

VairCor

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June meeting in the park

The club gathered at the Sar-Ko-Par Trails Park in Lenexa, Kansas, for our annual meeting in the park. President Kat King started off with member medical updates to include Terry Kalp, Gary Moore, Larry Roberts, Ken Rothove, and Fred Bybee. Most of these fine people are recovering from their setbacks but continue to check in on them as we're all here for each other.

Richard and Spencer King, Kat and Chas's son and grandson, were visitors along with Mike Milam and Patricia Briver, who own a white '66 coupe. The treasurer's report came next, followed by the trophy report with a recap of the Mellies Dustoff and winner of this year's Mellies Cup, Gary Jones. Congratulations!

Our committee reports were fairly low key, with Kat (parade committee) in the early stages of working to get a parade together in St. Joseph. Besides that, social chair Scott had several updates, including a recap of the CORSA convention in California, the upcoming Great Plains Roundup in October, the SCCA Solo Nationals in September, and the CORSA convention in 2027.

Business items discussed included the annual



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Event	Location	Date
HACOA monthly meeting	Paul and Jack's Tavern, North Kansas City, MO	July 8
DACC Homecoming	Ann Arbor, MI	July 10-13
The Great Car Show	WWI Memorial, Kansas City, MO	July 27
HACOA monthly meeting	Paul and Jack's Tavern, North Kansas City, MO	August 12

PRESIDENTS CORNER

The Mellies Cup is awarded at the Dust Off or a special meeting. Each board member (including the president) gets to nominate one member. All nominees will be put on a ballot, and they must be present to win.

Total votes from the members present will declare the winner. In case of a tie, the president will have the final say. Last year's winner will present the trophy to this year's winner. Each winner must attach something to the trophy.

The nominees were:

GARY JONES

CHRIS GREEN

MIKE KLIETHERMES

DWIGHT HAMBY

DON WAGNER

WES MELLIES

Vote taken by all members in attendance.

Board members were only to select one person. Mike was asked to narrow down to one.

Even at that, again this year, it was a tie: GARY JONES and CHRIS GREEN. Since the president has the option to break the tie, I consciously leaned toward my own first choice.

I announced...the winner is : GARY JONES

We congratulated PAUL SERGEANT on his win last year. He presented the Mellies Cup to Gary.

AFTER the Dust - Off at the Mellies, Chas and I arrived home. Then Chas told me, yes, I had announced the winner of the trophy to everybody. I had read the comments of each one that was proposed by members of the board. However, I did not read the comments and reasons for choosing Gary. Duh?

Since many missed the picnic and the presentation, I thought I would share all the compliments the board members said about each nominee. I am also listing the names of the board members who nominated each one (I hope they don't mind). But if it were me, I would want to appreciate each person's complimentary thoughts about me. These are all the comments that came in:

CHRIS GREEN: He has always done a great job with the newsletter.
Keeping us informed with the club news. (Floyd)

CHRIS GREEN: For his work on the newsletter. That keeps us members
informed and in touch. (Stefani)

MIKE KLIETHERMES: He has suggested and taken on many tasks for the club.
He stepped up and accepted the Vice President's role.
He acquired and distributed the club stickers.
He is now working on calendars for the club.
He's also building a Corvair for his wife.
His initiative and risk, show great spirit. (Scott)

WES MELLIES: He seems to be willing to help whomever he can. (Mike K)

CHRIS GREEN: He puts in a lot of work on the newsletter. (Mike K)

DON WAGNER: Always dedicated to the roster and keeping it current. (Mike K)

GARY JONES: Always helpful in repairing and teaching repairs.
Generous with his inventory. (Dwight)

GARY JONES: Towed my car off the highway several times.
Full of knowledge to help. Repaired many issues with my cars.
Found and replaced one of my engines.
Stepped up for many parades, numerous times. (Kat)

DWIGHT HAMBY: He is active with the club. He participates in outings.
Always wanting to learn and see what's out there.
Does not hesitate to ask for help or take suggestions. (Paula)

AGAIN, CONGRATULATIONS GARY !

Corvair Parts and Service Referrals (July 2025)

The following list was submitted by members who have actually used the vendor/service that is listed and would recommend it to other members based on personal experience. Please let me know if you have additions or comments and we will update it regularly.

