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June Meeting (in the park)

Our annual meeting in the park took place in Sar-Ko-Par Trails Park in Lenexa, Kansas, and president Scott Allison called the meeting to order at 7 PM. During the meeting, we shared some updates on the health of our fellow members. Unfortunately, Cliff Carlino's father, Frank Carlino, passed away on May 8, 2023. Please keep the Carlino's in your thoughts and prayers.

Barb Wagner is currently recovering from back surgery, and we wish her a speedy and smooth recovery (it was good to have her at the meeting!). Kevin Koch completed the first round of his new treatment path, and we are pleased to hear that the prior tumors have stopped growing. However, new tumors have appeared, which will be addressed with another type of chemotherapy in a few months.

Bill Bennett is sore but recovering well from his recent hernia surgery. We wish him a swift recovery and hope to see him back in action soon.

On a happier note, Donna and Donny Hill have recently moved into their new place. Donna is adjusting, while Donny is having a great time settling in. We send our best wishes to them in their new home.

Don Wagner, our Membership Chair, introduced a few guests and new members during the meeting. We welcomed Ryan Edwards, who joined us at last month's meeting and the Tech Session. However, Ryan was not present at the current meeting so we hope to see him at a future meeting.

We were delighted to welcome Kyle Lewis, who attended the meeting with his eye-catching red '61 coupe with a '60 motor. Kyle joined the club during the meeting, and we appreciate his support. Welcome, Kyle!

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HACOA Calendar at a glance

Date	Event
Tuesday, July 11	Monthly meeting, Paul and Jack's Tavern, North Kansas City, MO
Sunday, July 16	The Great Car Show, Liberty Memorial, Kansas City, MO
Tuesday, August 8	Monthly meeting, Paul and Jack's Tavern, North Kansas City, MO

President's Tapping

President's Tapping, June 2023

Congratulations Michael Kliethermes for being the 2023 Mellies Cup recipient! Michael has served on the Board of Directors (most recently 2021 and 2022), consistently has his very nice Corvair examples out to be seen, assists with Concours judging at the CORSA National Conventions, and can frequently be seen at many of the HACOA Socials. Thank you Michael for being a member of HACOA and your active participation.

By my count 22 HACOA members turned out for the Dust Off providing a nice variety of cars; 3 Rampside pickups, an early coupe, an early convertible, the Mystery Machine, the Latewood, the Coudan, a late 4-door, a late coupe, a couple late convertibles (not counting the one that didn't make it to the display area) and a Datsun. It was great seeing 12 Corvairs lining the two sides of the road. The entertainment was a fantastic surprise and many who participated tried their hand at various sizes of hula-hoops. Cameras were out yet I still remain in denial of any evidence of my participation, it was a great time!

The 5th Annual King of Kings Car Show did not disappoint again this year. We had 10 HACOA members present with 4 Corvairs and 1 Jaguar. Congratulations to Cliff Carlino for taking home the first place award for his 1953 Jaguar XK120 Fixed-Head Coupe.

The June 11th Jackson County Historical Society car show on the Independence Square was lightly attended by only 3 HACOA members (Adam Fisher, Tabby Saysoff, and I) due to the weather. We are hearing rumors that it will occur again sometime in August or September and those that registered for June will be invited back with their previously paid registration.

We had perfect weather for the June meeting in the park and as a result there was great attendance. In addition to the normal suspects Wayne Yost, Don Deardorff, and Jerry Vinson made it out. We also had a couple new members make it out for the first time. Waylon and Jacob Ziesenis from Eudora, they are distant relatives of Glenn and Carey of the Wichita area but it was actually Jerry Vinson that brought them to use last evening, as well as Kyle Lewis from the KC area. Both came out in their Corvairs; Waylon in his 1965 Yellow Convertible (previously owned by Larry Sherwood) and Kyle in his very late run 1960 Red Coupe (without the caveman nose...could it be a Sprint Special?). I enjoyed the time I got to spend with them both and hope to see them again in the future. Floyd Becker also brought his brother along for the event and it was great meeting him.

