

The Flat Six Journal

Mid Continent Corvair Association Newsletter

May 2014

Group Photo from the April 2010 MCCA trip to the Cosmosphere



May 10th Road Trip to Cosmosphere

The MCCA has scheduled a road trip to the Kansas Cosmosphere in Hutchinson, KS for Saturday, May 10. There will be a stop in Yoder at the Carriage house restaurant for Breakfast. President, Doug Horstman outlined the trip:

For the people in the Derby area, we'll meet at the Derby Rec Center parking lot and leave at 7:00 AM, that should put us at the I-235 exit to KS-96 (Exit 13) about 7:35 AM or there about. If people on the North side of town want to join up in route, that would be a good spot.

We should then be at the Carriage Crossing Restaurant and Bakery a little bit before 8:00 AM. After we eat, it will take about 16 minutes to get to the

Cosmosphere, it opens at 9:00 AM. The first activity will be in the Carey Digital Dome theater, showing the movie, "We The People" at 10:00 AM. It is 45 minutes long, so then you can go and visit the Museum until the Dr Goddard Lab show at 12 Noon, it is also about 45 minutes long.

Next you can go to the Planetarium show at 1:00 PM, which is also 45 minutes long. Lunch will be somewhere at 2:00 PM (after the good/big breakfast at the Carriage Crossing Restaurant, it will take a long time to get hungry again). And then a 1 hour trip back home.

This would still leave time to go to the regular meeting in Oaklawn at 7pm.



March Meeting
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May Meeting

Saturday, May 10th 7 pm

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

Classifieds

FOR SALE: The Shark. Corvair mid-engine Open wheel Racer.

Least expensive way to go fast

with a Corvair engine. Converted from a Shark brand Formula V racer to Corvair powertrain by Charlie Clark in the '70s. Fairly

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fuel tank.. Hankook racing tires with few runs. 1100 lbs. Turnkey ready to race. Neal pedals, hydraulic clutch. Aluminum flywheel. **Contact Terry Kalp 316-882-3056.** Asking **\$6000** interesting trades considered

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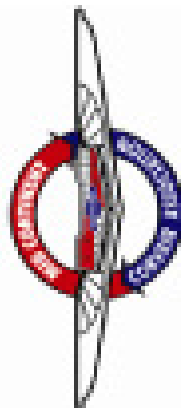
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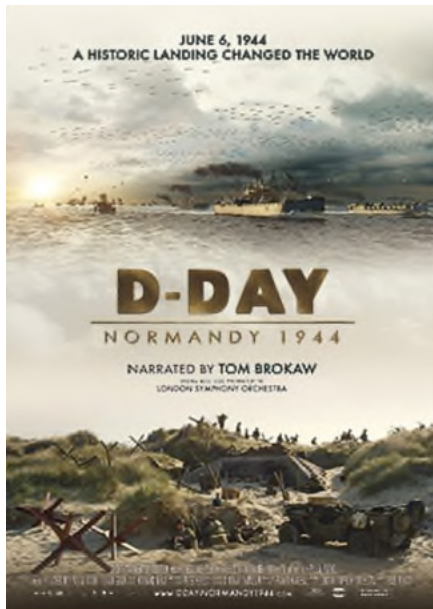
April Meeting

We had a special guest, Jens Mohr, attend the April meeting and Pre-meeting eating. Jens lives in Oakley, KS and this was the first meeting he was able to make. He was in town for a Bowling Tournament and had enough of a break to attend the MCCA events. Bernie and Julie Strecker picked him up from his west side hotel then returned him after the meeting.

The meeting started off with health reports on member Larry Lee who had heart surgery and Judy Teer, wife of OKC president, Chris Teer, who is battling cancer at the University of Oklahoma Hospital.

Several of the members who attended the Corvair Performance Workshop in Indianapolis reported on their trip and the workshop. Terry Kalp spoke a bit about the trip he took to Tucson, AZ to pick up his recently purchased Devin C project. (See story on pages 4 & 5).

