

The Flat Six Journal

Mid Continent Corvair Association Newsletter

July 2014

Moonlight 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. More information on the show at: <http://www.automobiliausa.com/events.html>.

Some members will be gathering at Bite Me BBQ at 132 N. St. Francis to eat at 6 pm before the Moonlight meeting. Bite Me is located in the Show area.

Then a fun meeting at the Annual Lake Afton All Wheels Car show. See page 6 for the full story and photos. Officers were elected



Early Model Convertibles lined up at Juna Tuna. Gary Miller showed his Candy Apple Red '64 Spyder to the club for the first time. Behind him are Bryan Easterwood's and Lloyd Folger's Corvairs.

for the next year. Larry Lee is President; Bernie Strecker, Vice President; Mark and Darlene Welte will share the Secretary position; Ned Madsen, Treasurer; Terry Kalp, Newsletter Editor. Thanks to everyone for taking on these club responsibilities.

At Afton Ned was taking names of MCCA members who have paid

their dues and need a club name tag. Let Ned know if you are needing one.

Juna Tuna was outstanding. Bob Bright was killer again 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.



June Meeting
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July Meeting

Saturday, July 12th 7 pm

Automobilia Moonlight Car Show

Bob Bright's booth at First and Emporia Downtown, Wichita

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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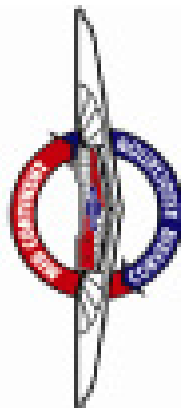
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Project Police . . .

With the nicer weather more MCCA members are getting to work on their Corvair projects. **Owen Strawn** can be found most Saturday and Sunday mornings out at the Kalp Shop working on his UltraVan. The engine is out, apart and at the machinist waiting to get the crank and cylinders checked for wear. Owen has stayed busy sorting out the 45 year old electrical system of his motorhome. UV 500 has been upgraded to LED brake, turn and running lights.

Larry Lee has been working on installing a new top on his blue Corsa convertible. He is discovering why the pros get big bucks for the install. At last notice Larry was still chasing the wrinkles around.

After experiencing some vapor-lock issues on his recent trip to Chama, NM, **Ned Madsen** switched his white Monza coupe back to an electric fuel pump.

Terry Kalp is continuing to part out the totaled LM convertible. The drive train has been transferred to the Coupe/Sedan project of Terry's. Parts of the convertible heater were used to rebuild the Coupe/Sedan's heater. Last Sunday Ned helped Terry get the clutch linkage up and working (you can't mix '65 and '66 clutch linkage parts). Rear hubs are next.



Got this in an email from Mitchell Wood: Entered the Green Corvair in the car-show Saturday, in Marysville, Ks. Believe it or not I took a first place Gold award. All entries were judged and received a trophy. Gold "first place", Silver "second place" or Bronze "third Place"



Mike B. of Gypsum, KS (near Salina) is learning to use a plasma cutter at the Kalp Shop. Mike's project was removing the floor from the totaled '65 convertible That Terry is parting out. There are many double and triple layered areas that must be cut before the floor will drop.

Juna Tuna, tinkering, Talk and training

Saturday was Juna Tuna at the Kalp Shop. More than 35 Corvair fans showed up, tinkered, talked and ate. There were eight members of the Oklahoma City club that made the trip and one even brought a Corvair to work on. Mike Dawson and Scott Allison came down from Kansas City.

The weather co-operated with mild temperatures and the Kalp Shop grounds had dried out nicely from rains the week before. Owen Strawn opened up his UltraVan (Corvair powered motorhome) to the many people interested in tours. Owen and many attentive bystanders were treated to a mini-tech session on resealing Powerglide Corvair differentials given by Corvair Master Mechanic Mike Dawson.

One of the projects was Lyle Ackerman's 35,000 mile Corvair that was in for noisy lifters . . . again. It had been worked on it at a previous Tuna for the same problem. Found two push rods in upside down (oil hole in) and replaced several adjusting nuts. A few weeks after the first fix one lifter started clacking again.

With the valve cover off this time the noisy lifter was loose and

it took several turns to take up the clearance. Aeroned was the mechanic on the job so he pulled the rocker and ball and found what is shown in the photo . . . a severely worn pivot ball and rocker. A replacement pair from the Kalp supply of pretested parts and this Corvair was back on the road.

Mark Welte was also involved in a project for his Corvair. He needed some arced slots put in the bracket for the FM converter in his Corsa. Mark had attempted the project by hand with little success. With a little advice from Bernie Strecker and Terry's Mini-mill the curved slots were soon created and the converter mounted back in the Black and Silver Corsa.

Phillip Morgan of OKC drove his white '63 Convertible up to replace the rubber on his engine shrouds. He was assisted by James Ergenbright and Bill Ashlock.

For Juna Tuna MCCA provided the meat for the meal, this time burgers, brats and hot dogs prepared by outstanding cook, Bob Bright. Bob also roasted a bushel of corn ears for the group. With the outstanding side dishes provided

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TOP: Bernie Strecker gives advice to Mark Welte on his project on the mini-mill.

