

The Flat Six Journal

Mid Continent Corvair Association Newsletter

February 2010

February begins Spring Functions

For MCCA members February marks the beginning of Spring Corvair activities. The Wichita Swap Meet is over (see story pg. 4). This weekend, Saturday, February 13th is the MCCA Pre-Spring Fling. This year's dinner is being held at the West Golden Corral at 616 S. Ridge Road. It is back off the road behind the theatres. Check out the Map on page 8.

The next Saturday, February 20, is Cold Tuna, the Tune-up/Social at Terry Kalp' shop at 2140 W. 101st North (more details in the story on page 3). Not in February, but same weekend as the March 13 MCCA meeting is the Corvair Performance Workshop March 12 & 13 in Indianapolis, Indiana. Ned, Jim and Terry have attended the past few years and it is a fantastic trip. There is a lot to see in Indy and the Workshop provides exceptional Corvair performance information. Contact Ned Jim or Terry if you are interested in going.



MCCA February Mtg. & Pre-Spring Fling

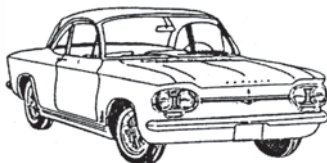
MCCA February Meeting Agenda

- **Enjoy dinner at Golden Corral Restaurant at 616 S. Ridge Road (Ridge Road and Kellogg)**
- **Introduce and open floor to new members-15 min**
- **2009 Fast Eddie GNRT Award**
- **Discuss 2010 Road Trips- 30 min**

Open Discussion- remainder of time



**Jan. Meeting
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February Meeting

Sat. Feb. 13th 6 pm

Golden Corral Restaurant

Kellogg & Ridge, Wichita, KS

Classifieds

FOR SALE: Mike and Marla Sweaney of the Tulsa Green Country Corvair Group are selling their Red, 1961 Corvair Monza 4-door. It is a nice running car. For more information contact: Mike at monza17@cox.net

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
in January



No Dues
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It is Tuna time again. Come out to Terry Kalp's shop at 2140 W. 101st Street North on Saturday February 20th for a day of Corvair "tune-up" and repair. Even though the Tuna is a couple of weeks away, it is not too early to start planning your Corvair upgrades for Spring and Summer

"Ran when Parked"



This unfortunate LM convertible was submitted by Travis Bolton of the HACOA from the "Ran when Parked" photo gallery in the photo section of the club web site (<http://www.hacoa.org/>) Remember to submit your candidates for "Ran when Parked" to Terry Kalp

Corvair Driving enjoyment.

The main dish will be provided by Greg Renfro, everyone else bring a side dish. If you need to discuss your Tuna project you can contact Ned Madsen at 316-788-1724 or Terry Kalp at 316-755-2458. We have people coming from Kansas City, Topeka and Oklahoma as well as local members. Greg Renfro and Ben will be working on Ben's '62 Coupe, there is work and planning needed for the club trailer to get it ready for Afton. and several other people have mentioned projects, if you have a project to work on, bring it out

Even if your Corvair is running fine come out for the noon meal and Corvair fellowship, maybe even help out a fellow club member on their Corvair project.

Make sure you Corvair is ready for Lake Afton in June and the Sixth Great Plains Corvair Roundup next September, in OKC. We want everyone out with their Corvairs running fine. Fun, food and fellowship . . . what more could one ask for to break up the dreary month of February. Don't miss out.

2010 Lake Afton features Corvairs

The Wichita Car Council voted to feature the Corvair at the 2010 Lake Afton Car Show.

Corvairs will be featured on the ads, posters, and T-shirts. Daryl Standifer created the ad design from photos submitted by MCCA members. The ad now appears in the Cars Cruzin '10 Calender of events. The posters showed up at the Model A Swap Meet, and the shirt design is being finalized next week.

Let's try to get as many Corvairs as possible out to Lake Afton Park for the event, it can be a part of the continuing celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the first Corvairs. It will be an excellent opportunity to promote the Corvair and maybe even expand our membership. Perhaps we could drag out the Club trailer and make it road worthy enough to take some Corvair exhibits out the show. Work on the trailer is set as a Cold Tuna project.

