

# The Flat Six Journal

Mid Continent Corvair Association Newsletter

May 2015

## By-Laws Changes Proposed

**Larry Lee MCCA President**

This issue of the newsletter contains a draft of proposed By-Laws for MCCA. Thank you to Doug and Jean Horstman, Terry Kalp, Ned Madsen, Bob

and Lee Bright, Mark and Darlene Welte, Bernie and Julie Strecker, Doug and Jean Horstman who devoted several hours to discussion and drafting these proposed By-Laws. Please review them and send any suggestions you may have to me at [elllee4444@msn.com](mailto:elllee4444@msn.com). After members have had a chance to review and comment, we will either schedule another work session on them or schedule a membership vote to approve and adopt these proposed By-Laws.

It is intended that the By-Laws be relatively permanent and that they be changed only with serious discussion, advance notice, and vote of the membership. We will be scheduling further work sessions to draft Standing Rules. Standing Rules will record how we want things done, and cover things like when to collect dues, how much to charge, how to handle club property, and a variety of other things. Standing Rules can be changed by vote in a regular or called meeting, which can allow us to be flexible and timely in addressing issues as they arise.

## April Meeting Notes

There were quite a few Corvairs in the parking lot for the April meeting. One Early coupe surrounded by six Late Model Corvairs. It was good to see Lonny and Fonda Pucket from near Salina driving their Late 4-door Monza.

Discussion at the meeting started with the By-laws meeting to be held Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at President Larry Lee's house. Then Ned Madsen talked about his upcoming trip to the 19th annual Heart of Texas Corvair Reunion the weekend of April 17 - 19, 2015 in Burnet, Texas



**Spring Hill ranch home at the Tall Grass Nature Preserve, part of the 177 tour. See story on pgs. 4 & 5.**

**May Meeting**  
**Saturday, May 9th 7 pm**

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

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**FOR SALE: 1965 Corvair.** Mitch Wood is selling his Green '65 Monza coupe, 4 speed 140, nice white interior. Has won awards at several shows. Selling to buy a house. Asking \$5500 contact Mitch at [Mitchell.Wood@HollyFrontier.com](mailto:Mitchell.Wood@HollyFrontier.com)



**FOR SALE: 1964 Corvair Monza Convertible** The Monza has a rebuilt transmission and torque converter with a 1 year warranty. The top is about 4 years old and the 2 rear tires are about a year old. The engine was over hauled in 2001 and it is being used as an every day driver in Kingman,



KS. Asking \$4200. or best offer.

Contact: Mike Miller 620-491-1075


**FOR SALE: 1961 Rampside Pickup.** 1961 Rampside freshly picked from an Oklahoma salvage yard. Fairly solid body with just a bit of rust. Mechanicals unknown. Manual transmission.. For more information or to view the truck.



Contact Lonnie Puckett 785-376-1272 or 785-536-4652. Asking \$650

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# April MCCA Club Meeting Notes

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Ned was up again to talk about the MCCA Road trips for the next couple of months. April 25 is the KS-177 Flint Hills trip to Tall Grass Prairie area with lunch at the Hays House in Council Grove. May 22 the club is traveling to Sedan, KS for the Yellow Brick Road Festival parade.

Upcoming events were next on the agenda. April

17 was set to get the Corvairs out to Central & West car show. The Central and West shows are Qualified Events for Mel Horstman Award. The Haysville Car Show was set for Saturday, April 18 at Johnny B's Burgers (the old Walt's). On May 2 those wanting to go to McPherson car show Meet at Kalp Shop at 8:30. Last Larry went around the room for member project updates, then adjournment.

## Sedan Festival is May road trip

After an absence of many years MCCA is retuning to the Yellow Brick Road Festival parade in Sedan, KS. Members should meet at the Derby Recreation Center parking lot on Saturday May 23 and be ready to be on the road at 8 am. Once at Sedan the Corvairs will line up on east Elm Street at 9:30 a.m. then parade down Chautauqua Street. The parade route is short and sweet, only a few blocks long.

After the parade everyone will be able to enjoy the small town festival. Usually on the way back there is a stop at Henry's candy factory in Dexter. Ned will have maps at the May meeting.

