

The Flat Six Journal

Mid Continent Corvair Association Newsletter

March 2024

Jason Pool Wins the MCCA Mel Award

The highlight of the 2024 MCCA Pre-Spring Fling was the awarding of the Mel Horstman award for the 2023 calendar year. President, Marcus Trotter presented the award to Jason Pool. It was a repeat win for Jason, congratulations. The award is given to the MCCA member that drove their Corvair to the most club designated events during the year.

The 'Fling is a combined dinner/meeting/awards ceremony. The event was held Saturday evening, February 10th at Spear's restaurant and pie shop in West Wichita. Two long rows of tables were filled with club members and their guests. The long distance attendee was Kim French from Stockton, Kansas.

Lonene Ackerman provided beautiful table decorations along with some nifty door prizes. Thanks Lonene.

The next MCCA club meeting will be a regular meeting March 9th at 7pm. Meeting location will be the Oaklawn Activity Center 4904 S. Clifton Avenue in Wichita.



ABOVE: President, Marcus Trotter presents Jason Pool with the Mel Horstman award for 2023. Jason has won two years in a row.

BELOW: MCCA members and guests filled two rows of tables at Spears for the February Pre-Spring Fling.



March Meeting
Saturday,
March 9th 7pm

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



At the February 18th Planning Committee meeting Tiffany Smith provided the following list of committees, chairpersons and members:

- Banquet -Tiffany Smith
- Goodie Bags-Tiffany Smith
- Door Prizes-Tiffany Smith, Joe Nold
- Hospitality-Kyla Pool
- Shirts/Dash Plaques-Bill Smith, Terry Kalp
- Car Show-Bill Smith

- Car Show Awards-Tiffany Smith
- Model Car Show and Awards-Terry Kalp Dennis Fuller
- Registration-Tiffany Smith
- Breakfast-Tiffany Smith
- Friday Evening Welcome-Tiffany Smith, Bill Smith
- Valve Cover Race-Terry Kalp, Dennis Fuller, Scott Allison, Keith Hammett
- Saturday Trip A- Jay Allen
- Saturday Trip B-Lonene Ackerman, Lisa Allen
- Security-Tiffany Smith, Jason Pool

Anyone interested in helping with any of the committees should contact the Chairperson for that committee (the first name listed).

Meetings in March 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). Next meeting is March 17, 2pm at the Kalp Shop.

Additional meetings for the 'sub' committees can be scheduled as needed. Contact Tiffany at 316-631-2108

Corvair Find Stories Needed for FlatSix

Everyone seems to have a Corvair story and every Corvair has a discovery story of its own. The club newsletter has started a series of stories of how members became caretakers of their Corvairs. More stories are needed.

Don't be concerned about writing skills, the editor can take the information and make a story out of it. Some notes about the discover and maybe a photo or two is all that is required.

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Like a lot of Corvair project cars, Edwin's Corsa purchase included a truckload of "Extra" Corvair parts. It looked pretty sad with four flat tires and a layer of dust. Although the engine cover emblem said Turbo it covered a 110 hp engine. Edwin built a 180 hp Turbo engine and much more.

Edwin Buiter's 1966 Corsa

Where I Found My Corvair

My 1966 Corvair Corsa: Shed Find!

By Edwin Buiter

On November 7th, 2021 I walked into a shed to look at what would soon be my latest project car. A few weeks before, one of my friends I had made during a McPherson college theater performance told me that her Grandmother had a car she wanted to sell. I filed it away, lacking any money at that time. However, after some fortunate trading of my VW Beetle for a Square Body Chevy pickup, I had some project car cash to spare. I asked her to send me info about her Grandmother's car, and I found out it was a Corvair in decent shape. I knew nothing about Corvairs at the time, so I asked fellow McPherson

student and Corvair owner Sean Whetstone to come look at the car with me. Of course, we went to visit in his Black 1966 Corvair!

The car was sitting in a shed, with a healthy layer of dust and a huge pile of parts next to it. The tires were flat and it hadn't run in well over 20 years, but the closer I looked the more I liked it. What really sold me on the car wasn't the original interior, the AM/FM radio, telescoping column, and largely original exterior, but the badge on the decklid. Turbocharged. I hardly believed it, especially with a 2 carb engine under the hood, but once I confirmed it was a real turbo car I knew I needed to have it. So, the next week I came back with a truck and trailer and brought it to my storage shed across from the

McPherson college campus. Fun- nily enough, the car had actually been stored in that same storage facility for nearly 20 years, until the former owner Dennis Perrera passed away and the units were cleaned out. Since getting the car, I have restored the engine and transaxle, returning the car back to its turbocharged glory, and driving it as much as possible!

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 March 9th meeting. So bring your appetite and join your friends starting at 5:30-6 on Saturday.

February Road Trip To Hutch Salt Mine

Eric Kline, Keith and Jeanette Hammett all met at Terry Kalp's house and at 8:30 they piled into Terry's '65 Corvair 4-door. The white Monza then met up with Marcus Trotter and family at the Kwik Shop at 53rd North and Maize Road. The group headed down K-96 to Hutchinson and Strataca, the salt mine museum. Levi Galleher and Kaylee joined the group at the museum.

