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2009 AUCTION VERY SUCCESSFUL

This year's auction was perhaps the most successful auction in the club's history. The donated items brought in \$795.50 and the club added \$4.50 to bring the total to \$800. The proceeds will be split between the CORSA Scholarship Fund and The Turner House, a clinic that reaches out to uninsured and underserved area children. HACO member Dr. Kevin Koch, a volunteer physician at Turner House, gave a quick overview on the operations of the clinic and thanked everyone for their donations.

The auction was, as always, a very enjoyable event. The bidding was spirited and the items were many and diverse. Auctioneer Karl Cozad did his best to keep the auction action focused this year. But due to the amount of donated items, the auction still ran about 30 minutes over.



Karl extorting, I mean exhorting, the crowd to bring the best prices.

The bidding wars were mild, even so the peanut clusters brought a handsome sum. There was something for everyone including many tasty food items, a six pack of the newly re-introduced original recipe Schlitz beer, extension cord holders, a DVD compiled from promotional films made for the introduction of the 1965 Corvair, a Corvair parts and accessories catalog, a Rockin' Santa Claus, chocolate truffles, a George Foreman grill, a Beatles jigsaw puzzle, a Corvair alternator, two "you left your headlights on" warning buzzer kits and even a 1965 Corvair Greenbrier Factory Camper Special Edition Elite Kitchen Sink Deluxe.

The club would like to thank Ray Curtis for donating two certificates worth \$50 off at Raze Computer Repair.

To give Karl a breather the auction was paused at times to award door prizes. The club gave away six raffle tickets for the 1964 Corvair Coupe to be given away at the 2009 CORSA Convention in Jacksonville, Fl. Good luck to the ticket winners. I hear Bob Brought will pick you up at the airport if you win.



Karl auctioning chocolate truffles.



Travis Bolton the proud owner of the kitchen sink.

Schedule of Events

Social Chairperson Mike Dawson

- May 9 Cruisin' Down Memory Lane , Prairie Village KS. (See below)
- May 12 Monthly meeting at Chappell's
- May 17 Northwest Missouri Street Rods 16th Annual Car Show, St. Joseph, MO (See below)
- May 23 Working Tech Session at Mike and Sandy Dawson's (See page 3)
- June 6 Frontier Holidays Festival in Albany MO. (See below)
- June 9 Annual meeting in the park, Sar-Ko park, 87th and Lackman Rd., Lenexa, KS
- June 20 Juna Tuna Mid Continent Corvair Association, Wichita KS.
- June 27 HACO A 45th Anniversary Social, Lawson MO. (See page 8)
- July 13-17 CORSA National Convention in Jacksonville, FL
- August 8 *Are We There Yet* at the American Heartland Theatre in Crown Center. (See page 8)
- August 11 Monthly Meeting at Chappell's
- August 29 Zona Rosa car display
- August 29-30 Iowa Corvair Enthusiasts Fire and Ice Autocross and picnic in Marshalltown, IA
- September 26 Overland Park Parade
- October 2-4 Great Plains Round Up in Wichita, KS
- December 4 HACO A Holiday Party hosted by Kevin and Ada Koch

Cruisin' Down Memory Lane Car Show and Parade

Jack and Elaine Richardson would like to invite other club members to join them at Brighton Gardens, 7105 Mission Road in Prairie Village, Kansas for a event benefitting the *Parkinson Foundation of the Heartland*. This annual spring event is sponsored by the Sunrise Communities. Each year, over 200 car and motorcycle enthusiasts bring out their cherished vehicles for an afternoon show while members of the community enjoy picnic fare, drinks and music. The cars and bikes, escorted by members of local police departments, line up and parade through several communities, ending at the *Buffalo Wings* restaurant for food, drinks and fun. This event is free and open to the public. The car show will be held on May 9th. The show is from 12:00 to 3:30, a photographer will be on hand for commemorative photos of your car (show up early for a good spot). The cruise begins at 4:00. For more information, please call Meg Duggan at 913-341-8828.



