

# The Flat Six Journal

Mid Continent Corvair Association Newsletter

March 2023

## Miles of Smiles

20000 miles

15000 miles

10000 miles

5000 miles

2660 miles



**MCCA President Marcus Trotter presents Jason Pool with the 2022 Mel Horstman Memorial Award. The annual award is for the MCCA member that drives a Corvair to the most designated MCCA activities during a calendar year. The award started in 2015.**

## *Feb. Fling a Success*

The Pre-Spring Fling MCCA dinner/meeting was held at Spears West the evening of February 11th. Taking advantage of the mild weather five members drove their Corvairs.

Jason Pool was announced as the Mel Award winner. Since he was unable to attend the presentation was made at Cold Tuna. A pleasant surprise was Kim and Doug French driving in from Stockton, KS. Kim has an Evening Orchid LM convertible.

## Shows Start

With the warmer weather comes many more opportunities to get out and enjoy your Corvair. Check out this issue of The FlatSix Journal to select which ones to attend

The trip to Hutchinson on the 25th will be fun. The next weekend on April 1st is the Larry Lee Memorial Car Show in Goddard. It is a excellent way to honor Larry.

## *Pre-meeting Eating At Hog Wild BBQ*

Some MCCA members will be gathering at Hog Wild Bar-B-Q at 630 E. 47th St. South, Wichita, to eat before the March 11th meeting. So bring your appetite and join your friends starting at 5:30-6 on Saturday.

**March Meeting  
Saturday,  
March 11th 7pm**

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

# Dallas Auction Bounty for Members



**ABOVE:** Exhausting work. Dennis and Sam Fuller load a lot of Corvair exhaust parts that Dennis won in the online auction.

**BELOW:** Marcus Trotter helps Mark Welte load a workbench purchased at the auction. In addition to some Corvair parts, Mark picked up items for his new shop.



**Sam Fuller guides this '63 convertible purchased by Dennis. It was the first trip outside for many years. Dennis also picked up a second '63 convertible.**

Jim Dallas is moving to Florida and held an online auction to dispose of his Corvair car and part collection plus many items from his home shop. Pickup days for the auction lots were March 4 & 5. Jim also donated several lots of Corvair parts to the club. Thanks Jim.



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## MCCA Swag

MCCA President, Marcus Trotter has set up two locations where club members can have the MCCA logo put on shirts, hats and etc. The first spot is Apple Graphix at 2429 W. Douglas Ave. 316-942-5426 can do screen printing and vinyl. An example of their work can be seen below. The car can be either EM or LM at Apple Graphix

For an embroidered MCCA logo that can be sewn directly on to an article of clothing or used as a sew on patch, check out Logo Envy 355 S. Pattie 316-260-2700 just east of Washington. They are set up to do embroidery. The top photo is their work.



## Miles of Smiles

Weather and some illness held the February miles down. As of the March 2023 FlatSix Journal deadline, Six members have reported their miles driven for January 2023.

**Tim Polley ..... 207 miles**

**Terry Kalp ..... 65 miles**

**Joe Nold ..... 100 miles**

**Bill Smith ..... 164 miles**

**Dennis Fuller ..... 56 miles**

**Carl Weaver ..... 326 miles**

**Jason Pool ..... 84 miles**

**Roy Juenemann ..... 50 miles**

**Randy Weir ..... 146 miles**

The total reported miles driven in February was 1198 miles for February 2023. This was a drop from the 2022 February total of 1766 miles. Total miles for 2023 are 2660 compared to 2896 miles reported at this time last year. More miles will need to be driven/ reported start to have the 2023 reported miles total top 2022 year total of 25,595 miles.

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



# Cold Tuna Features Chili & Doughnuts

by Terry Kalp

It was a 40/40 day for the 2023 Cold Tuna. Temperatures were in the 40s as well as was the wind speeds. Not many people hung around outside, but it was nice and warm in the main Kalp shop building. A lot of folks were taking a cabin fever cure, so the shop was full.

