

The Flat Six Journal

Mid Continent Corvair Association Newsletter

November 2011

Much to discuss & decide at Nov. meeting

The November 6th MCCA business meeting at Doug Horstman's house was lightly attended, but there was much to talk about. Some of the events are covered in Doug's President's Corner.

Terry Kalp mentioned the possibility of using his booth at the Model A swap meet, February 3-4 to help promote the club and Corvairs. Terry said he would look into getting a new banner and some tri-fold brochures made.

The February meeting/social was set at Home Town Buffet 6820 W. Central Ave. Wichita. at 6 pm. That is where it was last year and everyone enjoyed their meal.

Raising the annual MCCA

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Keith Hammitte's daughter Jacy, decided that Terry Kalp's Shark formula car was just her size. Read more about Luna Tuna pg 4.



Oct. Meeting
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November Meeting
Saturday, Nov. 12th 7 pm
Derby Recreation Center
801 E. Market, Derby, KS

President's Corner

No November lull

Well here it is, November already, and not much to look forward to, right. Wrong, we have our regular November meeting on the 12th, followed by the Derby Christmas Parade on November 26th. This makes for a busy November with our activities, with Thanksgiving, and the Black Friday sales

We'll get a rest in December since we will not have a regular meeting that month, this way everyone can get ready for Christmas, New Years and all the other activities that seem to come up in December.

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Classifieds

FOR SALE: Excellent used Corvair FC windshield. Located at F and Main in Hutchinson, Ks. Price \$100 Contact Claud McGinn 620-615-2278.



NEW PRICE 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. \$3250 or your very best offer. Julie or Bernie 316-722-0556

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FOR SALE: 1964 Corvair Monza with 457XX miles. Excellent body, good glass, lots of chrome. Recent tune-up including new distributor and valve adjustment \$400. Complete new front end \$1000+. Good tires, Runs and drives excellent. \$3000 Firm. Contact David_Bastion@oxy.com This is Alan's Corvair that he sold.



FOR SALE: I have a '63 and a '62 Corvair, a bunch of parts and a '63 engine. All are for sale. The '63 is a Convertible 4spd, white exterior red interior, outstanding condition \$6950 The '62 is also a convertible 4 speed medium blue interior and exterior. It needs a clutch.

Arthur Alvis 316-636-1131or 204-1448 leave msg.

FREE PARTS: Mel Horstman cleaned out his garage and shed and all the Corvair Parts ended up at the Kalp Shop. Mostly EM parts. Everything from transaxles to heater controls, lots of mechanical and electrical items. Set an appointment with Terry to check out and pick-up parts. 316-755-9821 or 316-755-2458

President . . .

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We'll then come back in January on the 14th for our regular meeting. Even with the snow and cold that comes in January and February, we still have a full schedule of things to do. Be sure to check out the Starbird-Devlin Car show at Century II January 19th – 22th (this is a new format for the original Starbird show). Then in February on the 3rd and 4th there is the Swap Meet at the Kansas Coliseum. Next we will have our Family Social Dinner on February 11th instead of our regular meeting. Next we'll get Terry Kalp to throw some additional wood in his stove that his garage on February 18th for our "Cold Tuna". Oh yes, we will have a Business planning meeting February 5th at my house from 2:00 – 3:30 pm.

Looks like we will start out the new year with a lot of planned activities. Be sure to come to the February 12th meeting to talk about the future activities we have planned.

Discuss . . .

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dues from \$12 to \$15 was looked at. CORSA has a new policy that will charge the club \$3 annually for each non-CORSA member. The \$3 increase will be used to pay that fee, plus make it easier for the Treasurer to make change.

Doug will be passing around sign-up sheets for food and projects for the February 18th Cold Tuna at Terry's shop. Hope the weather is at least half as nice as it was for Luna Tuna. Also discussed was making a club entry of Corvairs for The Park City Chill car and motorcycle show at the Kansas Pavilions on February 24, 25 & 26. This show is only a couple of years old but is one of the largest in Kansas and has excellent attendance.

Options for a Spring MCCA road trip were explored. Lee Bright suggested Abilene. There are several options for attractions to see. The Eisenhower Presidential Museum and Library is there, but there is also the Seelye Mansion, an Indian museum, and Telephone museum.

Planning for the 2013 Roundup needs to begin so that the details of the event can be announced at the banquet of the 2012 Roundup in Oklahoma.

Unusual Corvair



The Road Agent is a unique and downright futuristic custom creation from the fertile mind of Ed "Big Daddy" Roth in 1964. Utilizing an innovative powertrain with a Corvair engine and rear suspension and employing Roth's distinctive bubble top. Road Agent marks an important departure in Roth's rods. It was conceived and designed from the inside out, first as an innovative chassis and drivetrain incorporating air cooling and mid-engined dynamics. The body is functionally minimal. If it weren't for the teardrop appendages, the eye-shaped headlights and the bright orange dome it could be the prototype for a mid-engined, Corvair-powered dune buggy. Submit your candidates for "Unusual Corvair" to Terry Kalp, tkalp@cox.net

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Julie Strecker fills her plate, but finds it hard to choose from all the goodies. Doug Horstman photo

TUNA 2011

When you plan an indoor/outdoor event for the third weekend in October, in Kansas, you never know what weather to expect. For the 2011 Luna Tuna we hit the jackpot the weather could not have been better. Large groups from both the Kansas City and Oklahoma City Corvair clubs joined an excellent turnout of MCCA members for a fun Corvair day. The long distance pair was Keith Hammett and daughter Jacy from Springfield, MO.

