



MAY MEETING/AUCTION



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Many thanks to Helen Moore for photos!



Event	Location	Date
HACOA Meeting in the Park	Sar Ko Par Trails Park, Meadowlark Shelter, Lenexa, KS	June 9
Juna Tuna	Kalp Kompond, Valley Center, KS	June 20
HACOA monthly meeting	Paul and Jack's Tavern, North Kansas City, MO	July 14

President's Page

Happy Summer!

We had a great auction night on May 12th! Although the weather threatened at first it turned into a beautiful evening. With Bill Bennett as our celebrity auctioneer, we sold lots of stuff including many edible goodies. When all was said and done, the auction netted our selected charities over \$1,200! (I'll let the treasurer provide the exact figures). Good job everybody! Let's beat that number next year and start planning now for our auction in 2027. The board chose to split the auction proceeds between two charities; 1) Midwest Animal Resq (located in Raytown. (www.midwestanimalresq.org) 2) Bikewalk KC (www.bikewalkkc.org) Advocating for kids and a bicycle friendly city. Please check out their websites and see how they are each helping our community in different ways.

I suspect there will be more ink in other parts of this newsletter about our working tech session held on May 23rd at the Dawsons in Belton. I don't have any attendance figures although I know Mike said they had 25+ people signed up. It was nearly the perfect day for working on our Corvairs. Several projects were brought including one car that was brought in on a trailer and presumably drove away. Jessica and Cindy Anders took many photos which I'm sure will be presented elsewhere in the publication. The large project of the day goes to Steve Maloney. He brought his 66 Monza in and dropped the entire drivetrain to replace the bell housing. Big job that looks like it was nearly complete by the time I left. 2nd largest project was Christopher Sperry who had his 67 Monza coupe brought in on a trailer. Mike Dawson had already made a laundry list of what it needed and started trouble shooting by the time I arrived. I helped Christopher install the correct wiring for his Pertronix system and fixed a couple problems with his carburetors. He also got his clutch adjusted. Cindy Anders had a few things working on her car, Kat King had a problem with a door latch and Patrick Reavey got his radio fixed! I apologize if I missed mentioning your project. I know there were others. Lots of good conversation, fellowship and food! Thank you again Mike and Sandy for hosting us all. Also, thanks to our celebrity chef and grill master, Bill Bennett.

Another big THANK YOU goes to Helen and Gary Moore for digging in and securing a location for our 2026 Holiday party. It will be held in the Northland at "The Venue North" 232 NE Barry Road, Kansas City, MO. 64155 (thevenue north.com). Helen and Gary are now busy securing a caterer for our event and I'm sure Helen will keep us posted on their arrangements.

F.Y.I.

Remember our June meeting is in the park. That would be Sar-Ko-Par Trails park just off 87th street in Lenexa. We have the Meadowlark shelter.

I look forward to seeing you all at the park June 9th. Until then I'll get back to work on the Rampside(?) Enjoy the Corvair!

Tech Session Recap

The spring working tech session May 23 brought out 31 HACOIA members and guests, and there were 15 Corvairs on site.

Steve Maloney arrived early to begin pulling the engine and drive-train out of his late model and with off and on assistance was able to replace a cracked converter housing, and drive it home, no longer leaking oil 24 hours a day on Elle St.Clair's driveway. She arrived later in the day to check on his progress. Chris Speer installed the correct wiring for his Pertronix, and with assistance from Paul Sergeant pulled both carburetors in order to replace broken base gaskets and non-functional accelerator pumps. A clutch adjustment was also done. Cindy Morris replaced window weather strips, a rocker trim strip and her A/C unit got a new belt, now ready for its summer charge. Kat King came with son Nathan in his early convertible and after a significant struggle with the door handle which had been installed incorrectly, Nathan removed the panel and installed a missing clip on the control rod. Kat can now exit the passenger door. Patrick Reavy replaced his oil pressure sending unit and from the upside down position and volt meter in hand tracked down a wiring gremlin that was allowing his radio to play at half volume with it turned off. Chris Green spend some shop press time replacing the 4 bushings in two late model rear struts. Vendors charge \$221 (each) for rebuilding those struts. John Martin brought his early convertible and along with changing oil and filter he got some assistance with installing the top boot plus adding the two retainers that were missing.

Terry Kalp from the Wichita club gets the long distance award and many thanks for bringing me a Solstice full of good cores. Scott Allison, Travis Bolton, Don Wagner, Mike Kliethermes, and Paul Sergeant came just to provide assistance, all of which was successful and I'm sure appreciated. Two of our newer members, James Dollar and Wyatt Boyd enjoyed listening, learning, and providing assistance, and we look forward to seeing their Corvairs next time. Others who just came to socialize and enjoy the good weather included Dorthy Morris, son John Morris, Granddaughter Jessica, family friend Dennis Golden, Gary and Helen Moore, Matt and Marti Olson, and Dick Berger with daughter Tara (who we had not seen since the early years of the club, it was fun to catch up).

Special thanks to Bill Bennett with wife Joan who took charge of the grilling and thanks to all the ladies who helped with serving and cleanup. And a "Much Appreciated" to all who brought side dishes, rounding out a fine dining experience.

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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
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for a rebuildable
core



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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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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

Classifieds, continued...

