

# The Flat Six Journal

Mid Continent Corvair Association Newsletter

July 2013

## July at Automobilia Moonlight Show

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. Terry Kalp said he would reimburse the entry fee for any EM Corvairs that are in the show. More information on the show at: <http://www.automobiliausa.com/events.html>.

June started off with five MCCA members at Tri-State in Colorado.

**This cut-away Corvair was featured at the Tri-State meet. Created decades ago it was reserrected by PPCC members on put on display at Cripple Creek. See pages 8 & 9 for more information.**

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Then 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 Editor.

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.

On June 22 several members went to the Starlight Drive-In while a couple of others were in Iowa, racing on the go kart track.



**June Meeting  
EM 4 LM 7**



**July Meeting  
Saturday, July 13th 7 pm**

Automobilia Moonlight Car Show

Bob Brights booth at First and Emporia Downtown, Wichita

# Classifieds

**FOR SALE** – 1966 Corvair Monza coupe, very original and several options. Original Cameo beige paint and bronze interior. Functional R-12 AC, tinted windows, remote side mirror, front and rear bumper guards, door guards, trunk



me via e-mail at [aeroned@aol.com](mailto:aeroned@aol.com) or my cell at (316) 680-3483 – Ned Madsen

**FOR SALE: 1965 Corvair.** Jim Dallas is selling his Green '65 Monza coupe, 4 speed 140, nice white interior. Asking \$5000 contact him at 316-249-3507



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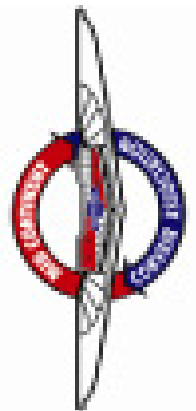
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## Drive-In Movie Fun

Several MCCA members gathered at the Starlight Drive-In movie on Saturday, June 22. Ned Madsen; Bob and Lee Bright; Bob Ferenc, his wife and daughter; Larry Lee and his wife; and Lyle Ackerman and his wife. That made two earlies and two lates.

The Corvairs entered the "theatre" about an hour before the movie started. The MCCA members spent that time socializing and answering other movie goers' questions about their Corvairs. The group was able to park in one area, then sat together near their cars.

Ned said he, "had a great time and we should do this again."

Bob and Lee Bright stayed for all three movies and reported getting home around 5:30 Sunday morning. The featured show was "World War Z" and the last movie "Fast & Furious 6".

## Project Police . . .

**Ned Madsen** has his white '65 Monza coupe all painted white and back on the road. There were even a lot of upgrades and additions to the interior also.

**Bob Ferenc** has the rebuilt turbo engine back in his '63 Spyder and has been putting some road miles on it and working out all the bugs. Steve Goodman helped him fix a driveability issue over the phone.

**Larry Lee** has gathered most the parts to put his 140 engine back together.

**Sam Fuller's** '62 coupe is back on the road and **Dennis** is having fun with his new dunebuggy.



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**Friday:** Welcome Party Valve Cover Races

**Saturday:** Car Show, Model Car Show,  
Afternoon tours including  
Lawrence Smith Auto Collection,  
Saturday evening banquet

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# Tuna: Food, Fun & Fellowship

Bob Ferenc brought his Spyder in Friday for a pre-Tuna session at the shop. We figured he was getting a little over 100 MPG out of it . . . to bad it was oil consumption not gas mileage. The day was spent flipping all the push rod tubes 180 degrees so the went in the right way (and seated) plus removing a generous amount of RTV that had been spread on the valve cover gaskets like peanut butter.

On Tuna day we had great turnout of locals plus people showed up from Burdette, Ks; Kingman, KS, Springfield, MO in addition to the KC and OKC clans.

