

The Flat Six Journal

Mid Continent Corvair Association Newsletter

February 2023

Miles of Smiles

20000 miles

15000 miles

10000 miles

5000 miles

1462 miles



The Eighth Annual Mel Horstman Award will be presented to a MCCA member at the February dinner/meeting. The honor goes to the member that drove a Corvair to the most designated MCCA activities during the calendar year. Mark Welte photo.

Who Will Win the MCCA Mel Award?

The winner of the 2022 MCCA Mel Horstman Award will be announced at the Pre-Spring Fling. The Fling is held at Spears West and is a combined dinner/meeting/awards ceremony. The Mel Award was started in 2015 to honor club patriarch, Mel Horstman who drove his Corvairs everywhere and encouraged club members to do likewise.

Salt & Tuna On the Menu

Lots of February fun is on the agenda. The next MCCA activity is the Pre-Spring Fling, a dinner/meeting where the annual Mel Horstman award is presented. It will be held at Spears West in Wichita.

Next, on February 18th is Cold Tuna at the Kalp Shop. Tunas are times to eat, work on Corvairs, socialize and eat. A soup and chili lunch will be served around noon.

MCCA President Marcus Trotter has been coming up with some great Road Trips for the club. On February 25th there will be breakfast at Auntie C's then a nice drive to Hutchinson to tour the salt mine museum there.

Time to dust off the Corvairs and get them on the road.

Feb. Meeting
Saturday,
Feb. 11th 6 pm

Spears West
4343 W. Maple
Wichita, KS



**Ned
Madsen**

2015 Award Winner



**Larry
Lee**

2016 Award Winner



**Lyle
Ackerman**

2017 Award Winner



**Terry
Kalp**

2018-19 Award Winner



**Roy
Juenemann**

2020 Award Winner



**Bill
Smith**

2021 Award Winner

2023 Mel Horstman Award Rules

Objective of the Mel Horstman Award:

For MCCA members to drive their Corvairs to club events.

Events that qualify for the award:

Members who drive their Corvairs to:

- Regular MCCA meetings
- Club-sponsored events
- Club-sponsored road trips
- Lake Afton
- Cars & Coffee on non-Tuna dates.
- Club-sponsored participation in Parades
- Club-sponsored monthly A designated Friday Night Cruise-In
- Other events specifically designated in-advance by majority vote of MCCA officers

Specific events that do not qualify for the award

- Tunas
- National or Regional Conventions
- Other events specifically

excluded in-advance by majority vote of MCCA officers

One point per event, per family who drive their Corvairs.

An MCCA officer will document an official Corvair count at each qualifying event. If an MCCA officer cannot be present at an event, an MCCA member will be designated to document the official Corvair count.

In the event of tie names will be drawn from a hat, overseen by an MCCA officer.

Start date to begin counting points for the eighth Mel Horstman Award is January 1, 2023. The award period is January 1 through December 31.

The first award was presented at the MCCA 2016 February Dinner Meeting, thereafter recurring annually at the MCCA

February Dinner Meeting.

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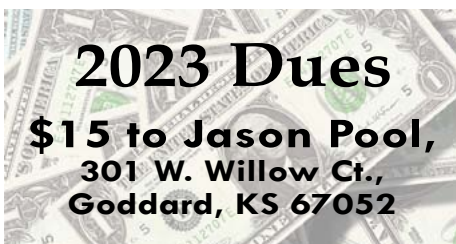
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At the 2022 Cold Tuna, Mike Dawson spent his day rebuilding several sets of carburetors. He worked on a pair from Lloyd Folger and also Randy Wier.

Cold Tuna Time

It is Tuna time. Come out to the Kalp shop at 2140 W. 101st Street North, Valley Center, on Saturday February 18th for a day of Corvair “tune-up” and repair. Lunch will be Chili provided by club members. So if you aren’t bringing Chili, bring a side dish or dessert. Marcus is bringing some breakfast goodies. Terry will supply bottled water to drink, if something else is required, bring it. Time to start planning your Corvair upgrades for Spring and Summer Corvair driving enjoyment. Doors open at 8:00 am and close when the last project is finished.

