

# The Flat Six Journal

Mid Continent Corvair Association Newsletter

April 2011

## Activities pick up with Spring Weather



With major sponsors coming on board the GoNed Racing team has been able to expand it's facilities in rural Valley Center. The trailers are packed and ready for the 2011 season. Photo by Loof Lirpa.

With nicer weather, the urge to get your Corvair dusted off and out on the road is strong. Check out page 6 for a list of possible events for MCCA members to attend. Several occur before the meeting so take a quick look at the list. At the April meeting we will be selecting some of the events to focus on. A group of several Corvairs always gets a lot of attention.

The warm weather is also getting more of us out to the garage to work on our Corvairs. Check out the Project Police on pages 7 & 8. Let Terry know what you are working on for the May newsletter.

Remember to work on your designs for the 2011 MCCA shirts and bring them to the meeting or ship them to Julie Strecker.



March Meeting  
EM 2 LM 4



**April Meeting**  
**Saturday, April 9th 7pm**  
Derby Recreation Center  
801 E. Market, Derby, KS

## Shirt Design Deadline

A new MCCA shirt design will be selected in the next few weeks now is the time to submit ideas. The deadline is near. You could receive a free shirt with your very own design on it. Bring your ideas to the April Meeting, you don't have to be an artist, but just have a great idea.

MCCA has decided to keep our current MCCA Logo for the left front. Our new design will go on the back and should be no more than 6 colors with white being 1 of the colors. . Designs can also be submitted to Julie Strecker, 13802 W. Texas Ct., Wichita, KS 67235 or [juliestrk@cox.net](mailto:juliestrk@cox.net)

# 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. \$20 contact Ned Madsen 316-788-1724 or Aeroned@aol.com MCCA Fund raiser.

**FOR SALE:** BERT needs a new home. 1964 2 door coupe, Dk Red with Black interior. Runs very well and looks good too. Has a new windshield, Not installed. \$4,000 or your very best offer. Julie or Bernie 316-722-0556



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<http://www.Corvair.org/chapters/chapter672/index.html>

**FOR SALE:** 1964 Monza Coupe 4-speed, 110 hp engine. Stored inside for most of its life. Red interior in good shape, black padded dash, AM radio. Red body clean, no rust or body damage. Paint is solid but dull, may buff out or may need a paint job. Good chrome on bumpers and trim in good shape. Trunk lock cylinder out, but have the parts to replace. runs and drives good. \$3000 price. Dunlap, 416 N. First Mulvane, KS or call 312-1414 if no answer leave a message as owner is on the road for work sometimes.



14 inch wheels. Comes with many extra parts. Let me know if you have any questions. This is a really good car. I wouldn't be afraid to drive it any where. Contact Ronnie Schneider, phone at 785-244-6538 Marysville, KS

**FOR SALE:** 1965 Monza 4-door. 110 hp engine and PowerGlide transmission. Blue with Black interior, hardtop, 58,000 miles runs and drives good. \$2900.00 price



**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. If you need some 64 pieces let me know. Looking for parts for my parents 1961 Corvair Monza Sedan 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

# Don't let an accident spoil your hobby

Marc Nuessen sent this note recently. Although he was wearing safety glasses, he came close to a very serious accident. Too often we just put on safety glasses for the "dangerous" jobs in the garage. Marc's story is a good reminder of why the safety glasses should be on anytime we are working.

Last weekend I also had my first major shop accident with the car. My dad and I were working on replacing the choke cables and he was holding them to length so I could make the cut. One came free and slid right over top my shop glasses, then through my brow, pierced and tore my cornea. Fortunately, I was knocked onto my butt immediately.

The hospital and specialist doctors said I was a hair width away from losing the eye altogether because the impact penetration stopped just short of rupturing the portion containing the eyeball fluids. God is good and I'm no longer in pain and can see somewhat out of the eye now, I was actually able to read and preach my sermon the following morning at Church with a little help.

