

The Flat Six Journal

Mid Continent Corvair Association Newsletter

October 2014

September MCCA meeting notes

Larry Lee presided at the meeting. Discussed pre-meeting meals ideas. Calabrone's in Mulvane, KS was mentioned. Julie Strecker suggested the club purchase business cards.

Ned Madsen provided an update on the Mel Horstman award. This award will be a

memorial to long time MCCA member Mel Horstman .

Ned Madsen moved that the club donate \$50.00 each to the Harry Hines Memorial and the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Motion was seconded and passed.

Darlene Welte presented an example of an acrylic award.

Events that qualify for the award will be regular meetings and events, club sponsored road trips, Lake Afton, parades, etc.

In the event of tie, names will be drawn from a hat. One point per event, per family. Start date for accumulating points will be January 1, 2015 and end December 30, 2015.

The first award will be presented at the club's 2016 February dinner meeting.

In state road trip suggestions for March, April, May and June 2015 were: Flint Hills National Scenic Byway, Prairie Trail Gypsum Hills, Wetlands. and May 22, 2015 Sedan, Yellow Brick Road festival to honor Mel.

Darlene suggested the club participate in the base car show. This would be a great way to honor Mel Horstman as he was an Air Force Veteran. Several nice prizes are awarded including a Commander's award.



Black and White. Mark Welte parked by Jim Allen's beautiful '66 500 coupe. A couple of examples of the many outstanding Corvairs at the Great Plains Corvair Roundup. More on the Roundup on pages 4-7.



**Sept. Meeting
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October Meeting

Saturday, Oct. 11th 7 pm

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

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
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Asking \$1800 for the pair.



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Larry Lee reported over 40 cars showed up the the Goddard Lions club car show on Saturday, October 4th. Larry had his blue convertible there and the Streckers arrived with their two Corvair convertibles.



MCCA 2015 Corvair Calendar Project Started

Terry Kalp, Bernie and Julie Strecker are putting together a 2015 calendar featuring the Corvairs of MCCA. Many more details are to come, but the group needs to know who is interested in having their Corvair on the calendar and who might be interested in purchasing the calendars. 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 October 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.

Luna Tuna Time

Luna Tuna is Saturday, October 18th at the Kalp Shop. It is a chance to get some work done on your Corvair, eat, socialize and just have a fun day. Doug and Jean Horstman will be performing a little dedication ceremony for the Mel and Mary Horstman bench.

The Kalp Shop is located at 2140 W. 101st Street North, Valley Center, KS. If you are coming down I 35 get off at exit 19 and go two miles west.

We will be starting at 8 am but you can come and go as you please. Lunch will be at noon and we will be hanging around until all the cars are finished. If you plan on a major project it would be good to contact Terry at 316-882-3056.

A sign-up sheet for food items will be available at the October MCCA meeting or contact Larry Lee 316-734-5670. Julie will be bringing chicken and noodles.

Major or minor fix or just hang out with friends. Luna Tuna is just around the corner.



Ran this photo with the wrong caption last month. The Streckers showed their '65 Corsia convertible at the Blacktop National Car Show downtown Wichita. Despite the heat many people stopped by to chat about the Corvair.



Darlene Welty puts the finishing touches on their '65 Corsa just seconds before judging begins for the Branson Concours.

Spectacular, Fantastic, Wonderful, Stupendous

By Ned Madsen

How can I describe the 2014 Great Plains Roundup thrown by HACO? This was the celebration of the KC club's 50th anniversary and did it up right. The first thing they did to make is special was to turn the Roundup into a CORSA mini convention, helping to attract more participants. It sure did that! There were more folks at the banquet in Branson than at the International Convention in Tacoma.

The MCCA presence in Branson started on Tuesday when Terry Kalp and Mark and Dianne Welte drove a couple Corvairs (and a shopping hauler) to make the Concourse. Mark entered his beautiful black and silver car and both Mark and Terry judged.

