

The Flat Six Journal

Mid Continent Corvair Association Newsletter

April 2024



One of the featured vehicles at the 2023 McPherson Show was this 1937 Lago T150C SS. Each year the show highlights several high end automobiles. Recently the featured cars included many General Motors concept cars provided by the GM Heritage Museum.

McPherson Show MCCA May Event

On Saturday, May 4, MCCA members will gather at the Kalp shop, 2140 W. 101st Street North, Valley Center for the road trip to McPherson. The group will leave at 8 am to take secondary roads to the college for the car show. The show starts at 9 am and runs until 2 pm. Registration is available online or the day of the show.

The tree lined college campus makes a great spot to display the collector cars. Tours of the restoration shops are available during the day. Various college musical

groups perform during the show and a student team assembles a Model T Ford in under 10 minutes for the crowd. Food trucks are available for lunch.

Variety is the strong point of the McPherson show. Vehicles on display range from million dollar full classics, to student projects; brand new cars to brass era vehicles; sports cars to trucks and tractors; 100% stock restorations to hot rods and race cars.

Bring a chair, some sun screen and a comfortable pair of walk-

ing shoes. For anyone interested in cars, This show is the place to be.

April Meeting
Saturday,
April 13th 7pm

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



2024 Roundup planning is full swing ahead! The Roundup committee and I have been busy with planning. We are going to have similar activities as in years before, and will have a couple new things as well. Thank You to all of the other clubs for the new ideas! I am glad that we are able to share with each other and make each event the best that it can be and enjoyable for everyone! The hotel has plenty of space for attendees. There is an atrium for the valve cover race. We also have a large banquet room and a large hospitality room. There is plenty of space for Corvair only parking,

and other areas for non-Corvairs as well. Please call the Red Roof Inn (Wichita Airport) to get your room booked! The local direct phone # is 316-942-5600. Let them know you are booking with the Mid Continent Corvair Association.

We have a lot done so far, but still have a ways to go! We are excited to see everyone again!

Note there have been some changes in dates and location for some of the Roundup Planning Committee meetings. The current schedule is listed below:

- April, 4-21 Kalp Shop
- May, 5-19 Red Roof Inn Location change
- June, 6-30 Kalp Shop Date change
- July, 7-21 Kalp Shop
- August, 8-11 Kalp Shop Date Change
- September, 9-15 Kalp Shop

Meetings (except for May) will be held at the Kalp Shop (2140 W. 101st Street North, Valley Center) Meetings start at 2 pm. Next meeting is April 21, 2 pm at the Kalp Shop. . Contact Tiffany at 316-631-2108

Tiffany Smith

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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Scott Allison's 1965 Corsa

Where I Found My Corvair

By Scott Allison

I had the opportunity to meet a few HACOIA members in 2005 while assisting a co-worker on her father's 1961 Corvair. The wonderful interaction and support I found in HACOIA and MCCA led to me hunt down my very own Corvair early in 2006. It was a Craigslist find located in Independence, MO. This was only about 15 miles from my house so I had to check it out. There were no camera phones in my possession at that time so the only picture I have of it prior to the purchase is the one from the ad. It was sitting outside of a single car garage, and had been in the same spot for many years.

The car was a 1965 Corsa in Racing Red. The badges, 140hp motor, and manual transmission were all there. Although it was unmolested, with decent interior, it did have a fair amount of rust in not good places. I am saddened to say that I have absolutely no recollection around how I got it home that spring day. It did not run, had no brakes, rotten tires, and half of the KC Zoo reptile exhibit inhabiting the interior. Somehow it did find its way to my driveway in Grain Valley and after a bath and extermination it didn't look too awful.

It only took a few weeks to get the valves adjusted, brakes sorted out, install an operating transmission, replace a few bent pushrods, rebuild the carburetors, sort out the 140 linkage, and cleaning out of the gas tank before it was running again. During that time I met Terry Kalp as he came forward with a



LH CORNER: Corsa as found. RH CORNER: Allison rebuilt 140 hp engine. BOTTOM: The red Corsa after Scott worked his magic. It was the first of many Corvairs owned and revived by Scott Allison.

used '65 4-speed transmission and I became better acquainted with Mike Dawson while he was patient enough to educate me on the uniqueness's of the Corvair. Once it was moving under its owner power again it was obvious why it had been parked. I still have the valve seat that refused to stay in the location that GM designated. After being fully inducted into the Corvair world I knew that the engine had to come out and be rebuilt. You are looking at rebuild number one as of now 30 and soon to be 32.

