

The Flat Six Journal

Mid Continent Corvair Association Newsletter

April 2014

March Minutes

Doug Horstman called the meeting to order with 13 people, zero earlys, zero lates, and 6 water pumpers. Fortunately, Lloyd made it an official Corvair event by arriving late in an early. 14 people. Thank you Lloyd.

Doug reviewed the Cold Tuna, thanking those who attended and those who brought the good food.

Terry Kalp's e-mail about agenda suggestions was reviewed. Ideas for road trips and events included: Tulip Time, April 12 in Belle Plaine; Yellow Brick Road, Sedan; Goddard Fall Festival (for those not going to the Round-up); Wellington Spring Fling; Central & West Friday Nights; Lake Afton, June 14; Cosmosphere in Hutchinson; Thunder in the Valley; Derby Days (cancelled last year, need to verify if it is happening); and Lloyd suggested a multiple



Ned Madsen was really getting into helping Owen Strawn pull a head on Owen's Ultra Van. There is about three feet of floor before the engine compartment, which makes working from the rear awkward.

choice trip south that could include Show, and a trip through his farm. Sod House of 1895, Artesian Well, Burlington, Manchester Auto

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**March Meeting
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**April Meeting
Saturday, April 12th 7 pm**

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

Classifieds

FOR SALE: The Shark. Corvair mid-engine Open wheel Racer.

Least expensive way to go fast

with a Corvair engine. Converted from a Shark brand Formula V racer to Corvair powertrain by Charlie Clark in the '70s. Fairly

stock reverse rotation fresh 140 engine. '65 3.55 open 4-speed trans-axle. Four wheel disc brakes, VW linkpin front end, all new bearings and bushings.. Rack and pinion steering with quick release wheel. Custom Le Vair aluminum

fuel tank.. Hankook racing tires with few runs. 1100 lbs. Turnkey ready to race. Neal pedals, hydraulic clutch. Aluminum flywheel. **Contact Terry Kalp 316-882-3056.** Asking \$6000 interesting trades considered

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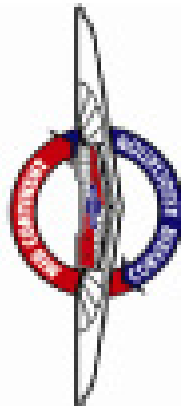
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Meeting . . .

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Doug will gather more info about a trip to the Cosmosphere, with the initial plan being to go there May 10. We will talk more about special activities to associate with the Lake Afton meet and election of officers.

Round Table reports included: Lloyd is planning the work on his Corsa. Darlene helped on an estate sale and got asking price for a 1947 Pontiac, and a 71 Chevy Pick Up. Mark is hiding the Corvair keys so she wont sell it. Larry reported he can now shift his 66 into reverse much more easily after Terry rebuilt the end of the shifter rod. Mark related more hard luck woes about the transmission on their Ventura Van. Doug has hopes of getting his Corvair back in the garage as he is now ready to put parts back on his Hurst Olds which could free up some space.

Meeting adjourned with a plan to eat at Fat Ernie's before the April 12 meeting. Plan subject to adjustment if we go to Tulip Time that day.

Respectfully submitted: Larry L Lee

Owen's Odyssey

MCCA member, Owen Strawn spent years researching and searching for an Ultra Van to purchase. The Ultra Van is a Corvair powered, compact, motor home built during the '60s. Most Ultra Vans were built in Hutchinson, KS.

Owen's extensive research helped him make many contacts in the Ultra Van community and put him in the role of unofficial historian. Finally Owen found the Ultra Van that fit his criteria and budget and purchased it in February of this year. The only problem was that the coach was in Florida and he was in Wichita. Although small for a motor home, an Ultra Van is 22 feet long and 8 feet wide and are not easy or inexpensive to transport.

The decision was made to drive the motor home from Florida back to Wichita. Owen scheduled some vacation for the end of March and made preparations for a Spring road trip. Meanwhile the coach was being made ready for the trip halfway across the country.



Owen Strawn is busy removing shrouding while Ned Madsen looks on. The pair spent Saturday, April 5th, stripping down the engine.

For the first few days of the trip, Owen made good progress, traveling several hundred miles each day. The weather was not very cooperative, Owen reported. There were storms, wind gusts, rain and even a hail storm to contend with on the trip to Wichita.

