

The Flat Six Journal

Mid Continent Corvair Association Newsletter

June 2023

Miles of Smiles

20000 miles

15000 miles

10000 miles

7683 miles

5000 miles



This view of the Tri-State car display shows the variety of Corvairs attending. Lee Olsen photo.

Tri-State Meet 2023

By Lee Olsen

In the article about the Stinger (see page 2) I mentioned the Tri State Corvair meet in Salida Colorado. For those of you not familiar with it, the Denver, Colorado Springs and Albuquerque NM clubs have a get together in southern Colorado or Northern New Mexico every year the 3rd weekend in May.

I had registered for the show this year and planned to attend without taking a Corvair but the Stinger return worked out that I was able to attend with a Corvair. Several from our club have attended in the past and its just great time with a bunch of Corvair people.

Registration starts about noon on Friday. Watching the different Corvairs show up is fun as well as being able to visit with the other Corvair owners, making new friends as the afternoon progresses. Saturday morning is a show and shine Corvair show, this year it was next to the hotel in a car dealerships lot. There were 41 Corvairs of every kind except there

were no vans this year. Early and late, open and closed, Rampsides, Lakewoods, custom, and specialty Corvairs. Its really interesting looking at the modifications some owners do to their cars.

There was quite a discussion about installing LED lighting among a group of us. Saturday afternoon a cruise was on the schedule to drive to Buena Vista and view the Collegiate peaks, others explored Salida, some stayed at the hotel and talked Corvairs and occasionally politics.

Saturday evening we had a banquet with a great meal, each club gave a short talk, raffle prizes were given out and awards were announced, I won the best specialty award.

Next years Tri State will be in Las Vegas New Mexico, I encourage any one to attend this fun event.

June Meeting
Sunday,
May 11th 11am

Lake Afton Car Show
MacArthur Road at 247th
Street West, Wichita, KS



Yenko Stinger #44 proudly displayed by Lee Olsen at Tri State.

Return of the Stinger

By Lee Olsen

Back in 1999 I was fortunate enough to find Yenko Stinger #44 in a Dodge City junk yard. I was able to purchase the car and over the next four years restore the car. I had the car until 2006 when marital and financial difficulties dictated that I needed to sell the car.

At the time, Tim Allen, the comedian, owned #43. I contacted his people, thinking he might like two consecutively numbered Sting-ers, but he was not interested. The car was eventually purchased by a man in Atlanta Georgia. We agreed on a purchase price and a delivery date. He flew into Mid Continent Airport and drove the Stinger back to Atlanta.

I did not think I would ever see the car again. In April the man's brother contacted Terry Kalp, wanting my contact information and said he wanted to talk to me about the Stinger, Terry forwarded his information to me and I called him. It seems his brother had passed away from Covid a couple years ago and the brother now had the Stinger in Helena Montana as Ex-

ecutor of the estate.

In some of my communications with the owner I had mentioned if he ever wanted to sell I would like the first shot at buying it back. The brother honored that request and asked If I would be interested in purchasing my Stinger back. My heart was racing, yes I certainly would be interested.

We talked a while and he said he would call me back the next week, it was a long week. We both had done some research for a value on the car and when he called the next Friday we were \$5000 apart on price. We split the difference and I was able to buy my car back.

I had planned to attend the Tri State Corvair meet in Salida Colorado on the weekend of May 19-20. It worked out that I left on Monday the 15th drove to Helena Montana, dropping off my Saab Sonett to a man in Denver and made it to Salida for the Tri State and brought the Stinger home on Sunday. I feel so fortunate to have found it in the junkyard and then to get the one that got away back in my possession.

MCCA Clings

Marcus Trotter and Terry Kalp got together and ordered 100 static cling stickers of the club logo. There are two designs, one of just the logo by itself and the second using the logo but the words 2023 Member are added to it.

Each sticker is about 2" high and 4" long. They are designed to go on the inside of a window and are easy to install and remove. Terry will have some available at the June meeting. Cost is \$2 per sticker with any profits going to the club treasury. Contact Terry if you want one.

