

# The Flat Six Journal

Mid Continent Corvair Association Newsletter

October 2011

## President's Corner

### Busy September flows into active October

by Doug Horstman

Well, the temperature has finally dropped, in fact, today I had to dig around in my closet and find a light jacket. Guess that Fall is finally here, and time to start some of the outdoor projects out in the garage. Seems that there is always something to do on my Corvair. I just replaced the turn signal switch last night, and everything finally works. That is after I redid the screws on the horn button, it honked real good when I hooked the battery up.

Last month was a busy month for MCCA, and it looks like October will be another busy month.

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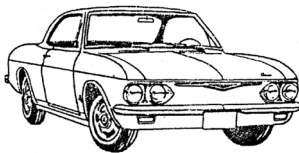


Reflections of history. Corvairs are mirrored in the front window of the Cafe in Beaumont.

## MCCA Luna Tuna Oct. 15 at Kalp Shop

A bunch of Corvair guys together fixing Corvairs should be amazing. This has been proven in multiple 'Tunas' as MCCA members gather at Terry Kalp's shop for some tune-up, minor repair and problem solving on their Corvairs. If you missed any of the tune-up sessions, make sure you come out Saturday, October 15th.

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**Sept. Meeting**  
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**October Meeting**  
**Saturday, Oct. 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. \$20 contact Ned Madsen 316-788-1724 or Aeroned@aol.com MCCA Fund raiser.

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## 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

**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




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## President . . .

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We had a great trip out to Beaumont Kansas Hotel for Lunch (they have some photos on their Facebook web page - Beaumont HotelKs). After that we went to the Elk River Wind farm, which was just south of Beaumont. However it seemed like it took as long to get there from Beaumont as it did to get to Beaumont from Derby. YES, I'll Google the route the next time and see if there are any paved roads. I think that we must have driven over 20 miles of dirt roads to get to the center of the Wind farm. I'm still blowing dust out of my engine compartment, but aren't Corvairs meant to be driven everywhere.

In October, besides the regular meeting on the 8th (sorry, I won't be able to be there for the meeting), we have the "Luna Tuna" on the 15th at Terry Kalp's garage. Several people have signed up to do some

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The event will be a drop-in and dropout affair, lasting from 8 am thru the last car out the garage. It helps if you schedule your projects with Ned at 316-788-2458 or e-mail him at aeroned@aol.com. Possible projects include: Fixing Pat Silver's PG Cable leak, some LM rear wheel bearings with Lee Olsen, a new front seal for Jarred Strecker, checking Lloyd's front crossmember.

Terry's shop is located at 2140 W. on 101st Street North, between Seneca and Meridian. Just north of Valley Center. Terry's phone numbers are 755-9821 for the Shop or home 755-2458.

## Upcoming Events

**Oct. 7** :Central & West Car Show Wichita, KS

**Oct. 15** :Luna Tuna at Terry Kalp's shop 2140 W. 101st Street North Valley Center, KS. For Information: 316-755-2458

**Nov. 6** :MCCA Business Meeting For Information : For Information contact Doug 316-777-0351

**Dec. 11** :Derby Christmas Parade. For Information contact Doug 316-777-0351

work on their Corvairs. If there is something that you need to do, go ahead and plan on coming, you might want to give Terry a call at 755-2458 (Home) or 755-9821 (Garage) and let him know. Also his email is tkalp@cox.net , or just show up. Remember, there is going to be food, food. In fact we've had people from Arizona and Minnesota show up; guess food will bring anyone out.

Looking ahead, we are thinking about participating in the Derby Christmas parade, more to come on that as we get more information. Also at the September meeting, we talked about the upcoming Starbird Car Show. A local group has bought the rights to this show and is going to make it more of a less expensive family event. They are planning on a News Conference about it in the last week of September, more to come on it.

There will be a business planning meeting at my house on the 6th of November from 2:00pm to 3:30pm, everyone that want to come is welcome. We'll try to generate some ideas and tentative plans for the next couple of months to bring back to the regular meeting for approval. One event that we will try to make plans for is the Family dinner for the regular February meeting. We'll probably have more information about the Starbird Car Show available by then also.