The CORSA National Convention kicked off on June 19th and lasted through June 24th at the Wisconsin Dells preceded by the SpeedTour event at the Indianapolis Speedway June 15th through the 17th. I personally attended both events with Terry Kalp and had a great time. The venue was nice, the daily activities were well attended; Valve Cover Races and Welcome Party Tuesday evening, Concours on Wednesday, Economy Run and Rally on Thursday, Auto-X and Banquet on Friday, ending with the People's Choice Car Show on Saturday. There were also Duck Boat excursions and River Boat Dinner Cruises including a walkthrough of Witches Gulch. Congratulations to Janet & Michael Kliethermes on obtaining Gold status (97.36) with their 1967 Nantucket Blue Monza's debut. Also

congratulations to Tim Kienzle on obtaining Silver status (95.95) with his 1965 Dark Blue Corsa. The CORSA Member Update meeting reported that CORSA is solid and stable. You may visit the CORSA website for full details on the report for both CORSA and the CPF (Corvair Preservation Foundation).

The 2023 GPCR registration is now available. You should have received an email from me with the registration form in PDF format but if you need a hardcopy please let me know. It is also available from our HACO website under Document Library/Miscellaneous Forms (*purposely misspelled to match what's on the site for easy distinction*). Please fill it out and return early to assist COCA in planning AND make sure you have your hotel room secured early as well. Any questions should be sent to Newslettercoca@gmail.com. Early registration, and merchandise orders, ends September 1, 2023 but please do not wait and register today!

The Moore's Insulation Social is scheduled for July 15th, 2023. All are welcome and the Moore's will grill burgers, brats and dogs. Water and soft drinks provided, BYOB. Side dishes appreciated. Assisting with or handling the insulation is not a requirement for attendance. Please visit the HACO website for full details.

Just a reminder that August is coming up fast so please reach out if you would like to put a car into the Kansas City Automotive Museum and need some hands to get it ready for the event. We will be moving the cars into the Museum on the 29th of July so please plan accordingly.

Be safe and take care of each other and yourself.

Vairy Best, Scott

June Meeting (in the park), continued from page 1

We also enjoyed the presence of Don Deardorff, a current member who we haven't seen in a while. Along with that, Wayne Yost has rejoined our club, and he was present at the meeting. Jerry Vincent, another returning member, was also in attendance. Jerry renewed his membership for two years and even invited Waylon Ziesenis, who joined the club that night. It was good to see all of them!

Waylon's brother, Jacob Ziesenis, accompanied him to the meeting, but they had to leave before it started. We learned that they purchased Larry Sherwood's yellow '65 'vert. Welcome to the club, Waylon and Jacob!

Helen Moore presented the minutes from the previous meeting held in April, and they were approved as read. There were no minutes available for May due to the annual auction.

During the meeting, we had an open floor for the Trophy Report. Congratulations to Michael Kliethermes for receiving this year's Mellies Cup. We also acknowledged Cliff Carlino for winning the Best of Show at the King of Kings Car Show for his Jaguar. Congratulations, Michael and Cliff!

Committee Reports

Membership Committee – Don Wagner informed us about two new members who joined the club that night, Waylon Ziesenis and Kyle Lewis. We're thrilled to have you both as part of our community!

Newsletter Committee – Chris and Meaghan Green, our Newsletter team, shared their plans to try a new format for future editions of the newsletter.

Website Committee – Travis Bolton reported that everything is running smoothly with the website. Great job, Travis, and thank you for keeping our online presence in top shape.

Parades Committee – Kat King informed us that several members expressed interest in participating in the 4th of July Main Street Parade in Belton, Missouri. As a result, Scott Allison will enter the club in the parade. Let's show off our Corvairs with pride!

Tool Crib Committee – Mike has kept in touch with Ken over the phone regarding the tool crib. If you have any tool-related needs, don't hesitate to reach out to Mike or Ken.

