

The Flat Six Journal

Mid Continent Corvair Association Newsletter

April 2023

Miles of Smiles

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3579 miles



The Goddard Lions Club presented the Larry Lee Memorial Car Show Saturday, April 1st. Larry's family got his Blue, '65 Corsa Convertible all spiffed up to take a place of honor at the show. With the people power of a few MCCA members it made it the last few blocks to the Main Street display area. Rachel Brown Photo

April Brings Activities

This Friday is MCCA First Friday at the Central & West Car Show. Then Saturday, April 8th is the club meeting at Oaklawn Activity Center. The next Saturday, April 15 will be Cars & Coffee. It is at WSU.

There were a couple of cancellations during March. Cars & Coffee got cancelled as did the MCCA trip to Hutchinson for the Salt Mine tour.

Note that the date for Juna Tuna has been moved up two weeks to June 3rd. Time to get the Corvairs dusted off and start enjoying them..

April Meeting
Saturday,
April 8th 7pm

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

Carl Weaver Tours Corvair Ranch

Carl Weaver posted photos and wrote this on the MCCA Facebook page, "I'm sorry I had to miss the show today (The Larry Lee Memorial Show in Goddard). But I did have a day of enjoyment by spending most of it at The Corvair Ranch in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania where I delivered my '65 Corsa complete power train for rebuild. Jeff, the owner and his staff gave us a grand tour of their facility of 5 acres filled with more than 600 Corvair's!"

For more photos of the Corvair Ranch check out Carl's post.



LEFT: The trusty front loader comes out to help Carl unload his '65 Corsa drive train so that it can be refreshed at the Corvair Ranch. **BELOW:** Stacks of sedans and walls of wagons were just a portion of the Corvair Ranch-salvage.



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Featured last year were GM concept cars. The 1938 Buick Y-Job. It was the industry's first true concept vehicle. The pet project of Design Chief Harley Earl. It was a foot lower than any production car.

May to McPherson

The MCCA May Road Trip will be to McPherson College on Saturday, May, 6. Members will gather at the Kalp Shop, 2140 W. 101st Street North, Valley Center. Be ready to leave at 8 am for McPherson.

This is always a great show with hundreds of interesting cars. Each year there are several exotic featured automobiles, student project vehicles and everything in between.

Tours of the restoration program facilities, Jazz Band music, a sub 10 minute assembly of a Model T plus food vendors are also included in the show.



There were between 400 and 500 cars in the show at the 2022 McPherson College car show.



Miles of Smiles

As of the April 2023 FlatSix Journal deadline, eight MCCA members have reported their miles driven for March 2023. During March Bill Smith was in the middle of selling/swapping Corvairs and didn't get any miles. He promises to add a bunch of miles in April. Edwin Butier reported 500 miles in a Model T Ford during the Month of March. Quite an adventure.

Scott Allison 70 miles

Edwin Butier..... 150 miles

Terry Kalp..... 210 miles

Joe Nold..... 300 miles

Bill Smith 0 miles

Dennis Fuller..... 35 miles

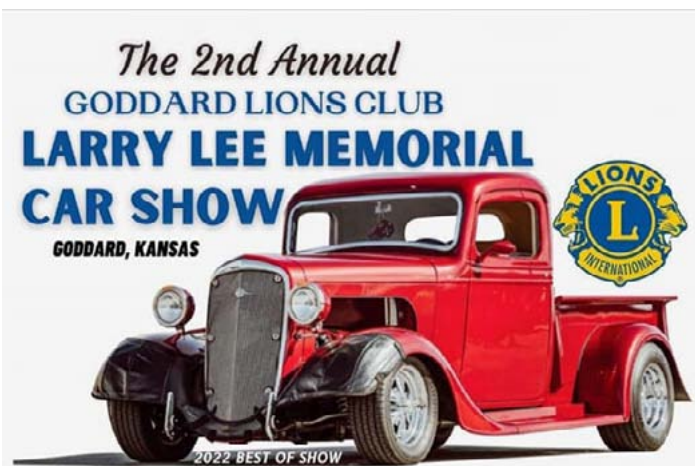
Jason Pool 88 miles

Randy Weir 66 miles

The total reported miles driven in March was 919 miles for March 2023. This was a drop from the 2022 March total of 1836 miles. Total miles for 2023 are 3579 compared to 4732 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.