2010 Wichita Swap Meet

By Terry Kalp

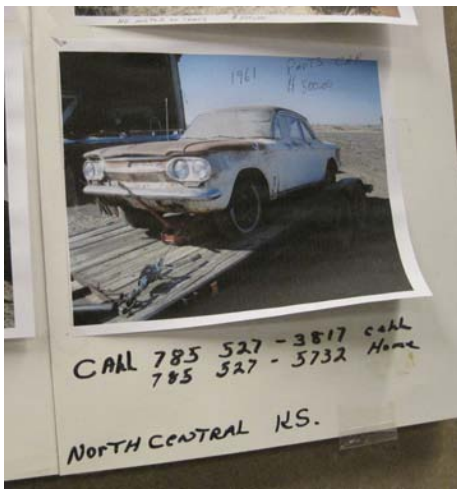
A great “Cabin Fever” buster for many area car guys is the annual swap meet sponsored by the Wichita A’s. Since I had sold my Wesfalia trailer, I needed a way to haul my “junk” to the swap meet. The MCCA trailer was languishing behind the shop so I pulled it in and got it road worthy (See story on page 5).

MCCA member Bob Horstman stopped by my booth and said he remembered cutting up and welding the body of the trailer, over 20 years ago, when MCCA started on the project. The trailer drew many comments and Corvair stories during the two day swap meet.

Other MCCA members had booths set up. Bob & Lee Bright were set-up a few aisles over and down from my booth. Bob was

selling his aftermarket hot rod supplies. In another building Tom & Kathy Stout had a booth with a Corvair Turbocharger and a lot of other non-corvair used parts for sale. Fred & Sharon Bybee from HACO were down from Kansas City selling the refurbished radios and clocks that Fred restores as a retirement hobby.

Other MCCA members were spotted seeking treasure or just stopping by the booth to rest and chat. Keith Leslie was down from Topeka and said he is planning to make Cold Tuna. Lloyd Folger warmed a chair for awhile and showed the die-cast Corvair model he purchased. Ned and Kathy Madsen took some time out of their quest for a 1965 Kingman County tag to visit. Greg Renfro was seen purchasing and carrying some F*(D parts . . . shame, shame.



RIGHT: Terry's booth had the Corvair banner from the Roundup and the Corvair trailer, that brought in Corvair fans like a magnet. **LEFT:** Some of the Corvairs and Corvair items that were for sale at the Swap Meet. Seems like white EM coupes dominated. Lots of Corvair literature also.



MCCA club trailer Rehab in progress

This project started over 20 years ago when Bob Horstman assisted by several MCCA members cut up a '64 Corvair, and mated the front and rear body sections into an enclosed trailer body. About eight years ago at the first Juna Tuna, Harold "Spyderman" Morgan brought it up to the Kalp shop for more work. It was flipped over and a trailer tongue was mounted and the steering centerlink was welded to the crossmember of the stock Corvair front axle.

The first road test resulted in a wag faster than a puppy tail at 15 m.p.h. Several bags of Quikcrete and a filled cement block were added to put more weight in front of the axle. This made no difference in the happy puppy syndrome. So the trailer was pulled to the back of the Kalp Shop and parked.

In January, Terry pulled the trailer around to the workshop area and began to try and solve some of the towing problems. One theory was that the centerlink welded to the crossmember was causing a lot of bump steer, so Terry measured the location on a stock corvair and found it was 3" out from the crossmember, so a rectangular tubing standoff was made and welded to the crossmember and center link to hold it in the correct position.

Another theory was that the front axle being 6" ahead of the center line of the axle was also causing part of the wag. The trailer was flipped over. The hat shaped "frame" section that mounted the front axle flared out and ended shortly behind the axle mounting. Terry cut the flared portion off then found some rectangular tubing that would fit the hat section and used it to extend two rails to the back of the trailer. Once the rails were fitted and welded the two halves of the trailer were solidly tied together and once holes were drilled the front axle could be bolted back in eight inches behind the previous location.

Moving the axle back meant that the back half of the wheel wells and some of the other rear structure had to be cut out to provide clearance for the tires. Also the wheel openings on the side no longer lined up with the wheels so they would have to go also. Terry got to play with the SawsAll and Plasma cutter a lot.

