

The Flat Six Journal

Mid Continent Corvair Association Newsletter

August 2024



The first thing greeting visitors to the Concours at the CORSA Convention was this group of Shriner Corvairs. The Zenobia Shrine temple in Toledo, OH had several members that added the flag paint scheme to Corvairs to use in Shrine Parades. Convention coverage on pgs. 4 & 5.

August Meeting:

Beef, Roundup, & Ice Cream

The August MCCA club meeting will be held at the Kalp Shop, 2140 W. 101st Street North, Valley Center, KS. The Saturday, August, 10th meeting will be quite busy. A Cook-out will start off the evening with eating beginning around 6 pm. It will be a pot-luck meal with hamburgers, hot dogs and water provided. Members should bring a side dish and a comfortable chair. Paper goods and plastic ware will also be provided.

Around 7 pm the meeting(s) will start. The regular club business meeting will be combined with

a Roundup Committee meeting. Several final Roundup details will be wrapped up at the meeting. The Roundup MCCA is hosting is just a few weeks away.

After the meetings conclude, there will be an opportunity to caravan for ice cream, most likely to the Spangles in Park City.

The newsletter editor is still looking for additional "Where I Found my Corvair" stories for future newsletters. Bill Smith provided a good story and photos for this month. Lee Olsen is set up for next month's feature. After that

is open. Don't worry about being a great writer, with some notes and photos the editor can create a story.

Aug. Meeting
Saturday,
Aug. 10th 7 pm
Cook-out starts at 6 pm

Kalp Shop
2140 W. 101st St, North
Valley Center, KS



The host hotel is Red Roof Inn Wichita Airport. Call the local phone # 316-942-5600. The reservation booking code is 544-556542. (Listed under Corvair Club.) We have received 32 registrations so far. Remember to get your registration in before August 16th if you want a t-shirt. (The cost to register at the event goes up \$10.00)

Q&A:

1. Do I have to drive a Corvair to register? No, you can register for the event without having a car to enter.
2. Do I need to pay for more than 1 registration fee if I am bringing someone? No, there is just 1 registration fee per couple / family.
3. Do I have to attend all events? No, you can attend what events you are able to.
4. Do I need to get my registration in by August 16th if I don't want any t-shirts? No. It can be sent after that if you don't want a t-shirt.

5. When does my registration need to be in to guarantee a meal at the banquet? Your registration needs to be in by September 5th to guarantee a meal at the banquet.
6. Can I register at the event? Yes. The registration cost will be \$35.00 – per couple / family at the event. (We cannot guarantee a banquet spot if you register at the event.)

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

We are planning for everyone to have a fun time!

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 –
9:00 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:

Saturday August 10th at 7:00

- Kalp Shop (In conjunction with the August MCCA meeting)

Sunday September 15th –

Kalp Shop

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Bill Smith's 1968 500

Where I Found My Corvair



Once Bill made the '68 a dependable driver he took it on several MCCA Road Trips and used it to commute to work daily.

By Bill Smith

I found this 68 Corvair 500 coupe at Terry's place in the summer of 2016. I was a brand new member with MCCA and Greg Renfro, Terry Kalp and myself were wrenching on my first Corvair, Mellow Yellow(OSHA safety yellow 64 Monza coupe) to make it road worthy. I expressed my interest in finding a late model coupe. Then this 68 was mentioned to me by Greg.

The following day I returned to the Kalp shop with Greg and Terry by my side. I mentioned my interest of the late model to Terry. He said he would think about it. A week later Terry called me and said he would part with the car.

So with a \$1500 offer and a handshake, I bought the car. We attempted the 4 mile drive back to my place, the car died and wouldn't restart. Terry returned with a car trailer, loaded the car,

and transported it to my house. After a couple of months wrenching on the car, my new 68 coupe was a road worthy car.

Fast forward to present day, the car has been passed around between a few MCCA members. I have owned the car on 4 different occasions and I currently own the car. I have named it boomerang



Front view of the '68 before Bill picked it up.



There was a good coat of "Barn Find Dust" on the '68..

because it always comes back. The coupe has done several day trips and was my daily driver to and from work between my Valley Center residence and my place of employment in Newton.



