

The Flat Six Journal

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Mid Continent Corvair Association Newsletter April 2008



Featured Corvair for the April Meeting
Corvairs built in April



Notes from the President

Ready for better weather

Well if the weather would ever decide as to what it is going to do we all might be able to start planning to do some road trips with our cars. One day its long pants and a jacket and the next it a tee-shirt and shorts.

Would like for everyone to come up with several idea's for places to take a Sunday road trip with a place along the way to stop and eat. We can discuss some of these and get out and enjoy some fine company and sights along the way. Maybe might even think about doing a picnic in a park so that more of the family can join in (if it ever decides to warm up on a week end). There are plenty of things that we can do, just would like some idea's to share and discuss so that everyone can have a good time. There are always large events that are going on and think that we should come up with some of our own to show off all or our nice cars. It

doesn't seem like it, but Lake Afton and the Tuna are just around the corner so be thinking of these also.

Hope to see everyone Saturday Evening and have a great week.
Bernie



Kansas Underground Salt Museum

One of the MCCA tours in '08 is a trip to the Salt Mine museum in Hutchinson. The trip is set for May 17 for more details see story on pg. 6

April Meeting

Saturday,

April 12th 7pm

Derby Recreational Center, Derby, KS



**March Meeting
2 Late 4 Earlyies**

Classifieds

For Sale :EM parade car. Coupe with the top cut off and doors welded shut. Runs and drives \$200. Contact Norris Andersen , Jamestown, KS Phone 785-243-2879 Cell 785-614-3799. Located near Concordia.

Parts for Sale: Dennis Fuller is cleaning out his garage of Corvair parts. Engines and transaxles, '65 4-speed 3.55 posi. Lots of other parts, just ask. Call 775-9263 Augusta, KS

For Sale 1965 Corsa Convertible. Ebay disappointment. The topside is not bad to look at – but it will require rust reworking on the underside. It is not unsafe, however. It has a header exhaust system, not a stock 140 system (with heaters). It also has the telescoping wood wheel. \$4,500. Karl Cozad 816-741-2696 or



kcozad@sprintmail.com Terry Kalp has additional photos of the top and the bottom.

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“Dumb Move” from a Smart Corvair owner

By Larry Lee

In my work I often try to help parents refer to the mistakes their kids make as “a dumb move for a smart kid like you”. Working on my Corvairs throws that lesson back at me. Not sure about the smart part at times, but sure do experience those “dumb moves”. The latest dumb move has to do with the lower vent tube. In starting to reassemble a 66 140, I asked a pro to help. In addition to other help, Duane pointed out the vent tube was not sticking up thru the turkey roaster. He advised I will need to remove that upper shroud and get the vent tube in place. I searched the garage, check boxes used to transport parts to the latest Tuna, & checked my sky hooks. Checking the pictures taken of the “before” condition of the engine, the tube was shown in place proudly sticking up in place, dirty but unbowed amidst the rat droppings of a “barn fresh” engine. So....search the shop again. I give up, I’ll wait ‘til next Saturday and go see if Terry has one. Meanwhile, Clark’s shows the retainer (c2032) for \$9, the clamp (cx3500) for \$12.60, the upper tube for \$19.80 and a picture of the lower tube, but no tube for sale. Oops. Does that mean nobody else has made such dumb move as to lose the thing? Saturday comes. Terry has one! and finds it in 2 minutes! Hooray, next week end I’ll clean it up, take the turkey roaster off, and install it. Can’t wait, Thursday morning I pull off the roaster. **d u m b f e e l i n g**. There it is, on the engine, turned 90 degrees, retainer intact, hiding. So, clean it up, rubber washer is brittle, but a plumbing faucet washer fits fine, and it is re installed, and turkey roaster in place! Plus

have a nice cleaned up tube to give back to Terry. Later we will find out if the next “dumb move” has to do with how much stink a faucet washer makes when it gets hot with no water in sight.

WANTED

Your Corvair stories, tech tips and any ideas for the MCCA newsletter.

Send to Terry Kalp, 621 N. Birch, Valley Center, KS 67147, or Call 316-755-2458



One of the dinosaur tracks found in the National park in Glen Rose site of Heart of Texas ‘08

Heart of Texas

Heart of Texas Roundup in Glen Rose TX on April 18-20, 2008. Hosted by North Texas Corvair Association. Come to Dinosaur Valley for Friday night complementary hot dogs on the grill. Saturday funkhana, car display, and Dinosaur State Park. Early dinner with awards followed by a drive-in movie. Sunday farewell breakfast. Pre-registration \$16, day of show \$18.

Host hotel Glen Rose Inn & Suites, 254/897-2940, mention Corvair for \$64 rate.

Contact: Scott Netherton
Address: 4105 Crest Ct.,
Colleyville TX 76034
Phone: 817/721-7135

CO Tri-State

Tri-State Corvair Meet at Pagosa Springs, CO on May 16-18, 2008 presented by Rocky Mountain Corsa

Come to Pagosa Springs, nestled in the valley of the San Juan Mountains. Registration Friday, Saturday people’s choice car show and banquet. Near to hot springs pool, Chimney Rock formation tour, wildlife park, hiking trails, art museums and so much more!

