

# The Flat Six Journal

Mid Continent Corvair Association Newsletter

May 2024



**On display at the McPherson College show was this magnificent 1966 Ford GT40 Mk II. It was a Holman-Moody/FoMoCo team car for 1966 and 1967. It placed third in the 1966 24 Hours of Le Mans, and was a significant part of Ford's historic 1966 podium lock-out. The taillights are from a 1960 Corvair, the lightest taillights they could find.**

## *May Meeting Date and Location Changed*

Due to some conflicts the May MCCA meeting has been moved to Sunday, May 19. The meeting will be held at the host hotel for the Roundup, The Red Roof Inn 6815 W. Kellogg, Wichita, KS. The new time for the meeting is 2 pm.

President, Marcus Trotter has promised a short meeting. Since

the May Roundup Committee meeting is scheduled right after the regular meeting at 2:30.

This month's newsletter is full of activities, past and future. With the milder weather it is time to find a Corvair activity you enjoy and put some miles on your Corvair.

Take care and be safe.

## *Pre-meeting Eating Freddy's Ridge Rd.*

Some MCCA members will be gathering at Freddy's 420 South Ridge Road, Wichita, to eat before the May 19th meeting. So bring your appetite and join your friends starting at 1 pm on Sunday.

## **Letter to the Editor**

I had a wonderful time with the Corvair people. Really enjoyed the tours and meeting other people. The way the club works is great lots of entertainment. When your my age dropping in and trying to get out doesn't work anymore. But the people were fantastic, always wanting to help and your garage repair was something to look forward to. Thank all of you for being so kind to us.

Sincerely, Ken Meyer

**May Meeting  
Sunday,  
May 19th 2pm**

**Red Roof Inn  
6815 W. Kellogg  
Wichita, KS**



2024 Roundup preparation is in the works! The planning has been done, now we are in process of applying the plans! So far we have received 3 registrations. 2 from HACO, and 1 from COCA. Don't hesitate to get your form and check mailed early! You can also get your hotel room booked. The phone number is 877-843-7663. Let them know you are booking with Mid Continent Corvair Association. We are going to have a great time, so please join us!

Tiffany Smith

Upcoming meeting dates:

**Sunday May 19<sup>th</sup>** at 2:30 -  
Red Roof Inn.

**Sunday June 30<sup>th</sup>** at 2:00 -  
Kalp Shop

**Sunday July 21<sup>st</sup>** at 2:00 -  
Kalp Shop

**Sunday August 11<sup>th</sup>** at 2:00  
- Kalp Shop

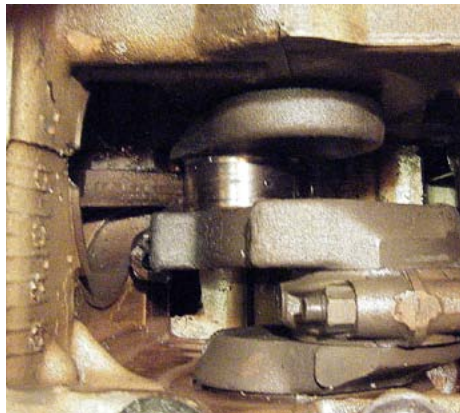
**Sunday September 15<sup>th</sup>** -  
Kalp Shop

Contact Tiffany Smith at 316-631-2108 with any questions!

## Lyle's Found '65

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paint. Then I got it in the garage to start evaluating the car. Found the engine would not rotate. After two weeks of soaking with Marvel Mystery oil, diesel fuel WD-40, the engine would not rotate. So I pulled the engine, and took it apart. Found a thrown rod which bent the crankshaft, damaged the crankcase, and wedged the lifter in its hole. A rod bearing nut was in the oil pan.



### #2 rod wedged under the crank.

Rebuilt the engine with good used standard size crankcase, and crankshaft, replaced several pistons that were cracked, new camshaft, rings, bearings, gaskets, lifters, clutch plate, through out bearing, had the head reconditioned, including staking the valve seats at Noland's in KC. Rebuilt the carburetors. Terry helped me reassemble the engine, and reinstall in the car. Swapped out the original dual factory exhaust system with a dual cherry bomb system to give me the sound I was used to in the 1960's. New master cylinder, wheel cylinders, drums, shoes, and now stops on a dime. The new tires, 1992 S-10 Blazer wheels, and alignment finished off the project. Did purchase Chevy

Trailblazer 6 way power seats from u-pick-it to replace the missing original front seats, purchased a telescopic steering wheel from Terry to replace the missing original steering wheel that I did not know was telescopic.

The original paint was touched up, and buffed out, still being driven as is. The interior including the dash, headliner, rear seats cleaned up good, and are still in use today. So my \$600.00 barn find, and an additional \$6000.00 in parts, and labor got me a good running/looking Corsa with a original rust free body, and paint.

