

The Flat Six Journal

Mid Continent Corvair Association Newsletter

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LEFT: A 1964 Corvair is part of the "Oddities" display at The Garage Automotive Museum in Salina. **BELOW:** Another part of the display was this experimental electric vehicle dressed up as an UFO. **BOTTOM:** This "Oddity" is a Corbin Sparrow. A fleet of these single seat, electric, commuter cars appeared in the Austin Powers "Goldmember" movie.



October Packed

One might think with the Great Plains Roundup taking place the last weekend in September there would be a break in Corvair Activities for MCCA members

It wasn't to be. October started out with the last First Friday on October 4th. The 10th-13th was the

vintage races at Lake of the Ozarks (see story on pg. 2) This overlapped with the October MCCA meeting on the 12th. The 19th was Luna Tuna. The Great Plains Corvair Roundup Swap Meet was in OKC on the 26th. Thinking they needed more Corvair Activity, Terry Kalp and Mark Welte headed to Pratt to pick up a '64 8-door Van on the 27th..

November is a little calmer with the regular meeting this Saturday and Breakfast at Stearman Field on the 23rd.

There is no meeting in December, however on the 7th there will be a mid-afternoon meal at Applebee's in Derby and then participate in the Derby Christmas Parade that evening.



Nov. Meeting

**Saturday,
Nov. 9th 7 pm**

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

Pre-meeting Eating At Hog Wild

Some MCCA members will be gathering at Hog Wild Bar-B-Q at 630 E. 47th St. South, Wichita, to eat before the November 9th meeting. So bring your appetite and join your friends starting at 5:30-6.



Michael LeVeque's Stinger fights traffic during a heat race at OIR.

Ozarks Vintage Races

By Terry Kalp

Early in the morning on October 11th, I headed North in my Solstice to pick up Scott Allison in Belton, Mo. Since the weather was fantastic, we dropped the top on the little red roadster and headed to the Lake of the Ozarks for a weekend of vintage road racing.

The races were held at the Ozarks International Raceway (OIR) at Gravois Mills, MO. OIR is a fairly new track. The course the vintage racers were using was 3.97 miles with 19 turns (most blind) and an elevation change of 1200 feet.

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.

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Four Vintage racing associations got together to rent the track and put on the races.

Scott and I were pit crew for Michael LeVeque and his Yenke Stinger 160. There were three other Corvairs racing in the same heats as Michael.

It was Michael's first time at OIR and learning the track was a challenge. After some practice laps and a couple heat races he was shaving seconds off his lap time. His best lap time was under three minutes. Engine failure with the top half of #3 cylinder disappearing ended the racing early.

The start of the initial Great Plains Roundup Swap Meet was a bit chilly, jacket weather. By noon the sun was in full force and most were moving around in shirt sleeves. The parking lot of the CE Page Building was an excellent spot for the meet.



Roundup Swap Meet Has a Successful Start

The Central Oklahoma Corvair Association and The Great Plains Roundup Group hosted an outstanding initial, Corvair parts only swap meet. The meet was held Saturday, October 26, at the Wiley Post Airport, CE Page

Building in Bethany OK, MCCA members Dennis Fuller, Scott Allison, Kim and Doug French went down on Friday. Heading out early Saturday were Terry Kalp and Mark Welte. Marcus Trotter and Bill Smith showed up later.

With a couple dozen vendors and many buyers a lot of Corvair parts changed hands during the day. Plans are in the works for next year's event.

Check out Dennis Fuller's Swap Meet story on page 6.



Travis Bolton also had this rare Turbo oil bath air cleaner setup for sale. Surprisingly another vendor also had one. This one went home with Mark Welte.



Travis Bolton had a complete Judson supercharger setup for sale.



With typical Oklahoma hospitality, COCA provided everyone with a tasty lunch and a great spot to eat it.



Luna Tuna Lunch was a feast. For the main course there were a couple kinds of Chili and a pot of Minestrone soup. In addition there were the makings for Frito Chili Pies, Chili dogs, and a bunch of desserts.



Mike Dawson shows Bob Ference how to turn a non-working fuel pump into a "dummy" pump.

