

The Flat Six Journal

Mid Continent Corvair Association Newsletter

March 2014

Marching Forward

Despite cold and slushy weather, there was a grand turn-out for the February Social/meeting at HomeTown buffet on February 7th. New member Bill Rupert and a friend came from El Dorado. Bill purchased Christina's Air Conditioned LM Monza coupe.

The snow hung around the first part of February and Terry Kalp didn't know if he was going to need snow plows or swamp buggies to handle parking for Cold Tuna. Turned out the right combination of temperature, sun and wind had the grounds around the shop in good shape for the Tuna on the 15th. Over 40 people showed up at the Kalp Shop with a large group from Kansas City and several from Oklahoma City. Thanks to all the club members that make the Tunas great events.

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Jim Dallas' granddaughter, Sarah shows off the broken crank bolt on her project '63 Corvair convertible. Sarah and her granddad pulled the engine to clean and reseal it. Jim Dallas photo.

Feb. Meeting
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March Meeting
Saturday, March 8th 7 pm

Oaklawn Activity Center
4904 S. Clifton 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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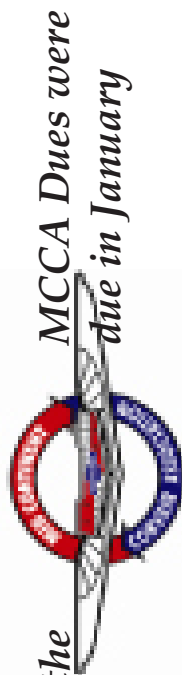
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Bring your \$15 to the February dinner.



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Meeting . . .

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Believe it or not Spring is just a few weeks away and time to get the Corvairs out and back on the road. Suggestions for club road trips are welcome and can be made at the March meeting. Speaking of road trips, Jim Dallas, Ned and Kathy, DJ and Kota and Terry are all heading for Indianapolis for the Corvair Performance Group Workshop this weekend and will have to miss the March meeting. They will report on their trip in the April FlatSix Journal and at the April MCCA meeting.

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 mail them to Ned Madsen, 1212 Patrick Henry, Derby, KS 67037. Since Ned will be in Indianapolis and not at the March meeting. Also if you want to purchase a 2" x 4" MCCA logo window decal they are \$2 each and you can send payment to Ned, or just catch him next time you see him.

Wichita Swap Meet

The nasty cold and snowy weather took a break for the Wichita Swap meet the first weekend in February. Several MCCA members had swap spaces, Tom Stout, Bob and Lee Bright and Terry Kalp. Fred Bybee from the Kansas City Corvair club had a booth with clocks and radios.

Several other members showed up to scrounge the aisles for elusive parts. LP Penner both bought and sold. Ned and Kathy Madsen stopped by the Kalp booth while shopping. Larry Lee and Lloyd Folger were also spotted out looking for parts and renewing friendships.

Terry Kalp happened to see a bunch of boxed NOS AC spark plugs for sale on a vendor's table. He spied a few 46FF (Low performance Corvair). After negotiating a price for all the 46FF plugs, he ended up with 144 of them. Terry also found four very nice 14 x 7" four lug chrome wheels for EM Corvairs. Terry had a hard time making out the check as it was to the local Ford Falcon Club. It was some solace a former Corvair owner and MCCA member, Phil Nelson, took the check.



You can always find Corvair hubcaps at the Wichita Swap meet. These are for '61 500 or 700 Corvair.



MCCA member Tom Stout had photos of this Panel van he is selling. The body looks very solid but a new owner would have to find a drivetrain for it.



A couple of MCCA members purchased this 11 x 17 inch illustration of a Muscle Machine '62 Corvair.



Cold Tuna

By Terry Kalp

Another great Tuna is in the books. This one started early and ended early. Friday night Scott Allison, Wes and Kim Mellies from Kansas City came down and spent the night at my house in Valley Center. We were out at the shop before 8 on Saturday and soon Wes and Kim were cutting away the damaged panels on my '68 500. Ned Madsen arrived bearing donuts and soon had both hands busy (see Photo) Bob Welch from Oklahoma City brought up some front upper A

ABOVE: Kim Mellies makes the sparks fly as she slices away the bent metal on Terry's '68 500. **FAR RIGHT:** Doug Horstman demonstrates his Eastwood black coating for bolts. Looking on are Gary Wolfe, Lloyd Folger and Chuck Morris with a photobomb by KC Gary Moore. **BELOW:** Scott Allison also helped with the surgery on Terry's '68. He found that sometimes a saws-all blade does funny things.

arms to remove the bushings. Between the bodywork and air hammer on the front bushings, noise and dust prevailed in the Kalp Shop.