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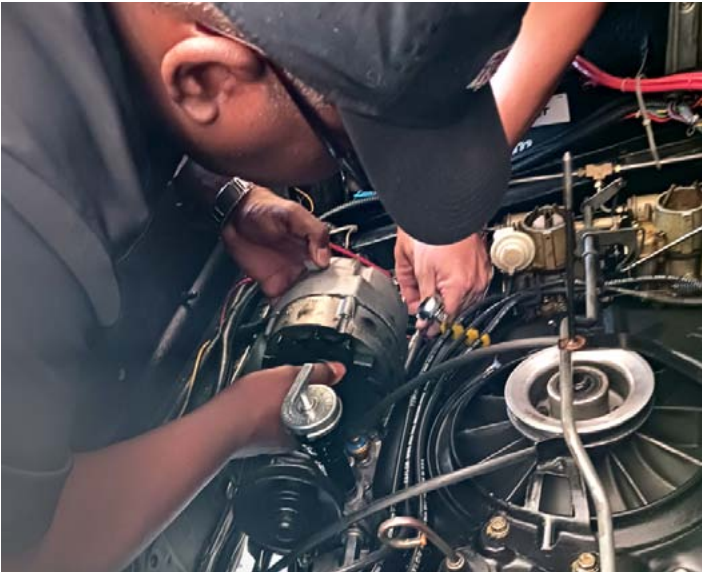
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Marcus Trotter helps Brad Stauffer install the alternator on his '68 convertible at the HACO tech day.

HACO Tech Day

Marcus Trotter and Terry Kalp headed out early Saturday, May 20 for the HACO tech day at Mike Dawson's. They arrived in Belton early enough to grab lunch at 5 Guys then head to Mike's shop.

Several projects were already underway when the duo arrived. Marcus gravitated to help Brad Stauffer who had several repairs planned for his Evening Orchid convertible. Terry bounced between projects until it was time for dinner. After a fine meal Terry and Marcus headed back to the Wichita area.



Chris Green and Brad Stauffer work as a team to replace a failed rear engine mount at the tech day.



Miles of Smiles

As of the June 2023 FlatSix Journal deadline, eight MCCA members have reported their miles driven for May 2023.

Scott Allison 110 miles

Edwin Buiter.....200 miles

Terry Kalp.....228 miles

Joe Nold.....230 miles

Bill Smith207 miles

Mark Welte290 miles

Jason Pool287 miles

Randy Weir231 miles

The total reported miles driven in May was 1792, a slight drop from the 2312 miles reported for April 2023. This was a drop from the 2022 May total of 2312 miles. Total miles for 2023 are 7683 compared to 10343 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 June 1st, then again on June 30th 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.

Monsoona Tuna

By Terry Kalp

The 2023 Juna Tuna earned a new nick-name, Monsoona Tuna. While Tuna Saturday (June 3rd) started out clear and sunny, around noon time as everyone was getting ready to eat, the rains came pouring down. Rainwater was pushed under the West garage door in the Kalp shop. At one point it was flowing faster than the wet vacuum could suck it up. A huge Thank you to Randy Wier and Roy Junemann who bailed everyone out (literally) with a broom and the wet vacuum.

Despite the damp it was a busy Tuna day. The long distance traveler was Tanner Glenn, who came in from Coffeyville, KS with a friend. Tanner was one of sev-



The mighty and the Mini. Mark Welte's Corsa dwarfs Terry's Mini. Bill Smith photo.



Jay Allen, Terry Kalp and Dennis Fuller discuss Dennis' electric Corvair project. Bill Smith photo.

eral "first-timers" that attended the Tuna.

Mark Welte was one of the first arrivals and was bustling with projects all day. His first was putting the wipers on his white Corsa convertible. He polished up a set with some steel wool, when he went to install them on side hit on the cowl. So the cowl grill came off and was tweaked for clearance.

Korrye Edwards was the first to arrive and was able to score a replacement passenger door for his convertible. Bill Smith arrived not long after. Bill put Tiffany's '64 convertible on the lift for some work on the fuel system. A leaky



Mark Welte shines up a set of stainless steel wiper arms before installing them. His timing was great just before the heavy rain.



fuel sending unit was replaced as was the fuel filter between the tank and pump. While in the area Bill did some rerouting of fuel lines around the electric pump.

Eric Kline needed to rivet the loom holders back onto his freshly

painted turkey roaster. Mark had recently performed this same operation on his car, so he helped Eric on his project.

Lunch was originally planned to be a cookout, but after seeing the rain in the forecast the officers

Terry Kalp showed off his recently acquired Devin C. He purchased it from Larry Forman in California. Bill Smith photo.

switched to cold cut sandwiches for the main course. The build-it-yourself sandwich bar was a hit. With the side-dishes and desserts, everyone got their fill.

With the new downpour of rain on the already soaked grassy parking areas there was a concern about the cars getting stuck. Thanks to some skillful driving and rear engine traction only one vehicle got stuck. A tow rope appeared and he was quickly unstuck.



