

The Flat Six Journal

Mid Continent Corvair Association Newsletter

January 2010

From the President

MCCA January 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
- 2009 Fast Eddie GNRT Award
- Show and tell-20 min
- Discuss 2010 Calendar- 30 min

Open Discussion- remainder of time



In deep . . . snow. Oklahoma City Corvair club President, Chris Teer, sent in this photo of his LM convertible resting in the 10+ inches of snow in his back yard. So far the Wichita area has gotten off a lot easier in the snow department.

MCCA 2009 Review

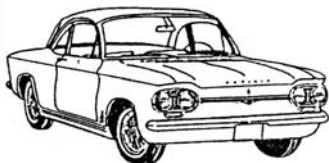
January 2009 The year starts with ongoing plans for the 2009 Great Plains Corvair Roundup which returned to Wichita for MCCA to host this year. The 14 Corvairs that were for sale in Hillsboro were now in McPherson and for sale again. The FlatSix Journal featured Clair Baldwin's project to put a LM Corvair body over a 2000 Cavalier floor pan. At that time it was just a body in one garage and a floorpan in the other with a lot of cutting and trimming left to do. Clair has been driving his nearly finished project to coffee almost every day.

February 2009 The club tried out the food at the Roundup host hotel for the Pre-Spring fling dinner meeting, it was great. The 43 people turned out for Cold Tuna, including Geoff and Cary that came all the way from Albuquerque. Ryan came down from

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Nov. Meeting
EM 5 LM 3



January Meeting

Sat. Jan. 9th 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 selling their Red, 1961 Corvair Monza 4-door It is a nice running car. For more formation Contact: Mike at monza17@cox.net

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2010 Lake Afton to feature Corvairs

Wichita Area Council of Car Clubs

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LAKE AFTON ALL WHEELS CAR SHOW

Sunday, 11A.M.-4P.M.

June 13, 2010

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Vendors & Food Concessions Available

This year featuring



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Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Corvair launch

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Teddy Bear
Collection Site for
EMS, Sheriff,
& Fire Departments

RAIN DATE:
JUNE 20

Per Sheriff & County rules: *NO* alcohol; *NO* open fires; *NO* burnouts;
golf carts *ONLY* for handicapped usage.

There was a great showing of MCCA members at the November meeting of the Wichita Car Council. Doug Horstman, Greg Renfro, Terry Kalp, Ned and Kathy Madsen were present when the Council voted to feature the Corvair at the 2010 Lake Afton Car Show.

The Corvairs will be featured on the ads, posters, and T-shirts. A proposed design for the ad is shown to the left. Daryl Standifer created the design from photos submitted by MCCA members. The ad should show up first in the Cars Cruzin '10 Calender of events that is usually distributed at the end of January at the time of the Starbird Custom Car Show.

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 roadworthy enough to take some Corvair exhibits out the show. Would be a good Cold Tuna project.

“Ran when Parked”



This EM sedan lost a battle with a SawzAll. Once it was parted out and chopped up the remaining good metal was taken to Corvair Ranch in Pennsylvania. Posted by Tom Hughes of Baltimore, Maryland. Remember to submit your candidates for “Ran when Parked” to Terry Kalp

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Topeka and assembled his 140 hp engine under the watchful eyes of Ned and Jim. Mel found out a few things about the radio in his convertible he never knew before. Alan and Mark worked on brakes and U-joints on Mark's recently purchased Corsa coupe.

March 2009 Early in the month Jim, Ned and Terry went to Indianapolis for the 6th annual Corvair Performance Workshop. It was the first year in Indy and the trio toured the famous track and museum. Progress continued for the Roundup. Plans were made for MCCA members to show their Corvairs off at the weekly Friday night parking lot car shows held at Central and West street. The shows were to begin in April.

April 2009 After the first week was cancelled because of the weather, MCCA members started showing up regularly at the Central and West show for the entire season. Larry Lee had an exciting trip home from the April meeting when the steering fell apart on his LM convertible on K-15. He McGyvered a fix using his key chain to replace a cotter key and castle nut. Roundup preparations continued.

May 2009 Gary Anderson of Rochester Minnesota, was looking for a Corvair fix on the trip he was taking to Texas. He made plans with Terry to stop by the Shop and was greeted by a small band of MCCA members, and given a MCCA T-shirt. The Autocross season started and Greg gave a nice account in the newsletter of his ride in Jim's EM racer.

