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The Flat Six Journal

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Mid Continent Corvair Association Newsletter January 2008



Featured Corvair for the January Meeting
1968 Corvairs turn 40



Jan. Meeting
Saturday,
January 12th 7pm

Derby Recreation Center, Derby, KS



Nov. Meeting
6 Lates 4 Earlies

Nov. Meeting . . . *Last Eddie...*

We were back at the Derby Recreation Center for the last time in 2007 for the November meeting. The weather was nice enough to gather around the Corvairs and chat before the meeting.

The meeting had some discussion about next year's activities. The big event was the election of a new club President. Ned Madsen is stepping down after seven years. Bernie Strecker was brave enough to accept the position of President beginning in January of 2008.

Julie Strecker brought the new embroidered club shirts for the folks that ordered then at the October meeting. The shirts, both short sleeve and long sleeve, look great. Additional shirts can be ordered, just contact Julie.

Since this is my last President column, I'm going to hijack it. I'd like to thank some members that really made the last seven years fun. First off, Mel Horstman, Mel was in charge of MCCA when I first started coming to meetings. I remember a couple months when Mel and I were the only folks at the meeting. Mel was very supportive when I first discussed reorganizing the club under CORSA. Mel's support has been constant ever since, thank you Mel.

My second thank you is to Terry Kalp. I met Terry, somewhat reluctantly, through CORSA's Internet discussion group, Virtual Vairs. The first time I met Terry at his shop, he let me drive his black and silver LM coupe, which I promptly backing into a log. Terry has been extremely helpful, not just to me, but the entire club. Opening his shop for our Tunas, helping us with advice, parts, tools, and editing our newsletter are just some of the ways Terry has help to support our club.

Next, I want to thank Julie Strecker. Julie's connections through work have given us some great graphics. We have a new club logo for our shirts, the Roundup logo that the other clubs have adopted, and now our embroidered

shirts. There is still more to come. All of these things give the club funds for doing things. Julie also volunteered for many other club jobs. She is now serving as our Treasurer. I also thank her for bring us our new President, Bernie, her husband.

Now, Doug and Jean Horstman, thank you very much. Doug has been our VP and activities chairman. He has to sift through the mail about area parades and car show to find the ones we should attend. Doug has also planned several club roadtrips that have all been great, somehow he even figures out how to get great weather. Jean served as our Treasurer or a time. She has also help with many other club activities.

Last and certainly not least, all the members of MCCA, thank you for participat-

ing in club activities. I can't thank you all individually, so I'll cop out with a group thank you. I consider all of you my friends.

Don't get all excited, I'm not going anywhere. My club responsibilities now only involve getting the key to the DRC. We all know how well I've done that in the past. I'm going to also continue with my "Fast Eddie" column in the newsletter. I'll also report and write about stuff going on with the CORSA board.

Finally, good luck to our new President, Bernie. I know that the members will give you the respect and tolerance they have shown me for these years. I'm sure Bernie is going to do a great job.




Ned Madsen

Classifieds

For Sale New Price: Bert, 1964 Monza Coupe 110 PowerGlide. Fresh Paint and a lots of new trim and mechanical parts runs great. \$7,000 invested, . . . asking \$5000. Contact

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Notes from the President

First Bernie...

Let me start out this Presidency by saying I hope each and everyone of you and your families had a Very Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year.

I know that Ned's shoes are going to be hard to fill. Thanks to you for an extremely good job as the President of the MCCA club, but with each and every one of our good members help, we will move forward to some new and exciting things. We all know that there will be some stumbling along the way, but I look forward to this challenge. Any and all ideas will be considered a great help.

A very special Thank You goes out

to Terry for his work on the News Letter. Also, so very graciously allowing the Club to use his shop for our Tunas. Thanks for each and every one of you that has been to the workshops and helped the rest of us novice mechanics work on our vehicles. And the Food, who can forget all the good food. Thanks Sam.

Some thoughts I have had are to become more active in Parades, Car shows and other special events. Opportunities are out there for us and I feel we, as a club should take advantage of them. If the Club doesn't present themselves to the public, we could miss out on new members that might just disappear

because they don't know MCCA is even around.

Julie and I have learned as members of the RCRC Car Club, that our car doesn't have to be in perfect condition to show it off at a Car Show. (And there are some really nice cars in the RCRC Club.) We learned that there are a lot of people out there that HAD a Corvair or HAD a parent or grandparent who HAD a Corvair and HAS a story to tell. That's how we learned more about our own Corvair, we met the previous owners of our car.