Over the next 3-7 weeks my vision will slowly get better except where the scar is which is a triangle

dead center of that eye. The dr's feel the scar will be permanent but there is a chance they can cut the tissue away if the next 7 weeks of healing is favorable.


Despite the injury, I finished the cable replacement later in the week and so far have resisted the urge of breaking one of her headlights to make us even :-)

## Condenser Quick Tip

This quick tip comes from a on-line discussion about the capacitor attached to the coil on most of our Corvairs. The question was which post of the coil does the wire attach to. The answer, "It goes to POSITIVE side of coil , but to negative in emergency if the one in your distributor craps out..."


There should also be one on the armature of the generator for noise suppression along with bonding straps from shrouds to body. Lates have a cap pressed into the back housing of the alternator for this." Cheers, Tim Colson

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This artist's concept of a open wheeled hot rod with a shortened and narrowed EM Corvair 4 door body was posted on the internet by John Miller of Iowa. Back on the very early '60's Car Craft Magazine proposed then built a "DreamRod" that used an EM Corvair rear section for a turtle deck in much the same manner as the above illustration. If you find a photo send it in. Remember to submit your candidates for "Unusual Corvair" to Terry Kalp, [tkalp@cox.net](mailto:tkalp@cox.net)





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# 2011 Corvair Performance Workshop



An unofficial part of the Performance Workshop was a tour of the Museum on the grounds of the Indy 500 track. There was a special exhibit celebrating the 100th anniversary of the race. Most of the cars that won the race were on display in chronological order.



Ned Madsen checks out the chassis of a funny car during the Friday Afternoon tour of Don Schumacher Racing. DSR fields more than 10 teams, each with their own car, and semi tractor trailer full of spares. They construct their own chassis and build their own heads.

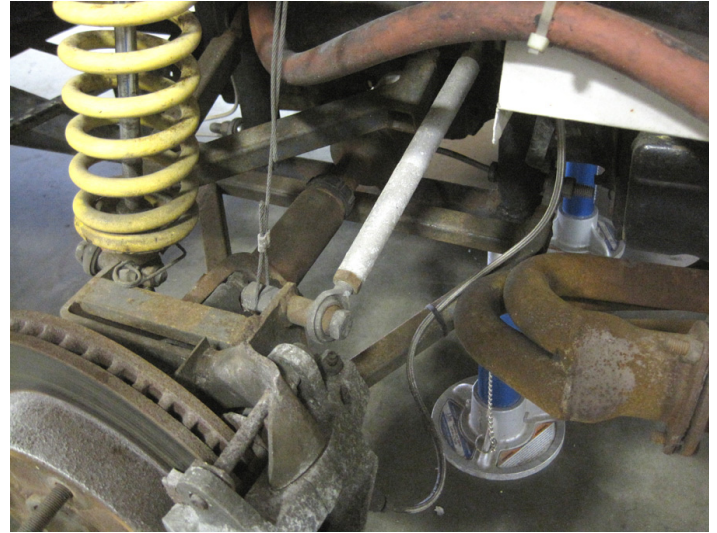
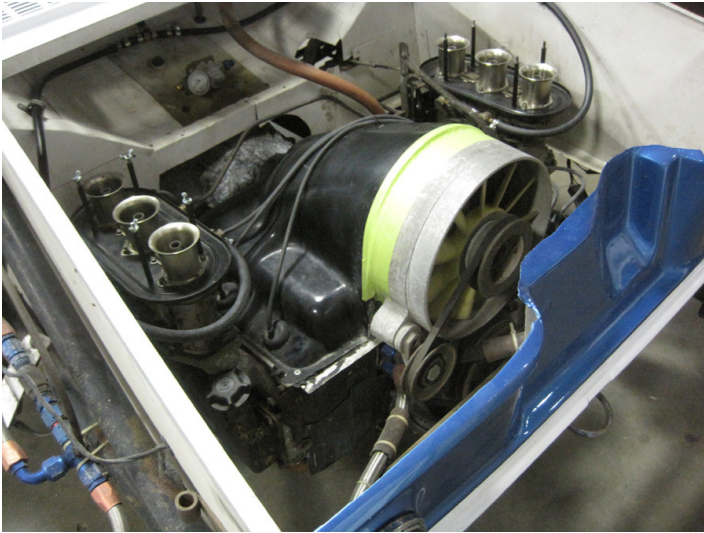
**By Ned Madsen**