Social Chair – Paula Roberts (through Scott Allison) shared updates on recent events organized by the Social Committee. These included the Dawson Working Tech Session on May 20 and the Dust Off on June 3, among others. Thank you, Paula, for your efforts in planning enjoyable social gatherings for our members.

Member Project Updates

During the meeting, several members shared updates on their ongoing projects:

- Adam Fisher, although not present at the meeting, is working on engine reseal, exhaust, rear axle replacement, carb rebuilds, and even adding an extra set of feet under the dash. We wish him success with his ambitious project.
- Dominique Allen, who was also absent, is focusing on suspension and motor mount improvements. We hope his upgrades enhance his driving experience.
- Don Cory had a motor mount failure on his Alaska racer, but he managed to rebuild the carbs for his white '64 "Dough Boy." Great work, Don!
- Paul Sergeant got the bottom of his Rampy sandblasted using Rhino Blast mobile sandblaster. He also mentioned that it has been dust-free but not entirely material-free. Keep up the good work, Paul!
- Travis Bolton shared updates on the metalwork being performed on Paul Sergeant's convertible. Additionally, he mentioned his family's recent European vacation, which took them to Amsterdam, Paris, and London. We're eager to hear all about their adventures and whether food digests faster at 180 mph!
- Scott Allison mentioned that he's finishing up the engines in his shop now that the heads are back from Nolands. He's currently working on two builds for Wichita folks.
- Don Deardorff provided a project update, as his engine may be a candidate for rebuild.
- Ken Rothove informed us that he's currently rebuilding an engine. The discussion then shifted to finding vendors for crankshaft work, with Don Wagner, Cliff, and Ken sharing information. If you need assistance or recommendations for crankshaft service, reach out to these members.

Program

Since we were gathered in the park for the meeting, we took the opportunity to visit and admire each other's cars. The Corvairs present included Mike and Sandy Dawson's red convertible (previously owned by Jack and Elaine Richardson), Kyle Lewis' red '61 coupe, Mike and Janet Kliethermes' red late model, Sandy and Linda Reese's yellow Corvair, Cliff and Sheila Carlino's Spyder, and Scott Allison's white cougan.

Here's an interesting tidbit: Did you know that, with the exception of 1960 and 1962, the Chevrolet Bowtie displayed on the Corvair was open-ended? This was a discussion point just before adjourning our meeting. We'll be back at Paul and Jack's for our July meeting, so we hope to see you there!

THE PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE SERIES

Mike Dawson

Corvair Parts and Service Referrals (July 2023)

The following list was submitted by members who have actually used the vendor/service that is listed and would recommend it to other members based on personal experience. Please let me know if you have additions or comments and we will update it regularly.

Engine work:

John's Automotive Machine Shop: No crankshaft service, press pistons, etc. 129 S. Mahaffie St., Olathe, KS 913 764-1780

Scott Allison: engine refreshing or general tuning. Email: beaminscott@yahoo.com and phone number is 816-506-6892. Would be more interested in educating others but will take on projects as time permits.

Schultz Tractor & Machine Services, Clinton, MO, complete machine shop and engine rebuilding.

<https://schultztractor.com/>

Machine Shop Work:

1. Noland's Cylinder Head Service, 1519 Charlotte St, KC, MO, (816) 471-5167
2. Stinger Motorsports, Roanoke, VA (540) 204-0917 (David Clemens)
3. Jim Mcconville, Peculiar, MO 816 379-1528 Fabrication & Machine Shop Work
4. All Type Parts & Equipment 1041 S. Vista Ave, Independence, 816-796-0909 Crankshaft Service
5. United Engine Specialists located in Wichita west of the Airport on Kellogg, 316 721-6868. Crankshaft service.

General Auto Repair (non Corvair)

Steve's Auto, 55th & Raytown Road, Raytown, MO 816 353-8000 Highly recommended by a club member.

Blasting, Plating & Powder Coating.

