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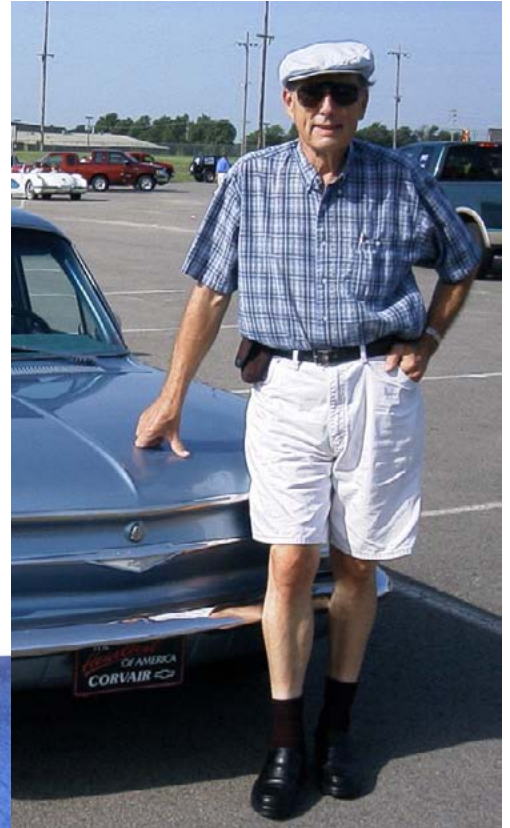
Mid Continent Corvair Association Newsletter

February 2024

Where I Found My Corvair

Starting this month there will be a new feature in the newsletter. Every month there will be a story about how a member found and purchased their Corvair.

This month will be Terry Kalp's '61 Greenbrier. There are many Corvair "hunt-ing" stories out there that should be shared in the FlatSix Journal. Help the Editor out by gathering up some photos and notes about a Corvair purchase, then submit them.



The Ninth Annual Mel Horstman Award will be presented to a MCCA member at the February dinner/meeting. The honor goes to the member that drove a Corvair to the most designated MCCA activities during the calendar year. Mel and his '61 Lakewood.

Who Will Win the MCCA Mel Award?

The winner of the 2023 MCCA Mel Horstman Award will be announced at the Pre-Spring Fling. The Fling is held at Spears West, 4323 W. Maple in Wichita. The 'Fling is a combined dinner/meeting/awards ceremony. The Mel Award was started in 2015 to honor club patriarch, Mel Horstman who drove his Corvairs everywhere and encouraged club members to do likewise.

**Feb. Meeting
Saturday,
Feb. 5:00pm
Spears Restaurant
& Pie Shop
4323 W. Maple.
Wichita, KS**



**Ned
Madsen**
2015 Winner



**Larry
Lee**
2016 Winner



**Lyle
Ackerman**
2017 Winner



**Terry
Kalp**
2018-19 Winner



**Roy
Juenemann**
2020 Winner



**Bill
Smith**
2021 Winner



**Jason
Pool**
2022 Winner

2024 Mel Horstman Award Rules

Objective of the Mel Horstman Award:

For MCCA members to drive their Corvairs to club events.

Events that qualify for the award:

Members who drive their Corvairs to:

- Regular MCCA meetings
- Club-sponsored events
- Club-sponsored road trips
- Lake Afton
- Cars & Coffee on non-Tuna dates.
- Club-sponsored participation in Parades
- Club-sponsored monthly A designated Friday Night Cruise-In
- Other events specifically designated in-advance by majority vote of MCCA officers

Specific events that do not qualify for the award

- Tunas
- National or Regional Conventions
- Other events specifically

excluded in-advance by majority vote of MCCA officers

One point per event, per family who drive their Corvairs.

An MCCA officer will document an official Corvair count at each qualifying event. If an MCCA officer cannot be present at an event, an MCCA member will be designated to document the official Corvair count.

In the event of tie names will be drawn from a hat, overseen by an MCCA officer.

Start date to begin counting points for the eighth Mel Horstman Award is January 1, 2023. The award period is January 1 through December 31.

The first award was presented at the MCCA 2016 February Dinner Meeting, thereafter recurring annually at the MCCA

February Dinner Meeting.

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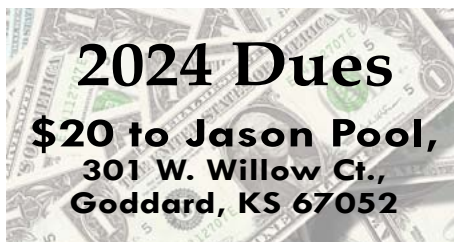
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Terry Kalp's 1961 GreenBrier

Where I Found My Corvair

It all started with a phone call from Steve Goodman in early 2005. Steve told me someone in Denver contacted him about some Corvairs in Collyer, KS that her parents wanted to sell. One was a low mileage Greenbrier that Steve thought I would be interested in.

After checking on a map where Collyer was (a little over 200 miles from Wichita on West I-70) I contacted the owners. There were three Corvairs they wanted to sell as a package, the low mileage Greenbrier, a Rampside and a EM convertible.

