

The Flat Six Journal

Mid Continent Corvair Association Newsletter

April 2010

From the President

MCCA April Meeting Agenda

- BOD meeting minutes – 15 min
- Introduce and open floor to new members-15 min
- Project updates. Go around the room and let each person tell the group what they are working on-40 min
- Show and tell-20 min
- Plan for Lake Afton displays
- Discuss April 17 Road Trip to Hutchinson Cosmosphere 20 min

Open Discussion- remainder of time



One of the features of the Cosmosphere is Dr. Goddard's Lab. In a setting that represents the 1930s lab of Dr. Robert Goddard, the father of modern rocketry, this live rocket show is packed with surprises. Demonstrations of Goddard's early experiments with liquid fueled rocket engines always end with a bang!

MCCA March Meeting

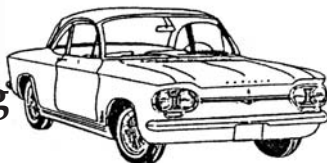
MCCA started our meeting with a visitor from the Orpheum Theater. She shared with us that they will be holding the 3rd Annual "Where the Cars are the Stars" 2010 Car Show. It will be held on May 2, 2010 at 1pm. Location is Broadway & First Street.

Come see a wide array of muscle, classic and antique cars while enjoying local food and music. Registration is \$10 in advance (ends April 15) and \$20 at the door. Register online at www.wichitaorpheum.com or by calling 316-263-0884. Dash plaques,

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March Meeting
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April Meeting

Sat. April 10th 7 pm

Derby Recreation Center

801 E. Market, Derby, KS

Classifieds

FREE: 1963 Corvair 102 hp engine. It has been thru a fire and will not turn over, sitting since 1976. Block, heads and sheet metal unaffected by the fire. Would be good to try out your engine disassembly skills. Greg Renfro. 316-641-1329

WANTED: MCCA dues are due in January. If you haven't paid for 2010 Send \$12 to Ned Madsen, 1212 Patrick Henry, Derby, Kansas 67037

WANTED: Stories, Tech Tips, Photos, Ran When Parked, announcements for the FlatSix Journal. Contact Terry Kalp 755-2458 or tkalp@cox.net.

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Dues Due
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No Dues
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door prizes, goodie bags, judges and awards given to winning cars. "Best in Show" wins a spot in the August 2010 Blacktop Nationals!

Procedures go to help with the on going renovation of the Orpheum Theater. Julie Strecker will have registration forms at the April meeting.

The subject came up that some of the other clubs didn't have the date change for June A Tuna. To be held on June 5th; before the Lake Afton "All Wheels Car Show". Remember that the "Corvair" is the feature car. We need to have as many people with their cars for this show. Also we want to stress... volunteer to help with the show organizers. Offer to help with the sign up table or just help pick up after others.

MCCA is planning a road trip for Saturday, April 17, 2010. Our trip will take us along 96 Highway to Yoder for breakfast at the Carriage Crossing around 8:00 to 8:15. If you don't know, it's some of the BEST homemade food around. We will travel north to the Cosmophere in Hutchinson. They are featuring the 40th Anniversary of Apollo 13, and will have a lot

Central & West Show Starts this Friday

Spring has arrived and with it the Friday night Cruise-in car shows at the strip mall parking lot at Central and West streets in Wichita. April 9th has been set as the 2010 opening night for the popular cruise. Last summer several MCCA members attended the parking lot shows and had a lot of fun. Many people have commented on seeing the Corvairs at the show, so not only is it a good time, it is good public relations for MCCA. Cars start gathering about 6 p.m. but people displaying their cars can come and go at anytime.

A fancy finished Corvair is not required, people will stop and talk to you about your project no matter what shape it is in. The show is also a great chance to check out the great variety of cars that show up at the lot. Everything from pure stock to all out customs and rods. A great way to enjoy a Spring evening.

of extra things to see.

Julie Strecker checked into what the cost will be. Regular admission is \$9.50 for Adults, \$9.00 for seniors. If we have 15 people or more and register by phone ahead of time, the cost would be \$8.00 per person. So be sure to let her know at the meeting if you intend on going.

The club discussed Terry's new Shop Building. It was decided to Club will donate \$1000.00 towards the purchase of a Lift. It was agreed that we would take a donation from the club members to share in the cost. If you wish to donate, give your donation to Ned. Greg shared that Terry likes the idea of the 4 post with casters model. He wants to be able to move it around in the shop. Bernie is getting information and cost.

Members shared what they are working on not working on and the meeting was closed.

