

The Flat Six Journal

Mid Continent Corvair Association Newsletter

September 2024



contact Tiffany Smith 316-631-2108, Bill Smith 316-469-9882, Marcus Trotter 316-214-6419, or Jason Pool 316-621-1627. These folks (along with a lot of other members) have put a lot of time and effort in making the 2024 Great Plains Corvair Roundup happen and deserve everyone's thanks.

As always, there will be a few hiccups in the process. If folks pitch in and work together, the problems will be taken care of and everyone will enjoy the Roundup.

Hopefully MCCA members are looking forward to this opportunity to entertain their Corvair friends and participate in Corvair activities. Thankfully MCCA only hosts the Roundup every five years. The other four years members can enjoy the efforts of the other clubs hosting.

Remember have fun and enjoy Corvairs and Corvair people.

It is Roundup Time

The 2024 Great Plains Corvair Roundup has been over a year in planning and it will be happening in just two weeks. MCCA is hosting the event at the Red Roof Inn Airport on September 27-29. The schedule of events can be seen on page 2 of this issue.

One of the major activities for the September MCCA meeting will

be the "stuffing" of the goodie bags for the Roundup. The final Roundup Committee meeting will be held Sunday, September 22, 2 pm at the Kalp shop. Most of the loose ends should be tidied up at that meeting. The meeting is open to everyone. Anyone interested in helping, but don't have a specific job should attend the meeting on the 22nd or

Sept. Meeting
Saturday,
Sept. 14th 7 pm

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

For Sale

There is a car that can make you feel the magic, the magic of



a 1963 Corvair Monza 900 Spyder Coupe! That magic is for sale, not at your local dealer but right here. New features include a

sealed engine; new brake shoes on all four corners; rebuilt transmission; sealed differential; cleaned and inspected wheel bearings on both the front and rear; new heater hoses; new muffler; rebuilt carburetor and turbo (by Mike Dawson); upgraded electrical from generator to alternator; and many other items. All with low miles! This car is a pretty solid Kansas car that is ready for some dents to be repaired and your choice of color to be applied. The magic of a Monza 900 Spyder Coupe can be yours for a reasonable price of \$6000. Contact Keith Hammett at (417) 844-8627.

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:

Sunday September 22nd -

Kalp Shop



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)

Not only are we going to have raffles that you can enter for \$1.00 per ticket, we are going to be doing drawings for door prizes during the car show!

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Lee Olsen's 1966 Yenko Stinger

Where I Found My Corvair



Lee Olsen's Yenko Stinger after a complete four year restoration.

By Lee Olsen

I started with Corvairs in 1992, I purchased a 1963 Monza convertible. I had to reinstall the overhauled motor and go through the usual stuff, brakes, fuel system, and suspension. I had a lot of fun with that car.

Well as most of you know, once you have one you want more. I would guess that I parted out 10-15 cars that I bought for under \$100 or were told yea you can have it, get it out of here. In 1999 I bought a rusty late model convertible. I advertised it online and a fellow from Texas came to buy it. In the conversation he mentioned there was a Yenko in a salvage yard in Dodge City. I only lived about 50 miles from Dodge, so I made a call to a salvage yard I had used years earlier, "do you have a Yenko Corvair", I asked, "sure do said the owner". My brother and I loaded

up and headed to Dodge.

I met the owner and he took us out to the lot. There it was, it had all the Yenko pieces and the YS 044 tag. The car was all white but I could find blue paint on the rockers and other spots, so I knew it was the real deal. I ended up buying the car, brought it home and began a total restoration.

I spent 4 winters restoring my Yenko and finished it in 2002. I went to many car shows in the area the next few years. In 2006 due to marital and financial troubles I had to sell the car. I sold it to a man in Atlanta Georgia. I tried to contact him a couple of times just to keep tabs on it, but his phone changed and I wasn't able to contact him anymore.

Fast forward to April 2023, Terry was contacted by the buyers brother and wanted my contact information. I called him,



As Lee found it in Dodge City.



The Yenko engine cover with vents and a short spoiler.

he lived in Helena, Montana. His brother had passed away and he had my Yenko in Helena. His brother had kept all the communications that I had sent him. In one of those letters I had requested that if he ever wanted to sell the car, I wanted first chance. He asked if I was still interested and of course I said yes. He said I will call you back in a week. We both did our research to come up with a price. He called back and we were \$5000 apart in price so we split the difference, I drove to Helena in May and picked up my Yenko.

Pretty amazing to find it the first time but to get it back after 17 years, was nothing short of a miracle.



The Birthday party was capped off with a group photo of most of the folks who had attended. Lots of years of club membership in this photo. Mike and Sandy Dawson were the only 60 year members.

HACOA 60th Birthday

**By Scott Allison
and Terry Kalp**

The Heart of America Corvair Owners Association (HACOA) was organized at the Van Chevrolet dealership in 1964. Turning 60 in 2024 called for a celebration. Scott Allison provided the venue and helped organize the event held on August 24th in Belton, MO. Cindy Anders and her daughter Jessica spent a lot of time Friday gathering historical items and assembling them for display and then on Saturday decorated the space with what they had gathered. The items were displayed on tables and walls in the perfect fashion for everyone to view the memorabilia. Many thanks to Mike & Sandy Dawson for providing the major share of the documentation.

