

The Flat Six Journal

Mid Continent Corvair Association Newsletter

June 2014

Lake Afton, Juna Tuna On June Calendar

Spring weather brings out more opportunities to get your Corvairs out and show them off. Sunday June 8 is the All Wheels Car Show at Lake Afton, just west of Wichita. This is also the site for the June MCCA meeting. Usually the Streckers and/or Horstmanns are out early and set up some tents for MCCA members to gather under. The Corvairs congregate in the middle of the show field. June is the election of officers so be there or be elected. Meeting is scheduled for 11 am. The Lake Afton show has hundreds of Cars of all shapes, sizes and styles on display.

The next Friday night, June 13, MCCA has set to get as many Corvairs out as possible to the Central and West Car Show. The May 16th date was rained out, but since Mike Gerhart, Larry and Donna Lee, Ned and Kathy Madsen, Terry Kalp, Bernie, Julie Strecker and grandkids all showed up, everyone went across the street to Le Monde for a very enjoyable dinner.

Saturday June 21 is Juna Tuna out at the Kalp Shop. This is a great time to socialize, work on Corvairs and eat. Let Terry or Ned know if you have major projects to work on so they can schedule the space. The club is supplying the meat so bring your covered dish and chairs and enjoy. Doors open at 8 am and close when the last car is repaired.



Julie and Bernie Strecker along with Larry Lee represented Corvairs at the May 23 Central and West Car Show after being rained out on May 16. MCCA has set June 13 to try to get club Corvairs to the show.

May was a busy Month for the MCCA with members taking trips to Hutchinson to visit the Cosmosphere while others headed to Broken Arrow, OK for the 50th anniversary of the Corvair powered Glen Pray Cord. Both trips were on the 8th, but many of the travelers made it back for dinner at Hog Wild and the MCCA meeting. While Larry Lee drove his Reatta to Hutchinson, he decided to brave the meeting in his topless convertible. The sky looked threatening so Larry rigged up a blue tarp over his top frame. The sky let loose during the meeting. Larry drove the Corsa home in the rain with the blue tarp flapping.



**May Meeting
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June Meeting

Sunday, June 8th 11 am

Lake Afton Car Show
MacArthur Road at 247th Street West, 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 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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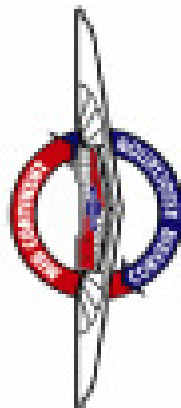
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Juna Tuna

It is Tuna time again. Come out to Terry Kalp's shop at 2140 W. 101st Street North on Saturday, June 21st for a day of Corvair "tune-up" and repair. It is not too early to start planning your Corvair upgrades for Spring and Summer Corvair Driving enjoyment.

The main dish will be hamburgers and hot dogs supplied by MCCA and Lloyd Folger. If you need to discuss your Tuna project you can contact Ned Madsen at 316-680-3483 or Terry Kalp at 316-882-3056. Bring a side dish and a chair. There are several people coming down from Kansas City and other Corvair people making the trip up from Oklahoma City.

We will be set up to aim your Corvairs headlights. It only takes about 30 minutes and makes driving your Corvair at night a safer experience. This might be a good time to walk around your Corvair to make sure all the lights are working properly. Terry will try to have a selection of fresh bulbs in case your Corvair needs one

Even if your Corvair is running fine come out for the noon meal and Corvair fellowship, maybe even help out a fellow club member on their Corvair project.

Make sure your Corvair is ready for the road trips that are being planned for this Spring and Summer. Fun, food and fellowship . . . what more could one ask for.



A couple of Corvairs made the trip to Hutchinson for the Cosmosphere trip. The Weltes drove the black and silver coupe, the Streckers the white Corsa convertible and the Lees arrived in Larry's Reatta.

Cosmosphere Trip

Four couples and one grandchild went on the MCCA road trip to Hutchinson to visit the Kansas Cosmosphere. Doug and Jean Horstman, Larry and Donna Lee, Mark and Darlene Welte along with Bernie and Julie Strecker

plus Braden met up at the Car-rage Crossing in Yoder for a hearty breakfast before continuing on to Hutchinson. Once at the Cosmosphere they were able to enjoy the museum, movies and Dr. Goddard's laboratory.



Terry Kalp and Ned Madsen headed out to Broken Arrow, OK on May 8 for the 50th anniversary celebration of the Corvair powered Glen Pray Cord Sportsman. Five examples showed up at the "pickle factory" in Broken Arrow where the prototypes were constructed.



LEFT: Twisty roads and magnificent mountain views were par for the first two hours of the trip home. Ned drives his Corvair thru a 180 degree switchback. Recent rains brought out the beauty of the foliage

LOWER LEFT: Steve Goodman put on a impromptu tech session. He advanced the timing on Ned's 95 hp engine to compensate for the thin air. Ned noticed a significant improvement in performance after the high altitude tune-up

BELOW: Special arrangements were made for a Corvair group shot at the Chama train station. The vintage narrow gauge steam engines take two scenic tours a day through the mountains.

