

The Flat Six Journal

Mid Continent Corvair Association Newsletter

August 2014



Just a small section of the cars and people that were at the Automobilia Moonlight Car Show. MCCA Corvairs got great exposure located near a main corner and near Bob Bright's parts tent.

MCCA & Moonlight

It was no surprise that the July MCCA meeting at the Automobilia Moonlight show started out hot. Jered, Julie and Bernie Strecker met up with Terry Kalp at the Braums on Seneca at 5 pm. Af-

ter a small traffic jam at the show entrance, the four Corvairs headed down Emporia to find parking spots near Bob and Lee Bright's parts tent. The show had filled

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Larry's Notes

In politics, presidents often outline a list of things they will accomplish. Those who do not like those ideas get alarmed, get organized, and help the president achieve the opposite of what he proposed. In smaller groups members often listen to what the president proposes, relax, sit back to watch, and the agenda dies of apathy. So.... with that pessimism aside, I would like to see MCCA continue monthly visits to Central and West, continue occasional road trips, put some variety in pre meeting eating locations, select some car shows to attend, continue growing the Tunas, and attract new members. Part of the agenda for the August meeting will be to: 1. brainstorm what else we want to do, 2. make a list of possible road trips, 3. discuss whether we want variety in pre-meeting eating or the comfort of habit, convenience and proximity, 4. discuss what car shows we want to support, and 5. select VOLUNTEERS to make the activities we choose, happen.



July Meeting
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August Meeting
Saturday, Aug. 9th 7 pm

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

Classifieds

FOR SALE: 1961 Rampside Pickup and 1961 Bell Van. Buy these two FCs and make at least one good one. First is a 1961 Rampside freshly picked from an Oklahoma salvage yard. Fairly solid body with just a bit of rust.

Mechanicals unknown. Manual transmission.
Next is a 1961 Bell Telephone van with windows on the passenger side and solid on the drivers side. Running driving vehicle. 1964 FC 110 hp engine with 4-speed. running and driving. Clutch does not seem to release fully. Combine into to one or fix both of them up. For more information or to view the trucks. **Contact Dave Hanna 316-942-9076.** Asking \$1800 for the pair.



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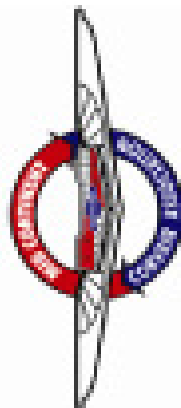
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Mel's Health

Mel Horstman, was moved to Harry Hines Hospice on the 8th floor of St. Francis Monday evening. At age 89, he decided that the pain and suffering from the MRSA infection (which can be spread via skin contact to his care givers) that occurred at the IV injection site of the chemo treatment was too much to take. If he had the additional chemo treatments, the white cells would be reduced dramatically again and the infection would return.

He has had a DNR in place for a very long time. It was extremely difficult for the entire family to honor his wishes to go home to God and be with Mary (his wife of 67 years). He says his job is done here. We all are at peace with his request. All treatment has stopped except pain medication.

On a lighter note. Dad had a particular comic strip that he followed. His absolute favorite one was of an elderly couple walking out of a voting place. The husband said to his wife, "Who did you vote against". He has that one framed and in his living room. It cracked him up because he said for a very long time, he has been voting against candidates instead of for one. Yesterday morning he filled out the mail in ballot for local elections. After he completed it, we delivered it to the county courthouse for him. He wanted to vote against a candidate one more time. This is typical of the Dad that we all love. **Jean Horstman**

Send Mel notes and cards c/o Doug and Jean at 1523 Janzen, Mulvane, KS 67110



The Ultra Van grows a set of legs. With the engine out Owen was able to sit in the vacant compartment to sort out and upgrade the wiring. Progress continues on the mechanical side also. Owen and Terry resealed the differential last Monday.

Mel Award proposal

By Ned Madsen

I propose that MCCA create an annual award in the name of Mel Horstman for the member(s) that get their Corvair out to the most club related events.

For many years Mel kept MCCA alive with the help of Doug, Jean Bob, and Lloyd. Many times Mel would be the only one that drove a Corvair to the club meetings (many times the meeting would be Mel and one or two other members).

The rules would be simple, get your Corvair, any of your Corvairs out to club events. We are a Corvair club after all and the car is

what brings us together. The club Secretary and/or Treasurer will be responsible for keeping track of the status of the member's and their car attendance. Tuna's may not be counted as many members come and go and members may need to bring supplies or projects that would preclude driving their Corvair (a point for discussion).

