

The Flat Six Journal

Mid Continent Corvair Association Newsletter

August 2015



Moonlight Show Shines, Aug. back to Oaklawn

The July MCCA meeting was held at the Automobile Moonlight show in downtown Wichita. There was a break from the usual 100 degrees plus heat this year and it was appreciated. Three members entered their Corvairs and several others drove Corvairs to the show but did not enter. Quite a crowd showed up for the meeting. About the only item on the agenda was confirmation of Bob Bright and David Jacobson as At-Large members.

August meeting is back at the Oaklawn Activity Center after being away for June and July. Lots of Corvair work has been getting done. Come to the meeting to check on everyone's progress. August 21st is the Central and West Show and Shine for MCCA members.

Time to start thinking about the Roundup September 25-27. The host hotel has sold out. The story on page 3 explains how to get on the waiting list for the host and recommendations for nearby alternate hotels to use. More information about the Roundup is available in the Events column on page 7.

August Meeting Saturday, Aug. 8th 7 pm

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



TOP: Becky and Kevin Stephan parked their Black '64 Monza coupe on the square at the Automobile Moonlight show.

LEFT: Terry Kalp (white convertible) and David Jacobson (Aztec Bronze coupe) parked a few blocks away near Bob and Lee Bright's parts tent.

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FOR SALE: 1964 Corvair Monza Convertible New Top and Interior. Body in good condition. 4-Speed Manual Transmission. Motor has some blowby~~Runs good. \$3500.
Contact Todd 990-3759



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Price reduced, . Contact:Mike Miller 620-491-1075

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'15 Roundup Motel Info

On the 26th of July the 2015 Great Plains Roundup planning committee received news that the Wyndham Riverfront Hotel--the host venue is fully booked. Our hotel coordinator had been working closely with Wyndham reservation staff to adjust and expand room needs for 2015 Roundup guests, so this news was highly unexpected. The Wyndham Hotel is maintaining a waiting list for those seeking a reservation for the 2015 Roundup weekend, September 25-27, 2015. To add your name to the Wyndham reservation waiting list (and be notified of cancellations), you need to phone Melissa Harlow (Wyndham Riverfront reservations) on Melissa's direct line, 501 907-4839. Request to speak with Melissa or Emily and mention that you'll be attending the Great Plains Corvair Roundup.

To address hotel lodging issue, Roundup planners have a contingency plan. The Arkansas Corvair Club recommends the Comfort

Pre-meeting eating Burritos Mexicano

Some MCCA members will be gathering at Burritos El Mexicano 1712 E 47th St S, Wichita, KS 67216, to eat before the May 9th 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. If you have suggestions on places to eat in the upcoming months let Terry Kalp or Larry Lee know.

Inn & Suites Presidential hotel, just across the Arkansas River, in Little Rock, as our unofficial overflow. The address for the Comfort Inn is 707 Interstate 30, Little Rock, AR, 72202. For reservations, call 501 687-7700. For information and to book a reservation on the Web, visit - <https://www.choicehotels.com/arkansas/little-rock/comfort-inn-hotels/ar115>. The rate for a king room, double occupancy, starts at

\$89 (\$85.00 with AAA membership). A small suite with a king bed and sofa starts at \$104.

In addition to the Comfort Inn & Suites, we suggest Courtyard Little Rock North 4339 Warden Road North Little Rock, AR 72116 phone for reservations - 501 753-2000. Clarion Hotel, North Little Rock 120 W Pershing Blvd North Little Rock, AR 72114 phone for reservations - 501 758-1851.

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2015 Indy Corvair Olympics

By Ned Madsen

The Corvair Olympics is a wild three days of driving the wheels off your Corvair. It starts with a time trial at a road course. Then day two is a drag race. The final day is an autocross.

My Olympic adventure actually started a few days early. Michael and Tracy LeVeque invited me (and Kathy) out early to hang around the shop and have some fun. Kathy didn't come because she was in NJ. Kevin "Unsafe" Willson from Alaska also came to the LeVeque's a few days early.

To get to Indiana, I drove my white 65 coupe. I was alone in the car and not part of any caravan, so that was a bit unsettling. The drive was very uneventful. I drove between 70 and 75 most of the way and didn't have any trouble. The weather was also very nice, cool and just a bit of rain. It took about 11 hours to drive the 750 miles but the seats were very comfortable.

