

The Flat Six Journal

Mid Continent Corvair Association Newsletter

January 2023

Miles of Smiles

25594.5 miles

20000 miles

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5000 miles



Starting the New Year at Oaklawn

The first 2023 MCCA activity will be the monthly meeting back at the Oaklawn Activity Center this Saturday, January 14th at 7. Some members will be eating at the Hog Wild on 47th before the meeting.

President Marcus Trotter has arranged an outstanding Breakfast/Road Trip for January. Breakfast is at the Bread Basket in Newton, then on to tour the Automotive Restoration program at McPherson Col-

lege. They have an excellent facility with an international reputation.

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Pre-meeting Eating at Hog Wild

With the return of the MCCA meetings to the Oaklawn Activity Center, the pre-meeting eating will resume also. Some MCCA members will be gathering at Hog Wild Bar-B-Q at 630 E. 47th St. South, Wichita, to eat before the January 14th meeting. So bring your appetite and join your friends starting at 5:30-6.

Jan. Meeting

Saturday,

Jan. 14th 7 pm

Oaklawn

Activity Center

4904 S. Clifton, Ave.

Wichita, KS



The Central Oklahoma Corvair Association (COCA) has an informal work on Corvairs session most Wednesday and Sunday mornings. Ken Drye hosts the sessions in his shop in Midwest City. Terry Kalp made the trip to Ken's last Sunday. He reported about 10 members showed up and after about an hour of draining the coffee urn and solving the world problems they dug into some serious Corvair work.

Time to Renew Membership

It's that time of year again! It's time to start thinking toward the new year, and time to dig deep into your wallet and pull out the \$15 or check to send in for renewal of your membership in the Mid-Continent Corvair Association (MCCA). Club dues should be in by the end of January, but can be sent in earlier (and we'd love it if you could renew early to help with paperwork). We don't take your membership in the Club for granted, and are deeply appreciative of the support every member provides in being able to keep the Corvair out in front of the public to enjoy. So, thank you all for all you do, and now go get that checkbook and renew today! Don't wait! To help our Treasurer, Jason Pool manage the books effectively,

we ask that everyone please send their dues renewal check in no later than the end of January, 2023 to the following address: Jason Pool, 301 W. Willow, Goddard, KS 67052. We'd like to close the books on the 2023 Membership Drive by the end of January, and your support in the meeting of that goal would be greatly appreciated. When you are paying your next year's dues please update any information that needs to be corrected in the club roster. Check the roster information to make sure that your home address, email address, cell phone number, as well as your home phone number are correct.

Your editor "borrowed" this from the HACO newsletter and adapted it to our club.

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The group is leaving from the Kalp Shop at 8:30, Saturday, January 28 or one can join in anywhere along the way. For more details see the story on page six of this issue. Also in January is the HACO Tech Session in Belton, MO. Mike Dawson will have an electrifying presentation that should spark everyone's attention. For additional details check out the story on page seven of this newsletter. I will be leaving early to drop Lloyd's engine by Scott Allison's garage.

February begins with the Pre-Spring Fling at Spears restaurant near Towne West. This is a dinner meeting that is highlighted by the presentation of the MCCA Mel Horstman Award. An annual award given to the person who drove a Corvair to the most designated Corvair events during the calendar year. Save the evening of February 11th for this event and remember to save some space for a slice of Spear's famous pies.

The next February Saturday, February 18th is Cold Tuna. Never know what to expect weather wise, but it is always warm inside the Kalp shop. Several members have recently found that old Corvairs require attention much more often than modern cars and they run a lot better with some simple tuning. The Tuna is an excellent time to get a Corvair in tip top shape and ready for the spring trips and shows. Let Terry Kalp or Bill Smith know if there are projects for the Tuna.

The 30,000 mile goal for MCCA member reported driven miles in a Corvair wasn't met. However almost 25,600 miles were reported for 2022. This was almost 4,000 more miles than reported in 2021. 30,000 miles can be the 2023 goal. The main thing is to get out and enjoy your Corvair in any way you want.



Miles of Smiles

This report wraps up "Miles of Smiles" for 2022. As of the January 2023 FlatSix Journal deadline, Eight members have reported their miles driven for November and December 2022.

Tim Polley 165 miles

Terry Kalp..... 182 miles

Joe Nold..... 150 miles

Bill Smith 782 miles

Edwin Butier..... 220 miles

Randy Weir 220 miles

Lyle Ackerman..... 75 miles

Carl Weaver 225 miles

The total reported miles driven was 2019 miles for November and December 2022. This was down from the 2021 November and December total of 2713 miles. However the 2022 year total of 25595 miles topped the total for 2021 of 21596.4 miles by almost exactly 4000 miles. This averages out to 2133 miles reported by MCCA members per month in 2022.