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Lyle Ackerman's 1965 Corsa

# Where I Found My Corvair

By Lyle Ackerman

In 2014 a friend of mine got word that a used car dealer, and mechanic shop owner had died, and he left his family with 80 cars that he had collected over many years in Russell Kansas. The family planned to advertise the cars, and those that did not sell would be crushed. My friend had a list of the cars, and the asking price determined by the auto crusher. My friend was interested in a couple of classic pickups, and I was interested in a 1959 Chevy.

We drove to Russell to check out the cars. The 80 cars were parked in rows with barely enough room to walk between them. It looked like a salvage yard, but none on the cars were damaged. Most had been there for decades with high grass and trees surrounding the cars. The 59 chevy was complete, but looked like it was more of a project than I felt I could handle. The caretaker said he had more cars in the barns. I



**Lyle's Corsa as found in Russell.**

spotted the Corvair packed tight in a corner of the barn, the drivers side, and front were against walls. I was barely able to open the passenger door because of junk close by. Upon opening the door and peering in with the help of my tiny flash light, I saw the front seats were missing as well as the steering wheel. The rest of the interior looked good but dirty. Pulled the carpet back to check the floor pan, no rust, in fact looked like freshly painted daffodil yellow.

I then went to the engine compartment. It did have a complete engine with 4 carbs.

The engine was covered with dirt, and oil. There was no grill, only more evidence of major oil leaks. I did not try to rotate the engine. My mistake. I could not find any evidence of rust anywhere, looked like original paint with paint chips on the door and body. Found original "build sheet" under the floor carpet. Speedometer showed 74,000 miles. Car was shipped to a dealership in Colorado.

I decided to pay the auto crusher price of \$600.00. I went back a few days later. We had to move six cars to get the Corvair out of the barn. Towed it from Russell to Bel Aire, 156 miles.

Washed 30 years of dirt, and grime off to see the original yellow

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**MCCA May Road Trip**

# *A Silver Lining*

Clouds dominated the sky Saturday morning. The accompanying moisture and winds predicted a miserable day. Several MCCA members braved the weather and were rewarded with another outstanding McPherson College Car Show.

Attending the show were: Jay Allen, Lee Olsen, Eric Kline, Terry Kalp, David Jacobson and Randy Wier. They were rewarded with a dry day with some sunshine and many beautiful collector cars to inspect.

GM Heritage Center museum provided several historically significant concept cars from their collection. Included was the 1968



**One of the featured cars was the 1968 Chevrolet Astro II concept. It was a test bed for a mid-engined Corvette. It featured a big block Chevy engine and a two speed automatic that looked familiar.**

Chevrolet Astro II. The Astro I was a mid-engined Corvair powered concept. The Astro II sported a big block V8 and several Corvair parts including a PowerGlide transmis-

sion and transmission mounts that utilized '66-'69 Corvair engine mounts.

Food trucks provided lunch while the Jazz Band made music.



**ABOVE:** There was a lot of interest in Lee Olsen's '66 Stinger. Lee stayed quite busy during the show showing of the Stinger and answering questions.

**LEFT:** Lee Olsen's expertly restored '66 Yenko Stinger was awarded second place in the 1965-1972 class. This is a very competitive class flooded with '60s muscle cars.



# *Air Cooled*



**ABOVE:** The Air Cooled contingent of students in the restoration program gathered for a photo at the end of the show.

**COUNTER CLOCKWISE:** Edwin Buiter's air cooled Franklin. A 1966 Trabant a two cylinder, two cycle, air cooled East German built car. An ice cream mixer powered by a hit-and-miss engine. Terry Kalp's LM four-door Monza and Carl Weaver's 1964 Spyder two-door parked in the shade.



Sean Whetstone's and Edwin Buiter's Corvairs in the student section.



# *Tech Tip: Zolatone Your Trunk*



**Some elbow grease, a cheap spray gun and Lee's advice a Corvair trunk can look brand new.**

**By Lee Olsen**

One year ago I was able to get my Yenko Stinger #44 back after selling it in 2006. The car was just as it was when I sold it. The interior still smelled the same as when I finished restoring it. The only issue was that the splatter paint that I had applied in the trunk with rattle cans 23 years ago was flaking off, a respray was needed.

After researching, I determined that a product called Zolatone was the best quality paint to replicate the factory applied paint. I purchased a quart for around \$70. The application instructions recommended a pressure pot sprayer, I don't have one of those and they are expensive. Further research showed that a spray gun with a 2.0mm spray tip could also be used.

I purchased an inexpensive gravity feed gun from amazon to use. Zolatone is a strange paint, it is somewhat grainy from the small paint balls that give the finished product the splatter effect.