Luna Tuna 24

By Terry Kalp

There was a lot of Corvair work completed at the October 19th Luna Tuna. Corvair enthusiasts from as far away as Oklahoma City and Kansas City gathered at the Kalp Shop north of Valley Center, KS.

The day started out dry, but cool then warmed up as the day went on. One of the first major projects was the transfer of a huge vintage engine analyzer from the back of Carl Weaver's pickup to the bed of the pickup taking it to a new home in Oklahoma. After a lot of thought and discussion it move was a success.

The other complex project was a EM coupe hauled in on a trailer by Karl and Rhonda Kocher. A recent purchase, Karl had gotten it running, but it needed a fuel tank and to find reverse gear. Once Karl got it unloaded and onto the 4-post lift, Scott Allison jumped in to help. The shifting issue was determined to be a worn pin that attached the shift coupler to the transmission. A new pin was sourced and installed, problem solved.



Bob installs the "dummy" pump to replace the leaking manual pump in his Spyder. He already had an electric pump installed in his fuel system.



Rhonda Kocher holds the ladder for Scott Allison as he assists Randy Wier and Karl Kocher install a gas tank in Karl's EM coupe. The group also solved shifting issues.



Karl Kocher chases down a missing J bolt for his gas tank installation project. Luckily one of the parts cars in the Kalp Kompound had the required part and it was fairly easy to get to.

A used tank from the Kalp stash was selected and installed. The installation was complicated by the fact the filler neck was already installed in the Corvair. Randy Wier and others pitched in to finish the task.

Lunch was the traditional Luna Tuna fare, chili and soups.

There were fixings for chili straight, chili dogs or Frito chili pie. An excellent selection of cookies, cake and pie covered the dessert portion of the meal.

The next MCCA Tuna will be Cold Tuna. It will be held at the Kalp Shop on February 15, 2025. Everyone is welcome.



Jay Allen uses a special tool to pack grease in new bearings for his newly aquired travel trailer.

Edwin Butier was able to drop by the Tuna long enough to replace his outer sway bar bushings and a bent retainer on his '66 Turbo Corsa. A student at McPherson College, Edwin was to hurry back to Homecoming. He plays Trombone in the Pep Band for the football game.



OKC Adventure

By Dennis Fuller

I decided to go to the OKC swap meet on Oct 26. Was going to tow bar the 63 convertible down there, but decided to use my 'NEW' trailer. One tire was low and would not air up. I replaced it with a tire off my other trailer.

Headed south Friday afternoon. The trailer tires were not balanced, "or not round". Then the front tires on the trailer started to shed chunks of rubber. Other drivers were signaling me to pull over. As I began to slow down, the right front tire lost about 2 feet of tread which caused an extremely vibratory experience until I could get stopped.

The vibration caused the magnetic lights to bounce loose and drag on the ground destroying one of them. All the tires still held air so I limped along at about 39 mph, 'minimum speed 40 on interstate' for 20 miles to Perry Ok. found a truck stop that had 1 tire that would fit. Note: mobile home tires are 14.5" rims. \$100 installed. Was able to go 55 mph without too much vibration. Made it to the hotel which was close to swap meet venue.

Next morning made it to swap meet with no further issues. I now had to find more trailer tires. I called several mobile home dealers, and repair shops. Nobody had any or knew where to get them. I finally got the number of a guy that moves mobile homes. He said "Yeah, as I've got 7 of them on my truck but, I'm at the casino. You'll have to wait till we get home. Finally, after waiting 3 hours, I was able to get 4 good tires mounted for \$45 each. Headed home believing all the drama was over.

I was wrong. In the midst of I-35 traffic someone changed lanes and braked hard in front of me, when I slammed on my brakes I felt a strange thud. looking in the mirror the car was much closer to my truck than it should be. The car had slid forward on the trailer till the front wheels were no longer on the trailer. I knew my minimum turning radius had just increased by quite a bit. There was a parking area ahead where I was able to pull over with no sharp turns. I tried to back the car on to the trailer but that wasn't going to happen. I could have gotten home with no problem because it was interstate the whole way. BUT! I needed gas. I made it back to Perry OK. where the



A quick stop caused the convertible to shift forward.

truck stop had enough room for my wide turns to the gas pump. Made it home safely.

