

The Flat Six Journal

Mid Continent Corvair Association Newsletter

January 2024

Miles of Smiles

22659 miles

20000 miles

15000 miles

10000 miles

5000 miles



A new year is a time to reflect on the events of the past year and prepare for the challenges of the new year. MCCA had a lot of great accomplishments in 2023 and is looking forward to the challenge of hosting the Great Plains Corvair Roundup in 2024.

2023, A Great Year

MCCA had a very successful year in 2023. Many members made improvements on their Corvairs, drove them on interesting trips and showed them off to the public. The club even celebrated a "More than 50th" birthday. A record number of members made it down to the 2023 Great Plains Corvair Roundup in Guthrie, OK. Many drove their Corvairs to the show. This helped make members more aware of what it takes to make a Roundup successful. Important since MCCA is hosting the 2024 Great Plains Corvair Roundup.

Jan. Meeting
Saturday,
Jan. 13th 7pm

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

Corvair for Sale



FOR SALE: 1965 Monza Convertible. This is a solid convertible driver. 110 hp engine and 4-speed transmission. Was originally restored by Cary's dad Glenn. The engine was pulled and it was stored for decades. A few years ago Cary, Mark Stever and Alex Moats got the car out of storage found a good engine for it and made it road worthy. Cary found a project he likes better so the Monza is for sale. Contact Cary Ziesenis 316-249-8207. \$5,000.

A graphic for the 2024 Great Plains Corvair Roundup. It features a red Corvair car parked in front of a large yellow number '54'. The word 'Onwize' is written in a stylized red font above the number. Below the car, it says 'Great Plains Corvair Roundup' and 'Wichita, KS'. The year '2024' is prominently displayed in large black numbers. Below that, it says 'Great Plains Corvair Roundup' and 'September 27-29'. The location 'Red Roof Inn Wichita Airport' and '6815 W. Kellogg Dr. Wichita, KS' are listed. Contact information for Marcus Trotter is provided at the bottom: 'Contact Marcus Trotter 316-214-6419 or trotteroil@hotmail.com'. The background of the graphic is a map of the Great Plains region.

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Membership Renewal Time

It's that time of year again! It's time to dig deep into your wallet and pull out the \$20 or check to send in for renewal of your membership in the Mid-Continent Corvair Association (MCCA). Note that the dues are \$20 this year, the first dues increase in over a couple of decades. Timely dues payment is especially important this year because of the expenses from putting on the Roundup.

Your dues help make many things possible. This newsletter, the Tuna's main dishes and porta-potty. Membership of the Club in CORSA the international Corvair organization. There are also available many specialized Corvair tools for members use.

Club dues should be paid by the end of January, but can be sent in earlier. We don't take your membership in the Club for granted, and are deeply appreciative of the support every member provides in being able to keep the Corvair out in front of the public to enjoy. So, thank you all for all you do, and now go get that checkbook and renew today! Don't wait! To help our Treasurer, Jason Pool manage the books effectively, please send their dues renewal check in no later than the end of January, 2024 to the following address: Jason Pool, 301 W. Willow, Goddard, KS 67052.

When you are paying your next year's dues please update any information that needs to be corrected in the club roster. Check the roster information to make sure that your home address, e-mail address, cell phone number, as well as your home phone number are correct.

Miles of Smiles

As of the January 2024 FlatSix Journal deadline, six MCCA members have reported their miles driven for November/December 2023.

Scott Allison	22 miles
Edwin Buiter	115 miles
Terry Kalp	325 miles
Joe Nold	100 miles
Jason Pool	68 miles
Randy Wier.....	231 miles

The total reported miles driven in November/December was 896, about 1000 less than the 2019 miles reported for November/December 2022. Total miles for 2023 are 22659 compared to 25595 miles reported at this time last year.

Twenty-six members reported miles for at least one month in 2023. Only two members reported miles for each of the 12 months, Joe Nold and Terry Kalp. Two members recorded over 3,000 miles in 2023, Terry Kalp with 3206 and Bill Smith with 3158. Joe Nold and Edwin Buiter both posted over 2,000 miles. With four more members posting over 1,000 miles for 2023.

For 2024 we are trying something new, so won't be posting miles in the newsletter. That doesn't mean for folks to stop enjoying their Corvairs by driving them, just that this editor will not be compiling and publishing miles reported by MCCA members.





