

The Flat Six Journal

Mid Continent Corvair Association Newsletter

April 2009

From the President

Showing Off

Well if the weather would make up it's mind, the car show on Friday evenings at Central and West Street will start. It was supposed to have started on Friday, April 3rd but was called off because of the weather. There is also going to be a second car show on the corner of Central and Tyler also on Friday evenings. There is also going to be a parade and car show in Belle Plain on April 18th for the Tulip



Early and Late. Mel Horstman's '63 Monza convertible and Jim Dallas' '65 Monza coupe are parked outside the Kalp Shop during the recent Cold Tuna. The weather was great the crowd better.



March Meeting
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April Meeting
Sat. April. 11th 7 pm

Derby Recreation Center
801 E. Market, Derby, KS

Time Festival, contact Doug Horstman for more information 778-0351.

Other upcoming events are the British Car Club show on April 25th then the WSU car show the next day on April 26th. What looks like a fun event will be the Orpheum car show on May 3rd, you may submit photos and video clips of your car to be shown on the big screen inside during the show.

These are all great ways to get out and show off our cars, and as Ned wrote in his CORSA Communique column, these are some the best ways to get new people interested in joining our club, and one of the best ways to make the club bigger and better.

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Classifieds

FOR SALE: Lower Price \$1500
White 1963 convertible with 1960 engine. The engine runs but the carburetors need adjustment and probably a tune up. The body is very straight and has just a couple of small rust spots. The front seats are of the Terry Kalp collection and are in good shape. The top frame is intact but needs the top cloth. There are miscellaneous extra parts,

some unknown. It does have new brakes, single master cylinder, 0 mile tires, dimmer switch, push rod rings, muffler and new black carpet. I'm asking \$1500 or best offer. If interested, please e-mail wrightres1@cox.net or call me at (316) 304-1266 or (316) 789-8302.

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

Send to Terry Kalp,
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or Call 316-755-2458

No Dues You Lose

FOR SALE: 14 Corvairs from an estate in Hillsboro. Now owned by two partners in McPherson. The '67 Monza coupe has been started up and is for sale at \$2650. The rest of the cars are as they were. 1965 Monza, 110 Auto AC \$3500. 1966 Corsa, 140 4-speed \$2700.

1965 Monza Convertible 110 Auto \$2500. 1965 500 2 dr 110 Auto \$1600. 1965 Monza 2dr 110 Auto \$2300. 1966 500 4dr 95 Auto \$1200. 1963 Monza 2 dr. Auto \$1500. Pair 1963 Monza Turbo 4-speed 2 dr. plus 1964 Monza Spyder 2 dr. 4-speed FC engine \$2500. 1964 Monza 4 dr. Auto \$650. 1963 Monza 4

dr. Auto \$650.
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April Birthdays:

Terry Kalp - 4/3
Ben Renfo - 4/17
Julie Strecker - 4/17

April Anniversaries:

Tom & Kathy Stout - 4/19

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The MCCA club has grown in size and strength because of our showing of cars, but the largest factor in growth in the MCCA is the support that Terry (aided by many club members) have shown all of us with the Tuna Tune Ups held 3 times a year.

I know that a lot of us don't feel that our cars are show quality, this is something that I know I had to get past and feel that getting out and showing our cars has made a big difference. Sitting at a car show and visiting with people that have had a Corvair or has that once in a lifetime Corvair story to tell is worth taking the chance to enjoy and get people to understand that there is a Corvair club in Wichita and the surrounding area. I know that a lot of people that we have talked with seemed very surprised to know that there are plenty of Corvairs out here and not just a few still left.

MCCA T-SHIRT SALE!!!!!!!!!!!!

- Gray & Tan T-shirts - \$12.00 -
On Sale for \$10.00
- Gray Polo's - \$18.00 -
On Sale for \$15.00
- L/S Lt Blue - \$22.00 -
On Sale for \$20.00

While supplies last: Some sizes or styles limited inventory.



April 2009 Sec./Tres. report

March 2009 - \$2,708.67
Deposits - none
Balance: \$2,708.67 April 6, 2009



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LEFT: Several Yenko Stingers available for inspection at the Corvair Performance Workshop in Indianapolis this Spring. This “survivor” Stinger was driven in by it’s local owner. The very original Yenko sported original paint and had been well preserved it the 42 years since it was manufactured.

BELOW: Another Stinger this one owned by Michael LeVeque has several modifications over stock and is used for street driving and some autocross racing. The 140 hp engine has been blueprinted, ported and the carbs opened up for increased performance. (photos by Ned Madsen)



**CORVAIR PERFORMANCE
WORKSHOP 2009
INDIANAPOLIS - MARCH 6-7**



ABOVE: The event logo created by KC Vairbrush took a photo of one of the feature cars and turned it in to a Ratfink style cartoon.