Thirteen members reported miles for at least one month in 2022. Only two members reported miles for each of the 12 months, Bill Smith and Terry Kalp. Two members recorded over 5,000 miles in 2022, Jason Pool with 5297 and Bill Smith with 5094.

Plans are to continue recording miles in 2023. If you wish to participate, write down the odometer reading January 1st, then again on January 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.





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BOB, the Backstory

by Mark Stever

What about Bob? My first car was a 1964 Corvair Monza which had a dark red exterior and a white interior that I hated deeply. I would rather have black interior. I have known all my life that my Uncle Bob had a 1964 Corvair and had it stored away in a barn out in his pasture. I had seen it for the first time when I was a teen and yes it was the same exterior with black interior.

Flash forward to July of 2016 my mother's side of the family had a well-attended family reunion. I was visiting with my Uncle Bob and he had heard that I was working on a 65 Corvair. I was telling him all the details I was taking with it mechanically. He later asked me if I had his Corvair what would I do with it? His son had been wanting to part it out and make a dune buggy or something out of it. I told my Uncle Bob that I would most likely do a full restoration because it was a complete car. The next day he had told my mother to give me the message that I could have his car.

In October of 2016 my daughter Brittney and I drove back up to Bloomfield, Nebraska with a car trailer and pulled the car out of the barn. This was the first time it had seen light since 1974. This was an absolute mess, and the mice had a hay day with it. I had no idea that rodent urine was so corrosive. The

car had no rust except for the areas the mice were the most. The back dash/deck behind the back seat was almost rusted through in a couple areas because of the rodent urine. In one of the pics of the back dash you



can see a snakeskin that was about 5' long. He had an all you can eat buffet back there.

Before I go any further, I should probably explain that I always name my vehicles – its just something I do. I decided to name the 1964 Corvair “Bob” after my Uncle Bob.

Once we got Bob home, I took the motor out and had taken it to Steve Goodman at Rear Engine Specialties to have it rebuilt. He had a couple other shop owners come over to look it over to have it cleaned and no one would work with it for fear of the Hanna virus which once googled, I found out can be deadly. He later called me and told me he got the top fan housing off and could see inside and it looked like it was in really good shape. However, the rodent urine had corroded the head nuts, bolts, etc and he could not take it apart. Long story short we had to scrap the original motor and build a new one.

The PG was rebuilt by Mike Dawson and thankfully that went



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BOB

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a lot smoother. With a lot of help from some good friends (Terry, Alex Moats, Bill Smith) I got Bob done.

I watched a lot of car shows in the past and have always wanted to do a restoration. One unique feature is that I kept the “look” of a four speed but since I am a paraple-



ABOVE: Mark shows off the black interior on the finished restoration. Hundred of hours were spent creating this outstanding Corvair. **LEFT:** The beautiful maroon color pops in the sunlight. After doing all the bodywork, Mark farmed out the paint to a talented neighbor.

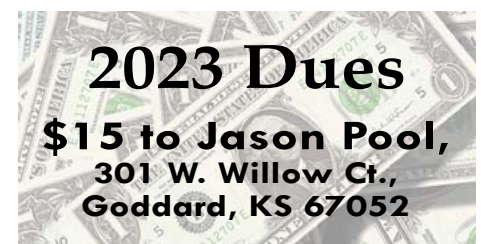
MCCA Christmas Light Tour/meal

There was a great turnout of MCCA members and family Saturday, December 3rd for the Second annual club dinner and Christmas light tour. The evening started with a meal at Freddie's on South Ridge Road. After everyone was fed, the Corvairs and other cars were led by Bill Smith thru West Wichita.

gic and drive with hand controls had to switch it to a PG. So, it still has the clutch pedal for looks and the gear shifter is now the PG selector which is a kit from Clarks. I have had it at two different shops for additional work like the interior headliner and later a brake shop for a proportioning valve installation because I had installed front disk brakes. Side note – if I were to go back and do it all over again, I probably would not have changed over to disk. Not exactly what I was hoping for. I always provide strict instructions not to use the

hand controls and to only use the pedals. I even have post-it notes inside the car stating not to use the hand controls and a diagram how to put into gear. However, while at the brake shop “Curious George” tried the hand controls and drove it into door frame causing \$7500 damage. Thankfully they did pay for the repairs.

I am looking forward to the day I can leave my second job and start attending more car club events. The budget if getting there and I am looking forward to seeing more of you all.



