

The Flat Six Journal

Mid Continent Corvair Association Newsletter

November 2023

Miles of Smiles

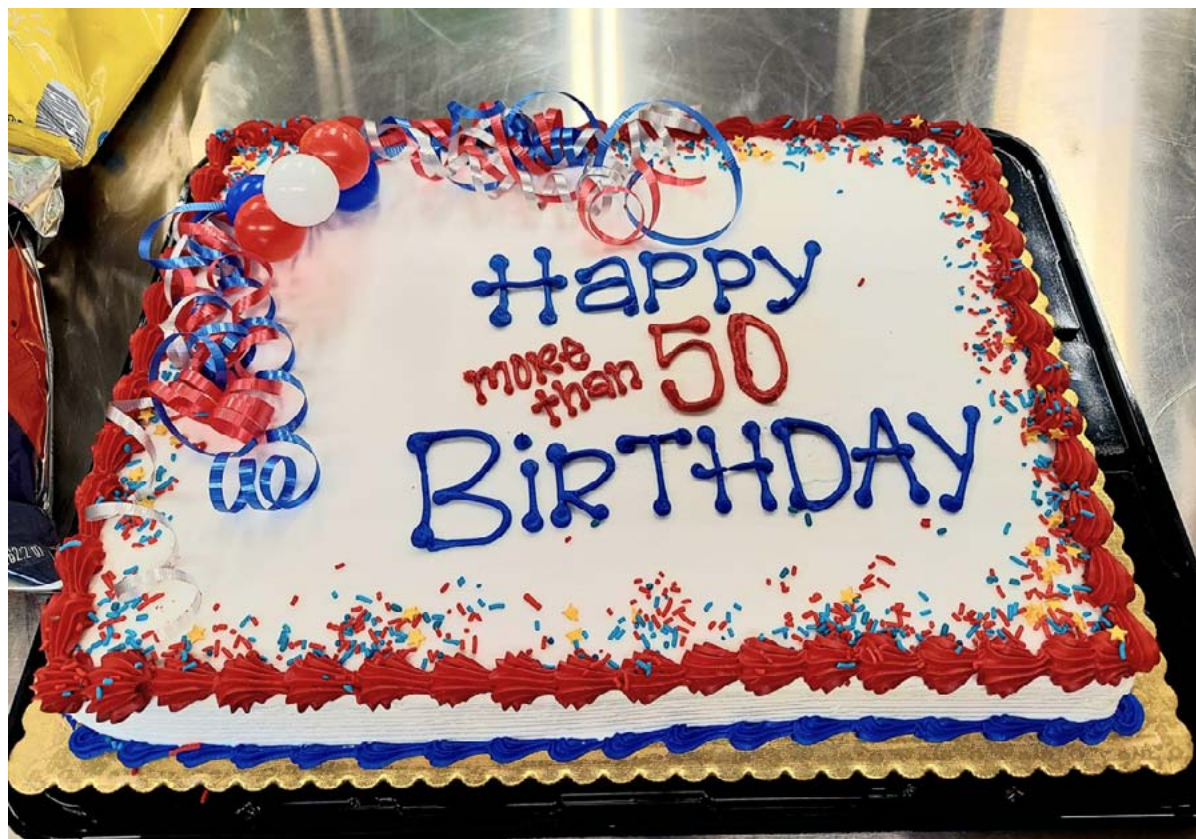
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This nicely decorated sheet cake added some sweetness to the "More than 50 Years" celebration at Luna Tuna. Leeker's decorated the cake and Jay Allen delivered it to the Tuna in his '64 Monza coupe. See story on pages 4 & 5. for more info.

Winding Up 2023

The last MCCA club monthly meeting will be held this Saturday at the Oaklawn Activity Center. The November Breakfast will be on the 25th at the Village Inn on South Meridian.

There is no meeting or newsletter in December, but on December 9th MCCA members will be gathering at Cheddar's on East 13th for a meal, then they will pile into their cars for a Holiday Light Display Tour. Check out the story and photo on page 7.

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**Nov. Meeting
Saturday,
Nov. 11th 7pm**

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



MCCA Calendar

There is a bit of room for MCCA members to provide photos of their Corvair for the 2024 MCCA calendar. There are many club Corvairs that should be in the calendar. Deadline for photos is Thanksgiving. Photo options are listed below. If you have an interest in the calendar project contact Terry at 316-882-3056.

It is also time to get in your orders for the 2024 calendars. The cost of the calendars should be between \$16-18. Existing photos may be used or new photos can be taken. All Photos and orders will need to be to Terry by the end of November. This is not a fund-raiser the calendars will be sold at cost. If you have questions contact Terry.

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 November 11th meeting. So bring your appetite and join your friends starting at 5:30-6 on Saturday.