Next day I placed a floor jack under the trailer tongue, (car was on top of trailer jack) jacked up trailer moved the truck and put Cinder blocks under the front wheels of the car and lowered the tongue until I could back the car onto the trailer. Reconnected trailer to truck and unloaded the car. the car does not appear damaged other than minor scrapes underneath.

Oh yeah. This is a report on the swap meet. The event went well. There were about 20 vendors with a variety of parts, 2 cars for sale, and lots of Corvair friends. I could have used more 'buyers' but a pretty good showing for the first time. The vendors all got breakfast muffins and hotdogs for lunch. In spite of my best efforts I had a really good time. I sold enough items to pay for the trip.(except for the tires). A good time was had by all and I'm ready to do it again next year. The car slid forward because the vibrations had caused the strap to come loose. I will have a demonstration of how that happened at the next MCCA meeting.



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2023 Derby Christmas Parade. Derby Informer photo

Nov. Breakfast At Stearman Field

MCCA members will be headed to Benton, KS for breakfast on Saturday, November 23. Their destination will be the Stearman Field Bar and Grill at 14789 SW 30th Street in Benton, KS. The Grill is located on the edge of the airport. Eating will start at 9am.

The **December MCCA event** will be a mid-afternoon meal followed by participation in the Derby, KS Christmas Parade. Members will gather at the Derby Applebee's 1245 N. Rock Road at 3pm to dine. After the meal, the Corvairs will head over to the Derby Panther Stadium 925 E. Madison to get in line for the Derby Christmas Parade which starts at 7pm.

Calendar Photos & Orders Needed

It is time for MCCA members to provide photos of their Corvairs for the 2025 MCCA calendar. There are many club Corvairs that should be in the calendar. Deadline for photos is Thanksgiving. If you have an interest in the calendar project contact Terry at 316-882-3056.

The cost of the calendars should be between \$10-15. Existing photos may be used or new photos can be taken. Terry will take photos of your Corvair if needed. All Photos and orders will need to be to Terry by the end of November.

This is not a fund-raiser the calendars will be sold at cost (\$15-20). If you have questions contact Terry.



E V E N T S

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

November 23, 2024: Saturday November MCCA Breakfast/Road Trip. Stearman Field Bar and Grill 14789 SW 30th St Benton, KS 9am. Contact Marcus Trotter 316-214-6419.

December 7, 2024: Saturday MCCA Lunch and Derby Christmas Parade. Eat at 3 pm at Derby Applebee's 1245 N. Rock Road, Derby, KS. Parade Starts at 6 pm at Panther Stadium 925 E. Madison, Derby. Line up starts at 4:30. Parade winds up at Panther Stadium by 7:30 pm. Contact Marcus Trotter 316-214-6419.

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January 11, 2025: Saturday January MCCA Regular meeting at the Oaklawn Activity Center. Pre-Meeting eating at 5:30-6 meeting at 7.. Contact Marcus Trotter 316-214-6419.

January 25, 2025: Saturday January MCCA Breakfast/Road Trip. TBA. Contact Marcus Trotter 316-214-6419.

February 8, 2025: Saturday MCCA Pre-Spring Fling, Meeting and Mel Award. Spears Restaurant & Pie Shop 4323 W. Maple. Start eating at 6, meeting around 7 pm. Contact Marcus Trotter 316-214-6419

February 15, 2025: Saturday Cold Tuna. This is a great time to work on Corvairs, have a great lunch and socialize 8am Kalp Shop 2140 W 101st street North, Valley Center, KS



This Ran When Parked '60 Corvair was spotted near Pratt, KS when Mark Welte and Terry Kalp were picking up a '64 8-door Corvan. Send your Ran When Parked photos to tkalp@cox.net.

Ten Years Ago



Ten Years Ago: Dan Hagenbuch (in beard) gathers a group around after lunch to school them on the operation of the Sun distributor machine. Mike Garrett (center) provided the distributor. Unfortunately not only was it a F@#d distributor, and electronic so it couldn't be tested.

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Calendar

Nov. Meeting	Nov. 9
Breakfast	Nov. 26
Dinner and Derby Christmas Parade	Dec. 7
No December Meeting	
January Meeting	Jan. 11
Jan. Breakfast	Jan. 25
Pre Spring Fling	Feb. 8
Cold Tuna	Feb. 15