

# The Flat Six Journal

Mid Continent Corvair Association Newsletter

November 2014

## October MCCA meeting notes

Remember the November Meeting is an Italian Dinner at Bob and Lee Brights. It starts at 6 pm bring a side-dish, some chairs and your appetite.



**Alex Moats hugs the tire as he replaces the inline fuel filter on Larry Lee's convertible. Alex spent most of Thursday helping Larry.**

It was great to see more Corvairs than non-Corvairs at the October meeting. Several business items were discussed at meeting:

First was the 2015 MCCA Car Calendar. Several members express a desire for calendars: Larry Lee, the Streckers, Madsens, Weltes, and Terry Kalp. (See story on pg 3)

Next Ned Madsen spoke about MCCA Road trips. The first set would occur March thru June 2015.

Lloyd Folger proposed a trip to his farm (north part of OK) during the March/April time-frame. The trip would be 81 miles one-way. On May 22 a trip is planned to Sedan, KS to participate in the Yellow Brick Road festival.

During April-May Ned proposed a KS-177 Flint Hills trip to Tallgrass Prairie area. Stops could include Strong City, Spring Hill Farm, etc. The trip would be from Cassoday to Council Grove, on KS-177 hwy.

Other trip possibilities were Lindsborg, Marquette (Kansas Motorcycle Museum), Prairie Trail, and Gypsum Hills

Upcoming events continued the discussion. Plans were made for the Luna Tuna menu. Julie Strecker offered to bring Chicken and Noodles. Doug offered deviled eggs. Larry Lee would bring donuts. The Weltes would provide Mexican chili. Ned proposed the club provide drinks it was approved.

Members discussed the various benefits of CORSA membership

Lloyd Folger discussed his experience when presented the award for most senior registered attendee at the 2014 Great Plains Corvair Roundup in Branson, MO.

The final activity was to go around the room with everyone present providing project updates. Then the meeting was adjourned.



**Oct. Meeting  
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## November Meeting

### Saturday, Nov. 8th 6 pm

Bob and Lee Bright's  
210 E. Walnut, Derby, KS

# Classifieds

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### FOR SALE: Three Corvairs

Well, lets start with the '63 I have some pictures of it. It runs and drives, we are the third owner, 4spd 2 dr monza. I drove it to the Last Run in Ark City and on the way the speedometer cable snapped but the car has 108k on it. Everything works but the speedometer, interior is great, exterior shows its age but is original. One rust spot on l/f fender behind the wheel, prior owner bought the patch panel but did not have it fixed, patch goes with it.

I have a 66 and a 67 also. The 66 is a complete car which was running but needed brakes, have all the parts for same, paint is rough as is interior, also a 67 needing engine and lots of tlc.

4th car was a 67 which got t-boned behind drivers door have every removable panel, all glass and interior parts, extra 4 speed, performance clutch and flywheel(new). Too much extra stuff to list. We



bought all the inventory from a friend with health issues, knowing someone would need the stuff. We deal with exotic and collectables, so we are realistic with prices....

Contact: **Eric Gove** <[yard-dog1@earthlink.net](mailto:yard-dog1@earthlink.net)>

Cars and Eric are located in Newkirk, OK.

**MCCA Stickers**

**\$2 ea. 2"x5"**  
**See Ned Madsen**



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# MCCA 2015 Corvair Calendar Progress

Several MCCA members have already provided photos of their Corvairs for the 2015 MCCA calendar. Thanks Ned Madsen, Scott Allison, Lee Olsen. There are many more club Corvairs that should be in the calendar. Deadline for photos is Thanksgiving. Photo options are listed below. If you have an interest in the calendar project contact Terry at 316-882-3056 or the Streckers at 316-619-9844 or just let them know at the November meeting.

The cost of the calendars should be between \$10-20 depending on the quantity. Existing photos may be used or several photo sessions around Wichita will be scheduled if you need a photo taken. All Photos and orders will need to be to Terry by the end of November. There will be samples of past Corvair calendars at the October meeting where Bernie, Julie and Terry will be able to provide additional information.