The physical award (if any) can be discussed. Should there even be a physical award? Should it be a single physical award passed on from year to year? What other ideas do you have? The award could be handed out at the club dinner in Feb.



Jered Strecker brought out the Rampside that used to belong to his grandfather. The lowered ramp caused many comments. Bernie Strecker's white Corsa convertible is parked behind the Corvair truck.

damaged sparkplug thread insert on his Corvair.

Parked on the opposite end of a large Military truck was a Black '64 Monza coupe that no one had seen before. Ned, Bernie, Terry and Larry were able to catch the owners near the Corvair. Owners of the Monza were Becky, Kevin and Alex Stephan. Becky's father owned a Chevrolet dealership in Stafford, KS. She drove the used Corvair to High School and had recently rescued the car and brought it back to Wichita.

Talking to Gary Carpenter, who runs the show and is a Corvair owner, he noted that if the Corvairs had pre-registered for the show before June, he would have created a special Corvair only award. So the lesson is to get the Corvairs pre-registered early next year.

By the time the show was breaking-up around 11 pm and the night was perfect for a top down ride home in a Corvair convertible.

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up faster than last year. Parking spots were found on each side and across the street from the Brights. Larry Lee had arrived already. Soon everyone had unloaded chairs and coolers and had located some shade.

By then it was time to head over to Bite Me Bar B Que just a couple of blocks away. Bite Me was bustling but the MCCA group was seated and served fairly quickly. The smoked meats were tasty and filling. After the bills were settled the diners broke up into small groups and wound their way back thru the block of live bands and show cars.

It took a little while for everyone to wander back to the Bright tent. When a majority had arrived, president, Larry Lee conducted a quick business meeting. Several members provided options to Keith Lathrum on ways to repair the



RIGHT ABOVE: A few cars down from the MCCA Corvairs, Becky and Kevin Stephan parked the '64 Monza Becky drove in High School in Stafford, KS.

RIGHT: Corvair Convertibles flanked Bob and Lee Bright's Parts vending booth at Automobilia.



LEFT: Lots of chairs, but the Strecker grandchildren chose to cluster inside the family Corvairs. The moderate weather brought out an excellent group of cars and spectators to the Central and West show.

Kids and Corvairs at the Central and West Show

A mild night July Friday the 18th brought out eight MCCA Corvairs to the Central and West Car Show. Bernie Strecker brought out the red '62. The Ackermans drove their white '63 coupe, the Madsens arrived in their white '66 coupe. The Brights cruised in their '65 convertible. Larry Lee's convertible was in the top shop so he brought out the Buick. Patrick Tinin drove his gold '65 and brought Alex Moats along to the show. Lloyd Folger arrived in his dark blue Corsa coupe and Terry Kalp cruised in his blue Lakewood.

Several of the Strecker grandchildren came to the show and enjoyed hanging around the Corvairs. It was good to have the youngsters around.

Some of the members took a break from the show and shine and walked across West Street to Le Monde for a fine dinner.

MCCA has set August 15th for the next gathering of club Corvairs to the show at Central and West streets. The show starts at 5-5:30 and fills up fast.

RIGHT: The Ackerman's white '62 heads up a line of Corvairs. Because the show fills up early the Corvairs had to scramble to find parking spots near each other.



ABOVE: Ned showed off the pinstripes on his Monza. LP Penner owns the '62 Impala next to it.





It's our Anniversary and you're invited.

The Heart of America Corvair Owners Association wishes to invite all Corvair enthusiasts to the **2014 Great Plains Corvair Round Up** to share in the celebration of our 50th Anniversary.

The host hotel, the Branson Radisson, is offering standard rooms at a reduced nightly rate of \$99. The window for the special pricing has been extended to three days before and three after the Round Up (Saturday, September 27 through Tuesday, October 7) so there will be plenty of time to catch the shows and attractions. Suites and luxury suites are also available at an extra charge

Branson Radisson

120 South Wildwood Drive Branson Missouri 65616

Reservations 1-888-333-3333 phone code word: **CORVAIR**

Room Rates Standard \$99 Leisure Suite \$149 Presidential Suite \$199

Direct Online Reservations: www.radisson.com/gpcru

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The Branson Chamber of Commerce and the Branson Tourism Center are working together to help make this an enjoyable event for all.