See you at the "Luna Tuna".

## Unusual Corvair



Doug Thorley of Doug's headers campaigned this stretched Corvair bodied "funny car" during the mid-sixties. Submit your candidates for "Unusual Corvair" to Terry Kalp, tkalp@cox.net





**ABOVE:** Another air cooled vehicle stops to eat.



**RIGHT:** Corvairs pose by the wooden water tower.

# MCCA on the road again

There was a good turnout for the September 10th MCCA road trip to Beaumont for dinner and visit the windmills. When Terry Kalp and Greg Renfro pulled up to the Andover Wal\*Mart meeting spot already there were Doug and Jean Horstman, Bob and Lee Bright, Larry Lee and wife, plus Bernie Strecker. Greg, Terry, Doug and Bernie were in Corvairs.

It was a great, almost winding drive down Hwy. 400 for less than an hour before it was time to make the turnoff for Beaumont. No sooner was the group parked, then people came out of the Café to take a look at the Corvairs. Parked on the other side of the building from the Corvairs were some small private aircraft, that taxied down the street from a nearby landing strip.

MCCA members spent awhile exploring the historic building and

surroundings before being escorted into a private dining area, where they were seated around a long table. The waitress was one of the people who had earlier rushed out of the restaurant to inspect the Corvairs. Dennis Fuller joined the group at that time, it was closer to come to Beaumont from his home in Augusta than to

backtrack to the Andover meeting spot. It was an excellent meal with even better company and conversation.

After everyone's stomach was satisfied, it was time for more exploration and a group photo of the Corvairs beside the famous wooden water tower. Soon it was time to

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**The four MCCA Corvairs garnered the prime parking spaces right in front of the Beaumont Cafe and hotel.**







**ABOVE:** Cattle share the grasslands with the towering wind generators between Latham and Beaumont.  
**BELOW:** The Corvairs shared the shoulder with a fresh crop of sunflowers on the Butler back road.

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hit the road to see the field of wind powered generators nearby. Shortly after the excursion turned off Hwy. 400 it was a few miles of back-roads before getting to the wind-mills.

The wind generators were impressive. Dennis Fuller had worked on an installation crew in Texas and was able to provide the group with a lot of information on the size and workings of the wind generators. Before long the road trippers were on the back roads again, headed for civilization. A few sprinkles caught the group before they made it to Wichita, but it was a very enjoyable day anyway.





# Excellence At the Elms

By Terry Kalp

HACOA put on an exceptional Great Plains Corvair Roundup at the Elms Spa and Resort in Excelsior Springs, MO. Took out Friday morning traveling with Alex Moats, Patrick Tinin, Bernie and Julie Strecker. Just got the Shark unloaded and ran into MCCA member, Sam Fuller, who lives in the area. That night at the valve cover races Dennis Fuller showed up to race and Gary Moore to spectate. Saturday Bob Ferenc showed up and toured the Corvairs in the parking lots.

Just a few statistics from the Kansas City Corvair Roundup: Twelve states were represented at the event: Arkansas, Arizona, Colorado, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas. There were 129 participants that attended the Awards Banquet with nearly 150 attending one or more activities during the event. At one point there were 62 Corvairs present on the grounds. Twenty two Corvairs in Concours. More information at the meeting and in the November newsletter



The historic Elms Resort and Spa was the host hotel. It was an outstanding choice.



Travis Bolton starts a round of the Friday night Valve Cover races. Two of Terry Kalp's valve covers were pitted against each other. Strecker Photo.



Two "Go Karts" one for little kids and the other for big kids. Travis Bolton's Chevy Jr. lines up beside the Shark of Terry Kalp.





**ABOVE LEFT:** Terry Kalp, Bernie and Julie Strecker join the Bolton family for the Saturday night awards banquet. Strecker Photo  
**ABOVE RIGHT:** Don Wagner's outstanding '65 Monza convertible was on display in the lobby and won Best of Show in Concours.



