

The Flat Six Journal

Mid Continent Corvair Association Newsletter

October 2021



A local minister's family displayed a '63 Corvair at the Valley Center Lions Club car show. The show was Friday, September 17th and had 138 cars. The Pacer beside the Corvair is owned by the same family .

Editor's Note

Many of you may have noticed the newsletter didn't arrive in your mailbox (e-mail or USPS) the second week of the month. Since the meeting was pushed back a week to avoid conflict with the Great Plains Corvair Round Up, I decided to push the newsletter back a week also. That way members would be getting their newsletter the week of the meeting as usual.

Roundup Coverage In November Issue

Eight MCCA members attended the 2021 Great Plains Corvair Roundup in North Little Rock, AR. It was a great time for all. Full coverage will be in the November issue of the FlatSix Journal.

September, a Time to Remember

A forgotten key turned into an excellent evening in the park thanks to the resourcefulness of President, Bill Smith. Read the full story on page five of this issue.

The October meeting has been combined with Luna Tuna. The meeting and Tuna will be this Saturday, October 16th at the Kalp Shop at 2140 W. 101st Street N. in Valley Center.

The final October activity for

the MCCA will be breakfast and a road trip on the 23rd. Breakfast is at the Egg Crate at 13th & West in Wichita. Then head to Halstead for the tour of Carl Weaver's airport and farm. See the story on page six for details.

The main event in November will be the Meeting & Italian dinner at Bob and Lee Bright's in Derby. This is always a great event for the last meeting of the year.

Oct. Meeting
Saturday,
Oct. 16th

Meeting at 1 PM

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

Corvair for Sale

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THANK YOU

From Keith Hammett

Terry please put a message in the newsletter or at least announce at the meeting, thank you for the card from MCCA. It was a pleasant surprise to receive in the mail. I am doing good so far, with only side effect being a sudden feeling of no energy.



FREE Pick-A-Part Kalp Shop

Several of my parts Corvairs are headed to the scrapper in the next few weeks. Everyone is welcome to look them over and remove whatever parts they want/need. Cars are located at the Kalp shop 2140 W. 101st Street N. Valley Center, KS Contact Terry 316-882-3056 or facebook or tkalp@cox.net.



1964 Monza

Coupe

1966 Monza

Convertible

1965 500

Coupe

1968 500

Coupe

1965 Monza

Convertible

Clip



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A display case of parts was in the lobby at California Corvair when the Pools and Smiths visited.

Pools & Smiths Visit California Corvair

The Pools and Smiths took an extended vacation to the west coast recently. The primary purpose of the trip was Nick and Kayla’s wedding in Las Vegas. After the wedding the group headed Los Angeles. One of their stops in L.A. was California Corvairs, where Bill picked up some parts for Tiffany’s sedan. Later they went to the Petersen Automotive Museum.

Submit Photos for MCCA ‘22 Calendar

It is time for MCCA members to provide photos of their Corvairs for the 2022 MCCA calendar. There are many club Corvairs that should be in the calendar. Deadline for photos is Thanksgiving. If you have an interest in the calendar project contact Terry at 316-882-3056 or let him know at the October meeting.

The cost of the calendars should be between \$10-15. Existing photos may be used or new photos can be taken. Terry will take photos of your Corvair if needed. All Photos and orders will need to be to Terry by the end of November. There will be samples of past Corvair calendars at the October meeting where Terry will be able to provide additional information.

This is not a fund-raiser the calendars will be sold at cost. If you have questions contact Terry.



Activity on the “Miles of Smiles” project has continued to increase. As of the October FlatSix Journal deadline, seven members have reported their miles driven for September.

- Scott Allison 1087 miles**
- Joe Nold..... 250 miles**
- Sam Fuller..... 1168 miles**
- Terry Kalp..... 141 miles**
- Larry Lee 244 miles**
- Jason Pool 232 miles**
- Bill Smith 424 miles**

The total reported miles driven jumped up from August to 3545 miles driven. The first month this year of over 3000 miles . With nine months of reported miles the total for 2021 is 14,182.1 miles. This averages out to over 1400 miles per month. If you wish to participate, write down the odometer reading October 1st, then again on October 31st Subtract the difference and send the number to tkalp@cox.net or text 316-882-3056 or report the miles on the club Facebook page.

