

# The Flat Six Journal

Mid Continent Corvair Association Newsletter

June 2011



Pop's stop on Stroud trip, see story on pg. 7

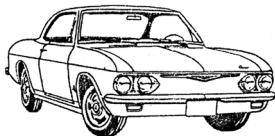
## June Meeting Sunday At Lake Afton Car show

The June MCCA meeting will be at the Lake Afton All Wheels Car Show on Sunday June 12th. The Corvairs are usually located in the center of the pack of Show Cars. The short meeting will be held at 11 am. Bernie and Doug usually bring some shade. If you are attending it would be good to bring a chair and some cool drinks. Officer elections will be held, so be there or be elected.

At the May Meeting having a show at 81 Speedway during one of their racing events was discussed. Also discussed was holding the July MCCA meeting in downtown Wichita at the Automobilia Moonlight car show, again no decision was reached.

Plans for Juna Tuna were made. The club voted to provide meat (steaks and other) and baked beans for the noon meal. Members will need to bring the other side dishes and desserts. Juna Tuna will be held at the Kalp Shop, 2130 W. 101st Street North, Valley Center, KS. Show up Saturday, June 25th with your Corvair project, help out others, or just socialize. This is a drop-in and drop-out event starting at 8:00 am and will run until the last car is out. If you have a major project planned contact Terry (755-9821) or Ned (778-1724) to get on the schedule.

The Tuna would be a great time to get a Corvair ready for MCCA's fall events. On Saturday, September 10 members will making a road trip to Beaumont, KS to eat a meal and see the wooden water tower and the cluster of giant wind generators. The Great Plains Corvair Roundup is in Excelsior Springs (near KC) on September 30 thru October 2. Time to get your registration and reservations made. For Information :816-847-8677. The final Fall event will be the trip to Lloyd Folger's farm in Northern Oklahoma on Saturday, October 29th for a day full of fun.



**May Meeting**  
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**June Meeting**  
**Sunday, June 12th 11 am**  
Lake Afton All Wheels Car Show  
MacArthur Road at 247th Street West

# 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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### Web Site

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**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 2011 Send \$12 to Ned Madsen, 1212 Patrick Henry, Derby, Kansas 67037

# Unusual Corvair



This Corvair powered 810 Cord is one of 97 produced by Glen Pray and the Cord company in 1966 at their plant in Broken Arrow, OK. Some of the people who attended the 2010 Roundup in Tulsa were able to tour the nearby factory. Terry Kalp purchased this example a couple of weeks ago after a tip from Bernie Stecker. It had set in a local hanger for the past 12 years and will take a little work to get it road-worthy. Come and see it at Juna Tuna on the 25th. If you find a photo send it in. Remember to submit your candidates for "Unusual Corvair" to Terry Kalp, tkalp@cox.net



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## Parts Collection Donated

On Memorial Day weekend MCCA patriarch Mel Horstman gathered his children together to clean out the stash of Corvair parts he had in his garage and shed. The result was that two car trailer loads of parts made their way from Derby to the Kalp Shop in Valley Center. The booty is mostly from Corvairs parted out over the years . . . even some Late Model Corvair parts are included.

These parts are available on a first-come-first-served basis to MCCA members. At this point there is no inventory list, but making one would be a great Juna Tuna project. Or just come out to Terry's shop to see what is there and pick up whatever is needed. Mel is happy now that he can park both Lincoln's in his garage and the club has ended up with a good selection of decent used parts at no charge.



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**ABOVE:** Saturday morning was the Corvair show on the hotel parking lot. There was also a multi-make car show at the adjacent park which drew many spectators over to the Corvair show

**LEFT:** A young participant in the Fanbelt Toss contest.

**RIGHT:** MCCA Member Lee Olsen from Burdette, KS with his 2011 Camaro SS which will have to do until he gets his Corvair convertible project finished.



The Tri-State Corvair meet was started in 1976 and rotates sponsorship between the New Mexico and Colorado Corvair clubs. It was one of the inspirations for our Great Plains Round-up. This years event was held in Red River, NM (near Taos)

Two MCCA members, Lee Olsen and Terry Kalp attended. The 35 Corvairs attending represented a great variety of the Marquee. Every year of production except 1969 was represented, there were three Corvair station wagons, an UltraVan and even a V-8 Corvair.

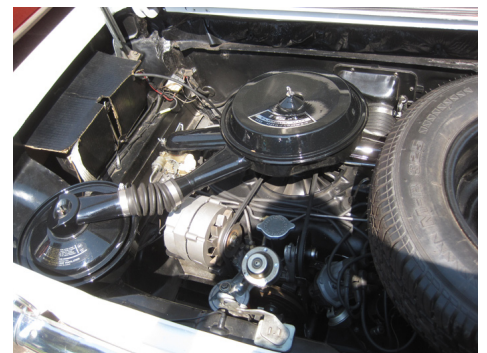
The setting in a New Mexico resort town was great (nothing like this in Kansas) Friday was a pretty informal arrival day with groups clustered in the parking lot, hospitality room and hotel lobby. Saturday events were the morning Car Show and evening awards banquet. Corvairs came from as far away as Oregon and Washington State.



**ABOVE:** This sharp 1962 Rampside was brought to Red River by Steve Gongora of Corvairs of New Mexico.

**BELOW LEFT:** This beautiful 1966 Corsa Turbo convertible had the last touches of a 12 year restoration finished up the week before. The effort paid off with the Best of Show award. Fred Bybee of Kansas City was the previous owner.