I wasn't prepared to purchase three Corvairs at that time, so I shared my plight with MCCA members. Jim Dallas said he was interested in the Rampside and we could go partners on the convertible.

An appointment was made, Jim and I headed West to check out the Corvairs and negotiate a deal. The FCs were stored in a barn and from the layer of dust and cobwebs they had been there for awhile. Luckily the barn had a wood floor so they were in pretty good shape. We were able to make a deal with the husband on the three Corvairs. He headed into the house to get the titles. When he returned and talked to his partner, he told us the offer wasn't good enough. We upped the offer \$100 per car on the condition it wouldn't go any higher. That made the deal work.

The next task was to figure out how to get the three Corvairs back to Wichita. To fetch the FCs I could borrow my Uncle's car hauler, put one on the hauler and another on a trailer behind it. Bernie Strecker offered to borrow a trailer and bring the Convertible home behind his pickup. It made an interesting sight Corvair caravanning down I-70.

Once I got the Greenbrier to my shop I needed to get it road worthy and figure out why it had been parked. With a lot of help from Duane Grimm and Alex Moats the brake and fuel systems were cleaned and overhauled. Once the engine was fired it was quite apparent why it had been parked, a pronounced knock. Although it sounded a lot like rod knock, I was able to Isolate it down to a failed flywheel. With a rebuilt unit from Mike Dawson the Greenbrier was back on the road.



Jim Dallas check out the rig before heading to Wichita from Collyer in western Kansas.



The Greenbrier today after a lot of cleaning, fresh tires and a buff job by LP Penner.



LEFT: The Greenbrier showed only 27,493 miles when it was picked up. The remains of the original window sticker was included.



LEFT Since the powerpack had to be pulled to replace the faulty flywheel Terry took the opportunity to clean the engine and add new seals.



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.**

The Great Plains Corvair Roundup

Planning Committee meetings are as follows:

- Sunday 2-18-2024 at 2:00 pm
- Sunday 3-17-2024 at 2:00 pm
- Sunday 4-21-2024 at 2:00 pm
- Sunday 5-19-2024 at 2:00 pm
- Sunday 6-23-2024 at 2:00 pm
- Sunday 7-21-2024 at 2:00 pm
- Sunday 8-18-2024 at 2:00 pm.
- Sunday 9-15-2024 at 2:00 pm

Meetings in February through September will be held at the Kalp Shop (2140 W. 101st Street North, Valley Center) the third Sunday of every month (except for June due to Father's Day)

Additional meetings for the 'sub' committees can be scheduled as needed.

Tiffany Smith, Secretary

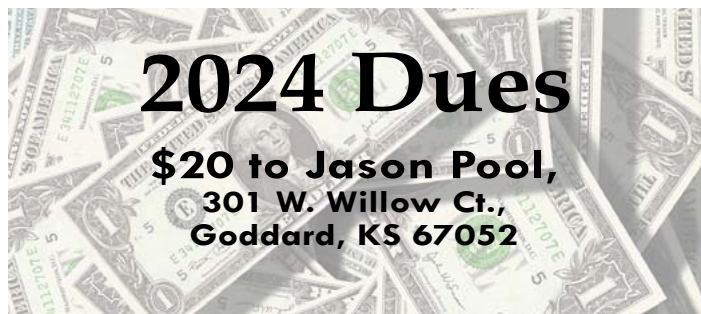


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2024 Dues

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RIGHT: The January Breakfast/Road Trip started out at the Cracker Barrel on South Ridge Road. Attending were Lyle and Lonene Ackerman, Roy and Connie Jueneman, Randy Wier, Levi Galleher, Tiffany Smith. At a nearby table were Marcus and Tracy Trotter, Jay Allen and Terry Kalp.

RIGHT MIDDLE: MCCA President Marcus confers with a Red Roof Inn representative on the details of the agreement for the motel to be the host for the 2024 Roundup.



Breakfast & Hotel Tour

The January MCCA Breakfast/Road Trip was originally planned for breakfast in Newton then the Racing Museum in Chapman, KS. However, an opportunity came up for the MCCA members to be able to tour the Host Hotel for the 2024 Great Plains Corvair Roundup.

Breakfast was moved to The Cracker Barrel on South Ridge Road because it was just down the road away from the Red Roof Inn Wichita Airport, the Roundup Host Hotel.

In spite of the change of plans there was a great turnout for break-

fast. The crew at the Cracker Barrel got tables set up and the group seated without much of a wait. Service was good and the servings more than filling.

The group was met at the hotel by a representative the showed the group the large Atrium then headed back to the meeting rooms. Marcus explained that one of the partitioned meeting rooms would be used for registration and hospitality. It would also house the model car display. For the banquet the partitions would slide away and all three area would be used..



This large Atrium area of the Host Hotel was one of the reasons it was selected. The area allows ample space to set of the valve cover race track, plus it is a great place to gather if the weather gets bad.