Check out MCCA On Facebook



Mid-Continent Corvair Association

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/105523176146520/>

Sun Shines for HACO A Tech Day



by Terry Kalp

With the weatherman threatening bad weather, Mike Dawson bumped the HACO A Tech Session from Saturday to Sunday, October 3. Sunday's weather was great as I

drove to Belton. The session started at noon and most all the projects involved gas. Three or four sets of carbs were set right, a sinking fuel gauge float was replaced and some R-12 was pumped into an after-market, Frigidaire air conditioning system. The York style compressor on the Frigidaire system had Mike scratching his head for awhile, but he figured it out. Then it was hamburgers and home.

ABOVE: Mike Dawson balanced and adjusted the carbs on Don D's 140 Aztec Bronze Corsa.

BELOW: Mike had to fend off a group of bikers that invaded the Tech Day.



Chuck Morris waits patiently as he drains gas from his EM convertible. Next step was to replace a bad float on the fuel sender.





MCCA members were able to shake down some of their Braum's supper hiking from their Corvairs to the meeting spot.

only a couple blocks from the park. The caravan of nine Corvairs going from Braum's to the park attracted a lot of attention.

Once the Corvairs were parked at the meeting site, they continued to get attention and compliments from people cruising the area. Weather was perfect and club business was taken care of.

September Meeting Was a Walk in the Park

by Terry Kalp

It all started with a simple slip-up. President, Bill Smith forgot to pickup the key for the Oaklawn Recreation Center on Friday night before they closed. Being resourceful and with the cooperation of the weather, Bill was able to move the meeting location to Sedgwick County Park. The change of venue also required a change to the Pre-meeting Eating location. The Braum's at 21st and Ridge Road was selected. It was



ABOVE: MCCA officers Tiffany Smith, Secretary (left), Bill Smith, President (Center) and Jay Allen, Vice-president (right) prepare to get the meeting started. LEFT: Not only did the Corvairs get to park together at Braum's, they ended up parking Late, Early, Late, Early all the way down the row.

Sept. Breakfast At Copper Oven

Despite several of the regular breakfast goers being on vacation in Las Vegas, MCCA members manage to fill several tables at the September 25th breakfast at the Copper Oven. Early Model Corvairs dominated in the parking lot. Jay Allen drove his early coupe, the Ackermans arrived in their '62 Monza coupe, Terry Kalp was exercising his '61 700 Lakewood station wagon that Saturday.

Even though the restaurant was pretty crowded service was very good and the food was tasty and abundant.



Mark Stever got "Bob" his '64 Monza coupe back from the painter, and boy does it shine. Now Mark is in the process of reassembly.

Oct. Breakfast at Egg Crate

The October MCCA Breakfast will be Saturday, October 23rd at the Egg Crate Cafe. Ordering of meals will start at 9 am. The Egg Crate Cafe is located at 8606, near 13th and West Street W. 13th Street North in Wichita. Their on-line menu indicates they have the standard breakfast items of eggs, bacon, sausage, toast, French Toast, muffins, biscuits, and pancakes. In addition they have omelets, Skillet, a breakfast sandwich, breakfast burrito, an All-meat frittata and eggs Benedict. Quite a selection.

After the meal everyone will head North for the road trip portion of the event. The destination will be Carl Weaver's ranch and airport at 5631 N. Ridge Rd. Halstead, KS. Carl will open up his hanger(s) and share his collections. The theme of his collections seems to be Planes, Trains and Automobiles. There will be many items in each category to view and enjoy. It should be a very pleasant experience. So wear

your walking shoes and bring your curiosity.

For more details contact Bill Smith at 316-469-9882.

The Latest Information On Airtex Fuel Pumps

by Mike Dawson

After many weeks of the reasonably good Airtex (Made In USA) mechanical fuel pumps being unavailable, they are suddenly back on the market, but not necessarily a good deal. I purchased two and when they arrived: Made in China! Be aware, they have a longer push rod stem which may be an issue, the O ring seal is not included, and most important, the gasket material is not reinforced. I took one apart and compared the springs which did appear to be close to original GM. These pumps in a box with an Airtex sticker appear to be identical to the Delphi pumps. Purchase at your own risk.



