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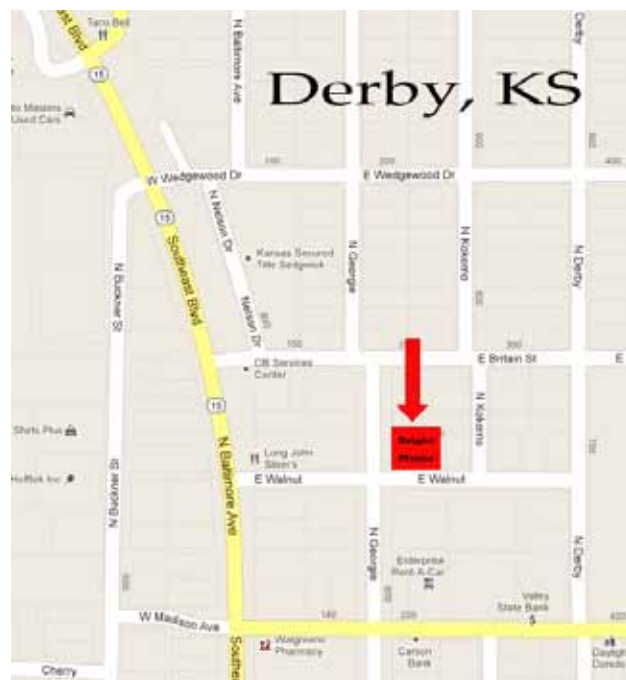
Nov. Dinner Meeting At Bright's Home

The November MCCA meeting will be hosted by Bob and Lee Bright. It will be a dinner meeting at their shop in Derby. Their shop and house are on the same lot, 210 E. Walnut in Derby, KS. There is plenty of parking to the West and South of their property. The main dish will be provided but the rest will be pot-luck so bring your favorite salad, side-dish or desert. We will be starting at the regular 7 pm time. If you are coming to the meeting on K-15 thru Derby just turn east at the Long John Silvers (Walnut) and go one block to the shop. It would be a good idea to bring some chairs as the supply at the shop is limited.

Also before the meeting take a look at the list of jobs for the 2013 Roundup that MCCA is hosting. Even if you don't want to chair a committee you should check out where you want to use your talents to help the club put on a successful event.

There will be no December meeting, however Derby is sponsoring a Christmas Parade Saturday evening, December 1st. Corvairs are invited and the parade will be lining up at the stadium about 5 pm. Check page 8 for more information.

There was a good turn-out for the October meeting, the last at the DRC as it is being remodeled and will have no meeting areas. Need to get some Early



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Model Corvairs out to the meetings as they are getting skunked by the Lates.

On November 4th there was a business meeting held at Doug Horstman's and the primary topic was preparation for the 2013 Roundup. After conversations with the Casino Hampton Inn, it was decided that the high room cost and lack of room for a banquet

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**Oct. Meeting
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November Meeting Saturday, Nov. 10th 7 pm

Bob and Lee Bright's
210 E Walnut, 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.

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

FREE PARTS: Mel Horstman and Art Chandler cleaned out their garages all the Corvair Parts ended up at the Kalp Shop. Mostly EM parts. 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

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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2013 Roundup Job List

Well, it our turn to host the Great Plains Corvair Roundup next year. This will be the 9th time for this fun event. I “volunteered” to be the chairman of the event, but I need lots of help.

I would like to start with a tour of the prospective host hotel in Newton. We’re considering a Best Western again. It’s right off I-135 in Newton. I’m asking for some volunteers to meet up in Newton to look around the town with an eye for things our guests can do on Saturday afternoon. I’m also going to try to set up some help from the Chamber of Commerce. I’m also going to set up a visit to the hotel to see the facilities and some rooms. Please contact me by any means if you’re interested. I’m thinking this could be a nice afternoon adventure.

As I mentioned, I’m going to need lots of help to pull off another great Roundup. The following is a list of the jobs I dreamed up for the business meeting on 11/4. I wrangled a few folks into accepting a few positions but there’s still plenty of opportunities. Even if there’s a name by the job you really like, you can certainly help out.

Registration Coordinator– Handle the collection of registrations both before and during the event. In charge of name tags and having people at the registration table. – Doug is going to take this on. He’ll need lots of folks to help staff the registration table.

Hospitality Room Coordinator – Gathering the “stuff” for the hospitality room and making sure the room is hospitable. I think Lee and Jean are going to take this on. We’ll be counting on all of our members to bring some goodies to make our guests feel welcome.

Tee-Shirt Coordinator – Come up with the design of the tee-shirt and handle getting them made and distributed. Part of this job is designing and selecting the graphic that will represent the Roundup. We discussed a couple ideas and we’re counting on members creativity. We have also decided to follow the lead of OKC this year. The only way to get a tee shirt is to pre-register. This little enticement resulted in about 90% of the folks to preregister.

Goody Bags Coordinator – Handle getting the stuff for inside the goodie bags including dash plaques. We’ll get together as a club to help stuff the bags. It

will be just like an assembly line.