Then just 200 miles from home the engine made a loud noise and began losing power. Owen had the ailing coach towed into nearby Carthage, MO. then on to the Kalp shop where he and Terry determined that the engine had dropped a valve seat on #5 intake.



After the break-down in Carthage, MO. Owen had his Ultra Van towed to the Kalp Shop. Having the coach nearby will expedite repair.

Corvair Performance Workshop in Indy

By Terry Kalp

2014 Corvair Performance Workshop was held on March 7-8, in Indianapolis. This year it was at a new facility, TKO GRAPHIX that worked out very well. MCCA members started leaving for the event early. Jim Dallas and granddaughter Sarah took out on Wednesday with a side trip to Ohio to pick up some sheet metal and a Turbo engine for Sarah's '63 convertible. On Thursday morning Scott Allison and Mark Whittman took out from Kansas City, while Terry Kalp, Ned and Kathy Madsen took out from Derby. Despite all the different starting times and locations everyone ended up at Applebee's Thursday night for supper.

Workshop events started on Friday morning with a tour of Advanced Racing Suspensions, DJ and Kota Harms met up with the group on the tour to complete the MCCA contingent. That afternoon most of us headed out to Anderson and the Le Vair compound of Michael and Warren LeVeque. At the performance and restoration shop we toured the shop, checking out the projects and parts, bench racing and just plain socializing. One of the high lights for me was a couple of rides in Kevin Willison's 3.0 litre Corvair. Once with Ned driving, once with Scott at the wheel. It was a fun ride. The evening some of the group adjourned to a local Mexican restaurant for an excellent meal and adult beverages.

Saturday workshop activities were centered at TKO Graphics. Chuck Sadek welcomed everyone, introduced the Vendors, who were



TOP: Mike Levine explained the upgrades to the Jerico transmission and C-5 Corvette differential on his V8 powered Corvair racer. **ABOVE:** Michael LeVeque's yellow track car was the feature car of the Performance Workshop. Michael fabricated the six into one intake as well as extensive head modifications.

RIGHT: Jim Dallas and granddaughter Sarah (left) along with Kota Harms (center rear) got a close-up look at the featured Le Vair racer, which drew a crowd all day long.





ABOVE: Travis Bolton shows off part of a set of Salih cylinders and pistons to create a three litre Corvair engine that were for sale by Rick Norris in the vendors section.



located in an adjacent room. PPG officers were elected, then the presentations were made.

Brian O'Neil spoke on upcoming NECC Track Events. Then Scott Allison informed the group about the upcoming 2014 Great Plains Corvair Round-Up in Branson, MO at the end of September. The event is a CORSA Mini-Convention.

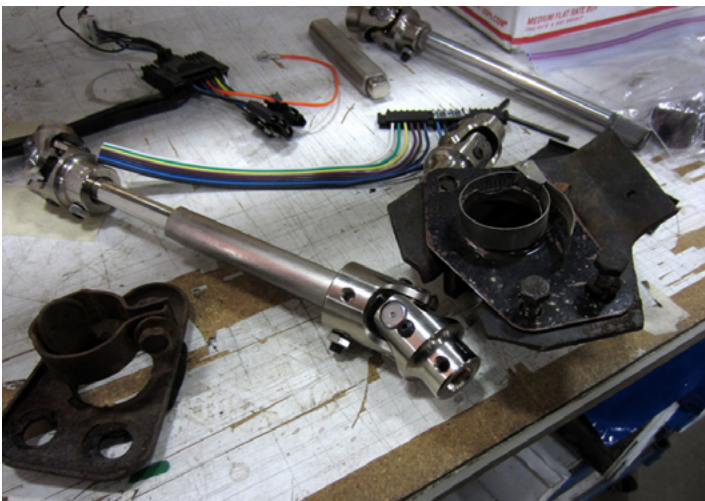
John Lanning spoke on the V8 Performance Registry Drag Race.

ABOVE LEFT: Scott Allison presented information on the 2014 Great Plains Roundup in Branson. The Power Point previewed at Cold Tuna was shown.

FAR LEFT: Tom Miller presented Sarah with a \$475 Flaming River quick steering box. She won the prime door prize when her number was drawn from the hat.

BELOW: The first event Friday was a tour of a race car shock shop, Advanced Racing Suspensions. Almost the entire process was performed in house from machining raw material to assembly.