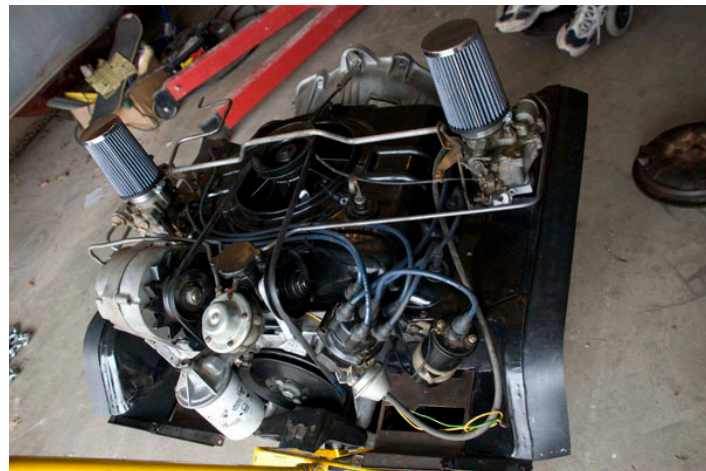
**BELOW RIGHT:** Two styles of Oil Bath air pre-cleaners used on Early Model Corvairs. The top style was used in 1964 and later while the bottom style was 1961-63. It was an accessory for dusty areas.



# Anniversary Corvair wrap-up

This weekend we wrapped things up on the restore. Originally we planned to have the upholstery shop that worked on the car over 20 years ago help do the interior but because of the heavy farm season ramping up, they wouldn't have been able to help till next fall. Instead the whole family chipped in last week and we did the interior.

Anyway here's some pictures and a short story synopsis. My mother purchased the 1961 Corvair Monza 900 sedan September 25th, 1972. In the first



Top and Bottom photos are the Corvair after restoration. The middle photos are before shots of the body and engine. Great job Marc.

decade with our family, everybody on my mother's side used the car, whether as a school car, grocery getter, trip car, or just to learn how to drive in.

The traditions established by the first generation of drivers, were then passed on to the second generation of drivers in the decades that followed. At 12 years old, I drove the Corvair into my first fender bender and beyond. Eventually the car was passed down through all my sisters. It went on to college with us and then back home again. Our Corvair was never garaged and saw heavy use and occasional misuse but was always good to us.

When my mother said she wanted to drive the car to her 40th wedding anniversary and see it used by the third generation to come we were excited to take on the challenge of our first car restoration. Over the last two years nearly every part of the car has been repaired, rebuilt, or replaced.

We split the block and rebuilt the engine with overbore cylinders and pistons, a new alternator, and an Isky racing cam. We rebuilt the carburetors, replaced the exhaust, changed the air intake and re-dressed the engine in blasted and painted shrouds.

We replaced the brake system and portions of the electrical system. We repaired the dents, rust patches, and repainted the car inside and out with a satin finish sonic blue. We replaced the carpet, scratch built new door panels, recovered the seats, and built a speaker board for the package area. There are still imperfections here and there and the restore is far from a professional job, but we had more fun doing it ourselves than we would have had signing checks to have it done for us.

As the Corvair was overhauled, the family bond grew in our third generation of drivers. My oldest son took the car for a spin this weekend to practice for his learner's permit and almost ran it into the ditch. He was a little shook up and worried I'd be upset. I told him it was okay, it's not the first time she's seen a ditch and it won't be the last. That's what our Corvair is for; to learn with, to have fun in, to get us there and back home again.

I want to thank all the members that have helped and supported us restore our Corvair!

**Marc Nuessen**

## Upcoming Events

**Every Friday:** 5:30 – 10 pm Cruise In at Central & West St. Ron :316-295-7600

**June 12 :** 39th Annual Lake Afton All Wheels Car Show 11 am – 4 pm Doug : 316-729-6645

**June 25 :** Juna Tuna, Kalp Shop 316-755-9821

**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. 10 :** MCCA Road trip to Beaumont, KS

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

Excelsior Springs, Mo For Information :816-847-8677



**Just a few of the Corvairs driven to the Rock Cafe in Stroud, OK. Members from the Wichita, Oklahoma City and Tulsa Corvair clubs converged on the historic diner for a "vairy" great time.**

## Proud in Stroud

Heading out from the DRC at 7:30 am on May 14th were Bernie and Julie Strecker in their white Corsa convertible, Ned and Kathy Madson in their White LM Monza coupe, Larry Lee joined Terry Kalp in the gold LM 500 sedan. They met up with the OKC group at Pop's on Rt 66, visited awhile then headed on over to Stroud. After a short cruise on Rt.66 the Wichita-OKC group met up with the Tulsa Corvairs. The restaurant was crowded, but soon every was seated and enjoyed a great meal.

## J.C.'s Garage

On Saturday, May 28, Terry Kalp attended a Corvair tech session at J. C. Ash's great garage in Sand Springs, OK. The Green County Corvair Group (GCCG) of Tulsa put on the event usually held the last Saturday of the month.

Replacing the brakes on GCCG President Jeff Peterson's Greenbrier was the main project. Everyone grabbed a wheel and the job went quickly. The garage event was only scheduled to last from 8 am till noon, but, GCCG member, Marvin Luke rounded up some hamburger and fixin's for an impromptu picnic. Terry also picked up the Valve Cover race track while he was there.

**Jeff Peterson, left and J.C. Ash, right, put the finishing touches on the front brake of Jeff's 8-door 1963 Greenbrier at the Tulsa JC's Garage.**