June 2009 This month started with another great turnout at the Lake Afton show and June meeting. Officers were elected with Greg Renfro, President; Bob Bright Vice-President, Julie Strecker, Secretary and Ned Madsen as Treasurer. At the vairy rainy Juna Tuna, enough cars were cleared from the shop so that the newly resurfaced Valve cover racetrack could be set-up and people could test run their racers. Several sets of headlights were adjusted and great food and conversation were served to everyone. At the end of June several MCCA members made the trip to Liberty, Mo to help the Kansas City Corvair club celebrate their 45th anniversary.

July 2009 The club met at Eric's shop in

downtown Wichita so members could go to the Moonlight Car Show in nearby Old Town after the meeting. Ned won a special door prize, which he donated to the Roundup.

August 2009 Terry, Ned and Jim headed out to Marshalltown, Iowa to race their Corvair at Fire and Ice. They picked up Scott Allison and Travis Bolton in Kansas City. Everyone won an award with Jim and Terry getting special recognition for the duration and style of their off track excursions.

September 2009 With the Great Plains Roundup less than a month away all the last minute details must be finished. At the September meeting everyone pitched in to stuff the goodies into the goodie bags provided by Hagerty Insurance.

October 2009 All the hard work pays off as over 40 Corvairs gather at the Best Western Airport Inn in Wichita for the 5th annual Great Plains Roundup. Friday night was the introduction of Marvin Luke's 60 Corvair, some birthday cake and valve cover races. The weather couldn't have been better on Saturday for the Car Shows, Slow Drags and Banquet. But wait that's not all. Two weeks later was Luna Tuna at the Kalp shop with MCCA buying steaks for everyone to celebrate the successful Roundup. The Tuna projects included fixing Chris Teer's Corvair that died on the way home from the Roundup, and getting a rampside running for Julie and Bernie Strecker's nephews.

November 2009 A few changes in the meeting format were introduced, starting with an agenda published in the newsletter before the meeting. It was decided to create a Board of Directors to take the boring details of club business out of the limited meeting time. Everyone had a chance to speak and inform the rest of the club about the progress on their projects.

In summary, with hosting the Great Plains Corvair Roundup it was a very busy and rewarding year in the life of the club. A Corvair showed up at the meetings 64 times last year. It was an Early 33 times, a Late 31. For five meetings the Earlies were dominant in the parking lot, for four meetings the Lates prevailed and two meeting they tied.

Fast Eddie

Ned Madsen

Well 2009 is over and it's time to review and award accomplishments for the past year. My 2009 was very disappointing. The economy was in the driver's seat for determining what events I could attend. I was optimistic when we went to Indy for the Performance Workshop in February. In a few months, I'd be wondering if I'd have a job little less what Corvair events I'd be attending. While I luckily did not lose my job, I did have to take 9 weeks off. The biggest and first event that we decided to not attend was the CORSA convention in Jacksonville. That also meant I wouldn't be racing at Roebing Road.

With all of the uncertainty at the job, I didn't even get to a local autocross until the end of May, the fourth event of the year. One of those events was on Mother's Day. Seriously, who schedules an autocross on Mother's Day? My second event was a couple of weeks later, on Father's Day (that's OK). That was the only local event where I beat Jim, because he didn't show up.

I did run the "enduro-cross" this year and had a ball. It's just an autocross on steroids. You get to do multiple laps of the course on each run. It was just extra fun and I'm going to try to attend more in the future. There would be one more autocross for my season.

We did go up to Iowa for their Fire and Ice event. That was a good news / bad news event for me though. The good news was that I beat Jim; the bad news was

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April 9th - 11th 2010
San Marcos, Texas

Celebrating 50 Years 1960-2010

Hosted by Alamo City Corvair Association

2010 MCCA Events

January

- 9 MCCA Meeting, DRC 7pm
- 15-17 Starbird Car Show, Wichita

February

- 5-6 Swap Meet KS Coliseum
- 13 MCCA Pre-Spring Social, TBA
- 20 Cold Tuna, Kalp Shop 8am-?