The end of the winter is the time for the annual Corvair Performance workshop in Indianapolis. We had two new attendees, my wife Kathy and Bob Welch from OKC. We caravanned with the guys from KC. The trip had another tradition, lunch at Stake 'n' Shake.

Friday at the PW is tour day and this year we went to a professional drag racing shop. Their lobby was covered in trophies and a Funny Car. The shop had a "secret room" filled with CNC machines that were making blocks and heads out of aluminum. We were asked to not take pictures in that room. There were seven teams and 14 semi-trucks.

The workshop was held at a graphics shop, located in an industrial park with lots of automotive businesses. The feature car was Rick Loving's 64 Fitch Sprint convertible. He told us all about the car, including how Michael LeVeque lowered the suspension. Mel Francis brought the Corvair GT race car he purchased in Florida. It had been in storage for years. The rear suspension on that car was highly modified, full A-frame.

After the workshop, we went out to Michael and Tracy LeVeque's place for dinner. There were about 20 of us that went out there. We got a tour of his shop, lots a Stingers. The paint shop contained a very rare Corvair, a Canadian Stinger. We had a great time looking at the Corvairs and talking about how to make them faster. In my opinion, that is the best part of the Performance Workshop.



**ABOVE LEFT:** On display at the Workshop was this GT-3 Corvair track racer that was a “barn find”, actually a carport find. The racer had set dormant for at least a decade before it was recently bought.

**ABOVE RIGHT:** A GT-3 car is a tube frame race car with some fiberglass Corvair looking body panels thrown on. On the barn find the Corvair rear suspension had been replaced with a double A-arm setup.



**RIGHT:** In the Workshop parking lot was this EM Spyder convertible with a well crafted split-bumper setup along with a lot of other custom touches.



**ABOVE:** Out of the back door of the Workshop location was this Cheetah waiting a re-body. They were designed by Bill Thomas, also of Corvair fame.



**RIGHT:** Jeff Ballard of S C Performance brought a batch of Corvair speed parts from Southern California to sell.

# Upcoming Events

## April 16 First Annual Classic-N-Custom Car Show, Derby

This first year show will be held at or near Derby High School on Saturday, April 16. Show starts at 3:00 pm with judging during the afternoon and an awards ceremony at 6:30 pm. Show ends at 7:00 pm. If you want your car judged entry is \$20, non-judged is \$10. Online registration is available at: <http://aviatorcarshow.com/> Trophies for the top 40 plus Specialty awards will be given. The show is sponsored by the Aviator Church with profits going to the Children's Miracle Network.

## April 15-17 Heart of Texas

The 2011 Heart of Texas Corvair Reunion is shaping up to be a blast! Come relax and enjoy beautiful Lakeway, TX, the gateway to Texas' hill country.

Terry Kalp plans on going, if you are interested in going contact Terry, [tkalp@cox.net](mailto:tkalp@cox.net).

The Host Hotel is the Hampton Inn, Lakeway, TX 2013 FM 620 South, Lakeway, Texas, 78734.

