

The Flat Six Journal

Mid Continent Corvair Association Newsletter

August 2012

August Meeting Returns to DRC

There was no formal meeting in July but many members showed up at Automobilia's Moonlight Show downtown. (see page 4) There was a business meeting at the Horstman's on August 6th attended by Doug and Jean, Bob and Lee Bright, Ned Madsen and Terry Kalp.

Main topics at the Business Meeting were: upcoming events, plans for the 2013 Roundup and possible meeting spots after October. (see page 3) Ned and Terry reported on a trip they took to McPherson and Newton as possible Roundup sites. Terry then related his meeting with a Newton motel manager about facilities and prices for a Newton event. Doug was waiting for an e-mail response from the Mulvane Casino Hotel and would e-mail again.

The business meeting discussions will be shared with the club at the August meeting at the DRC.

Not a Corvair, but one of the 1,400 cars on display in Salina at the KKOA event. For the Corvair connection see page 4.



**July Meeting
EM 1 LM 1**



**August Meeting
Moonlight Car Show**

Saturday, Aug. 11th 7 pm

Derby Recreation Center 801 E. Market, Derby, KS

Classifieds



For Sale 1966 Cord 8/10s Sportsman: Very enjoyable cruising car. Attention getter. One of only 97 built. Asking price is only \$27,500 CONTACT TIM at flat-6vair2@comcast.net car is located in Springfield Illinois I am willing to assist getting the car from my place to yours. . Very good condition.

All the time playing the Oldies on my radio. My windshield is a little messed up, but I have a new one to be installed. I run great but you do have to keep track of the miles as my gas gage doesn't work. \$3199.00 + Windshield is my price. Last chance to own me before I go on EBAY. Call Julie or Bernie @ 316-722-0556

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Last Chance Bert FOR SALE: 1964 Corvair, Dk Red, needs a good home. Like most older cars, TLC is all I need. I'm a great daily driver. I can make the trip to Oklahoma City, Kansas City or all over Wichita with out any trouble.



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No Dues, You Lose

MCCA History

September 1982

In the September '82 FlatSix Journal President Glenn Ziesenis reported the Club car wash had been rained out . . . we should have such luck in 2012. Included were some Tech Tips borrowed from members of the North Texas Corvair Association.

Generator Bearings:

I have recently seen several generator failure due to dry bearings. If you have an "Early" Corvair, spring loaded caps are provided at each end of your generator for inspection and lubrication. "A drop of Prevention . . ."

Slipping Distributor:

An oily base flange will allow the distributor to slip, no matter how tight the clam is. Cleaning with carburetor spray will quickly cure this.

Testing Fan Bearings:

With the Fan Belt off and the fan bolts tight, spin the pulley. Diagnose as follows:

- A** Smooth light drag - good condition
- B** Little or no drag - Dry, needs grease.
- C** Slight Rumble or growl - See B
- D** Definite Rumble or growl - Bearings damaged, depending on the extent, greasing may provide some relief.
- E** Wiggle or Wobble - Replace immediately.
- F** Fan scrapes shroud, no wobble - not bearing trouble. (Editor's note: Good chance the bearing shaft is lifting from the press fit into top cover.)

Use Dale Mfg. tool to grease bearing. Similar procedures and tool work on idler pulley bearing. (MCCA has those tools at the Kalp Shop for check-out.)

This tip was from Edward Wilson III, NTCA

The next tip applies not only to Corvairs, but most any older vehicle. If you are buying new tires, be sure that whoever you get to mount them also

takes a wire brush (or similar item) to the sealing surfaces of the rims. With Time, rust builds up on these surfaces, and when the old tire is removed the new tire will not properly seal. This may not show up right then, but it will. I had four flats out of five tires due to this. It did not show up as a slow leak, but would go flat overnight. So save yourself a lot of headaches, and clean those rims.

This tip was from Garry Parsley, NTCA.

September 1982 Classifieds included: '64 Monza, 95 hp /automatic. Bronze 2 door sedan - interior excellent/except driver's seat. 97,000 miles, 3rd owner. Radio, new shocks and other parts. Motor leaks oil, runs O.K. but misses a little. Some dents, little rust. Trim and bumpers are excellent. Needs paint. Inspected-\$550 Negotiable. Call Ron Brogan 685-XXXX.

MCCA Homeless After October

In the middle of July Ned Madsen received a letter from the Derby Recreation Commission informing the club that the Monday after our October meeting a massive renovation will start at the DRC and the meeting rooms will be replaced by classrooms. No meeting rooms will be available until another facility is remodeled . . . in about five years.

If you have suggestions for a new meeting spot, bring them to the August meeting. It would be helpful if you could check beforehand about nights available and fees.

Some ideas were thrown out on FaceBook and at the August 6th Business Meeting. The DRC offered a meeting room at the Oaklawn Center, the Haysville Community Center was suggested. Bob Bright offered his Garage/Shop in Derby. We plan to have our November meeting there, including a pot luck dinner. Doug and Jean Horstman were going to check with some of the Chevy dealers. Terry Kalp offered to talk to John Belford about the room at his car storage facility. Several of the other Corvair clubs in our region meet in restaurants, but that usually requires a certain number of meals purchased and a night besides Friday or Saturday. If you have an idea and can't make the August meeting contact one of the officers.



Leadsled Spectacular

Greg Renfro and Terry Kalp headed out early Saturday morning, July 28 to beat the Kansas heat. Their destination was Salina and the Kustom Kemps

of America Hot Rod and Custom show. LP Penner was there on Friday with his roadster.

