

The Flat Six Journal

Mid Continent Corvair Association Newsletter

July 2012

Moonlight Meeting Downtown in July

At the June meeting MCCA members voted to have the July meeting at the huge Automobilia Moonlight show in Downtown Wichita. Bob Bright offered his mobile parts booth as a location for the meeting. Bob will be set up at the corner of Emporia and First Streets.

Admission to the Show is free, so it won't cost anything to attend the meeting. However, you can enter your Corvair in the show for \$30. Show information is listed on page 8. The weather forecast for Saturday is high in mid-90s so by 7 pm it should be nice.

June started off with a fun meeting at the Annual Lake Afton All Wheels Car show. See pages 6 & 7 for the full story and photos. Officers were elected for the next year. Doug Horstman is President; Bob Bright, Vice President; Julie Strecker, Secretary; Ned Madsen, Treasurer; Terry Kalp, Newsletter



Sumo Tuna? Although it looks like Greg Renfro (L) and Chris Teer are prepared to wrestle over the floor jack, they are working together to get Christine W's Monza up on Jack stands. See Juna Tuna pgs. 4&5. Bob Welch Photo

Editor. All are continuing from last year.

Juna Tuna was outstanding. Bob Bright was killer on the grill. If you missed this one, you missed good friends and grand grub. A lot of project work got done also. See pages 4 & 5 for more details and photos.

The Great Plains Corvair Round-

up is coming up soon. Registration forms will be available at the July 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.

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



**June Meeting
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**July Meeting
Moonlight Car Show**

Saturday, July 14th 7 pm

Bob Bright's booth at First and Emporia downtown Wichita

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. A trailer is not needed but for comfort, heat and/or A/C over any distance, a trailer is recommended.

Very good condition.



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. 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

FOR SALE: Ben Renfro's 63 Corvair Monza Coupe. Hot Rod black with Red interior. 102 hp 4 speed. 5,000 miles since complete engine rebuild, Steve Goodman Carbs, new tires, new wiring harnesses, new seat belts, fresh interior, new master cylinder, Pertronix, new Stereo, and new shocks.

Floor wire brushed and POR -15ed, wheels and engine compartment painted safety red.

Has been a daily driver for the past two years. Runs and drives great. Ben graduated and now wants AC for his daily driver for college.

\$2000 OBO. For more information contact Greg Renfro 316-641-1329.



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

WANTED: MCCA dues were due in January. If you haven't paid for 2012 Send \$15 to Ned Madsen, 1212 Patrick Henry, Derby, Kansas 67037

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MCCA History

August 1982

The August '82 FlatSix Journal reported on the success of the The Clean Air Affair '82 held during July at Lake Afton. Also included was this interesting story of MCCA member John Kraft' Corvair activities.

It has been a busy month for Corvairing at the Kraft household. It seem we sold some other vehicles and found ourselves in the need of a vehicle. Necessity inspired me to start work on my '65 Monza. The transmission didn't shift into second gear, so a spare unit was rebuilt and installed during a late night work session.

A number of problems present themselves when rebuilding automatics, the number one problem being parts availability. Chevrolet was no help at all, (especially Branine). But eventually A&Reds was able to come up with a used wear plate that was better than what I had. Some years ago I bought a rebuild kit through NAPA when they were phasing

out Corvair items, so I used it for plates, discs, and bands.

Anyway, with the unit installed, I was ready to start the 'Vair. In the years we have owned this car it has been towed all over the country, whenever we moved. Somewhere in all these moves, we lost the key. So here I was at 3 am with a car all fixed and no key to start it with . . . time to go to bed!

Next day, I took the driver's door apart and took the lock down to the locksmith and had a key made. Went home and started that baby and drove it around the block. Finally being able to drive this 'Vair after owning it since 1974 was a great feeling.