DeTray Plating Works: 10405 E. 11th st., Independence, Missouri 64052

816-252-8411 www.detrayplating.com e-mail DeTrayPlating@aol.com

R & J Plating: 775 Cherokee, Leavenworth, KS 913 682-4404

K.C. Powdercoat: 600 N Dodgion St., Independence, MO 816 252-7009, kcpowdercoat.com They clean, blast and paint a large range of colors.

Eagle auto stripping 913-334-6831, (plastic and glass bead media) 7300 Kaw Drive, Sandblasting and Powder coating: Extreme Blasting, 211 James Rollo Dr, Grain Valley, MO 64029, (816) 847-7771

Blasting/Powder Coating--Bare Metal, 20203 S. State Route D, Belton, MO, (816) 322-2424

Plastic Chrome Plating: GCAR, 6812 E. Elk Chattaroy Rd., Chattaroy Washington, 99003, Email

GCAR426@AOL.Com, Website GCARTrim.com, Phone 509-238-4967

Electrical:

Bill's Auto Electric: Rebuilds on Starters - Alternators – Generators, One day service

508 S. Hwy 71 (just as you come in to town they are on west side road)

Savannah, MO 64485 Ph 816-324-6157

Gauge Restoration: Bob Bonds Artistry, 25612 N.E. Colbern Rd.,
Lee's Summit, Missouri 64086, 816-554-1800 1-800-BOB-BOND
www.bobbondart.com e-mail bob@bobbondart.com

Gas tank repair:

Expressway Radiator, 1905 E Truman Rd, (816) 471-1899 (\$125 for clean and seal)

Radio and Clocks:

Fred's Classic Auto Radios & Clocks, 7908 Gillette St, Lenexa KS, (913) 599-2303

Corvair Radios: <http://vintage-vibes.com/product-category/Chevy/Corvair/>

Restoration:

1. JTVairs: John Miller (319) 850-6699 <http://jtvairs.com/home.html>
2. T T 's Specialties: Restoration and fabrication owner:
3. Spray Booth Rental: Eudora Kansas 785-542-3058 www.sprayboothrental.com
4. Mike's Auto Body: 816 331-0909, 605 N Scott, Belton, MO
5. Custom and Rod Garage: Dan McGrath, 33643 Metcalf Rd. Louisburg, 912 787-4418
6. Z's Paintless Dent Repair 230C East North Ave, Belton 816 331-1965
7. MAACO: Good paint job over your prep work for \$1K+, you get what you pay for. Check locations but a good one is 8916 Troost, KC, MO 816 333-7127, Andy or CJ.
8. Body and Painting as part time work: Rick Ethington 816 510-0146
9. Empire Automotive, 633 Southwest Blvd, KCK, www.empire-automotive-kc.com

Apparel:

Corvair Girl: Teresa Miller (515) 520-7209 <http://jtvairs.com/corvairstyle.html>

Appraisal:

1. Classic Auto Appraisals, 12311 E 47th Terrace S, Indep MO (816) 456-6102 (Gary C. Sparks)
2. Antique Auto Appraisal, 1208 Main St, Blue Springs, MO (816) 229-5240 (C. David Evans)

State required Inspection or ID/OD:

Peak Performance Auto Repair, 8826 Wornall Rd, KC, MO, (816) 523-0140 (Ray)

Insurance:

Hagerty: (877) 922-9701 <https://www.hagerty.com/>

J.C. Taylor: 800 345-8290 www.JCTaylor.com

Parts:

1. Ken Ragan (used) Parts, Amsoil Dealer 913 422-5778 Bonner Springs, KS
2. Clarks Corvair Parts <http://www.corvair.com/user-cgi/main> (new and used)
3. John's Corvair Parts, 1264 Walnut St, Stoneboro, PA, (814) 336-9033 (John Sweet)
<http://johnscorvairstyle.com>
4. Original style Corvair shroud bolts: www.fastenal.com At least 3 of the main bolts are available, maybe more.
5. Roger Parent rlparent@cox.net Wide variety of quality reproduced parts.
6. California Corvairs
7. mikescorvairstyle.com
8. Great plug wires (and other items) from Seth Emerson sethracer@aol.com
9. Thicker pink gaskets: John Sweet, js189@zoominternet.net

10. Fasteners: <https://www.restorationspecialties.com>

Welding: Chris Watkins owner of CNA Performance 1421 Minnesota Ave in KCK 66102, Phone 913-371-0055 (shop) and 913-907-0880 (cell) He does excellent welding.