## 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 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.

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# Flint Hills Frolic

After a successful road trip to El Dorado in March, MCCA members were excited to see what Ned had planned for April. Gathering at the Derby Recreation Center early Saturday morning, April 25 was Ned in his white coupe, Larry and Donna Lee in the blue Corsa convertible, Bernie and Julie Strecker with Brayden in their white convertible. Bob and Lee Bright in their red coupe. The group joined up with Terry Kalp, Lyle and Lonene Ackerman in Augusta.

The group stayed on 77 to El Dorado, then headed East on 54 until the junction with 177, then it was North on 177. Soon the Corvairs were winding thru the scenic Flint Hills. The weather was cool, partly cloudy and a bit breezy. The roads were good and traffic light as the caravan connected the dots

between the towns of Cassoday, Matfield Green and Bazaar.

Just before Cotton Wood Falls, Fearless Leader Ned led the caravan to a scenic lookout area just off 177. The provided time to check the Corvairs, stretch legs and chat a bit. Once a few grumbles about hunger arose the group returned to their cars and were back on 177. Soon they made it to Cottonwood Falls then quickly to Strong City. Driving thru the small towns on the trip allowed the group to soak in some of each town's character. Something missed when zipping by at 75 mph on the Turnpike.

Shortly after leaving Strong City the caravan passed the Tall Grass Nature Preserve, the afternoon's destination. Everyone passed by this time headed to lunch

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**The gasoline required to run the 7000 acre ranch came from this Phillips 66 pump.**

**Ned Madsen is going under the railroad bridge, followed closely by Larry and Donna Lee. Just starting the curve is Bernie and Julie Strecker, with Brayden. The trip down 177 was full of hills, curves and outstanding scenery.**





# Flint Hills . . .

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20 miles to the North in Council Grove. Corvairs found parking across from the Hays House restaurant. Once inside the historic Hays House there was a short wait as tables were pushed together to accommodate the Corvair group. A fine meal was served and Lee Bright was even brave enough to try the Cantaloupe pie.

There was a short shopping session, then in the cars and headed back to the Tall Grass Nature Preserve for the afternoon tour. First stop at the Preserve was the Visitor Center. Inside were informational displays on the tall grass and a bookstore. By the time the indoor activities were exhausted, the sun had peeked thru and breeze died down and everyone was ready to wander outside.

Up the hill from the Visitors Center was the three story limestone barn next to the Spring Hill Ranch house. The spectacular lime-



**ABOVE: Beautiful scenery all along the trip. This view just across from the Tall Grass Nature Preserve.**

**BELOW: Another view this time thru the window of the Barn at the Spring Hill Ranch.**

stone ranch house was built in the late 1800's, however it was closed for renovation. There was plenty to explore in the barn and an amazing Flint Hills landscape in every direction. Time passed quickly and too soon it was time to head back to Wichita.

Next Road trip is to Sedan for the Yellow Brick Road Festival on May 23rd, don't miss it.



**Lunch stop was the Hays House in Council Grove. The MCCA tourists found the restaurant very busy, but the food was fine. After the meal most took some time to shop, even if it was only window shopping.**







The cars for the show were parked on the lawn at the center of the college campus. The Corvairs were able to cluster together.

**By Terry Kalp**

MCCA members had great time at the McPherson College car show Saturday, May 2nd. It started out sprinkling at my shop when we were getting ready to head to McPherson, so I chickened out of taking the '65 Convertible with the top down and threw in the wagon as a last minute replacement. Traveling with me to the show were Larry Lee and Dustin, Bob Ferenc and Byran Easterwood. As soon as we were parked one of the students by-passed all the convertibles and went to the wagon . . . said he had

only seen one in photos never real life. All the restoration students seemed knowledgeable about the Corvairs and I didn't hear the "N" word all day (Nader). Lee Olsen had beat us there and was parked just across the aisle. Showing up during the day without Corvairs were Kota Harms and Kevin Crist.

In addition to the outstanding variety of cars on display there were tours of the College's restoration facilities. Entertainment was also provided with music and the tech students assembling a Model T Ford in a matter of minutes.



One of the McPherson Restoration Program students displayed his pinstripping skills during the show.



