

The Flat Six Journal

Mid Continent Corvair Association Newsletter

January 2011

Out with 2010 in with 2011

2010 was a great year for MCCA and 2011 looks like it will be even better. If you missed out on November's dinner/meeting hosted by Bob and Lee Bright, too bad. Everyone there had a great time. Bob's spacious shop was cozy and large enough for every one to move around, socialize and inspect Bob's many projects. Thanks to Bob and Lee for hosting the meeting.

Lots of Corvair activities are already on the calendar for 2011. The February meeting is a dinner and social, to be held on Saturday February 12. The location will be decided at the January meeting. Doug and Ned have been scouting spots and will report to the members at the meeting. The next Saturday, February 19 will be the first "Tuna" of 2011, Cold Tuna. Held at Terry's shop it is always a good time and a good way to get your Corvair in shape for Spring.

March will start with the regular MCCA meeting on the 12th. Then on the 18th & 19th the Corvair Performance Workshop in Indianapolis. A great start for

the racing season. Usually several from the club go.

April has the meeting on the 9th and the Heart of Texas regional meet on the 15th & 16th. Also in April the Friday night parking lot car shows at Central and West start and continue for most of the Summer.

The May meeting is on the 14th. But in June activities start to pick up. The club meeting is moved to coincide with the Lake Afton All wheels Car show on Sunday June 12th. Then Corvair Olympics II runs from the 16th to 18th in Indy. This puts Juna Tuna back a week from the regular time so it will be held on Saturday, June 25.

July has the MCCA meeting and the downtown Moonlight Car show on the 9th. Then the CORSA national convention will be in Denver on the 26th thru 30th. If you haven't been to a National Convention, this one will be a great one to attend.

August will have the club meeting on Saturday, the 13th. The September meeting is set for the 10th and the Great Plains Corvair Roundup is September 30 and October 1st up near Kansas City. The Kansas City club has gone all out in planning the Roundup. The Host Hotel is a restored resort where Harry S Truman spent the night when he defeated Thomas Dewey for President of the United States. Participants from the Roundup will also be able to compete in a SCCA Autocross in Kansas City on Sunday, October 2nd.

As things calm down a bit the October MCCA meeting is on Saturday the 8th. The next Saturday is Luna Tuna on the 15th, the final Tuna of the year. November 8 will be the last MCA meeting for 2011.

Hopefully MCCA will continue the joint road trips with VCCA and maybe even come up with some of our own. If you have ideas for 2011 activities present them at the January Meeting.



Nov. Meeting
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January Meeting
Saturday, Jan. 8th 7 pm
Derby Recreation Center
801 E. Market, Derby, KS

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 Harold Morgan's (Spyderman) car. Black interior and top, burgandy body. 150 hp turbo engine, 4 speed transmission. Comes with all new rubber floor mats. Needs top, cleanable, 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
Thanks,
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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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CORSA Communique and Web Site Changes

All, For some time now I have been talking about some of the challenges that CORSA is facing in these changing times.

Today I am announcing one of the changes the CORSA Board has made to help with these issues. Starting in January of 2011 CORSA will publish (9)

Upcoming Events

February 12 Pre-Spring Social

Mark your calendar for Saturday night, February 12. That is the date for the annual MCCA Pre-Spring Social. Doug and Ned have been scouting out local restaurants and will report back for a vote at the January meeting. We decided to start around 5:30. This is a fun time to just socialize and eat a good meal. It takes the place of our regular meeting for February.

February 19 Cold Tuna

While you are marking the calendar, mark Saturday, February 19th for Cold Tuna. Come out to Terry Kalp's shop at 2140 W. 101st Street North for a day of Corvair "tune-up" and repair. It is not too early to start planning your Corvair upgrades for Spring and Summer Corvair Driving enjoyment.

For lunch the main dish will be provided by club member, just bring a side dish, chips, or dessert. If you need to discuss your Tuna project you can contact Ned Madsen at 316-788-1724 or Terry Kalp at 316-755-2458. Come out for the noon meal and Corvair fellowship, maybe even help out a fellow club member on their Corvair project.

February 4-5 Wichita Swap Meet

If you like scouting thru old car parts and meeting up with old friends come out to the swap meet held at the Kansas Pavilions, just east of the 85th Street North exit off 135. With three large buildings full of old cars and parts there is a lot to see.

Terry Kalp will have his usual booth there, Tom Stout usually has a spot also. Fred Bybee should be down from Kansas City with his vintage auto radio and clock business. Come out on Friday or before they start shutting down about 4 on Saturday.