Scott Allison tried his hand at the saws-all and created an interesting offset blade (see Photo). Bob Ferenc had his Spyder convertible in the shop for a shock swap and to check on a rear brake pulling. Mike Dawson of Kansas City dove in to help diagnose and fix the problem. Kota and DJ Harms disassembled Kota's LM rear hubs to remove the baking plates for a disc brake conversion. With my J-tool and some interesting rigging they were able to pull the rear yokes. The rigging was required because the



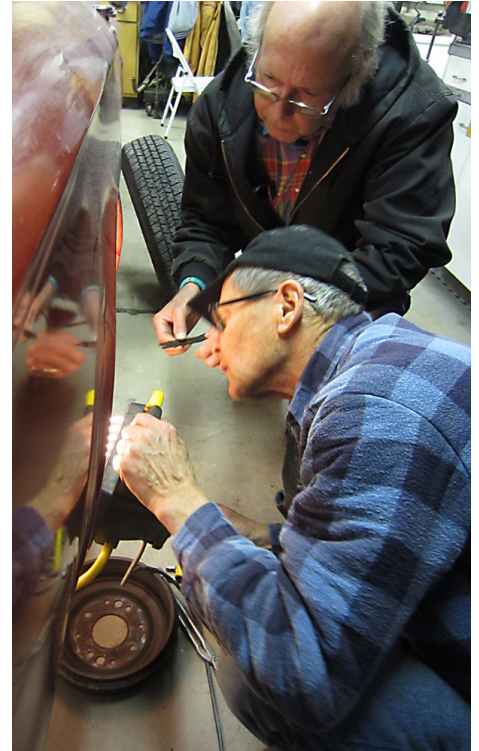


Ned has his hands full as Scott Allison give snesk peek at the Power-Point promoting the Great Plains Corvair Roundup in Branson this fall.

shop vice was being used by Lyle Ackerman to tap the holes in the seat extenders he was creating.

At least fourty people were thru the shop on Saturday and most of them sat down and enjoyed lunch. Chicken and noodles plus

Chili made the main course with numerous side dishes and an over-abundance of desserts. After lunch everything wound down quickly as most of the attendees were stuffed with food and only had naps on their minds.



ABOVE: Mike Dawson and Bernie Strecker check out the brake on Bob Ferenc's Spyder convertible, it had been grabbing.

FAR LEFT: Wes Mellies takes an angle grinder with a cutoff wheel to make a puzzle out of the damaged '68 rear quarter.



BELOW: DJ and Kota Harms work together to disassemble a LM Corvair rear hub for a disc brake conversion.



Iowa Trip

By Scott Allison

Leave it to us to plan a trip to Iowa on one of the nastiest weekends of the season. I headed out early Saturday morning, February 8, for Wes and Kim's place. Once I was out of the neighborhood it was smooth sailing. The three of us piled into Wes's truck and headed off to Paradise to pick up Gary Jones. Yes, Wes took Kim and I to Paradise. Then we were off to the far north side of Iowa to retrieve some parts Wes had purchased from Jamie Reinhart. The roads were fine until we let Gary behind the wheel. He hadn't driven 10 miles before the snow started and the roads turned nasty. We passed many accidents and many off the road or going the wrong way but Gary did a great job keeping us on course. We arrived alive!

We got into Cresco, IA about 1 pm where we shopped in Jamie's garage before heading out to his folks place where there were more Corvair items. The truck was loaded to the point where the cover would barely close. It was then time to head back to Des Moines to meet up with Teresa and John Miller. Wes did another great job of getting us back south and we arrived at the Miller's around 6 pm.

Teresa had a wonderful meal waiting; salad, lasagna, and Italian bread. Dinner was so good we had to be careful not to over eat as we didn't want anyone



Scott Allison and Gary Jones look on as John Miller prepares the engine to be split from the transaxle.

falling asleep under the car. After dinner it was out to the garage to remove, repair, and replace an engine in the green 66 Corsa coupe. John did such a fantastic job of undoing everything required to remove an engine that within a few moments the engine was on the ground. It was then time to clean up the drivetrain, insert a new pilot bushing in the newer engine, replace a few differential seals, and move the clutch assembly over to the replacement engine. A short time later and the newer engine with a clean/sealed drivetrain was ready to go back into the car. We were back in the house by 10 pm where it was time to relax and visit.

Teresa had breakfast cooking when we all got up and around. It was then back out to the garage for some more chatting and then down to the other garage to see the latest acquisitions. They have such a nice collection that you can't leave without seeing as many as you can. Teresa dusted off a few LP's to demonstrate her console hi-fi. We were then back on the road and headed home where after a short time the roads again turned nasty. But that didn't bother Wes and we were home (again, via Paradise) in no time. The drive from Wes's place to home for me was much different than the Saturday morning drive but I arrived alive.

The weekend was a huge hit just as any weekend with Corvair folk always is for me. I can't wait to see photos of Teresa in the St. Patrick's day parade in the green Corsa and the turbo engine that Wes got in a car moving him down the road. Thanks to Wes, Kim, Gary, Teresa, and John for a great weekend!



John Miller (standing) shows Gary Jones (kneeling) how well the Harbor Freight lift table works for powertrain removal. Teresa Miller Photos.



2014 Events

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 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.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.

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 February 8th 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.

TOP: This is one way to fix a heavily damaged body panel. Since the the patch quarter has more rust than the original body it was decided to use as much of the original body metal as possible.

MIDDLE: After a lot of cutting, grinding and trimming the damage section of the body has been removed leaving only solid, straight metal.

BOTTOM: The replacement panel has been cut down to slightly overlap all the joints. Looks a lot better. All that is left is final fitting, welding and body work.

