

The Flat Six Journal

Mid Continent Corvair Association Newsletter

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Busy Year Behind & Ahead for MCCA

Meetings, Tunas, Road Trips and Events MCCA had a successful 2012 and since we are hosting the 2013 Great Plains Corvair Roundup, this next year will be even busier.

Our January meeting is back in the Oaklawn Activity Center which will be the MCCA's new home. Lots to catch up on and discuss: a possible new Valve Cover track, where to hold the February Social dinner/meeting, and of course details of the Roundup assignments. Some members are meeting at Hog Wild on 47th street South for dinner before the meeting at around 5:30, everyone is welcome. Business meetings will be more critical this year as planning goes on for the Roundup. Next MCAA Business meeting is Sun-

day, February 3 at Doug and Jean's.

Usually November and December are pretty void of Corvair activity, but not this year. This newsletter is full of some of the local Corvair activities. Some major projects got started while others were winding down. After letting it rest for a year the "Ran When Parked" photo series is starting up again. Send your RWP photos to the editor.

Cold Tuna is coming up February 16, so check your Corvair(s) over and see what repairs/upgrades you might need for the new year. There are a couple of nice EM Corvairs for sale in the classifieds. Buy one and start driving it to the meetings. I am driving an EM to the January meeting, join me.



Nov. Meeting
EM 0 LM 3



January Meeting
Saturday, Jan. 12th 7 pm

Oaklawn Activity Center
4904 S. Clifton Ave. Wichita, KS

Classifieds



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tor to an alternator, new battery, new fuel pump, new choke pull offs. 2 new carburetor kits included. Just haven't had the time to rebuild both carbs. New tires. New interior, carpet, headliner, upholstery, seat belts, etc., new stereo with MP3 jack, new front and rear speakers and amp. 3 speed trans. Have too many cars and not enough garage space. Great little car. Needs a good home. Call with questions. 316-617-5885 or 316-617-5886



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WANTED: MCCA dues were due in January. If you haven't paid for 2013 Send \$15 to Ned Madsen, 1212 Patrick Henry, Derby, Kansas 67037

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2013 Roundup Status Update

The choice of the host hotel has been made. We'll be heading back to the Airport Best Western where we were in 2009. The Newton hotel just would not work with us on room costs, both for our guests and for our hospitality room. The Airport Best Western gave us a great deal. The rooms will only cost our guests \$74.99 per night. We also can have our banquet there and just need to pick the menu. I'll have more info on that at the January meeting.

We still have lots to work on. What are we going to offer our guests Saturday afternoon? Since we'll be in the heart of Wichita, there are several options. Any and all ideas are appreciated. Something for the "non Corvair" attendees need to be considered. This will complete the activities part of the Roundup planning.

Tee shirt designs also need to be proposed and selected. I invite (beg) our artistic members to bring their ideas for the logo to the club meeting. We also talked about changing the basic Roundup logo and getting away from the car hop. That opens things up to just about anything.



This is a photo of the Valve Cover track that has been offered to the MCCA. There will be a discussion/vote at the January meeting to decide if the club wants to accept the track. It is very well made and has a electronic win lane indicator. The track even has it's own open trailer for storage. At 27 ft of racing space it is 13 ft short of the CORSA guidelines for Valve Cover racing.

We also discussed updating the VC track because our existing one is getting a bit tired. JC Ash in Tulsa has offered to do the building and the other clubs have offered help with costs. We've also been offered a pretty fancy existing track. This track is much shorter than our track. That was a big deal on Facebook around Christmas but seems to have gone silent now. We need to get this going one way or the other.

We'll be talking about having special Roundup meetings at the January meeting.

Finally, I can't stress enough that this Roundup is being hosted by our entire club. We need everyone to contribute to making it a success. We have plenty of opportunities and I'll have my list at the club meeting. All of our hard work does have its rewards in the form of things like steaks at a Tuna.

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KC PowerGlide Clinic in high gear

By Terry Kalp

On Sunday, December 16th I headed out for the Suburbs of Kansas City. First stop was Scott Allison's house. We had lunch and he showed me all the improvements of his recently purchased home. Then it was a short drive to Mike Dawson's to be schooled on the Corvair PowerGlide.

Mike started out showing external adjustments and how to R&R the outside parts. Next the pan came off and more repair items were explained. Pretty soon the transmission was completely apart, with the transmission's guts spread out over Mike's workbench. Not as complex as I had thought it would be.

