

# The Flat Six Journal

Mid Continent Corvair Association Newsletter

October 2022

## Miles of Smiles

20000 miles

20143.7 miles

15000 miles

10000 miles

5000 miles



Roy Juenemann rolls the dice on the Dice Run at the 2022 Great Plains Corvair Roundup. The event was held in St. Joseph, MO from September 29 thru October 2. Several MCCA members attended. The full story with details will be reported in the November FlatSix Journal.

## October: Lots of Corvair Opportunities

This Fall has been a bumper harvest of chances to show off our Corvairs. Cars & Coffee got a lot of great exposure and maybe a new member. HOCOA hosted a excellent Roundup in St. Joe. For two MCCA members it was their first Roundup and they drove their Corvairs over 500 miles each.

October 7th is the last First Friday of the year at Central & West. Saturday the 8th is the October meeting at the Oaklawn Activity Center. We need to make plans for Luna Tuna at the meeting. the 15th is Luna Tuna, always a good time. Several projects are set and there is room for more.

President, Marcus Trotter has arranged for a great

### *Pre-meeting Eating at Hog Wild*

Some MCCA members will be gathering at Hog Wild Bar-B-Q at 630 E. 47th St. South, Wichita, to eat before the October 8th meeting. So bring your appetite and join your friends starting at 5:30-6.

event for the October Road Trip. It will start with a short scenic drive to the Carl Weaver homestead just outside Hesston, KS. After and touring his barn, hangers and sheds, there will be a cookout. Enjoy.

**Oct. Meeting**

**Saturday,  
Oct. 8th 7 pm**

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

# Get ready for Luna Tuna on Oct. 15

Luna Tuna is Saturday, October 15th 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.

Several projects are planned, but there is room for more. Lloyd Folger has a differential for his '64 Spyder that had the snout replaced and ready for Mike Dawson to put the finishing touches on. Keith from Bel Aire is swapping engines on his '68 Monza Coupe. Marcus Trotter is bringing his LM coupe in to sort out some drive ability issues and check out the wiring.

There will be an area set up to



**At the 2021 Luna Tuna Dennis Fuller presses the bearing of an EM rear axle. The bearing had failed on the trip to Little Rock, AR for the Corvair Roundup.**

align Corvair headlights. As the days get shorter, headlights are getting used more. Looks like the weather will be nice, so there will be plenty of space to comfortably work on Corvairs.

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 Marcus Trotter at 316-241-6419

Lunch will be pot luck as usual. Soup and Chili will be the main course. Participants should just bring donuts, side-dish, salad or desert. If you don't have a Corvair project come out and supervise and socialize.

## A Key Solution for Corvairs



The pins that the thermostat doors pivot on are held in by sheet metal tabs that usually fail after a couple of bends. To fix the broken tabs a unused key and a sheet metal screw work fine. Bill Smith used this fix on his '65 four door.

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This photo was snapped at the September Pre-Meeting Eating. Since it had turned cool a couple of member were wearing club jackets. Lloyd Folger (right) sported a jacket with the original club logo. Terry Kalp's jacket bore the club logo from 2003.

## Sept. Central & West

Jason Pool and Lloyd Folger represented MCCA at the September First Friday show and shine on Friday, September 2nd.

The next First Friday show will be October 7th. The show starts at 5 pm. The October show will be the last for the year. This event qualifies for Mel Horstman Award.



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## Miles of Smiles

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

**Randy Weir ..... 188 miles**

**Terry Kalp.....540 miles**

**Jason Pool .....692 miles**

**Joe Nold.....450 miles**

**Bill Smith .....329 miles**

**Edwin Butier.....940 miles**

**Roy Juenemann .....345 miles**

**Carl Weaver .....243 miles**

**David Wood.....962 miles**

The total reported miles driven was 4689 miles for September 2022. Last September 3545 miles were reported. This September shows a increase of 1144 miles over a year ago. Total miles for 2022 stand at 2143.7.

