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Mid Continent Corvair Association Newsletter

November 2021

Marcus Trotter took this great photo at Luna Tuna. Jay Allen's exceptionally clean '64 Monza coupe is in the foreground with Terry Kalp's '65 Monza 4-door, '62 700 4-door and '61 700 Lakewood in the background (Red, White & Blue). For additional photos and information on the Luna Tuna check out the article on pages 4&5 of this issue of the FlatSix Journal.



Oct. Bustling with Club Activity

MCCA members were on the road everywhere in October. Almost 5,000 Corvair miles have been reported for the month. The 2021 year miles are approaching 20,000.

October started off with the Great Plains Corvair Roundup in Little Rock on October 8-10. See the story on pgs. 6&7.

The next weekend was Luna Tuna combined with the October

MCCA meeting on October 16. An amazing amount of Corvair work got done without sacrificing the socializing. As always the food for lunch was outstanding. See the story on pgs. 4&5

The final October activity for the MCCA was breakfast and a road trip on the 23rd. Breakfast was at the Egg Crate at 13th & Tyler in Wichita. After a fine breakfast

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**Nov. Meeting
Saturday,
Nov. 13th**

Meeting at 6 PM

**Bob & Lee Bright's
210 Walnut
Derby, KS**

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FOR SALE: 1963 Monza 4-Door Sedan. The owner approached Sean Whetstone while he was driving his Corvair said he had one that the owner would be interested in selling. Sean reported its been sitting but is in really good condition. Its here in McPherson, he offered it to me for \$1500 might take less. He bought it for an engine for his van but once he cleaned it up he realized it's really too nice. He'll list it on market place soon. His name is **Shane 402 879 1995.**



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.



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Photos Needed for MCCA '22 Calendar

Time is running out. Still need photos for about half of the months for the 2022 MCCA calendar. Need more 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 November 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. This is not a fund-raiser the calendars will be sold at cost. If you have questions contact Terry.

Oct. Bustling with Club Activity

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the four Corvairs headed toward Hesston for the tour of Carl Weaver’s airport and farm. Wow, Carl has a great collection and a nice place to display it. See the story on page 8 for more details.

The main event in November will be the Meeting & Italian dinner at Bob and Lee Bright’s in Derby. The dinner/meeting is this Saturday, November 13th. Dinner will start at 6 pm. Bring a side dish and a chair. There will be a short meeting after dinner. This is always a great event for the last meeting of the year.

The final club event for 2021 will be the Saturday, November 27th MCCA Breakfast/Road Trip. This is Thanksgiving weekend so some members may be busy with family. Breakfast is at Delano’s Diner in the Delano district of Wichita. Looking at the menu there are quite a variety of breakfast options. Then the group moves on to the Twisted OZ Motorcycle Museum in Augusta. Some MCCA members visited the museum in 2016 and it was impressive then. They have expanded and improved the displays since then, so it should be a worthwhile trip.

There is no meeting or activities in December. The next meeting will be in January of 2022 at the Oaklawn Recreation Center on January 8th.



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

- Joe Nold..... 1207 miles**
- Bob Ferenc 297 miles**
- Dennis Fuller..... 1379 miles**
- Terry Kalp..... 134 miles**
- Larry Lee 58 miles**
- Jason Pool 112 miles**
- Bill Smith 358 miles**
- Mark Welte 1056 miles**

The total reported miles driven jumped up from September to 4701 miles driven. The first month this year of over 4000 miles . With ten months of reported miles the total for 2021 is 18,883.1 miles. This averages out to almost 1900 miles per month. If you wish to participate, write down the odometer reading November 1st, then again on November 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.

2022 Dues due in Jan.
Pay \$15 dues to Jason Pool,
301 W. Willow Ct.,
Goddard, KS 67052

Corvair Repair at Luna Tuna



Marcus Trotter used his Tuna time to polish some of the chrome for his LM Corvair.

by Terry Kalp

Luna Tuna weather started out a bit chilly, but not cool enough to quench the fire from the Chili that Greg Renfro brought for lunch.

Tuna time was Saturday, October 16th at the Kalp Shop. The Tuna trend for the last couple of years has been fewer Corvair projects and more socializing. This Tuna broke that trend, there was still plenty of socializing, but also a noted increase in Corvair projects.

Mark Welte was one of the early arrivals. He had a '65 differential case and internals that he had cleaned up but needed to check and assemble with the help of Mike Dawson. It wasn't long before Mike arrived and Mark was getting

a lesson in differential set up.

First on the four-post lift was Lyle Ackerman. Swapping out a leaky valve cover gasket on Lonnene's '62 was his project. Only after he had the original valve cover off and cleaned up did he discover in order to upgrade to the factory spreader bars he would need to have an updated valve cover also. A second, updated valve cover was sourced, cleaned then installed.