Once everything was back together the trial run



The MCCA trailer at the swapmeet. It started out over 20 years ago when the two ends of a '64 Corvair were spliced together to make the body.

showed no return of the previous problems. There is a lot of work left to be done. Member input is requested for the design of the inside of the trailer, should it be an open space or should there be compartments? Show up at Cold Tuna with your ideas.

2010 MCCA Events

At the January meeting one change and several additions were made to the Calendar that was published in the January FlatSix Journal. Note that Juna Tuna has been moved up to June 5th and several dates for possible MCCA road trips have been set.

April

17 Proposed Road Trip Date

May

15 Proposed Road Trip Date

22 Proposed Road Trip Date

June

5 Juna Tuna, Kalp Shop 8 am-?

July

17 Proposed Road Trip Date

September

4 Proposed Road Trip Date

November

6 Proposed Road Trip Date

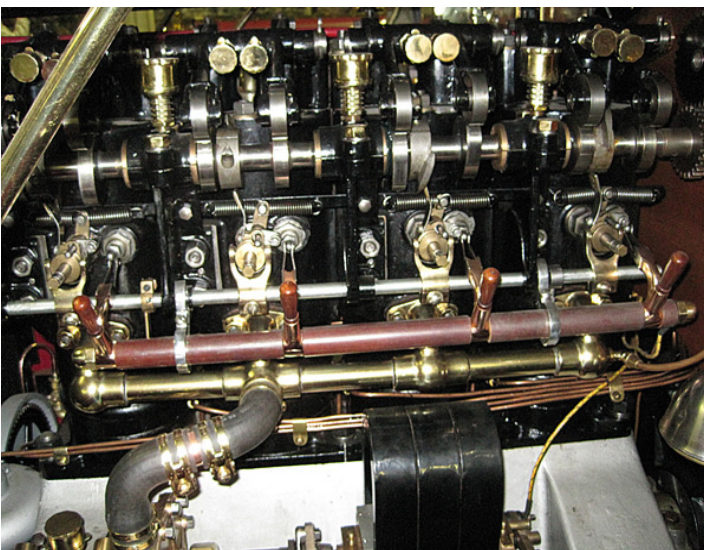
Pre-'16 car collection tour



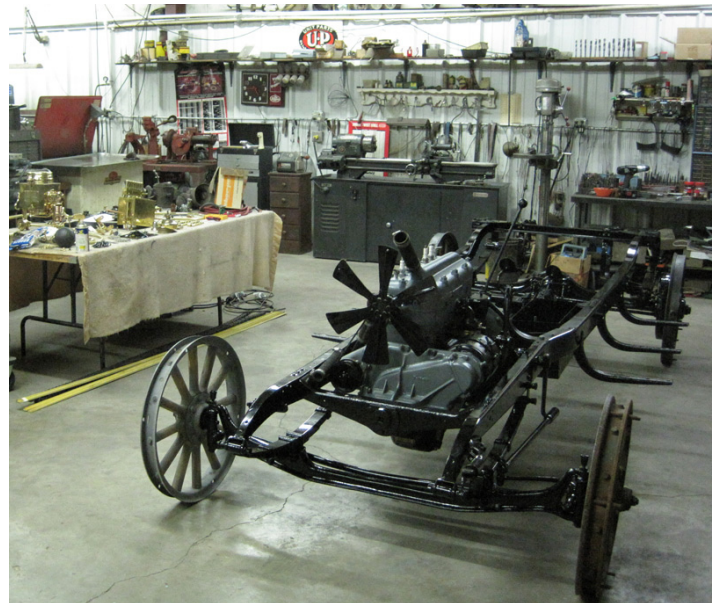
Dan Boulton of Oklahoma City has been collecting Brass-era cars for most of his long life. This row of magnificent cars was just half his collection. Dan was a great host answering many questions and explaining many of the details of these almost 100 year old cars.

Terry Kalp didn't know how lucky he was when he headed out to attend the January meeting of the Oklahoma City Corvair club on Thursday, January 14th. With friend, Dan Hagenbuch, Terry took out in the fog at 7 am. Their plan was to take Route 66 from Yukon to Clinton, OK to tour the Rt 66 museum before making the evening Corvair meeting.