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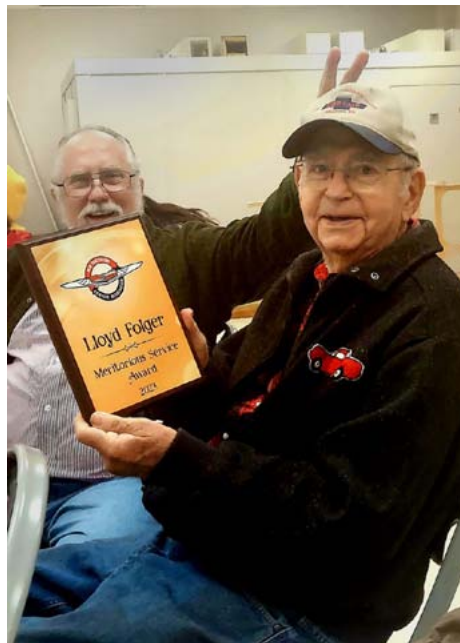
There was a great response to the MCCA birthday celebration at Luna Tuna. Check out the story and photos on pages 4 & 5.

2024 will be a busy year for MCCA members. The club has taken on the task of hosting the 2024 Great Plains Corvair Roundup. The location and dates have been selected and Greg Renfro came up with a great logo.

The committee organizing the Roundup is Marcus Trotter, Jason Pool, Bill and Tiffany Smith. They will need the help of all the MCCA members to make the 2024 Roundup a success. Members should let the committee members know if

there are specific events or activities they would like to help with. It is better to have many doing small tasks, rather than the few having to do everything.

Total MCCA miles reported for this year stands at nearly 21,600. That is a lot of Corvair miles, and there are still the miles driven in November and December to add to the 2023 total. 2024 should be a great Corvair year. Keep those Corvair wheels rolling.



Roy Juenemann and Lloyd Folger fool around at the October MCCA meeting. Lloyd was presented this plaque by President, Markus Trotter on behalf of the club to honor Lloyds many years of membership and service.

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Miles of Smiles

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

Scott Allison	30 miles
Edwin Buiter	150 miles
Terry Kalp	491 miles
Joe Nold	150 miles
Bill Smith	610 miles
Nick Pool.....	170 miles
Greg Renfro.....	50 miles
Jason Pool.....	153 miles
Randy Wier.....	174 miles
Lloyd Folger	170 miles
Jay Allen	170 miles

The total reported miles driven in October was 2148, about 1000 less than the 3205 miles reported for September 2022. Total miles for 2023 are 21593 compared to 23575 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 November 1st, then again on November 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.



Randy Wier took advantage of the mild weather, Friday, November 3, to show his blue Corvair 4-door at the Central & West show and shine.

Final, Final First Friday

Some thought that October 6th was the last First Friday show and shine for the 2023. However, a high of 63 degrees on Friday, November 3 brought a crop of collectible cars to Central & West. Included was Randy Wier in his '65 Corvair Sport Sedan. No First Friday show is scheduled for December.

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





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MCCA More Than 50th Birthday Party

Luna Tuna Time

By Terry Kalp

There were lots of projects going on during Luna Tuna. Marcus Trotter arrived early. His LM coupe was placed on the scissors lift in the main shop for front sway bar bushing replacement. Despite multiple interruptions he got the job finished.

Bill Smith's goal for the Tuna was to scavenge as many parts as he could from the "Free Pick-A-Part" LM convertible Terry had out back. With help from friends, Bill collected a lot of parts for his projects.

Greg Renfro had a long list of small items to improve his '62 Rampside. At the top of the list was getting the license tag lights working. Some cleaning and

tweaking of the sockets solved that problem. Next was changing out the broken dome light for a shiny new replacement from Clarks. Transferring the bulb and a couple of wires had the new unit ready to snap into place. Last on the list was removal of the "Cow Horn". In a previous life one of the jobs Greg's Rampside had to do was get out in the fields and herd cattle. To expedite the process a large, antique auto horn was mounted under the floorboard and operated by a piece of wire. After removing a couple of rusty bolts and hunks of wire, the "Cow Horn" was no longer part of the Rampside.

Lyle Ackerman had been fighting the electrical system on his Corsa, it refused to charge. Mike



MCCA President, Marcus Trotter shows off a plaque honoring over 50 years of Corvair promotion by the MCCA.

Dawson grabbed his multi-meter and started performing some diagnostics. The process pointed to a faulty voltage regulator . . . but it had recently been replaced with a new solid state unit. A good-used LM regulator was sourced from Terry's stash and the system was now charging.

Randy Wier replaced a valve adjustment locking nut on his '63.

The highlight of the Tuna was the celebration of "More than 50 Years" That MCCA has been a Corvair Club. The exact start date for the club has not been discovered, but a February 1973 newsletter turned up, so MCCA has been in operation for more than 50 years. Certainly something to celebrate. After Lunch, Marcus gave a short speech and presented a plaque honoring the more than 50 years of existence of the club. Lloyd Folger, the oldest and longest member



Korrye Edwards, Bill Smith and Jason Pool prepare to tilt the rear section of this LM Corvair so that Bill can extract the rear suspension.



Bob Ferenc explains a point to Joe Nels and Bob Welch. Bob Welch and Joe are both members of COCA and traveled from Oklahoma City for Luna Tuna and the "More than 50" birthday party.

of the club said a few words. Then Dennis Fuller, also a long time member spoke. He introduced his sons, Tim and Sam that have been members ever since they were born. Dennis also still had the Corvair he drove to his first MCCA meeting . . . at least parts of it that were turned into a Soap Box Derby Car. At that point slices of a specially decorated cake were served.



