

The Flat Six Journal

Mid Continent Corvair Association Newsletter

June 2024



Mike Dawson tweaks a taillight on Kat King's son's Corvair. For more on the HACOIA tech day see pg. 3.

Lake Afton Show, Meeting & Elections

The June MCCA meeting will be held at Lake Afton All Wheels show. MacArthur Road at 247th Street West, Wichita, KS. The date is Sunday, June 9th with the meeting starting at 11. This is an important meeting because it is the annual officers election. There will be voting for President, Vice-president, Secretary, and Treasurer. If you are interested in running for any of these offices contact Marcus Trotter.

The club will bring a couple of dining frys for shade. Members will need to bring their own chairs and drinks. Food and drink are available from several food trucks that are part of the event.

The All Wheels Show at Lake Afton is one of the largest free outdoor car shows in the nation. It always attracts a large variety of collector cars. Stock and modified, new and old. There are loads of spectators and it is a great opportunity to share our Corvairs with the public. Check out all the other MCCA June activities elsewhere in the newsletter and find opportunities to enjoy your Corvair.

Juna Tuna June 22nd

It is Tuna time again. Come to Terry Kalp's shop at 2140 W. 101st Street North on Saturday, June 15th for a day of Corvair "tune-up", repair, fellowship and food. If you need to discuss your Tuna project you can contact Terry Kalp at 316-882-3056. If you are needing to use the lift, you can be put on the schedule..

Doors will open at 9 am and continue until all the projects are finished. Marcus Trotter is bringing some Pizza for the main meal, but more main dishes are needed. Bring a side dish and a chair.

Even if your Corvair is running fine come out for the noon meal and Corvair fellowship, maybe even help out a fellow member.

**May Meeting
Sunday,
June 9th 11am**

**Lake Afton Car Show
MacArthur Rd at
247th Street West
Wichita, KS**



The host hotel is Red Roof Inn Wichita Airport. The best phone # to call for your registration is their local phone # 316-942-5600. The reservation booking code is 544-556542. (Listed under Corvair Club.)

We have received registrations so far from the following clubs: 1 from MCCA, 5 from HACO, 5 from COCA, and 1 from ACC. Remember to get your registration in before August 16th if you want a t-shirt. This will also guarantee a spot at the banquet. (The cost to register at the event goes up \$10.00)

Please call Tiffany Smith with any questions! 316-631-2108

Here is the tentative schedule:

Cruisin' 54!

Great Plains Corvair Roundup
Wichita KS

Hosted by: Mid Continent Corvair Association

Friday September 27th through Sunday September 29th

Schedule:

Friday September 27th:

Welcome dinner at hotel -
6:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Valve cover race at hotel -
7:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Hospitality / check in room at hotel open - 10:00 am to 8:00 pm

Saturday September 28th:

Car show at hotel - 9:00 am to 12:00 pm Vendors welcome.
Optional - Trip A - 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm Lunch out then 'Keepers on Parade' search
Optional - Trip B - 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm Lunch out then shopping in Delano District
Banquet at hotel - 6:0 pm to 8:00 pm
Hospitality / check in room at hotel open - 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

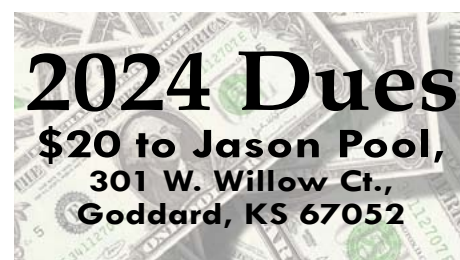
Sunday September 29th:

Hospitality / check in room at hotel open - 8:00 am to 10:00 am

Upcoming meeting dates:

Sunday June 30th at 2:00 - Kalp Shop
Sunday July 21st at 2:00 - Kalp Shop
Sunday August 11th at 2:00 - Kalp Shop
Sunday September 15th - Kalp Shop

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



Valve Cover Racer Test & Tune at Tuna

The Great Plains Roundup valve cover track will be set up for Juna Tuna, June 15th at the Kalp Shop. Bring your racing valve covers so that the bracket software can be tested. Also since there is an E.T. readout for both lanes, racers can be modified and checked to see if they are any quicker.

Even if your racer is not finished, bring it along there will be people there to help get it going and going faster.

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HACOA Tech Session Keeping Corvairs Going

There were lots of Corvairs, projects, food, folks and fellowship at the June 1st HACOA Working Tech Session & Front Yard Car Show. The Saturday, event began at Noon and ran until all the projects were finished. Mike and Sandy hosted everyone at their Belton, MO home and shop.