The instructions call for a light coat to be ap-

plied at 50psi with the needle screwed in for a light coat, let it dry then apply the top coat with the needle opened up at 20 PSI. Everything was going OK with the top coat until the gun quit spraying. I dumped the paint back in the can, unscrewed the cup and found the small plastic filter under the cup was plugged. I pitched the filter and rinsed the gun with starting fluid to clean out all passages. After this procedure the gun worked great and my trunk turned out great. If you are considering painting or repainting a trunk I would recommend Zolatone, it is a very durable hard finish that looks great.

## *HACOA Tech Session June 1st at Dawson's*

Working Tech Session & Front Yard Car Show  
Saturday, June 1, 2024, Noon – Until Finished 16001  
Oakland Ave, Belton, MO. Take this opportunity to enjoy some great socializing, get to know other members, and most important, take care of any repair or maintenance item you have been contemplating doing prior to the International Convention or the Roundup in September.

Come and be comfortable knowing that parts, tools and advice will be available to make sure you can drive home whatever project you take on. There will be a sign up sheet for assistance. A sample of items that can easily be addressed during the afternoon are: greasing fan bearings, packing wheel bearings (front and rear), carburetor balancing, distributor rebuilding, brake jobs, oil changes, etc. Brake replacement requires turning drums; I can have exchange items ready if you let me know ahead of time. Also available is gas and Mig welding, sandblasting, and glass beading.

The following will be furnished: grill food, service, soft drinks and adult beverage. Please bring a dish or snack to share; grilling begins at 4:00. Please RSVP to insure food and beverage supply and I will email all potential attendees of any changes. Mike Dawson 816 322-4057, [mdawson1961@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mdawson1961@sbcglobal.net).

**2024 Dues**  
**\$20 to Jason Pool,**  
**301 W. Willow Ct.,**  
**Goddard, KS 67052**



Nick and Jason Pool arrived early at the May First Friday Show at Central and West Streets.

## May First Friday

Four Corvairs showed up at the May First Friday show and shine at Central and West Streets in Wichita. Friday, May 3rd started out cool and cloudy, but turned into a perfect evening for a car show.

Although four Corvairs attended, they were not all there at the same time. First to arrive were Jason Pool in his '65 Military tribute Monza and Nick Pool in his red '62 700 four-door. By the time Terry Kalp arrived in his '66 500 Kudan, the Pools had left. Not long after Terry got parked, Jay Allen drove in with his beautiful '64 Monza two-door. The June First Friday at Central and West will be Friday, June 7th. Cars start arriving around 5 pm, but cars can come in anytime. . This is a Mel Horstman Award Event.

## Cars & Coffee Cancelled

Because of misbehavior of some of the attending drivers the organizers of Cars & Coffee have cancelled the event for the rest of this year.





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**Notice: May Meeting has been moved from Saturday May 11 to Sunday May 19, 2 pm at the Red Roof Inn.**

**May 19, 2024: Sunday** May MCCA meeting at the Red Roof Inn, 6815 W. Kellogg, Wichita. Pre-Meeting eating at 1 pm meeting at 2 pm. Contact Marcus Trotter 316-214-6419

**May 19, 2024: Sunday** 2024 Great Plains Roundup Committee meeting at Red Roof Inn, 6815 W. Kellogg, Wichita 2:30 pm to ??

**June 7, 2024: Friday** June 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

**June 9, 2024: Sunday** June MCCA meeting and Lake Afton All Wheels show. MacArthur Road at 247th Street West, Wichita, KS. Meeting at 11. Contact Marcus Trotter 316-214-6419

**June 15, 2024: Saturday** Juna Tuna. At the Kalp Shop 2140 W. 101st Street North, Valley Center, KS. Doors open at 8. Come and go anytime pot luck lunch. 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



## Ran When Parked



This Ran When Parked was posted by Michael Bednarchuk on the Corvair Owners Group on Facebook. Send your Ran When Parked photos to [tkalp@cox.net](mailto:tkalp@cox.net).

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2 pm  
May 19th**

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Wichita, KS**

## Ten Years Ago



Ten years ago Terry Kalp and Dan Hagenbuch made the trip to Tucson, AZ to pick up the Devin C that Terry purchased. Just outside of Truth or Consequences, NM the tow vehicle had a blowout. While Terry changed the tire Dan took photos and talked to the patrolman.



### Calendar

|                            |         |
|----------------------------|---------|
| May Meeting                | May 19  |
| Roundup Meeting            | May 19  |
| HACO Tech                  | June 1  |
| First Friday               | June 7  |
| Lake Afton<br>June Meeting | June 9  |
| Juna Tuna                  | June 15 |

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