

The Flat Six Journal

Mid Continent Corvair Association Newsletter

January 2014



Donations to be presented in January

At the November MCCA meeting the members voted to donate around \$1500 to three local charities. At least two of the three charities will have representatives at the January meeting to receive checks. Glenda Schmidt will represent FROG (Forever Rely on God) diner sponsored by the Mulvane United Methodist Church and will receive a check.

Paul Dohm, Executive Director of His Helping Hands, a com-

munity service ministry of the Central Christian Church, will accept a check to help his group provide reliable cars for those in need.

Finally, Mark Stever is working on having a representative of the Paralyzed Veterans of America at the meeting so that MCCA can present a check to help pay for hand controls for a Vet's car.

Remember MCCA \$15 yearly dues come due in January so bring your checkbook (er maybe cash

would be better) to the January meeting. Dues can also be mailed to Ned Madsen, 1212 Patrick Henry, Derby, KS 67037.

Some possible road trip destinations will be discussed at the January meeting. There is a recently re-opened retro '60s bowling alley in Augusta that might make a fun trip. Ned, Terry and Greg got a taste of the Skoops diner in Hess-

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Nov. Meeting
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January Meeting

Saturday, Jan. 11th 7 pm

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

Classifieds

FOR SALE: 1965 Monza. It is with a heavy heart that I have to sell my beloved Molly. We recently were informed that we will be moving back to Japan. \$8500 OBO many of you have seen her at the last Roundup. 65 Monza Coupe w/AC PG 13' White wall tires/new spare



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player
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Good fuzzies/en-
gine seal etc
Lower shrouds
removed/but have
them plus original
bellows.
Contact Christina
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FOR SALE: 1965 110 hp heads. These are supposed to be ready to bolt on and go. Purchased from Bob Bauer at the 2013 Great Plains Corvair Roundup. Ended up with a different Corvair so I no longer need them. Asking \$250. Located near Salina, but make trips to Wichita. Contact Mike at 785-787-9065

**MCCA Dues are
due in January**



**Bring your \$15 to the
January Meeting.**



This '66 Monza coupe got a fresh coat of Cameo Beige paint plus new wheels and tires before it moves west to the new owner in California.

Fresh Paint

By Ned Madsen

It was about 12 weeks ago that I sold my tan car to Derek Yates of California, yet the car is still in my garage. You might remember the car was very original. Derek wanted to make some improvements and I volunteered to make and oversee these improvements. The fun ones were done first. I installed a dual brake master cylinder and an internally regulated alternator. Derek is a tall man, and had seat extenders sent to my house from Clark's, which I installed. He also purchased one of Clark's consoles, which is very nice. It's held in place by Velcro between the seats.

Next came some bigger items, new wheels and tires. Derek choose nice 15" rally wheels and wider tires. Once again the parts were shipped to my house so I could get them all put together.

The last part was getting the car painted. The car was very clean, except for a lot of door dings, it didn't have any rust. Derek choose Steven's Auto Body on Webb near the Turnpike. This is the same shop that did Brian Easterwood's EM convertible. The goal was not a concours winning paint job, but one for a nice driver. They did a great job twice. After the first painting, the painters didn't like the results and insisted on repaint-

ing it. They felt there was too much dirt in the paint. Once they showed it to me, I saw it too. The final job is beautiful. This part of the job took the longest time, 8 weeks.

Once I got the car home, I installed the wheel and tires on the car. Man, does the car look great! Derek did many of the things I wanted to do to the car. It was "interesting" to do work for someone else, on their dime. I did have a hard time charging Derek for my work, because it was fun for me. Derek didn't take advantage of that; he was more than generous with contributions to my Corvair fund. I think the hard part will be letting the car go, but the shipper will pick it up soon. I can't wait for Derek to finally see his car and cruise it around sunny California.

BTW Derek joined MCCA.

Meeting . . .

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ton and it might make a nice stop on a trip North on old 81 Highway. Bring your ideas to the meeting.

A big, "Thank You" to Bob and Lee Bright for hosting the November MCCA meeting at their shop in Derby. It was a great Taco Feed. Tom Horstman from the Dallas/Ft. Worth area was able to join the group. Bob has been making good progress on his V8 Corvair project and MCCA members were able to make a first hand inspection of his work.

2013 was a great year for the MCCA, high lighted by hosting a very successful Great Plains Corvair Roundup in September. That wouldn't have been possible without the efforts and talents of many of the members. Let's make 2014 an even better year.

Pre-meeting eating La Hacienda in Derby

Some MCCA members will be gathering at the new La Hacienda Mexican Restaurant in Derby It is between AutoZone and Wheat State Pizza, in the building formerly China Buffet (1138 N Nelson Dr). to eat before the January 11th meeting. So bring your appetite and join your friends at 5:30 on Saturday. It is a chance to dine and socialize before the meeting.



HACO A Builds Event Trailer

HACO A (the Kansas City Corvair club) has a small enclosed trailer that they have donated to store and carry the new valve cover track. It is small and could easily be towed by a Corvair. It is weather tight and can store the track outside. They had to invest some money to purchase materials to bring it up to road worthy standards. This included new wheels and tires, metal, wood and fiberglass to make a bump-out to accommodate the 8ft. sections of track. New lights and safety items were also added.