Welding gasses, exchange bottles. Gary Jones (HACOA Member) 816 916-6749

Seat Belts: Good quality, low price. www.AndoverRestraints.com Click on “Corvair Seat Belts” for choice of style.

Tools: bluechiptools.com Custom Corvair tools, Russ Davis 757 642-0665

R. J. Tools Custom Corvair tools, Rex Johnson 503 871-8099

Ken Ragan has HACOA’s loaner tool collection 913 909-2006

Gasket Type Windshield Replacement:

Discount Auto Glass 6020 Merriam Dr, Shawnee, KS. 913 599-4527 Ask for Sam.

J and C Auto Glass 9909 E 63 ST. Raytown MO 34133 816.813.9223

Race Tires and Supplies: KC Raceware, Charlie Clark, 816 257-7305

Scrap metal hauled off: Don 816 509-0716

Water Jet Metal Cutting: Gieske Metal Fabricators, 1724 Washington, K.C. Mo www.gieske.com

Metal by the Foot: Anything metal cut to your lengths, scrap pieces, hardware. 3600 Truman Rd.

www.metalbythefoot.com

Upholstery:

1. Grandview Upholstery, 12827 7th Street, Grandview, MO (816) 965-9505 (Natalie)

2 North Kansas City Auto Trim, 1411 Swift Ave. (816) 471-3350

3 Gladstone Auto Trim www.gladstoneautotrim.com/

4. Taylor West (HACOA Member) taylor.west@hotmail.com 816 896-2240

License Plate Restoration: Loretta Dungan, email is loretta.dungan@gmail.com and mailing address is 142 Santa Fe, Lawson, MO 64062.

State Inspection: For those that tag their Corvair with regular tags instead of Historical tags, Cable Dahmer Chevrolet will do the state inspection for free.

GPCRU/CORSA event planning adviser: there is lots of info to share. Scott Allison beaminscott@yahoo.com

Car Transport

R.A.M. Transport LLC 614 318-9016 193 E Main St, Unit 202, Chillicothe, OH 45601

Name Tags for HACOA members. High quality color with our club logo. \$16, Order from Dean's Trophy in Belton: <https://deanskc.com/> (phone or email). Mike Dawson or Scott Allison can deliver them to the meeting.

Classifieds

The Tool Crib

Club tools for rent

Contact: Ken Ragan

212 Warner Rd, Bonner Springs, KS 66012
913-422-5778 E-mail: kenrragan@gmail.net

Tool	Deposit	Monthly rental fee
Harmonic balancer puller	\$3.00	\$1.00
Ramps, auto	\$4.00	\$1.00
Torque wrenches		
½ inch drive 20-150 ft/lb	\$15.00	\$2.00
¾ inch drive 100-1000 in/lb	\$15.00	\$2.00
Floor jacks and stands	\$25.00	\$3.50
Ring groove cleaner	\$3.00	\$1.00
Dwell/tach meter	\$5.00	\$1.00
Greaser: Fan and idler bearing	\$5.00	\$1.00
Ken's advice	\$.02	Grain of salt
Hubs: Rear (towing LM PowerGlide)	\$5.00	\$1.00
Pushrod tube extractor	\$10.00	\$2.00

Internally regulated 63
amp Corvair alternators
\$85 exchange

Rebuilt Corvair
starters with
solenoid \$105
exchange



Rebuilt harmonic
balancer
\$110 exchange
for a rebuildable
core



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

Reproduced end plates for the 12 and 8
plate oil cooler. These are the two pieces
of sheet metal that help keep all the hot
air from the oil cooler moving out the
bottom instead of back in to the engine
compartment. \$10 each