LEFT: Yet another Stinger owned by Warren Le Veque (Michael’s father). This Yenko is an all-out race car, extensively lightened and powered by a highly modified Corvair Turbocharged engine.

Friday Schedule:

Tours:

- Automotive Hammer Art
- Van Craft
- Kurtis restoration
- Indy Hall of Fame
- Museum

Dinner:

Union Jack’s Pub



LEFT: The last event of the Performance Workshop is the panel of experts. Veteran Corvair racers answer questions from the audience. It is a great opportunity to tap into the wealth of knowledge and experience of these racers.

BELOW: A large crowd of Corvair Performance enthusiast listened intently to the performance presentations on Saturday.

BELOW: Many of those who attended the Performance Workshop drove a Corvair to the event and the parking lot turned into a mini Corvair car show. An Indy sign and graphics company provided the meeting area for the event. The company supplies graphics for many race teams.



Saturdays presentations included information on the 2009 NECC racing season events, a report on Corvair participation on the 2009 Walter Mitty wheel to wheel road course race, Racing safety equipment updates, information on up dating 60's cars to modern fuel injection systems and several other performance topics. Max Roder showed and talked about his project "Snowball" Corvair with twin turbos, fuel injection, intercoolers and much more.

Engine Cleaning

*How to get 40 years of gunk off an engine
By Greg Renfro*

While working on my son's Corvair I came across a dilemma. We needed to rebuild the engine and therefore need to clean up all the parts for the build. For a while I scraped and scrubbed with rags and solvents and steel wool but still it just wasn't quite clean. Becoming tired of the process I started asking some of the more experienced members of the local Corvair club how to go about getting this stuff clean. One suggestion that seemed to make sense was using Simple Green in a 5 gallon bucket. I thought about it and that made great sense for the smaller parts but what to do with the block?

Here is the solution I came up with along with the recipe I used to do the job.

First I went to my local Home Depot and picked up two 2 liter bottles of Simple Green and a tote tub large enough to hold the block halves. Grand total about \$17.00. So far so good.

I figured if it doesn't get the parts clean at least they will smell good.

First I put my part in the tub and poured in the Simple Green. Next I filled the tub with just enough water to cover the block half.

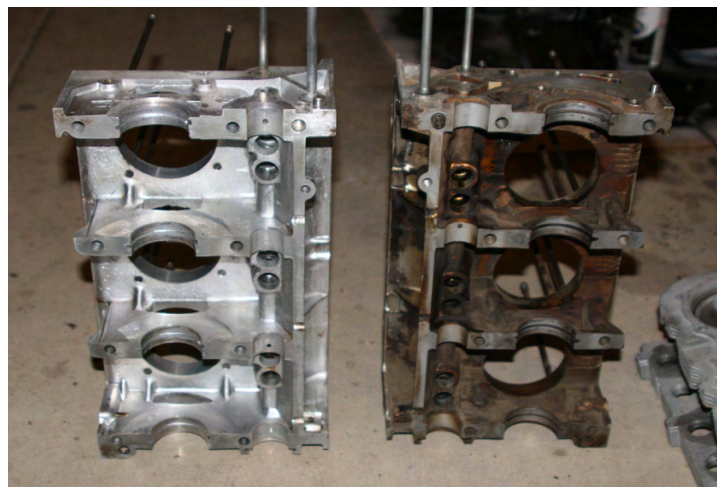
I wanted the mixture to be as strong as possible. I could see the solution churning so I knew it was starting to work on the dirt and grime. The next day I checked on the progress. Although it was starting to work, it wasn't as good as I had hoped for. So, I put the lid back on and left it for another day. After day 2 I looked at the part and noticed a significant improvement in the cleanliness of the part. I took a small stiff brush and brushed away almost all of the grime with very little effort. I took the part out and hit it with my pressure washer but it made almost no difference. I would not recommend using the pressure washer as it was a waste of time. I touched up a couple spots with the Dremel and a wire wheel. Next I took some PB Blaster and sprayed it on some 000 steel wool and cleaned the studs. I used some carb cleaner in an aerosol can for the final cleaning touch up. Here are the results.



First gather up a container large enough to cover the parts you wish to clean and a couple of Jumbo sized containers of Simple Green cleaner.



Next mix the Simple Green with water and submerge the part into the mixture and let soak for a couple of days. Check the mixture often.



The final result, compared with the uncleaned block half on the left Simple Green did great.