Kat King would like to invite other HACO A members to join her in St. Joseph for the Northwest Missouri Street Rods 16th Annual SHOW and SHINE May 17th. The event begins at 8 am at Civic Center Park behind City Hall. For those coming from KC take I-29 north to St. Joseph to Exit 47, Frederick Ave., then west on Frederick to 12th street then south. There is a \$10 per car fee. There will be great prizes, along with other raffles and many car related vendors. The first 50 cars get free T-shirts (featuring Kat's early model coupe) Also free goody bags until they run out. On Saturday the 16th a cruise will start at Terrible's Casino, 777 Winner's Circle in St. Joseph. For more information see flyer in the April *VairCor*

Frontier Holiday-Albany MO

Friday June 5th and Saturday June 6th

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Join Bob and Jean St. John for the events, activities and to display our cars in the parade. The parade starts at 11:00 Saturday morning so get there early. The line forms at the MFA Exchange at the corner of South and Birch streets.

In addition to the parade, the activities Saturday include arts, crafts, antiques, and food booths set up around the courthouse square. A car, motorcycle and antique tractor show sponsored by the Albany Charity Bikers Association and the Albany Chamber of Commerce starts at 8:00 am in the high school parking lot.

The "new" Countryside Motel in Albany 660-726-5633 has been taking reservations from HACO A members but may be full. There are 5 motels in nearby Bethany. The Super 8 Bethany 660-425-8881, and the Family Budget Inn 660-425-7915 or 877-283-4388 have received positive reviews. The Sunset Motel 660-425-7865, Bethany Motel 660-425-6327, and The New Hub Motel-Restaurant-Lounge 660-425-7015 have not been reviewed.

Just across the road from the Countryside Motel you will find Papa's Restaurant and a Subway Sandwich Shop.

Bob St. John's sister Helen Davis and husband Harold have invited club members to their home at 104 North East Street to enjoy ribs and such on Friday evening about 5:00.

Let's show off our Corvairs again.

For more information please contact Bob St. John (816-289-8711), Mike Dawson (816-322-4057). See you there.

Clutch Problem Diagnosis



Anytime a clutch job is undertaken to correct a problem, the cause of the problem must be identified once the transaxle is removed and the parts are available for inspection.

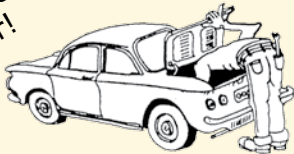
CHATTER: Grease on the clutch disc is the most common culprit; however, a severe leak will make the clutch slip. A leaking clutch shaft seal (or badly cracked release bearing shaft) will allow differential grease to be thrown from the clutch disc hub outward. Keep in mind that a crankshaft seal will leak downward behind the flywheel and out the bottom without getting on the clutch. 60-63 Clutch shaft seals are a smaller size than 64-69, check for the correct size. Clutch chatter can be caused or aggravated by a bad pilot bushing so be sure and change this inexpensive item any time the transaxle is removed, as they take a set while in service (lube them). Rusted or damaged splines on the clutch shaft or the clutch disc can cause chatter. A very tall first gear ratio such as a three speed combined with a 3.27 differential is just looking for any reason to chatter. A very stiff FC clutch cable can also make a minor chatter problem much worse. Although sometimes blamed for chatter, pressure plates seldom are the culprit unless the surface is extremely rough. They would have to have a bad “wrap up strap” to be the basic cause.

FAILURE TO RELEASE COMPLETELY AND SLIPPING: First of course is proper adjustment. I have seen cables adjusted so badly that they were hitting the transmission mount causing all of the free play to be in the cable and not at the release bearing. The correct parts must have been installed, since mismatching early and late clutch parts will cause a no release or no engagement. A disc installed backwards will not release. Some aftermarket discs with riveted hubs will rub on the crankshaft after they wear down, causing a no release. A broken spring in the pressure plate or a bent clutch shaft can cause a no release situation. A good pre-installation check is to install the shaft in the transaxle, then put the disc on the shaft and turn the differential side gears while watching the disc rotate. Rusted splines on a clutch shaft/clutch disc hub can keep the disc from moving away from the flywheel when released. An excess gear lube leak can cause a disc to “suction stick” to the flywheel briefly, and a disc can rust to the flywheel in our humidity when stored a long time. A disc will generally not slip until the material is worn down to the rivets with a normal pressure plate. When installing new parts, it is wise to bolt up the flywheel, disc and pressure plate, then put the assembly in a press and watch the operation, since pressure plate clearance and spring operation will vary with the re-builder.