Host hotel is Oak Ridge Lodge, 1-866-4-Pagosa, mention Corvair club and reserve by April 1st for \$65-\$71 group rate. Contact Laura Wilshire, 303/828-4203, lwredvair@comcast.net.

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Corvair Cruise on Route 66

The OKC and Tulsa clubs are planning a Route 66 cruise and dinner on Saturday, May 10th. The OKC club is meeting at Pops (<http://www.pops66.com/>) at 11:30 and then cruising down the “mother road” to the Rock Café in Stroud, OK (<http://www.oklahomaroute66.com/preservation/rockcafe.html>). That’s where we’ll meet the Tulsa club and have some eats.

A few months ago, Kathy and I visited OKC for their Roundup planning meeting and some sightseeing. We cruised down a stretch of Route 66 on the way home. We stopped at Pops. It is basically a gas station/convience store, but with a little twist. They have many, many different types of pop. There were many that I never heard of before. We picked out a six pack of different flavors. The girls are really looking forward to our return to Pops.

The road itself is in very good condition. There are still many roadside attractions that are something other than common. The terrain is not Kansas flat either. There are nice gentle rolling hills east of the Interstate. The road is truly part of the land, not just cutting through it.

The Rock Café is another of those special Route 66 attractions. It was literally built from the rock cleared to

make the road. It is filled with some very special décor and serves some good food. For trivia buffs, Garth Brooks use to work there.

I’m planning to leave for Pops around 9:00 AM so I’ll have plenty of time to shop. If anyone else is interested in going, let me know and we can meet at the DRC and cruise down together.

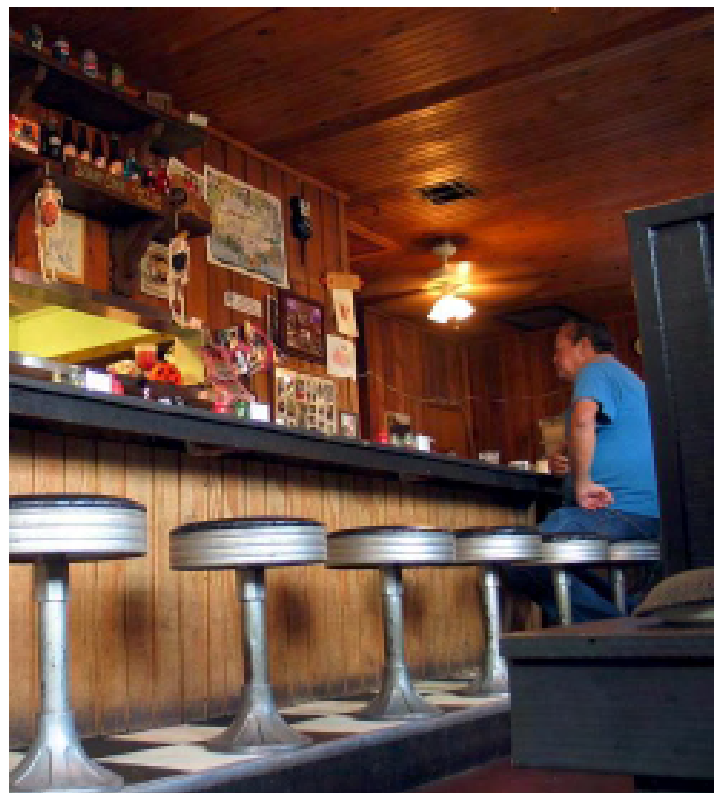
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ABOVE: Typical neon signage for the 1950’s a period when Route 66 was a booming main traffic way thru Oklahoma from LA to Chicago.



Some of the wall decorations at the Rock Cafe hold special significance to certain MCCA members.



“ This photo (of the bar) also gives a hint about all the stuff that decorate the wood-paneled walls.”

- Michael Stern

Hutch Salt Mine tour planned



Kansas Underground Salt Museum

MCCA is planning a roadtrip to Hutchinson to tour the recently opened Salt Mine museum on Saturday May 17. More details will be provided at the April and May meetings and newsletter. The following is some information from Roadsideamerica.com on the museum.

The people of Hutchinson, Kansas, have been laboring for years to turn a salt mine into a must-visit tourist attraction. Beginning on May 1, 2007, their considerable effort and outlay — upwards of \$13 million — will be put to the test with the opening of the Kansas Underground Salt Museum.

Hutchinson sits atop the richest vein of salt in the U.S. — 400 feet thick in places — which extends all the way into Oklahoma, Texas, and even New Mexico. The Museum occupies only a fraction of the mine's vast network of underground galleries, yet even this subset would reportedly stretch 67 miles if laid end-to-end.

If you've ever wondered what it would be like to be sealed inside a giant, solid block of salt, hundreds of feet below the Kansas prairie, you really should go here.