Dennis Fuller is taking advantage of Terry's free pick-a-part offer. Dennis and Sam worked together to cut a section of the lower cowl from a '64 so they could run a more standard brake master cylinder on Sam's '60 four door. Earlier in the week Alex Moats with help from some friends pulled the rear suspension and PowerGlide transmission out of a '66 parts car Terry has.



Bill Smith's 2020 Luna Tuna project was to swap out the rocker nuts on his '68 500 with new ones.

Luna Tuna 10-16

Luna Tuna is Saturday, October 16th at the Kalp Shop. It is a chance to get some work done on your Corvair, eat, socialize and just have a fun day.

The Kalp Shop is located at 2140 W. 101st Street North, Valley Center, KS. If you are coming down I 35 get off at exit 19 and go two miles west.

We will be starting at 8 am but you can come and go as you please. Lunch will be at noon and we will be hanging around until all the cars are finished. Lyle Ackerman will be replacing some gaskets on Lonene's '62. Mark Welte is bringing a differential for Mike Dawson to check out. This would also be a great time for you to pull parts off the parts cars that Terry is sending to the junk man. They won't be around much longer. See more details in the advertisement on page 2 of this newsletter. Terry has a grinder with cut off wheels, a saws-all and a long cord to reach all of the car-casses. Safety glasses and more than adequate supervision will be available.

Terry has a lot of speciality tools to help with Corvair repairs. There is space for more projects. If you plan on a major project it would be good to contact Terry at 316-882-3056 or Contact Bill Smith at 316-469-9882

Lunch will be pot luck as usual. Bill Smith and Greg Renfro will show up with a pot or two of Chili, others should just bring another soup, side-dish, salad or desert.

2021 Events

October 15-17, 2021: Friday-Sunday Tri-State. Host Hotel Albuquerque Marriott Pyramid North 5151 San Francisco Road NE, Albuquerque, NM. Phone 505-821-3333 . For more information visit tristatecorvairs.com.

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October 23, 2021: Saturday MCCA October Breakfast /Road Trip Breakfast at the Egg Crate at 13th and West in Wichita 9 am. Then on to Carl Weaver's for a tour of his hangers. Carl's address is 5631 N. Ridge Rd. Halstead, KS. 67056. Contact Bill Smith 316-469-9882.

November 12-14, 2021: Friday-Sunday Heart of Texas Corvair Reunion (HOT). Host Hotel Fredonia Hotel, 200 N. Fredonia St. Nacogdouches, TX 75961. For more information call 847-254-1399 or e-mail jalberte@att.net.

November 13, 2021: Saturday November MCCA Regular meeting. Hosted by Bob and Lee Bright 210 Walnut, Derby, KS Italian dinner at 5:30-6 Meeting at 7 pm. Contact Bill Smith 316-469-9882

NO DECEMBER MEETING

January 8, 2022: Saturday January MCCA Regular meeting. Location to be announced. Pre-Meeting eating at 5:30-6 meeting at 7. Contact Bill Smith 316-469-9882

February 12, 2022: Saturday February MCCA Pre-Spring Social. Location to be announced. . Contact Bill Smith 316-469-9882

February 19, 2022 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



Ran When Parked. Missouri member John Overby sent in this photo. John explained it sat in the woods for 17 years, but it only took three years for him to convince the owner to sell it to him. Send Ran When Parked photos to tkalp@cox.net

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Ten Years Ago

In October of 2011 the Great Plains Corvair Roundup was hosted by HACO. The host hotel was the historic Elms in Excelsior Springs, Missouri. Several MCCA members made the trip and had an outstanding time. HACO will be hosting the 2022 Roundup.



Calendar

- Luna Tuna & Oct. Meeting Oct. 16
- Oct. Road Trip Breakfast Oct. 23
- First Friday? Nov. 5
- Nov. Meeting Nov. 13
- Nov. Breakfast Road Trip Nov. 27

No December Meeting



Travis Bolton starts a round of the Friday night Valve Cover races. Two of Terry Kalp's valve covers were pitted against each other. Strecker Photo.



Two "Go Karts" one for little kids and the other for big kids. Travis Bolton's Chevy Jr. lines up beside the Shark of Terry Kalp.