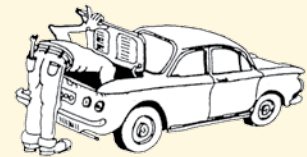
ALL flywheels need to be rebuilt and balanced. If you have a late flywheel surfaced, all of the area on the flywheel must be surfaced or you will have a no engagement or slipping. If you have a pressure place surfaced, it may need to be shimmed to compensate or the clutch will slip prematurely.

Also watch for cracked release bearing shafts which expand and cause the release bearing to drag. Check for badly worn clutch adjusting swivels, clutch cables that are stretched or repaired with the incorrect length, broken welds on the early pedal cross shaft, and numerous other weird things you have inherited from those before you!

Don't forget to
bring a chair!



**Working Tech Session:
May 23, 2009, 12:00 – 6:00
(Rain Date May 24)**



Do you have a running problem, strange noise, hard to spot oil leak? Drop by for help with diagnosis or just come and dig in. Bring your own parts or let me know what you want; I have a fairly extensive supply of maintenance and repair parts. **This is a do it yourself session**, but if you only want to watch or just socialize, come ahead; the bigger turnout the better. Please note the following:

Bring your own hand tools; I will supply Corvair specialty tools, all types of meters and tune up tools, air supply, acetylene torch, wire welder, hydraulic press, etc. (Also supervision if you want it)

Brake replacement requires turning drums: I can have exchange items ready if you let me know ahead of time.

I have eight jack stands and three creepers, first come first serve: you might want to bring your own. Bring a chair unless you just like concrete.

Grilled food, soft drinks and adult beverage will be furnished – please bring a dish or snack to share. A small donation will be requested to cover shop supplies.

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

May Members of the Month Kevin and Ada Koch

It was a bit cloudy the morning Helen and I interviewed Kevin and Ada. It had to be a quick interview. Kevin was scheduled for a 12 hour shift later that morning at the hospital and Ada had a meeting with the neighborhood garden club.

Kevin had the cars ready to photograph, in fact his son RJ had already taken photos just in case the weather wasn't cooperating. Kevin gave a tour of his garage and introduced us to their delightful standard poodle, Guinness.

Helen asked Ada how they met. Ada was living in Washington D.C. at the time and had to make frequent business trips to San Francisco. She usually tried to visit a friend in Chicago on her way through and one time her friend, who was dating a physician, fixed her up with one of her friends. They all went to a party on a yacht at the Columbia Yacht Club just south of Chicago's Navy Pier where Kevin was evidently quite taken with Ada. He only had eyes for her even though some of the other guests on the yacht were Playboy Bunnies.

They have been married 23 years and have three children. Megan attends Boston College and is majoring in communications. Gwen is a music major at New York University studying voice and opera. RJ their son is still at home attending Rochhurst High School.

Kevin is an emergency room physician and also volunteers at the Turner House Clinic for Children. Ada is, among other things, an artist. There are many examples of her work in her home. She has also shown her paintings in museums and galleries in Kansas, Missouri, Iowa and Florence, Italy. Ada teaches oil painting at Artichokes Gallery and is an instructor at the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art. She is the President of the Board for the KC Artist Coalition and the founder of KC's Open Studio, a community wide art event. See her work at www.artistakoch.com.

Now for the Corvair stuff. Kevin learned to drive in his Dad's 1962 Corvair Coupe. Always intrigued by Corvairs, in 1990 he bought a red 1965 Monza Convertible. He joined HACO that year. At his first meeting Karl Cozad became his mentor. Kevin still remembers the older members saying that it was good to have some young blood in the club.