Terry Kalp and Mike B. made the trip from Valley Center to Belton, arriving at Dawsons' around 10:30. There were already several folks there getting an early start on projects. Mike B. met up with his son and took out to pick up and deliver some parts in Kansas City. Terry was picked up by Scott Allison and Keith Hammett for lunch at Jimmie John's.

Projects included: a '60 gas tank swap, a starter replacement, turn signal repair, headlight aiming, pulling the heads on a parts engine, a pittman arm bushing replacement, plus Mike Dawson balanced and tuned several sets of Corvair carburetors.

By around 5 the hamburgers and hot dogs were ready, the tables set up and the line formed for the evening meal. There was an excellent assortment of side dishes and desserts available.

Terry had brought long a handful of 2024 Great Plains Corvair Roundup registrations and envelopes which were picked up by HOCOA members.



Terry helps Chuck Morris attach the gas filler neck.



Tools were laid out for some steering wheel work.



ABOVE: Rodney Rom's project was to disassemble an engine. RIGHY: Scott Allison and Keith Hammett do some tank wrestling.





The present configuration of the AC Corsa. Scott enjoys taking it to many of the local car shows.

Where I Found My Corvair

By Scott Allison

While sorting out my first Corvair, the 1965 Corsa featured in the April 2024 FlatSix Journal, I found that I was in need of a transmission. I put a note out on corvairster/centerforum, now known as Corvair Center Forum hosted by CORSA, that I needed a 65 4-speed transmission. A reply came in pretty quickly from a guy in Wichita who went by tkalp. He invited me down to his shop, which I assumed was like the other shops I'd seen to that point, indicating that he likely had what I was looking for.

It was May 28, 2006 when my father and I climbed into my 2006 Dodge Charger and headed out for Wichita with the transmission in the trunk. I had no idea what a "Valley Center" was, I'd never been further west of Kansas City than Olathe, but my father spent many years in Kansas during his working days so he was the perfect companion for the trip. I blocked the whole day because I thought we may be leaving and returning in the

dark. This was well before I made Google Maps my friend.

We arrived at the "Kalp Compound" in a short 3 hours, to my surprise, and were greeted by Terry Kalp and Ned Madsen. Terry was a gracious host and showed us both around answering my father's many questions about the vast collection. Knowing nothing about Corvair transmissions I was comparing the one I brought with an assortment of others Terry had

available. I consider it luck that I didn't end up loading a non-synchronized 3-speed in the trunk of the car but I don't think Terry would have let me.

After selecting a transmission I was going to catch up with Terry and my dad but there was one car calling out to me that I couldn't stop looking at. The car was a 1966 Corsa in Daytona Sunset Orange Metallic with black interior

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After the accident damage was fixed it got a black lacquer paint job. This photo was at the Lake Afton show where Terry met Mel Horstman.

Found Corvair

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in the row of cars in the back half of the shop. I actually don't recall many of the others, though there were many more than I expected, because I was so enthralled by the color, stance, and elegance that I saw in the '66 Corsa. Ned noticed my drooling and walked up and had only two words for me, "good luck". Then we stood there while Ned pointed out the features of the car that I hadn't recognized as features being new to the Corvair world. Terry soon joined us and found additional features that Ned either hadn't gotten to yet or didn't know about the car.



The Corsa shortly after Terry purchased it.

I don't recall when exact Terry first acquired the car but here's a story which he recapped for me a couple years ago. "It came from Ottawa, KS had been a father and son project that had gotten wrecked (Driver's front fender) it was a not so great gray when I got it.

Terry pointed out that a '66 Corsa with factory A/C was pretty rare and finding the '66 only headrest seats and installing them into the car (even if they didn't actually come with the car originally) only added to the list of special features. I didn't care about any of that and simply that it was one of the best looking Corvairs I had ever seen.

I visited Wichita for the Tunas 3 times a year between May of 2026 and October of 2021, some years with additional trips for fun, and there wasn't a time when I didn't peek in on "GT" and ask Terry if he was ready to sell it yet. I was fully aware that I couldn't afford the car but it's always nice to have goals. Suddenly, doing the normal dance, in October



After some rust started showing thru the black paint and Terry had two other Black LM coupes, the color was changed to the present Sunset Orange.

of 2021 the answer was not the normal grin but rather an "I'm thinking about something and will let you know soon". It was November of 2021 when I got an email from Terry that said "I have been thinking about the '66 Corsa" along with an offer that I never expected and one that I couldn't resist.

