

# The Flat Six Journal

Mid Continent Corvair Association Newsletter

March 2009

## From the President

### *Cold Tuna Hot Event*

For all of you that did not get to attend the Spring Fling and the Cold Tuna, you missed out on a great time. The Spring Fling had a nice turn out of 24 members and family, and afterwards the club had the opportunity to view the motel that we will be using for the 2009 Round Up. The food and service was very good. After looking at doorways getting a Corvair inside is going to be a tight squeeze, and we will just have to wait and see if this gets done or not.

The Cold Tuna was a day for surprises. We had two young men,



**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.**



**Feb. Meeting**

**EM 2 LM 2**

**March Meeting**

**Sat. March. 14th 7 pm**

Derby Recreation Center

801 E. Market, Derby, KS

Geoff & Kerry that drove from Albuquerque New Mexico in a 63 convertible. They had left the day before at 3:00 in the afternoon and stopped in Liberal for the night after running into a Tumble Weed storm that was doing damage to there vehicle. They arrive bright and early on Saturday morning to a small crowd, but by noon there were 43 people in all that had come out to work on projects, for the food, and to just visit and catch up with friends and members. The greatest distance was Dan from Minnesota, but he didn't drive a Corvair. In all we had 12 people that were from out of State and for some time thought that the home club was going to be out numbered.

We now need to get in gear and get all energy working towards the 2009 Round Up. Bring your ideas and plans to the meeting and lets make this a great year.

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# Classifieds

**FOR SALE:** 1965 Corvair - \$900 (East Wichita) Auto, runs great, great heater, fun car to drive. Has rust. 316.641.0857 Location: East Wichita

**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

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## 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

## 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

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**Pre-Spring Fling**

Just a few of the 24 MCCA members that enjoyed a fine meal during the February 14th Pre-Spring Fling. The dinner/social was held at the Airport Best Western hotel, which will be the site of the 2009 Great Plains Corvair Roundup this September.

Pictured from the left are Ruby and Gary Moore, Jim Dallas (way in back), Greg Renfro, his son Ben, wife Stephanie, daughter Leslie. With only his arm in the photo is Alan Ballard.





**March 2009**  
**Sec./Tres. report**

Feb. 2009 - \$2,604.67  
 Deposits - \$104.00 Dues & t shirt  
 Balance: \$2,708.67 March 2009

*From the President*

**Cold Tuna**

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Last but not the least. There will never be any way to Thank Terry Kalp for all that he has done for the Corvair Club. He has let us all use his shop, specialty tools, and even furnished parts that we didn't think to get when we started our projects. This is one member that we all need to give a big thank you to and never forget all that he has done for all of us.

Thanks to all that make these events Special and Memories of the future.

Bernie.





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**Belated January Birthday:**

Darlene Welte



**March Birthdays:**

None

**March Anniversaries:**

None



**ABOVE:** These Tuna travelers drove all the way from Albuquerque, NM to attend the Cold Tuna. Geoff Johnson (left) owns the red '63 Monza convertible that brought them. Geoff picked up passenger Cary Hubbard Friday at 4 pm then they hit the road. The duo stopped in Liberal early Saturday morning to avoid high winds and tumbleweed attacks. They arrived at the Kalp shop about 9 am, enjoyed the Tuna and were back on the road by 4.



**ABOVE:** Alan Ballard and Mark Welte changed out the rear wheel bearing assembly and the U-joints in the half-shaft on the driver's side of the black and silver '65 Corsa coupe.

**RIGHT:** Doug Horstman works on a stubborn antenna for his father's '63 Monza Convertible. The original antenna had "disappeared" and the used replacement required extensive repair and modification to work properly.





ABOVE: Once the dinner bell rang all work stopped except eating and talking. The menu included two kinds of Chili, ham and beans plus a complete taco bar. The record crowd of 43 filled the Kalp shop ate their fill with plenty of food leftover.



ABOVE: Again this year the facilities were provided by the Port-O-John company. Fortunately no fly-overs occurred.



ABOVE: Some of the Tumbleweed damage to Geoff's Corvair. A better used lens from the Kalp stock and he was on his way.



RIGHT: There were plenty of observers/advisors as Ryan put together his Corvair engine. The project progressed rapidly from bare block halves to longblock. More photos on pg. 7



**LEFT:** Starting the day with bare block halves and boxes of new and refurbished parts, Ryan Verthein started assembly of his 140 hp Corvair engine. Ned Madsen told Ryan that the block would be together before Ryan's first donut. Ned was right

**LOWER LEFT:** Ryan and Scott Allison take a little break after all the cylinders and one head had been installed. The engine assembly is showing some real progress now.