Eric Kline and Mark set up the bucking die to install the stainless steel rivets that hold the ignition wire separators to the top shroud. Mark used the setup on his chrome top shroud. Bill Smith photo.

Bill Smith worked on Fuel issues on Tiffany's '64. He replaced the filter and rerouted lines on the electric pump and replaced a leaking fuel tank sending unit.





The was a good showing of Corvairs at the April 7th First Friday show at Central & West. Driving Corvairs were Jason and Nick Pool, Joe Nold, Bill Smith and Terry Kalp.

Corvairs Dominate June First Friday

Corvairs made a great showing at the June First Friday show and shine at Central and West Streets in Wichita. In fact, the Corvairs made up half of the show field. Seems like the dark skies scarred of the majority of participants. From Jason Pool's report there were an

El Camino, two Miatas and three Corvairs.

Bringing their Corvairs to the May Central and West Show were Jason Pool who arrived in his Early Model four-door while Bill Smith drove an Early Model Convertible and Nick Pool in his recently re-engined 1968 two-door. The June show was Friday, June 2nd.

The July First Friday at Central and West will be Friday, July 7th. Cars start arriving around 5 pm, but cars can come in anytime. The parking is less crowded so far this year so late comers can still get a decent spot. This is a Mel Horstman Award Event.

Cars & Coffee at WSU Set for Saturday, 6/17

No members reported attending the May Cars & Coffee. The June Cars & Coffee show will be held June 17, 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.

May MCCA Breakfast

Despite your Editor messing up the location for the May MCCA breakfast, there was a good turn-out of 11 people. The correct location for the Saturday, May 27th breakfast was Livingston's Diner at 9747 E. 21st North in Wichita.

Four Folks drove Corvairs, Jason Pool, Jay Allen, Terry Kalp and Randy Wier. Two LM four doors, one EM four door and a EM coupe. Although the diner was very busy, the group was seated together fairly quickly.

The service, food and company was very good. There are no plans for a June breakfast. Check the Facebook page and July newsletter for information on a breakfast event in July.





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A couple of open wheeled Corvairs showed up at the 2022 Lake Afton event. Sam Fuller's soap box car and Terry Kalp's formula car with Corvair power.

June MCCA Meeting At Afton Car Show

The June MCCA meeting and officer elections will be held Sunday, June 11. Usually there is an area where the Corvairs can park together and tents set up for shade. Bring a chair and something cool to drink. Lunch will be available at the food trailers.

The meeting starts around 11 am and includes the annual MCCA Officer Election. If someone would like their name considered for an office please contact Marcus Trotter 316-214-6419.

Lake Afton is the largest free outdoor car show in the nation. Not only do hundreds of cars show up, they range from pure stock to highly modified.



Shade is at a premium at the Afton Show. MCCA brings a couple of dining flies to protect members.

2023 EVENTS

June 11, 2023: Sunday June MCCA meeting and Lake Afton Car show. MacArthur Road at 247th Street West, Wichita, KS 11 am. Contact Marcus Trotter 316-214-6419.

June 17, 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 27, 2023: Saturday May MCCA Breakfast. Livingston's Cafe 4733 E. Douglas Ave. Wichita, KS eat at 9AM. Contact Marcus Trotter 316-214-6419

July 7, 2023: Friday July 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.

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

July 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

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. Richard May hauled a Devin C from California to Wichita for Terry Kalp. In return he ended up with the '61 two-door wagon project. On Richard's way back to Reno, NV he stopped at a truck stop in Phoenix. There he was approached by a guy from Wichita, Micky Gomez. Micky said he had a friend near Wichita that had Corvairs. Micky's friend, Terry Kalp. Small world. Send your Ran When Parked photos to tkalp@cox.net.

Ten Years Ago



In May of 2013 MCCA members toured the Kansas Aviation Museum. Three Corvairs were driven to the MCCA trip to the Kansas Aviation Museum. Bob Bright drove his 1965 Monza Convertible, Ned Madsen drove Kathy's 1966 Monza Coupe and Terry Kalp drove a 1961 Lakewood station wagon. The museum is housed in the old Wichita Municipal Terminal.

June Meeting 11 am June 11th

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Calendar

- June Meeting
Lake Afton Show June 11
- Cars & Coffee June 17
- First Friday Show & Shine
July 7
- July Meeting July 18
- Cars & Coffee July 25
- First Friday Show & Shine
August 4
- Aug. Meeting August 12
- 2023 Great Plains Corvair
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