Greg Renfro checks out the '68 500 while it was still at the Kalp Shop. The damaged quarter had been roughed in, but still much work to do.

'24 CORSA Convention

By Terry Kalp

The weather forecast for the week of July 21st in Dayton, OH was for rain everyday. Of course that was the same week and place that the Corvair Society of America (CORSA) was set to have their International Convention.

Scott Allison and I set out for Dayton from Kansas City in Scott's '66 Corsa early Sunday morning. Ten hours of driving time later, we arrived at the Host Hotel and promptly ran into Kim and Doug French of the MCCA. The rest of Sunday evening was spent renewing Corvair friendships.

Monday was spent checking out the Hospitality Room, indoor and outdoor vendors. All would be open the entire week. That evening Scott put the Corsa into the People's Choice Car Show and later helped run the Valve Cover Races. I cheered and took photos at the Valve Cover Races.

Tuesday's highlight was the Concours show at a local park. I

was expecting grass, some swing sets and trees. It turned out to be a small village of museums with buildings and displays honoring Dayton's inventors, Kettering, Deedes, and of course the Wright brothers. Also there were buildings dedicated to transportation, the great flood, letterpress printing, Huffy bicycles, and local automobile manufactures.

That evening was a special dinner, Dinner Under the Wings. It was held in one of the hangers at the USAF museum literally under the wings of some of the airplanes on display.

Wednesday was the EconoRun and Rally. Scott navigated for a new member in the Rally. I hung around the hotel visiting the hospitality room and shopping at the vendors. That evening I attended meetings for Chapter Editors and Officers, the V-8 Registry and Corvanantics.

Thursday was the final day. The bulk of the day was the

Autocross, set up at a local paved track. The day and event concluded with an awards banquet back at the Host hotel.



ABOVE: Don Wagner and Charlie Biddle discuss the scale Corvairs that Don had for sale in the indoor vending area.

BELOW: CORSA Valve Cover Racing Chairman, Scott Allison, checks Mike Kliethermes' valve cover racer before the Monday night competition.



Dinner Under the Wings at the USAF museum was the featured event for Tuesday evening. Doug & Kim French attended. Kim French photo.





The "Deer Hunter" lives and is still Autocrossing. Built by MCCA member Ned Madsen it was totaled by a deer strike then rebuilt by Terry Kalp. Now owned by a family in Arkansas



This scale version of the Don Yenke dealership was part of the Model Car competition.



At the park where the Concours was held was a working letterpress print shop. One of the printers explains a composing stick to touring youngsters.

Three Oranges No Lemons



This Hugger Orange (Fast Orange) '65 was built by MCCA member Phil Nelson. Won People's Choice at the 2002 convention. Gold in 2003.



Jim Allen's Orange Crush '66 four door was owned by Terry Kalp and Ken Meyer of MCCA. It was the highest scoring car in Concours in 2023.



Scott Allison's Sunset Orange '66 was previously owned by Terry Kalp. It drove 1257 miles round trip to the convention while averaging 23.6 mpg.



The July MCCA breakfast fell on Lloyd Folger's 90th birthday. Lloyd's daughter and two of his grandsons were able to join the celebration. Roy and Connie Juenemann brought cupcakes to aid in the festivities. Marcus Trotter Photo.

August Breakfast

The August MCCA event will be Breakfast at Village Inn, 3535 S. Meridian in Wichita. The breakfast will start at 9 am on Saturday, August 24. The Village Inn has an expansive menu of traditional breakfast items. The breakfast events are a great time to get together and socialize with other club members. Plus you get a great meal without having to do the dishes.



