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The Flat Six Journal

Mid Continent Corvair Association Newsletter

October 2009



The weather was almost as beautiful as the Corvairs on display at the Participants Choice Car Show. The show was just the start of the Saturday activities for the MCCA hosted Great Plains Corvair Roundup. Registration ended up with 44 Corvairs at the Airport Best Western. Scott Allison Photo.

From the President

Big Roundup Thanks

You all are going to get tired of me saying it but thank you, thank you, thank you for all the help on the Roundup. This was truly a team effort. There were a lot of tired but satisfied MCCA members by the time Sunday rolled around. What a great event, what a great group of people attended. Our vendors were all right on. The weather...we couldn't ask for much better. I have said it before and I mean it. I really like my Corvair, but I love the people in the MCCA.

I would also like to thank those that attended from the other clubs. Without all of them this event would not be possible. Let's show them how much we appreciate their attendance by having a big group in Tulsa next year. **Greg**



Sept. Meeting
EM 3 LM 4

October Meeting

Sat. Oct. 10th 7 pm

Derby Recreation Center

801 E. Market, Derby, KS

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 \$1500 OBO

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

FOR SALE: Mike and Marla Sweaney of the Tulsa Green Country Corvair Group are bringing their Red, 1961 Corvair Monza 4-door to the Roundup and will have it for sale. Contact: Mike at monza17@cox.net

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Eric's Corvairs, Red '63 above Gray '64 Below



**No Dues
You Lose**

Thank you

to all of our MCCA members for a wonderful ROUND UP.

I personally want to Thank each and every one that helped in any way with the Convention this past weekend. From most every thing I have heard, all of our guests had a Great time. I have received several e-mails letting me know how much fun and how Great the Food was. Thanks, Sam. Yes, I know that we had a few glitches, to be expected, and we jumped in and took care of them.

MCCA is a joy to me. I am very proud of our Club and all it's Members. Bernie and I truly have an extended family, we all have a common interest in Corvairs. As we again found out this past weekend many others do also.

A special Thank You goes out to our fellow Clubs for helping us make this 5th Annual Round-up another success. Marv, thank you for the use of your Beautiful 1960 4 door. And a special Thank you goes out to Katie and Cody for their help with the unveiling.

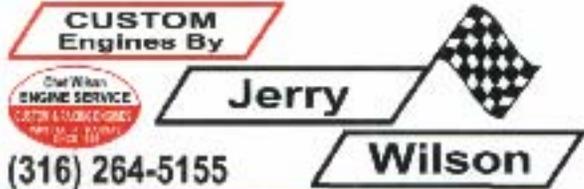
Not everyday we sing Happy Birthday to a Car.

Thank you again,
Julie Strecker



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Threading the Needle with a Corvair



To celebrate the 50th anniversary of the introduction of the Corvair, MCCA members decided to have an unveiling in the lobby of the Great Plains Roundup host hotel on Friday night. Marvin Luke of the Tulsa Club let us use his magnificently restored '60 Corvair Sedan.

But first it had to thread through three sets of double doors each with only an inch of clearance on each side of the car and to make it more fun one doorway was offset from the others, so it wasn't a straight shot.

Marvin steered, Terry Kalp shouted and waved his arms with Jim Dallas, Bernie and Julie Strecker pushed, pulled and carefully watched the sides. A collective sigh of relief was heard once the Corvair made it through the tight openings. From the reaction of the hotel staff and Corvair fans it was well worth it.



Great Plains Corvair Roundup
 October 2nd - 4th * Wichita, Kansas
 2009
 Introducing America's First Rear-Engine Car
 50th Anniversary of the Introduction



LEFT: The inspiration for TowMater in the Movie Cars was this IH tow truck in Galena, Kansas on Route 66. Greg Renfro and Terry Kalp took old 66 from Galena to Tulsa.



ABOVE: Not all of old Rt. 66 was marked as well as this turn in Galena, Kansas. Many old buildings dot the route bringing back memories of it's heyday.



BELOW: In Afton, Oklahoma was a small vintage automobile museum. The Chrysler Airflow was featured along with a variety of Cadillacs from the 1950's and 1960's. There was even a speedboat from the era.

RIGHT: This "rainbow" bridge is on old Rt. 66 between Galena and Baxter Springs on the 13 miles of Rt 66 that were in Kansas. According to the lady in the Rt. 66 shop in Baxter Springs the Kansas section of 66 was the first to be fully paved.



ABOVE: Terry and Greg took Greg's new Flex on some of the sections of old Rt. 66 where the total roadway was only 9ft wide.





Hooked up to Duane Grimm's '63 Convertible shows the simple design, Just four bolts once the bumper is removed.



This close-up of the bracket shows the two pairs of mounting holes that allow it to fit both EM & LM Corvairs. Keeping the Bar level is important.