The goal is 30,000 recorded miles in 2022. In October of 2021 members reported 4701 miles. 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](mailto:tkalp@cox.net) or text 316-882-3056 or report the miles on the club Facebook page.





**Tracy and Marcus Trotter examine the recreated skeleton remains of dinosaurs at the Museum of World Treasures. The museum had artifacts from Prehistoric times thru the American Civil War.**



**The Beacon put on a tasty breakfast while accommodating the growing group size. Despite the restaurant being busy, the service was good.**

## *Beacon, Bacon and Bones For September Club Event*

**by Terry Kalp**

I pulled my Corvair off Douglas into the parking lot at the Beacon. As an empty spot was found, I noticed the lot filling up pretty rapidly. Inside the diner was bustling. It was not long before Marcus and Tracy Trotter showed up. A few minutes later, Roy Juenemann drove thru the parking lot searching for a spot. Once Roy was in the door the hostess seated us in a cozy booth. About the time we had our menus and water, Mark Welte walked in the door. The waitress took charge and found us a larger table in the other dining room. Just after the breakfast orders were made, Lloyd Folger arrived at the table and set down at an empty spot. Time for good food and conversation.

After breakfast most of the group will headed across the street to The Museum of World Treasures. Lloyd and Mark parted ways for other activities. The rest of us entered the museum. There was an art and farm market in the square in front of the museum. The museum was a winding path set up in chronological order starting with dinosaur bones and continuing to American Civil War and World War I exhibits on the second floor. There was a lot of information to assimilate and my head was swimming with dates and facts long before reaching the second floor.



**Alex Moats has been working on a 1964 Spyder engine for Lloyd Folger. One of the issues was the turbo was froze. This pile of carbon was a problem.**





## Cars & Coffee Features MCCA

The Cars & Coffee's September 2022 show featured MCCA. Eleven Corvairs showed up. Justin Zimmerman arrived early in his '64 Greenbrier, thinking he would be the only Corvair there. Then Jay Allen showed up and parked next

to him. Next to arrive were Marcus Trotter and Terry Kalp. Corvairs continued to arrive, Bill Smith, Lyle and Lonene Ackerman, Bob Ferenc, Edwin Butler, Joe Nold, and Lloyd Folger. Thanks for the great turnout of club members.

**ABOVE:** Edwin Butler captured the lineup of MCCA Corvairs.

**BELOW:** Lyle Ackerman (right) explains some of the unique features of the air cooled, Corvair engine. There was a lot of interest in Corvairs at the show.



Joe Nold brought his beautiful beige '63 convertible from Sedgwick.





# Steering Box Rebuilt Tips

by Mark Welte

I recently rebuilt the steering box for my '65 Corsa convertible, and previously rebuilt one for my '65 Corsa coupe. Based on these experiences below are some tips and lessons-learned.

For instructions I use two references:

- 1965 Corvair Chassis Shop Manual, pages 9-4 to 9-8

- Article: Taming the Wild – Corvair Steering Box Rebuild by Jerry Rotert <https://www.camaros.net/attachments/corvair-gm-steering-box-rebuild-pdf.278946/>

The original GM steering box lube is no longer made. Based on my research and others' experience I use John Deere Corn Head Grease for steering box lube. It is rated NLGI grade 0, specifically for low-speed gearboxes, designed to flow well and also stick to gears – perfect for steering boxes. One tube pretty much fills a steering box, but may want two tubes just in case.

I recommend Clark's rebuild kit \_with bearing races\_. Replace both sets of bearings and races. It is best to install new bearing on new races.

Definitely replace the long Pitman shaft bushing -- this is where most of the wear is. Use Kroil (or other quality penetrating oil) will make pressing out the long Pitman shaft bushing much easier. The replacement bushing is oversize (to compensate for possible shaft wear) and must be reamed to size -- I use a brake hone for this. If your Pitman shaft has little wear, a good bit of reaming will be needed. Important: Check \_often\_ while reaming so you don't inadvertently remove too much material.