In the meantime I had taken the '69 Monza out of mothballs and was driving it. It drove fine and was getting good mileage so I was happy. But in the downtown traffic while stopping hard, the brake went about 1/2 way to the floor and the braking pressure increased dramatically. It seems the brake system sprung a leak and I lost half of the brakes. The front half of the dual master cylinder was out of fluid, but the brake warning light on the dash didn't come on. Later in checking underneath, I could find no evidence of fluid leakage on the lines or on the slave cylinders. I did find some worn front shoes and a rear wheel bearing in need of replacement.

As this is written the '69 is up on jack-stands and is still being troubleshot.

The differences in suspension design between a Pinto and a Corvair become readily apparent during your first trip down the cowpath leading to our home that we laughingly refer to as a road. The Corvair ride is smoooooth.

I sam am glad I was in a Corvair with a redundant brake system when the system lost pressure, as the '69 had the federally required safety item, on of which was the dual brake system. This probably saved my front-end sheet metal. On the other hand, however, I was wearing my shoulder harness, and on a '69 this prevents you from reaching the emergency brake handle. Makes you wonder doesn't it?

John Kraft

August 1982 Classifieds included: 1964 2dr. Monza- orig. 34,000 miles, new flawless white paint, int. super clean, 110 h. p., 4 spd. New radial tires, wire wheel covers, trunk compartment like new. very nice car- \$2400. Call Dave Glenn . . .

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Juna Tuna

After flirting with showers for two previous days and a few light sprinkles, Saturday morning the weather for the '12 Juna Tuna was great. It was the 10th MCCA Juna Tuna and was made special in many ways.

One of the highlights was the club purchased Filet Mignon steaks which were cooked to perfection by Bob Bright.

Early arrivals were Darin La-Crone and Christine W. Darin had the heads refurbished for his '64 500 coupe and was ready to get it

back together. Alan Ballard and several others helped Darin during the day. Christine had a long squawk list for her LM AC Monza. However when she tried to start it to bring it in the shop, the starter began to act up. Add one more thing to the list. By the end of the day Christine and many helpers had worked on: oil pressure and temperature snap switches, exhaust crossover and muffler, heater hoses, the air conditioning system, and wound up with setting the carburetors. And there still a couple of things left on her list.

In another corner of the shop Mark Welte, assisted by Greg Renfo were tearing down a '66 Corvair Turbo engine that had set for years.



TOP: Ned Madsen, Christine W. and Richard Law check off repairs: exhaust, heater hose, temp switch

ABOVE: Lloyd Folger puts together air cleaners for his blue Corsa.

RIGHT Travis Bolton of Kansas City takes the Shark for a shake-down run out in front of the Kalp Shop. Ned also took a couple of turns. Not sure which had the bigger smile. Bernie Strecker Photos.



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Juna Tuna

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ABOVE: Thanks to Bob Bright everyone had great steak, roasted corn and potatoes. Outstanding job
BELOW: Darin LaCrone chips the old exhaust stack gaskets off his recently refurbished heads before installation. Bernie Strecker Photos



ABOVE: The line formed quickly once lunch was announced. Excellence abounded. Bob Welch Photo
BELOW: President, Doug Horstman, dives in, rehabbing a stubborn starter from Christina's Corvair. Bernie Strecker Photo

The cylinders and heads were so stuck together that Mark had to pull (pound) them off the pistons together.

There was a slight break in the morning activities as the sound of an unmuffled Corvair engine drew the crowd out of the shop to watch Ned Madsen and Travis Bolton

take shake down cruises in the Shark on the road in front of the Shop . . .until Ned broke the throttle.

The noon meal was great thanks again to Bob, who spent his morning in front of the grills and all the tasty pot-luck dishes brought by everyone else. After lunch the projects and conversations continued. Several made the trip down from Kansas City while another group came up from Oklahoma City.

As most the projects were winding down, Alan got the chance to work on his own Corvair, running a compression test, then a leakdown check. A quick valve adjustment didn't fix his car, so it may be a project in a future Tuna.