His next car was the 1968 Monza convertible that he bought in Phoenix while on vacation. He purchased an old car guide at a Circle K convenience store and read an ad for a 68 convertible. He made an appointment to take a

look at the car. He could not believe how good it looked, nor how a car that looked that good could run so bad. He called Ada to let her know that he was going to buy the car. Of course she asked him how he was going to get it home. "I'm going to drive it" was his answer. Drive it home he did. When he arrived home he dropped the car off



photograph by RJ Koch

with Mike Dawson. After careful inspection Mike found that the studs holding the heads were loose and couldn't believe Kevin had driven it all the way from Phoenix. The engine was repaired and maintenance was brought up to date giving Kevin one of the nicest 1968 convertibles in the country. The convertible was in the basement of his house during a flood. The water covered most of the car ruining the upholstery and filling the engine with water. Kevin did a series of oil changes until the oil was clear, saving the engine. Kevin had lost a car in a flood before. In the 1977 Plaza flood his 1965 Rambler American was swept away.



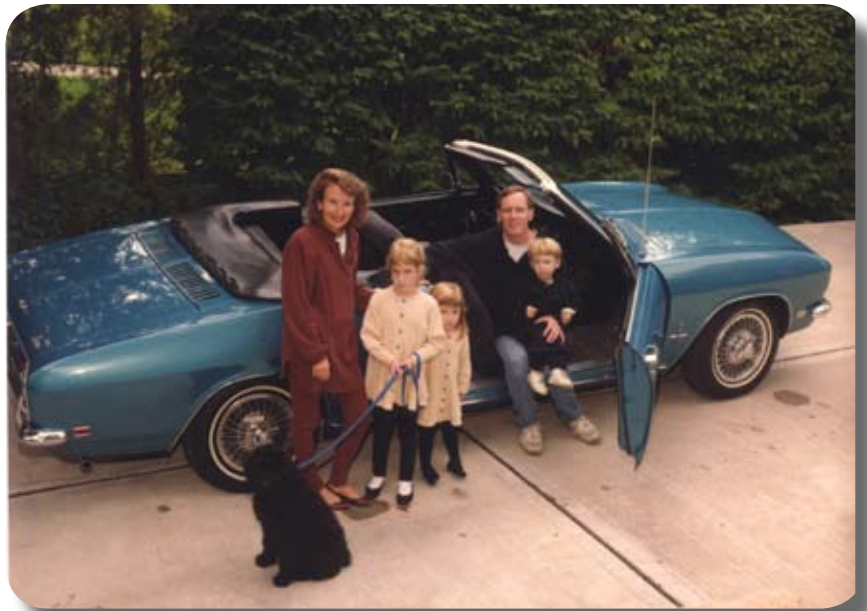
In 1995 Kevin again had a hankering, this time for a Corvair Rampside. He located one near Bonham Texas in the Communique. This time before driving it back he decided to have the truck checked out. He found a service station with a knowledgeable mechanic whose brother owned a Corvair Greenbrier. (Continued page 5)

The truck was tuned up, oil changed, greased and the wheel bearings repacked. Kevin had no trouble returning home. He had the truck ready to enter the Concours competition in the 1998 CORSA Convention in St. Louis, but was disappointed when the event was canceled due to rain.

Kevin's favorite Corvair stories all involve his daughters riding in the back of the convertible during parades wearing their tiaras. Seeing his daughters in the rear view mirror smiling and doing the little princess wave always filled him with pride.

Collecting old Corvair ads and scale models is one of Kevin's hobbies. Along with framed posters and the standard "Corvair Parking Only" sign, he has a neon lighted "Corvair by Chevrolet" sign in his garage.

Another of Kevin's hobbies is beer making. He will presenting a program on that very subject after the May meeting. There may be free samples!



photograph by RJ Koch



Tool Crib

Tool	Deposit	Rental Fee
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For Sale: Rebuilt Corvair alternators converted to 63 amp internally regulated. \$75.00
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FOR SALE:

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1965 Monza Coupe



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!!!



SATURDAY NIGHT CRUISES!!!!