The few early days were spent in Michael's shop. I got to work on his Stinger and did some checking clearances on a big bore, big stroke Corvair engine

(3.7L). I asked lots of questions and learned many things. I got to drive his Stinger, YS045 (and didn't break it). I also got to drive Kevin's big bore (3.1L) with triple Weber carbs. It was a car geek's dream, it was fantastic!

The night before we ran the road course at Putnam Park we drove down to the host hotel. We met up with the rest of the competitors and spectators. The next day started with a short drive to the track and a driver's meeting. There was lots of open track time. I didn't stop too often, just to get a drink and to get rid of the drink. I didn't record all my time on the track, but one GoPro video is about 20 minutes long. The car ran fine except the carbs cut out in the turns and the tires slide a bit. Fortunately (?) they both happened about the same time. Driving a slow car fast wasn't as fun as driving a fast car fast but I still had a blast.

After lunch they had an instructor come in and explain the proper way to drive the course. That really helped me. We had some more open track time to practice what we learned. One time in the pits, I noticed that Brian O'Neill was having trouble (again) with his car. I offered him the use of mine. So he went from his all out race car to my 95/PG. I used that opportunity to get some photos of my "race car" on the track. Around mid afternoon we did the timed runs, the real competition. I ran early so Brian could also run the car. I wasn't the slowest car, mission accomplished.

After the timed runs there was more open track time. I borrowed Kevin's 3.1L triple weber car on race tires for a "few laps." That car is so fast! It goes when you step on the gas coming out of a turn and it turns when you turn the wheel. I did get to pass my car being driven by Brian. It was so much fun to drive I didn't want to stop. Every lap I said to myself, "just one more lap." Kevin said he was concerned about me running it out of gas.

The next day was up to Muncie for the drag races. It was "bracket racing" so anyone could run against anyone. The slower car gets a head start so that both cars should meet up at the finish line. I told Kevin and

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Trying to maintain as much speed as possible, Ned powers his white Monza around the final corner before the long main straightaway of Putnam Park.

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Michael that I was only going to make about 3 or 4 passes and then would video them. Well, I ended up making 21 passes! The PG made the car very consistent, just stand on the throttle and go! I did adjust the timing a bit to try to improve things and did get my time under 20 seconds which was my goal. I ran head to head against Ryan Counterman from MI in his 110/PG sedan. They were close, but he beat me with that “monster” engine. With some coaching from Terry, I worked on my reaction time, how fast you get off the line when the green light comes on. I had the best reaction time with 0.019 seconds and my average in the competition runs was 0.051 seconds, so that’s something.

A feature of drag day was seeing Ray Clayton’s Corvair powered rail dragster. This car was featured at a Performance Workshop a few years ago. It is a beautiful work of engineering. It sounded like fine music to my ears. I did just a few runs, all solo because of its times. It ran the quarter in the mid 8 second range and 145 MPH. To put that in perspective, I was running around 20 seconds and 65-67 MPH and the modified Corvairs were running 14-15 seconds at 80-90 MPH.

The last day was the autocross, a miniature course made of cones in a parking lot. I got up extra early to help Michael set up the course. It was a very nice, simple course. They broke us up into two groups so that one group could work the course while the other drove. The timing equipment



The white LM hardtop driven by Ned Madsen gets the jump on the EM Turbo coupe driven by Terry Stafford. Ned was unable to retain the lead once the Spyder started generating boost.

was not behaving so we did do lots of standing around in the sun. Once things got straightened out, things ran smoothly. Once again my tires weren’t very sticky and the carbs were starved for fuel. The transmission also had what Terry called “surge.” Still the car ran great and I had lots of fun. My goal was to

not be the slowest car and that goal was once again met.

After the timed runs there was some play time. My first “fun run” was with Warren LeVeque in his roadster. This car is a modified fiberglass Corvair EM body on a shortened frame with a super-

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Ned navigates the cones at the autocross on the Lincoln Technical College. Ryan Counterman provided stiff competition for Ned.

2015 CORSA International Convention

By Terry Kalp

I left early Monday and headed for Baxter Spings, Kansas. Plans for the first day of my trip was to check out the “ghost town” section of old Rt. 66 that runs from Galena, KS. The weather was excellent and it was only short hops between stops for photos. Although progress was slow, I reached Willard, MO in time to have supper with Keith Hammett, his wife and daughter, Jacy. The highlight was the frozen custard at Andy’s afterward. Drove a couple of hours more before stopping for the night.

The next day a bridge washed out due to high water and stopped traffic in Nashville resulted in a couple of detours. Still arrived in Knoxville to have supper with my roommate for the week, Chris Teer.