This is also still a working mine, as well as an immense storage facility. Large corporations take advantage of its mild, unvarying temperature and humidity to archive warehouses full of records. Hollywood, too, uses it to store prints of its more valuable films. These activities are in remote galleries, far from the museum tour, and motion detectors — a budget item in that \$13 million — will alert guards to anyone who strays into off-limits areas. People will also be prevented from, say, walking to New Mexico, or from sneaking off to find and conquer the Mole People

or the Morlocks.

"You can totally get lost in there," says Jessica Miller, a spokeswoman for the Museum's PR firm who has already toured the Museum.

Visitors will travel 65 stories down in a pitch black elevator, a 90-second trip that Jessica concedes is the "most uncomfortable" part of the two-hour tour. Once below, they will be free to walk around in a lit area that will have exhibits, a gift shop, and a snack bar, all blasted out of the salt block, and all of which are slated for completion by the end of the year.

The heart of the tour is "The Dark Ride," a tram that weaves among the pillars of salt that support the ceilings of the sprawling adjacent galleries, lit only by its headlights and whatever flashlights are on hand (Fantastic Caverns in Springfield, Missouri, has a similar "ride-thru" tour). "It's not tunnels like you might expect," says Jessica. "It has high ceilings, not like a coal mine." Photos make it look like a giant, empty parking garage made of salt. With the lights off, however, the effect should be eerie and memorable.

The Museum's above-ground visitor's center is still under construction, and the Museum stresses that what people will see beginning May 1 are "preview tours," with the official opening not scheduled until early 2008. Still, we applaud the effort to get people down into the salt mine as quickly as possible, if only to show that it's not at all like the dreary workplaces to which salt mines are frequently compared. "It is beautiful, amazing, breathtaking," says Jessica, "It's nothing like any other museum anywhere."



Kansas Underground Salt Museum

Celebrating the Corvair's 50th anniversary

Corvair Caravan to Iowa in 2010

The following is an edited/augmented post that Tim Mahler, CORSA President, made on efforts to organize an all Corvair Caravan to the 2010 CORSA Convention.

2010 is the 50th anniversary of the Corvair . The 2010 CORSA convention is in the middle of the United States — (OK not quite, but close enough) . Other groups/clubs, including many CORSA Chapters, organize caravans to conventions Plans are underway for a caravan of Corvairs coming from all the coasts to end up in Cedar Rapids, Iowa for the 2010 International Corvair Society of America convention. .

Three or Four people have started the thought process — general guidelines are what is desired, a couple of maps locating all the CORSA chapters have been made to help identify possible travel routes, especially if it is decided to go out 2-3 days travel time. Lots of organizing still needed. It would be best to keep it simple — cruise-in to the stop-over town the night before, maybe a DJ, etc. meeting locations along the routes so people could join along the way. It is a great way to have Fun, organize the many chapter caravans into a single caravan to the Convention by determining 2-4 general meeting areas for the final days travel to the convention.

Of course, publicity — to all the chapters AND the general public will need to be done. Lots of things, details to be decided, coordinated such as meeting place activities, times, location for joining the caravan (if the caravan stops, be nice if food/interesting stopping point, right?) Flags/decals/dash plaques? how to pay for any expenses, etc. Plan 1 day from 3 locations to travel to Iowa or branch further out ? But the maps are a great start and REALLY help see potential routes. The chapters are the bloodline to really make this work since many already caravan in smaller groups and are already planning to attend, or help travelers. — oh, trailered or driven is OK in my books. Is the having fun getting there, that counts. Besides, I know the value of a available trailer when a car decides it doesn't want to be driven anymore.

There is a Caravan yahoo Group that was set up to discuss items. contact me off line if you want to help. General ideas could be posted to me, or the chapters

email list. Plenty of time, but time flies when you are having fun.

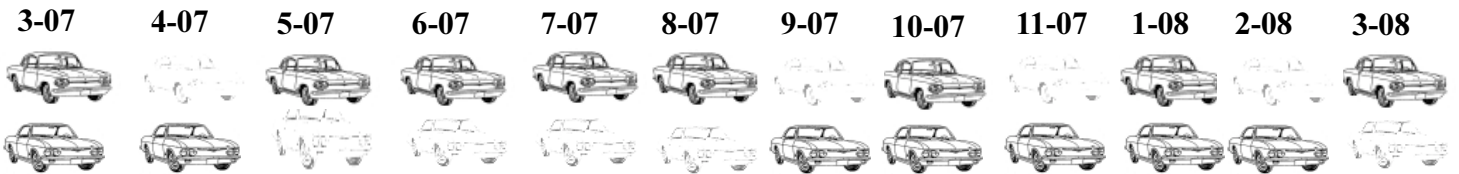
Two Gateway cities have already been confirmed. Kansas City and Indianapolis. Plans are to travel about 400 miles per day. One route discussed would be Oklahoma City to Wichita to KC then on to Iowa.



Ned Madsen photo.



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7 pm
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H.O.T	April 18 -20
May Meeting	May 10
Stroud, OK	May 10
Hutch Trip	May 17
Tri-State	May 16-18
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