The Oak Grove RV Park will accommodate Ultra Vans and others needing RV facilities. Sites at the park are paved and offer full hook-up. Which includes; cable TV, wi-fi, water, sewer, and 30 and 50 amp electrical breakers at each site. The rate is \$29.50 a night; a weekly rate of \$190 including tax is available. They ask that reservations be made at least a month in advance. 417-334-4781 www.oakgrovervpark.com

The Round Up will feature a Concours on Wednesday morning, October 1. The Concours Unit Six, operations check, judging will be available on Tuesday September 30. A Dice Run through the surrounding countryside will be held on Thursday, a Peoples Choice Car Display on Friday morning with the Valve Cover Race that evening. Saturday morning is the Funkhana, with the awards banquet that night. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday will feature Tech Sessions from 3 to 5pm. Tuesday and Wednesday evenings have no scheduled events so everyone may visit Branson on their own. [Clarks Corvairs](#) will be vending Thursday through Saturday. Indoor and outdoor vending will be available. Contact Scott Allison or Wes Mellies (contact info is on registration form) if you wish to be a vendor.

Pre-meeting eating Hog Wild on 47th

Some MCCA members will be gathering at Hog Wild Bar-B-Q at 662 E. 47th St. South, Wichita, to eat before the August 9th meeting. So bring your appetite and join your friends at 5:30 on Saturday. It is a chance to meet and socialize before the meeting. If you have suggestions on places to eat in the upcoming months let Terry or Larry Lee know.

Firestone Show 9th

There will be a car show at the Firestone Service Center where Alex Moats works. The store is located near the intersection of K-96 and North Greenwich Road. The show is Saturday, August 9th from 9 to 4.

AutoZone will be there cooking hot dogs and what not for everybody. Also scheduled will be a raffle. It would be awesome to see a bunch of Corvairs there.

The Firestone Center is also having a tire sale Friday Saturday and Sunday. Buy 4 tires with lifetime package and get 100 dollars off.

HACOA Labor Day Open Track Event

Join HACOA August 30th & 31st at the Iowa International Raceway in Marshalltown, Iowa for the Labor Day Dust Up Autocross. Iowa International Raceway is a wide Go Kart track that is great fun to drive in a Corvair. If you've always wanted to autocross, but the sea of cones is intimidating - join us in Marshalltown and enjoy a cone-free autocross.

Saturday is test and tune time with open track time starting at 10 am. You will need to bring your own food for Saturday, a grill will be provided. Sunday is Race day and begins at 9 am. CORSA rules and classes will be followed. Open to all Corvair and Corvair powered cars. Sunday Lunch will be provided, Hot Dogs, Chips, Drink and Cake. Fee is \$50 per day or \$100 for both days. Registration forms available at the HACOA website: www.hacoa.org or email: tkmiller714@yahoo.com.

2014 Events

August 9: Saturday Car Show at the Firestone Store where Alex Moats works. The store is located at 2424 N. Greenwich Rd. (K96 and Greenwich). Wichita, KS from 9 am to 4 pm. Contact Alex Moats 316-214-9485.

August 9: Saturday August MCCA Regular meeting. Oaklawn Activity Center, 4904 S. Clifton, Ave. Wichita, KS 7 pm. Contact Larry Lee 316-734-5670.

August 15: Friday evening from 5:30 to ?? Informal all makes Car show at the Strip mall on the South-west corner of Central and West streets in Wichita, KS. Contact Terry Kalp 316-882-3056

September 13: Saturday September MCCA Regular meeting. Oaklawn Activity Center, 4904 S. Clifton, Ave. Wichita, KS 7 pm. Contact Larry Lee 316-734-5670.

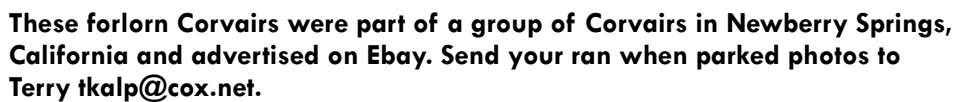
September 30-October 4: Great Plains Corvair Roundup in Branson, MO At Branson Radisson 120 South Wildwood Dr., Branson, MO 65616. Rooms priced at \$99. Reservations call (888) 333-3333 Phone code word Corvair. Contact Scott Allison 816-506-6892 or Beaminscott@yahoo.com

October 11: Saturday October MCCA Regular meeting. Oaklawn Activity Center, 4904 S. Clifton, Ave. Wichita, KS 7 pm. Contact Larry Lee 316-734-5670.

October 18: Saturday Luna Tuna. Kalp Shop 2140 W. 101st Street North, Valley Center, KS 8 am till ??? Contact Terry Kalp 316-882-3056



MCCA Window Stickers
\$2 ea. 2"x5" See Ned Madsen



Oaklawn Activity Center
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Wichita, KS














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August 9

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Central & West **July 15**
Car Show

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2014 Great Plains Corvair
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