About the same time Eric Kline was working on the scissors lift in the main shop. He was replacing the missing bolts from the sway bar mount on his '64 coupe. Eric had recently purchased Matt Cox's old Corvair.

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Mike Dawson tunes the carburetors on Randy Weir's '64 Monza convertible as Randy looks on. Mike was kept quite busy helping solve Corvair problems.



Jay Allen, Terry Kalp, Keith Hammett and Lloyd Folger (left to right) take a few minutes for some Corvair chat.

Jay Allen made good use of the lift. His goal was to improve the shifting of his 4-speed. A new shift coupler and boots were installed. After a quick test drive, Jay declared the shifting much improved.



Scott Allison got caught taking advantage of Terry's Pick-A-Part

Corvair Repair at Luna Tuna

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Dennis Fuller arrived with the axle that gave him problems on his trip to North Little Rock. Using the club puller, he removed the bearing

and disassembled it for inspection. The bearing cage had worn and let some of the rollers move 90 degrees.

Lunch, as always, was a success. Greg's Chili, some soups and side dishes plus plenty of pastries filled everyone up. After a very short meeting it was back to work.

Lloyd Folger had a squeaky clutch. Nick Pool dove under the dash and fixed the noise with some lube. Now it was Jay Allen's turn on the four-post lift. His '64 coupe was getting a new shift coupler and boots.

Eric joined Marcus Trotter and both polished several chrome bits for their Corvair projects. Mike Dawson headed outside to inspect and tune Randy Weir's '64 convertible. Randy from Clearwater and Tim Polley from Newton were new members that drove their Corvairs to the Tuna.

For a bit of entertainment I fired up the Shark and took a couple of hot laps around the shop. Soon it was mid-afternoon and all the tools were getting wiped down and put away. The projects were finished and people headed home.



Mark Welte assembles a differential for his convertible. Mike Dawson helped with adjustments.



Dennis Fuller used a puller to remove a bad EM rear axle bearing.



Dennis' bad bearing. One of the rollers had turned sideways.

2021 Great Plains Roundup Rocks

by Terry Kalp

The Arkansas Corvair Club put on an excellent Great Plains Corvair Roundup. The October 8 - 10 event was mostly held at the host hotel, the Wyndham Riverfront Hotel in North Little Rock, Arkansas.

Two MCCA couples headed out on Thursday, October 7. Joe and Bonnie Nold in their '64 convertible traveled with Mark and Darlene Welte driving their '65 Corsa coupe. Dennis Fuller headed out Thursday also but spent the night in Missouri at John Overby's, then Dennis and John arrived on Friday. Scott Allison drove in on Friday as did I.

Opening early on Friday were the Hospitality room, registration and the vendor area. The first event of the Roundup was a Tech Talk Session at 4. Elvis King gave a great presentation on tools he had created over the years to work on his Corvairs.

Friday evening was the Valve Cover Races. Although there were only nine racers, there was a good crowd to cheer them on. Dennis and I both had racers and got paired up to race in the second round. It was a close race.

Saturday morning was the Peoples' Choice Car display. The show had a scenic location. It was held in the park that was between the host hotel and the riverfront. Some counted 34 or 35 Corvairs at the show.

Saturday Afternoon was the Fun Run. I navigat-

ed, Scott drove, Dominique and Corly Allen rode in back to roll the dice and be extra eyes. In addition to following directions and answering questions we had to toss dice, bean bags and fan belts to get points.

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The Weltes spent some time putting a super shine on their black '65 Corsa. Reflected in the door is the back side of the host hotel. Mark Welte photo.



The Saturday Car Show was held in a beautiful park between the river and host hotel. Joe Nold discusses his Corvair with Arkansas and OKC club members.

RIGHT: Dennis Fuller and Terry Kalp got pitted against each other early in the Friday night Valve Cover Races. They ran several close races.





MCCA members line up after the awards banquet Saturday night. (From left to right) Dennis Fuller, Joe Nold, Bonnie Nold, Scott Allison, Darlene Welte, Mark Welte and Terry Kalp. Not pictured, John Overby.

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When the awards were announced at the Saturday night banquet. The Nolds won the Long Distance award, Dennis won 3rd in the EM closed class at the Car Show and I won 1st in the Valve Cover race. Scott and I, with a lot

of help from the Allens, took 2nd place in the Fun Run.

Dennis' '64 4-door had developed a noisy rear bearing on the trip in. Elvis King came to the rescue and donated a used axle. Sunday morning Dennis swapped axles in about 30 minutes.