Weather turned out fine for the Tuna, over cast high in lower 80's and no moisture. The day started out slow with few projects and few people. As the morning went on the number of people and projects increased. Last count was 35 people and projects included a tune-up and taillight repair on the Bob's Spyder that got an early start on Friday. A new member got fresh exhaust donuts, a valve adjust and the proper fan put on his generator on his 38,000 mile '62 Corvair. Alex Moats drove his friend Patrick's

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**LEFT: Lee Olsen struggles with the rear wheel bearing from his black LM convertible. Doug Horstman (in the background) was lending a hand.**

**RIGHT: New Member Lyle Ackerman gets help from Ned Madsen and Marc Welte fixing some minor items on his recently purchased, low mileage '62 Monza coupe. Repairs included, exhaust donuts, valve adjustment, and the generator fan swapped out for a reverse rotation Corvair fan.**



**RIGHT: Sam and Dennis Fuller check out Lloyd Folger's multi-taillight LM.**

**MIDDLE: Alex Moats starts pulling the rear window trim to fix friend Patrick's loose rear window.**

**LOWER RIGHT. LP Penner enjoys some of the roast corn prepared by Bob Bright. As usual the food was excellent.**

**LOWER LEFT: Bernie Strecker shows off the engine compartment of his air conditioned '62 convertible. 1962 was the first year for both AC and convertibles. Very rare.**



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LM. Alex pulled the rear window, cleaned everything up, resealed the glass and reinstalled all the trim . . . no more thump thump on bumps from a floating rear glass. Lee Olsen fought his LM rear wheel bearing to bring the end play into spec. DJ and Kota Harms pulled their LM rear wheel bearings apart to have the stub axles machined for disc brakes. Ned also helped them put extended vents in to the

carbs for their 140 engine. Several people picked up parts from the Kalp stock to help them along on their projects. A '64 turbo engine core and turbo intake unit went to Oklahoma along with a rebuilt LM carburetor. Keith took a (working) torque converter back to Springfield.

Lunch was great (as usual) hot dogs, hamburgers, roasted corn and an excellent variety of side dishes and desserts.





# Great Turnout for Afton Show/Meeting

Lake Afton All Wheels Show tend to either be hot and dusty or cool and flirting with rain . . . but this year the weather was perfect. That may have been one of the reasons for a record turnout of

MCCA members and friends at the Sunday, June 9th car show and MCCA June meeting.

Perhaps there should have been a Long Distance award as  
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**TOP:** The MCCA command center at the Lake Afton All Wheels show. Larry Lee provided the Corvair banner and Terry Kalp brought out the MCCA logo banner.

**MIDDLE:** Lloyd Folger's yellow '64 Monza convertible sported this steering wheel cover with an earlier MCCA logo design. Not only is it attractive, it is functional, keeping the hot sun off a black steering wheel makes for a more comfortable ride home.

**BOTTOM:** Mel Horstman charms the ladies in the MCCA command center. Mel has a long history of MCCA and Corvairs at the Afton Show. Afton is one of his favorite events



# Afton . . .

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members drove their Corvairs in from as far away as Kingman and Burdett, KS. Tom and Mary Horstman of the Dallas/Ft. Worth area came with Mel, but in a Lincoln. The “topless” bunch was well represented by four LM convertibles, one EM convertible and even a Corvair powered trike.

The meeting was pretty short and sweet. All of the present



**ABOVE:** Mark's Corvair powered Trike guarded the North edge of the clutter of Corvairs at Lake Afton.



**LEFT:** Lee Olsen had just finished this beautiful, black LM convertible and had driven it to the Tri-State meet the week before. Now he joined the row of LM Corvairs at the All Wheels Show.

**BELOW:** So many MCCA members and friends showed up that it took three pop-ups to shelter everyone from the sun. Thanks to Doug and Jean Horstman and Bernie Strecker for providing the shade.

officers were elected for another year. Details of Juna Tuna, the Drive-in Movie night, and the 2013 Roundup were discussed. It was also decided that the July meeting would be at the Autmobilia Moonlight show on July 13 in Downtown Wichita. Bob Bright offered to let us meet at his tent again this year.

As the afternoon warmed up everyone appreciated the shade from the canopies and the iced down water and soda pop that the club provided. Thanks Ned for putting the drinks together.



# Tri-State

By Scott Allison

Keeping in line with a year of firsts I elected to attend the Tri-State event hosted by PPCC (Pikes Peak Corvair Club) in Cripple Creek, CO; May 31 through June 2, 2013. Terry, Ned, and Kathy have attended the event before so they were kind enough to let me tag along this year. The trip for me was 4 days, over 1,500 miles round trip (Kansas City to Wichita to Cripple Creek to Wichita and back to Kansas City), and going from an average elevation of 925 feet to 9,494 feet (even higher if we count the cruise) and back again.