**ABOVE:** Made up of parts salvaged from thrift stores this RC-FC cruised the reserved parking car display area Saturday afternoon.

**RIGHT:** Many of the 60+ Corvairs lined up for this group shot set up in front of the host hotel just after the lunch tour Saturday. Strecker photo





# Project Police

**Ned Madsen** along with Terry Kalp got Ned's overhauled engine up in place on Saturday, September 24 and by Monday the 26th Ned had it running. Ned suggests putting the engine seal in before installing the engine next time. Rumor has it that the white coupe made a trip around the block on the new engine.

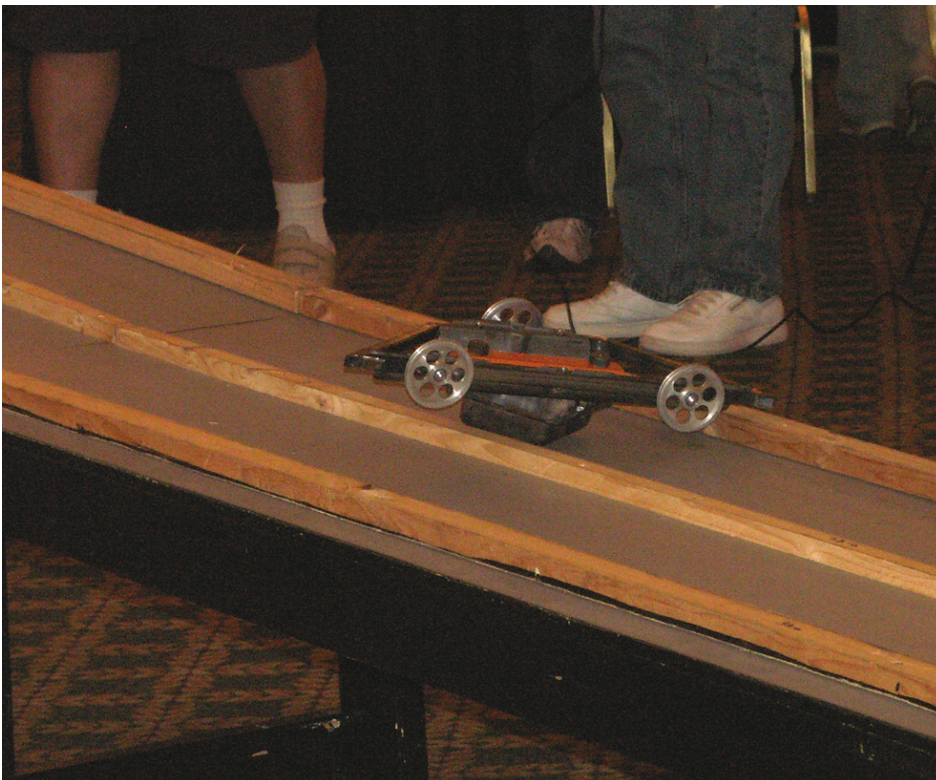
**Alex Moats and Patrick Tinin** replaced a couple of lifters on Alex's blue '68 then drove it over 400 miles round trip to

## Kansas City for the Great Plains Roundup. .

**Bernie Strecker** pulled the head on his '65 Corsa convertible and found a dropped seat. He purchased a used pair of 140 heads from Terry Kalp and they are at the machine shop getting a valve job before they are put on.

**Larry Lee** opened up the steering column on his '65 convertible only to find a plastic bag and a bunch of broken parts. A quick trip up to the Kalp shop and the correct parts were found, cleaned up and went home with Larry

## Bonus Photo



**Terry Kalp's new design valve cover racer flopped, literally. Looks like it is back to the drawing board for this design. Strecker photo.**

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7 pm

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# Calendar



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October Meeting	Oct. 8
Luna Tuna	Oct. 15
Business Mtg.	Nov. 6
Nov. Meeting	Nov. 12
2012 Great Plains Roundup Oklahoma City	Oct 5-7 2012