Kathy and my trip started on Wednesday, with a solo 300 mile trip in our 50 year old car. We stopped in Galena, KS to visit Tow Mater for lunch. We made it into Branson mid-afternoon. After unloading at our hotel I crossed the street to visit the host parking lot. Before hitting the registration table, I went straight to

the Clark's room, yes, Clarks Corvair had a huge room of "trouble." I easily exceeded my self-imposed budget due to my confusion between "need" and "want." Cal also took an order for more stuff to send later. They had a very nice show discount which included the stuff they'll be shipping. BTW I had several conversations with Cal and learned that he's working on some more very interesting and needed reproductions.

I must say my registration process was flawless. There was a small room across from the Hospitality room where all our advance registration paperwork was together with our tee shirts. My socializing and goofing off with the ladies took all the time, very nice job and very organized.

I spent the rest of the afternoon wandering around and socializing. There was a huge parking lot that was roped off the whole week, which was very nice. Kathy and I waited for our friends, Tracy and Michael LeVeque to arrive from Indiana before heading out to dinner. That night we had about 20 of our closest friends join us. One of the great things about Branson was the restaurants don't freak out when 20 people show up for a meal together. It was also "off season" so most places were empty. I don't recall

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Lloyd Folger's skirted convertible lines up with the other EM Corvairs for the People's choice Car Show Friday at Branson.



Roundup . . .

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ever waiting for a table and always had great service.

Being a mini convention, the Roundup attracted people from far off. I talked to a guy that drove in from Phoenix, the Mohrs, including Maggie from Oakley, the LeVeques from Indy, a bunch from South Carolina, a “herd” from Texas. It really was just like the other National Conventions I’ve attended. They all brought beautiful cars. There was everybody style except an EM sedan, including Yenko Stinger YS-045 that drove, an Ultra Van plus 3 V8 conversions. There was every year except a 60.

This Roundup was a few days longer to put on extra events. They did a “Dice Run” rally. You drive around following simple directions to basically see the sights. There are a few check points where you roll dice and awards are given for the hi and lo scores. There is no trickiness, unless you are talking with your passengers and miss a check point. Kathy and I borrowed Terry’s sedan and took Michael and Tracy around, lots of fun and laughs. They put on a funkana also. We drove around a parking lot rather quickly and did some silly things. First was holding an “egg” in a spoon, then scooping beans, then dropping a washer in a bucket and finally “roping a steer.” Of course it was timed and judged on speed. My assistant was Tami Mohrs. We had a blast! I think the best part of the funkana was Michael’s Dad, Warren borrowing Michael’s Stinger and winning.

Not everything this week was Corvairs. Bran-



Late Model Corvairs line up for the Friday People's Choice Car Show. The Corvairs were parked together by class to make judging easier.

son is a huge tourist and shopping town. There are several different shows that many people attended. We were going to go to the Andy Williams show, but that was planned for the only night it rained. Kathy went shopping a couple days. There are outlet malls and other types shopping, some strange kinds of shopping. She drove our white Corvair both times. On day one, she went with Tracy and Tami. Tami was looking for Ugg boots, the other girls were looking for deals. They bought lots of Christmas presents, but no boots. On the way home it rained very hard. After a few wipes, the driver’s wiper “broke.” Somehow Kathy got everyone home safely. We later learned the wiper blade departed the vehicle. We didn’t get any more rain. Kathy and Tami went out shopping the next day and did find those Ugg boots. Tami was so very happy. It reminded me for the whole Corvair family working together.