“Burro” buggy frame

Offering this dune-buggy/sand-rail rear sub-frame. Not sure what year. It appears to be a professional jig-&-mig-welded unit, as witnessed by the previously-removed ID plate on the top of the rear frame tube.

Dimensions are:

- 51" OAL, not counting add-on bumper guards;
- 39" wide at front brackets;
- Width of 42-1/2" at shock brackets;
- Main cradle -- 14" high;
- Bottom of cradle to top of shock brackets -- 19-1/2" high;
- Main frame tubes -- 1-1/4" diameter; support tubes -- 1";
- Lower slotted frame-mount pads -- 5-1/2" tall x 2" wide x 1/4" thick at approximate 30° rearward angle.

\$495.00 for everything.

Contact Rodney Rom: 660-679-5807
mtnbikgramp@yahoo.com



What's Happening?

Working Tech Session, continued from page 3

The Morris's brought a remembrance display of Chuck Morris's life and I think this may have been the first tech session at our place that Chuck had missed in 20 years. His passing touched us all but his pride and joy '64 convertible is alive and well in the hands of daughter Cindy.

And as is the custom, everyone who brought cars to work on were able to drive them home!





Are you nuts!??

While reinstalling my cylinder heads, all was going according to plan. Every one of the 12 nuts was tightening like they should with each increasing increment of torque. I know from previous installation that one of my head studs wants to turn so I clamp a vice grip on it to minimize those effects and it's worked well.

On this particular occasion, I was applying the final torque (32 lb/ft) on the aforementioned vice-gripped stud. All of a sudden, I hear (and feel) a 'POP' and the nut is turning very easily. Not good! Since it was later in the night, I decided to stop and look at it in the morning.

Fearing that the stud had for some reason given up the ghost and broke through into the case, I looked at it with fresh eyes the next day. Upon turning the nut, I saw that it was moving but not the stud; that told me the problem was the nut instead of the stud. Whew! I removed the nut and saw that the threads had stripped, which is obviously the popping sound I heard the night before. After grabbing another head nut, I installed it with fresh antiseize and torqued it successfully to 32 lb/ft. Next time maybe I'll spring for new nuts!



Rearview Mirror



Ever thought how wonderful it would be



to adjust your Corvair's steering wheel
as you do your car seat?...

Then make that wish come true at your Chevrolet Dealer's! Pop into a 1966 Corvair with the new Telescopic Steering Wheel. Twist the wheel's center ring, move the wheel in or out to the position you prefer, tighten the center ring. Presto! You've just tailored your Corvair to your arm reach and seating position with a simple flick of the wrist. ■ Whichever position

you choose, you'll find Corvair's Telescopic Steering Wheel as obligingly adaptable to your bidding as your car seat has been. Every driver of your Corvair can customize it to fit his height and weight. Check out your Chevrolet Dealer for proof! ■ *Telescopic Steering Wheel is made by Saginaw Steering Gear Division, General Motors Corporation, Saginaw, Michigan.*

MOTOR TREND/FEBRUARY 1966

2026 Great Plains Corvair Roundup registration

2026 Corvair Great Plains Roundup

September 10-13th - Hosted by Arkansas Corvair Club

Holiday Inn & NWA Convention Center

1500 S. 48th St., Springdale, AR 72762 (\$120/night)*



Registration type and names: Individual Family

Same price for both

	First Name	Last Name
1		
2		
3		
4		

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

CorvairClub _____

(List Corvairs you will bring, below.)

Car #1 - Year _____ Model _____

Body Style _____ Color _____

Car #2 - Year _____ Model _____

Body Style _____ Color _____

Trailer Parking needed (provided at hotel)

*Hotel Reservations: 1-479-751-8300 Ask for

AR Corvair Club Great Plains Roundup Discount Code: CGP

Reservations must be made by August 20th for Roundup Rate

More information and questions? Contact:

Dan Hill - Mobile: 501-231-0201 Email: dan@hill-co.net

Event registration and fees

Event (Early registration ends 8/15/2026)	Quantity	Total
Roundup Registration (\$30.00/ \$40.00 after 8/15)		
Banquet (\$45.00 per person)		
People's Choice Vehicle Display (No charge)		
Valve Cover Races (\$5.00 per entry)		
Timed Remote Control Races (\$5.00 per entry)		
Thursday afternoon cruise (no charge, just rsvp count)		
Friday morning cruise (no charge, just rsvp count)		
Friday welcome dinner (no charge, just rsvp count)		
Order Roundup T-shirts		
(ex. 1 S, 2 2XL, = Quantity 3 Total \$68)		
___S, ___M, ___L, ___XL (\$20)		
___2XL, ___3XL (\$24)		
TOTAL FEES		

PLEASE NOTE: Payment for banquet and t-shirts must be received no later than **August 15, 2026**. No refunds for banquet or t-shirts after August 15.

Checks payable to: Arkansas Corvair Club. Mail payment to:

Dan Hill, 421 S. Dogwood St., Siloam Springs, AR 72761



June birthdays

Corly Allen	6
Erin Curtis	16
Jerry Pentzer	17
John Martin	19
Wilson Liter	20
Marcia Bolton	24
Cliff Carlino	26
Kay Conway	26
Jerry Lentz	26
John Biaggi	27
Edward Park	27
Kelli Pils	30