ABOVE: A '29 Stutz Bearcat and a '30 Ford Model A roadster in the process of restoration in the lab. LEFT: Bryan Easterwood, Kyle, Bob Ferenc and Lee Olsen chat around the rear of Lee's Corsa.



# Dare to Repair



Lyle Ackerman is working on the engine for his Corsa at the Kalp Shop. Installing rings in this photo.



Having the engine upside down made it easier to install the heads. The upper head studs were visible and the push rod tubes were right at hand.



With most of the engine tin installed the 140 is not very far from being fired and cam broken in.

## 2015 Events

**May 9 2015: Saturday** Pre-meeting eating at Hog Wild Bar-B-Q at 662 E. 47th St. South, Wichita at 5:30.

**May 9 2015: Saturday** May MCCA Regular meeting. Oaklawn Activity Center, 4904 S. Clifton, Ave. Wichita, KS 7 pm. Contact Larry Lee 316-734-5670.

**May 22, 2015: Saturday** Yellow Brick Road Festival, Sedan, KS. Leaving the Derby Recreation Center at 8 am. sharp. Contact Ned Madsen 316-680-3483.

**June 14, 2015: Sunday** June MCCA meeting. Lake Afton Car Show, MacArthur Road at 247th Street West, Wichita 11 am. Contact Larry Lee 316-734-5670.

**June 30, 2015: Saturday** Juna Tuna at Kalp Shop 2140 W. 101st North, Valley Center, KS. Doors open at 8 am. close when the last car is done. Come and go as you please. Contact Ned Madsen 316-680-3483 or Terry Kalp 316-882-3056.

**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](http://www.arcorvairclub.org). For more information, contact Keith LaCrosse 501-882-9389 or [kl617@yahoo.com](mailto: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.







Ran When Parked. Must have been a horrific impact to damage this EM Corvair. Being GM's first unibody car Early Corvairs were overbuilt. Engineers rolled an EM 4 dr several times and the doors still opened.

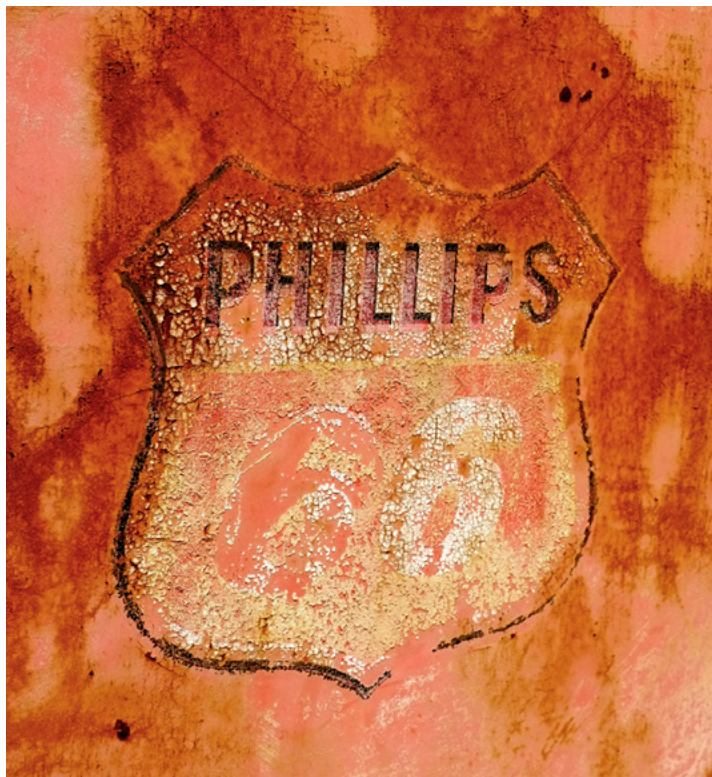
# May Meeting

## 7:00 pm

# May 9th

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

## Bonus Photo














Detail Shot of the gas pump just outside the barn at the Spring Hill Ranch on the Tall Grass Nature Preserve. The faded logo and cracked paint tell of the years in the elements.



### Calendar

May Meeting	May 9
Central & West	May 15
Sedan Road Trip	May 22
June Meeting & Lake Afton Show	June 14
Juna Tuna	June 20
Great Plains Roundup Little Rock AR	Sept 25-27

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