

# The Flat Six Journal

Mid Continent Corvair Association Newsletter

September 2023

## Miles of Smiles

20000 miles

15000 miles

14651 miles

10000 miles

5000 miles



The Kansas City Auto Museum in Olathe followed up their August 2022 display of stock Corvairs with an August 2023 display of modified Corvairs. HACO A rounded up six vehicles for the display including a Monza Jr. go kart and a Mystery Machine van recreation. See story on page 5 for more info.

## Sept. Meeting/Cookout at Kalp Shop

The September MCCA meeting will be held at the Kalp Shop on Saturday, September 9. The cookout will start at 5:30 pm and the Meeting at 7. Bring a chair and a side dish. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided. From 2 pm to 5 the same day there will be a valve cover racer build workshop also at the Kalp Shop. If some help, special tools or skills are needed to finish a racer this would be the time to get everything done.

Folks going on the Road Trip/Lunch to Lee Olsen's on the 23rd need to let Marcus Trotter know so he can get a head count for Lee. Also remember a chair and side dish for this trip.

The main event for September is the Great Plains Corvair Roundup to be held in Guthrie, OK September 29 thru October 1. If making the entire event is not possible it is well worth the two hour drive for the

Saturday Car Show and Awards Banquet.

Keep those Corvair wheels rolling.

**Sept. Meeting  
Saturday,  
Sept. 9th 7pm**

**Cookout Starts at 5:30**

**Kalp Shop  
2140 W.101st St North  
Valley Center, KS**



Terry Kalp joined up this this crew from Oklahoma City to assemble and check out the valve cover race track. It was at Pat Silver's shop in Blanchard, OK.

## Roundup Time Has Arrived

On September 29, 30 and October 1, the 2023 Great Plains Corvair Roundup will take place in Guthrie, Oklahoma (just North of Oklahoma City). The three day event is hosted by the Central Oklahoma Corvair Owners Association (COCA).

Several MCCA members are planning on attending. Plans for a caravan (or two) will be discussed at the September meeting. Folks interested in traveling in a group, but can't make the meeting contact Marcus Trotter 316-214-6419.

Registration and the Hospitality Room will be open most all day Friday. Scheduled events start Friday evening with the Welcome Party at Mineral Wells Park from 5:30 to 7:30. Hot dogs, chips and soda will be provided by COCA.

Concurrently from 6-7:30 will be the Valve Cover Races also at the park. After the party and races people are free to check out historic Guthrie.

Saturday events start bright and early. Cars for the car show will gather at 8 am to travel as a group for a short Guthrie tour then the show location at Mineral Wells Park. The show will run from 9:30 til noon. There will be games at the park, corn hole, fan belt toss, washer toss, etc. during the show.

Back at the host hotel at 2:30 will be a Tech Session with Bob Welch of COCA. Then free time until dinner and the Awards Banquet. Dinner and Awards will start at 6 and run until 9.

Organizers have noted that the host hotel is booked up and no more rooms are available. COCA has located some nearby hotels that still have rooms and can provide contact information. For additional information contact: Newsletter-COCA@Gmail.com.

Looks like a fun weekend of Corvair activities and socializing with friends from the five participating clubs.

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Randy Wier is becoming a First Friday regular. He enjoys sharing his '65 Monza with the crowd.

## September First Friday

Four Corvairs showed up at the September MCCA First Friday at Central and West. Nick and Jason Pool drove their EM Corvairs. Nick in his red '62 four-door and Jason in a yellow '64 convertible. Representing LM Corvairs were Dennis Fuller, arriving in a white LM two-door, and Randy Wier in his bright blue '65 four-door.

The October First Friday show is set for Friday, October 6. This will be the last First Friday for 2023.



Dennis', Jason's and Nick's Corvairs make a colorful, attention getting display at the Central and West parking lot show and shine.



## Miles of Smiles

As of the September 2023 FlatSix Journal deadline, twelve MCCA members have reported their miles driven for July 2023.