Engine work:

- **John's Automotive Machine Shop: No crankshaft service, press pistons, etc. 129 S. Mahaffie St., Olathe, KS 913 764-1780**
- **Scott Allison: part time engine refreshing or general tuning. Email: beaminscott@yahoo.com and phone number is 816-506-6892. Would be more interested in educating others but will take on projects as time permits. Available weekends when there aren't family or Corvair activities or I've already got an engine in the shop. Do not have space to take in complete cars overnight.**

Machine Shop Work:

1. **Noland's Cylinder Head Service, 1519 Charlotte St, KC, MO, (816) 471-5167**
2. **Stinger Motorsports, Roanoke, VA (540) 204-0917 (David Clemens)**
3. **Jim Mcconville, Peculiar, MO 816 379-1528 Fabrication & Machine Shop Work**
4. **Crankshaft Service: All Type Parts & Equipment 1041 S. Vista Ave, Independence, 816-796-0909. Also DBA Grindstaff Engines, Inc.**
5. **United Engine Specialists located in Wichita west of the Airport on Kellogg, 316 721-6868. Crankshaft service.**
6. **Precision Crankshaft, 201 SE 16th St, Lee's Summit, MO 816 525-9596**
7. **Schultz Tractor & Machine Services, Clinton, MO, complete machine shop service for engine rebuilding. <https://schultztractor.com/>**
8. **LeVair Performance & Restoration, 336 Shelbyville Hwy, Fayetteville, TN 37334. Email MLevair@sbcglobal.net, Phone (765) 617-9307. Everything Corvair from custom engine work to body and paint.**

General Corvair Repair:

Paul Sergeant – General Corvair maintenance, repair and upgrades. Part time hours. Call/email me and let me know what you need done. I am not currently doing complete engine rebuilds. Contact: 612-940-2854 or paulsgt59@gmail.com.

General Auto Repair (non Corvair)

Steve's Auto, 55th & Raytown Road, Raytown, MO 816 353-8000 Highly recommended by a club member.

Blasting, Plating & Powder Coating.

- **DeTray Plating Works: 10405 E. 11th st., Independence, Missouri 64052**

816-252-8411 www.detrayplating.com e-mail DeTrayPlating@aol.com

- R & J Plating: 775 Cherokee, Leavenworth, KS 913 682-4404
- K.C. Powdercoat: 600 N Dodgion St., Independence, MO 816 252-7009, kcpowdercoat.com
They clean, blast and paint a large range of colors.
- Eagle auto stripping 913-334-6831, (plastic and glass bead media) 7300 Kaw Drive,
Sandblasting and Powder coating: Extreme Blasting, 211 James Rollo Dr, Grain Valley, MO 64029, (816) 847-7771
- Blasting/Powder Coating--Bare Metal, 20203 S. State Route D, Belton, MO, (816) 322-2424
- Plastic Chrome Plating: GCAR, 6812 E. Elk Chattaroy Rd., Chattaroy Washington, 99003,
Email GCAR426@AOL.Com, Website GCARTrim.com, Phone 509-238-4967

Electrical:

Gauge Restoration: Bob Bonds Artistry, 25612 N.E. Colbern Rd.,
Lee's Summit, Missouri 64086, 816-554-1800 1-800-BOB-BOND
www.bobbondart.com e-mail bob@bobbondart.com

Radio and Clocks:

Fred's Classic Auto Radios 7908 Gillette St, Lenexa KS, (913) 599-2303 (HACOA Member)
Corvair Radios: <http://vintage-vibes.com/product-category/Chevy/Corvair/>

Gas tank repair:

Expressway Radiator, 1905 E Truman Rd, (816) 471-1899 (\$125 for clean and seal)

Restoration:

- T T 's Specialites: Restoration and fabrication owner:
- Spray Booth Rental: Eudora Kansas 785-542-3058 www.sprayboothrental.com
- Mike's Auto Body: 816 331-0909, 605 N Scott, Belton, MO
- Custom and Rod Garage: Dan McGrath, 33643 Metcalf Rd. Louisburg, 912 787-4418
- Z's Paintless Dent Repair 230C East North Ave, Belton 816 331-1965
- MAACO: Good paint job over your prep work for \$1K+, you get what you pay for. Check locations but a good one is 8916 Troost, KC, MO 816 333-7127, Andy or CJ.
- Body and Painting as part time work: Rick Ethington 816 510-0146
- Empire Automotive, 633 Southwest Blvd, KCK, www.empire-automotive-kc.com
- Sean Arcidino with Atomic Collision at Truman & Prospect at (816) 214-6465

Apparel:

Corvair Girl: Teresa Miller (515) 520-7209 <http://jtvairs.com/corvairgirl.html>

Appraisal:

1. Classic Auto Appraisals, 12311 E 47th Terrace S, Indep MO (816) 456-6102 (Gary C. Sparks)
2. Antique Auto Appraisal, 1208 Main St, Blue Springs, MO (816) 229-5240 (C. David Evans)

Insurance:

Hagerty: (877) 922-9701 <https://www.hagerty.com/>

J.C. Taylor: 800 345-8290 www.JCTaylor.com

Parts:

1. Ken Ragan (used) Parts, Amsoil Dealer 913 422-5778 Bonner Springs, KS
2. Clarks Corvair Parts <http://www.corvair.com/user-cgi/main> (new and used)
3. John's Corvair Parts, 1264 Walnut St, Stoneboro, PA, (814) 336-9033 (John Sweet)
<http://johnscorvairparts.vpweb.com>
4. Original style Corvair shroud bolts: www.fastenal.com At least 3 of the main bolts are available, maybe more.
6. California Corvairs
7. mikescorvairparts.com
8. Great plug wires (and other items) from Seth Emerson sethracer@aol.com
9. Thicker pink gaskets: John Sweet, js189@zoominternet.net
10. Fasteners: <https://www.restorationspecialties.com>
11. Brake specialists: For relining original Corvair brake shoes: AA Wheel 717 E. 16th Avenue North Kansas City, MO (just off 210 Hwy.) (816) 221-9556: Wyman
12. John Sweet: js189@zoominternet.net or ebay store at https://www.ebay.com/sch/i.html?_nkw=johns+corvair+parts&_sacat=0

Welding: Chris Watkins owner of CNA Performance 1421 Minnesota Ave in KCK 66102, Phone 913-371-0055 (shop) and 913-907-0880 (cell) He does excellent welding.

Welding gases, exchange bottles. Gary Jones (HACOA Member) 816 916-6749

Seat Belts: Good quality, low price. www.AndoverRestraints.com Click on "Corvair Seat Belts" for choice of style.

Tools: www.bluechiptools.com Custom Corvair tools, Russ Davis 757 642-0665

R. J. Tools Custom Corvair tools, Rex Johnson 503 871-8099

Ken Ragan has HACOA's loaner tool collection 913 909-2006

Gasket Type Windshield Replacement:

Discount Auto Glass 6020 Merriam Dr, Shawnee, KS. 913 599-4527 Ask for Sam.

J and C Auto Glass 9909 E 63 ST. Raytown MO 34133 816.813.9223 (early, FC & late)

Race Tires and Supplies: KC Raceware, Charlie Clark, 816 257-7305

Scrap metal hauled off: Don 816 509-0716

Water Jet Metal Cutting: Gieske Metal Fabricators, 1724 Washington, K.C. Mo www.gieske.com

Metal by the Foot: Anything metal cut to your lengths, scrap pieces, hardware & tools. 3600 Truman Rd. www.metalbythefoot.com

Upholstery:

1. Grandview Upholstery, 12827 7th Street, Grandview, MO (816) 965-9505 (Natalie)

2 North Kansas City Auto Trim, 1411 Swift Ave. (816) 471-3350

3 Gladstone Auto Trim www.gladstoneautotrim.com/

4. Taylor West (HACOA Member) taylor.west@hotmail.com 816 896-2240

License Plate Restoration: Loretta Dungan, email is loretta.dungan@gmail.com and mailing address is 142 Santa Fe, Lawson, MO 64062.

State Inspection: For those that tag their Corvair with regular tags instead of Historical tags, Cable Dahmer Chevrolet will do the state inspection for free.

GPCRU/CORSA event planning adviser: there is lots of info to share. Scott Allison beaminscott@yahoo.com

Car Transport

R.A.M. Transport LLC 614 318-9016 193 E Main St, Unit 202, Chillicothe, OH 45601

Name Tags for HACOA members. High quality color with our club logo. \$16, Order from Dean's Trophy in Belton: <https://deanskc.com/> (phone or email). Mike Dawson or Scott Allison can deliver them to the meeting.

Window Decals. Window stickers sporting the HACOA 60th anniversary logo are available from Michael Kliethermes; \$3 each or 2 for \$5.

June meeting in the park, continued from page 1

Christmas party on December 5th at St. Andrews Golf Club, with a cost of \$40 per attendee. After the results of our May charity auction, the club voted to donate to The Shop by Build Trybe, a local vocational program. Additionally, the club also voted to set the social reimbursement cost to \$100 for those who host a social event.