ABOVE: While Joe Nold looks on, Mike Dawson "regulates" Lyle Ackerman's Corsa. Replacing a new, but faulty, voltage regulator got it charging. LOWER LEFT: Marcus Trotter snuck in some time to replace the front sway bar bushings on his Corvair. LOWER RIGHT: Lloyd Folger finished off a bowl of soup and a beverage at Luna Tuna lunch. Lloyd's EM convertible had been cutting out on bumps. A flopping battery cable was discovered & repaired.





In the center of one room at the Marquette Motorcycle Museum was filled with mopeds and scooters, large and small.

MCCA October Road Trip Bread, Bikes & Bourbon

The October 28th MCCA Breakfast/Road Trip started with breakfast at the Breadbasket in Newton, KS. Evidently word had got out about the quality of the buffet at the Breadbasket as 14 MCCA members showed up for a hearty meal. Breaking bread together were Jason Pool and family, Nick Pool and family, Darryl Klassen, Lyle and Lonene Ackerman, David Jacobson, Eric Kline, Terry Kalp and Bill Smith.

After everyone had their fill the group began to disperse. Many had other commitments, but two Corvairs headed North via secondary roads to Marquette, KS. One Corvair had Bill Smith and no heat on the chilly morning. Terry Kalp drove the second Corvair with David Jacobson and Eric Kline riding in toasty heat. Their mission was to visit the Motorcycle Museum located downtown. When they arrived there was already a Corvair there. Edwin Butier drove his Corsa from McPherson. The curator of the museum was excited to see the Corvairs.

Later Eric wandered across the street to the Smoky Valley Distillery. After a short chat, the owner invited the Corvair group over for a tour of the distillery and to sample some of the whiskies produced on site. A perfect ending to a great day.



A little bonus on the trip to Marquette was a tour of the Smoky Valley Distillery.



The museum crew. Bill Smith, Eric Kline, David Jacobson and Terry Kalp came from the Breadbasket in Newton. Edwin Butier drove from McPherson.



From the December 2021 MCCA Christmas Light Tour. Roy Juenemann's Corsa cruises through a highly decorated neighborhood in Wichita.

Christmas Party & Light Tour

Marcus Trotter and Bill Smith have put their heads together to create a December evening of holiday festivities. On Saturday, December 9 the evening will begin with dinner at Cheddar's, Scratch Kitchen starting at 5:30. Cheddars is located at 11711 E. 13th Street North in Wichita (near The Alley)

The menu at Cheddar's is described as American, Bar, Pub. From their website, "Come in and enjoy scratch-made American comfort classics in a place that feels like home. Try our signature Homemade Chicken Pot Pie, baked-in-house Honey-Butter Croissants, or our slow-smoked Baby Back Ribs, We do things the right way, not the easy way, so you can get a lot, for not a lot. Come try us today."

After the meal members will stage their cars in the large parking lot to prepare for the Christmas Light Tour. Bill will provide a map of all the stops to each car. Everyone is encouraged to double up in the cars taking the tour. The more the Merrier. Terry Kalp plans to drive his Greenbrier van which will hold quite a few folks. With more people in fewer cars and everyone having a map of all the stops some of the problems of last year's tour should be minimized.



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 Breakfast at the Village Inn 3535 S. Meridian in Wichita, KS Breakfast starts at 9 am. Contact Marcus Trotter 316-214-6419

No December Meeting

December 9, 2023: Saturday MCCA Christmas party. A meal at Cheddar's 11711 E. 13th Street North, Wichita, KS (near The Alley) Starts at 5:30. Then a tour of Christmas Light Displays afterward. Contact Marcus Trotter 316-214-6419

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/Road Trip. TBA. Contact Marcus Trotter 316-214-6419

February 10, 2024: Saturday MCCA Pre-Spring Fling, Meeting and Mel Award. Location and time to be announced. Contact Marcus Trotter 316-214-6419

February 17, 2024: Saturday Cold Tuna Tech Day at Kalp Shop 2140 W. 101st St. North, Valley Center, KS 8 am to ??

February 24, 2024: Saturday January MCCA Breakfast/Road Trip. TBA. Contact Marcus Trotter 316-214-6419



Ran When Parked. MCCA's own Lee Olsen posted this Corvair spotted in Kansas City. Further comments narrowed the location down to Pryde's Old Westport. Consensus is that this Corvair stationwagon (with slightly different paint) was used to advertise the Kustomrama car show. Send your Ran When Parked photos to tkalp@cox.net.

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Ten Years Ago



Ten years ago Mel Horstman digs into the the Ribeye feast served at Luna Tuna. MCCA provided the steaks to help celebrate a successful RoundUp.



Calendar

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Nov. Road Trip Nov. 25

No December Meeting

MCCA
Christmas Party
Holiday Light Tour Dec. 9

Jan. Meeting Jan. 13

Jan. Breakfast Jan. 27

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