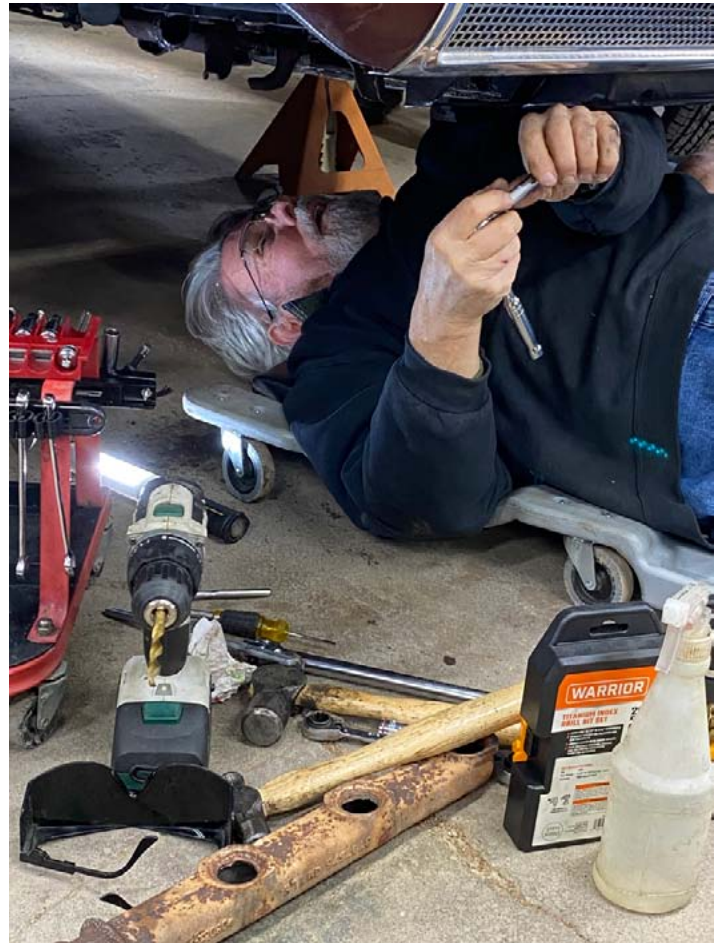
Those traveling a distance to get to the Tuna were Pat Silver, Joe Nels and James Ergenbright from the Oklahoma City area. From the North and East were Mike Dawson, Scott Allison, Paul Sargent and Gary Jones from Greater Kansas City. Coming a little farther yet was Keith Hammett from near Springfield, Missouri. Coming from McPherson College were Sean Whetstone, Edwin Butier and a couple of their classmates. Lee Olsen from Hutchinson, Carl Weaver from Hesston were locals that also put on some miles getting to the Tuna.

Early arrival, Mark Welte, pitched in and started a pot of coffee brewing. Others arrived with doughnuts in hand, so the day had a great coffee and doughnuts start. Carl Weaver was first to arrive with a project, so he pulled his '63 Spyder into the shop. His project was to remove the remains of a broken off thermister. He and Terry Kalp dove into the project trying several styles of easy-outs and some heat to extract the remaining threaded stub.

During this process the Oklahoma City Group arrived as did Scott, Mike and Paul from Kansas City. Soon Mike was busy with Sean and Edwin and their Corvair differential projects.

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**Lunch is always a highlight of any Tuna because of the excellent food and conversation. Consuming Chili and chatting were: (from left to right) Gary Moore, Jordan Trotter, Scott Allison and Keith Hammett. Mark Welte Photo.**



**No, he isn't sleeping. Terry Kalp is just contemplating his next move. Terry was helping Carl Weaver on Carl's Spyder. They were trying to extract the broken thermister threads from the driver's side head. It took multiple approaches, but all the steel chunks were finally extracted. Joe Nels Photo.**





# Coffee, Chili & Doughnuts

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Scott and Mike helped Greg Renfro get started on drilling a tapping his torque converter for a drain plug.

Soon it was time for lunch. There were several batches of chili created by members, including a pot of Greg's extra hot chili. With a good variety of side dishes and desserts, quickly everyone was full.

President Marcus Trotter held a short meeting as the eating wound down. The highlight of the meeting was the presentation of the Mel Horstman Memorial Award for 2022 to Jason Pool. Congratulations Jason. Normally the award is presented at the February meeting/Pre-Spring Fling, but since Jason was unable to attend the presentation was made at the Tuna.



**Mike Dawson schools McPherson College Restoration program students and setting up and adjusting a Corvair differential. Sean Whetstone is shown checking the pinion preload with an inch-pound torque wrench. Mark Welte Photo.**

Afternoon activities included Scott manning the key machine and Mike helping Joe Nold tune up his beautiful beige EM convertible.

**BELOW: Greg Renfro's Tuna project (in addition to providing a spicy batch of Chili) was to add a drain plug to the torque converter for his Rampside. Mike Dawson and Scott Allison helped.**



**Scott Allison set up the key duplicating machine after lunch. He stayed quite busy creating Corvair keys for several attendees. Mark Welte had a supply of Corvair key blanks for a reasonable cost.**



**Mark Welte and Pat Silver catch each other up on their current Corvair activities and projects.**





Second Time is a Charm

# March Breakfast, Trip to Hutchinson

Unpredictable weather, illness and lack of participation for the February Road Trip/Breakfast resulted in President, Marcus Trotter to post pone the event for a month. The March 25th 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. It was previously known as the Kansas Underground Salt Museum. The museum is located at 3650 E Ave G, Hutchinson, KS.

