

# The Flat Six Journal

Mid Continent Corvair Association Newsletter

February 2014

## Feb. Social/Meeting moved to Friday 2-7

There was an excellent turnout for the Pre-meeting dinner at La Hacienda in Derby. Great location suggestion, Mark Welty. There was an even larger crowd at the January meeting, mostly due to the fact MCCA was giving away money.

Glenda Schmidt and Kris Carson represented FROG (Forever Rely on God) diner sponsored by the Mulvane United Methodist Church. They explained the mission of the Diner and received a donation. Paul Dohm, Executive Director of His Helping Hands, a ministry of the Central Christian Church, will accepted a check to help his group provide reliable cars for those in need.

Finally, MCCA member, Mark Stever represented the Paralyzed Veterans of America. He brought along co-worker, Diana Johnson and they explained some of what their organization does. MCCA presented a check to help pay for hand controls for a Vet's car.

Jean Horstman announced that reservations had been made for the Pre-Spring Social and Meeting at HomeTown Buffet for 6 pm Saturday, February 8th. The group then discussed the conflict with that date and the Sunflower Swap Meet. Several MCCA

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**Doug and Jean Horstman present a donation check to Glenda Schmidt and Kris Carson of FROG (Forever Rely On God) at the January meeting.**



**Jan. Meeting**  
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## February Meeting

**Friday, Feb. 7th 6 pm**

HomeTown Buffet, 6820 W. Central Ave.

Wichita, KS

# Classifieds

**FOR SALE: 1963 Spyder convertible.** I'm putting the 63 Spyder convert up for sale. If you know of anyone interested send them my way. The car is in Oklahoma City.

All original including paint, been in storage long term and will

need complete restoration. Motor is free and ran when parked. Parts car included in the \$2500 price. Randy Dekker  
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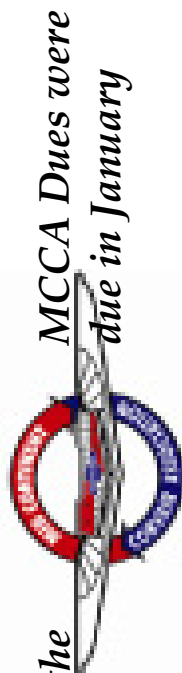
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*MCCA Dues were  
due in January*

*Bring your \$15 to the  
February dinner.*



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# Meeting . . .

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members have vendor spots and can't move the large trailers until everyone else is out on Saturday. Members decided to move the Social/Meeting to February 7th, Friday still starting at 6 pm. Jean later reported that the reservations had been changed and MCCA has their own room for all of the evening. Thanks, Jean.

MCCA's \$15 yearly dues came due in January and many members paid at the meeting. If you haven't updated your dues you can pay at the February Social or mail them to Ned Madsen, 1212 Patrick Henry, Derby, KS 67037.

Several Road Trips were discussed. Maybe a Spring trip can be finalized at the February Social or Cold Tuna. MCCA members also voted to send \$150 to HACO to help pay for renovations to the Roundup trailer. Also the club voted to purchase two 10" vinyl MCCA Logo stickers for the trailer and 100 2"x4" vinyl MCCA logo window stickers to be sold to members to be sold for \$2 each and the window stickers will be available at Cold Tuna on February 15th.



**Larry Lee and Doug Horstman with Paul Dohm of His Helping Hands. MCCA made a donation to the organization that supplies cars for those in need.**



**Mark Stever and Diana Johnson represented the Paralyzed Veterans of America at the January meeting. Mark explained some of the group's activities.**

## Cold Tuna & Soup

It is Tuna time. Come out to the Kalp shop at 2140 W. 101st Street North, Valley Center, on Saturday February 15th for a day of Corvair "tune-up" and repair. Time to start planning your Corvair upgrades for Spring and Summer Corvair Driving enjoyment. Doors open at 8:00 am and close when the last project is finished. Doug will be doing some black anodizing and we may install a quarter panel. This is a come and go event. MCCA window stickers will be available for \$2.

There will be a Pot Luck lunch, the main dish will be Soups and Chili. Julie Strecker is bringing chicken and noodles. The Club will be providing plastic-ware, plates, bowls and napkins. Not sure what to bring, contact Doug or Jean Horstman at 316-777-0351 and they can help you decide.

If you need to discuss your Tuna project you can contact Ned Madsen at 316-788-1724



# Sometimes you have to kiss a lot of frogs before you find a prince

By Terry Kalp

During the last two weeks of January I ended up looking at several Corvairs for sale. The adventure reminded me of the old saying, "You have to kiss a lot of frogs to find a Prince." I was looking at a lot of Corvairs and not finding a "Prince".

The first trip I took was to Hutchinson to check out a dark blue '65 Monza convertible for a Corvair guy near Kansas City. The car looked pretty sharp in the Craig's List ad and the asking price was a little over \$7,000. Met the broker where the car was stored and the owner fired it up and drove it out of the garage for a better look. There was a lot of rust bubbling up on the rockers and lower fenders. The blotchy blue paint was put over some pretty wavy body work on the rear quarter. The seats were split and the door panels had heavy water damage on the bottom edge. The top and rear window needed replaced. A real toad.

The next trip was to Lewis, KS, Julie and Bernie Strecker country. This red '66 convertible was pointed out by Lee Olsen on facebook. The white interior and top looked in great condition and the 20 year old lacquer paint held up well with no rust or poor bodywork popping out anywhere. The convertible was a Factory Air car, but the compressor and condenser had been



**ABOVE:** Looks pretty good in this photo, but photos don't always tell the whole story.

**RIGHT:** Looking a little closer the rust bubbles in the lower fender and rocker panel.



Interior of the blue convertible above. Wood wheel is a nice accessory, but you can see that the seat starting to sag and split. Door panel damage shows.