Tech Tips

Universal Tow Bar Adapts to EM & LM

Flat towing a Corvair is a good option to get a less-than-driveable Corvair from one spot to another. There are already a couple of tow bars floating around the MCCA. The first was donated to the club by Mel Horstman. It is set up for Late Model Corvairs, with a mount that goes in place of the bumper, then the tow bar attached to that mount. In recent years it has seen a lot of miles, first towing Ned's Corsa from Dayton, Ohio to Carlisle, Pennsylvania, then back to Derby. Last summer it took the Corsa to the Corvair Olympics in Indianapolis, Indiana and back. This summer the Corsa was on the hook again, this time to Marshalltown, Iowa

Dennis Fuller has a tow bar that mounts to the bumper and it works well as long as the car has a bumper and the bumper hasn't been "tweaked". However it works on all Corvairs including the Forward Control Corvair trucks. Sam Kuns has gotten a lot of use out of Dennis' bar.

The third bar comes from the creative Larry Lee. He modified the mounts of a commercial tow bar so that it will fit either a Late Model or Early Model Corvair. Here is the story of the bar in Larry Lee's own words.

A few years ago I helped two ladies from church with their move. When I asked where to put the tow bar, they said they forgot to put it in the garage sale and would I please take it, declining a cash offer.

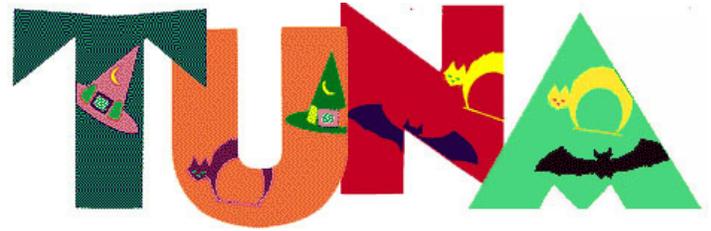
Since then I have drilled holes in it to match Corvairs front bumper mounting holes. Early and Lates are spaced differently so the bar and the reinforcement pieces have 3 holes. The reinforcement piece goes inside the trunk so the bolts do not pull thru. (Learned that one by experience). The rubber pieces go outside to protect paint.

I have since towed both my late models, Duane's parade car, and most recently Duane's Early convertible. I took it to the OKC roundup, but fortunately no one needed a demonstration. We'll hope members never need a tow, but call me if you do.

“Ran when Parked”



This Greenbrier took the brunt of the ice storm five years ago. Sam Kuns purchased it, fixed it up and used it in his business until he broke the shifter off last weekend. Remember to submit your candidates for “Ran when Parked” to Terry Kalp



MCCA Luna Tuna Oct. 17 at Kalp Shop

Two heads are better than one to solve a problem . . . so, a bunch of Corvair guys together fixing Corvairs should be amazing. This theory was tested in multiple ‘Tunas’ as MCCA members gathered at Terry Kalp’s shop for some tune-up, minor repair and problem solving on their Corvairs. If you missed any of the tune-up sessions, make sure you come out Saturday, October 17th Many of the cars that arrived at a Tuna on a trailer are now drivers and are attending meetings and other club events.

The event will be a drop-in and drop-out affair, lasting from 8 am thru the last car out the garage. It helps if you schedule your projects with Ned at 316-788-2458 or email him at aeroned@aol.com. Possible projects include: bringing a rampside back to life for Bernie’s nephew and/or finishing repairs for Chris Teer of OKC.

Terry’s shop is located at 2200 W. on 101st Street North, between Seneca and Meridian. Just north of Valley Center. Take the 101st exit (Exit 19) then turn west for about 2 miles to reach the shop. The phone number for the Shop is 755-9821. If you have questions call Terry at the shop or home 755-2458.

GET SET FOR A SURPRISE!
Corvair

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(STOPS SHORTER
BECAUSE OF
NEARLY EQUAL
DISTRIBUTION OF
BRAKING POWER
BETWEEN FRONT
AND REAR WHEELS!)



COMING FRIDAY, OCT. 2

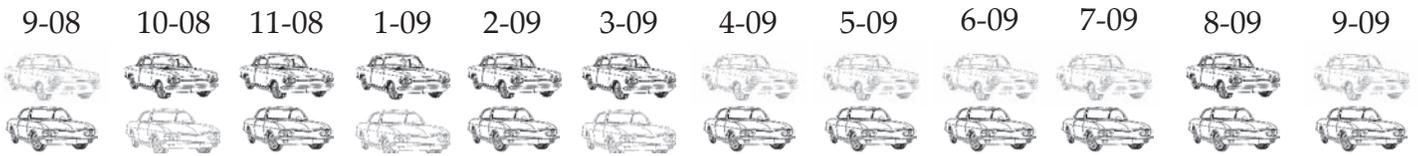
See it at your local authorized Chevrolet dealer's



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Saturday
Oct. 10th
7 pm

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Calendar

- October Meeting Oct. 10
- Luna Tuna Oct. 17
- Nov. Meeting Nov. 14