The next morning, Wednesday, was Concours so I headed out thru the parking garage to the Concours area to check out the show cars. Spent a long time checking

out the 3 mile Corvair from the Lambrect auction. It has lots of cleaning and a few miles added. It was a real time capsule Corvair. The rest of the day checking out the used parts vendors in the parking lot and new parts vendors in the ballrooms inside. There were a few things I couldn’t live without and picked up some parts for others.

Thursday was road trip day as I was navigating for Chris Teer on the Economy Run in the morning and Rally in the afternoon. If I had been a better navigator we would have done better in both events. The halfway stop for the Economy

Run was Richard Payne’s shop, lots to look at there. The better part was that both events took us thru Smoky Mountain National Park.

Friday was the Autocross. One of my favorite events to photograph. Luck was with me as there was a shady spot that also was an excellent spot to shoot the racers. Even got a ride in Lakewood to and from the track.

Saturday was People’s Choice Car show. Because of the threat of rain it was moved to the covered parking garage. The threat was fulfilled and after a quick pass around the garage, I was on the road home.

RIGHT: This IS Corvair charges the uphill portion of the Autocross. LOWER LEFT: Some of the great scenery on the Rally and Econorun. BELOW: A restored ‘30s motel on old Rt. 66 in Carthage, Missouri.



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charged big bore Corvair engine mounted ahead of the rear axle. In a word, it is very fast, he was the fastest in the timed runs. I've tried to get a ride in this car twice before only to have the battery die once and it ran out of fuel the other time. It finally was happening. The time on my run was less than 0.1 seconds slower than Warren's winning run. I was doing all I could to hold on! These 35 seconds were an incredible rush of adrenaline and something I will remember of ever. I also "stole" Kevin's car and made a few runs. Again, it was lots of fun driving a car that's set up for stuff like this.

After all the fun, I still had some driving to do. The drive west was again done solo. The KC folks did follow me a few hours later, so I did have somewhat of a safety net. However, the tough little 95/PG didn't need a thing. It used half a quart of oil and half a quart of transmission fluid, both probably due to leaking. The drive home was a bit warmer as the temperature got above 100 degrees by the time I got to KC. I drove over 2100 miles including all the track events and nearly constant running for 11 hours at 70-75 MPH twice in a week without a bit of trouble. It was a great week!

There are lots of videos on Kevin's YouTube page, including some of my in car videos. Just look for "1unsafe1" to see what is there.



Once all the timed competition runs were done at the autocross, the track was open for fun runs. Ned caught a ride with Warren LeVeque. Warren has a devious smile not sure if Ned has a smile or grimace.

2015 Events

August 8: Saturday Pre-meeting eating. Burritos El Mexicano 1712 E 47th St S, Wichita, KS 67216 5:30 pm. Contact Larry Lee 316-734-5670.

August 8: Saturday August MCCA Regular meeting. Oaklawn Activity Center, 4904 S. Clifton, Ave. Wichita, KS 7 pm. Contact Larry Lee 316-734-5670.

August 21: 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 Larry Lee 316-734-5670.

September 12: Saturday September MCCA Regular meeting. Oaklawn Activity Center, 4904 S. Clifton, Ave. Wichita, KS 7 pm. Contact Larry Lee 316-734-5670.

September 25-27, 2015: Great Plains Corvair Round Up. Wyndham Riverfront Hotel, 2 Riverfront Place North Little Rock, AR Toll-free 866-657-4458 Local 501-371-9000. Ask for Arkansas Corvair Club rate. Registration form is available at www.arcorvairclub.org. For more information, contact Keith LaCrosse 501-882-9389 or kl617@yahoo.com. Ned made his reservations and said the Round Up block is filling up and there is another event at the hotel that weekend. So don't delay signing up.

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

October 17: Saturday Luna Tuna. Kalp Shop 2140 W. 101st Street North, Valley Center, KS 8 am till ????. Contact Terry Kalp 316-882-3056



Ran When Parked. A Robert Vanderpool photo posted on facebook. Send your Ran When Parked photos to tkalp@cox.net

Robert Vanderpool

August Meeting

7:00 pm

Aug. 8th

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

Bonus Photo



MCCA members Scott Allison (near lane) and Ned Madsen (far lane) square off during the morning practice sessions at the Muncie Dragway.

Calendar

August Meeting	Aug. 8
Central and West Show and Shine	Aug. 21
Marshalltown	Sept. 5&6
September Meeting	Sept. 12
Great Plains Roundup North Little Rock AR	Sept 25-27
October Meeting	Oct. 10

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