

# The Flat Six Journal

Mid Continent Corvair Association Newsletter

October 2023

## Miles of Smiles

20000 miles

19445 miles

15000 miles

10000 miles

5000 miles



**"Made in America" was the theme of the 2023 Great Plains Corvair Roundup held in Guthrie, OK September 29- October 1. See story on pages 4 & 5.**

## Lots Going On

The Central Oklahoma Corvair Association (COCA) put on an outstanding Great Plains Corvair Round-up. There was excellent participation from MCCA members that made the trip to Guthrie. For many it was their first Roundup. Check out the story

and photos on pages 4 & 5.

The October meeting is back at the Oaklawn Activity Center on the 14th. Luna Tuna is the next Saturday, October 21st. Tunas are always a good time. Check out the preview on page 6.

On the final Saturday in October, the 28th, a great Breakfast/Road Trip has been planned. Get the details on page 7.

Almost 5,000 miles reported this month. Keep those Corvair wheels rolling.

## 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 October 14th meeting. So bring your appetite and join your friends starting at 5:30-6 on Saturday.

**Oct. Meeting  
Saturday,  
Oct. 14th 7pm**

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

Nick and Jason Pool showing off their Corvairs. This time it was at Cars & Coffee at WSU on September 16. Since October is a Tuna month Cars & Coffee is not a Mel event



## MCCA “More Than 50” Birthday Celebration

There is very little history of the early days of the MCCA. The longest serving members, Lloyd Folger, Dennis Fuller and the Horstmans all joined after the Corvair club was started. The founding members are long gone.

Terry Kalp was looking thru some old paperwork from the club and found a newsletter from February of 1973, which means the club

is at least 50 years old. Making it 50 years is something to celebrate. Even if the exact age is not known, being “More Than 50” should most certainly be honored.

It was decided to celebrate MCCA being more than 50 at Luna Tuna. There will be ice cream and cake plus a short ceremony. Come help the club celebrate on Saturday, October 15.

The 2024 Great Plains Corvair Roundup will be hosted by MCCA. Dates are September 27-29, 2024. Host hotel is the Red Roof Inn 6815 W. Kellogg Dr, Wichita KS. Greg Renfro created the logo.

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Jay Allen and Terry Kalp traveled to the HACO tech session held at Mike Dawson's garage. The September 16th tune-up was popular with folks getting their Corvairs prepared for the Roundup. Scott Allison is working on rear wheel bearings and brakes on this LM Corvair.





## Miles of Smiles

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

Clayvin Dowel .....	504 miles
Edwin Buiter .....	250 miles
Terry Kalp .....	386 miles
Joe Nold .....	400 miles
Bill Smith .....	386 miles
Alex Moats .....	789 miles
Nick Pool.....	170 miles
Greg Renfro.....	55 miles
Jason Pool.....	193 miles
David Swartzendruber .....	52 miles
Eric Kline.....	17 miles
Randy Wier.....	167 miles
Lloyd Folger .....	170 miles
Bob Ferenc.....	350 miles
Carl Weaver .....	595 miles
Jay Allen .....	310 miles

The total reported miles driven in September was 4794, an slight increase from the 4689 miles reported for September 2022. Total miles for 2023 are 19445 compared to 2143 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 October 1st, then again on October 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.



Jason Pool in his '64 Monza convertible and Nick Pool in his '62 700 braved the cool evening.

## The Final First Friday

October 6th was the last First Friday show and shine for the 2023 season. A cold snap made attendance at the Central and West event sparse. Braving the low temperatures were Nick and Jason Pool, who drove their EM Corvairs. Nick in his red '62 four-door and Jason in a yellow '64 convertible.

The Central and West Streets car shows will resume in the Spring as the weather becomes more predicable and warmer.





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**Terry Kalp lines up one of his valve cover racers during Friday night's eliminations. Looking on are Jason Pool, Mike Dawson and Joe Nold.**

After everyone had a chance to settle in at the host hotel, folks then headed out across town to the Mineral Wells Park for a hot dog feed then the valve cover races.

The park was also the site for the Saturday morning Participants Choice Car Show. There was plenty of shade and nice Corvairs to see.

Lunch was on your own and there was some time to explore historic Guthrie or attend a tech session before the evening awards banquet. The banquet was at the local VFW and several members received awards.



**By Terry Kalp**

More than 25 MCCA members and 11 club Corvairs attended the 2023 Great Plains Corvair Round-up in Guthrie, OK. The September 29 thru October 1 event was hosted by COCA from Oklahoma City, OK.

The core MCCA group left South Wichita around Friday noon after fueling up at the Village Inn. There were seven Corvairs driving and two on trailers. Mild weather and secondary roads resulted in a pleasant trip.



**A multitude of model Corvairs were on display in the Hospitality room for the model car competition.**



**The snack table in the hospitality room was always full of treat, most were home baked. COCA outdid themselves. Thanks.**



At the Great Plains Corvair Roundup*A Time to Relax*

**TOP:** Annie Pool enjoyed a nice long nap on the way to Guthrie in her parents' '62 700 four-door sedan.



**MIDDLE:** Randy Wier, Jay Allen and Joe Nold enjoy the shade and some conversation at the Mineral Wells park during the Saturday morning car show.



**BOTTOM:** Ann and Bob Ferenc, Jay Allen, Gary Moore, Bill and Tiffany Smith and Carl Weaver take a break after the Friday night hot dog feed. Also at the Mineral Wells Park.