There are cruises every Saturday night through out the warm months. Opportunities to display our cars and hobnob with other enthusiasts of classic cars. The cruises start at 3pm (get there early for a good spot) unless otherwise indicated.

-First Saturday of each month-

Blue Springs on Main Street. We park on the East end of Main Street

-Second Saturday of each month-

North Kansas City behind Chappell's in Fayette Street parking lot.

St. Joseph, MO Belt Highway and Frederick Avenue Cruise Night

6:00 pm Northwest Missouri Street Rods.

-Third Saturday of each month-

Johnny Ray's 800 SW Blue Parkway, Lee's Summit, MO

-Fourth Saturday each month-

Belton Cruise in old downtown Belton. We park at east end of Main Street.

-Last Saturday of the month-

Liberty Square, Liberty MO.

For more information call Bill Bennett @ 816-767-1760

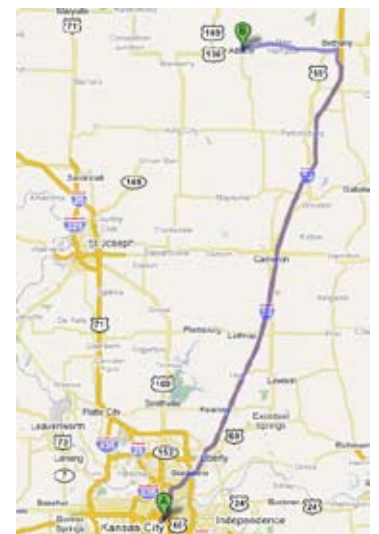
For a listing of 34 local area cruises visit: http://www.hotrod-express.com/local_events.html

A Little Adventure

Jack Hill and I traveled to Peoria, IL on April 28th and 29th to fetch his grandson Nicholas' 1965 Sierra Tan Coupe. Jack and I had a wonderful trip to Peoria. We got there safely and loaded the Corvair onto the trailer. The Corvair, once on the trailer, would not pull forward the last foot. It would just sputter, shudder and die. We just pushed it forward and tied it down. We spent the night with Paula and Larry Roberts, Jack's daughter and her husband. There was a bit of a problem; Paula could not get the men to "focus" on where to eat supper. It was decided that Bob Evans is always a safe choice in these situations. As we were leaving the house a woman rang the doorbell and announced she had backed out of the drive across the street and had run into my truck. I had a look and there was no damage to my truck and only a scuff mark on her SUV. I thanked her for being responsible and told her no harm was done.

The next morning as Jack and I headed back for Missouri, we drove through some pretty thick fog in places. By mid-morning the fog had lifted and the sun was peeping through the clouds. But as we traveled west the sky darkened, about 30 miles from home it started to mist. Then about a mile from Jack's house the mist stopped and it looked like we would be able stay dry while we unloaded. No such luck; we parked in front of Jack's and two steps from the truck the sky opened up. We were on the street and had no other choice but to unload in the deluge. We unhooked the Corvair from its moorings, put down the ramps. Jack climbed up into the driver's seat, but again the car would start but sputter and die when it was put in gear. After several tries Jack was able to get down the ramps and onto the street. The car seemed to perk up as soon as it hit the ground. Jack easily drove it into the garage. We figured the car was being indignant about being trailered. Jack and I were soaked. We changed clothes, enjoyed a few of Donna's excellent chocolate chip cookies and finished the adventure by returning Jack to his truck.

Gary Moore



[Albany maps](#)



From the Past: May 1987 Calendar

SOCIAL REPORT

May 18th is the day of the family picnic and "Shine & Show" car show at the park at 59th & Blue Ridge Cutoff, Raytown Park. This "show" is strictly for fun and it's purpose is to get as many Corvairs as possible in one place at the same time. If your Corvair is good enough to get to the local grocery store, we need it at the picnic.

Prizes will be awarded to 3 Corvairs. The prize of prizes will be awarded to the rattiest of the rat cars. Remember, this car must be tagged and driveable. (Corvair owners do not disobey the laws of the road). A prize will also be awarded to the least ratty rat and not to slight the better cars, there will also be a best of the show award. Judging will be "Peoples Choice" with winners being selected by those attending the picnic.