The Club will be providing plastic ware, plates, bowls and napkins. If you have a project contact Terry Kalp 316-882-3056. Several projects are planned at this time is Carl Weaver wants to fix his thermistor. Sean and Edwin are bringing differentials for Mike Dawson to check out. There is still plenty of time and space for Corvair repair/upgrade projects. Let Terry know if you are bringing in a large or complex project so that proper space and resources can be allocated.

If you need to discuss your Tuna project you can contact Terry Kalp at 316-882-3056.



Miles of Smiles

January 2023 starts the third year of MCCA’s “Miles of Smiles”. As of the February 2023 FlatSix Journal deadline, Six members have reported their miles driven for January 2023.

Tim Polley 73 miles

Terry Kalp..... 209 miles

Joe Nold..... 50 miles

Bill Smith 671 miles

Scott Allison 6 miles

Carl Weaver 453 miles

The total reported miles driven was 1462 miles for January 2023. This was a 40 percent increase from the 2022 January total of 1018 miles. This is a great start to have the 2023 reported miles total top 2022 year total of 25,595. miles. If the increase in miles driven can be maintained through out 2023 topping 30,000 miles is a reasonable goal.

If you wish to participate, write down the odometer reading February 1st, then again on February 28th 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.





The tour began in the show-room. The area featured a 1971 Ferrari, a recent donation to the program. Also on display was an almost finished C2 Corvette chassis, a restored Model A and a couple of vintage motorcycles .

January Breakfast/Trip Educational

by Terry Kalp

The first MCCA Breakfast/Road Trip for 2023 started with an excellent buffet breakfast at the Breadbasket in Newton. Gathering around the tables were Lyle and Lonene Ackerman, Carl and Sharon Weaver, Jay Allen, Joe Nold, David Jacobson, Erick Kline, Terry Kalp, Roy Juenemann and Marcus Trotter.

Once everyone was able to waddle away from the food, Carl lead a caravan down old 81 Highway to McPherson. Carl, Lyle and Terry were driving their Corvairs. Arriving at the College the club members were greeted by Lee Olsen and his neighbor plus Edwin Butier and Abigayle Morgan. Edwin and Abigayle

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This '57 Thunderbird was donated to the program and is one of about 70 vehicles the department owns. Plans are to build a museum for finished cars.



Jay Allen gets close to photograph details of the student restored C2 Corvette chassis on display.



Lee Olsen checks out a 140hp Corvair engine donated by Chris Shade and used to teach tune-up and multiple carburetor synchronization techniques.



Sharon Weaver admires an Austin Healey Sprite similar to what she drove while dating Carl. Club member and McPherson student, Edwin Butier helped guide MCCA members thru the restoration shops.

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lead the tour. After starting at the lobby for an introduction and overview of the program, MCCA members were then guided to the machine shop area of the facility. Next stop was the paint shop section of the building. A state-of-the-art paint booth was the main feature there.

A few steps away was a spacious area used for disassembly, vehicle and parts storage. That space led into the final assembly portion of the building. One corner of the final assembly area was a section dedicated to upholstery. The Mercedes-Benz 300 S that the students are restoring to enter the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance was awaiting upholstery.

The final tour stops were the woodworking and metal forming shops. They concluded a very entertaining and informational outing.



A '50s vintage Rolls Royce was waiting patiently in the final assembly/upholstery area for completion.



When entering the main Shed building this faux Texaco filling station catches one's eye.

THE SHEDS

A compound of storage units just across the street from the college restoration facility is known as the Sheds. Many of the students rent units and it is an informal gathering/working place once classes are over. The prime spot is one huge open building with individual spots rented out. It is the center of after hours student activity.



Edwin has two spots in the main building, a spot for his Corvair and a workbench area.