Do NOT replace the short bushing in the top cover -- there is usually very little wear here. The bushing is in a blind hole and difficult to remove. Additionally, the replacement bushing is NOT oversize. In my experience, after going thru the trouble to install a new short bushing, the fit wasn't any different than the old one!

During reassembly, note the Shop Manual instructs to use Permatex No. 2 or similar on the cover bolts, lash adjuster screw, and large worm shaft adjuster nut to prevent leakage of lubricant.







In October of 2021 a few MCCA members got their first peek at Carl Weaver's compound. This barn is just one of several outbuildings full of planes, cars and collectables.

## October Road Trip

On Saturday, October 22 MCCA members will meet at the Kalp shop to leave at 9 am. The group will be headed to Carl Weaver's estate near Hesston. We will be touring his garages and barn. The barn is fully finished on the inside and includes an old fashioned soda fountain. After the tours the Weavers will prepare lunch for the group.

It is a very worthwhile trip. The Weaver's address is 5631 N. Ridge Rd., Halstead, KS if someone wants to meet the group there. The homestead is just South of Hesston on Ridge Road. Try to let Marcus know if you plan on going so the Weavers will have a headcount.



Carl's restoration project. Carl has had this Corvair since he was first married.



**October 7, 2022: Friday** October 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.

**October 8, 2022: Saturday** October MCCA Regular meeting at the Oaklawn Activity Center. Pre-Meeting eating at 5:30-6 meeting at 7. Contact Marcus Trotter 316-214-6419.

**October 15, 2022: Saturday** Luna Tuna. Kalp Shop 2140 W 101st Street North Valley Center, KS. Doors open at 8. Come and go as you please. Pot Luck, lunch. Terry Kalp 316-882-3056 or Marcus Trotter 316-214-6419.

**October 22, 2022: Saturday** October MCCA Road Trip and lunch. Leave at 9 am. from the Kalp Shop or meet the group at Carl Weavers estate, 5631 N. Ridge Rd. Halstead, KS. Contact Marcus Trotter 316-214-6419.

**November 12, 2022: Saturday** November MCCA Regular meeting at the Oaklawn Activity Center. Pre-Meeting eating at 5:30-6 meeting at 7. Contact Marcus Trotter 316-214-6419.

**November 26, 2022: Saturday** November MCCA Breakfast 9 am. Location to be announced. Contact Marcus Trotter 316-214-6419.

**December ??, 2022: Someday** December MCCA Dinner and Christmas Light Tour. Watch for details in the November newsletter and on the MCCA Facebook page. Contact Marcus Trotter 316-214-6419.

**January 14, 2023: Saturday** January MCCA Regular meeting at the Oaklawn Activity Center. Pre-Meeting eating at 5:30-6 meeting at 7. Contact Marcus Trotter 316-214-6419.





**Ran When Parked.** This month's photo comes from Mike Novosel, who posted it on Facebook. Send your Ran When Parked photos to the editor at [tkalp@cox.net](mailto:tkalp@cox.net).

## Ten Years Ago



October 2012. The Great Plains Corvair Roundup was in Oklahoma City! Greg Renfro's diorama dominated the Model Car competition both in size and votes. Greg won first in the Model Show with his scratch built Newton Fox Theatre, behind excellent Corvair coupe and convertible models."

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## Calendar

Oct. First Friday	Oct. 7
Oct. Meeting	Oct. 8
Luna Tuna	Oct. 15
Oct. Breakfast Road Trip	Oct. 22
Nov. Meeting	Nov. 12
Nov. Breakfast Road Trip	Nov. 26
Christmas Light Tour	Dec. ??

**2023 Great Plains Corvair  
Roundup Guthrie, OK**  
Sept. 29-Oct.1