Door Prize Coordinator – Handle collecting items for door prizes and how they are handed out. We are also planning to hand out the door prizes when the folks check in. Plus this can be used as an incentive to pre-register.

Valve Cover Race/Model Car Contest Coordinator – In charge of setting up race registration and running the race. This person is also going to be in charge of setting up the model car contest. Terry volunteered for this job.

Car Show Coordinator – In charge of herding the cats Saturday morning for the car show, counting ballots and determining the class winners. Larry Lee was roped into taking on this task. This is a big part of the Roundup and I’m sure he’ll need and appreciate all the help he can get, especially when counting the votes.

Saturday Afternoon Event Coordinators – After the car show, we need something to fill the time before the banquet. We batted around several ideas from invading downtown Newton or a cruise to the Cosmosphere or a Slow Drag. This could be the job for several folks and we can do a couple things. All ideas are welcome.

Event Photographer – The person, or persons that will take photos of the event and put together a “slideshow” for the banquet. There could be a team of photographers and everyone work on the banquet show. These folks will also work with the car show coordinator to come up with photos of the class winners for the awards part of the banquet. The slide show during the banquet is always popular.

Award Coordinator – Use the tee-shirt graphic and make up the awards for the car show, VC race, model cars and special awards like hard luck and long distance.

Banquet Coordinator – This is another very important job. Come up with location (if not at hotel) and food for the banquet

For the past Roundups we’ve hosted, I’ve had lots of fun helping to put them together. I’ve also developed special relationships, in a good way, with my fellow club members. I sure hope they have felt the same way. The work isn’t really that hard, usually. Please consider taking on one (or more) of these positions or helping out in any way. The success of OUR Roundup depends on you. –Thanks, Ned



Luna Tuna X

By Terry Kalp

Well it turned out to be a “Twelve-Hour Tuna”. The shop doors opened by 8 am and we were turning out the lights at about 8:30 pm.

Many projects going on, two members were chasing down electrical gremlins on their LM Corvairs. Aeroned pulled apart a PowerGlide differential and cleaned it up to be ready for the Differential Clinic at Mike Dawson’s in Kansas City on the 28th. Bob Ferenc (with some help) rebuilt the transmission from his ‘63 Spyder convertible.

MCCA member Bob Bright was a happy camper he didn’t bring a project but first took an extended drive in the Shark after pulling it out of the Shop, then later took

his wife for a “quick” drive in my Kellmark V-8 LM Coupe.

Mid-morning we got a call from Chris Teer of Oklahoma City saying he stopped for gas at the Kansas-Oklahoma boarder and his Corvair wouldn’t restart. About

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ABOVE: Chris Teer of OKC got hands and face dirty working on his Corvair’s gas tank and sway bar.

BELOW: Dan Hagenbuch (left) and LP Penner enjoy some of the variety of soups offered for the Tuna Lunch.



ABOVE: Bob Bright enjoyed a brisk early morning run in the Shark.

MIDDLE: Bob Ferenc repaired the transmission out of the ‘63 Spyder Convertible for his Tuna project.

BOTTOM: Ned Madsen with a helping hand from Doug Horstman disassembles a LM PowerGlide differential.



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the time we had a rescue kit put together and someone set to deliver it, Chris called back and said he got it started . . . thought it was a loose battery connection.

Chris Teer and passenger Chris Crider made it to the shop by 11 am and his '64 went up on the lift to get a gas filler neck hose replacement. He also had fresh front anti-roll bar bushings to install.

Soon it was time for lunch, it was a feast. Several soups were offered, chicken and noodles, potato soup, turkey chili and Greg Renfro's pepper powered, paint removing, hot chili. Salads from tossed to 'tater filled a card table and another bench sported pies, cookies and cakes.

After lunch, several of the spouses headed out on a quilt and antique shopping trip and work resumed on the Corvairs. The Chrises set out to repair the vent hose fitting that came loose from the gas tank in the removal process. KC Gary Moore and I did an FC engine swap, his 102 for my '64 95 hp with a rod knock. The transmission was going back together,

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TOP: Ned Madsen (right) puts the tune on Patrick Tinin's (left) Monza. Patrick recently put the Monza back on the road after assembling it from a pile of parts over the past few years with help from Alex Moats.

ABOVE: Chris Crider (left) of OKC and Greg Renfro water test Chris Teer's gas tank for leaks after repairing a broken vent tube that turned a routine fuel tank hose replacement into a more complex project.

LEFT: Mark Welte worked all day chasing down electrical gremlins in his black and silver '65 Corsa. A new bulb, some socket tweaking and improved grounding got the lighting system back in full functioning order.





KC Differential Clinic ends well

On Sunday, October 28th Ned Madsen's HHR was packed with Ned, Kathy and Terry Kalp plus a couple of Corvair differentials and the bearings, seals and tools to refurbish them. Mike Dawson of the KC Corvair club was putting on a clinic on differentials.

Mike showed the dozen participants how to dismantle, reassemble, set pre-load on the bearings and shim the pinion for the proper tooth engagement. Most everyone had brought a differential to work on and by the end of the session the differentials were ready to go back in operation. It was Ned's first visit to the Dawson Corvair Compound and he was amazed.