ABOVE: Elvis King presented a Tech Talk on Friday afternoon. He explained some of his homemade Corvair tools. Here he demonstrates a push rod tube remover.

FAR LEFT: Marcia Bolton tosses a bean bag in the Cornhole portion of Saturday's Fun Run.

BELOW: Dennis Fuller also parked his Corvair on the River side of the show field. He also had a Corvair hubcap bird feeder on the hood.





Four MCCA Corvairs (all LMs) made it to tour Carl Weavers' barn and automobile and plane collections. Driving were Terry Kalp, Eric Kline, Lyle Ackerman and Mark Welte. Mark Welte Photo.



Tucked into the side room of the main hanger was this quite rare 1930 Chevy roadster pickup. In the nearby home garage was Carl's 1959 El Camino and his wife's 1967 Firebird Sprint. The barn held his 1960 Impala two-door hardtop and his 1967 Camaro. The Corvair had a garage of its own (see page 10).

October Road Trip

by Terry Kalp

At 9 am it was only me and Eric Kline at the Egg Crate, but soon more members filtered in. After a grand breakfast the group headed North to Carl Weaver's. I took a quick detour thru North Newton to pick up David and Louie.

The Weavers were excellent hosts. The tour started out with the large gathering room in the barn. It was filled with vintage goodies including a reproduction Shasta camper and a corporate plane interior

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David and Louie Jacobson examine the automobilia on one wall of the barn. Several were Corvair items.



The back section of the barn was a smaller hanger that held Carls Camaro and more aircraft artifacts.



MCCA members filled two tables at the Egg Crate for breakfast. The food and service were quite good.



At the Twisted OZ museum this Wichita built Valentine diner is incorporated into the motorcycle display. Most of the motorcycles on display are American made and many from the 'teens and twenties.

November Road Trip From Delano to OZ

The November 27th MCCA Road Trip will start with breakfast at 9 am at the Delano's Diner 1220 W. Douglas Ave Wichita. Breakfast menu includes Steak and Eggs, Biscuit and Gravy, several different Burritos, several Eggs Benedict variations, Waffles, sausage Country fried steak and a couple of quesadillas. Omelets (including a pulled pork omelet), lots of Hotcake combinations and French toast are also on the breakfast menu.

For the Road Trip portion of the event we will be driving to Twisted Oz Motorcycle Museum in Augusta, KS. MCCA last visited the museum five years ago in October of 2016. The museum is located at 527 W. 7th Avenue in Augusta. It is set deep off of 400 Highway East of the Walmart Supercenter.

October Road Trip

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mockup. There was also an old fashioned soda fountain area. The tour then continued to additional hangers and garages. More cars, airplanes and automobilia. Carl has been gathering items for years and has an excellent venue to display his treasures. There was too much to see and process for one trip. MCCA needs to make plans to return in the near future.

2021 Events

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

February 27, 2021: Saturday November MCCA Breakfast/Road Trip. Breakfast will be at Delano's Diner 1220 W. Douglas Ave. Wichita, KS. Breakfast starts at 9. The Road Trip will be to the Twisted Oz Motorcycle Museum at 527 W. 7th in Augusta, KS Contact Bill Smith 316-469-9882

NO DECEMBER MEETING

January 8, 2022: Saturday January MCCA Regular meeting at the Oaklawn Activity Center. 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

February 26, 2022: Saturday February MCCA Breakfast. Location to be announced. Breakfast starts at 9. Contact Bill Smith 316-469-9882

March 12, 2022: Saturday March MCCA Regular meeting at the Oaklawn Activity Center. Pre-Meeting eating at 5:30-6 meeting at 7. Contact Bill Smith 316-469-9882

March 26, 2022: Saturday March MCCA Breakfast. Location to be announced. Breakfast starts at 9. Contact Bill Smith 316-469-9882



Carl Weaver's Corvair has a garage of its own. It is actually sturdier than it looks, the foundation has just kicked out on one corner. The Corvair will be getting a full restoration soon. Send Ran When Parked photos to tkalp@cox.net

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 Derby, KS

Ten Years Ago



In the November 2011 FlatSix Journal it was reported Keith Hammett traveled from Springfield, MO to Luna Tuna. He brought along his daughter Jacy who thought that Terry Kalp's Shark formula car was just her size.



Calendar

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| Nov. Meeting | Nov. 13 |
| Nov. Breakfast Road Trip | Nov. 27 |
| No December Meeting | |
| Jan. Meeting | Jan. 8 |
| Jan. Road Trip | Jan. 22 |
| Feb. Meeting & Pre-Spring Social | Feb. 12 |
| Cold Tuna | Feb. 19 |