Mixed in with the Customs, Hot Rod and Rat Rods were some traces of Corvair. In the swap meet area were some LM Corvair lights. Over in the model Car area were some vintage Corvair model kits along some newer resin castings. Greg enjoyed the built models in the model car show.

At the far end of the show was a real live, full-sized Corvair. The '64 700 four-door sedan was coated in the traditional hot rod satin black. It looked like someone had added some aluminum counter-top edge trim around the belt-line and threw some Indian blankets on the seats. It was a For Sale, \$2500.



TOP: Some Corvair parts were found at the Salina Show Swapmeet. Some '65 Corvair tail light lenses showed up on this table.

CENTER: On an nearby table was this LM front parking light and tail light buckets.

LEFT: There was an actual Corvair there, this '64 700 4 door sedan. Someone had crudely added side trim and an Indian blanket to cover torn seats. Asking price \$2500.

Automobilia's 18th Moonlight Show



ABOVE: Christine W. found a great parking spot in front of the Porsche Club for her "Molly". The factory Air Conditioning was the subject of much crowd conversation. Of course with a crowd of this size there some negative comments also, like, "the Corvair was the second most dangerous car."

The July MCCA meeting was held at automobilia's Moonlight car show, which took over a few blocks of Downtown Wichita on a Saturday night. Christine W. found a great parking spot on the main drag. When Greg Renfro and Terry Kalp arrived in Ben's Corvair they were able to park just a short distance from Bob and Lee Bright's parts booth. LP Penner had arrived earlier in his roadster and had a prime spot just down from Christine.

The evening started out HOT . . . but once the sun dropped behind the skyline comfort returned. There was even a storm scare, but it pretty much passed by.

Ended up there was no official meeting but several MCCA members were seen hanging out in the area of Bob's tent and Ben's car. Ned and Kathy Madsen dropped by a couple of times, Bob Ferenc stopped to say, "Hi". Larry Lee snuck his Reatta in and stayed for awhile. Christine, husband and son got tired of some of the dumb Corvair remarks and hid out by Ben's Corvair for awhile. The spectators told many interesting Corvair stories before the night was done.



ABOVE: Greg Renfro displayed Ben's EM coupe to the Moonlight show to try to sell it. As you can see it turned into a real "chick magnet".



MCCA member LP Penner brought his roadster, not his Corvair convertible to the Automobilia Show. This mean-looking '32 Ford highboy roadster is powered by a high-performance Ford engine hooked to an automatic transmission. LP applied the Camaro green flames.



Ben's Corvair now. A nice couple saw Ben's '63 coupe for sale at the Automobile Moonlight Car Show and Street Party and talked to Greg some about the car. They liked it well enough that they got with Greg the next morning and purchased the Monza. It has already received a fresh Hot Rod Black paint job and a deep window tint. Looking Good.



Charles Rogers of Emporia sent in this photo of his Corvair powered Trike. He built most of the vehicle himself and has put many miles on it. Terry Kalp was contacted to provide a replacement shift cable for the PowerGlide seems like the old one fried when it became the only ground for the engine. On his check to Terry Charles wrote that he was 81 years old that day.

OKC Roundup

The Great Plains Corvair Roundup is coming up soon. Registration forms will be available at the August meeting. Hotel information is on Page 8. The 2012 Roundup will be held in Edmond, OK October 5-7. Many great events are scheduled so plan to go.

Friday afternoon starts with the Hospitality Room opening at 3 pm, a Meet and Greet at 4 then the Valve Cover Races at 7.

Saturday morning is setup time for the Model Car Show and the Big Car show is from 9 am to noon in Edmond. Saturday afternoon offers a Cruise and a TBA alternate to the Cruise.

Saturday evening offers a Bar-B-Que Banquet in the historic Round Barn in Arcadia, OK on Rt. 66. After the banquet everyone will cruise back on Rt. 66 for a group photo around the giant pop bottle at POPS.

There will be a Swap Meet and Vendors. Shirts will be pre-order only and not available at the show.

Pre-registration ends September the 7th so make you plans and hotel reservations now.

OKC puts on a great event and it will be fun for all. There are many nearby family attractions if you want to make a mini-vacation out of the trip. Everyone is welcome Corvair or not. This is an excellent chance to refresh friendships or make new Corvair Friends.

For Information contact David Castiaux 405-736-6200 or dcastiaux@aol.com.



Art's Cars

Recently this photo and note arrived from MCCA member, Art Chandler, of Lyons, KS. In Art's own words.

Am enclosing a pic of my '61 700 Lakewood and '63 900 Monza convertible with two of my daughters. I think the wagon has the original engine. I've had it over 20 years. I put a rebuilt engine in the Monza so I have a stand by. Thought you might want to run it in the Flat Six Journal.



Fresh Paint

Greg Renfro has a new coat on his LM convertible and it is ready for the The Great Plains Corvair Roundup . . . model car competition. The next step is to get the diorama finished to go with the car. Many will remember the winning models and dioramas that Greg built for the last Tulsa and Wichita Roundups. Can't wait to see the surroundings for the latest Corvair.



Ain't Paint, Yet

Another LM convertible getting very close to paint. Larry Lee has continued priming and sanding and priming and sanding his Corsa Convertible. The metallic blue final coat is not very far away.

Larry has made amazing progress because the Corsa was pretty rough when he first purchased it. Larry was not a body man when he started this project, but has learned a lot and gotten a lot of practice in the last couple of years.

