

# The Flat Six Journal

Mid Continent Corvair Association Newsletter

July 2022

Miles of Smiles

20000 miles

15000 miles

11779.6 miles

10000 miles

5000 miles



At the Juna Tuna, Mike Dawson took some time to troubleshoot Terry Kalp's wagon. It started and ran fine until fully warmed up, then the idle dropped too low. After checking all the basic settings, it was decided it was a PCV valve problem. Mike sent Terry a replacement.

## July Meeting has new Time, Location

The July MCCA meeting is still on July 9th, but it will be held at 2 pm at Delano's Diner 1220 W. Douglas Ave. Wichita, KS. Several members wanted to participate in the Downtown Wichita Moonlight Show. This change allows them to attend both the meeting and enter the show.

A week after the meeting on July 16th will be Cars & Coffee at The Alley on East 13th. MCCA will be a featured club in September. It would be nice to get some Corvairs out to the event before then.

Saturday, July 25th will be a MCCA breakfast at Riverside Cafe in Derby. Breakfast starts at 9 am. The Cafe has an inclusive breakfast menu.

Everyone will have to get up early on Saturday, August 6th for the trip to the Kansas City Automotive Museum. The group will be leaving from the Kalp Shop at 7 am. MCCA will meet up with HACO to tour the Corvair exhibit at the museum then grab

lunch together. Driving a Corvair is optional and car pooling will occur.

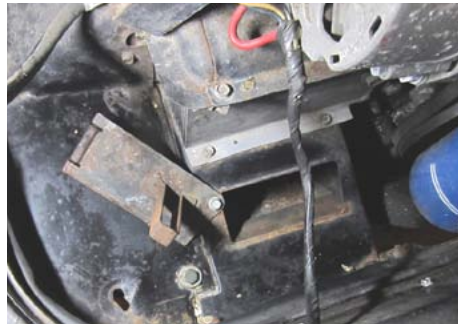
Check out the Lake Afton story on page 6 to see the officer election results.

**July Meeting**  
**Saturday,**  
**July 9th 2 pm**

**Delano's Diner**  
**1220 W. Douglas**  
**Wichita, KS**



The LM Summer/Winter plate is pretty self explanatory, some retain the instructions printed on the plate. It should be just below the alternator.



## Summer/Winter Plate?

By Terry Kalp

A couple of MCCA members have been taking extended drives in their Corvairs during the 100 degree heat and experienced the alarming flicker of the Temp/Press warning light on the dash. Air cooled engines need all the help they can get during hot weather.

One of the initial problems when driving the prototype Corvairs in cold weather was carburetor icing. To cure the icing it was necessary to get warm air to feed the carburetors. In '61-'64 Corvairs a flap was cut into the thermostat door and bent up to allow warm air from the exhaust manifold area to enter the engine compartment. However in hot weather the last thing needed in the engine compartment is super heated air.

The manuals suggest bending the flaps back flush during the summer. A better solution is to cut a 2" x 5 1/2" strip of sheet metal to cover the slot and add a couple of screws to hold it in place. Most of the time there are flaps under the generator/alternator and under the distributor.

The system was redesigned for the '65 and later Corvairs. They came from the factory with

a removable plate that included instructions. Some included a leg to hold the thermostat door slightly open, some were flat.

Coming home from Tri-State one year Keith Hammett was having heat issues on his LM. The plate was missing so it was replaced with a flattened Coke can.

It is Summer, do you know where your Summer/Winter plate is?



## Gossel Road Trip In June Cancelled

Fate seemed to say that the June MCCA Road Trip to Gossel, KS on Saturday, June 25 was not to be. Most of the members that would usually lead a trip ended up being not able to go on the trip. Trip Advisor Bill Smith made the wise call to postpone the trip until more members could enjoy it. Bill is always open for suggestions about possible road trips and/or breakfast spots. Contact Bill Smith at 316-469-9882.

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## *Miles of Smiles*

After a successful "Miles of Smiles" first year, the project continues in 2022. As of the July 2022 FlatSix Journal deadline, six members have reported their miles driven for June 2022.

**Roy Junemann..... 72 miles**

**Terry Kalp..... 25 miles**

**Jason Pool ..... 382 miles**

**Bill Smith ..... 268 miles**

**Tim Polley ..... 428 miles**

**Carl Weaver ..... 261 miles**

The total reported miles driven was 1436 miles for June 2022. Last June 904 miles were reported. This June shows an increase of 532 miles over a year ago. Total miles for 2022 stand at 11779.6.

The goal is 30,000 recorded miles in 2022. In July of 2021 members reported 1338 miles. If you wish to participate, write down the odometer reading July 1st, then again on July 31st Subtract the difference and send the number to [tkalp@cox.net](mailto:tkalp@cox.net) or text 316-882-3056 or report the miles on the club Facebook page.