After donning hard hats, the members were huddled together in a narrow ancient elevator to descend 650 feet to the mine. Emerging from the shaft the group turned a corner and were soon in a large spacious cavern. This was the beginning of the first portion of the tour. It was a self-guided walking loop thru a dozen static displays.

That ended at the gift shop/train station. A train on tracks took everyone down several of the tunnels used during the mining days. Displays would light up as the train went by and the guide provided an explanation. Then the group transferred to a train that did not need tracks to explore further.

Back up the shaft and the members then headed across town to Lee Olsen's home. The weather was great and Lee had set up an excellent spread of sandwich makings so no one went away hungry.



ABOVE: In the foreground, Levi Galleher and Kaylee sample some of the mine's textures. In the background, Keith and Jeanette Hammett do the same.



ABOVE: Keith and the tour guide gather some samples of mined salt crystals to bag up and take home.

LEFT: After walking the first portion of the tour the group was ready to hop on the miniature train and follow its tracks thru another section of mine shafts. The third segment of the tour the group shifted a string of cars behind an electric cart to explore more areas of the salt mine.





A little Corvair show in Lee Olsen's drive. Lee's Stinger and Convertible joined Terry Kalps 4-door and Levi's LM coupe.



ABOVE: The Trotters took advantage of a rail car turned photo opportunity for a family portrait. RIGHT: An area of the salt mine is used for document and other storage. The steady temperatures make it ideal. Some historic photos from the storage company showed they used Corvans at one time.



This air cooled Deutz diesel was on display. It had powered some of the heavy equipment miners used.



Lee Olsen turned his Garage/Workshop into a dining area, providing tasty sandwiches to the group!



The Out-of-towners were doing a bit of bench racing. Pat Silver (L), Bob Welch and Cam Cummings of OKC chat with Scott Allison of KC.

Cold Tuna a Warm Time

While the weather outside lived up to the Cold Tuna name it was warm inside the Kalp Shop. Although there weren't a lot of Corvair repair projects, there was a



Annie Pool was prepared to help her dad, Nick on his Corvair project. With a plastic wrench and keys a fix was in the future.

lot of fellowship. Driving up from the Oklahoma City area were Pat Silver, James Ergenbright, Cam Cummings and Bob Welch. Arriving from the Kansas City area were Mike Dawson and Scott Allison.

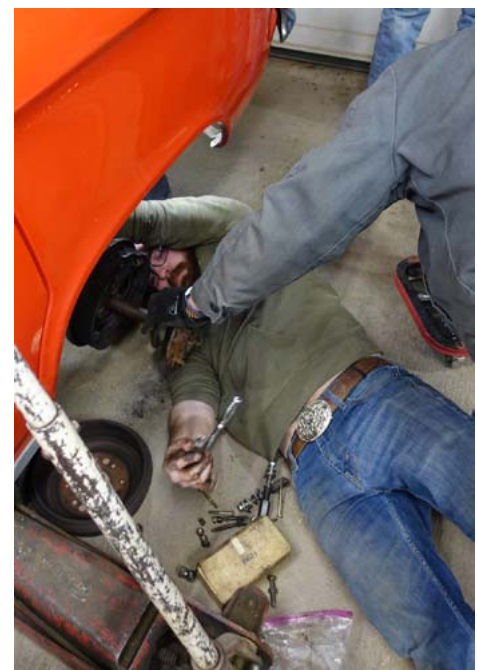
Folks working on projects included Marcus Trotter, who was going to rebuild some LM lower control arms, but found a good pair in Terry Kalp's stash instead. Edwin Butier brought in a bored out turbo carb to rebuild. After consulting with Mike and Scott, Nick Pool diagnosed the noise in his '62 sedan as a bad rear wheel bearing. After a bit of scrounging, Terry located a rebuilt axle in the storage area of the shop.

Several people were able to find needed parts from the Kalp stash, including a batch that went back to Kansas City. Mike Dawson picked up half-a-dozen EM Corvair rear axles to rebuild the bearings.

The next Tuna will be Juna Tuna, Saturday, June 15. However the Kalp shop is usually open to help with Corvair projects.



Edwin Butier worked on a turbo carburetor. This one had been bored out to flow more air..



Nick Pool found a bad rear axle bearing on his '62. Luckily Terry had a rebuilt unit on hand and Nick was soon back on the road.

Cars & Coffee at WSU Set for Saturday, 3/16

The first Cars & Coffee of 2024 is set for March. The March Cars & Coffee show will be held March 16, 2024. Remember the Cars & Coffee Show has been moved to WSU's Braeburn Square parking lots, on the SouthWest corner of N. Oliver and E.21st St. North, Wichita, KS. The show still runs from 8 to 11 am. Get there early because it fills up fast. This is a Mel Horstman Award event.