March

- 13 MCCA Meeting, DRC 7pm
- 13 Performance Workshop, Indy

April

- 9-11 Heart of Texas, San Marcos, TX
- 10 MCCA Meeting, DRC 7pm

May

- 8 MCCA Meeting, DRC 7pm
- 21-23 Tri-State, Canon City, CO

June

- 13 MCCA Meeting, Lake Afton, KS
- 19 Juna Tuna, Kalp Shop 8am-?
- 20 Lake Afton Rain Date
- 20 Corvair Caravan leaves KC for . . .
- 21-25 CORSA Convention, Cedar Rapids

July

- 10 MCCA Meeting, TBA
- 10 Moonlight Car Show, Old Town

August

- 14 MCCA Meeting, DRC, 7pm

September

- 11 MCCA Meeting, DRC, 7pm

October

- 1-3 Great Plains Roundup, Tulsa
- 9 MCCA Meeting, DRC, 7pm
- 16 Luna Tuna, Kalp Shop 8am-?

November

- 13 MCCA Meeting, DRC, 7pm

Radio Console fits Many Corvairs

Having several Corvairs to drive and not much appreciation of what AM radio has to offer, Terry Kalp had a problem to solve. Also he didn't want to buy several modern radios and speaker setups to install in his Corvairs, so this is the solution he came up with for modern music in vintage Corvairs.

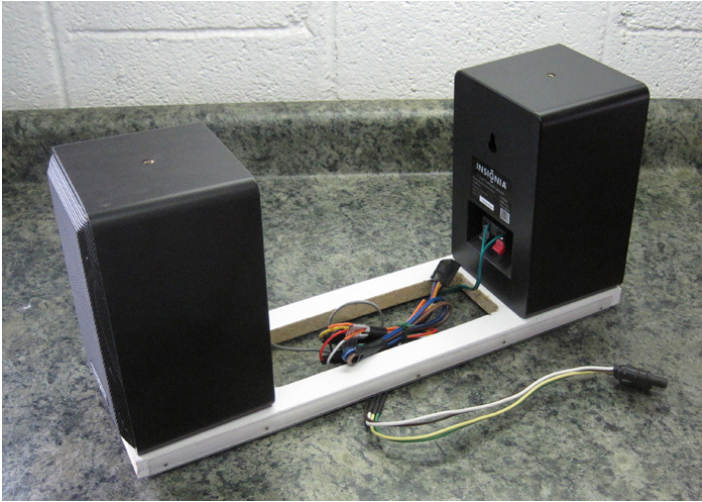
The self-contained unit combines a modern radio and speakers in a box measuring 17 inches long, 5 inches wide, and 8.5 inches tall. It fits between the bucket seats in a LM Corvair. Bucket seats are closer together on EM Corvairs, but the unit is short enough to fit in front of the seats in EMs and any bench seat Corvair that does not have a floor shift.

Materials needed include: a DIN mount radio, a pair of 5"x 8" bookshelf speakers, a sheet of metal, 20 ga. at least 17"x 22", a chunk of wood 5"x 17" x 3/4", 4 longer 5mm screws and a flat 4 prong trailer wiring harness. Optional is a 24" square of material to cover the finished project.

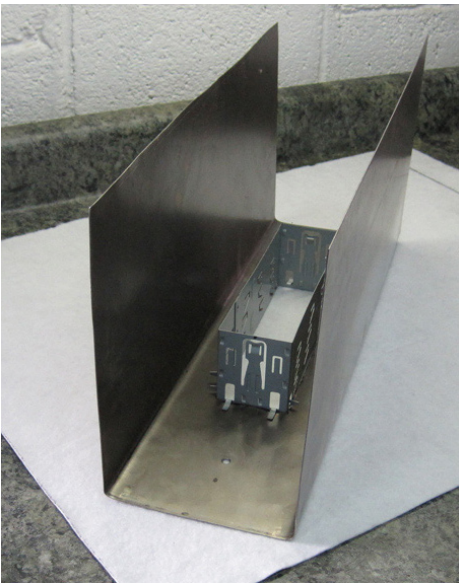
First trim the wood to 5"x 17", then cut an opening in the middle for wiring and drill and countersink two holes to hold the speakers, bolt the speakers down with the new longer screws.

Once the sheet metal is trimmed to the 17"x 22" size, form it into an U shape with 8.5 inch legs and a 5" center. A portable workbench and a couple of 2x4s work well if a sheet metal brake is not available. Create an opening for the DIN radio mounting sleeve and drill two holes to mount the metal to the top of the speakers using 5mm screws. Mount the DIN