After voting and approvals, Kat motioned to adjourn the meeting and everyone spent time socializing. Our next meeting will be on July 8th.



Classifieds

The Tool Crib

Club tools for rent

Contact: Ken Ragan

212 Warner Rd, Bonner Springs, KS 66012

913-422-5778 E-mail: kenrragan@gmail.net

Tool	Deposit	Monthly rental fee
Harmonic balancer puller	\$3.00	\$1.00
Ramps, auto	\$4.00	\$1.00
Torque wrenches		
½ inch drive 20-150 ft/lb	\$15.00	\$2.00
¾ inch drive 100-1000 in/lb	\$15.00	\$2.00
Floor jacks and stands	\$25.00	\$3.50
Ring grove cleaner	\$3.00	\$1.00
Dwell/tach meter	\$5.00	\$1.00
Greaser: Fan and idler bearing	\$5.00	\$1.00
Ken's advice	\$.02	Grain of salt
Hubs: Rear (towing LM PowerGlide)	\$5.00	\$1.00
Pushrod tube extractor	\$10.00	\$2.00

NEW internally regulated
63 amp Corvair alternators
\$110 exchange

Rebuilt Corvair
starters with
solenoid \$130
exchange



Professionally rebuilt Corvair
clutch disc on a welded center
Borg & Beck core with a
thickness of .325" \$65
exchange with same core.




Rebuilt harmonic
balancer
\$110 exchange
for a rebuildable
core




Mike Dawson
mdawson1961@sbcglobal.net
816-322-4057

Reproduced end plates for the 12 and 8
plate oil cooler. These are the two pieces
of sheet metal that help keep all the hot
air from the oil cooler moving out the
bottom instead of back in to the engine
compartment. \$10 each





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taylor.west@hotmail.com 816-896-2240

1963 Corvair/Clam Digger dune buggy for sale. All Corvair running gear and suspension, including 1965 140 HP engine with centermount carburetor, dual point distributor, and electric fuel pump. Running gear includes a '64 4-speed transaxle with transverse spring and new 13 inch tires. Needs some wiring work. Asking \$3,500. Contact Dick Berger 678-650-4246.

Space for rent

Charlie Clark has a spot available in his shop if anyone needs a place to work on their car. The rate is \$220 per month and is available now. Call Charlie 913-432-9630

Spyder 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.



More pictures available!



Classifieds, continued...

Barb and her husband have a 66 Monza coupe for sale in Olathe.

Hasn't run in a few years. See attached pictures. Asking \$1500.

Includes business card signed by Ralph Nader!

Reply to Barb with questions. mamaphish@gmail.com



What's Happening?

Ray Sego is always living his best life. In his latest outing, he is seen here following a first place finish at the Lions Club Car Show in Faucett, Missouri. Congratulations Ray!



Living Community Car Show

Ray strikes again! The Living Community Car Show took place on June 11 in St. Joseph, Missouri. Kat, Chas, and Ray attended.



A Day at the Races (Corvair style)

On Saturday and Sunday June 21st and 22nd, Travis Bolton, Charlie Clark, Dick Berger and Don Cory took their Corvairs to the SCCA autocross in Independence, Missouri. Charlie brought his green Stinger, Don, his “Unsafe” 3.1 liter copper coupe, Travis, his fuel injected turbo Corsa, and Dick brought his 64 maroon Spyder turbo on Saturday and his blue 66 rallycross Monza 110 for Sunday. No fanbelts came off the Corvairs and we got to help a C6 Corvette replace his fanbelt on Sunday. We did get to gloat a little about our 60 year old Chevys having the fanbelt problem sorted and perhaps when the Vette gets to 60, they’ll figure it out for Corvettes too...