The Show will be hosted by Hill Country Pasta House (Pavillion). For more information contact the Lone Star Corvair Club of Austin, TX (CORSA #787)

## May 1 Orpheum Car Show Wichita

Sunday, May 1st has been set for the 4th Annual Car Show at the Orpheum Theatre in downtown Wichita (Broadway and Second street) The show runs from 1 to 5 in the afternoon and is a benefit to the restoration of the classic theatre. Registration prior to April 15th is \$10 after that time it jumps to \$20. Online registration is available at:

[http://www.wichitaorpheum.com/\\_general/car-Show2011.html](http://www.wichitaorpheum.com/_general/car-Show2011.html)

## May 14 Rock Cafe, Stroud, OK

The Green County Corvairs of Tulsa and Indian Nation Corvair Association of Oklahoma City have planned a lunch get-together at the historic Rock Cafe in Stroud, Oklahoma on Saturday, May 14th. MCCA members that want to make the trip will head out from the DRC about 8 am on the 14th. They will then meet up with the OKC group at Pop's on Rt 66 about 10:30-11 and head on over to Stroud.

Bernie and Julie Strecker sent this list of a few dates they thought looked like possible road trips / drive in's for the club members. Some are ones that we would do anyway. Just FYI.

**Beginning April 8**, and every Friday:

5:30 pm – 10 pm

Cruse In at Central & West St.

Ron : 316-295-7600

**April 9** : NSRA Appreciation Day

10 am – 4 pm

1020 W 103rd St South, Peck, Ks

Rodger : 316-207-8484

**April 9** : Tulip Time Car Show & Festival,

10 am – 4 pm

Grade School, Belle Plaine

Don : 620-488-2293

**April 16** : Inaugural Classic & Custom Car Show

(In memory of Tusten Edwards)

Derby High School, 3 pm – 7 pm

Randy : 316-250-0849

**May 7**: 7th Annual Newton Downtown Car Show

8 am – 4 pm

More Info : 316-283-0391

**May 22** : Sunday Arc Car Show,

Old Cowtown Museum

Registration 9 am, Show Noon to 4 pm

Carl : 316-755-2198

**June 12** : 39th Annual Lake Afton

All Wheels Car Show

11 am – 4 pm

Doug : 316-729-6645

**July 9** : 17th Annual Automobilia's Moonlight Car

Show and Street Party, 6 pm – Midnight

Old Town, Wichita

Gary : 316-264-9986

**Aug 26-28** : 2nd Annual Black Top Nationals

Downtown, Century II area

For Information : 316-425-6767

**Sept. 30-Oct 2** : Great Plains Corvair Roundup

Excelsior Springs, Mo

For Information : 816-847-8677

## Project Police

Marc Nuessen sent this note to update everyone on the progress he is making on the '63 Corvair Sedan he is restoring for his parents. They honeymooned in this Corvair.

After some long hours debugging the ignition and timing, Saturday afternoon she fired up and was scooting around the block. The starter, coil, and condenser all had to be replaced. I'm still tracking down a small drip of oil around one of the head bolts but she's no longer appears to be leaking transmission fluid.

Work on the Corvair is continuing. The oil drip has been addressed and the bottom end all dressed up again just in time for the new alternator on it to go kaput so I'm now waiting for a replacement alternator to come in. My mom has driven it up and down the driveway but without a working alternator it won't get too far on battery power.

The alternator was kind of a sore spot for me. I originally



**New MCCA member Ken Demmick poses by the mid-engined, Corvair powered dune buggy he built several years ago . . . sold . . . then bought back recently. Ken is in the process of rebuilding the buggy.**

ordered the alternator conversion kit (internal reg) from the Underground back in October with some weather stripping and seal kits. Many parts of that order I didn't receive until last week after literally months of calls to find out what the order hadn't been shipped. When I found out the alternator I got wasn't working I tried to work with the Underground and they sent me some replacement internals to try out but the relationship was

certainly strained by that point. So while I think they would eventually get me something that will work I decided to just work with another route. I found a rebuilt 37 amp alternator for \$50 that's on it's way so I'm going to try it out.

**Ned Madsen** continues work on "Kathy's" Corvair. The old steel wheels have been stripped, blasted, painted and new tires mounted.

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Larry Lee posted these photos of his LM Corsa convertible project on Facebook recently. Larry has been busy this winter, with the body almost ready for paint. It has come a long way from when he purchased the Corvair or even the condition it was in at Cold Tuna in February. Great job.

