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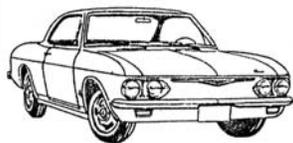
Mid Continent Corvair Association Newsletter

August 2009

There was a great line-up of Corvairs parked on Douglas Street in front of Eric Kline's shop. Eric's shop was the location for the MCCA July meeting. Bernie and Julie Strecker's 1965 Monza convertible is in front with Greg Renfro's 1963 Monza convertible. Next was Ned Madsen's 1966 Corsa. Strecker Photo



July Meeting
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August Meeting

Sat. Aug. 8th 7 pm

Derby Recreation Center

801 E. Market, Derby, KS

July Meeting at Eric's

It started out as another hot Kansas July day, but once everyone gathered at Eric Kline's shop in downtown Wichita a little shade and breeze made for a pleasant environment. Two new members, Dakota and D.J. Harms were welcomed to MCCA. The father-son duo are looking for a LM coupe to autocross and drive on the street.

A few more donations were gathered for door prizes and the Hospitality room of the rapidly approaching Great Plains Corvair Roundup. After a short business meeting several members traveled a few blocks to take in Automobilia's annual Moonlight Auto show, one of the highlights of the Summer Wichita car show season

Classifieds

FOR SALE: Three Corvairs for the price of one. First is a gray '64 Monza coupe with great mechanicals, 110 4-speed, lowered springs, 17" wheels. The body is rusty and should be replaced. Second is another '64 Monza

coupe with an excellent body and decent interior. It has a good Kansas title, but does not run. Last is a '63 Monza coupe, good replacement body for the gray car, needs minor rust and body repair. No title but can be titled with bill of Sale and VIN inspection. Cars are in Wichita \$2000 OBO

Contact Eric Kline 303-1717 or e-mail motorest@netzero.net

FOR SALE: Make an Offer!!! 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, 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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Eric's Corvairs, Red '63 above Gray '64, Below



Final Details need to be wrapped up for Roundup

All the elements have been coming together for the 2009 Great Plains Corvair Roundup, October 2-4 2009. MCCA will also be celebrating the 50th anniversary of the dealer introduction of the first Corvair.

Information and an on-line registration form have been posted on the Club web site for several weeks. MCCA members need to get signed up. Registration forms

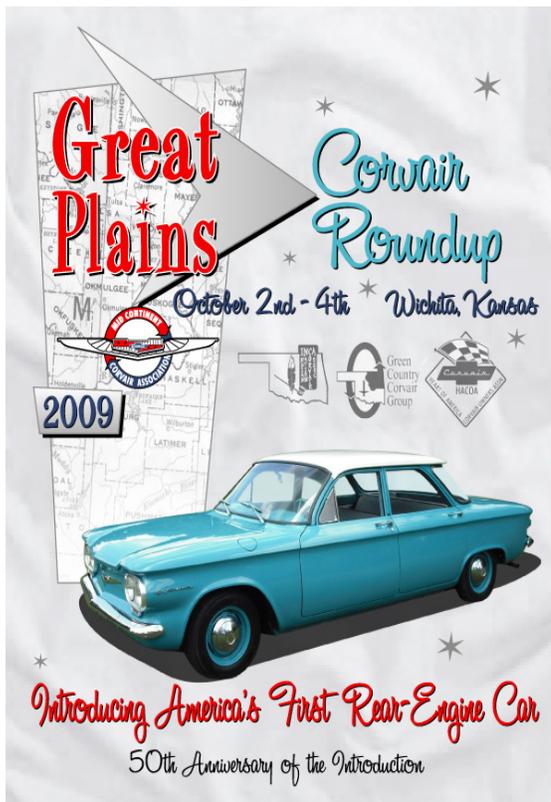
will be available at the August meeting. Volunteers are needed to man the Hospitality room for short shifts and people are needed to help judge concours. No experience is necessary for Judging, novices will be paired with experienced judges. More information will be available at the August meeting.

Items for the hospitality room and door prizes are still needed. Drinks have been pretty much

taken care of, snacks, either home made or commercially created would be a great help.

The door prize stock is low. People need to contact businesses for donations or purchase items to donate on their own.

Roundup preparations will be the topic at the August MCCA meeting and a Special meeting at Doug and Jean Horstman's on the 16th at 2 pm. 777-0351.