The pistons (none cracked), cylinders, crank, and cam were all acceptable so the only major work was to the heads which Tom Noland took care of. This would

be beginning of a long and fruitful relationship. By July I was attending local car shows and then in September was ready for my first road trip in a Corvair to Tulsa, OK and my first Roundup. The car did great to and from Tulsa and actually looked pretty good, as long as one didn't look too closely.

The car has since gone on to Florida via an EBay auction. Last I heard it's still moving about in the warmer climate. I had so much fun working on this Corvair that I purchased my second Corvair with a known dropped valve seat and had it shipped from Arizona. Once I jumped in I don't know that I've gotten out of the deep end of the pool yet..

April Road Trip to Goddard Larry Lee Memorial Show

Despite a strong wind that kept the flags flying taunt, MCCA members were able to enjoy the Larry Lee Memorial Car Show in Goddard, KS. The Saturday, April 6th show honored Larry Lee an active member of MCCA and the Goddard Lions until his passing a few years ago.

Bringing Corvairs to the event

were: Jason Pool (two with help from his son Nick) Tiffany Smith, Jay Allen, Randy Weir, Terry Kalp and the Lee family.

The day was sunny and bright, but a persistent wind from the South wore down the folks at the show. Well over 100 cars were on display, lining several blocks of Downtown Goddard.



ABOVE: Larry's Corvair had a special spot. Daughter Rachel on the right, spouse Donna behind and grandson Sam in the driver's seat.
BELOW: MCCA Corvairs were parked in the middle of the street.





LEFT: A view of the Corvairs on Main Street. A beautiful sight. **BELOW:** The event has expanded beyond just a car show. Also offered were a Cornhole tournament, a beer garden and food trucks.

The event activities spread around the corner from Main Street to Lion's Park. In an enclosed shelter in the park, the Lion's club sponsored a cornhole tournament with several games occurring at the same time.

In the same area were several food trucks, a beer garden spot and additional vendors. There were activities for all ages. Several downtown businesses were open and providing services to the crowd.

Several MCCA members names were called as winners of door prizes and raffles. An excellent day to honor Larry.



ABOVE: Lloyd Folger and Randy Weir relax in front of Goddard City Hall.

RIGHT: Jay Allen, the Pools and friend took refuge from the wind in a grassy lot between two buildings on Main Street..





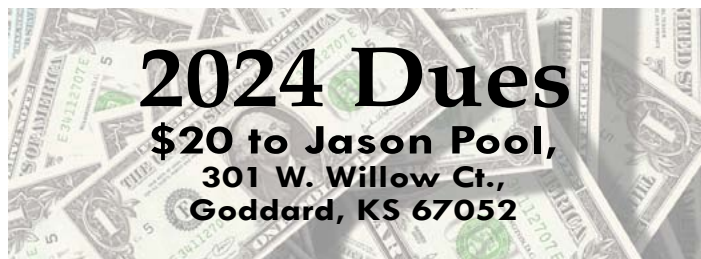
A trio of air cooled vehicles. Lee Olsen snapped this photo of the McPherson College Restoration Program Students that traveled to Hutchinson to check out Lee's automobile collection.

McPherson Students Visit Lee Olsen Car Collection

By Lee Olsen

Last Saturday, April 6, Edwin Buitter from McPherson College and three of his friends came to my shop in Hutchinson to see the Stinger and show off Edwin's 66 Corsa Turbo, which he finally got road worthy. His buddy Lucas drove his Karmann Ghia. Sean Whetstone and his girlfriend came along for the ride.

After spending time at the shop we traveled to my rental shop to look at my 65 convertible, 914 Porsche, and my 66 Datsun Roadster. I registered for the McPherson car show on May 4th.



Cars & Coffee 4-20 at WSU

The first Cars & Coffee of 2024 was March 16, 2024. At the April deadline no Corvair presence was reported at the March event.

The April Cars & Coffee is set for April 20. Cars & Coffee Show is held at 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. This is a Mel Horstman Award event.

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



Levi Galleher's '68 Corvair was totaled by a hit and run driver. A replacement Corvair is in the works.