President, Doug Horstman presented plans for the May 10th MCCA road trip to Hutchinson to tour the Kansas Cosmosphere. A group will leave the Derby Recreation Center at 7 am and head North. Those from the North side wishing to join up with the group can meet up at the 254 & 96 junction about 7:35, or at the Carriage Crossing in Yoder at 8. Driving a Corvair is not required, but it is fun. There are summaries of some of the Cosmosphere offerings to the right of this story. More details in the Story on page 1.



D-DAY: NORMANDY 1944

June 6, 1944: The largest Allied operation of World War II began in Normandy, France. For the first time ever on giant screens, "D-Day: Normandy 1944" provides a new perspective to audiences of all ages of this monumental event that changed the world. Narrated by Tom Brokaw, the film pays tribute to those who gave their lives for our freedom... A duty of memory, a duty of gratitude.

"D-Day: Normandy 1944" is made possible through underwriting by Eagle Communications and The Hutchinson News; sponsorship by Elliott Mortuary; and community partners BlueBird Books, Hutchinson Clinic, Jillian's Italian Grill, and Pizza Ranch.

Complimentary tickets for veterans and active duty military personnel for "D-Day: Normandy 1944," at the Cosmosphere between Memorial Day and Independence Day, are underwritten by Elliott Mortuary, Hutchinson KS.

Rated: G Saturday: 11 am, 1, 2, 3, & 5
Runtime: 45 minutes



JUSTICE PLANETARIUM

Solar System

Journey through the solar system, from the unimaginable cold of deep space to the searing heat of the nuclear furnace that is our sun. Along the way, learn about the planets, their exotic moons, comets, and asteroids. You'll also discover why Pluto got kicked out of the planet club! Includes visually stunning images from the Hubble Space Telescope and interplanetary probes.

Approximate running time of 45 minutes.
Saturday: 1 & 3 pm
Adults \$8.50 Children (3-12) \$7.50
Seniors (60+) \$7.50



Dr. Goddard's Lab

In a setting that represents the 1930s lab of Dr. Robert Goddard, the father of modern rocketry, this live rocket show is packed with surprises. Demonstrations of Goddard's early experiments with liquid fueled rocket engines always end with a bang!

All shows have an approximate running time of 45 minutes.
Saturday: 12 & 2 pm
Adults \$8.50
Seniors (60+) \$7.50
Children (3-12) \$7.50
Under 3 FREE

Corvair Powered Sports Car

Tucson Trip for Devin



By Terry Kalp

On April 9th Dan Hagenbuch and I left on a 2100 mile round trip to pick up a Devin C project that I had purchased in Tucson, Arizona. The first day we stopped in Tucumcari, NM for lunch and was greeted with dozens of vintage signs and businesses. It was a Rt. 66 Historic haven. Back on the road we spent the first night at Socorro, NM,

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TOP: The scenery in the South West was very different from Kansas.

LEFT: This EM "pulling" a teardrop camper was spotted in Tucumcari, NM. When the photo was posted on the internet Geoff Johnson noted that he had sold the Corvair and had lost track of it.

CORNER: Dan Hagenbuch bites into a triple bacon burger at Blair's Lottaburger a New Mexico hamburger chain.

BELOW: The front view of a restored Devin C.





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about 80 miles South of Albuquerque. At noon on the second day we were in Tucson having lunch at the In n Out Burger, meeting up with the seller of the Devin.

That afternoon was spent looking at the car, taking inventory of the parts scattered around the two car garage and packing some of the parts into the containers I had brought along. Spent the night in Tucson and was up early to get everything loaded. The body and frame are a unit and there was no rear suspension installed so it took pure muscle power to get it on the trailer. The parts filled up the bed of the trailer. We were on the road back to home by 11 am. Arizona time.