The picnic will be a pot lick type meal. Each family is requested to bring hamburgers, buns, ect. for their own family and a covered dish for the table. The covered dish should feed 6-8 people. Also bring your own drink and table service.

This is the first time we have tried this type of "car show" and it will take cars and people to make it a success.

BE THERE MAY 18th 3:00pm 59th & BLUE RIDGE CUTOFF

FUTURE PLANS:

Bert & Donna Swift will be hosting a "Gimmack Rally" in June. I'm sure our Rally Master will do his usual good job of showing us the countryside. Final details will be announced at the next meeting and in the Vair-Cor. Keep your Saturdays open.

Plans are in the works for a day of "fun in the sun" at Linn Valley Lake, hosted by Jack & Donna Hill. There will be fishing, swimming, camping, if you want, picnicing and probably a little Corvair talking. The date for this "fun in the sun" day is July 19th. Please mark your calendar and watch the Vair-Cor for more news.

In early August (9th & 10th) the club is planning to travel to Lake Afton to watch the SCGA Road Races and especially Charlie Clark as he races his Green Corvair. Charlie has promised a special place to park our Corvairs and the privilege of participating in the Parade on Sunday. Charlie roadraces through out the season and it should be fun to see him and his Corvair compete.

Late in Aug. (the 27th) is Tiblow Days on Bonner Springs. The Ragans will again host a picnic following the morning parade. We didn't have too many cars in the parade last year and hope that more of you will be able to participate this year. (Binnerites think Ragans own the only Corvairs in the country. Let's prove them wrong this year.) Following the parade will be a feed.

In Sept. the St. John's have planned a tour with a destination of Albany, Mo. Plans for the tour are still rough, but you know St. John's never let you down when it comes to touring! The date is Sept. 27th, with a possibility of the 28th being included.

A progressive dinner will be planned for a date late in Oct. or early Nov. If you could help with this, please let me know.

GINI RAGAN, Social Chairperson.

Announcing the Heart of America Corvair Owners Association Photo Contest

Rules:

Submit a photo of your Corvair in front of a local landmark, your favorite diner or restaurant, a Museum or Gallery, or in the case of my wife the Panache Chocolatier on the Plaza if I ever get a Corvair that will make it that far. The photo does not have to be a recent one. For example a photo of your Corvair in front of Royal's Stadium in 1985 would be great. A photograph in front of Arrowhead last season, not so great.

Prizes:

Well that hasn't been determined as of yet.

The latest date to submit a photo will be at the October 13th regular meeting.

If there is enough interest in the contest the photos will be used in a 2010 HACO A Calendar. The calendars would be sold at cost to HACO A members.

If you have a idea on where you would want to photograph your car, but need assistance, let the newsletter editor know and he will try to work something out.

Submit your pictures by:

A. Emailing them to HACOAnews@gmail.com
Put photo contest in the subject line

B. Giving them to Gary Moore at a meeting

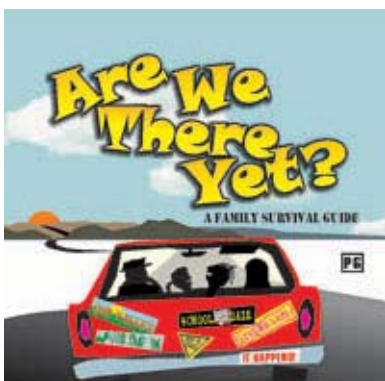
C. Mailing them to: Gary Moore, 17800 Hwy M. Lawson MO 64062

Put HACO A photo contest on the envelope.

Anniversary Social- June 27

The club will be celebrating it's 45th anniversary at the home of Gary and Helen Moore near Lawson MO. The event will start around 1:00, a cruise is planned through Excelsior Springs and Watkins' Mill State Park. A pot luck supper after the cruise should begin around 4:00. We will be supplying the meat. Please bring a side dish, dessert or beverages. There will be a fan belt toss along with other games. I have a pond if you wish to do a little fishing. There will be an anniversary cake!