## KC Museum Trip

By Bill Smith

Our HACO friends in Kansas City have invited MCCA members to join them on Saturday, August 6th for a day filled with fun. The Kansas City Auto Museum is featuring the Corvair during the month of August. The museum is located at 15095 W. 116th Street, Olathe, KS 66062.

Plans are to leave 7 am Saturday morning from the Kalp Shop and arrive about opening time of 10 am. Chris Green and Larry Sherwood have found a place for lunch afterwards. Rumor has it that it will be a BBQ establishment. After lunch there will be time to visit with our friends up north for the rest of the day.

Scott Allison is helping coordinate the event. I know I will be attending, and as much as the KC guys attend our events I'm sure it would be a token of appreciation to them.





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After Lunch, Mark Welte set up the communal key machine and copied Corvair keys for several MCCA members.



Red, White and Blue . . . and Yellow, early arrivals parked on the grass in front of the Kalp Shop. In the foreground was Lyle Ackerman's Corvair, then Carl Weaver's Spyder. Mostly hidden was Terry Kalp's Shark formula car, more visible was Terry's White four-door. Ken Meyer's Blue four-door took the far end position.

## 20th Time's a Charm

The 20th Juna Tuna went off without a hitch. The predicted HOT weather was milder than forecast. With a little shade and a nice

breeze, it was a comfortable day. Three MCCA members debuted their cars. Mark Stever had his

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ABOVE: Designated cook Tiffany Smith's mom was having health issues and Tiffany could not make the Tuna, so Randy Weir stepped up and created some tasty burgers.

RIGHT: Lloyd Folger and Mark Welte enjoy their lunch of hamburgers and hot dogs supplied by the club and pot-luck side dishes supplied by MCCA members.







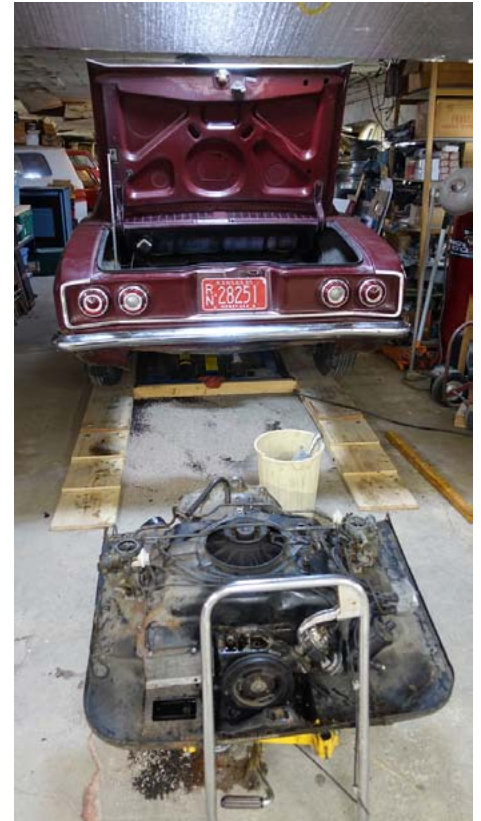
**Juna Tuna was the debut of the fresh olive drab paint on Jason Pool's '65 Monza military tribute Corvair. Jason spent a couple weeks getting the body straight, then used a blow up paint booth for the painting.**

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EM coupe fresh from a front fender crunch repair. Moore Collision did an outstanding job. Ken Meyer drove his recently purchased blue LM four-door. Ken had it shining like a new penny. Jason Pool showed up with fresh bodywork, paint and more on his '65 Monza two-door. It looks great in olive

drab and there a lot of details to the military theme to check out. Excellent work.

Scott Allison, Mike Dawson and Chris Green traveled down from Kansas City. Mike was working his magic on Corvairs all day.

As usual lunch was tasty. Randy Weir manned the grill and the pot luck dishes were spot on.



**Bill Smith's major accomplishment was to pull the engine from "Gertie" his '65 Monza four-door. It was suffering from low oil pressure and some bottom end noise. Several MCCA members pitched in for the removal process. A stubborn torque converter that didn't want to release the input shaft or crank was the only problem.**



**Marcus Trotter's Tuna project was replacing the push rod O rings on his Monza. With help from Mark Welte and Eric Kline the mission was accomplished.**



**Randy Weir and Mark Stever are almost next door neighbors, but hadn't met before the Tuna.**





**LEFT:** With some shade and a bit of a breeze the weather was tolerable for the June 12 MCCA meeting at the Lake Afton All Wheels Car Show. June is election time. Marcus Trotter is the new President, Bill Smith is VP and the rest of the officers retained their positions.