The following weekend my brother-in-law and I hooked up the trailer and headed down for the day. Terry again was again a super host for Phil and after showing him around the Kompond we headed over the Valley Center shop to see the Fieros and the works of art amidst the space. After lunch at one of my favorite places, Big Larry's, Phil and I headed back to Belton with my dream car in tow. The day was great and obviously not something I will forget any time soon.

I didn't mind waiting the 15 years and the anticipation only makes me appreciate it more today. I matured in my knowledge of Corvairs and believe that I'm in a position to be a better caretaker of the car that I would have been any time before. I hope to always do right by the car and enjoy it for many more years. Being allowed to be the keeper of this car for the time being is a dream come true for me.





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President Jim Gailey addresses members of the Central Oklahoma Corvair Association during their May meeting. Following the meeting was a picnic with great food and a lot of socialization.

COCA Meeting

By Terry Kalp

Early on the morning of May 25th Marcus Trotter and I headed south toward Oklahoma City. Our destination was the COCA meeting and picnic being held in the C E Post building at the Wiley Post Airport in Bethany.

We knew we were in the right place when we spotted several Corvairs in the parking lot. Pat Silver was the first to welcome us, soon after many more of our Oklahoma friends greeted us.

After a donut it was time to catch up with friends and check out the Corvairs in the parking lot. Before long it was time for the meeting. With the informative meeting completed it was lunch time. Members had stocked a long table with food and deserts.

I had brought along some 2024 Great Plains Roundup registrations and envelopes. Several COCA members picked up the envelopes and vowed to register.



ABOVE: Nine Corvairs were driven to the meeting by members. Many different years, body styles and colors showed up in the parking lot of the C E Page building.

RIGHT: Sharing a table for the picnic lunch were Terry Kalp, Marcus Trotter and James Ergenbright.



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





Terry Kalp showed his "Kudan" at the May First Friday Show at Central and West Streets.

June First Friday

The June First Friday show and shine at Central and West will be Friday, June 7th. Cars start arriving around 5 pm, but cars can come in anytime.

The July First Friday event will be July 5th. This show put on by the Cars & Donuts folks has turned in a nice, laid back way to spend a Friday night. First Friday is a Mel Horstman Award Event.

June Trip to Weaver's

On Saturday, June 22 the MCCA road trip heads to Carl Weaver's estate near Hesston. We will be touring his garages and barn. The barn is fully finished on the inside and includes an old fashioned soda fountain. After the tours the Weavers will prepare lunch for the group.

Carl also has a couple of truck loads of Corvair parts that he picked up in Denver, CO last month. Most of them will be available for sale. The trip would be a great time to check out his stash and see if there is anything you need.

Arrive any time after 10 am, the meal will be around 1 pm. Terry Kalp will be leaving his shop on 101st at 9:30 am if anyone wants to travel as a group. It is a very worthwhile trip. The Weaver's address is 5631 N. Ridge Rd., Halstead, KS if someone wants to meet there. The homestead is just South of Hesston on Ridge Road. Try to let Marcus know if you plan on going so the Weavers will have a headcount



E V E N T S

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 9. Come and go anytime pot luck lunch. Contact Marcus Trotter 316-214-6419.

June 22, 2024: Saturday Road Trip to Carl Weaver's ? 5631 N. Ridge Rd., Halstead, KS Arrive anytime after 10 am Carl will be providing lunch at around 1 pm. Contact Marcus Trotter 316-214-6419

June 30, 2024: Sunday 2024 Great Plains Roundup Committee meeting at the Kalp Shop 2140 W. 101st Street North, Valley Center, KS., Wichita 2:00 pm to ??

July 5, 2024: Friday July 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

July 13, 2024: Saturday July MCCA meeting/meal at Delano Diner 1220 W Douglas Ave. Wichita, KS 2 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.

Ran When Parked



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.

June Meeting 11 am June 9th

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Ten Years Ago



Ten years ago Terry Kalp and Ned Madsen headed out to Broken Arrow, OK on May 8 for the 50th anniversary celebration of the Corvair powered Glen Pray Cord Sportsman. Five examples showed up at the "pickle factory" in Broken Arrow where the prototypes were constructed.



Calendar

First Friday June 7

Lake Afton
June Meeting June 9

Juna Tuna June 15

MCCA Road Trip June 22

Roundup Meeting
June 30

July First Friday July 5

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