More details in next month's *VairCor*



We will be traveling to Crown Center's American Heartland Theatre for this year's play. The date is August 8 for a 4 o'clock matinee. The cost is \$23 per ticket, we will reserve 24 seats. Please pay for your tickets before or at the July meeting. If need more information please contact Gary Moore (816-296-7819). [The Liberty Memorial National WWI Museum](http://www.libertynationalmuseum.org) is nearby for those who wish to arrive early for a tour. It has not yet been decided where to meet to eat. If you have a favorite nearby restaurant please suggest it.

From American Heartland Theater, comes a roller coaster ride through the lives of modern American families! This merry musical romp includes everything from hysterical family car trips and mothers praying for hits at their sons' baseball games, to fathers sitting through ballet lessons and the joy of sex after 60! This lively musical portrays the love and challenges of the old adage, "You can pick your friends but you can't pick your family." One thing is for sure, you will definitely relate to this family musical and "enjoy the ride!" <http://www.ahktc.com/>

Great Auction

We had a good turnout of members at the auction and cleared \$795.50. Half of the money will go to the Frank Winchell Memorial Scholarship and half will go the Turner House Children's Clinic. Thank you to all the members for bringing all the items for sale. We gave 6 Raffle Tickets away at the Auction and maybe one of the six winners will win the '64 coupe at the CORSA convention. I think since I have been in the club we have not made that much on the auction. Thank you goes to Karl Cozad for being the auctioneer this year. Super job members! Events to look forward to are May 9th, Brighton Gardens cruise, May 17th, Kat King's Northwest Missouri Street Rods Car Show in St. Joseph, MO, May 23th, Dawson's having us at their house for a work session, and June 6th, Frontier Festival at Albany, MO.

Concerning the Old Shawnee Parade, we have not received any information from them so we are canceling this event.

Check out to see who Gary will have in the next VairCor for the featured couple.

Reserve on your calendar Sat., Oct 10th car display at the Chevrolet Dealership in St. Joseph ... a big event!
See you all at the next club meeting.



Weston Trip

Story by Scott Allison
Photos by Don Wagner



On April 25, 2009 the town of Weston in Missouri held one of its many antique sales in the large barn at the end of town and HACO was invited to join in the event with a car display. Don & Barb Wagner, Jack & Donna Hill, Mike & Sandy Dawson, Tim Macko, and I met in Platte City and after a short visit we all headed over to Weston. Arriving in Weston we learned that some excited shoppers had decided that the reserved display area was exactly where they needed to park. This left us without direction and wondering where to put the cars so that they could be together and viewed. The decision was finally made that we would simply line the cars up on the side of the road at the very end of the route. With the cars now parked, off we went to explore Weston.

The group came back together around noon and we decided to eat lunch at the Weston Café. Just as lunch had arrived I received a call from Tim Leimkuhler who I purchased the 1964 Spyder from out of Springfield, Missouri. Tim was celebrating his birthday in St. Joseph, Missouri with his family. We were very excited to have someone from out of town join us for the event. Tim arrived a few minutes later informing us that a unpleasant situation had happened outside, he suggested that "the owner of the wagon" may want to come outside for a moment.

Mike and I left our lunch barely touched and walked back up to the cars where a group of people had been standing. Almost there we could see why we had been our presence had been requested; someone had accidentally backed into the nose of the pristine wagon. Unfortunately the party responsible had decided to leave the scene.

The rest of the group stayed around for maybe another hour talking and looking over Tim's car which is a factory 140/4-speed with Air Conditioning late model Corsa coupe. It was great that he could join us for the day and it would be great to have him as a club member. Don did take the opportunity to invite Tim to join HACO and CORSA. In total there were nine owners of six Corvairs; three late model convertibles, a station wagon, an early model coupe, and a late model coupe. Had it not been for the incident it would have been a picture perfect day. We hope that Dawson's 1961 Station Wagon is able to quickly recover from the incident with minimal inconvenience, time, and effort from Mike and Sandy. Good luck!





Kevin and Ada Koch's
1968 Monza Convertible
and 1963 Rampside

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