This is not a fund-raiser the calendars will be sold at cost. If you have an interest in the project or just some questions contact Terry, Julie. or Bernie.



**Ned Madsen spent half a day taking his Corvair to several local scenic spots to take photos for the 2015 MCCA calendar. This photo taken near the Keeper of the Plains was one he decided not to use.**

## JC's Garage

Ned Madsen and Terry Kalp took out very early on Saturday morning, October 25, headed for Sand Springs, OK. The event was JC's Garage, sort of like a Tuna, but only lasts half a day. The Green Country Corvair Group sponsors the event at JC and Marilyn Ash home.

They started with great snacks, donuts and sausage pinwheels. Richard Hawk had a lot of supervision chasing down a leak in his AC system. Then later he was involved rebuilding a LM Turbo carburetor for Bob Mooney and under the supervision of Gary Baxter.

About Lunch-time everything was wrapped up and the group headed to a local comfort food cafe for a fine meal..

**Richard Hawk of Tulsa claimed not to be very good with carburetors, but with supervision tore into this complex Corvair Turbo carburetor. Once a petrified accelerator pump was replaced and the float adjusted it was good as new.**





# Luna Tuna Time

**By Terry Kalp**

It happened, just give me a little time to wind down and clean up. Started out slow the first arrival was world traveler, Jim Dallas who happened to be in the country Saturday. Once the donuts arrived with Larry Lee things started picking up, including everyone's sugar level. Mike Dawson and Beamin Scott Allison arrived pretty early from Kansas City, with the Oklahoma City group filtering in a little later.

Not much was on the schedule, but a couple of Corvairs were put on the lift to check out some oil leaks. Bernie Strecker brought in an EM coupe to check out why it wasn't charging. Once Aeroned Madsen broke out a Uni-Syn and started tuning up carbs and epidemic occurred. Soon Ned was adjusting carbs, Mike Dawson was adjusting carbs and Scott was tuning also.

The aroma of Chicken and noodles plus Vegetable Beef Soup pulled the workers away from the

gas fumes. While lunch was in progress the sound of the Sun dist. machine pulled several away from the tables as they took their soup bowls into the back shop to learn how the Sun machine worked.

A short ceremony after lunch honored recently passed long-time MCCA member, Mel Horstman. A park bench from his home was placed at the Kalp shop and a brass tag with Mel's name and his wife Mary's name on it was placed by their son, Doug Horstman.

Soon the carburetors were under attack again and many Corvairs were performing better



**ABOVE:** Julie and Bernie's grandson, Brayden became quite attached to John Womack's Corvair powered trike.

**TOP LEFT:** Bernie Strecker checks out the charging system on his '64 coupe. A different generator got him going.

**MIDDLE LEFT:** Ned Madsen is watched by Ryan Moats as he tunes up Patrick Tinin's 110.

**LOWER LEFT:** A row of Late Model Corvairs were parked on the grassy lot next to the Kalp shop .

# Tuna . . .



**TOP:** Loren Capron and James Ergenbright from Oklahoma City, scrub EM rear bearings before repacking them with grease.  
**BOTTOM:** Lloyd Folger works on new wiring to give his Pertronix a full 12 volts. Also after a battery cable jumped off on a test drive, he needed to clean and reinstall it.



**ABOVE:** Dan Hagenbuch (in beard) gathers a group around after lunch to school them on the operation of the Sun distributor machine. Mike Garrett (center) provided the distributor. Unfortunately not only was it a F@#d distributor, and electronic so it couldn't be tested.

**BELOW:** Mike Dawson of Kansas City dives into the engine of Lloyd Folger's EM convertible. Mike was working on the carburetor. After some balancing and adjustments, Lloyd's convertible was running much better. Looking on from the left are Mark Stever and his daughter, on the far right is Owen Strawn. .



# Dedication



**Doug and Jean Horstman**

Right after lunch at Luna Tuna there was a short ceremony dedicating a bench in front of the Kalp shop to Mel Horstman and his wife Mary. The bench came from Mel's estate and previously resided on the porch at Mel's home.