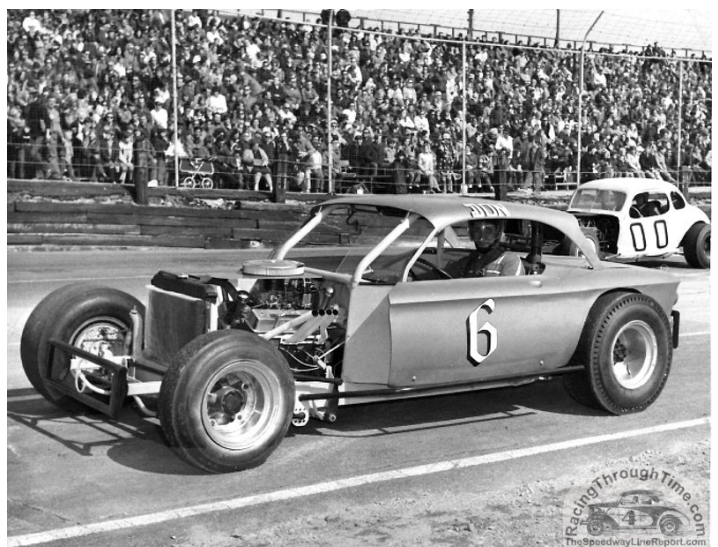
32 page issues of the Communique. The production schedule will be as follows: January-February, March, April, May, June, July-August, September, October, November-December. This is an exciting and innovative approach to how we communicate in this organization, and it will not only save CORSA a significant amount of money in 2011, but will present us with the opportunity to include more content in each magazine.

In addition to the new production schedule, CORSA has a new Feature Editor. Terry Kalp has stepped forward and volunteered to take on the position and will add a fresh, new perspective to the look and feel of the Communique.

Also, the CORSA Board members, along with the website committee and other individuals are at this time alpha testing the new website. The site looks and feels completely different than the old site and I know you will be very happy with the end results. I am hoping that sometime in early 2011 we will be able to go live with the new site. I will keep you posted.

Jamie Reinhart CORSA President

Unusual Corvair



A little change up for 2011, now the topic is unusual Corvair photos. Years ago it was common to see a Corvair bodied Modified race car. If you find a photo send it in. Remember to submit your candidates for "Unusual Corvair" to Terry Kalp



LEFT: This sleek, black, early thirties Packard convertible sedan added a touch of luxury to the Newton trip. It looked right at home around the historic homes of the Warkentin neighborhood.

BELOW CENTER: The image of an early-thirties Pontiac with factory V-8 power is captured in the hubcap of a bright red 1950 Chevrolet pickup, as they were parked on the streets of Newton.

BOTTOM LEFT: Several of the Fords on the trip were reflected in the windows of an old time glass shop across from the Carriage Factory gallery. A Model A, 34 Ford and a 1957 Thunderbird share the double image.



Newton Road Trip

It was a crisp December Saturday morning when members of the local Vintage Chevrolet Club of American (VCCA) hopped into their vintage cars and left their breakfast meeting and headed to Atwoods on North Broadway. At Atwoods they met up with members of the local Horseless Carriage Club and Packard Club to head to Newton. Also along were Greg Renfro and Terry Kalp from the MCCA.

The first stop in Newton was the Warkentin House, a Victorian era mansion that was decorated for Christmas. During the tour of the house do-cents pointed out the many Modern-for-the-time features including a gravity water system, that were incorporated when the house was built.

The next stop, the Carriage Factory Gallery was just a few blocks away. The gallery featured works of regional artists in two and three dimensional media. Soon it was time for the third stop.

The Harvey County Historical
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Museum was housed in the former Carnegie Library building and featured artifacts and displays from Harvey County’s rich history, including the rail road and education. A display of photos and information about Newton Gas stations from the 20’s to the 50’s got attention from many from the car clubs.

Just a walk of a couple of blocks down the street was an outstanding lunch at the Breadbasket. It was busy and crowded, but provided a tasty meal.



TOP LEFT: Old photos of vintage gas stations and race cars from Newton were exhibited at the Harvey County historical society building basement. **ABOVE:** The Carriage Factory Gallery once manufactured horse-drawn carriages like this one displayed in their lobby. Now it is a gallery displaying two and three dimensional art from the region.



Greg Renfro (left) chats with Russ O’Neal. Russ lives in Douglas, where Greg has family.