The first part of the meeting was dinner at the County Line BBQ. Excellent food and conversation. The second part of the meeting was to tour the pre-1916 car collection of Dan Boulton. It was an exception display of cars. Dan and his 1910 Packard Model 30 were featured in the February 2010 Hemmings Classic Car magazine tribute to Packards. The other part of the building was Dan's extremely well equipped restoration shop.



When Dan bought this car to restore it was missing the engine. No problem for Dan, he found some one with the engine he needed, it was not for sale, so he offered to rebuild it if he could make patterns. This engine Dan built from scratch.



The other half of the building was the restoration shop where Dan and two friends are restoring this early Dodge chassis.

HACO A Tech Very informative

Mike Dawson of the Kansas City Corvair club (HACO A) holds a monthly tech session at his garage. MCCA member, Terry Kalp drove up for the January session that runs from 3 pm to 6 pm then some supper afterward.

First up was Scott Allison demonstrating how to use Plastigauge to determine rod bearing clearances. After Scott's great presentation was Mike Dawson explaining the different Corvair flywheels, clutch discs, pressure plates and input shafts. Another outstanding demonstration.

After the educational was the nutritional, a very tasty soup supper with many side dishes. As the dishes were cleared, Travis brought in a differential and Mike replaced the broken snout and set the gear pattern and backlash.

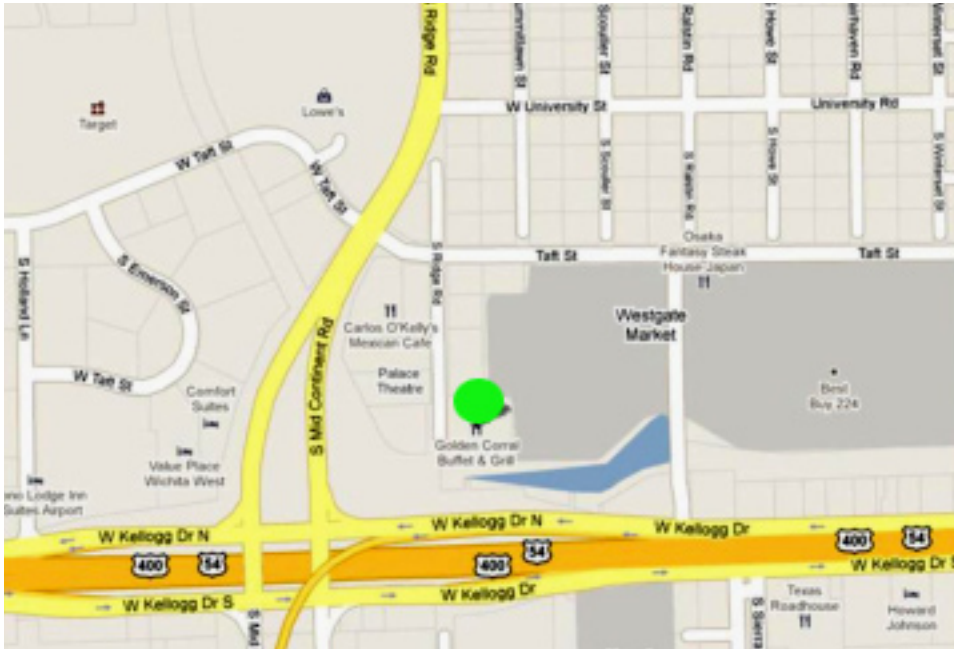
RIGHT: Mike Dawson assembles a pressure plate and flywheel on the balancer he created out of a Corvair engine top cover.

BELOW: Some of the crowd watching Scott's demonstration in Mike's very organized garage. Notice the handouts they are holding are copies of Greg Renfro's article on Plastiguage that was published in the MCCA FlatSix Journal last year.



Scott Allison (right) torques down a rod nut while Travis Bolton (left) stabilizes the crank assembly while using Plastigauge to determine the rod bearing clearance. Scott was demonstrating the proper methods to use Plastiguage for the Kansas City Tech session.





February Meeting
Saturday
Feb. 13th
7 pm

Golden Corral Restaurant
 616 .S. Ridge Road
 Kellogg & Ridge
 Wichita, KS

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Calendar

February Social Feb 13

March Meeting March 13
 Performance Workshop

April Meeting April 10

MCCA Road Trip April 17

May Meeting May 8

Juna Tuna June 5

Lake Afton June 13