Once our minds were fed, Mike ordered Pizza and we all stood around socializing and watching the Chiefs flounder.

RIGHT: Mike Dawson of Heart of America Corvair Owners Association points out the location of the critical e-clip in the Corvair PG valve body. A broken or missing clip can cause many problems.



TOP: Once the grease was off this front wheel bearing the rust pitting was apparent.

BELOW: Although both races showed some damage, the outer race was in much worse shape than the inner.

MCCA Tech Tip

Mystery of the Rusted Bearing

After swapping some Corvairs so that Ryan Moats could have a Corvair daily driver again, I ended up with Alex's '68 500 that had been "kissed" by a Suburban. Alex warned me that it had a very noisy wheel bearing when he drove it up to the shop. I had figured that it was the rear bearing on the corner that had been hit hard enough to bend the wheel.

When it was up in the air getting the wheels and tires swapped out, I decided to give each wheel a spin. To my surprise it was the left front, not the right rear that was making the noise. Once the hub was off and apart I found plenty

of Grease. Hmmm . . . The grease looked a little funky, but it wasn't dried out.

Once the grease had been removed in the solvent tank the source of the noise was apparent, the outer bearing was rusty, even the cage was pitted. The inner bearing was in much better shape but still showed some damage.

It looked like the car had been in a flood, but the other wheels were fine. Finally it dawned on me that the seal on the speedometer cable where it went into the spindle was leaking and allowing water to travel thru the hollow spindle and into the outer wheel bearing.

Ned said, "Never again . . ."

Hangin' out With Strippers

The Madsen's white '65 Monza coupe has been undergoing a major transformation over the past few months. On Saturday, November 10, Ned showed up with the Corvair at the Kalp Shop for a "Week of Welding". Seven days later 18 rust areas had been cut out and replaced with solid metal. A two pound spool of Mig wire, multiple grinding wheels and sanding disc's were used up, but the Corvair was solid again.

Once the coupe was back in the Madsen garage in Derby, the first few days were used to get the space ready for the stripping process. Then the process began. Ned had vowed to never strip a car again after doing his Silver race car . . . but he was back at it.

Working weekends and evenings eventually the paint was removed . . . from one half of the car. Because of space limitations in the garage Ned can only work on one side at a time.

TOP: In the middle of the paint stripping process. Ned used razor blades, a couple of kinds of liquid strippers, and even grinding off.

CENTER: Looks a lot better with all the paint off and only shiny metal.

BOTTOM: Now the filler goes on and the sanding starts all over again.

The LM Way . . .



The EM Way . . .



Greg said it took him about 20 minutes to remove all the paint from this EM. Of course since this is a model and fit into his bead blast booth made a lot of difference.



Luna Tuna X on CORSA Website

As of January 7th the Corvair Society of American was featuring coverage of last October's Luna Tuna on the home page of their website. <http://www.corvair.org/>

This is on the public section of the website, so you don't have to be a member of CORSA to view the coverage. The text and photos were pulled from the October 1912 edition of the MCCA FlatSix Journal.

If you haven't been to the CORSA website lately, it might be a good time to look over the recent changes.



Andrew, Uglytruck, CorvairWild . . . a rose by any other name is still a crazy Corvair fan from the North-East. Visiting the Kalp shop in November he shows off his relaxed style of photography and videotaping.



November Newton excursion

Saturday, November 24, MCCA members, Larry Lee, Terry Kalp, Doug and Jean Horstman, Ned and Kathy Madsen, Bob and Lee Bright all met at the Kalp shop for a trip to Newton to check out a hotel and the town as a possible location for the 2013 Roundup. They were met

at the Best Western by DJ, his wife and Kota Harms. Checked out the hotel, the downtown area, took a short tour of the Fox Theater. Even ran into former members Phil & Shelly Nelson. Lunch at the Bread Basket was great. Then all returned home.

Kalp Shop Hosts East Coast visitors

Andrew (known as UglyTruck on Corvair Center Forum) stopped by the Kalp Shop for a visit on November 8. He is a Corvair nut from the North-east and was returning from The Fan Belt Toss Corvair meet in Palm Springs with a friend.

He flies out to western Corvair meets, then buys a used diesel Suburban with a rust free body. After filling it with swapmeet finds he drives it back home and sells the SUV to help finance his trip.