**BELOW:** Ryan from Topeka and his friend Dan from Minnesota stand by the engine just before they loaded it in Dan's truck for the trip back to Topeka. Just a few parts away from a running engine it was a great day's work



# “Ran when Parked”



I was told this LM Corvair “Ran when parked” when I went to look at it in Hutchinson, KS. Was also told it could be running with just a little work. Remember to submit your candidates for “Ran when Parked” to Terry Kalp

## Kansas City’s Corvair Club To Celebrate 45th Birthday

The Heart of America Corvair Owners Association (HACOA) are making plans to celebrate their 45th anniversary as a Corvair car club on June 27th at the home of Gary and Helen Moore’s home near Lawson, Missouri (Kansas City Area). Several MCCA members made the trip to KC five years ago to help the HACOA 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.

## Get a start on Model Cars & Valve Cover Racers for GPR

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 Great Plains Corvair Roundup that will be hosted in Wichita. The model car competition is new this year and will be under the CORSA rules. The rules can be found online at: [www.Corvair.org/pdf/modelcar.pdf](http://www.Corvair.org/pdf/modelcar.pdf). There are five different classes of Cars and two age classes, Junior below 16 and Senior 16 and above. Terry Kalp has several unopened 1/25 scale plastic 1969 Corvair model kits he would sell for \$15 each.

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.

## Wichita trio treks to Indy for Corvair Performance Workshop

MCCA members Ned Madsen, Jim Dallas and Terry Kalp took out early Thursday, March 5th for the trip to Indianapolis, IN for the 6th annual Corvair performance workshop. They were able to tour the Indianapolis Speedway museum and take a lap around the track. The workshop was held at shop in the famous Gasoline Alley. Several of the speciality shops in Gasoline Alley opened their doors for self guided tours. Look for more in-depth coverage of the trip in next month’s FlatSix.

**JUST DAYS AWAY!**

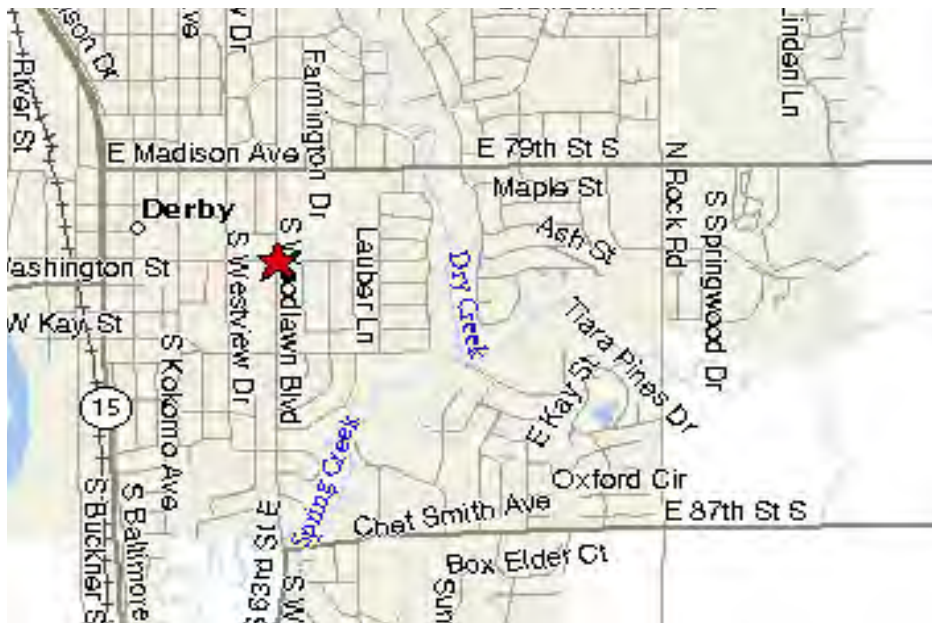
# Corvair

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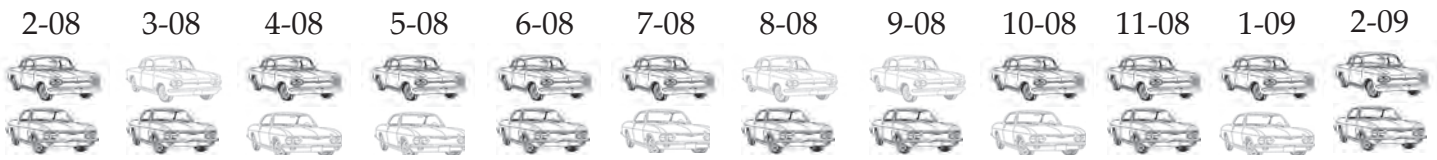
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<b>Calendar</b>	
March Meeting	March 14
April Meeting	April 11
May Meeting	May 9th
Lake Afton	June 14
Juna Tuna	June 20
KC Birthday	June 27
Great Plains Corvair Roundup	October 2