Again this year the Corvairs had a special reserved spot at the Lions Club Show. Larry's Corvair was parked at the bell tower in front of Lions hall. Club Corvairs were lined up on both sides.



ABOVE: In the foreground Jay Allen and Lloyd Folger chat in the sun. Mark Stever is in the background also in conversation. **RIGHT:** The line of Corvairs was broken up by a '64 Chevelle. Perhaps he mistook the formal roof lines of Terry Kalp's and Randy Weir's LM 4-doors for Chevelles.

by Terry Kalp

What started out as a chilly, windy April 1st, soon turned into a nice Spring day the the Larry Lee Memorial Car Show. Several MCCA members met up at the Goddard Walmart parking lot to arrive at the show together. Just as the Corvairs were about to leave

the lot, Terry Kalp got a text from the Lee family saying Larry's Corsa almost made it to the show before it stalled and wouldn't restart.

When the cluster of Corvairs were heading down Main Street, Terry peeled off just before the

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Although he had to work, Nick Pool showed up at Goddard just before noon. Nick was driving the '68 Corvair recently purchased from Tim Polley.

Goddard Car Show

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show entrance to check on Larry's stalled convertible. While the others were parking their cars, it was determined Larry's car wasn't getting fuel and it wouldn't be fixed right away. Terry moved his sedan into show parking and picked up some extra pushing power to get the reluctant Corvair into a spot.

Ten Corvairs showed up, Randy Weir had two, his '63 convertible and a friend drove his LM 4-door. Dennis Fuller, Jay Allen, Cary Ziesenis, Lloyd Folger, Terry Kalp and Nick Pool all drove Corvairs plus there was one spectator Corvair.

The Goddard Lions put on an excellent show. Reports indicated there were over 200 cars registered which is fantastic for the second year of a car show. A huge thank you to the Goddard Lions.



At the show, but not in it was this '63 convertible. Parked just off Main Street it had a For Sale sign.



Larry Lee Quilts

Donna, Larry Lee's wife, took some of Larry's old T-shirts and had a couple of quilts made. They were on display with Larry's Corvair at the show. The top quilt was Corvair/Car themed while the theme of the quilt shown at the bottom was his many interests. Larry has two grandchildren and each grandchild will get a quilt to remember grandpa Larry.



OKC & Tulsa Clubs Meet

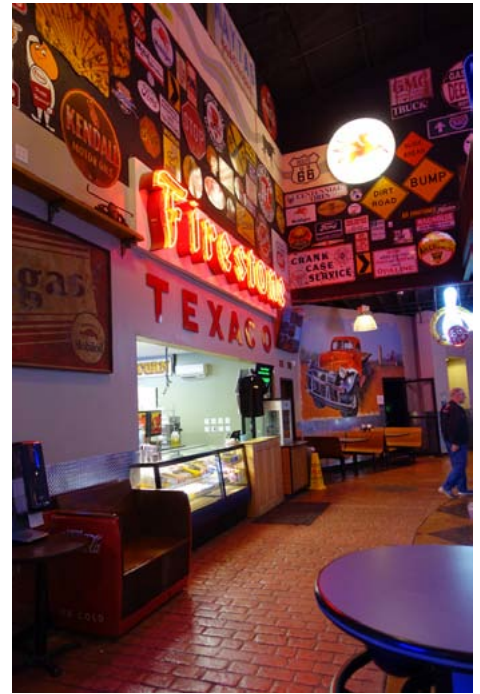


The destination for the Oklahoma Corvair Road Trip was the bowling alley in Chandler, OK. Partially selected because it is about half way between Oklahoma City and Tulsa on Rt 66, it is much more than a bowling alley, there is a great cafe, lazer tag and lots of signs.

by Terry Kalp

At 7 am, Saturday, March 18th I was on the road to Chandler, OK via Oklahoma City. The Green Country Corvairs of Tulsa had made plans COCA Corvair club of Oklahoma City to meet in Chandler, OK for lunch. It sounded like

fun, so I invited myself along. I drove the Solstice and plans were to meet up with the OKC club at Pop's on Rt 66 on the North edge of the city. The group would gather there then head East to Chandler at 10 am. The bowling alley at Chandler was a fantastic spot for lunch.