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For Roundup special room rates call 316-942-5600

Friday October 2

Valve Cover Race
Hospitality Room

Saturday October 3

Concours
Peoples' Choice Car Show
Model Car and Valve Cover Peoples' Choice
Tech Sessions
Hospitality Room
Moving Event
Banquet and Awards

Sunday October 4

Send off Breakfast

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Why I'm Thankful I Own a Corvair

Greg Renfro MCCA President

I think all of us have a story about their Corvair(s). I am not so much different than the rest. I was looking for a "toy" to work on and drive. The Corvair was on the list. I drove others but I kept coming back to the Corvair. I love the styling. Its fun to drive and it's just not bad at all to work on. Plus, it is relatively inexpensive. These are the things that drove me to buy my Corvair. When I purchased my car I knew I was going to need some advice on taking care of it. So I got on the web searched for a local club and found the MCCA. I paid my dues and came to my first meeting. It doesn't seem possible but that was almost 3 years ago. The first thing I noticed during the meeting was how relaxed it was and how everyone was so friendly and I could tell they loved their Corvairs.

My car had a few issues when I bought it and I needed help. I called Ned and he, the President of the club, came to my house and helped me with my car. I can't say enough how much this impressed me. We are all busy people and this guy who doesn't even know me takes time out to come work on my car. Wow, I thought those days were long gone.

So I'm not thankful that I own a Corvair because of the car. I am thankful I own a Corvair because of the people. I consider everyone I have had contact with through the club to be my friend and they have all treated me that way as well. We have a very special club. We have a club without all the bickering and politics that so many other clubs have.

When I was elected as club President a couple months ago my biggest concern was not the money the club has or the number of members, it's the people. The pressure that I feel as club President is from not wanting to let my friends down. So far things are great. We need to get some road trips planned and continue the work on the Roundup, but I have found that for a great percentage of the time this thing kind of takes care of itself.



Ned Madsen caught helping again. This time he is helping Julie and Bernie Strecker adjust the valves on their 1962 Monza convertible. Strecker photo.

In closing I would just like to thank everyone for having the confidence in me to put me in charge of something that I hold near and dear, the MCCA. Without the MCCA my Corvair is just another neat old car. Thanks friends.

Fast Eddie . . .

Ned Madsen

It's been a while since I've written this column. This year started out as looking very busy for 'racing' my Corvair. However, due to the economy and other commitments, I haven't been to too many events. The only good news is that the year isn't over.

Over the winter, I had Michael LeVeque build me a set of heads that have been ported and polished. They are also set up for carbs that are slightly over bored. As of today, they are still sitting in my garage, uninstalled. The only modification I've done to my car was a set of nice Corbeau seats. They're very comfortable, well worth the price. I also added some mufflers to try to quiet it down, but have since gone back to the Clark's header mufflers. I'm learning to accept that the car is going to be loud with the headers. My daughter doesn't understand the concept of "too loud."

On the competition scene, Jim Dallas started the year off running a couple local autocrosses by himself. One of these was on Mother's Day when I decided it might be healthier to not autocross. The last couple of events, I've been the only Corvair because of Jim's job. So far we've only run once together. As much as we "trash talk" I still miss having Jim to run against.

My wife Kathy has braved the early morning to come to the events with me. She's even ridden



Ned cuts in close to the cones at the August 2 SCCA Endurocross at the Yoder airfield. Riding shotgun is his wife and favorite passenger, Kathy.

many times. I think showing off for her has improved my driving. Well at least some of the times, other times I get into "showing off" too much and get into trouble.

The last event I ran was an "endurocross," an autocross on steroids. You take a normal 50 second course and run 3 consecutive laps. This event was held up in Yoder (I still think it's ironic that we're running an automotive event in Yoder) on the old air base runway. This gives plenty of run to play. The course was pretty open and very fast. Normally, I have no problem using just second gear. This course had

me on the rev limiter in second and getting up there in third. One guy said he was getting up to 70 MPH on course, not that fast if your on the Turnpike, but we're zipping around a runway. I don't think I was that fast, but still finished very respectable and I had a blast.