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Bob Bright, Roy Juenemann, Randy Wier and Gary Moore listen to Marcus Trotter, President, at the November MCCA meeting. T. Smith photo.

MCCA Meeting Minutes Nov 11th, 2023

- The November MCCA meeting was held at Oaklawn Rec Center. Pre-meeting eating was at Hog Wild.
- The 'unofficial' Nov Cars and Donuts was Friday 11-3-23.
- Cars & Coffee was Saturday October 21st.
- Luna Tuna was on Saturday October 21st. Potluck lunch. 50th anniversary MCCA celebration including cake provided by Terry and sparkling cider provided by Scott.
- Saturday Oct 28th was the breakfast in Newton and road trip to the Marquette Motorcycle Museum.
- Saturday Nov 24th will be breakfast at Village Inn on South Meridian (near I-235.)
- Saturday Dec 9th will be dinner at Cheddar's on East 13th (Near K96.) Then a Christmas Lights tour / convoy.
- Increase of 2024 dues to \$20.
- Planning has started for the Roundup that MCCA will host in 2024. We had a lot of fresh ideas given! Tiffany made lots of notes! Watch for meeting dates starting in January. If you have ideas let Bill or Tiffany know.
- Closed with around the room stories / car projects.

Drove Corvairs: Roy Jueneman, Lloyd Folger, Randy Weir, Lyle Ackerman, and Terry Kalp

Tiffany Smith, Secretary

MCCA Calendar

The 2024 MCCA calendar is wrapped up. More than 40 calendars were printed and distributed. Sixteen photos were submitted and used in the calendars. Since each calendar used photos of thirteen cars, this resulted in several different versions of the calendar using different combinations of Corvair photos. This was the first year that multiple Corvairs were featured in one photo.

Now is the time to start thinking of creating photos for the 2025 calendar. There are many club Corvairs that should be in the calendar. It is helpful to have photos of Corvairs in all the seasons to help match the photos to the months.



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 January 13th meeting. So bring your appetite and join your friends starting at 5:30-6 on Saturday.

Christmas Party & Light Tour



Joe and Bonnie Nold sent this photo of Christmas lights they took on their way home from the December MCCA Christmas Lights tour.

The Saturday, December 9 MCCA Dinner and Christmas Lights Tour started out a bit bumpy, but turned out to be smooth sailing. Cheddar's lost the club's reservation. After 45 minutes waiting with out being seated the call was made to abandon Cheddar's and head across the parking lot to Freddie's, which took great care of the group.

The Smiths provided maps for the light tour, which wound around the College Hill area then on thru downtown Wichita. Traffic flowed well, there were beautiful lights and historic homes to see and no one got lost. Everyone is looking forward to next year's tour. Thanks Bill and Tiffany.



David Swartzendruber spend a few days in Florida with William Wynne building his 3.3 project engine headed for his Bearhawk LSA, David is on the left with Paul Salter, another Corvair plane builder.



David and his 3.3 in progress. The stroked Corvair engine comes with added expense. They require more patience and dexterity to assemble, but not an obstacle for David, and the smile tells the story



The first start of the Corvair aircraft engine, David's 3.3 liter making power in Wynne's front yard.

January Trip, Breakfast & Fast Cars



The January 27th MCCA Breakfast/Road Trip will start with a hearty meal at Curtis C's at 1039 Washington Rd. in Newton, KS. The comfort food diner serves traditional breakfast fare in ample quantities.

Once everyone is moving again the group will head North for the 1.5 hour drive to Chapman, KS. In Chapman members will tour the Kansas Auto Racing Museum.

The Kansastravel.org website provides this description of the museum. "The Kansas Auto Racing Museum in Chapman, Kansas is one of the projects of the Covenant Racing Team. The owners, Doug and Connie Thompson, are a Christian couple who are involved in many aspects of auto racing. In addition to the museum and the racing team, they have the Grassroots Racing Show which is available on local cable in Hays & Abilene, Jayhawk Racing Journal and Kansas Racing Products which operates out of an adjacent building.

