

The Flat Six Journal

Mid Continent Corvair Association Newsletter

November 2025



Bill Smith and a whole bunch of friends liberated this '61 Monza sedan from storage at the Kalp Shop. The Corvair had been wedged between two other vehicles for almost 30 years. Bill chose Luna Tuna as the time to extract his prize, so there were many folks around to help. See more photos and an extended story on page 6.

November is the Last Meeting of the Year

MCCA does not have a December meeting, so the November

meeting will be the last meeting for 2025. The November MCCA event will be breakfast at the Easy Egg on West Kellogg.

Although there is no December meeting, there is a December MCCA event. The club is supporting the December 6th Derby, KS Christmas parade. Information on registration and line-up is on page 6 of this newsletter.

We still need more photos for the 2026 MCCA Corvair calendar. Send your photos to Terry Kalp.

A huge thank you to everyone

that made Luna Tuna a great event. Without the help of multiple club members the Tunas would not happen or run as smooth. Thanks.

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 Saturday, November 8th meeting. So bring your appetite and join your friends starting at 5:30-6 on Saturday.

**Nov. Meeting
Saturday,
Nov. 8th, 7 pm**

Oaklawn Activity Center

4904 S. Clifton, Ave.
Wichita, KS

For Sale



FOR SALE 1962 Corvair 95 Rampside \$4,000 Manual transmission Exterior Red with white stripe. Interior color deluxe red. No title! Contact **Celeste Shaffer** 724 664 8728



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Calendar Photos Needed



It is time for MCCA members to provide photos of their Corvairs for the 2026 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.

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 316-882-3056.

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Waking Corvairs

By Dennis Fuller

I had a wonderful time yesterday., October 13th. After a good meal at Kelly's Family Diner on South Broadway, Mark Welte, Terry Kalp, and I went to Lloyd Folger's to get his Corvairs running for the upcoming auction.

After searching and trying "several" sets of keys, we found ignition keys for the three cars. The yellow convertible (Slickee), fired up and ran well without a fuss. The six taillight Corsa required some time on the battery charger, but ran well when we got it started. So far so good.

The SPYDER was less cooperative. After changing and charging the battery. It barely ran long enough to reveal a leaky fuel pump. I found one on a motor nearby but it didn't work. Terry&Mark found some rebuilt pumps, one of which was correct for the Spyder. Installed the pump and it leaked. badly. When looking at the pump it seemed to be assembled incorrectly. Took it apart, looked at it real hard. Put it together correctly, and it worked. sort of, The car was out of gas. There was enough gas for the fuel pumps to leak but not enough to run the engine.

Mark went to the corner Quick Trip and got some gas and finally we got it started. It ran well. All three cars run well. Two of them need new batteries. Couldn't road test them but they all have brakes, and Lloyd took good care of his cars. Between the three of us there was about 150 years of Corvair experience in that garage. Those Corvairs never stood a chance. A very pleasantly frustrating Corvair adventure. Thanks to Mark And Terry for the expert supervision. lol.

The Rest of the Story

On Wednesday, October 22nd Mark Welte and Terry Kalp met up with a representative of the auctioneer at Lloyd's house. Mark and Terry installed the new batteries in two of the Corvairs and prepared them to drive to a storage garage on North Broadway. Slickee had a flat front tire that got aired up after fiddling with Lloyd's compressor. On the first trip Slickee and the Corsa were driven down Broadway. The old gas made them cough and sputter some. The final trip was in the '64 Spyder which ran just fine on fresh gas.



Dennis Fuller removes the stubborn fuel pump on the Spyder one last time.



The 140hp engine in Lloyd's Corsa just required some time on a battery charger to get it fired up.



Mark Welte makes an adjustment on the windshield wiper on Lloyd's Corsa.



Corvair work. Left: Mike Dawson works on Marcus Trotter's Monza. Above: Chris O'Dell is making his EM Coupe more reliable.

Cold Tuna 2025

Friends, Food and Fine Weather

The day dawned a bit cool on October 18th and the crowd was a bit sparse for Luna Tuna. Soon the sun rose higher and the crowd grew.

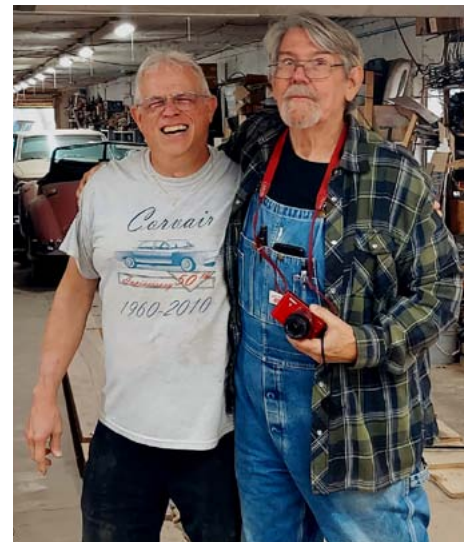
A lot of Corvair work was accomplished. Chris O'Dell had been tinkering with his '64 coupe trying to get it to run better. With

the Corvair expertise available at the Tuna he was able to remedy several problems. His points were cleaned and adjusted, one carb float level was reset, and a broken push rod was replaced with a better one from the Kalp stash. Chris's Corvair arrived on a trailer, but he was able to drive it home on Sunday. A

successful intervention.

Marcus Trotter was also able to improve the operation of his LM 2-door. A valve adjustment got the engine running better while installing the headlight switch and wiper switch cleaned up some dangling wires from under the dash.