The interior of the red convertible in Lewis is in great shape the fresh white pops against the red trim. Everything in great shape including the 8 track.





**UPPER LEFT: The engine of the red convertible stripped of the AC.**  
**LOWER LEFT: Lacquer paint is still nice on the red convertible.**  
**ABOVE: The overgrown entry road to the home of the blue coupe.**  
**BELOW LEFT: The stuck 140 in the blue Monza coupe.**

stripped from the engine compartment but were available. The red Corvair hadn't been started for a couple of years, but the engine was free. At \$6,000 it wasn't a toad or frog, but not a prince either.

The third trip was back to Hutchinson. The broker that showed me the blue convertible said his uncle had a '65 140 hp 4-Speed Monza 2-door that he had

put in storage in 1972. We met in Hutch then he drove me to the car, stopping on a dirt road to open an overgrown gate, then a half mile down a barely visible path. I was hoping this guy was not a serial killer. Once in the barn where the car was stored, I found the interior sun burnt, engine stuck, flat poor repaint and rust holes thru the rear window area. At \$6500, a frog.



**Interior of the '65 coupe. Seats discolored from the sun the top of the rear seat is split.**



**The body of the coupe is not too bad. Suffers from a bad repaint and some rust in the rear window.**



# Shop Saturday

Saturday, January 11th started out like a lot of other Saturdays at the Kalp Shop. It was MCCA meeting night and Jim Dallas had made arrangements to pick up a 1963 Convertible as a project for his granddaughter, Sarah Schechter to eventually drive. While tinkering in the shop that morning, Terry got a call from Teresa and John Miller of Iowa that they were going to stop by the shop on their Corvair rescue trip to Texas and Oklahoma. They would be there around 3 pm.

Jim and Sarah showed up about 1 pm with truck and trailer. When Terry went to look for the convertible keys they turned up missing. So Terry and Jim practiced their breaking and entering skills and with the proper tools and some patience, the Corvair was unlocked and loaded. Sarah got to crawl under the Corvair to attach the tie-downs.

About that time the Miller caravan arrived. Teresa driving the yellow Rampside and John towing the black convertible behind their HHR. Everyone visited while Jim and Sarah finished securing their convertible to the trailer.

While walking by the black convertible Teresa noticed air leaking from the passenger side rear tire. They had already replaced the wheel and tire because



**Jim Dallas shows his granddaughter, Sarah Schechter how to tie down the Corvair that will be their project.**

of an earlier blowout, so the leaking tire was the spare. The convertible was equipped with the optional knock-off wire wheels. With the wheel and adapter removed, John and Terry looked around the shop and found a steel wheel with a tire good enough to make the trip back to Iowa and it was installed. Soon the Millers were headed North, Jim, Sarah, and Terry were off to get ready for the January MCCA meeting.



**ABOVE: John Miller pulls out the toolbox for a quick idle adjustment on the Rampside purchased from David Castiaux in Oklahoma City. It was traveling to a new Iowa home RIGHT: Early Model Corvair Convertibles in tow. In the foreground is the Black 1964 Monza Convertible that Teresa and John Miller had bought in Texas and were bringing back to their Corvair rescue mission in Des Moines, Iowa.**







Wes Mellies demonstrates the difference in brightness between normal, extra bright, and LED tail light bulbs.

## HACOA Tech

HACOA held a Tech Session at Mike Dawson's on January 25th. Terry Kalp from MCCA attended. Wes Mellies started the session showing the difference in brightness between normal and LED bulbs. Mike Dawson continued with an excellent lesson on diagnosis of various Corvair problems, complete with handouts. Everything wound down with a Soup/Potluck supper and more Corvair conversation in the Dawson's basement garage/shop.



A tradition of Tech Sessions at Mike Dawson's are the door prizes at the end. This selection is from 1/25/2014.

## 2014 Events

**February 7:** MCCA's February Pre-Spring Social/Meeting. HomeTown Buffet 6820 W. Central Ave, Wichita, KS. Remember this is a Friday night event. . Contact Doug Horstman 316-777-0351

**February 7&8:** Wichita Model A Club Automotive Swap meet at the Kansas Pavilions, I 135 and 85th Street North. Hours 8 am to 6 pm Friday, 8 am to 4 pm on Saturday.

**February 15:** Cold Tuna at the Kalp Shop 2140 W. 101st. St. North, Valley Center, KS. Contact Terry Kalp 316-882-3056 or tkalp@cox.net

**March 7 & 8:** Corvair Performance Workshop, Indianapolis, IN. Website: <http://www.corvair.org/chapters/pcg/index.html>. Ned, Kathy Madson and Terry Kalp are going. Contact one of them for more information.

**March 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.

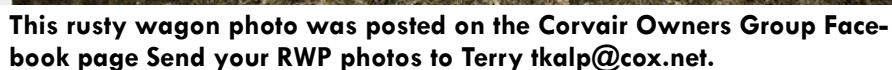
**May 30-June 1:** Tri-State, Chama, NM. For more information goto: <http://www.corsaturno180usa.com/the-road-to-chama-2014.html>

**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



*MCCA Vinyl window stickers available \$2 ea. at Cold Tuna*





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**There is always something to learn at Mike Dawson's shop in Kansas City. There are many repurposed Corvair parts about. Mike's high capacity air compressor has the intake air filtered by a Corvair air filter. The large filter filters better, quiets the compressor and is easily, cheaply changed.**



**2014 Great Plains Corvair  
Roundup Branson, MO  
Sept. 30 - Oct. 4, 2014**

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