A punctured tire that went flat and had to be replaced was the only trouble on the way home. After a bit of a rest everything was unloaded on Sunday thanks to help from Owen Strawn, Bob Bright, Ned Madsen and Greg Renfro. Thanks guys.



TOP: A flat tire in the middle of nowhere New Mexico.

SIGN: Tucumcari, NM is full of Mid-Century signage and memories of the glory days of Rt. 66.

LEFT: Rear view of a restored Devin C. Terry hopes his will look this nice.



Project Police

Several MCCA members have been working on their Corvairs this past month. **Owen Strawn** has been working on the UltraVan. After pulling both heads and finding four domed smog pistons and two flat-top in addition to the dropped valve seat, he decided to go to all flat-top pistons and have a set of 110 hp heads reworked with deep seats. This should give him a reliable engine. While waiting for the headwork and parts to arrive. Owen has been busy swapping the park and tail lights to LEDs, chasing down several electrical gremlins, and cleaning up the aluminum windows.

Ned Madsen noticed oil seepage in the engine compartment and excessive blowby after a trip to the Kalp Shop in his '66 Monza coupe. A compression test showed low compression in #2 and a further tear-down showed broken compression rings and a scuffed cylinder for #2 cylinder. Ned ordered a new piston, cylinder, and rings but they wouldn't arrive in time for him to make the Hearth Of Texas Corvair show. Now everything is back together and the car is running fine. He dropped off the rear seat at StyleCraft to get recovered and is in the process of rebuilding a set of rear axle bearings before his trip to Chama, NM. the end of this month.

Lloyd Folger is having bodywork and paint put on a Corsa Coupe he is restoring. Although he is not

doing the bodywork or paint he has been busy locating and Cutting off replacement body panels and other parts to keep the restoration moving. Several body sections and the windshield have come from the wrecked LM convertible Terry Kalp is parting out.

Terry Kalp has been working on some of his own projects while helping others out on their Corvairs. Terry continues to part out the wrecked convertible. The interior went with Wes Mellies to Kansas City. Lloyd helped Terry remove the convertible top intact and then install it frame and all onto Terry's '65 Corsa convertible. The windshield got pulled for Lloyd as well as several body sections cut out to provide patch panels for Lloyd's project. Terry pulled the front suspension and gas tank out of the parts convertible. Having the body crushed around the components didn't help the process.

Figuring it about time, Terry took the wheels off his Cord to get the wide whitewall tires he purchased over a year ago installed. The riveted wheels required new tubes. While waiting on the tubes to arrive, Terry took the wheels and stripped as much of the peeling chrome off them and painted the rim area a color similar to the body color. Once the wheels and tires were mounted, the Cord went on the lift and the front torsion bars were adjusted to make the Cord set more level.

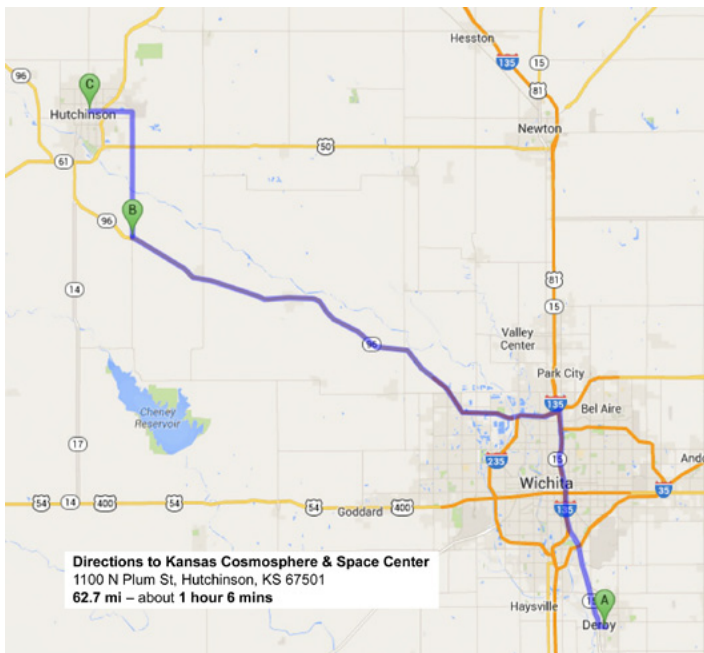
Between the other projects, Terry found some time to fit and weld the quarter panel patch on the '68 500 coupe. It will soon be ready for some filler.