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ABOVE: Seth Emerson brought all the parts to convert a Late Model Corvair to a Flaming River tilt steering column, then showed the crowd how to put all the parts together.





Kevin Willison showed his 3.6 litre Corvair rotating assembly. Special clearancing was required by 1/2" stroke.



Ted Brown drove his proof of concept fuel injection powered Corvair convertible from South Carolina.

Indy Trip . . .

Seth Emerson was up next. Thanks to the similarities of certain year Corvettes to our LM Corvairs, he showed how a Flaming River Tilt - steering column could be adapted to our favorite cars.

Filling out the morning were two Corvair fuel

injection presentations. Starting out with Tom Knoblauch explaining his Turbo EFI Installation and Running results /Corvair Head Flow; Results. Following Tom was Ted Brown updating the group on his Electronic Fuel Injection System Performance options. His systems are sold by Clark's Corvair.

Just before lunch Frank Parker & Seth Emerson combined for a presentation on the Corvette C.7.R Racing efforts. Seth was on site while Frank participated over the internet.

Circle City Corvairs, hosts of the event provided an excellent Fried Chicken lunch. Soon everyone was ready for the afternoon's presentations

Mike Levine kicked off the afternoon with an explanation of his efforts to adapt a Jerico transmission to a C5 Corvette differential and suspension to his highly successful V8 powered LM Road Racer. Once he exceeded 500 horsepower the Corvair transaxle was no longer reliable.

Seth Emerson and Steve Lovejoy made a combo presentation on the Red Barron II EFI build. Seth on site and Steve over the internet.

Winding up the presentations were Rick Norris on Engine compartment wiring, hose, tubing & Garage organization. Then Michael & Warren LeVeque on building larger Corvair engines with WV components.

Drawing for door prizes was the final event. DJ won a set of Clark's catalogs, I won a set of Silicone Systems ignition wires, but the major prize winner was Sarah. Her number was selected for the Flaming River Quick Steering box a \$475 dollar value.



Kathy Madsen and Tracy LeVeque partake of adult beverages at the Friday night Mexican restaurant meal.



Wes Mellies sent this photo of the Great Plains Corvair Roundup trailer after it was painted and decorated. The trailer was revamped to carry the new Valve Cover Race Track and other supplies needed by the Roundup host.



Alex Moats and Patrick Tinin drove their gold LM Corvairs up to the Kalp Shop on Sunday, April 6 to pick up some parts. It soon turned into a tune up session with Alex getting the '66's carbs balanced and Patrick's '65 getting timed and carbs balanced.

2014 Events

April 8: March MCCA Regular meeting. Oaklawn Activity Center, 4904 S. Clifton, Ave. Wichita, KS 7 pm. Contact Doug Horstman 316-777-0351

April 25-27: Heart of Texas, Johnson City, TX. At the Best Western Johnson City Inn @ intersection of 290 & 281. Registration 830-868-4044. Contact Tom Robinson 210 860 4731 or tominsequin@gmail.com.

May 10: May MCCA Regular meeting. Oaklawn Activity Center, 4904 S. Clifton, Ave. Wichita, KS 7 pm. Contact Doug Horstman 316-777-0351

May 10: KC Dust-off 11:30 AM - 04:00 PM- John and Linda Mellies 11729 Leavenworth Road Kansas City, KS. Plans are for a combination Barbeque/Potluck dinner and a "ROAD TOUR". Contact John Mellies 913-721-1361

May 31: Kingman Theatre Grand opening. For more information Mike Miller 620-491-1075

May 30-June 1: Tri-State, Chama, NM. For more information goto: <http://www.corsaturbo180usa.com/the-road-to-chama-2014.html>

September 30-October 4: Great Plains Corvair Roundup in Branson, MO At Branson Radisson 120 South Wildwood Dr., Branson, MO 65616. Rooms priced at \$99. Reservations call (888) 333-3333 Phone code word Corvair. Contact Scott Allison 816-506-6892 or Beaminscott@yahoo.com

Pre-meeting eating Moves to Fat Ernie's

Some MCCA members will be gathering at Fat Ernie's at 2806 S. Hydraulic, Wichita, to eat before the April 12th meeting. You can check out the menu and coupons at: <http://www.faternies.com/>. So bring your appetite and join your friends at 5:30 on Saturday. It is a chance to meet and socialize before the meeting.