A major project was Bill



Tuna time is time to get together with friends. Left: Marcus Trotter and Carl Weaver. Center: Mark Stever and Scott Allison. Right: Scott Allison and Terry Kalp.



The Pot-Luck lunch is a highlight of every Tuna. Left: a hungry group dives into the great selection of soups and sloppy Joe's. Above: Darryl Klaassen fills his plate while saving a spot for dessert.

Friends, Food and Fine Weather

Smith's extraction of his recently purchased '61 Monza from the lean-to at the Kalp Shop. See the photos and story on page 6 for more details.

It was great to meet Nick Foster and check out the sharp EM coupe he has been fixing up over the past three years. Nick is 16 and from South Wichita area.

There were several long distance participants. Keith Hammett drove in from Springfield, MO. Three folks came from the Kansas City Corvair Club, Mike Dawson, Scott Allison and Steve Maloney.

Around noon there was a hearty pot-luck lunch. Chili, sloppy Joe's and a lot of tasty side dishes made sure there were no hunger pains after the meal. A core group of several volunteers helped arrange the food, get all the cups, paper plates and plastic ware ready for the meal. Many thanks to that group, they put in a lot of effort and thought.

The afternoon continued with more Corvair projects. A few folks found some parts the needed from the Kalp stash.

Most importantly there was

time to catch-up with friends and just spend some time around people that share an interest in Corvairs and more. Cold Tuna will be February 21st 2026.



Lonene Ackerman and Tiffany Smith, they are a couple of the reasons the Tuna lunches run so smoothly. Their organizational skills and attention to detail makes sure feeding the participants goes well.



This '61 Monza 4-door has been sleeping in the lean-to at the Kalp Shop for almost 30 years.



Bill Smith purchased the Monza from Terry. Bill's Luna Tuna task was to rescue it from storage



After a quick wash, the Monza appeared in very solid shape even after the years of storage.

Rescued

It took a village and a Jeep to extract a rare bucket seat cloth interior '61 Monza from storage at the Kalp Shop. Bill Smith recently purchased the Monza from Terry and wisely chose Luna Tuna to pull it out of storage.

The problem was that after the Monza had been stored almost 30 years ago, other vehicles had been packed in front and behind the little 4-door. Bill determined the best path was to slide it out sideways. After airing up the tires that would hold air and laying down some plywood to provide a sliding surface, a lot of folks were rounded up to try to move the Corvair. That wasn't very successful. Luckily Keith Hammett came to the rescue with his Jeep CJ. It was short enough to maneuver into the shed and powerful enough to make the Monza slide.

Derby Parade 12/6

MCCA is supporting the December 6th Derby, KS Christmas Parade. The parade will run from 6-7:30 pm. Participants will line up at Panther Stadium 925 E Madison Ave, Derby and will end back at the Stadium. The parade is after dark so decorating your Corvair with lights will make it more visible/

Below is the link to register for the parade on Saturday Dec 6th. For company name put Mid Continent Corvair Association.

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The November MCCA Breakfast will be held at the Easy Egg located at 5700 W. Kellogg Dr. Wichita.

Fall Breakfasts

The October MCCA Breakfast was held at Fat Ernie's 2806 S Hydraulic Ave, Wichita on Saturday, October 25th.. Five members showed up to enjoy a bountiful breakfast.

The November Breakfast will be at the Easy Egg location at 5700 W. Kellogg. The date is set for November 22. Eating starts at 9 am. Easy Egg is a local business that started in Haysville and now has two locations in Wichita. Contact Tiffany Smith 316-631-2108.



Jay Allen, Mark and Darlene Welte, Carl and Sharon Weaver enjoyed a hearty breakfast at Fat Ernie's.



E V E N T S

November 7, 2025: Friday November. First Friday show & Shine at Central and West Streets in Wichita. 5 pm. Contact Tiffany Smith 316-631-2108

November 8, 2025: Saturday November MCCA Regular meeting at the Oaklawn Activity Center. Pre-Meeting eating at 5:30-6 meeting at 7. Contact Tiffany Smith 316-631-2108.

November 15, 2025: Saturday CACOA cook-out at James and Ann Ergenbright home, 13501 SE 74th Street, Oklahoma City, OK. Begins at 4 pm, bring a side dish or dessert..

November 22, 2025: Saturday November Breakfast Easy Egg 5700 W. Kellogg Drive, Wichita, KS. Starts at 9 am. Contact Tiffany Smith 316-631-2108.

No December Meeting:

December 6, 2025: Saturday Derby, KS Christmas parade. Parade lasts from 6-7:30 pm. Line up at Panther Stadium, 925 E. Madison, Derby.. Contact Tiffany Smith 316-631-2108.

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January 10, 2026: Saturday January MCCA Regular meeting at the Oaklawn Activity Center. Pre-Meeting eating at 5:30-6 meeting at 7. Contact Tiffany Smith 316-631-2108.

January 24, 2026: Saturday January Breakfast/Trip TBA. Starts at 9 am. Contact Tiffany Smith 316-631-2108..

Ran When Parked



This Ran When Parked was spotted on the Corvair Owners Group Facebook page by Gary Swiatowy of New York. Send your Ran When Parked photos to tkalp@cox.net.



Calendar

Nov. First Friday	Nov. 7
Nov. Meeting	Nov. 8
COCA Cook out	Nov. 15
Nov. Breakfast	Nov. 22
Derby Parade	Dec. 6
January Meeting	Jan. 10
January Breakfast	Jan. 24
Pre Spring Fling	Feb. 14
Cold Tuna	Feb. 21

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