Here is to a Great 2008,
Thanks,
Bernie
The NEW President

MCCA Officers

Bernie Strecker

President

Doug Horstman

Vice-President & Event Chair

Julie Strecker

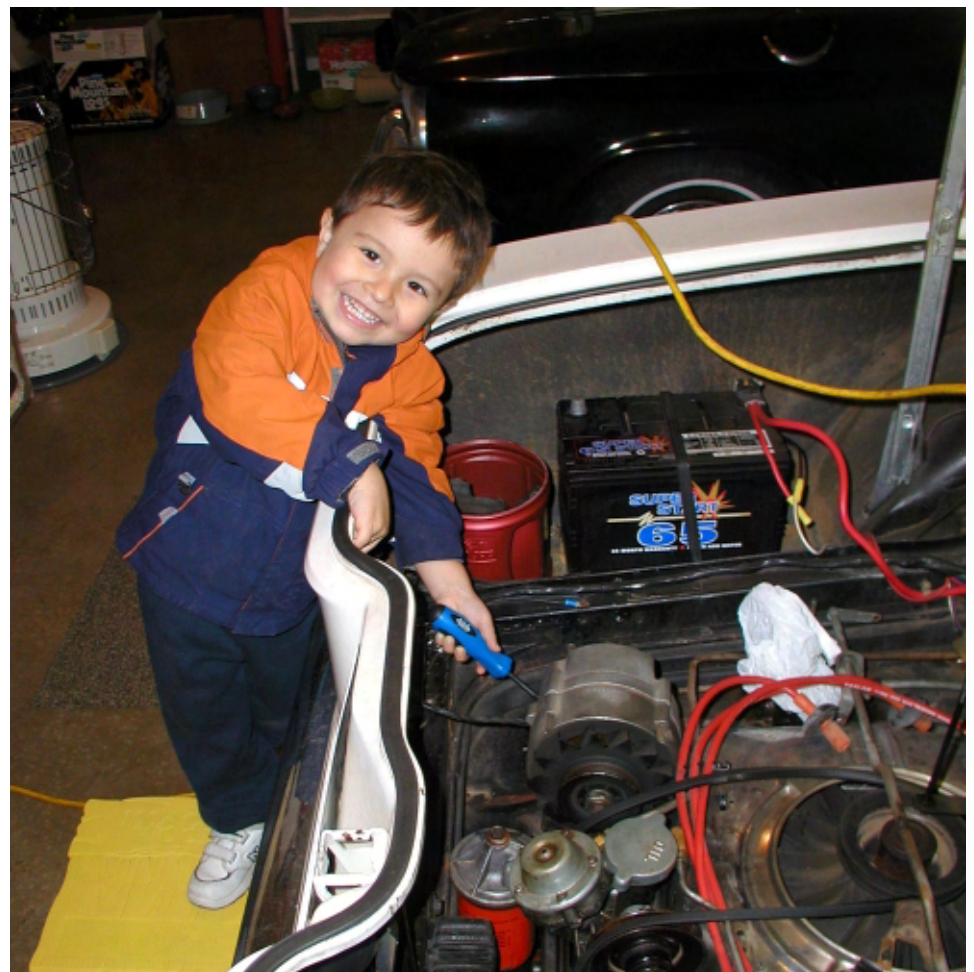
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Ben Fasgold, son of former MCCA member David Fasgold is starting early, helping his dad repair a bad head gasket.

Ken Ragan's KC Corvair Shop/Stash

Monday, November 12th was Veterans Day and a road trip for Terry Kalp. Terry had purchased the Shark (an open wheeled Corvair race car) from Ken Ragan at the September Corvair Roundup and finally the stars aligned so that the racer could be picked up.

The highlight of the trip was the quick tour of Ken Ragan's shop and Corvair storage lot in suburban Kansas City. Because of the light rain



Just a few of the flock of Corvairs Ken Ragan has stored outside his shop in suburban Kansas City. Most years and body styles are there.



ABOVE: Parked near the road is this rare (1 of 1500) 1965 Greenbrier forward control Station Wagon. It is very complete and it would take very little to get it running and on the road again.

Ken and Terry toured the outside Corvairs from the cab of Ken's truck. There were Early Model and Late Model Corvairs, coupes convertibles and sedans, even a few Greenbriers and Corvans. Good thing we were in the truck, it would have been a long walk.

Next was a tour inside the shop, The large metal building held even more goodies. Ken is still in process of building additional storage areas, but there were already hundreds of Corvair parts on shelves and in boxes.



RIGHT: Another view of yet another section of the outside Corvairs. There are 30 to 40 Corvairs in the field next to Ken's shop. The salvage Corvairs range in condition from restorable to wrecked shells with few usable parts left.

RIGHT: Ken also supplies storage for some non-Corvairs for a fellow Kansas City Corvair club member. In addition to this straight -8 Buick the is a '53 Studebaker and a couple of '50's era Pontiacs



ABOVE: Ken also performs some mechanical work for Kansas City area Corvair owners. This EM convertible awaits a lifter replacement operation.



ABOVE: This LM Corvair became one of Ken's projects after running into a very solid object. It waits in Ken's shop for a new front clip.



LEFT: Just a sample of the Corvair parts that Ken keeps on hand. Parts from salvaged Corvairs mix with new parts gathered over a several decades of involvement in the Corvair hobby

Collection of 14 Corvairs found For sale in Hillsboro warehouse

It was the week before Luna Tuna and Greg Renfro was on the phone. His brother told him about a group of 14 Corvairs going up for sale in Hillsboro, Kansas. The owner was going into a rest home and the family wanted to sell the cars he had collected over the years. The catch was that they wanted to sell all 14 Corvairs together. A group of MCCA members were assembled and viewed the cars the Friday night before the Tuna. Greg, Terry Kalp, Jim Dallas, and Lloyd Fogler got together and made an offer for the car . . . which was pretty short of what the family wanted. None of the cars were able to start and run and only one had any brake fluid in the master cylinder, most of the engines would turn over with a wrench. The chart on the next page shows the family's asking prices.