## Lake Afton Meeting

By Terry Kalp

It didn't take long for the early arrivers to realize that the initial parking spot they picked out was a bit too close to the DJ's huge speakers. After a quick "bug out" to a spot a few hundred feet away, everyone started to settle in for a pleasant day at the car show.

Around 11 am Bill Smith, President called a short business meeting to order. At the end of the meeting the election of officers for next year was held. Marcus Trotter became the new President, Bill Smith stepped dow to Vice-President, Jason Pool remained as Treasurer and Tiffany Smith kept her position as Secretary.



**ABOVE RIGHT:** A pair of open wheeled cars in the club display got quite a bit of attention. Sam Fuller brought the soapbox car and Terry Kalp the formula car. **RIGHT:** There was a nice selection of Corvairs for the crowd to admire in the MCCA display.





**Jason Pool and his red '62 700 four-door are becoming regulars at the First Friday show and shine at Central & West streets in Wichita.**

## July Central & West

Two Corvairs showed up at the July 1st First Friday show at Central and West streets in Wichita. Jay Allen had his '64 Monza coupe on display while Jason Pool showed his military tribute olive drab '65 Monza.

The next First Friday show will be August 5th. The show starts at 5 pm. but one can come and go as desired. Remember this event qualifies for Mel Horstman Award .

## July Breakfast in Derby

The July MCCA event will be breakfast at Riverside Cafe in Derby on the 25th of July. Riverside Cafe is located at 824 N. Baltimore Ave. Breakfast will start at 9 am. The Cafe's menu features over a half dozen different three egg omelettes. Also listed are eggs, bacon, sausage, toast, muffins, biscuits, cinnamon rolls, pancakes, french toast and waffles. Should be something for everyone. Contact Bill Smith at 316-469-9882.

## July Cars & Coffee

Cars & Coffee's July 2022 show will be Saturday, July 16. Since June is a Tuna month the June Cars & Coffee was not an MCCA event. The event takes place at The Alley Indoor Entertainment parking lot, 11413 E. 13th St. North, Wichita, KS 8-11 am. In September, Cars & Coffee will be featuring MCCA plus a couple of VW clubs. For more information contact Marcus Trotter 316-214-6419.



## E V E N T S

**July 9, 2022: Saturday** July MCCA meeting 2 pm at Delano's Diner 1220 W. Douglas Ave. Wichita, KS. Contact Marcus Trotter 316-214-6419.

**July 16, 2022: Saturday** MCCA Cars and Coffee Show at The Alley Indoor Entertainment parking lot, 11413 E. 13th St. North, Wichita, KS 8-11 am. Contact Marcus Trotter 316-214-6419..

**July 25, 2022: Saturday** July MCCA Breakfast at Riverside Cafe 824 N. Baltimore Ave Derby, KS 9 am. Contact Marcus Trotter 316-214-6419.

**August 5, 2022: Friday** August MCCA First Friday at Central and West Street. Starts at 5:00 pm but one can drop in anytime. Contact Marcus Trotter 316-214-6419.

**August 6, 2022: Saturday** Trip to Kansas City to view the Corvair exhibit at the Kansas City Auto Museum with HACOIA members. Leave at 7 am from the Kalp Shop. Contact Marcus Trotter 316-214-6419.

**August 13, 2022: Saturday** August MCCA meeting at the Kalp Shop 2140 W. 101st Street North, Valley Center, Kansas. Pre-Meeting cook out at 5:30-6 meeting at 7. Contact Marcus Trotter 316-214-6419.

**August 20, 2022: Saturday** MCCA Cars and Coffee Show at The Alley Indoor Entertainment parking lot, 11413 E. 13th St. North, Wichita, KS 8-11 am. MCCA will be one of the featured clubs in September.. Contact Marcus Trotter 316-214-6419.

**August 27, 2022: Saturday** August MCCA Road Trip. TBA. Contact Bill Smith 316-469-9882.





**Ran When Parked.** This internet photo of a Late Model Convertible was posted by Tim Colson on Facebook. Tim noted he had been getting parts from this salvage yard since 1962. Send photos to [tkalp@cox.net](mailto:tkalp@cox.net)



# July Meeting

2 pm

## July 9th

**Delano's Diner**  
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## Ten Years Ago



The July 2012 FlatSix Journal covered the activities at Juna Tuna 10. This photo captured Ned Madsen, Christine W. (Monza Gal) and Richard Law checking off repairs: exhaust, heater hose, temp switch. They were working on Christine's LM AC coupe.



## Calendar

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|--------------------------------|---------|
| July Meeting                   | July 9  |
| Cars & Coffee                  | July 16 |
| July Breakfast                 | July 25 |
| First Friday<br>Central & West | Aug. 5  |
| KC Trip                        | Aug. 6  |
| Aug. Meeting                   | Aug. 13 |
| Cars & Coffee                  | Aug. 20 |
| Aug. Breakfast                 | Aug. 27 |