

# The Flat Six Journal

Mid Continent Corvair Association Newsletter

November 2010

## Nov. Meeting BBQ at Bob's

The MCCA November Meeting has a new time and place. Still held on Saturday November 13, 2010 it will start with a BBQ starting at 6:00 pm at Bob & Lee Brights Shop. Their address is 210 E. Walnut, 1 block east of K15 on Walnut, just a few blocks from the DRC. Turn east at the Long John Silvers. There is parking on the street and across the street to the south from Bob's shop. For those who will ask, the shop is heated. Hamburgers and Hotdogs will be provided. Bernie and I will bring the buns, ketchup, mustard, pickles and onion. Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish, your own drinks and lawn chairs.

This is the last MCCA meeting for 2010, we need to discuss the Newton tour on December 4th and the events we want in 2011. Think about where we can have the February Spring Fling, it will be here soon.



**Oct. Meeting**  
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**November Meeting**  
**Saturday, Nov. 13th 6 pm**  
BBQ at Bob & Lee Bright's  
210 E. Walnut, Derby, KS



## *Duane Grimm* 1922-2010

MCCA member, Francis Duane Grimm passed away Monday, November 8. Duane was the grandfather of Alex and Ryan Moats.

Duane is missed already. He knew ICE (internal combustion engines) and liked to tell about people having trouble with a car, tractor, or aircraft engine. He would listen to what had been tried and then in 10 to 30 minutes make it run.

He could and would help you with about anything on a Corvair, usually without looking at a manual or tech guide. When he did refer to a manual he was quick, efficient, knew what he was looking for and what it meant. Often he knew a faster or better way. He was unassuming, respected by those who knew him in Corvair, aircraft, Church, and family settings. We miss a friend and wonderful resource.

**Larry Lee**

# Classifieds

## Tech Guide 3 Print & CD

Tech Tips published in the CORSA Communique from 1996 through 2007. This is combo version has the printed manual drilled for a 3-ring binder and companion CD. \$25 contact Ned Madsen 316-788-1724 or Aeroned@aol.com MCCA Fund raiser.

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**FOR SALE:** 1962 Corvair Spyder Convertible. This used to be Harold Morgan's (Spyderman) car. Black interior and top, burgundy body. 150 hp turbo engine, 4 speed transmission. Comes with all new rubber, filters, manuals. Needs top, clutch cable, some bodywork and wiring. Contact Chuck Jackson at 785-539-7846 and leave a message.

**FOR SALE:** 1963 Corvair Monza Convertible, 102hp 4-speed. Recent light metallic blue paint over a very straight body. Very solid light blue interior, good top. Runs and drives well. Aftermarket stereo and stock wire hubcaps. \$5000 contact Greg Renfro 316-641-1329 or grenfro@cox.net.

**FOR TRADE:** 64 Corvair monza parts. Front and rear windshields Gas cap area chrome trim piece (half moon looking piece for lower lip of gas filler area) Rear racing flags emblem Side monza emblems both carbs 2 monza 900 hub caps with black emblem centers 4 dog-dish style hub caps. If you need some 64 pieces let me know. Looking for parts for my parents 1961 Corvair Monza Sedan (see story on pages 6 & 7)

Thanks,  
Marc Nuessen 540-9861.



**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



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No Dues  
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## "Ran when Parked"



Another Rampside for sale this time on Craig's List in Dayton, Ohio. Looks like you could haul it on two different trailers. If you find an interesting photo send it in. Remember to submit your candidates for "Ran when Parked" to Terry Kalp

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**Ned will have Copies at the November Meeting, bring your money**

### Project Police

## New Floors & Colors



Ned Madsen has been working on Kathy's Corvair on Saturday, November 6th he brought it out to the Kalp shop, cut out the rusty front floorboards and replaced them with new. Fourteen hours later Ned was done. He has new seats, carpet, headliner and shoulder belt restraints yet to install.



LP Penner has spent the last year perfecting the bodywork on his '67 Corvair Convertible. Finally a couple of weeks ago the body was done and the weather was right for shooting paint. The black for the stripes was shot first, then stripes were masked and the silver and clear went on.



# TUNA Perfect Day

The weather wasn't nice, it wasn't great it was a perfect 70 degree day for the October Luna Tuna at the Kalp Shop. Most of the activities took place outdoors because nobody wanted to be inside. Larry Lee pulled dents outside while Mike Gerhart sandblasted. Ned worked inside on his exhaust only because the lift was there.

Lunch was BBQ from Hog Wild with pot-luck side dishes. Some even carried their food outside to eat. After Lunch MCCA and HACO A got together to Honor KC Gary More and his wife Helen on their CORSA first place newsletter.