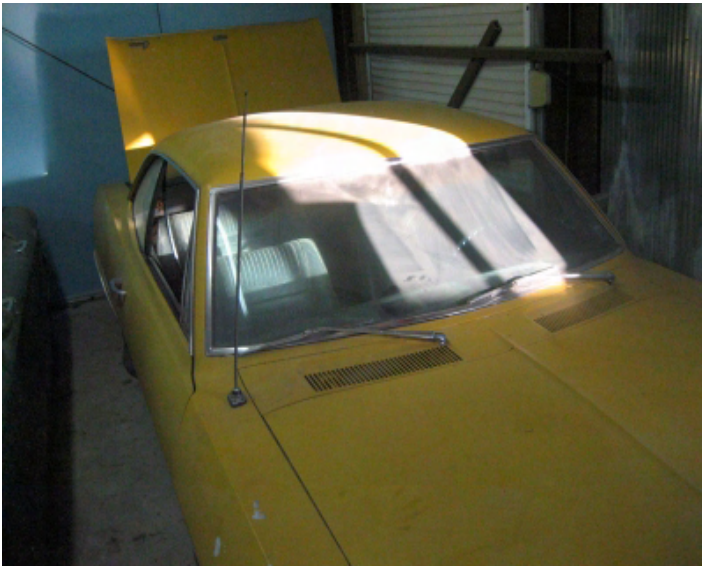
ABOVE: Jim Dallas and Lloyd Folger discuss the merits of the Corvairs discovered in Hillsboro. In the foreground is a '65 Monza convertible equipped with a 110 hp engine and PowerGlide transmission.

RIGHT: Chuck full of Corvairs. This overview does not show all the Corvairs. The owner had collected them over many years. He and his Corvair Collection were even featured on a KAKE TV news show once.





ABOVE: What's this? The 1967 Monza coupe sported a console out of a '60's Ford Falcon.



ABOVE: This bright yellow coupe was missing the engine, otherwise pretty complete, but worn.



ABOVE: Lloyd examines the '67 Monza. The Corvairs were bumper to bumper in the metal building.

Hillsboro Corvairs

1966	Corsa Coupe	140	4-sp Red	\$3000
1965	Monza Coupe	110	PG Bl/white	\$2600
1967	Monza Coupe	110	PG Dk. Red	\$1500
1965	Monza Coupe	110	PG Yellow	\$2600
1966	500 Coupe	110	PG Blue	\$1200
1966	500 Sedan	95	PG Red	\$1000
1965	Monza Convert	110	PG Blue	\$1300
1965	Monza Coupe	0	PG Yellow	\$ 300
1964	SpyderCoupe	FC	4-sp Red	\$1600
1964	Van	PG	Gray	\$ 300
1963	Monza Coupe	102	PG White	\$1400
1963	Monza Coupe	150	4-sp Gray	\$1275
1964	Monza Sedan	110	PG Gray	\$ 550
1963	Monza Sedan	102	PG Gray	\$ 400

Featured Vairs

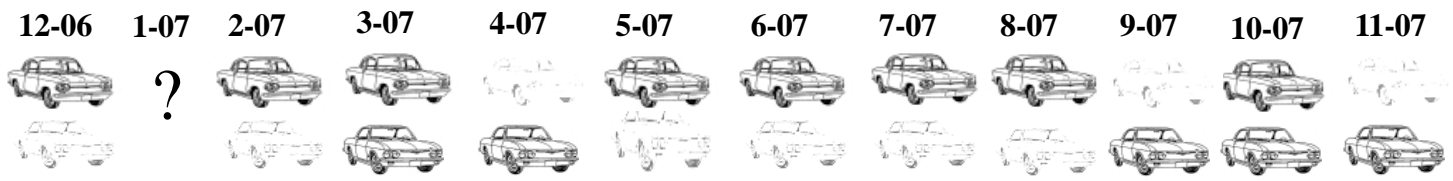
The MCCA Featured Corvairs for the November meeting were Corvairs with Tinted windshields. However it was so dark in the parking lot your editor wasn't able to discern the tinted from the untinted glass. When there is enough light it is easy to check automotive glass for a tint. Just get a white sheet of paper and hold it behind the glass, even a slight tint shows up right away.

As the year turns to 2008 we are going to recognize the Corvair that was sitting in Chevrolet dealers show-rooms across the nation, the 1968 Corvair. Bring your 1968 Corvair to the January meeting.



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Saturday
Jan. 12th
7:00 pm**

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Calendar

January Meeting Jan. 12

Starbird Show Jan. 18-20

**Wichita Swapmeet
Feb. 1&2**

Spring Fling Feb. 9

Cold Tuna Feb. 16

**Performance Workshop
Feb. 22-23**

March Meeting March 8