA Tech Guides.

# '62-9 Corvair Choke guide

Like points ignition and carburetors, the Corvair choke system has been obsoleted by fuel injection and computer controls. The choke system is important for quick cold starts and proper warm up and driveability. Southern California Corvair members wrote this guide.

Check out this article on: Corvair 1962-69 Choke Control Rod and Thermal Coil By SCC Members Bob Nichols with contributions from SCC's Dan Drommerhausen and David Blunt.

(Revised March 10, 2021)  
 "The term 'choke' means to restrict air flow into the carburetor causing a greater amount of fuel to be mixed with the air entering the engine cylinder. The enriched fuel air mixture promotes better combustion in a cold cylinder for smoother engine operation. The enriched fuel mixture is only required until the engine cylinder and head warm up, then less fuel mixed with the air provides optimal combustion..."  
 Read the full article here: <https://tinyurl.com/ayf5fcms>



**Alex Moats' Corvair died on him going down the highway. He was recently able to check out the problem. It appears the cam gear became loose on the cam, then stripped the teeth.**



# First Friday



**Nick Pool brought out his daily driver '65 Monza 2-door.**

The MCCA first, First Friday show & shine at the new location was a resounding success. Six Corvairs joined the multitude of other cars, in the parking lot and nearby grassy areas of the Town and Country Classic restaurant at the intersection of K-42 and Maize Road. With the nice weather, it seemed that everyone wanted to get out.

The next MCCA First Friday Show & Shine at K-42 and Maize will be Friday, May 7. The show starts at 5 pm. This show counts for the Mel Award. Contact Bill Smith 316-469-9882.



**On the grass and facing the setting sun were Bill Smith's LM coupe, Jason Pool's '64 Monza and Bob Ferenc's '63 Spyder. Smith photo.**



**The weather was beautiful and MCCA members Nick Pool, Bill Smith, Cary Ziesenis and Bob Ferenc gathered for a group shot. Tiffany Smith photo.**



**Cary Ziesenis and Mark Stever parked their LM Corvairs on the pavement behind Town and Country.**



**At the August 2019 Cars & Coffee Corvairs & Corvettes were featured. MCCA turned out 12 Corvairs for the show. The 2021 season starts April 17.**

## Cars & Coffee Starts 4/17

After many cancellations during the 2020 car show season, Cars & Coffee is back on a regular schedule. The first Cars and Coffee Show of 2021 will be Saturday, April 17th at The Alley Indoor Entertainment parking lot, 11413 E. 13th St. North, Wichita, KS 8-11 am. Get there early as it fills up quickly. A Mel Horstman Award event. For more information contact Bill Smith 316-469-9882.

## *Newton Downtown Show May 1st MCCA Road Trip*

On May 1st MCCA members will be headed out to the Newton Downtown Car Show. This will be the May Road Trip. Members will meet at the show. Cars can be entered into the show as late as 10 am. But if wanting to park together as a group need to be there by 7. For more information call Bill Smith 316-469-9882.

The event is sponsored by Mid Kansas Muscle Cars, which includes MCCA member Carl Weaver. The provided the following information Car show entrants will line up at 6th & Oak. Groups should line up together so you can park together. Gates open at 7:00 a.m. The registration table opens at 8:00 a.m.

The show website is: <https://newtoncarshow.org/>

The tradition of the Friday night cruise lives on. Cruise Newton's main drag, the the old days. The cruise is Friday, April 30, meet at Newton High School, 900 W 12th St, at 6:00 p.m. and depart at 6:30 to begin cruising. Hang out with old friends, or make some new ones. Come enjoy a great night of cruisin'.

## 2021 Events

**April 10, 2021: Saturday** April MCCA Regular meeting. Starts at 7. Oaklawn Activity Center, 4904 S. Clifton, Ave. Wichita, KS.

**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** April MCCA Road Trip. Main Street Drags and Car Show. Location: 238 S Main Street, Norwich, KS. Meet at Town and Country restaurant at K-42 and Maize Road, Wichita, KS. Be there by 8:30 am. Contact Bill Smith 316-469-9882.

**May 1, 2021: Saturday** May MCCA Road Trip to the Newton Downtown Car Show. Location: Line up to go in the show area at 201 E 6th (6th & Oak) Newton, KS 7 am. Watch the MCCA Facebook page or contact Bill Smith 316-469-9882 for additional details.

**May 7, 2021: Friday** May MCCA First Friday Show and Shine. Starts at 5. Location Town & Country Classic, corner of K-42 and Maize Road, Wichita, KS.

**May 8, 2021: Saturday** May MCCA Regular meeting. Starts at 7 Oaklawn Activity Center, 4904 S. Clifton, Ave. Wichita, KS.

**May 15, 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.

**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](mailto: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.

**June 13, 2021: Sunday** June MCCA meeting and Lake Afton Car show. MacArthur Road at 247th Street West, Wichita, KS 11 am. Contact Bill Smith 316-469-9882.

**Ran When Parked.** This month's photo comes from the Internet. Posted by Keith Crippen on the Corvair-natics Corvair Trucks & Vans Facebook page. With the recent winds and rains in Kansas this could happen here. Be careful where you park your Corvair. Send Ran When Parked photos to [tkalp@cox.net](mailto:tkalp@cox.net)



**April Meeting**  
**7 pm**  
**April 10th**

**Oaklawn Activity Center**  
 4904 S. Clifton, Ave.  
 Wichita, KS

## Ten Years Ago...

In 2011 several MCCA members made the trip to Indianapolis, IN for the Corvair Performance Workshop. Friday afternoon was a tour. Ned Madsen checks out the chassis of a funny car during the Friday Afternoon tour of Don Schumacher Racing. DSR fields more than 10 teams, each with their own car, and semi tractor trailer full of spares. They construct their own chassis and build their own heads.



## Calendar

April Meeting	April 10
Cars & Coffee	April 17
April Road Trip	April 24
May Road Trip	May 1
First Friday Show	May 7
May Meeting	May 8
Cars & Coffee	May 15
CORSA Mini	May 19-20