"Ran when Parked"



This clutter of Corvairs was part of an estate Corvair collection auction in Nebraska a couple of summers ago. Remember to submit your candidates for "Ran when Parked" to Terry Kalp

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COMING FRIDAY, OCT. 2

See it at your local authorized Chevrolet dealer's

Door prize and Hospitality room donations needed for Great Plains Corvair Roundup

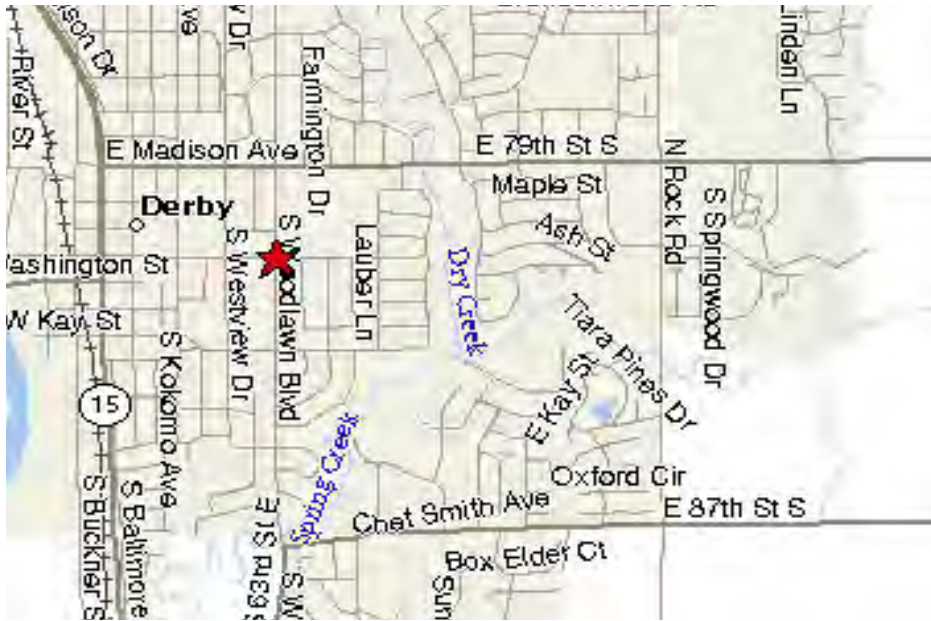
MCCA needs your help gathering door prizes and Hospitality room munchies for the October 2 regional Corvair meet to be held in Wichita. There will be a table displaying the door prize donations at most meetings between now and October. Bernie seeded the pot with a couple of 1:43rd scale die cast Corvair convertibles that he found at a local hobby store. If you have items you want to personally donate or want to contact businesses that you know for donations that would be a great help in making the Roundup a success.

October is just a few months away, Now is the time to start working on your model cars and valve cover racers to compete at the Roundup. The model car competition is new this year and it was decided that one best of show model trophy will be presented as well as trophies to the top three models in each of the two age classes, Junior below 16 and Senior 16 and above. The voting will be part of the People's choice ballot. Terry Kalp has several unopened 1/25 scale plastic 1969 Corvair model kits he would sell for \$15 each.

There will also be a "beauty" contest for the top three Valve cover racers also selected on the People's choice ballot. The valve cover rules require a Corvair valve cover be used in the construction, not weigh over 4.5 pounds, not be over 16 inches long or 8" wide. The valvecover track will be set up at Juna Tuna for tune-up runs. Have your racer finished by then.

Kansas City's Corvair Club To Celebrate 45th Birthday

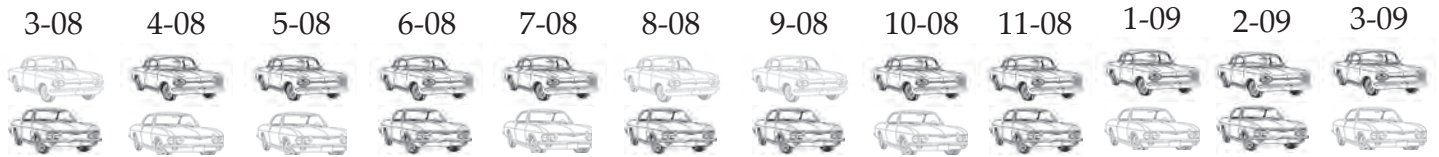
The Heart of America Corvair Owners Association (HACO) are making plans to celebrate their 45th anniversary as a Corvair car club on June 27th at the home of Gary and Helen Moore near Lawson, Missouri (Kansas City Area). Several MCCA members made the trip to KC five years ago to help the HACO celebrate their 40th Birthday. The Kansas City club is the oldest continuously running Corvair only Corvair club in the world. The club started at a dealership in KC in 1964. Think about making the drive up to KC to help them celebrate.



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Calendar

- April Meeting April 11
- May Meeting May 9th
- Lake Afton June 14
- Juna Tuna June 20
- KC Birthday June 27
- Great Plains Corvair
Roundup October 2