It will get fresh paint when it warms up this Spring. HACO A has also contacted a local sign shop who can provide two 10 inch logos for our club to be put on the trailer after paint for \$20 for the pair. There is also an option for 100 vinyl window stickers with our club logo for \$150. HACO A is asking that those clubs wanting to use the trailer, to help defray the costs of refurbishing trailer. This will be on the agenda for the MCCA January meeting.

Wes Mellies of HACO A provided this information in an e-mail: As far as the body of the trailer we had to cut the front of the trailer out. Now the full 8ft track can fit into the trailer with no problem. The new metal end cap has been wood lined inside to protect from damage. The wheels and tires were purchased from Walmart so anyone could purchase a tire and wheel with no problem. We have the paint, primer, and supplies in our possession. We have also purchased the light kit and the front wheel dolly for it. The idea is for each club to use and add to if they see fit.

Approximate inventory of trailer contents:

- Qty: 1 Valve cover track
- Qty: 50 Cones (Various sizes)
- Qty: 4 Road barricades
- Qty: 3 Flag banner holders
- Qty: 1 Roll Flag Banners
- Qty: 1 Set of Racing Flags
- Qty: 1 Chalk line machine

With the paint I have it will have to wait until spring to be painted. The total for the trailer rehab came to \$766.39



Heart of America Corvair Owners Association modified this former rental trailer to an event trailer to support the Great Plains Corvair Roundups.



ABOVE: The first wedding photo session was at the upper level of the old Union train station. A freight train came by for a proper background.
RIGHT: The bride and groom pose in front of the Bride's dad's Corvair.



Corvair Wedding

During the Summer Mark and Darlene Welty contacted several of their fellow MCCA members asking them if they would like to provide Corvair transportation for the wedding party for their daughter's wedding. Rachel Welte was getting married to Jonathan Craft. There were 10 attendants

plus the bride and groom so several Corvairs would be required. Of course the wedding couple would ride in dad, Mark's black and silver '65 Corsa coupe. Julie and Bernie Strecker hauled a pair of attendants in their white '65 Corsa convertible. Kathy and Ned Madsen pitched in with Kathy

driving the Masden's white '65 Monza coupe with two attendants riding along. Ned borrowed Terry Kalp's gold '65 500 4-door to transport another duo of attendants. Terry had installed the factory seats in the back of his red and white '61 Greenbrier and could take the final four attendants.

November 23 was the wedding day and the "borrowed" Corvairs were lined up in a drive near the front door of the Church of the Blessed Sacrament. It was a cold, windy day, typical for November in Kansas.

The task for the Corvairs was to take the wedding party from the Church to the two outside photo locations, then back to the Church. The first location was the loading area behind the old Union train station. Several of the attendants found the Greenbrier a good spot to warm up between photo. Next it was to the Exploration place parking lot for photos with the Corvairs and "Keeper of the Plains" in the background.



The second photo location was at the Exploration Place back parking lot overlooking the Keeper of the Plains sculpture. Ned Madsen pointed out that all the Corvairs except the Greenbrier were '65s and sported vintage tags.

Owen's Whale

After a long search MCCA member Owen Strawn purchased UltraVan 500 in Florida and plans to drive it back to Wichita in the Spring. Most of the Corvair powered UltraVan motor homes were built in a production facility in Hutchinson, Kansas.



This '67 Monza looked pretty good in February of 2012. Shiny paint it ran, stopped and the interior looked pretty solid.

Corvair Decay

This group of 14 Corvairs was first spotted by MCCA members in Hillsboro over four years ago. Since then they were purchased by a pair in Moundridge to resale. All except two of the Corvairs have been stored outside for the past few years and the weather has not been kind to them. Greg Renfro, Ned Madsen and Terry Kalp headed out on November 30th to check out the cars once more. While the weather was beautiful the Corvairs weren't so no offers were made on any of the remaining 13 Corvairs. The trip was not an entire waste. Returning down old 81 Hwy the group stopped at Skoops in Hesston for a great lunch, then visited Greg's brother Dan near Zenda.



LEFT: November 2013 now the tires and paint are flat, no brakes and the engine doesn't run. Interior is starting to split.

RIGHT: Sitting out in the harsh Kansas summers and winters have been hard on the '67. Body-work is beginning to pop out.





The right front corner took the brunt of the impact. The bumper is flattened where it hit a pole, stopping the car.

Corvair Crash

MCCA member Keith Lathrum owned this '65 Monza for less than a month before it was run off the road trying to avoid another car. Luckily Keith got out of the accident with only a black eye, some bruises and some stitches on a couple of cuts.



The force of the impact put a deep crease in the right rear quarter panel. Keith only suffered minor injuries.



A few days earlier Steve Goodman of Golden, CO was stopped and run into by someone going over 50mph.

2014 Events

January 11: MCCA's January Meeting. At the Oaklawn Activity Center 4904 S. Clifton Ave. Wichita, KS. Contact Doug Horstman 316-777-0351

January 25: HACO Mid Winter Tech Session. 4-7 pm at Mike and Sandy Dawson's 16001 Oakland Ave. Belton, MO 64012. Bring a side dish and a chair. There will be a soup dinner at about 5:30. Please RSVP so they will know how much soup to brew and who to notify in case of a weather cancellation. Contact Mike Dawson 816-322-4057.

February 8: MCCA's February Pre-Spring Social/Meeting. Location to be finalized at the January Meeting. Contact Doug Horstman 316-777-0351

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

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.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



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