Terry and Greg’s Corvairs are parked beside the old Carnegie Library in Newton. The building is now part of the Harvey County Historical Society and is filled with interesting displays of county history.

KC Tour

Saturday, November 20th the Kansas City Corvair club (HACO) set up a tour of the private Armacost Automobile museum in nearby Grandview, MO. Terry Kalp headed out early that morning and caught up with some of the HACO members enjoying lunch at Frankie & Johnnie's in Belton.

After a great meal, the group headed over to the museum to meet up with more HACO members and some of the local British Car club for the self-guided tour.



ABOVE: A view of a portion of the Main floor showing some of the variety from a T Speedster, to a '20's Limousine, then on to modern Porsches and Ferraris



LEFT: In a newer section of the Main floor was this replica '50's Skelly service station filled with British sports cars from the '50's and '60's including this MGA and the corner of a Sunbeam Alpine

BELOW: The filling station was complete with restored, period tools and equipment.



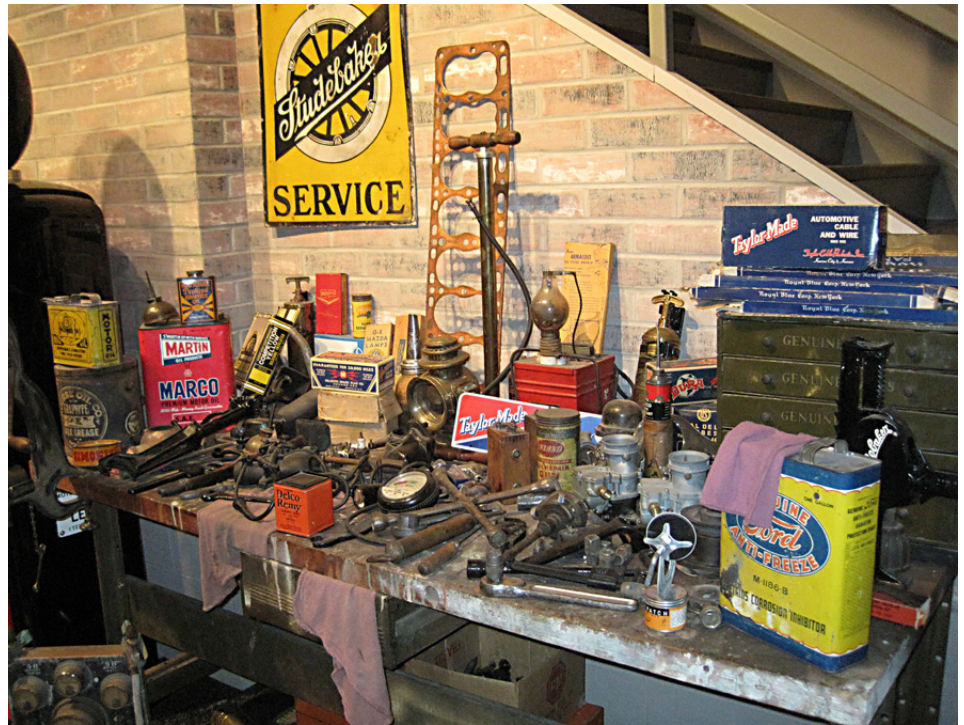
The Armacost family owned and operated a large Studebaker dealership in Kansas City from 1923 to 1956. Two 8 ft. tall Deco style Studebaker S's framed the main entrance to the museum.

The museum covers 44,000 square feet on two floors including a 12,000 square foot banquet hall equipped with a full kitchen, a replica Skelly service station, and a drive-in restaurant stage. Cars in the

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 collection ranged from a 1910 International to a Ferrari Tassarosa. The emphasis of the collection is the 28 Studebaker's exhibited. The earliest on display was a 1915 ST4 Touring Car, the newest a 1964 GT Hawk. A couple of examples of Raymond Lowey famous Studebaker designs were on display, a 1953 coupe and an Avanti. All to soon it was time pull away from the displays and head home.

TOP: A lot of us didn't realize that we had Museum quality workbenches. The display was covered with Model A and Early Ford V-8 parts and tools.



RIGHT MIDDLE: Not all of the vehicles had four wheels. There were many bicycles, motorized bikes and motor cycles to examine in the basement showroom.



RIGHT BOTTOM: One of the features of the office area was this miniature vintage auto chassis with cut-away and see thru components.

BELOW: Surrounding the office area was this collection of shiny pedal cars, all restored to the level of perfection given their larger brethren.