Mountains, Trains, Plains & Rains

By Ned Madsen

The TriState Corvair gathering was held in Chama, NM this year. Kathy and I were joined by Terry Kalp and Bob Ferenc for the trip west. Kathy and I drove in our white Corvair while Terry and Bob rode in Terry's HHR.

The trip out was done in two days. The first stop was in Taos, NM so that we could see some of the art galleries there (something

for Kathy). The Corvair did suffer some vapor lock issues, which were easily remedied with a little starter fluid. There was also a leak of the copper line to my oil pressure sender, but it happened about 100 yards from an auto parts store. After replacing the leaking line, it wasn't a problem again.

As with the previous TriStates we've attended, the first 400 miles or so are not all that exciting, lots

of open range and wide open sky. But those last 200 miles makes the trip worth it. The mountain roads and views are nothing short of spectacular. The Corvair suspension (with a fresh alignment by Alex Moats at Firestone) was made for these mountain roads. On the way to Taos, we got up to about 10,200 feet. That was a new record for my Corvair (last year we got

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LEFT: One stop on the way home was the oldest Catholic church in Colorado, built in the 1800s and updated several times.
MIDDLE: Jan and Tami Mohr had the winning ticket for the raffle quilt complete with Corvairs of all years and colors.
BOTTOM: Riders on the Storm. The dark clouds were an indicator of the upcoming weather. Rain haunted the last three hour of the drive home, often heavy enough that you could barely see.

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 up to about 9800 feet). The 95/PG did struggle a bit going up, but going down, I was happy I had disc brakes.

On Friday, Kathy and I went to "The Plaza" in Taos and toured the Taos Art museum, which is in the former home of a Russian artist, Nicolai Fechin. It was a very cool house, lots of hand crafted wood work and some interesting paintings. We also wandered around a few shops.

After catching up with Terry and Bob for lunch, we headed out for Chama. It was a couple hours drive over a slightly higher ridge. On this leg we stopped at the second highest arch bridge, the Rio Grande Gorge Bridge, after crossing it. It was incredible. The bridge is almost 600 feet above the Rio Grande. The pass to Chama put us at the highest elevation of the trip, 10800 feet.

Once in Chama, we checked in to our hotel. Chama is a very small town that relies on tourists. There are no big chain hotels, so I was somewhat concerned. When Kathy proclaimed our hotel, Chama Trails Inn, as quaint I was greatly relieved. It was an older style hotel where the rooms open right out to

the parking lot. It was about a mile to the host hotel and where Loren and Liz Capron and Colleen and Richard Law from OKC and Keith Hammett from Springfield, MO and Lee Olsen from Burdett were staying. There were a few other Corvair folks there as well, so we had our own satellite host hotel.

We got to the host hotel to check in around 4 or so. There were lots of folks there already. After doing the paperwork, we met up with Steve Goodman. After visiting for a while I asked Steve about what adjustments could be done to my Corvair for the temporary stay at high altitude (Chama is about 7800 feet). Steve advanced the timing a few degrees (I later found

it was at 23 deg). It ran much better after that! Dinner Friday was at a nice place and Corvair people filled the place. The day ended with the folks at our hotel enjoying the patio and more story telling.

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TriState is a very simple event, very laid back. Saturday is the only day that has anything formal scheduled. The car show is in the morning. The afternoon has a couple tours. Things wrap up with the banquet. They said there were 36 Corvairs at the show. There were many that were beautiful and even a few with original patina. There are lots of turbo cars up there in the Rockies, I can't imagine why. I mostly wandered around and talked to people about their cars and just about everything else. Tons of fun!

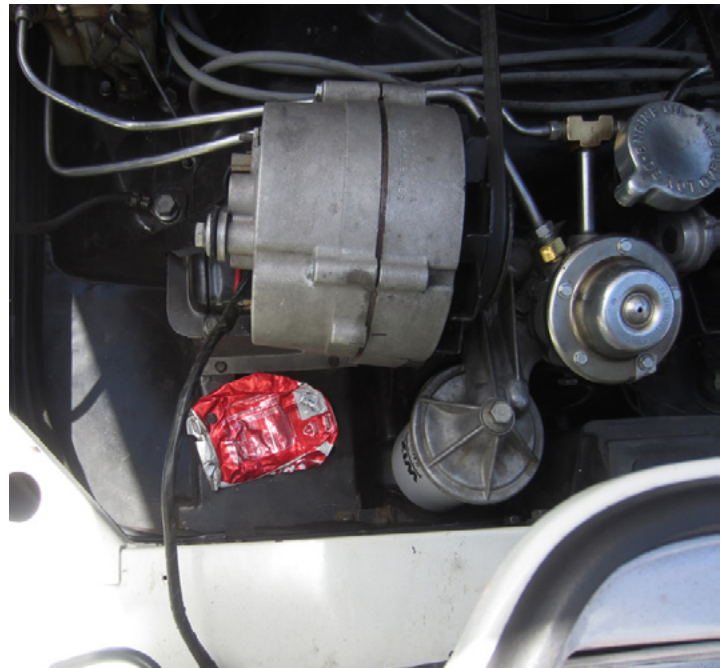
After lunch, we gathered to drive into town for a photo op with the train. Chama is the southern end of a narrow gauge steam train ride through the mountains. We parted many of the Corvairs next to one of the engines for the photo. After that, Kathy and the OKC ladies decided to go shopping in the little town. I decided to join the OKC guys at the local saloon. We got to sit on big log stools outside and watch the cars go by. The ladies finished up their shopping with plenty of time to head back to the hotel and prepare for the banquet.