Finally a Lake Afton show where there wasn't a worry about rain . . . the wind blew it all away. MCCA members drifted in to the Show all morning. It was great to see Mike Miller from Kingman and his EM Convertible. Karl Cozad from the Kansas City Corvair club also stopped by, he was on his way back from the Hot Rod Power tour

(in a '54 Chevy not a Corvair).

As the day heated up and the winds died down the the dining flies were popped up and tied down. The club also supplied cold water and lemonade which was a welcome treat.

A rather unusual rear engine, air cooled car pulled up and parked on the edge of the Corvairs. A

mid-60s NSU 1200 C. It was just one of the many interesting and unusual automobiles at the show.

Many people stopped by the Corvair compound to complement

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ABOVE: BS time . . . Before Shade. The wind was so strong and gusty when MCCA members arrived at Lake Afton Sunday morning. It was decided to postpone erecting the dining flies until the wind subsided.

ABOVE LEFT: Radiators, caps and the ornaments they sported are foreign to most Corvair owners. The moon on the cap was a good fit for the Moon Automobile

LEFT: After the breeze died down a bit MCCA members got the shade tents up and tied together, providing a pleasant spot for the afternoon.





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the Corvairs and share their stories.

Early in the afternoon a short, informal MCCA meeting was conducted by President, Doug Horstman. All the club officers were re-elected for another year and some announcements were made on upcoming events and meetings.



At the HACO A June meeting another Corvair and three owners. Karl Cozad (L) sold the red car to Terry Kalp (R) then Gary Wolfe ended up with the turbo Corvair.



Three owners, one Corvair. Present owner, Mark Welte (L), who bought it from Terry Kalp (C), who bought it from Phil Nelson (R).

KC Club Bids 2014 Convention

The Kansas City area Corvair club, Heart of America Corvair Owners Association (HACO A) voted at their July meeting to put in a bid to the CORSA Board of Directors to host the 2014 CORSA International Convention. They plan to shake things up quite a bit. First the proposed location will be the resort city of Branson, MO. and the time has been moved from the traditional Summer months to October.

HACO A is requesting help from neighboring clubs to run the Convention. They are asking the MCCA to take over the Hospitality Room for one day and run one event. International Convention events include: Autocross, Rally, Econo-run, Valve Cover Races, Model Car, Peoples Choice Car Show, Concours and Tech Sessions.

A committee of HACO A members is in the process of preparing a proposal presentation to be made before the CORSA Board of Directors during their meeting at this year's Convention at Sturbirdge, MA. The BOD will then award the 2014 convention to one of the bidding host clubs.

Normally the Conventions are rotated between the three geographic divisions of CORSA. 2014 was to be in the Western Division (Denver West) but since no bids from that division have been made. The process is opened up to clubs in all the Regions.



Lifted Pickups are good for at least one thing, shade. These children took advantage of the relief from the sun provided by a jacked up suspension.

Upcoming Events

July 14: Automobilia Downtown
 Wichita Moonlight Car Show. For
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 Wichita, KS 67202
 (316)264-9986
 info@automobiliausa.com

10628 SE 44th Street
 Oklahoma City, OK
 Website:
<http://www.incaokccorvair.org/>

Host Hotels
 Fairfield Inn 405-341-4818
 301 Meline Dr., Edmond, OK

October 5-7: Great Plains Corvair
 Roundup, Edmond, OK For Infor-
 mation contact
 David Castiaux

Comfort Suites 405-513-5353
 200 Meline Dr., Edmond, OK

Mention Corvair event for rates

July Meeting

7:00 pm

July 14th

Bob Bright's booth
 at First and Emporia downtown
 Wichita Moonlight Show

Bonus Photo



Whale of a Corvair. Ultravan 436 a motor home powered by a Corvair engine and transaxle. Marvin Luke of Tulsa is the owner and sent in the photos.



Calendar

July Meeting	July 14
August Meeting	Aug. 11
Sept. Meeting	Sept. 8
2012 Great Plains Roundup Oklahoma City	Oct. 5-7
Oct. Meeting	Oct. 13
Luna Tuna	Oct. 20