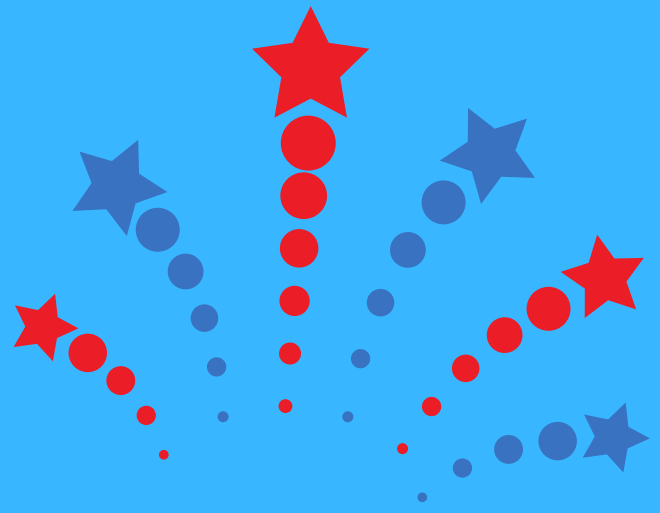
A total of 170 plus cars took part, and all 4 of the Corvairs ran in SCCA race-class C-Prepared (mostly unlimited modifications) and had lots of gawkers and picture takers each day. Don had the fastest Corvair time on Saturday, edging out Travis’ turbo, and then on Sunday looked to be on track to do it again, but Travis turned the tables as his low 59 second run would hold up as Don’s fastest (a mid-58 second lap) was marred by 2 pylons down...Each pylon knocked down adds 2 seconds to the time, so Travis got the “Corvair win”. Charlie finished 3rd both days with Dick bringing up the back both days even with 2 different cars!!!

Travis, Dick, and Charlie are all making plans to attend the 52nd running of the SCCA Solo Nationals in Lincoln, Nebraska, September 1st through the 5th. Dick will take one of his real racecars...Dick needs more practice...



Lights, Camera, Action!

We all know that Corvairs have been in movies over the years. Now one of our own is going to be in the spotlight! Kat's '63 convertible is starring in a movie being produced in St. Joseph that is set to debut on Thanksgiving weekend in November. This might be a good social outing!



Mark your calendars!!!!

HACOA Annual Meeting and Christmas Party

Date: December 5, 2025

Time: Social hour starts at 5:00pm with Cash bar followed by a delicious Buffet dinner and Gift exchange

Location:

St. Andrews Golf Club, 11099 W. 135th St., Overland Park Kansas

Cost: \$40 per person

Please make check payable to HACOA and deliver to Stefani Sergeant

RSVP payment deadline is Nov. 20

We look forward to celebrating together to create lasting memories!



Great Plains Roundup registration!!!!



Contact Information: Janice Hawk

918-344-9389

okhawknest@gmail.com Mail form and
payment to Janice Hawk @ 8435 N 170th

East Ave Owasso, OK 74055

Participant Information:

Name 1 (First, Last) _____

Name 2 (First, Last) _____

Name 3 (First, Last) _____

Name 4 (First, Last) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Club Affiliation _____

Vehicle Information:

Vehicle 1: People's Choice Yes ___ No ___

Model _____

Year _____ Color _____

Vehicle 2: People's Choice Yes ___ No ___

Model _____

Year _____ Color _____

Vehicle 3: People's Choice Yes ___ No ___

Model _____

Year _____ Color _____

Hampton Inn and Suites by Hilton

1811 S. Scissortail Avenue, Claremore, OK, US

918-965-1360 "Great Plains Corvair Round Up"

Rate: \$99/night; Thurs, Fri, & Sat nights

Fees and Registration

Event	Quantity	Total
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*Registration \$25/Family	_____	_____
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*Banquet Buffet \$25

Lasagna w/beef	_____	_____
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Chicken alfredo with	_____	_____
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Gluten free pasta	_____	_____
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*Child Buffet (3-12yrs) \$15

Lasagna	_____	_____
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Chicken Alfredo	_____	_____
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*Valve Cover Race \$5 _____

*Timed Remote Control

Car Races \$5	_____	_____
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*Unisex T-shirts

Child Small \$15	_____	_____
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Child Medium \$15	_____	_____
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Child Large \$15	_____	_____
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Child X-Large \$15	_____	_____
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Adult Small \$16	_____	_____
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Adult Medium \$16	_____	_____
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Adult Large \$16	_____	_____
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Adult X-large \$16	_____	_____
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Adult XX-Large \$18	_____	_____
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Adult XXX-Large \$20	_____	_____
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Adult Ball Cap \$18	_____	_____
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TOTAL FEES _____

Trailer Parking Needed Yes or No

Please note: Registration & T shirt orders due before
Sept. 1, 2025. No Refunds after this date.

July birthdays	
Trish Lee	2
Dwight Hamby	3
Christopher Short	8
Ken Rothove	9
Scott Allison	10
Tabatha Saysoff	10
Steve Smith	12
Teresa Miller	14
Wayne Yost	19
Linda Mellies	26
Terri Gordon	27
Sandy Dawson	29

Happy
Birthday