January Breakfast/Trip to McPherson



McPherson College Restoration program final assembly area.

The January MCCA Breakfast/Road Trip is one that members won't want to miss. The Saturday, January 28th event will start with a group leaving the Kalp Shop at 8:30 and heading to The Breadbasket at 219 N. Main in Newton, KS. Breakfast is set for 9. Once breakfast is finished the group will continue North to McPherson. There members will get a guided tour of

the many shops and classrooms of the McPherson College Automotive Restoration Program. The college is located at 1600 E. Euclid St., McPherson, KS

The Automotive Restoration Technology Program at McPherson College was established in 1976. In 1997 this unique automotive restoration program attracted the attention of classic car enthusiasts



Students learn how to reproduce the wood structure of early cars.

Jay Leno who established the Fred S. Duesenberg Scholarship and the Jay Leno Popular Mechanics scholarship.

Door post Pull



BEFORE: the replacement door shows how much the door post needs to move for proper fit.



AFTER: McPherson restoration student, Sean Whetstone used his skills to push and pull the damaged door post back into the factory position. He posted a video of the door opening and closing perfectly. This Corsa was stored at the Kalp shop until recently.



A flash-back photo from the 2020 HACO Winter Tech Session. After the formal presentation ended, Mike Dawson pulled out a HV carburetor top out and asked, "What is wrong with this?" Welte photo.

HACO Tech Session

The HACO Mid-Winter Tech Session is set for Saturday, January 21, 2023. Starts at 4:00 PM with a pot luck Dinner to Follow. The location is Mike and Sandy Dawson's, 16001 Oakland Ave, Belton, MO.

The tech topic will include the explanation of some common Corvair electrical mysteries combined with the use of test meters. Bring your own meter or Mike will have a selection available. In addition, Mike will have some cutaway parts to help explain some maintenance operations.

When feeding time arrives (approximately 5:30) Sandy will provide soup and stew with tableware, soda, coffee and adult beverage. Please bring something to compliment dinner such as veggies, chips, fruit, bread etc. Bring a chair to be comfortable and spouses are encouraged to attend; there will be an upstairs version. Please RSVP to insure food and beverage supply, and so that Mike could contact you if he would need to cancel due to weather. Mike Dawson 816 322-4057, mdawson1961@sbcglobal.net



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.

January 21, 2023: Saturday HACO Mid Winter Tech Session. 4:00 pm. thru dinner. Topic Electrical Mysteries. RSVP to Mike Dawson, 816 322-4057 or mdawson1961@sbcglobal.net.

January 28, 2023: Saturday January MCCA Breakfast/Road Trip. Breakfast at the Breadbasket 219 N. Main, Newton, KS. Breakfast is at 9:00 am. Then on to McPherson College, 1600 E. Euclid St. to tour of their restoration program at 11:00 am. Contact Marcus Trotter 316-214-6419.

February 11, 2023: Saturday February MCCA Pre-Spring Fling Dinner/meeting at Spears West, 4323 W. Maple. Start eating at 5:30-6 meeting at 7. Contact Marcus Trotter 316-214-6419.

February 18, 2023: 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. Terry Kalp 316-882-3056 or Marcus Trotter 316-214-6419.

February 25, 2023: Saturday February MCCA Breakfast/Road Trip. TBA. Contact Marcus Trotter 316-214-6419.

September 29, 30 & October 1, 2023: Great Plains Corvair Roundup. Hosted by the Central Oklahoma Corvair Owners Association. The event will be located in Guthrie, Oklahoma. For additional information contact: NewsletterCO-CA@Gmail.com.

2023 Dues due in Jan.

**Pay \$15 dues to Jason Pool,
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Ran When Parked. Posted on Corvair Owners Group FB page by Brad Duckworth 1962 Chevrolet corvair in Peoria, AZ. Send your Ran When Parked photos to the editor at tkalp@cox.net.

Ten Years Ago



This photo was published in the January 2013 FlatSix Journal. Greg Renfro created this diorama of the Fox Theatre in Newton complete with a Corvair convertible out front. He displayed it at the monthly Wichita model car club and won first prize. Later it was entered in the Great Plains Corvair Roundup model car show and again won first.

January Meeting

7 pm

Jan. 14th

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Calendar

January Meeting	Jan. 14
HACOA Tech	Jan. 21
January Breakfast/Trip	Jan. 29
February Meeting	Feb. 11
Cold Tuna	Feb. 18
February Breakfast/Trip	Feb. 25

2023 Great Plains Corvair
Roundup Guthrie, OK
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