The weekend started for me Thursday when I left KC for Wichita in the 1964 Spyder. Terry and I met Ned and Kathy Friday morning and started out for Colorado. It was a great day to drive. We had a little excitement in Granada, CO when an officer stopped Ned to tell him "it didn't look like you were doing 46 mph in a 35 mph". Ned got out of town with only a warning. Once in Cripple Creek we grabbed some dinner and called it a night.

Saturday started early with check-in from 7:00 to 8:00 and then lining up for the car show. There were 42 Corvairs in all with nearly every style represented. I reconnected with some people that I hadn't seen in a while and met many new individuals during the show.

After lunch there was a cruise to Victor (elev. 9,708) for a couple Museum tours, then through the Goldfield ghost town (elev. 10,000) to see an inactive mine and back to Cripple Creek. We circled of the



top of the mountain providing us a great view in all directions. The turbo did great in the mountains once I learned how to drive it at that elevation.

The banquet was very nice with a slide show and buffet style dinner. Certificates were awarded for the people's choice, trophies for special classes, and door prize drawings. The trophies were made using Corvair parts, a lot of time and design went into the "no two alike" works of art. I figured I would be in contention for the long distance award, but I didn't think I would be the one driving the furthest. To my surprise, the MC called my name and presented me



**TOP:** Five Corvairs headed West from the Tri-State meet. Lee Olsen's Black LM Convertible followed by Ned's '66 with the photo from Scott's '64.

**ABOVE:** An EM Corvair trailer was spotted in Cripple Creek. The MCCA EM trailer project is back at the Kalp Shop. Try to finish it by the Roundup?

**BELOW:** The Saturday morning car show was on the hilly main street of Cripple Creek. Ned's '66 is seen parked on the far left.







Ned, Lee, Scott, and Terry at the top of Skyline Drive.

## Tri-State Meet

with the “Longest Drive” award.

Sunday after breakfast we hit the road with Lee Olson leading the way. Down the mountain we went and just before Canon City Lee makes a left turn into what appears to be a park. We started up a single lane steep incline to a narrow road with sheer drop-offs on each side. This would be the start of my personal panic attack. I made it up to the point where there was nothing on either side of me before I became a quivering puddle in the driver’s seat. Terry saw my anxiety and says “there is a pull over up ahead”. Think about this, I’m already having a “moment”, let’s call it, and he wants me CLOSER to the edge. Needless to say, I stopped the car in the middle of what someone calls a road and Terry drove the rest of the way up the hill. The view was fantastic but I can honestly say I only saw it from lying down in the pathway. Terry was kind enough to drive down so I could continue counting the loops in the carpet under the front seat. The name of the park is Skyline Drive and here is a link to a video <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lu3hkGqB1z8>.

The rest of the trip back was uneventful and if you have been across western Kansas and Eastern Colorado then you know just how uneventful things can be. I was back in my garage by 11:30 Sunday night. The car did great, the weather was good, and the company superb...there is no better way to spend a weekend than in a Corvair surrounded by great people.

## 2013 Events

**July 13:** Automobilia’s Moonlight Car Show and Street Party. Car show, Live Entertainment, Three food courts, Model Car Contest, Swap Meet, Merchandise Vendor Court. Located in Downtown Wichita. Starts at 6 pm to midnight. Moonlight Cruise Midnight to 1:30. Contact Gary Carpenter 316-264-9986.

**July 16-20:** Corsa International Convention in Kalamazoo, Michigan. Concours, People’s Choice Car Show, Autocross, Economy Run, Rally, Vendors, Swap Meet, Model Car competition. Contact Dave Dykwell 616-583-9249 or [dykwell@gmail.com](mailto:dykwell@gmail.com).

**September 27-29:** Great Plains Corvair Roundup in Wichita, KS At Airport Best Western, 6815 W. Kellogg Dr. Wichita, KS 67209. Rooms priced at \$74.99. Reservations call (316) 942-5600

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