There were just over 100 folks at the banquet. We found out the MCCA was the 4th highest in club attendance, the three "local" clubs had between 20 and 25 members and MCCA had 9: Kathy and I, Terry, Bob, Lee, Keith, Jens, Jan and Tami Mohr from up in Oakley. Keith won long distance with just over 1000 miles travelled in his 65 convertible. Richard Law won the Hard Luck for grenading his transmission (Colleen had her wagon in a trailer so they swapped car locations). Loren Capron won best EM with his baby blue convertible. Jons and Tami won the beautiful quilt made from previous TriState tee shirts. I think poor Terry was the only one that didn't win a door prize (that you teach him for not driving a Corvair).

We traded Bob for Lee and Keith for the ride home (Bob went off with his brother from Denver). Lee took us on the route that followed the train tracks. This route also took us an elevation of just under 10000 feet, which was in CO thereby making us "high in CO." We stopped for a few photo opportunities. The views up there are just incredible. By the way,

we saw antelope, deer, elk, prairie dogs and some cool birds (no bald eagles though) and didn't hit any. I adjusted the timing back for lower altitudes. Keith and I both suffered vapor lock problems (Lee's car has an electric fuel pump). We also noticed Keith was missing his summer/winter plate. Lee found an old soda can and we made a customized plate for him to get home with. As we approached Garden City we saw the large, dark line of thunder storms. The outside air temps dropped into the 70s which helped both the cars and the passengers. Just east of Dodge City we hit the rain from those thunder storms. At time the rain was extremely heavy. They followed us all the way home to Derby.

All in all, the trip was another great one! We may be too busy next year, with two graduations, a birthday, our 30th anniversary and the BIG wedding to make it to Durango, CO, but I'm sure going to try.



The problem of a roadside repair to replace the missing Summer/Winter plate on Keith's car was solved by Lee Olsen when he spied a flattened Coke can.

No Pre-meeting eating

Because MCCA meeting is at Lake Afton for the car show there will be no designated spot to meet to eat before the June meeting. Bring your lunch or purchase lunch from one of the food venders at the show. If you have suggestions on places to eat in the upcoming months let Terry or Doug know.

Netherlands Corvair Fan Visited the Kalp Shop

Ralf Verhees, a Corvair enthusiast from the Netherlands showed up at the Kalp Shop on Wednesday, May 14 at about 11:30 am. Ralf and Scott Allison drove down from Kansas City in Scott's beautiful green '67 4-door Monza.

Several MCCA members were able to make it to the Shop to meet Ralf. Ned Madsen was the first one to show up after Terry opened the doors. Ned was rebuilding a pair of LM rear wheel bearings so he wanted an early start. Soon the Bobs arrived (Bright and Ferenc), David from Newton drove his Aztec Bronze LM. After the morning tour and just in time for lunch DJ and Kota Harms appeared. Bob Bright couldn't hang around for lunch as he had a bus route to drive. The rest of the group piled into Corvairs and headed to Big Larry's Burgers for a satisfying lunch and more conversation. The afternoon bought a return to the shop and more conversation. Ned presented a couple of MCCA window stickers to Ralf and he gave Terry a club Netherlands sticker and a special edition newsletter.



Several MCCA members showed up at the Kalp Shop to meet Ralf Verhees of the Netherlands when he came to visit. Lunch at Larry's in Valley was a must.

2014 Events

June 7: Saturday HACO working Tech Session at Mike and Sandy Dawson's House 16001 Oakland Ave. Belton, MO. Covered will be Starter testing (amp draw and voltage drop) as well as practice installing a distributor. Runs from noon to 6 pm There will be a potluck dinner so bring a side dish and chairs. Contact Mike Dawson 816-322-4057 RSVP

June 8: Sunday June MCCA meeting in Combination with the Lake Afton All Wheels Car Show at MacArthur Road at 247th Street West, Wichita, KS 11 am. Contact Doug Horstman 316-777-0351

June 13: 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

June 21: Juna Tuna at the Kalp Shop. 8 am til ?? Socialize, work on Corvairs, enjoy an outstanding potluck lunch. Contact Terry Kalp 316-882-3056

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

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



Lake Afton Car Show
MacArthur Road at 247th
Street West, Wichita

Driving on the Plains. Keith Hammett, Ned and Kathy Madsen, and Lee Olsen head home from the Chama, New Mexico in their Corvairs. About 4,000 miles total were put on the three Corvairs traveling to and from the 2014 Tri-State Corvair meet.



KC Tech Day	June 7
June Meeting Lake Afton	June 8
Central & West	June 13
Juna Tuna	June 21
July Meeting Automobilia Show	July 12

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

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