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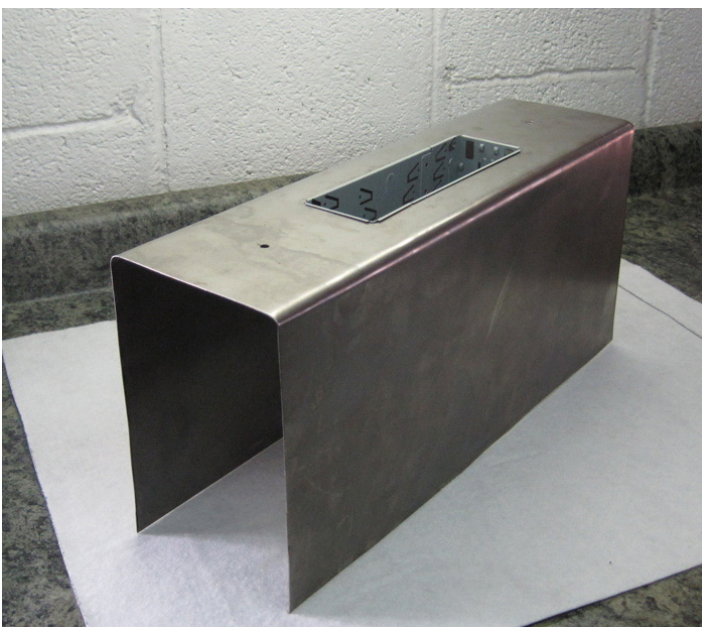
ABOVE: Base with speakers mounted.



LEFT: Upside-down view of metal U.

BELOW: Top view of Metal U with DIN collar mounted.

LOWER RIGHT Console mounted in a '65 Coupe.



Radio . . .

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sleeve, bending the tabs to lock it in place.

Wire the radio plug to the speakers and then the constant power, switched power, dimmer and ground to the trailer side of the 4 prong plug. Be sure to use the ground wire for the plug for the ground to the radio. Run the vehicle end of the trailer plug from between the seats, under the carpet up to the fuse box where you can pick up the two power sources and ground. Again make sure you use the trailer ground for ground. Also route the antenna wire to the radio location. An extension will be needed for most front mounted antennas, a rear antenna lead can just be re-routed.

Cover the box, drop in the radio, plug it in and enjoy. Felt backed vinyl was used for this box. After the vinyl was glued down with 3M spray adhesive it wrinkled and puckered a lot . . . but the next day was flat. Add wiring and antenna drops to any other cars .



ABOVE: Ned autocrossing in a borrowed EM Coupe at the 2002 CORSA Convention.

LEFT: Jim in a borrowed LM Coupe at the 1st Roundup

Fast Eddie . . .

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that I broke a valve spring. It took me a while to find that broken valve spring and that kept me from any more of the local autocross events.

Jim Dallas on the other hand was nothing short of the Corvair Iron Man. Jim entered 7 of the 10 local autocrosses. The ones he missed were because he wasn't in the country, traveling to Europe for work (real tough job, but somebody's got to do it). As far as I could tell his car was always running great, much to my dismay.

There was one other MCCA member that participated in performance events. That would be Terry Kalp and his mighty LM sedan. Even though you wouldn't think a car with a 95 HP engine and a power glide could be a race car. You have to see Terry drive it. The only event he drove was the Fire and Ice in Iowa. He drove the car up and back too. I remember talking to Terry about one particular part of the track. I tried to give him some advise on how to get through it faster. He

proceeded to learn, first hand, what happens when you brake and turn at the same time. The best part was seeing him do the same thing in the same place, very nice spins.

Finally, many people take time to clean up and straighten up things at the end of the year. I took the opportunity to do some cleaning and backing up on my computers. I found a couple pictures that I thought were interesting. Yup, that's me driving an early at the CORSA convention in 2003(?) and Jim driving a late model turbo car at the very first Roundup in 2005.

MCCA history

A few notes from the January 1980 MCCA newsletter. Lloyd Fogler and Glenn Ziesenis were welcomed as new members. A road trip was planned to Yoder and back ending up at Casey Jones Junction.

Glenn provided a tech tip on fixing leaky EM cowl areas. Jack Geahman was selling his 1965 Corvair convertible for \$500.

Congratulations on 30 years with MCCA, Lloyd.



January Meeting
Saturday
Jan. 9th
7 pm

Derby Recreation Center
 801 E. Market, Derby, KS

Derby, KS

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 A photograph of a silver Corvair car covered in snow, serving as the background for the calendar section.

Calendar

- January Meeting Jan. 9
- Starbird Show Jan. 15-17
- Wichita A's Swap Meet Feb. 5-6
- February Social Feb 13
- March Meeting March 13
- Performance Workshop
- Lake Afton June 13