My favorite part of these kinds of events is the people. My friends come from all over the country, drawn together by these cars. I didn’t talk to my MCCA friends too much, except Lloyd and I had breakfast a couple days. I visited with as many people as I could, always had a great visit, learned lots of stuff. Saw many folks I hadn’t seen in a long time. Still didn’t talk to everyone. The HACO hosts, Helen and Gary Moore “pulled a prank” on me by telling everyone that I was the guy in their logo. Several people were coming up to me making comments about that. Just like a big family! I talked to the AR folks a couple times. They really have some great plans for next year. I’m already looking forward to it. I talked to so many



Warren LeVeque brought out his open wheeled racer for the show while son, Michael displayed his Yenko Stinger street and track car.

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folks; I lost my voice pretty much by Friday. Don't worry; I'm sure it will be fine by meeting time.

The final event of the week was the award banquet. MCCA won 4 awards, I think. Terry won the VC race, but was bumped to second by a gentleman from SC. The Mohrs family won a nice long distance trophy, beating the LeVeque's by less than 10 miles. Bob and Ann Ferenc won first place in the Open class of the Funkahana. Finally Lloyd won a special award for being the Corvair elder statesman, which came with big bucks. The trophies were very nice plaques with the event logo, did I mention it's a very handsome logo? Another Roundup banquet tradition has been extended as Scott Allison called many, many nonresponsive door prize tickets.

Finally, a huge thank you to Scott Allison and Wes Mellies, the Roundup hosts, and their entire team for a great time. It was the most elaborate, extended Roundup and the HACOIA folks pulled it off fantastically. Way to go!!



Ned Madsen talking to Bob Mooney and Richard Hawk of the Tulsa Corvair club.

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 October 11th meeting. Join your friends at 5:30 on Saturday. If you have suggestions on places to eat let Terry or Larry Lee know.



Tech Sessions were provided at the Roundup. Cal Clark talked about installing seat covers. Mike Dawson spoke on Corvair cooling and maintenance.

2014 Events

October 11: Saturday October MCCA Regular meeting. Oaklawn Activity Center, 4904 S. Clifton, Ave. Wichita, KS 7 pm. Contact Larry Lee 316-734-5670.

October 18: Saturday Luna Tuna. Kalp Shop 2140 W. 101st Street North, Valley Center, KS 8 am till ???. Contact Terry Kalp 316-882-3056

October 25: Saturday J. C.'s Garage 9 am till noon. Sand Springs, OK (near Tulsa). Contact Terry Kalp 316-882-3056.

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.

The Funkhana layout. 1 was the start the passenger was given an "egg" to balance on a spoon thru the slalom 2 and on to the cook at 3 where the passenger had to fill the bean pot. Then to 4 to toss a washer in the bucket and ending up at the bull roping station.



The Ferencs show their championship form as Ann balances her egg (a tennis ball) on a wooden spoon while Bob negotiates the curves.



At the third challenge, Ann delivers the egg to the cook and then helps out by ladling beans from the large pot to a smaller one.



The final challenge was to rope the bull with a Hula Hoop. Marie Bolton makes a face as he tosses.

Funkhana

It was chilly Saturday morning when the Funkhana started. As the day warmed up and everyone saw how much fun the participants were having, Corvairs were lined up to face the five challenges.

The passenger had to run about 10 yards to get into the car and start the run. MCCA members Bob and Ann Ferenc's efforts won the Open class and posted the second fastest time overall for the winding course.



Challenge 4 was to get a washer in the bucket. The entrants name was on the washer for a drawing



Just a few of the thousands of parts Clark's Corvair brought to sell at the Roundup. There were special discounts for items purchased at the show.

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7:00 pm

Oct. 11th

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

Bonus Photo

Cliff Carlino of HACO pretty much scratch built this model of the GM Sebring Spyder show car. Cliff used a portion of an AMT EM coupe to create a mold then resin cast the body for his model. The wire wheels were hand built spoke by spoke. The model took first place in the judged Concours Modified class.



Calendar

October Meeting	Oct. 11
Central and West	Oct. 17
Luna Tuna	Oct. 18
JC's Garage	Oct. 25
November Meeting	
Italian Dinner	
At the Brights November 8	

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