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Ned helped with a LM tune-up and several other projects. About 2:30-3:00 some people started filtering away, but the fuel tank and transmissions projects were going strong. By about 5:30-6 everything was buttoned up.

When Chris Teer went to start his Corvair to pull it off the lift, he needed a jumpbox to get it going. Checked the battery voltage and found his alternator wasn't charging . . . a little investigation showed a very loose battery output post on the alternator. Pulled the internally regulated alternator off and apart to find a lot of damage from the loose post arcing and the internal nut on the post mostly eaten away. Redied the threads on the post and found a new nut. put everything back together and on the Corvair . . . still no charge, so some of the electronics must have been damaged also. Dug out a flaps rebuilt internally regulated alternator and converted it over to Corvair front, fan and pulley. When this unit was installed there was rejoicing when the voltmeter rose to 14 volts with the engine running and lights on. So at about 8:30 the two Chrises were on the road for their three hour drive back to OKC, all the Kalp Corvairs were back in their spots and another Tuna went down on the record books.



TOP: Kansas City Gary Moore uses an air impact wrench to loosen up the side adjusters on his differential project. **LEFT:** There were not enough tables for everyone so Gary Jones worked on the floor. After a fresh snout this manual transmission differential was going back together.

Factory Freddie . . .

This year hasn't had too many "Fast Eddie" type events. Part of that is because I've chosen not to run the SCCA events because of their cost and time inefficiency. The PCA events seem to almost always happen when there's another Corvair event. Another excuse is that my car is just too uncomfortable. The restrictive seats, stiff suspension and loud engine all add up to something I didn't want to drive too much. There might also be some lack of interest because I felt the car was done. Another contribution to declining interest was no local competition. Jim and I may have argued about things like early versus late or the best line around a course, I still really enjoyed the competition. As my use of "the silver car" decreased, my desire to sell it increased. I wasn't very active, not really trying too hard. I did still have fun with it. Well that changed at this year's Roundup.

Scott Allison suggested we trade, my silver car for his tan car. I think he was kidding. That is right up till I said, "Maybe." I thought about it for most of the day Saturday. Kathy liked the idea too. The interesting thing about "the tan car" is that it's the opposite of the silver car. Where the silver car is modified almost as much as it can and still be street legal, the tan car is very original. Scott impressed me with the responsibility of ownership of such an original car. Keeping cars original has not been a trait



Everyone gathered around Ned and Kathy Madsen's new-to-them Corvair at the parking lot "pre-session" to the October MCCA meeting. Ned swapped his Silver race car to Scott Allison of Kansas City for this very original '66 Monza with factory air and a host of other options.

of mine.

Well, to quench my desire to modify a car, I have "the white car" to work on. It needs lots to be done to it. My goal for that car is to make a nice cross country cruiser for driving on our club outing and to Corvair events in neighboring states. The car has a powerglide, so I can share it with Kathy and the girls. I intend to add things like air conditioning to make trip even more comfortable. It should keep me busy for a few years before it's "done."

Still, with a 95 hp engine and PG, it's not going to satisfy my "need for speed." Terry has made a wonderful offer for that. He says I can use the Shark whenever I want. That's going to be fun. That could give me the subject matter

As for the future of the tan car, I'm going to try to keep it original. No cutting things up for stuff like a radio and speakers. It already has

AC, so it will be the hot weather cruiser for now. I do feel a bit uncomfortable driving it too much because of its value. Not monetary value, but it's like driving a museum piece. Time will tell what happens, I'm just going to enjoy the drive.

Meeting . . .

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and valve cover racing it would not be considered. Tentative plans have been made for a trip to Newton on November 24 to check out the Best Western there.

In January the MCCA meetings will return to the Oaklawn Activity Center 4904 S. Clifton Ave. Wichita, KS where the September meeting was held.

See you all at Bob and Lee's this Saturday.

Upcoming Events

November 10: MCCA November meeting at Bob & Lee Bright's 210 E. Walnut, Derby Kansas. It will be a pot luck dinner so bring a side dish.

November 24: Trip to Newton, KS to check out the Best Western for possible Host Hotel for 2013 Roundup and checking out possible activities. For more information contact Doug Horstman 316-777-0351.

December 1: Derby Christmas Parade. Line up at 5 pm, parade starts at 6 pm. Line up is at the Football Stadium, enter from Market Street. For more information contact Doug Horstman 316-777-0351.

November Meeting 7:00 pm Nov. 10th

Bob and Lee Bright's 210 E.
Walnut, Derby, KS

Bonus Photo



Greg Renfro took advantage of the recent excellent Fall weather to paint a vintage Mobil advertising sign on the barn wood wall of Terry's outbuilding.



Calendar

Nov. Meeting Nov. 10
& Pot Luck Dinner
Bob and Lee Bright's

Newton Trip? Nov. 24

Derby Christmas Parade, 5 pm. Dec. 1

No December Meeting

January Meeting Jan. 12
Oaklawn Activity Center
4904 S. Clifton Ave.
Wichita, KS