The Tuna got an early start as Bernie and Jared Strecker brought Jared's EM coupe up to the Kalp shop Friday evening. Their Tuna task was to pull the engine, replace some gaskets and seals to stop an oil leak. Bringing it in the nig'sht before would allow them to get an

early start on a cool engine. They were there ready to go when the doors opened Saturday.

Second in the shop on Saturday was Lloyd Folger with his latest yellow '64 Convertible. It came in on a trailer, because it lacked any brakes. Soon the front end of it was up in the air while the front hubs and master cylinder were being inspected. About that time Matt Cox pulled up with his EM coupe on a dolly, more break work, new lines were to be installed. With an infusion of gas Matt's coupe was driven off the dolly and up onto the lift. The relining began.

Pulling into the last open spot in the front garage was Larry Lee in his LM convertible. He is in the process of bodywork for painting and drove in from Goddard without the protection of a windshield. Larry dove into his steering column to work on some horn issues.

Pretty soon it was busy everywhere. The OKC group had arrived in a large box trailer to pick up Chris Teer's Corvair that had been left of the Kalp shop when it developed engine troubles on the way to the Roundup in Kansas City. Doug and Jean Horst-

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Bryan Easterwood looks on as Jared Strecker and Greg Renfro prepare to pull the clutch and flywheel, then reseal the front of his engine. To see what they found check out the story on page 6.



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man had arrived and were the working supervisors of a group moving all the Corvair parts that Mel Horstman had donated. The parts had been hastily put in an empty parking spot, but now were being sorted and moved to some shelves that Terry constructed for the parts. The Kansas City group arrived and began transferring the Valve Cover Track from their vehicle to the OKC group truck so OKC would have it for the 2012 Roundup. Lee Olsen arrived from Burdette, KS with a Corvair engine in the back of his pickup and a set of LM wheel bearings he wanted to rebuild. We only got to the wheel bearings. During this time there were groups and individuals taking guided and unguided tours of the buildings and grounds around the Kalp shop.

Somehow everyone found time to take a break and eat some lunch. Greg Renfro provided some "spicy" Chili and Julie made some chili that was more tame along with some stew. The soups were surrounded with benches full of side dishes and deserts.

After a Quick MCCA meeting people returned to repairing Corvairs, touring or just socializing. As the afternoon wound down, projects wound up and another MCCA Luna Tuna was history, and people were returning home after a great Corvair day.

TOP: Matt Cox drops the gas tank out of his '64 coupe so he can replace the brake line that runs above it.

MIDDLE: Thanks to Doug, Jean and helpers Mel's parts stash was sorted onto the shelves.

Doug Horstman photo.

BOTTOM: Larry Lee works on his steering column while Lloyd's convertible and Jared's coupe fill out the main garage workspace at the Kalp Shop



Few Corvair parts at Hutch



The Kansas State Fairgrounds was the site of the October automotive swap meet sponsored by the Sedgwick car club. Corvair specific parts for scarce but this radio box and FC taillights showed up.

No wonder It leaked oil

Jared Strecker had an Exxon Valdez sized oil leak in the bell housing area of his '64 Corvair coupe. He got together with his father, Bernie, and they decided it would be a good project for Luna Tuna.

The bell housing to block gasket, front main seal and input shaft seal were all ordered and ready for Tuna time. With help from Greg Renfro the engine was out of the coupe fairly quickly. As they peeled back the layers of clutch cover, clutch disc, then finally the flywheel the problem became apparent. All of the bolts that hold the bell housing to the block were loose. One had backed out far enough and for long enough that the head had been deformed and a groove worn in the front of the flywheel. Fresh bolts (properly torqued) and new seals and gaskets provided the fix for the problem. By the end of the day the engine was back in and running . . . and dry.



This bell housing bolt had the head reshaped as it loosened up and rubbed on the flywheel



SEMA trip

By Terry Kalp

Halloween evening Bob Bright and I were on our way to Los Vegas for the SEMA show. At the show there were lots of neat car stuff, just not too many Corvair specific items. One vendor had some horn buttons and door handles. However parked just outside the main entrance was John Jackson's modified '64 Corvair Van. He uses the van in his photo business and had driven it 2500 miles from Florida

On our way back from Los Vegas, we were flying along in Western Oklahoma when Bob spotted a clutter of Corvairs on the front row of a salvage yard. The yard was located about an hour West of OKC and just a smidge West and across the street from the Rt 66 landmark, Lucille's place in Hydro, Oklahoma. The station wagon caught my eye, so we decided to get off at the next exit and follow the frontage road back to take a closer look. They looked better from the highway.

The interior of the Not Stock Photography van was just as nice as the exterior.



A little spit and polish, plus some buffing and these Corvairs will be like new . . . not really. The '62 Spyder suffered an invasion of the engine compartment. The LM Corsa convertible suffered a bad wreck and an even worse bodywork attempt.