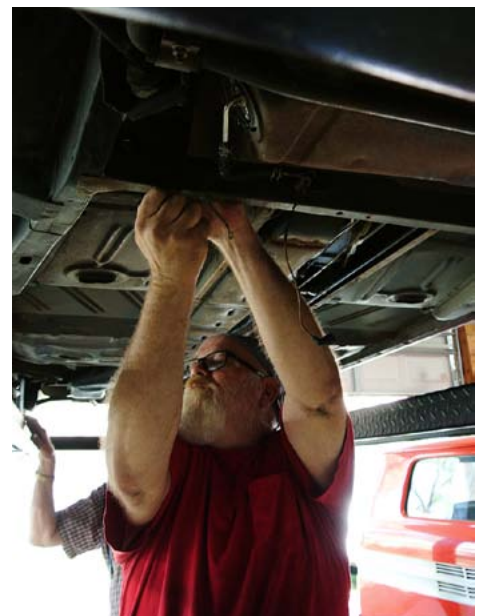
Ken Meyer submitted this photo of a Corvair bodied Gasser. The Corvair was spotted at the Kustom Kemps of America Lead Sled Spectacular that was held in Oakdale park in Salina at the end of July.

Mini Tuna

On Sunday July 12 several MCCA members converged on the Kalp Shop for some Corvair repair. Bill Smith and Roy Juenemann worked on the lift while Alex and Patrick were busy in the main shop.



TOP: One of Alex and Patrick's projects was to replace hood hinges and springs.
MIDDLE: Alex and Patrick's kids entertained themselves in Patrick's '66 Monza.
RIGHT: Bill and Roy used the lift to help install an electric fuel pump in Roy's Corvair.





Three Corvair body styles were represented at the August First Friday, coupe, 4-door and convertible.

August First Friday

Nick Pool, Jason Pool and Bill Smith all drove Corvairs to the August First Friday show and shine at Central and West on August 2nd. The trio braved the warm weather to spread the Corvair message.

The September First Friday event will be September 6th. Cars start arriving around 5 pm, but cars can come in anytime. 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.



Alex Moats and Patrick Tinin showed their Corvairs at the Automobilia Moonlight Show August 3rd.

Corvairs in the Moonlight

Alex Moats reported that the Automobilia Moonlight show was hot and a bit disorganized, but still a lot of fun. One of the spectators informed Alex of a Corvair parts stash in Windfield. The date for the 30th Annual Automobilia Moonlight Car Show had been moved from July 13th to Saturday, August 3rd. A section of Douglas street was blocked off for the show.



August 10, 2024: Saturday August MCCA Regular and Roundup meeting/meal at Kalp Shop 2140 W. 101st Street North. Cookout 5:30-6 pm. Meeting at 7. Ice Cream run after the meeting. Contact Marcus Trotter 316-214-6419

August 24, 2024: Saturday August MCCA Breakfast at Village Inn 3535 S. Meridian, Wichita, KS. 9 am. Contact Marcus Trotter 316-214-6419

September 6, 2024: Friday September 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

September 14, 2024: Saturday September 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 15, 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 ??

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.

October 4, 2024: Friday July MCCA First Friday Show and Shine. Central and West streets in Wichita, KS. Usually starts around 5 pm, but you can come and go as you please. Contact Marcus Trotter 316-214-6419.

October 12, 2024: Saturday October MCCA Regular meeting at the Oaklawn Activity Center. Pre-Meeting eating at 5:30-6 meeting at 7.. Contact Marcus Trotter 316-214-6419

October 19, 2024: Saturday Luna Tuna Tech Day at Kalp Shop 2140 W. 101st St. North, Valley Center, KS 8 am to ??



This Ran When Parked. A 1965 Chevrolet Corvair Rescued After 27 Years In Storage And Still Runs And Drives Amazingly. Posted on the Corvair Stuff Facebook page by Bruce Schug. Send your Ran When Parked photos to tkalp@cox.net.



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7 pm

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Ten Years Ago



Ten years ago Owen Strawn's Ultra Van grows a set of legs. With the engine out Owen was able to sit in the vacant compartment to sort out and upgrade the wiring. Progress continues on the mechanical side also. Owen and Terry resealed the differential last Monday.



Calendar

Aug. Meeting, Cook out & Roundup Meeting Aug. 10

Aug. Breakfast Aug. 24

Sept. First Friday Sept. 6

Sept. Meeting Sept. 14

Roundup Mtg. Sept 15

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

Oct. First Friday Oct. 4