MIDDLE: The very worn rocker and pivot ball that was causing the persistent ticking in Lyle Ackerman's '63 coupe. Caused by a pushrod being in upside down. **BELOW:** Corvairs lined up on the Kalp Shop property facing 101st Street. There was an excellent turnout of Corvairs and their owners for the 2014 Juna Tuna.





LEFT: Mike Dawson gives a mini Tech session to Owen Strawn over resealing the differential for Owen's UltraVan project. There were many interested onlookers.

BELOW: Philip Morgan and Bill Ashlock from OKC start to remove the engine shrouding on Philip's Corvair. Looking on are Bryan Easterwood and Bob Ferenc. They were getting ready to replace the engine to body seals.

LOWER RIGHT: Patrick Tinin repairs the distributor on his '65 Monza Coupe. The vacuum advance had been causing some problems.

LOWER LEFT: Darlene Welty and Chris Harms are busy creating projects. Jean Horstman headed up the button craft activity for some of those not so interested in Corvairs. Thanks Jean.

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by the others in attendance, no one went away hungry.

Jean Horstman organized a non-Corvair activity. Her button craft projects had a table full of participants for most the morning until the table was needed for lunch.

Several other Corvair were repaired or upgraded after lunch. There was considerable conversation, some of it even Corvairs. Newly elected President Larry Lee managed to quiet the crowd enough at lunch for some announcements and thank yous.

MCCA has three Tunas a year. The next one will be Luna Tuna on Saturday, October 18, 2014, followed by Cold Tuna on February 21, 2015. Join us if and when you can.





By Terry Kalp

The Lake Afton All Wheels Car Show was starting out pretty slow. When I arrived at a little before 10 there were a few Corvairs there and some other cars scattered around the show field. It was not looking much like the Worlds Largest Free Outdoor Car Show. Bernie Strecker was there and had some shade erected.

During the next hour the sun peeked out and the cars began to roll in on the lush grass at Lake Afton, including Corvairs. By the end of the day thirteen Corvairs had made an appearance at the MCCA parking area. A nice mix of Corvairs it was, early and late, coupes and convertibles and even a four-door and a Rampside. Seems Jered Strecker had done some trading with his parents. They ended up with his EM coupe and Jered is now the owner of his Grandfather's Rampside.

Just before noon a short meeting was held for Officer elections. Larry Lee is the new MCCA

President, Bernie Strecker is the new Vice-President, The Weltes, Mark and Darlene are sharing the Secretary position. Ned Madsen remains Treasurer and I am still cranking out the Newsletter.

It was good to see some of our "Western" club members. Lee Olsen drove his black LM Convertible in from Burdette and Mike Miller from Kingman was at the show but left his Corvair at home. It was also a treat to see senior member, Mel Horstman out and about at the show, he always brings a ray of sunshine.



LEFT: Jered Strecker brought out his Rampside. RIGHT: Patrick, Alex, and Larry Lee chat with Ned Madsen at Larry's Corsa convertible.





Owen Strawn and his wife, Lori stopped by to visit with the MCCA members that had their Corvairs on display at the Central and West Street Friday night Car Show.

Excellent attendance at Central and West Show

Seven MCCA Corvairs Showed up at the June 13 Central and West Car Show. The Streckers brought out two convertibles, the red '62 and the white '65. The Ackermans drove their white '63 coupe, the Madsens arrived in their white '66 coupe. The Brights cruised in their '65 convertible. Larry Lee came in his '66 convertible and was joined later by his wife, Donna. Terry Kalp dusted off the gold '65 four door for his trip to the show. The clutter of Corvairs stood out and received many compliments and comments.

Many of the members took a break from the parking lot and wandered over to Buffet City, a Chinese buffet, located in the same shopping center as the car show. It was an enjoyable meal and no one went away hungry. MCCA has set July 18 to try to get a group of club Corvairs to the show at Central and West streets. The show starts at 5-5:30 and fills up fast. The sooner you can get there the more likely the Corvairs can park together.

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

2014 Events

July 12: Saturday July MCCA meeting in Combination with the Automobilia Moonlight Car Show in Downtown, Wichita, KS. 6pm till Midnight. Club Meeting at 7pm Contact Terry Kalp 316-882-3056

July 18: 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

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

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

Pre-meeting eating

The MCCA meeting is downtown Wichita for the Moonlight car show Members decided at the June meeting to eat at Bite Me BBQ 132 N. St Francis at 6 pm. This is in the car show area so you won't have to leave to eat. If you have suggestions on places to eat in the upcoming months let Terry or Larry Lee know.





This is the '60 Corvair that sits out behind the Esh building at the Kalp shop. Yes it did drive to that location. But now the weeds and wildflowers grow up around it. Send your ran when parked photos to Terry tkalp@cox.net.


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Bonus Photo






Clutch Chatter

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Calendar






















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Automobilia Show

Central & West July 18
Car Show

August Meeting August 9

September Meeting September 13

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

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