Folks began arriving about 10:30 am for viewing and visiting. Lunch time came at 2 pm. The meal was pizza from a local

cafe supplemented with side dishes provided by attendees. Dessert was a beautiful cake which Cindy had baked and decorated for the event.

After a little fan belt toss and

corn hole competition many went up to Belton's Main Street to be part of the car show.

There were 30 folks in attendance and 10 Corvairs present for



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



With pizza and cake devoured, it was time for some socializing between Mike Kliethermes, Paul Sargent and their spouses .



A sample of the many memories at the party. Photos and event posters were just part of the history.

HACO A 60th

the event (11 counting Matt's); 3 here at the house and 7 joined Matt Olson's Corvair on Main Street. Matt owns a retail business on Main and the Corvairs were invited to park in front of it.

Scott would like to give many thanks to Cindy, Jessica, Mike, and Sandy for the efforts put into the event. Visiting, perusing, and even some part exchanges made for the perfect day of celebration. Scott appreciated the help as well as everyone that was able to attend.



Once the skies cleared attendees could spread out both inside and outside of Scott's large garage.



ABOVE: A bit younger Mike and Sandy show off their custom printed T-shirts from 1983.
RIGHT: HACO A members check out one of many memory tables.



Lake Afton '25

At the 2024 June MCCA meeting at Lake Afton the club voted to become the Featured Club for the 2025 Lake Afton Show and help sponsor the 2025 event. Jason Pool provided this update on the status of the club involvement in the 2025 show: Several MCCA members attended the WACCC quarterly meeting August 20th. Jason Pool presented them with our \$500 check for MCCA to be the Featured Club (Sponsor) for the 2025 Lake Afton Car Show.

- The show will be June 8, 2025

- The T-Shirts, Dash Plaques and the Event Flyer will have a design of our choosing. MCCA logo, Corvair Pctures and anything else we want. We will need to decide what we want in the next 5-6 months. We don't have to provide artwork but we can provide it if we want to.

- MCCA Members will be able to pre-order shirts and get them prior to the event so we can wear them to the event.

- MCCA will have the premier parking area at the show. Most clubs choose to be in the front two rows near the restrooms but we can choose any place we want.

- We will be asked to provide some volunteers to help prepare the area on the day prior to the show. They go out and mow the walkways, set up cones etc. Last year, there were 10 volunteers and they completed everything in just a few hours.

August Breakfast

Mark Welte posted this report on the August MCCA event on Facebook, "I finally made it to a monthly MCCA Breakfast this morning; it's been a while. Turnout was unusually light however. Glad I was able to make it — Marcus Trotter and I had a great visit. All two of us. Sitting at a table for 20."

There will be no MCCA Breakfast/Road Trip event in September because the club is hosting the Great Plains Corvair Roundup that weekend. The Breakfast/Road Trip will resume in October. Check out the Facebook page and October newsletter for details.

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 September 14th meeting. So bring your appetite and join your friends starting at 5:30-6.

HACOA Tech Session

Working Tech Session & Front Yard Car Show Saturday, September 14, 2024 12:00 – 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 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



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Perfect balance with on Early and one Late Corvair at the Show and Shine. Marcus Trotter photo.

Sept. First Friday

Bill Smith and Terry Kalp drove Corvairs to the September First Friday show and shine at Central and West on September 6th. The beautiful evening brought out a parking lot full of cars for the show and shine. MCCA members joining Bill and Terry at the show were Marcus Trotter, the Jason Pool family and the Nick Pool family.

The October First Friday event will be October 4th. 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.



Bill Smith shows Terry Kalp the air cleaner assembly that he recently painted for his present project Corvair at the Central and West show and shine. Marcus Trotter photo.



E V E N T S

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 22, 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 October 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 ?? Contact Terry Kalp 316-882-3056 or Marcus Trotter 316-214-6419

October 26, 2024: Saturday October MCCA Breakfast/Road Trip. TBA. Contact Marcus Trotter 316-214-6419.

November 9, 2024: Saturday November MCCA Regular meeting at the Oaklawn Activity Center. Pre-Meeting eating at 5:30-6 meeting at 7. Contact Marcus Trotter 316-214-6419

Ran When Parked




This Ran When Parked. A 1962 Chevrolet Corvair Monza Posted on the Corvair Community Facebook page by Joshua Thomas. Send your Ran When Parked photos to tkalp@cox.net.

Ten Years Ago



Ten Years Ago Travis Bolton kicks up a little dirt as he works to find the quickest path around the Marshalltown go kart track in Terry Kalp's Shark. During the test and tune day on Saturday Travis and Dominique swapped several sets of race tires on and off the Shark to see which combination worked best.

2024 Update. Travis, Dominique Allen and Scott Allison will be taking the Shark to a track event in the Kansas City area on September 22nd.



Sept. Meeting

7 pm

Sept. 14th

**Oaklawn
Activity Center**
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Calendar

Sept. Meeting	Sept. 14
Roundup Mtg.	Sept 22
2024 Great Plains Corvair Roundup Wichita, KS Sept. 27-29	
Oct. First Friday	Oct. 4
Oct. Meeting	Oct. 12
Luna Tuna	Oct. 19
Oct Road Trip/ Breakfast	Oct. 26