<b>Dennis Fuller .....</b>	<b>56 miles</b>
<b>Edwin Buitter .....</b>	<b>150 miles</b>
<b>Terry Kalp .....</b>	<b>424 miles</b>
<b>Joe Nold .....</b>	<b>150 miles</b>
<b>Bill Smith .....</b>	<b>81 miles</b>
<b>Scott Allison .....</b>	<b>226 miles</b>
<b>David Wood .....</b>	<b>183 miles</b>
<b>Greg Renfro .....</b>	<b>2 miles</b>
<b>Jason Pool .....</b>	<b>164 miles</b>
<b>David Swartzendruber .....</b>	<b>39 miles</b>
<b>Eric Kline .....</b>	<b>17 miles</b>
<b>Randy Wier .....</b>	<b>286 miles</b>

The total reported miles driven in August was 1778, an drop from the 2306 miles reported for August 2022. Total miles for 2023 are 14651 compared to 15454 miles reported at this time last year. More miles will need to be driven/reported 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 September 1st, then again on September 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.





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# On the Road AGAIN

By Terry Kalp

A couple of MCCA members got their long term Corvair project cars back “on the road again” in August. Greg Renfro’s ‘63 Rampside had been off the road for about three years. What started as a simple reseal to stop the oil leaks turned into a much more complex project. Once the powerpack was pulled it was discovered that the 80 hp engine had mis-matched heads, neither correct for the engine. Some 80 hp heads were sourced and reworked by Noland’s in KC.

Greg had noticed that the PowerGlide transmission had been slipping, so he sent the transmission and differential up to Mike Dawson for a check up. Upon inspection, Mike found very few usable parts in either unit, requiring different units be rebuilt. During August all the parts came together, Terry Kalp and Greg installed the powerpack and the Rampside is alive.

Over a year ago Lloyd Folger drove his ‘65 Corsa up to the Kalp shop to get the gas tank replaced. It barely made it running quite rough and spewing oil. Terry ran a compression check and found #1 with zero compression. Terry pulled the engine and sent it up to Scott Allison for repair/rebuild. Scott discovered the lower cylinder baffles missing and other problems including a highly eroded piston. The restored engine was installed along with a new gas tank. A new electric fuel pump went in along with rerouting steel fuel lines to eliminate the rubber hoses in the engine compartment. Lloyd drove it home last week.



**ABOVE:** The carburetors on Lloyd’s 140 gave Terry Kalp fits. The primaries needed new accelerator pumps. While they were open for pump cups, Terry scraped some of the crud from the fuel bowl. The loose crud plugged both the main jet and idle jet. The photo above is a secondary carburetor. Both secondaries had a lot of crusty build up that needed to be cleaned.

**BELOW:** Gregg Renfro had a broken ear on the starter for his Rampside. He picked up a used one from Terry Kalp, it was bench tested and sounded good. Once in the truck it didn’t sound so good. Closer inspection showed a very worn starter drive gear. A new starter solved it.





**ABOVE:** Scott Allison showed off his LM two-door with a LM roof.  
**LEFT:** Scooby Do takes a break in the Mystery Machine Van.

# Modified Corvair Show

**By Terry Kalp**

On Sunday, August 20, I got an early start and headed to Belton, MO to meet up with Scott Allison. Our plans for the day were to visit the Kansas City Auto Museum in Olathe and the Underground, the museum's storage facility in downtown KC. The Underground tour was first. It was a driving tour thru

a parking garage in downtown KC where collector cars are stored for mostly private owners.

Next was lunch at the Grinder then headed out to Olathe for the Modified Corvair show at the museum. Six modified Corvairs were on display for the month of August. The museum did a great job of presenting the Corvairs.



**The MCCA cut-away Corvair engine has been on display at the museum for the past year.**



**Mike Dawson's '61 500 station wagon hid its modifications under the engine cover. Mike built a 140 hp, four carburetor engine to get his wagon going.**



**Wes Mellies brought his "Latewood" Late Model Corvair wagon to display. Never a production model, Wes grafted two roofs to make his wagon.**



**LEFT:** Jason Pool in his '64 Spyder.  
**TOP:** Justin Zimmerman drove his Greenbrier Corvair FC.  
**BOTTOM:** Nick Pool showed his '62 Corvair 700 four-door.

## *Cars & Coffee at WSU Set for Saturday, 9/16*

Three Corvairs showed up for the August Cars & Coffee held August 19th. Nick Pool drove the '62 700 four-door. His dad, Jason, took advantage the the outstanding morning weather and arrived with the top down in a bright yellow '64 Monza convertible. Justin Zimmerman brought out his beautiful air conditioned Greenbrier Corvair Forward Control.