Lloyd Folger arrived in his new CORSA and Alex and Patrick dove in and help him swap out a couple of problem lifters. Bet it won't hard to keep the people inside during Cold Tuna in February.

**TOP LEFT:** Jerry Nelson took this photo of some of the Corvairs parked in front of the Kalp Shop.  
**CENTER:** Mike Gerhart takes a break from sandblasting some rust spots on his EM coupe.  
**BELOW:** Even more Corvairs enjoying the sunny October day.





**ABOVE:** Ned Madsen performs some “exhausting” work on his wife Kathy’s Corvair. The lift made the job much easier.



**ABOVE RIGHT:** Gathering outside to chat was one of the most popular activities at Luna Tuna.



**CENTER:** Gary Moore (left) is the editor of the Kansas City club’s newsletter, VairCor, which won best CORSA newsletter of 2009. Scott Allison is presenting the cake.

**BELOW RIGHT:** Corvairs everywhere and only a few needed any work during the Tuna.



**ABOVE:** Bryan Easterwood shows off the fresh bodywork and paint on his EM Convertible





**ABOVE:** The sad starting point after years of service this Corvair was going to get some TLC. **RIGHT:** Wedding Day 1973. Before long the Monza will be back in even better shape than in the photo and ready to celebrate a 50th Wedding Anniversary.



**Sanding** showed up different layers of Color. Many hours and sheets of sandpaper were used.



**ABOVE:** All that work pays off as it is masked off and ready for another coat of primer. **RIGHT** As it is now with fresh paint, Marc, John and Charlotte. Engine work is next on the agenda.

## *Family A'vair*

On September 25th, 1972 I went looking for my first car. I took my dad (the money man), my uncle (the car expert) and my neighbor (the mechanic) to help me find the best value for my money. I left Quality Chevrolet with my first car, a 1961 Corvair Monza for only \$350 and \$2 down! I still have the bill of sale for the old gal nearly 40 years later.

On my 21st birthday, August 24th, 1973, I married my high school sweetheart and in a flurry of flying rice we drove away from the church in my Corvair because my husband wanted to hide his new 1973 Nova from certain mischief. However, the Corvair remains and the Nova doesn't. Several years later flooding from a thunderstorm caused hidden pieces of the dried wedding rice to sprout in the carpet, a living

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## Newton Road Trip Moved to Dec. 4

The VCCA/MCCA road trip to the Warkentin House in Newton has been changed to December 4th because of a special holiday event called, "The Five Places of Christmas". Five Newton sites can be toured at no charge that Saturday. The places are: Carriage Factory Gallery, Warkentin House, Harvey County

## Family A'vair

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reminder to the memories forged around the little car.

The Corvair continued to play a big part in our lives over the decades. My parents, brothers, sister and husband drove her as a school/work car and grocery getter. My children learned how to drive on back roads, before they had licenses, in the Corvair. Our son and three daughters have all driven the old gal to high school and college. She was dubbed the "Whooptie Car" when my oldest daughter drove the Corvair to college, since she was easily recognizable among all the boring, much younger cars on campus.

On one family trip, we drove the old gal up to our son for his new wife to use as a work car and the heater ducts in the back window panel caught on fire, adding a flash of excitement to our trip across Kansas. The heater never fully recovered and it was necessary after that to drive wrapped in a blanket using an ice scraper on the inside of the windshield as much as on the outside.

My husband was her last daily driver. My husband has Multiple Sclerosis and the bench front seat made it easier for him to handle on his rural mail route. Unfortunately after decades of use, the mail route provided to be a little more than the old gal could handle and she was retired to sit in the yard.

After a few years of sitting under a tarp, my husband mentioned he'd like to fix the Corvair up so we could drive her when we renew our vows on our 50th anniversary. Also my grandchildren are nearing driving age and were excited to take part in our Corvair legacy. Our son has begun the restoration in his garage, knowing how difficult, if not impossible, it would be for his father to take on the challenge because of his deteriorating condition.

**Charlotte (Gerlach) Nuessen**

Historical Museum, Goerz Hall, and Kauffman Museum. Plans are to have the regular VCCA meeting 8 am at IHOP on North Rock Road and leave from there for the drive to Newton. Join the VCCA for breakfast or just meet up with the group about 9 am at the North Rock Road IHOP (3505 North Rock Road, Wichita). In the morning the group will tour the Warkentin House and the Carriage Factory then have lunch at the Breadbasket, Then tour the Historical Museum after lunch. Goerz Hall and Kauffman Museum are in North Newton and would be optional.

The Warkentin House, was built between 1886 and 1887 and is listed on the Kansas and National Register of Historic Places it is a splendid example of the Victorian period in American architecture. More details will be presented at the November meeting.



VCCA and MCCA are planning a road trip to the historic Warkentin House in Newton October 23.