February Road Trip To Hutch Salt Mine

The February MCCA Road Trip starts at 9 am February 24 with members meeting at the Quick Trip at 2954 Maize Rd, Maize, KS. Once the group has gathered they will continue Northwest to Hutchinson. There members will get a guided tour of Strataca, the salt mine museum in Hutchinson, Kansas. It was previously known as the Kansas Underground Salt Museum. The museum is located at 3650 E Ave G, Hutchinson, KS. The original salt mine was built within one of the world's largest deposits of rock salt. The vein of salt was formed 275 million years ago, and located 650 feet beneath the Earth's surface.

To quote the museum's web site, "At Strataca we are passionate about providing all of our visitors with the adventure and memories to last a lifetime. The mine is filled with unique experiences and decades of history that you can only get 650 feet below this small Kansas town." It takes about 90 seconds to descend from the surface to the former mining area. There are about 150 miles of tunnels where the salt was mined. The tour will take about two hours.

Their website adds, "Everyone who walks through our doors becomes a part of our underground community. Make memories underground that you and your family will hold close and cherish forever. Join the adventure, book your tour today!"



The entrance to the Hutchinson Salt mine. There are decades of history in the mine turned museum.



At the 2023 Cold Tuna, Mike Dawson schools McPherson College Restoration program students and setting up and adjusting a Corvair differential. Sean Whetstone is shown checking the pinion pre-load with an inch-pound torque wrench. Mark Welte Photo.

Cold Tuna Time

It is Tuna time. Come out to the Kalp shop at 2140 W. 101st Street North, Valley Center, on Saturday February 17th for a day of Corvair "tune-up" and repair. Lunch will be Chili and soups provided by club members. So if you aren't bringing Chili, bring a side dish or dessert. Marcus is bringing some breakfast goodies. Terry will supply bottled water to drink, if something else is required to drink, bring it.

Time to start planning your Corvair upgrades for Spring and Summer Corvair driving enjoyment. Doors open at 8:00 am and close when the last project is finished.

The Club will be providing plastic ware, plates, bowls and napkins. If you have a project contact Terry Kalp 316-882-3056. Several projects are planned at this time is Bill Smith, Eric Kline and Marcus Trotter are planning on bringing projects. There is still plenty of time and space for Corvair repair/upgrade projects. Let Terry know if you are bringing in a large or complex project so that proper space and resources can be allocated.

If you need to discuss your Tuna project you can contact Terry Kalp at 316-882-3056.



At the HACOIA Tech Session, Mike Dawson explains how to use a multi-meter to diagnose starter issues.

KC Tech Session

Three MCCA members attended the HACOIA Mid-Winter Tech Session on Saturday, February 3, at Mike Dawson's garage. Terry Kalp, Scott Allison and Keith Hammett all made the trip. The first part of the session was common issues with the Corvair electrical systems and how to solve them. The last half was dedicated to Rochester Carburetors. Mike had examples of each year on display and explained how to identify and repair them.



Attentive students at the HACOIA Tech Session absorb the information presented by Mike Dawson.



February 3, 2024: Saturday HACOIA Tech Session 4 pm at Mike & Sandy Dawson's, 16001 Oakland Ave, Belton, MO

February 10, 2024: Saturday MCCA Pre-Spring Fling, Meeting and Mel Award. Spears Restaurant & Pie Shop 4323 W. Maple. Start eating at 5, meeting around 6 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 February MCCA Road Trip. No Breakfast, Road trip to Strataca (Underground Salt Museum) 3650 E. Ave. G, Hutchinson KS. Meet at Quick Trip 2954 Maize Rd, Maize, KS 9 am. Contact Marcus Trotter 316-214-6419

March 1, 2024: Friday March MCCA First Friday at Central & West streets in Wichita. Starts around 5 pm, but can come and go as you please. 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

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



This Ran When Parked was Posted by Norman Witte of Lansing Michigan on his Facebook page. His son recently purchased an EM Corvair and they were chasing parts at a local salvage yard. Send your Ran When Parked photos to tkalp@cox.net.

Ten Years Ago



Ten Years Ago Terry Kalp, Ned and Kathy Madsen made a road trip to Oklahoma. Starting at JC's Garage in Sand Springs for a Tulsa Tech Day they headed to Blanchard, OK to inspect Pat Silver's new lifts. In this photo, Gary Baxter (left) helps Curt Bonser lower the engine on Curt's '69. The '69 coupe is getting Air Conditioning and they needed to drop the back of the engine to add a pulley to the harmonic balancer to drive the compressor.

**February
Meeting**
Saturday,
Feb. 10th 5:00pm

**Spears Restaurant
& Pie Shop**
4323 W. Maple.
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Calendar

Pre-Spring Fling	
Feb. Meeting	Feb. 10
Cold Tuna	Feb. 17
Feb. Road Trip	Feb. 24
First Friday	Mar. 1
March Meeting	Mar. 9
Cars & Coffee	Mar. 16
March Road Trip	Mar. 23

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