"Ran when Parked"



Another non-Corvair, but air cooled and rear engined. Bernie Strecker found this VW that hasn't moved for a long time. Thanks for your contribution Bernie. If you find an interesting photo send it in. Remember to submit your candidates for "Ran when Parked" to Terry Kalp



Brian O'Neill informs the workshop crowd about upcoming NECC Time Trial events.



Ned Madsen checks out this restored '69 Camaro pace car at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway museum. Terry Kalp and Ned had some time to visit the museum before the workshop tours

Performance Workshop

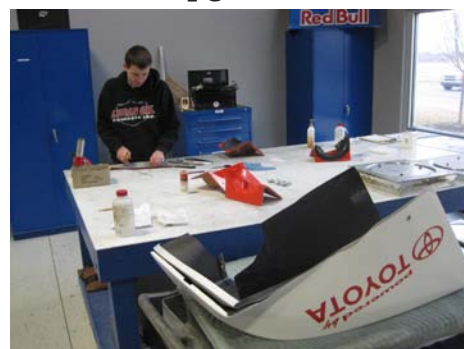
The 2010 Corvair Performance Workshop was held Saturday, March 13 at Performance Driven in Indianapolis, Indiana. But the story begins on Thursday when Ned Madsen and Terry Kalp headed out from Derby to Indy for the workshop. They arrived late Thursday afternoon.

With the official events not starting until Friday afternoon Terry and Ned headed for the Indianapolis

Speedway museum mid-morning for a short visit. In the afternoon they took tours of a composite race car body shop and a oval track speed shop, both arranged by the Indy Corvair club. Friday evening MCCA members Mark Welte and Scott Allison arrive and joined the group for dinner at the Brickhouse adjacent to the host hotel.

Saturday was the main event and it was like a three ring circus (in a good way). One "ring" was the

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ABOVE: One of the Workshop tours was to this composite shop that creates and repairs composite body panels for racers.

LEFT: Michael LeVeque displayed (and dynoed) his tribute to the Yenko Stinger his father raced in the 70's

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 vendor areas where performance and non-performance Corvair parts were being hawked. The second “ring” was the chassis dyno room where everything from a stock Corvair to all out Race cars were strapped down for all-out runs.

Center “ring” was the Tech Sessions held in the showroom area of Performance Driven. The sessions included: the Performance Corvair Group Annual Meeting, 2010 NECC Events presented by Brian O’Neill, Corner Weighting explained by Performance Driven staff, an Amsoil presentation hosted by Skip Frost, and American Flat Six Products Tom Knobloch presented on the cooling fan he developed and built.

After lunch, the remaining dyno pulls were performed. Then it was back into the showroom for a presentation and Q & A session with Corvair racing legend James Reeve, Jr.

Too soon it was all over and everyone headed home.



ABOVE: John Sweet was one of several vendors selling Corvair “stuff” during the Performance Workshop



BELOW Jack Frost has his street driven Turbo Corvair strapped down to the Dyno. The turbo scored the greatest torque and second high horsepower for the Corvairs dynoed at the workshop.



The second workshop tour on Friday was a local oval track race shop. They sold parts in the front and built midgets, and several version of Sprint cars in the well equipped back shop.





This toasted 1976 Nebraska tag seems to indicate that the engine fire took place that year.



ABOVE before and BELOW after the years of dirt that were not blown off during the 300 mile trip back to Wichita was power washed off by Greg. A solid, rust free '63 Monza emerged.



Nebraska Adventure II Bringing back Ben's car

Several MCCA members took a second adventure trip to Kearny, NE on Sunday, March 27th. Bernie and Julie Strecker came up and rode with Greg Renfro and Terry Kalp in Terry's Suburban. Pulling out of a very bumpy drive from a rest stop on the way up the Suburban tranny started acting a bit funny, didn't want to shift out of first and when it did it hit hard. Once on the highway it worked fine. Checked the fluid when we got to Hastings and it was a pint low and was pink and didn't smell burnt.

The group went on to Kearny, loaded Ben's new car, and picked up some additional parts. As the Suburban towing Ben's car on the trailer headed thru Kearny to get to the Interstate the Tranny continued to act up. Once it got out on the highway it shifted up and seemed to run down the road fine.

Luckily there weren't very many stops on the route from Interstate 80 to US 81 and on to Wichita. The MCCA members were 300 miles from home towing with an iffy tranny. Things went well until just after they turned off 80 and on to 81. The terrain started to get hilly and when Greg (who was driving) let off the gas to slow down going down the hill the car just shut down, no power (OH S*&*) After coasting to a stop the Suburban restarted with the key and

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Most rubber, wiring and pot metal parts suffered damage during the engine fire caused by a broken plastic fuel filter in the engine compartment.