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E-mail kenrragan@sbcglobal.net

Parts for Sale

Bob Shellhorn has some parts he would like to sell, including:

3 - 14" 2 bar spinner Corvair wire spoked hubcaps - \$25 each

1 - 13" 2 bar spinner Corvair wire spoked hubcap - \$25

8 - 13" stainless steel LM Corvair hubcaps, most with plastic center caps but of poor condition, \$15 each

3 - LM dash instrument panel with most gauges

chrome trim handles, lots of misc. engine components, carb. bodies, etc.

No blocks, intakes, drive train, or body sheetmetal.

Contact Bob Shellhorn at Bshell46@sbcglobal.net

Classifieds, continued

1963 Corvair/Clam Digger dune buggy for sale. All Corvair running gear and suspension, including 1965 140 HP engine with centermount carburetor, dual point distributor, and electric fuel pump. Running gear includes a '64 4-speed transaxle with transverse spring and new 13 inch tires. Needs some wiring work. Asking \$3,500. Contact Dick Berger 678-650-4246.

What's Happening?

2023 Dustoff

The 2023 Dustoff took place on June 3. Besides the roadside car show and general fun, the KC Hoop Girls showed up, with Scott, Helen, and Linda joining in on the action! For his continued work and involvement in the club, Mike Kliethermes won the Mellies Cup; congratulations Mike and nice work!





Independence Car Show

Adam Fisher, Tabby Saysoff, and Scott Allison met on the Independence Square 2 hours later than the originally planned start time for the Jackson County Historical Society sponsored car show; the time was pushed back by the event coordinators in an attempt to avoid the rain. Mother Nature didn't get the email and showed no signs of letting up so we parted ways about 11am. There were only about 20 cars present, with about 45 expected. Due to registration issues and time changes Mike and Sandy Dawson were not able to attend so they didn't get wet. There are plans to re-host the save event in August where we will try again.



Father's Day car show

Ray Sego attended the 40th annual Father's Day car show at Stanberry, Missouri. He received a lot of attention and comments, including "Never knew Chevy built such a truck", "First time I've ever seen one". He took his '63 Rampside with him, which garnered a 2nd place trophy in the class 9 stock pickup (1960 and up). He was slightly edged out by a Chevy C10 with a much higher end paint job. Well done Ray!

Belton Independence Day Celebration

Thank you to those that made it out for the Belton July 4th Celebration on July 1. The forecast was for a 53% chance of rain during the parade but luckily we only experienced a very few drops...so few you could count them. We had 6 Corvairs driven by Kyle Lewis, Janet & Michael Kliethermes, Sandy & Mike Dawson, Marcia &



Taylor West, Floyd Becker, and myself. We had 5 red cars and 1 white car, all of which had only 2 doors and 4-speed transmissions, in the parade consisting of both early and late examples one of which was a convertible. As predicted the route was very short so



afterwards some parked at my place and spent some time at the booths and eateries Belton provided for the event.



Remember → CORSA Membership Perks:

- 1) CORSA now has a formal relationship with Mecum auctions! Your membership in CORSA now permits you to purchase the \$200 bidders registration for just \$100!!
- 2) We have many fresh new items of CORSA-wear now available on our website. www.corvair.org
<http://www.corvair.org>. We have a new vendor, new artwork and new items. I think you'll be excited about the selection.
- 3) Please remember, if you have members who are new to CORSA, they will receive a free copy of the "Corvair Basics" book with their paid membership in CORSA.

HACOA birthdays

July	
Name	Date
Bill Mann	3
Wilma Cory	9
Carol Sego	9
Scott Allison	10
Larry Eilenberger	10
Teresa Miller	14
Adrienne Gargano	17
Wayne Yost	19
Linda Mellies	26
Terri Gordon	27
Sandy Dawson	29
Mary Reynolds	31