February Breakfast, Trip to Hutchinson

The February MCCA Breakfast/Road Trip starts out at Auntie C's, 426 E. 61st Street North, Park City at 9 am for a hearty breakfast. Once everyone is full, the group will continue Northwest to Hutchinson. There members will get a guided tour of Strataca, the salt mine museum in Hutchinson, Kansas. It was previously known as the Kansas Underground Salt Museum. The museum is located at 3650 E Ave G, Hutchinson, KS. The original salt mine was built within one of the world's largest deposits of rock salt. The vein of salt was formed 275 million years ago, and located 650 feet beneath the Earth's surface.

To quote the museum's web site, "At Strataca we are passionate about providing all of our visitors with the adventure and memories to last a lifetime. The mine is filled with unique experiences and decades of history that you can only get 650 feet below this small Kansas town." It takes about 90 seconds to descend from the surface to the former mining area. There are about 150 miles of tunnels where the salt was mined. The tour will take about two hours.

Their website adds, "Everyone who walks through our doors becomes a part of our underground community. Make memories underground that you and your family will hold close and cherish forever. Join the adventure, book your tour today!"



The entrance to the Hutchinson Salt mine. There are decades of history in the mine turned museum.



Julie and Bernie Streker along with Duane Grim ride the train at the Hutchinson Salt mine in 2008.

Keys Made at Cold Tuna

Mark Welte is bringing the key duplicating machine to Cold Tuna on February 18th. He has some Corvair key blanks (ignition and trunk) for the key machine.



At Cold Tuna Mark will use the key machine to copy Corvair keys for anyone who wants them. Cost will be \$1.50 a key. A lot of local key vendors no longer stock the proper blanks for Corvair keys so this is a great opportunity to get that extra set of keys made.





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2023 Dues due in Jan.

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Mike Dawson uses a laser pointer to help explain the Ohm's Law chart at the HACO Tech Session.

Electrical Mysteries Tech Talk Subject

The HACO Mid-Winter Tech Session set for Saturday, January 21 got bumped back to Sunday, January 22. Seems there were a bunch of guy playing with an oval ball that many of the Kansas City folk wanted to watch on Saturday. Terry Kalp headed up on Saturday anyway. He had to deliver Lloyd's engine to Scott Allison and it gave him time to hang out with Scott. Around lunch time on Sunday MCCA members Keith Hammett, Tiffany and Bill Smith showed up at Scott's. All adjourned to 5 Guys for some lunch. Just before the group was to head to the Tech Session, Bill Smith got a text about a work situation that required him to immediately return to Wichita.

At 4:00 PM the remaining group made their way to Dawson's, Mike spent a little over an hour educating the group on electricity and the Corvair. Great information as usual. Feeding time arrived at 5:30 with a grand spread of soup, stew and several side dishes, all very tasty. Too soon it was time to head home.



February 3, 2023: Friday February MCCA First Friday Show and Shine. Central and West streets in Wichita, KS. Usually starts around 5 pm, but you can come and go as you please. 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. Breakfast will be at Auntie C's, 426 E. 61st Street North, eating at 9 am. Then will travel to STRATACA, Kansas Underground Salt Museum 3650 E Ave G, Hutchinson, KS 67501. Contact Marcus Trotter 316-214-6419.

March 3, 2023: Friday March MCCA First Friday Show and Shine. Central and West streets in Wichita, KS. Usually starts around 5 pm, but you can come and go as you please. 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.



Ran When Parked. Posted by Dan Giannotti on his personal Facebook page. Looks like it has been in that spot for awhile. Send your Ran When Parked photos to the editor at tkalp@cox.net.

Ten Years Ago



This photo was published in the February 2013 FlatSix Journal. Lloyd Folger takes advantage of the "Show and Tell" portion of the January MCCA meeting to share some Corvair related magazine articles. Lloyd had received a stent earlier in the week, but was pretty much up to speed for the meeting. Looking on are Jean Horstman (left) and Mark Welte (right).

February Meeting

6 pm

Feb. 11th

Spears West

4343 W. Maple
Wichita, KS



Calendar

February Meeting Feb. 11

Cold Tuna Feb. 18

February Breakfast/Trip
Feb. 25

First Friday Show & Shine
March 3

March Meeting March 11

March Breakfast/Trip
March 25

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Roundup Guthrie, OK
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