Corvair finds at Stray Cat 500

Terry Kalp attended the Stray Cat 500 car show in Dewey, OK over the 2nd and 3rd of May. While no Corvair cars were spotted (there were about a half dozen Falcons) a couple of Corvair finds were made in the swap meet area. First was a purple flamed Vairy 8, Corvair Hot Wheels car. Most surprising was finding a May 1974 Rod Action magazine for sale. It featured Terry Kalp's Corvair powered T bucket.



David Rohrback contacted Terry Kalp about this '66 Monza Convertible he was selling for his Dad. The family had owned the Corvair since 1969, but it had been setting for the last 12 years. Terry posted it on several Facebook pages and Carl James of OKC purchased it.



Netherlands Corvair Fan Plans visit to Kalp Shop

Ralf Verhees, a Corvair enthusiast from the Netherlands will be visiting the Kalp Shop on Wednesday, May 14. He will be attending the HOCO meeting on Tuesday night. After staying Tuesday night at Scott Allison's house, Scott and Ralf will head out to the Kalp shop. Plans are for a tour of the compound and lunch at Big Larry's Burgers in Valley Center..

Everyone is welcome to come up and meet Ralf. Arrival time should be around 11 am and his departure time is unknown. At the end of this month Ralf will be attending some test and tune days at the Indianapolis Speedway as cars get ready for the Indianapolis 500 race.

In the Netherlands, Ralf is working on a Corvair Station wagon project. There is a very active Corvair Club in the Netherlands.

No Pre-meeting eating

Because of the MCCA road trip to Hutchinson on the Saturday of the meeting there will be no designated spot to meet to eat before the May meeting. If you have suggestions on places to eat in the upcoming months let Terry or Doug know.

2014 Events

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May 10: May MCCA Regular meeting. Oaklawn Activity Center, 4904 S. Clifton, Ave. Wichita, KS 7 pm. Contact Doug Horstman 316-777-0351

May 10: KC Dust-off 11:30 AM - 04:00 PM- John and Linda Mellies 11729 Leavenworth Road Kansas City, KS. Plans are for a combination Barbeque/Potluck dinner and a "ROAD TOUR". Contact John Mellies 913-721-1361

May 14: Ralf Verhees from the Netherlands is visiting the Kalp Shop. 11 am til ?? Contact Terry Kalp 316-882-3056

May 31: Kingman Theatre Grand opening. For more information Mike Miller 620-491-1075

May 30-June 1: Tri-State, Chama, NM. For more information goto: <http://www.corsaturbo180usa.com/the-road-to-chama-2014.html>

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 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

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



Another EM, pretty much returning to the earth. Posted by Kevin Willson of Alaska. Send your ran when parked photos to Terry tkalp@cox.net.

May Meeting

7:00 pm

May 10th

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

Bonus Photo



Terry Kalp purchased wide whitewall tires for his Corvair powered 1966 Cord at the February 2013 Wichita Swap meet. Finally during April of 2014 he got around to having them installed. The factory optional 13" wheels were cleaned up and the outer rims painted while waiting for new tubes.



Calendar

Cosmosphere Trip May 10

May Meeting May 10

























KC Dust-off May 10

Kingman Theatre May 31

Tri-State Chama, New Mexico May 30 - June 1

June Meeting June 8
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Juna Tuna June 21

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