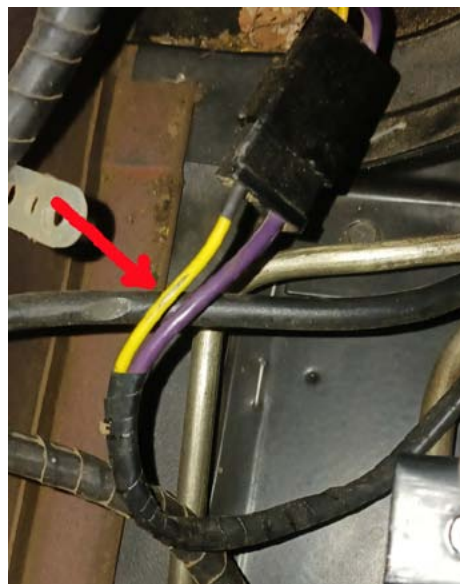
The Kansas Auto Racing Museum is home to the first NASCAR trophy, first NHRA trophy, restored race cars, rare film footage and memorabilia highlighting racing tradition of Kansas. Much of the



Restored race cars on display are just one aspect of the Kansas Auto Racing Museum. Historic race films and awards are also available.

private museum is what you would expect from its name. The museum is also the studio for a TV show which is broadcast on Eagle Cable Local Channel, the Grassroots Racing Show.

The Kansas Auto Racing Museum also features restored race cars from seven different eras and its own private viewing theater for race film highlights throughout the Midwest."



FIXED

Discovered a melted yellow wire in the main loom of the '61 Greenbrier. Mike B. replaced the wire in the loom. None of the other wires were damaged. I decided to try to find the cause. It was the power wire to the ignition and the Greenbrier ran fine. Chasing down the wire found this: The silver line on the yellow wire is where it rubbed against the bottom of the air cleaner. It took the insulation off the wire and paint off the bottom of the air cleaner. A couple of wraps of tape and rerouting the wire solved the problem.



At the 2023 HACO A January Tech Session Mike Dawson schooled participants on use of a multi-meter to diagnose Corvair electrical systems.

HACO A Tech 1/20

Mid-Winter Tech Session: Saturday, January 20, 2024 4:00 – Dinner to Follow 16001 Oakland Ave, Belton, MO The tech topic will include tips on diagnosing and repairing Rochester carburetors plus an explanation of a couple of electrical gremlins. These two topics have been the most popular over the past year. Carburetors will be provided.

When feeding time arrives (approximately 5:30) Sandy will provide soup and stew with tableware, soda, coffee and adult beverage. Please bring something to compliment dinner such as veggies, chips, fruit, or bread. Bring a chair to be comfortable and spouses are encouraged to attend; there will be an upstairs version.

Please RSVP to insure food and beverage supply, and so that I could contact you if we would need to cancel due to weather. Mike Dawson 816 322-4057, mdawson1961@sbcglobal.net



E V E N T S

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 20, 2024: Saturday HACO A Tech Session 4 pm at Mike & Sandy Dawson's, 16001 Oakland Ave, Belton, MO

January 27, 2024: Saturday January MCCA Breakfast/Road Trip. Breakfast at 9 am at Curtis C's 1039 Washington Rd. Newton, KS. Road Trip after breakfast to Kansas Racing Museum 1205 Manor Rd., Chapman, KS. Contact Marcus Trotter 316-214-6419

February 10, 2024: Saturday MCCA Pre-Spring Fling, Meeting and Mel Award. Spears Restaurant & Pie Shop 4323 W. Maple. Start eating at 6, meeting around 7 pm. 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

September 27-29, 2024: Friday thru Sunday. 2024 Great Plains Corvair Roundup. Host Hotel Red Roof Inn Wichita Airport 6815 W. Kellogg Dr. Wichita, KS. Contact Marcus Trotter 316-214-6419

March 9, 2024: Saturday March MCCA Regular meeting at the Oaklawn Activity Center. Pre-Meeting eating at 5:30-6 meeting at 7. Contact Marcus Trotter 316-214-6419



This Ran When Parked was found on the Old Barn Photography Facebook page. David Sebben, the photographer, titled it, Cold Corvair. His description was, "An abandoned Chevrolet Corvair sits next to an old barn in Mercer County IL." Send your Ran When Parked photos to tkalp@cox.net.

Ten Years Ago



Ten years ago Corvair Crash. MCCA member Keith Lathrum owned this '65 Monza for less than a month before it was run off the road trying to avoid another car. Luckily Keith got out of the accident with only a black eye, some bruises.

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Calendar

Jan. Meeting	Jan. 13
Jan. Breakfast	Jan. 27
Pre-Spring Fling	
Feb. Meeting	Feb. 10
Cold Tuna	Feb. 17
Feb. Breakfast/ Road Trip	Feb. 24
March Meeting	Mar. 9

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