April First Friday

As of the deadline for this issue of the FlatSix Journal no Corvairs showed up at the March First Friday show and shine at Central and West Streets in Wichita. Friday, March 1st was a cold, windy, miserable day. Not a good time for a parking lot car show.

It is almost certain that the weather for the April First Friday Show and Shine. The April First Friday at Central and West will be Friday, April 5th. Cars start arriving around 5 pm, but cars can come in anytime. . This is a Mel Horstman Award Event.

Larry Lee Car Show April MCCA Event

There will be no March MCCA Breakfast/Road Trip, instead the club will be attending the Third Annual Larry Lee Memorial Car Show on Main Street in Goddard. The show is on Saturday, April 6 from 11 am to 4 pm. Larry was a long term member of MCCA.

Plans are to meet up at the Goddard Wal*Mart parking lot, 18631 W Kellogg Dr, Goddard at 10 am and drive in together as a group. Pre-registration is open now and available at: <https://goddardlionscar-show.com/>

Larry was an active member of the Goddard Lions Club, which is sponsoring the show. He had always dreamed of a stand alone car show for Goddard. The Lions Club made it happen after Larry passed away in December of 2021. His long term project, a 1966 Corsa convertible will be on display.



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

March 16, 2024: 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

March 17, 2024: Sunday 2024 Great Plains Corvair Roundup Committee meeting at Kalp Shop 2140 W. 101st St. North, Valley Center, KS 2 pm to ??

April 5, 2024: Friday April 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

April 6, 2024: Saturday April MCCA Event. 3rd Annual Larry Lee Memorial Car Show. Meet at the Goddard Wal*Mart parking lot. 18631 W Kellogg Dr, Goddard. Meet at 10 am and drive in together as a group. Show is from 11 am to 4 pm. 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

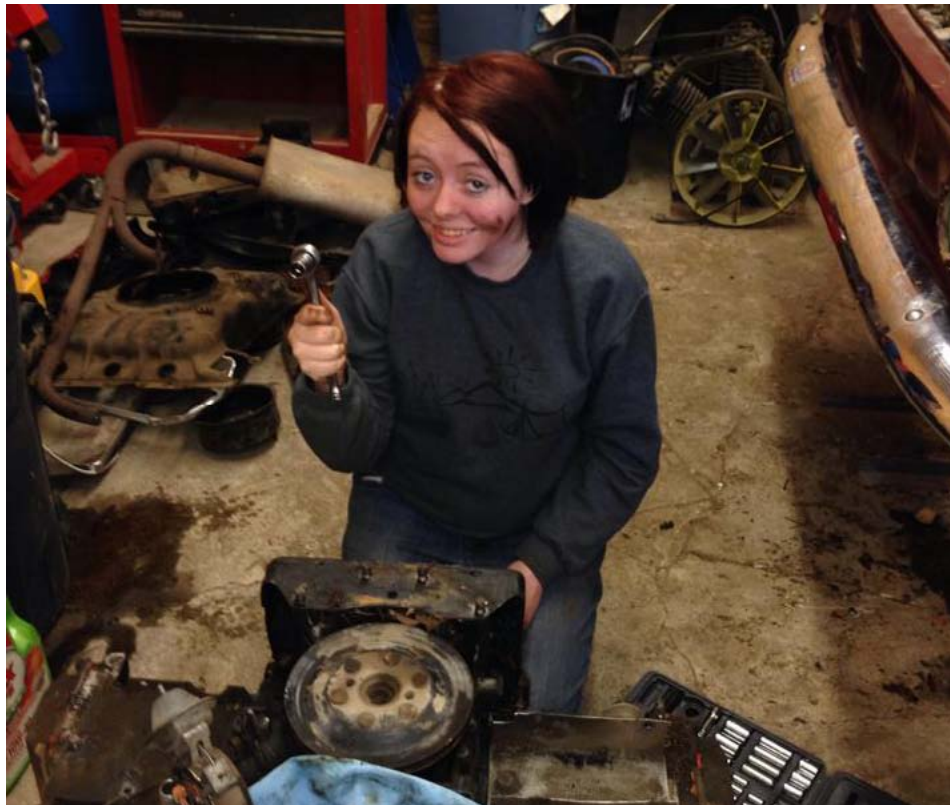


This Ran When Parked was spied by Eric Kline and Terry Kalp on a horse ranch just outside Salina, KS. The owner was asking \$1000 for this pretty complete 1964 Monza coupe with 4-speed. Send your Ran When Parked photos to tkalp@cox.net.

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Ten Years Ago



Ten years ago, Jim Dallas' granddaughter, Sarah showed off the broken crank bolt on her project '63 Corvair convertible. Sarah and her grandad pulled the engine to clean and reseal it. Jim Dallas photo.



Calendar

March Meeting	Mar. 9
Cars & Coffee	Mar. 16
First Friday	April 5
Larry Lee Show	April 6
April Meeting	April 13
Cars & Coffee	April 20
April Road Trip	April 27

2024 Great Plains Corvair
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