Being a fans of swapmeets and junkyards, he and his friend were right at home picking thru the Corvair parts at the Kalp Corvair compound. Some photos and a discussion of the trip can be found at Corvair Center: <http://corvair-center.com/phorum/readphp?1,560961,561429#msg-561429>

Andrew is also infamous for his Youtube videos under the name, Corvairwild. Here are a few links to the videos of the Kalp Shop from his trip

Videos: Corvairwild
Autocross Mid Engine Corvair powered 11 9 12 <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aLArRq5Qevk>

Kansas Korvair Kollection 11 8 12 <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PWfdCZdhVOY>

Central Kansas Corvair Junk 11 8 12 http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1_n98K317nc

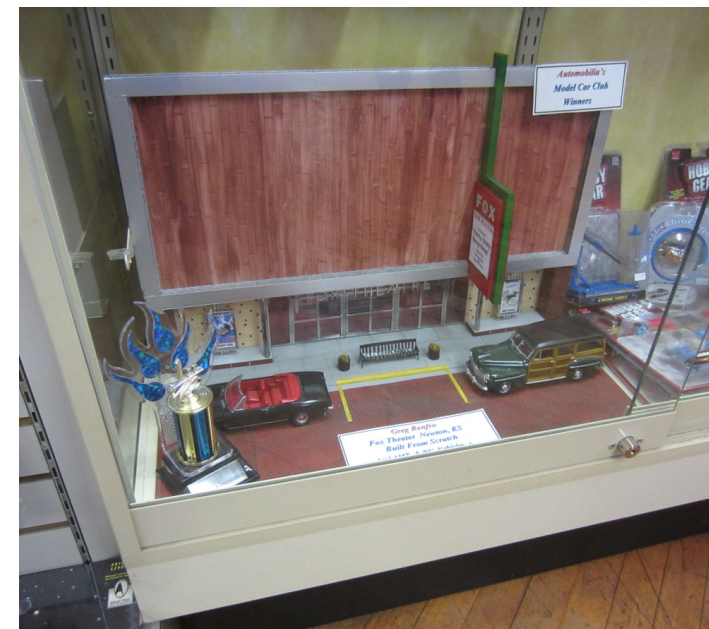
Cord Corvair 8/10 Cold Crank 11 8 12 <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U76R0Lb15Qo>



It has been a long, learning process but the patient, Larry Lee now has a shiny coat of bright blue paint on his LM.

Painted Blue and Going back together

After several years of taking it apart, cutting out rust and welding in solid metal, filling and sanding, filling more and sanding more, then priming and block sanding, again, and again and again, Larry Lee's LM Corsa convertible is going back together again. After getting everything ready Larry hired someone to spray the blue color coats on his Corvair. Now he is in the process of putting on all those parts he removed, always cleaning and some times upgrading them. Maybe we will get to see it in person at Cold Tuna.



Greg Renfro went to his first Model Car club meeting at Automobilia the first of December. His Corvair/Fox diorama won first prize and was displayed for a month.

2013 Events

January 12: MCCA January pre -meeting dinner at Hog Wild 662 E. 47th St. South Wichita, KS 67216. Meet at about 5:30. Contact Doug Horstman 316-777-0351 for more Information.

January 12: MCCA January meeting at Oaklawn Activity Center 4904 S. Clifton Ave. Wichita, KS 7 pm. Contact Doug Horstman 316-777-0351 for more Information

February 3: MCCA Business Meeting 2-3:30 pm at Doug and Jean Horstman's home, 1523 Jansen Dr. Mulvane, KS. For more information contact Doug Horstman 316-777-0351.

February 9: MCCA February pre-Spring fling dinner meeting. TBA Contact Doug Horstman 316-777-0351 for more Information.

February 16: MCCA Cold Tuna at Kalp Shop 2140 W. 101st Street North. We will start at 8 and end whenever the work is done. Contact Terry Kalp 316-882-3056 (Cell)

March 9: MCCA March meeting at Oaklawn Activity Center 4904 S. Clifton Ave. Wichita, KS 7 pm. Contact Doug Horstman 316-777-0351 for more Information

March 15 & 16: 2013 Corvair Performance Workshop Indianapolis, IN. For more information contact Ned or Terry.

April 13: MCCA April meeting at Oaklawn Activity Center 4904 S. Clifton Ave. Wichita, KS 7 pm. Contact Doug Horstman 316-777-0351 for more Information

April 12-14: Heart of Texas Reunion in Montgomery TX At beautiful La Torretta Lake Resort and Spa. All suite rooms priced at \$109. Reservations call 877/286-9590. corvairhouston.com. Contact Phone: 281/794-5080