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 April 8th meeting. So bring your appetite and join your friends starting at 5:30-6 on Saturday.

Juna Tuna Moved to Saturday June 3rd

Because of some conflicts that Terry Kalp has, Juna Tuna will be moved to June 3rd this year. That will also allow Cars & Coffee on June 17th to be counted as a Mel Award event.

The Tuna will still be at the Kalp shop, 2140 W. 101st Street North Valley Center. Doors open at 8 am and close when the last car is finished. The May newsletter will have more details on the theme of the meal and maybe some idea about the projects people are bringing. Potential projects can be discussed with Terry so he can have the correct tools and parts ready and can be put on the schedule.

Links to Corvair Themed Songs

From the April Detroit Area Corvair Club newsletter, The Aircooler. In the electronic versions of the FlatSix Journal the links should be clickable.

#1 Corvair Baby. Paul Revere & The Raiders

https://youtu.be/KjSDhPGc_F4

#2 The Corvair Song <https://youtu.be/vfTb-je3veWg>

#3 Schlock Rod, Part 1 and 2, Jan & Dean <https://youtu.be/QTcl0gxC3Vk>

#4 The New Beats - Tough Little Buggy (My Little Corvair) <https://youtu.be/ogRZi8Lgygp>

#5 3 corvair songs <https://youtu.be/FpuLlKdI9j0>

#6 Corvair Lover <https://youtu.be/t20WeKi-AwwM>

#7 The Corvair Song" <https://youtu.be/tSZ7o-JdztBU>

HACO Tech Day May 20th in Belton

The Kansas City Corvair club is having a Working Tech Session & Front Yard Car Show starting at noon on Saturday, May 20. Mike and Sandy Dawson are hosting the event at their home at 16001 Oakland Avenue, Belton MO. After 4 there will be a meal furnished: grill food, service, soft drinks and adult beverage. Please bring a dish or snack to share.

Please RSVP to insure food and beverage supply and I will email all potential attendees of any changes.

Mike Dawson 816 322-4057, mdawson1961@sbcglobal.net

First Friday April 7th

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.

Cars & Coffee at WSU Set for Saturday, 4/15

The March Cars & Coffee show was cancelled. The April show will be held April 15, 2023. Remember the Cars & Coffee Show has been moved to WSU's Braeburn Square parking lots, on the Southwest 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.



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April 7, 2023: Friday April 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.

April 8, 2023: Saturday April MCCA Regular meeting at the Oaklawn Activity Center. Pre-Meeting eating at 5:30-6 meeting at 7. **Contact.** Contact Marcus Trotter 316-214-6419.

April 15, 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

May 5, 2023: Friday May 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.

May 6, 2023: Saturday May MCCA Road Trip to MCCA May Road Trip 23rd Annual Motoring Festival. McPherson College, McPherson, KS. Leave from Kalp Shop at 8AM. Contact Marcus Trotter 316-214-6419.

May 13, 2023: Saturday May MCCA meeting at Roy & Connie Juenemann's 6024 N. Sullivan Rd., Wichita, KS Eating at 5:30-6 meeting at 7. **Contact.** 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. Miles and miles of Corvairs - Located not far from Pikes Peak, this not-open-to-the-public junkyard/open-air automotive museum is owned by a man with an eye for interesting Detroit iron and all the land he needs to store what he finds. <https://www.autoweek.com/car-life/classic-cars/a1865096/shadow-pikes-peak-we-find-corvair-heaven/> Send your Ran When Parked photos to the editor at tkalp@cox.net.

Ten Years Ago



This photo was published in the April 2013 FlatSix Journal. Sam and Dennis Fuller pose with the '62 Monza coupe the Sam had recently purchased and put into daily driver condition. The Corvair was later sold to John Overby in Missouri. Sam's present project? . . . getting this same '62 coupe back into daily driver condition. Sam bought the Corvair back last year from John Overby's estate.

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