Winding up the day will be a late lunch at Lee Olsen's 1900 E. 54th Ave Hutchinson, KS for a late lunch. Lee is providing lunch for the group, but it might be a good idea to bring a chair along if you don't want to sit in the grass.

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!"

## 2023 Dues due in Jan.

**Pay \$15 dues to Jason Pool,  
301 W. Willow Ct.,  
Goddard, KS 67052**

*The 2nd Annual*  
**GODDARD LIONS CLUB**  
**LARRY LEE MEMORIAL**  
**CAR SHOW**  
GODDARD, KANSAS



**Saturday, April 1st, 2023**  
RAIN DATE: SUNDAY, APRIL 2ND  
**11 AM - 4 PM** Main Street | Downtown Goddard  
**ALL CARS, TRUCKS, JEEPS, & MOTORCYCLES ARE WELCOME!**

Pre-Register online EARLY to WIN Door Prizes!

\$20 Pre-registration fee / \$25 Registration day of show  
**Registration 10am - 12pm | Awards 3pm**

~ Free Spectator Admission ~

DJ MUSIC • FOOD • VENDORS • DIME PITCH  
RAFFLE PRIZES • 50/50 DRAWING • SILENT AUCTION

**KIDZONE & EASTER EGG HUNT**  
12pm-3pm | Linear Park

Find us on Facebook @ **GODDARD LIONS CLUB** | **GODDARDLIONSCARSHOW.COM**

## Larry Lee Show April Event

The April MCCA Road Trip will be to Goddard, KS on Saturday April 1st (No Fooling) Members will be attending the Larry Lee Memorial Car Show. Putting a Corvair in the show is not required. Registration opens at 10, show starts at 11. Downtown Goddard KS. Sponsored by the Goddard Lions Club.



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Jason and Nick Pool arrived early in Jason's Early Model Corvairs for Coffee & Donuts. Even tho the event had been held the previous week, no one showed up for the Friday event. Pool photo.

## First Friday False Start

Guess the real start for the MCCA First Friday show and shine will be Friday, April 7. The event is held in the parking lot at Central and West streets in Wichita, KS. Cars start arriving around 5 pm, but folks can come and go as they please. This is a Mel Horstman Award event.

Nick and Jason showed up Friday, March 3rd only to discover no other show and shine cars were there. That was strange because the Cars and Donuts organizers had posted Friday events on Facebook.

## Cars & Coffee at WSU Starts Saturday the 18th

The first Cars & Coffee show of 2023 will be held March 18, 2023. Saturday event will be at a new location. The Cars & Coffee Show has been moved to WSU's Braeburn Square parking lots, on the South-West corner of N. Oliver and E.21st St. North, Wichita, KS. The show still runs from 8 to 11 am. Get there early because it fills up fast. This is a Mel Horstman Award event.

Braeburn Square started in 2015 with a free-standing Starbucks and the Pizza Hut Museum, housed in the original restaurant building. Shocker Store, the first retail tenant, opened in 2018. Soon after, Fuzzy's Taco Shop, with its funky interior, became the first restaurant. By the end of 2023, Braeburn Square will feature 10 businesses in a setting graced by outdoor gathering spaces with views of the water and the growing Innovation Campus.



**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.

**March 11, 2023:** Saturday March MCCA Regular meeting at the Oaklawn Activity Center. PreMeeting eating at 5:30-6 meeting at 7. **Contact.** Contact Marcus Trotter 316-214-6419.

**May 18, 2023:** Saturday MCCA Cars & Coffee Show at WSU's Braeburn Square parking lots, on the SouthWest corner of N. Oliver and E.21st St. North, Wichita, KS 8-11 am.

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**Ran When Parked.** These photos by Rodney were published in the March 2023 Vaircor. The photos were taken during an auction in Carthage, MO. The February 25th auction featured, "Approximately 80 Antique Corvair cars" none running. Send your Ran When Parked photos to the editor at [tkalp@cox.net](mailto:tkalp@cox.net).

## March Meeting 7 pm March 11th

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

## Ten Years Ago



This photo was published in the February 2013 FlatSix Journal. Larry Lee works on refreshing the primary carburetors on his recently painted '66 Corsa convertible. He started out from his Goddard home toward the Tuna on only three cylinders. His Corvair didn't quite make it to the Kalp shop under his own power. Ned Madsen brought the Corsa in on the end of a tow strap.



## Calendar

First Friday Show & Shine  
March 3

March Meeting March 11

Cars & Coffee March 18

March Breakfast/Trip  
March 25

First Friday Show & Shine  
April 7

Larry Lee Show April 1

April Meeting April 8

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