The September Cars & Coffee show will be held September 16 and will be the last one for 2023. The Cars & Coffee Show is held at WSU's Braeburn Square parking lots, on the SouthWest corner of N. Oliver and E.21st St. North, Wichita, KS. The show runs from 8 to 11 am. Get there early because it fills up fast. This is a Mel Horstman Award event.

## **HACOA Working Tech Session Saturday, 9/16**

Saturday, September 16, 2023 12:00 – Until Finished 16001 Oakland Ave, Belton, MO Take this opportunity to enjoy some great socializing, get to know other members, and most important, take care of any repair or maintenance item you have been contemplating doing prior to the Roundup, September 29. Come and be comfortable knowing that parts, tools and advice will be available to make sure you can drive home whatever project you take on. There will be a sign up sheet for assistance.

A sample of items that can easily be addressed during the afternoon are: greasing fan bearings, packing wheel bearings (front and rear), carburetor balanc-

ing, distributor rebuilding, brake jobs, oil changes, etc. Brake replacement requires turning drums; I can have exchange items ready if you let me know ahead of time. Also available is gas and Mig welding, sandblasting, and glass beading.

The following will be furnished: grill food, service, soft drinks and adult beverage. Please bring a dish or snack to share; grilling begins at 4:00, Cindy Anders will be the guest chef.

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

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# September Event Lunch with Lee

The September MCCA Breakfast/Road Trip will be a Road Trip/Lunch to Lee Olsen's home in Hutchinson, KS. A caravan group will be gathering at the Quick Trip in Maize (2954 N Maize Rd, Wichita, KS.) on Saturday, September 23. The group will be heading out for Hutchinson at 10 am. For those not wishing to travel with the group Lee's address is: 1900 E. 54th Ave Hutchinson, KS. The Olsen's will be providing the main dish so participants need to bring a side dish or dessert and a chair. Let Marcus Trotter (316-214-6419) know if you plan to go to provide a nose count for Lee. The Olsen home is on an acreage on the edge of town so there will be plenty of room to park Corvairs and enjoy the fresh air.

The August MCCA Breakfast was held at the Riverside Cafe in Derby, KS on August 26th. There was a great turn-out of members despite the newsletter editor calling it "Livingstons Diner". At least he got the address correct and folks figured out where to go. As usual the good was good and ample. The platter sized pancakes surprised a couple of the diners. Driving Corvairs were Jay Allen, '64 coupe plus Terry Kalp and Randy Wier both driving '65 four-doors.



Jay Allen exercised his beautiful '64 Monza coupe by driving it to the August MCCA breakfast at the Riverside Cafe in Derby, KS.



**September 9, 2023: Saturday** September MCCA cook out and meeting at Kalp Shop 2140 W. 101st N. Valley Center, KS.. Eating starts at 5:30 pm. Contact Marcus Trotter 316-214-6419

**September 16, 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 23, 2023: Saturday** August MCCA Road Trip to Lee Olsen's in Hutchinson, KS. To travel as a group meet at the Quick Shop in Maize, KS at 10 am. If you want to travel on your own Lee's address is: 1900 E. 54th Ave Hutchinson, KS 67502 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.

**October 6, 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.

**October 14, 2023: Saturday** October MCCA Regular meeting at the Oaklawn Activity Center. Pre-Meeting eating at 5:30-6 meeting at 7.. Contact Marcus Trotter 316-214-6419

**October 21, 2023: Saturday** Luna Tuna Tech Day at Kalp Shop 2140 W. 101st St. North, Valley Center, KS 8 am to ??



**Ran When Parked.** Gus Schultz posted this photo of this mossy Greenbrier on the Everything Corvair Everyone Welcome group on Facebook. Send your Ran When Parked photos to [tkalp@cox.net](mailto:tkalp@cox.net).

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## Calendar

First Friday Sept. 1

Sept. Meeting Sept. 9

Cars & Coffee Sept. 16

HACOIA Tech Sept. 16

Hutch Trip Sept. 23

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

First Friday Oct. 6

Oct. Meeting Oct. 14

Luna Tuna Oct. 21

## Ten Years Ago



Bob Ferenc had an unpleasant surprise as he left work in his '63 Spyder convertible, fire. Luckily between the fire extinguisher he had in his car and one from a nearby building he got the fire out. Terry Kalp had a similar fire a few days later in his '65 Corsa Convertible. Both involved a rubber hose in the engine compartment..