## Members Recognized

**Nick Pool**-First Place Four-door at the Car Show

**Mike Dawson**-First Place Station wagon at the Car Show

**Jay Allen**-Third Place EM Coupe at the Car Show

**Joe Nold**-Third Place EM Convertible at the Car Show

**Terry Kalp**-First Place Speciality at the Car Show

**First Place** Valve Cover Race

**Third Place** Valve Cover Race

**Lloyd Folger**-Oldest person to drive their Corvair

**Clayvin Dowel**-Youngest person to have their Corvair at the show

**Scott Allison**- 50-50 Drawing



# Get ready for Luna Tuna on Oct. 21

Luna Tuna is Saturday, October 21st at the Kalp Shop. It is a chance to get some work done on your Corvair, eat, socialize and just have a fun day.

The Kalp Shop is located at 2140 W. 101st Street North, Valley Center, KS. If you are coming down I 35 get off at exit 19 and go two miles west.

We will be starting at 8 am but you can come and go as you please. Lunch will be at noon and we will be hanging around until all the cars are finished.

Several projects are planned, but there is room for more. Bill Smith is claiming the lift long enough to replace his heater duct and fuel lines. Greg Renfro will work on fixing his tag lights, replacing the dome light remove the cow horn and finally get the air vents and heater working. Eric Kline will be winding up getting his yellow '64 road ready. Marcus Trotter has some bushings to replace and wants to solve the problem with his driver's side rear turn signal. Looks like the weather will be nice,

so there will be plenty of space to comfortably work on Corvairs.

Terry has a lot of speciality tools to help with Corvair repairs. There is space for more projects. If you plan on a major project it would be good to contact Terry at 316-882-3056 or Marcus Trotter at 316-241-6419

Lunch will be pot luck as usual. Soup and Chili will be the main course. Participants should just bring donuts, side-dish, salad or desert. If you don't have a Corvair project come out and supervise.

## Sept. VC Clinic, Cook-out & Meeting

The September MCCA meeting was held at the Kalp shop on Saturday, September 9. The meeting was preceded by a Valve Cover racer Clinic from 2 to 5 pm. Terry Kalp and Dennis Fuller explained some of the features of their valve cover racers, answered questions and helped others with their valve cover racers.

As the Clinic wound down preparations for the



**Jason Pool manned the grill for the cook-out before the September MCCA meeting. The main course was hamburgers and hot dogs with pot luck for the rest.**



**Marcus Trotter took advantage of the Valve Cover racer clinic before the September meeting to put some finishing touches on his speedster.**

cookout ramped up. The grill was fired up and the meat put on to cook. In the shop the pot luck items were laid out and chairs set up. Then President, Marcus Trotter called the meeting to order. Marcus announced dates and a host hotel for the 2024 Corvair Roundup had be selected. Possible Corvair convoy routes and times to travel to the 2023 event in Guthrie, OK were discussed.



The Marquette Motorcycle Museum has several rooms packed with vintage motorcycles. The collection includes scores of early American bikes.

## October Road Trip Bread & Motorcycles

The October MCCA Breakfast/Road Trip starts with breakfast at the Breadbasket in Newton, KS. The Breadbasket is located at 219 N. Main in Newton and features a buffet style breakfast. MCCA has eaten there before and found an outstanding selection of excellent quality food. The Breakfast/Road Trip is Saturday, October 28. Plans are to start eating around 9am.

After everyone is full the group will head via secondary roads to Marquette, KS to visit the Motorcycle Museum located downtown. The museum is at 120 N. Washington, Marquette, KS. The drive will take around an hour. MCCA has visited the museum a couple of times and have always found it interesting and educational.

Terry Kalp plans to leave his shop at 2140 W. 101st Street North a little before 8:30 on Saturday to head to Newton. Anyone wanting to join in that leg of the journey is welcome to meet at the shop.

The September breakfast was moved to Jimmy's Diner on Rock Road. There was an excellent turn out of MCCA members. There was good food and good conversation.

Tentative plans for the November trip is to drive to Carl Weaver's home near Hesston. Watch the newsletter and Facebook page for further details.



**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 ??

**October 28, 2023: Saturday** October MCCA Breakfast and Road Trip. Breakfast at The Bread Basket, 219 N Main, Newton, KS at 9 am. After breakfast will head to the Marquette Motorcycle Museum, 120 N. Washington, Marquette, KS. Contact Marcus Trotter 316-214-6419

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

**November 25, 2023: Saturday** November MCCA Road Trip. Present plans are to travel to Carl Weaver's Barn near Hesston. More details to follow. Contact Marcus Trotter 316-214-6419

### No December Meeting

**January 13, 2024: Saturday** January MCCA Regular meeting at the Oaklawn Activity Center. Pre-Meeting eating at 5:30-6 meeting at 7. Contact Marcus Trotter 316-214-6419

**January 27, 2024: Saturday** January MCCA Breakfast and Road Trip. TBA. Contact Marcus Trotter 316-214-6419





**Ran When Parked.** From Corvair Owners Group. Not often you see a Corvair dumped on the side of the road on your way to work. 61 sedan, seen it where it sat in the guys yard for awhile, drivers door is off another car and has tinted glass, other than that, it's a typical 80hp, PG, locked up, floors are still where it was parked. Send your Ran When Parked photos to [tkalp@cox.net](mailto:tkalp@cox.net).

## Ten Years Ago



Ten years ago MCCA hosted the Great Plains Corvair Roundup. It was located at the same hotel as we are using for the 2024 event. One of the highlights was a tour of the Lawrence Smith automobile collection.

## October Meeting

Saturday,  
Oct. 14th 7pm

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



## Calendar

Oct. Meeting	Oct. 14
Luna Tuna	Oct. 21
Oct. Road Trip	Oct. 28
Nov. Meeting	Nov. 11
Nov. Road Trip	Nov. 25
No December Meeting	
Jan. Meeting	Jan. 13
Jan. Breakfast	Jan. 27

2024 Great Plains Corvair  
Roundup Wichita, KS  
Sept. 27-29