Annie Pool and her aunt Freya Pool take a pretend trip in Jason Pool's LM Corvair at First Friday.

April First Friday

Three Corvairs showed up at the April First Friday show and shine at Central and West Streets in Wichita. Friday, April 6th was a mild if not a bit smoky day and resulted in a parking lot full of collector cars.

Jason Pool showed his '65 Military tribute Monza. Bill Smith dropped by after work in Tiffany's '64 Monza convertible. Terry Kalp displayed his gray '66 Monza Sport Sedan for the first time. The May First Friday at Central and West will be Friday, May 3rd. Cars start arriving around 5 pm, but cars can come in anytime. . This is a Mel Horstman Award Event.



Bill Smith relaxed beside the bright red '64 Monza convertible. A great way to unwind after work.



E V E N T S

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

April 20, 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

April 21, 2024: Sunday 2024 Great Plains Roundup Committee meeting at Kalp Shop 2140 W. 101st St. North, Valley Center, KS 2 pm to ??

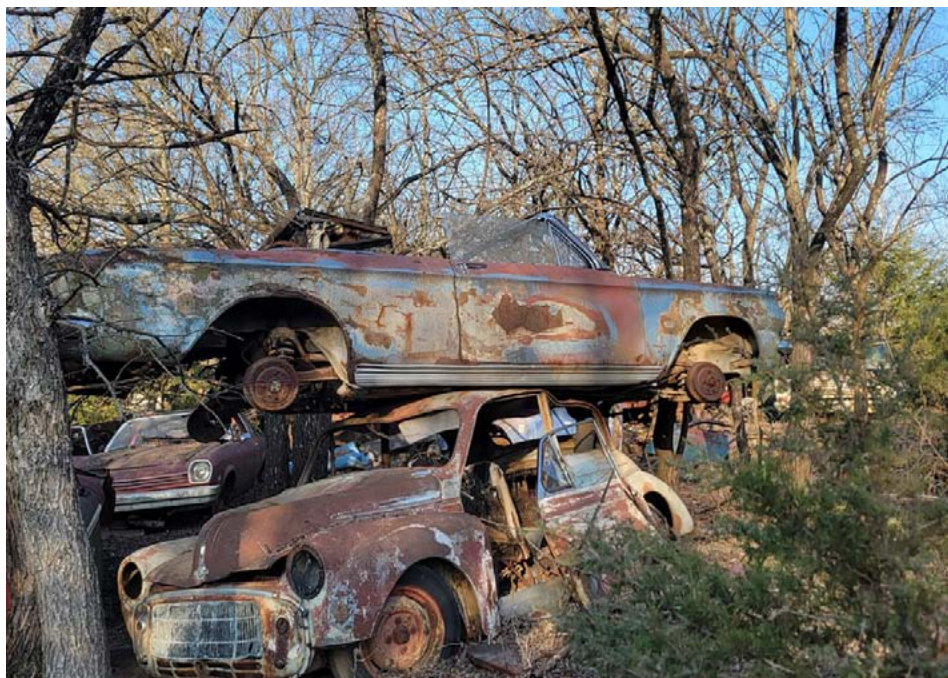
May 3, 2024: Friday May MCCA First Friday at Central & West streets in Wichita. Starts around 5 pm, but can come and go as you please. Contact Marcus Trotter 316-214-6419

May 4, 2024: Saturday May MCCA Event. McPherson College C.A.R.S car show. Road Trip to 24th Annual Motoring Festival. McPherson College, McPherson, KS. Leave from Kalp Shop, 2140 W. 101st Street N, Valley Center at 8AM. Contact Marcus Trotter 316-214-6419.

May 11, 2024: Saturday May MCCA Regular meeting at the Oaklawn Activity Center. Pre-Meeting eating at 5:30-6 meeting at 7. Contact Marcus Trotter 316-214-6419

May 18, 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

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



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Ten Years Ago



Ten years ago Ned Madsen was really getting into helping Owen Strawn pull a head on Owen's Ultra Van. The Van dropped a valve seat on the trip from Florida. There is about 3 feet of floor before the engine compartment, which makes working from the rear awkward.



Calendar

April Meeting	April 13
Cars & Coffee	April 20
Roundup Meeting	April 21
First Friday	May 3
May Road Trip McPherson Show	May 4
May Meeting	May 11

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