Nebraska . . .

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got back up to speed. At least the group was only 200 miles from home now. This sequence happened several other times in the hills and Greg figured out it was the tranny dropping out of gear . . . then when it slowed down enough to downshift it would catch and run, shift up and cruise at 70 again. Greg developed a routine where he would keep the throttle at the same position going up and down the hills and the shut-downs happened less often.

Finally as the road flattened out (Kansas) and the outside temperature dropped the Suburban seemed to be working fine. The Suburban was using less gas loaded than with the empty trailer (but it was going with the wind on the return trip). For the rest of the trip everyone's eyes were glued to the GPS watching the miles count down. There was a collective sigh of relief when the Suburban and its loaded trailer turned off on exit 19 toward the shop.

On Monday Greg came up to the shop to work on the new acquisition. He brought his power-washer up and hosed off the layers of dirt from the years in storage. Looking at the car it seemed that it was taken off the road in 1976 after a fire in the engine compartment and stored ever since. It is now on its way to be a running Corvair again.

Orpheum Show May 2

The Orpheum Theatre, 200 N. Broadway, Wichita, KS 67202 Presents the 3RD Annual Orpheum Car Show, "Where the Cars Are the Stars!" on Sunday, May 2 - 1:00pm to 5:00pm

Entry to view the vehicles is FREE. Car Registration \$10 Before April 15 or \$20 April 16 - May 2. Register on-line or by calling 316-263-0884

Come and see a wide array of classic, muscle and antique cars! Fun, food and music for the entire family, and prizes for those who enter. Also Orpheum staff will be conducting tours of the back-stage areas of the historic theatre.

New this year! Winner of the "Best in Show" award automatically receives a spot in the 2010 Black Top Nationals in August!

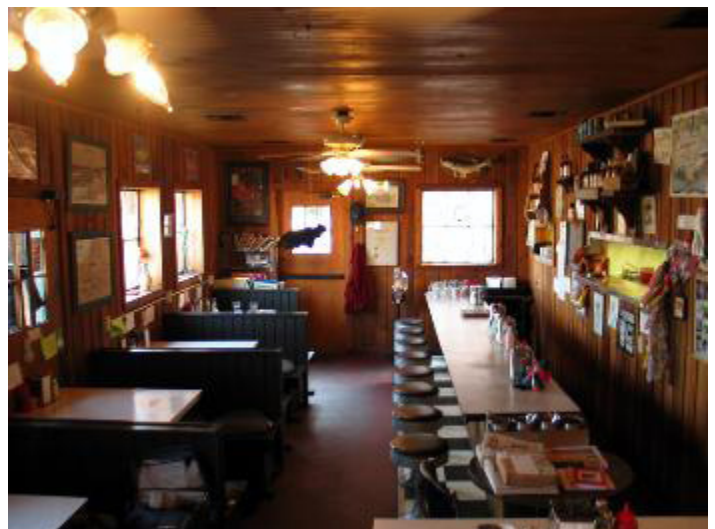
Mult-Club trip To Stroud, OK

On Saturday, May 15th the MCCA, OKC club and Tulsa clubs will be gathering for lunch at the historic Rock Cafe in Stroud, OK on Rt. 66. Those attending from Oklahoma City and Wichita will be meeting at Pop's on Route 66 in Edmond, OK at about 10 a.m. and leave about 10:20 to head west on 66 and meet up with the Tulsa group in Stroud for lunch.

Terry Kalp, Ned and Kathy Madsen made a similar trip in May of 2008 and enjoyed the food and the trip. However they had to rush back to Wichita to make the MCCA meeting. This time the MCCA meeting is on May 8th so no quick return trip will be required.

A couple of weeks after the 2008 visit the Rock Cafe burned, leaving only the walls, which had been made from the rocks moved when Rt. 66 was built. In the past two years Rock Cafe has been rebuilt and is better than ever. The Cafe was featured on the Diners, Dives and Drive-ins Program on the Food channel. The creators of Disney's animated "Cars" movie spent a lot of research time in Stroud and based the character, "Sally" on the owner of the Rock Cafe.

The group leaving from Pop's will make a short stop at another Rt. 66 landmark, the Round Barn in Arcadia. This is a fun trip with good eats and a chance to catch up with our Corvair friends from Oklahoma.



The inside of the Rock Cafe has been completely rebuilt since the 2008 fire. It retains the '40's charm but has been arranged for more space.