There are always comments about the Corvairs at these events. It's not everyday these car guys get to see 40-50 year old cars autocrossing. I really enjoy it when the young guys come over to see what just kicked their "rice rocket's" butt. There was a very

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Seven Corvairs Shine At Central & West show



Bernie Strecker chats with a couple of friends at the Friday night parking lot car show at Central and West. It was a beautiful evening weather-wise. An excellent variety of collector cars show up at the parking lot on Friday nights from Spring thru the Fall.



Larry Lee's 1966 Corsa convertible project heads the row of Corvairs on display at the Friday night cruises-in car show held at Central and West streets in Wichita.

It was a great Corvair turn-out at the Friday, July 24th Cruise-in and Car Show held in the parking lot at Central and West streets in Wichita. MCCA members, Larry Lee, Greg Renfro, Terry Kalp, Ned and Kathy Madsen, Bernie and Julie Strecker drove Corvairs to display. There was also a non-member's Corvair that showed up. . . we are working on them.

Temperatures in the 70's made it an excellent evening.

Fast . . .

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funny comment that I just have to share. I was working the course with a guy that drives a 1985 Vette. During our chat, he asked me if I knew about the local Wichita Corvair club. Before I could get a word in, he was telling me how active they are and how many cars are at the Lake Afton show. I finally got to tell him that I've "heard" about the club.

Like I said earlier, the year's far from over. Besides several local autocrosses and the Roundup, there's a planned trip to Marshalltown, Iowa later this month for Fire and ICE. The old track has become available again after a one year hiatus. It is an oversized go-kart track. The list of attendees includes folks from all over the Midwest. The event will feature Corvairs of every level of preparation, from stock to all out race cars. If you're interested in going check out the Iowa Corvair club web site (<http://www.corvair.org/chapters/chapter526/>) or talk to Terry, Jim or me.

"Ran when Parked"



Kevin Willison of Alaska posted this photo on Corvair Center Forum. Remember to submit your candidates for "Ran when Parked" to Terry Kalp

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2009 Road Trips

Over the past few years MCCA has had road trips to Hutchinson for the Cosmosphere and tours of the Salt Mines, a trip to Marquette for the Motorcycle museum and lunch in Lindsborg. These trips are great ways to have some Corvair fellowship and expose more of the public to these great Cars.

There are many destinations within an hour or two drive of Wichita that have Tourist attractions and good food available. Suggest a favorite spot or just one that sounds interesting as road trips will be discussed at the August meeting.

Almost every burg in Kansas has some Attraction or food. Bring ideas to the meeting and an enjoyable road trip or two can be scheduled.



**No Dues
You Lose**

MCCA August Treasurer's Report

MCCA Treasurer's Report ending August 1, 2009-08-03

I wanted to update some of the things going on since I took the office of Treasurer at the June meeting. First I changed the club address with the bank to mine, so I'll get the checking account statements. I'm also going to try to update the current membership list and contact some of the old members to ask about their Corvair status. I'm also going to make a monthly report in the Flat Six so you can all keep track of our financial health, especially with the Roundup this year.

Transaction Description	Payments	Deposit	Balance
Starting Balance with Ned as Treasurer			\$2,824.67
Dues Collected		\$18.00	\$2,842.67
Roundup Registration (7 people)		\$485.00	\$3,327.67
Roundup Drinks	\$115.84		\$3,211.83
Roundup Specific Balance			\$369.16

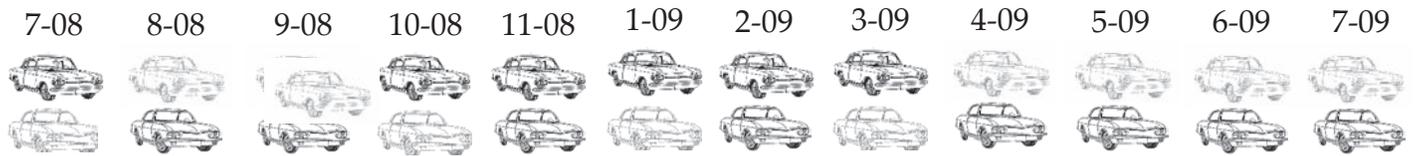
We also have \$42 cash on hand.



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Calendar

August Meeting Aug. 8

Roundup Meeting
 Doug & Jean Horstman's
 Aug. 16

Fire & ICE Aug 29

Sept. Meeting Sept. 12

Great Plains Corvair
 Roundup October 2-4

October Meeting Oct. 10