Doug and the rest of the Horstman family thought the bench should go to the Kalp shop. Terry picked up the bench and a brass plaque with Mel and Mary's names on it. Once at the shop Owen Strawn helped Terry use a router to make a recessed spot in the top rail for the name tag. The bench was also treated to a refinishing while at the shop.

During the Dedication ceremony Mel's son, Doug and daughter-in-law Jean placed the plaque on the bench and attached it with screws. The bench will be a great reminder of an outstanding gentleman.



**Alex Moats helps Larry Lee reassemble his LM convertible after a re-clutch and re-seal project.**

## Project Police

MCCA Corvairs have been getting a lot of attention from their owners recently. **Mark Stever** has been enjoying taking apart the suspension on his Corvair project, sandblasting and powder-coating the restored parts. **Mark** plans to rebuild the mechanical parts of his Corvair, put it back together and drive it for a year the start of the body and interior work. The engine has been rebuilt by Steve Goodman, the PowerGlide transmission was refurbished by Mike Dawson.

**Larry Lee** was on his second gallon of differential gear oil when he decided it was time to reseal his Corvair. His Corvair came to the Kalp shop and **Larry** began removing the power-train. Once it was out and the engine split from the transaxle he found the flywheel, clutch and inside the bellhousing were dripping gear oil. With Mike Dawson's "while you are there" list in his hand, Larry began cleaning and replacing parts.

The clutch disc was soaked in gear oil and although it had not started to slip or grab it was replaced by a new disc from Terry's stash. The flywheel was an original riveted unit that will fail eventually. Terry had a bolted flywheel that Duane Grimm had done years ago. It had been taken to Dawson's for checking for round and balancing. It passed so it went on Larry's

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# Project Police

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car. New front and rear main seals, a new aluminum pan with gasket, plus rebuilding lower control arms and the convertible was going back together again.

**Owen Strawn** has been gathering the parts to put his Ultravan engine back together. After having problems getting anyone local to grind his crankshaft, one was obtained with help of the Kansas City Club. When checking bearing clearances, it was discovered that the timing gear on the crank had be damaged when someone put too long bolts to hold on the flexplate. The old gear had to be machined down in a lathe before it could be removed and replaced by United Engine Specialists. Terry and **Owen** installed the timing gear on the cam. Glenn Ziesenis pressed the new pistons onto the rods.

Last Sunday **Owen** and Terry assembled the cam, crank, and block halves and setup to degree the cam, something neither of them had done before. The cam checked out fine and now Owen is ready to install the pistons and cylinders onto the block.



**Mark Stever brought his LM rear axle bearings to the Kalp shop for disassembly so the can be cleaned and powder coated. This one wore thru the cage.**

## 2014-15 Events

**November 8: Saturday** November MCCA Meeting. Potluck dinner at the Bob and Lee Bright's 210 E Walnut, Derby, KS 6 pm. Contact Larry Lee 316-734-5670.

**January 10 2015: Saturday** January MCCA Regular meeting. Oaklawn Activity Center, 4904 S. Clifton, Ave. Wichita, KS 7 pm. Contact Larry Lee 316-734-5670.

**February 14 2015: Saturday** February MCCA Pre-Spring Fling dinner meeting. Location to be announced 6 pm. Contact Larry Lee 316-734-5670.

**February 21 2015: Saturday** Cold Tuna. Kalp Shop 2140 W. 101st Street North, Valley Center, KS 8 am till ????. Contact Terry Kalp 316-882-3056

**March 14 2015: Saturday** January MCCA Regular meeting. Oaklawn Activity Center, 4904 S. Clifton, Ave. Wichita, KS 7 pm. Contact Larry Lee 316-734-5670.

**March/April 2015: Saturday** MCCA Road Trip to Lloyd Folger's farm in Northern Oklahoma (81 mile trip one way) Contact Larry Lee 316-734-5670.

**April/May 2015: Saturday** KS-177 Flint Hills Trip to Tallgrass Prairie area, Strong City, Spring Hill Farm. Cassoday to Council Grove. Contact Ned Madsen 316-680-3483.

**May 22, 2015: Saturday** Yellow Brick Road Festival, Sedan, KS. Contact Ned Madsen 316-680-3483.





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