

The Flat Six Journal

Mid Continent Corvair Association Newsletter

September 2015



Ned and Kathy Madsen lead the LeVair Stinger through the corner at the Marshalltown Time Trials. However, since this was just a parade lap it was a slow cruise unlike the timed laps to follow. Verthein photo.



After the August meeting many MCCA members headed out to the Sonic on 47th for ice cream and socializing. In the foreground is Ray Mann's recently purchased LM Monza coupe.

Roundup in Arkansas is Sept. Highlight

Several MCCA members are making plans to attend the Great Plains Corvair Roundup September 25-27 in North Little Rock, AK. The host hotel has sold out. More information about the Roundup is available in the Events column on page 7. Travel plans will be discussed at the September meeting.

Items covered at the August meeting was a motion to move the February Pre-Spring dinner from February 13, 2016 to February 6, 2016. It passed. Also a request was made for members to start thinking about alternate meeting sites and days, in case the club wants to make a change.

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Sept. Meeting
Saturday,
Sept. 12th 7 pm

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



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.



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'60s Crash



By Larry Lee

I was driving this 1960 Corvair in April 1962 in mist and rain with muddy windshield. (wipers and washer working well). Met a Semi, then drove up the tail gate of a farm pick up and his stock rack landed in the corner of my windshield. Made me a believer in the value of seat belts. I had to get out the passenger door. Police agreed

that I went from 60 mph to zero in the intersection and gave the other guy the ticket for failure to yield. Drove it to Chevy dealer, on the right side of the road. Could not turn left. They pulled the fender off the wheel enough for left turns and I drove back home. Interview for grad school was rescheduled. Had it repaired and drove it for another year or more.

August . . .

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Lots of Corvair time trials went on in August check out the stories on Marshalltown and Hastings in this issue.

October will also be a busy month for MCCA members with the regular meeting October 10. October 17th is the Luna Tuna workshop at the Kalp Shop. On October 24th, the Tulsa, Wichita and OKC clubs are planning a cruise to the Woolaroc Museum in Bartlesville, OK. Ned will announce more details on this trip at the 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 September 12th 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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Marshalltown Time Trials

By Terry Kalp

Met up with Ned and Kathy Madsen at the Cassoday rest stop on the Turnpike about 9 am Friday. From there we headed North to meet up with the Kansas City group at Steak and Shake for Lunch. Then a much larger group headed further North to Marshalltown, IA.

This trip to Marshalltown was different for me, for I was neither participant nor pit crew, I was in charge of the track event. My nerves were acting up because I wanted everything to go smooth for the participants. Turned out to be a very busy weekend that went smoothly thanks to a lot of help from my friends.

Some of the facts: There were 19 drivers that took 195 timed laps on Saturday and 83 timed laps on Sunday for a total of 278 timed laps for the weekend and we were



Ned was on a roll . . . at least his Corvair was rolling through the inside corner at the Marshalltown Time Trials. In addition to the many laps in his car, Ned was able to turn a few laps in Kevin Willson's 3.1 Corvair.

all done by Noon on Sunday.

Fastest Time of the Day was Michal LeVeque in his SM-3 Stinger which he drove to Iowa from Indianapolis. His time was 39.904. Two other drivers turned 39 second lap times during Saturday's test and tune session, Kevin Willson and Ned Madsen, both in Kevin's SM-3

Corvair.

Lots of Marshalltown Alumni turned out. It was great to see Tim and son, Ryan Verthein, who shared a '64 Coupe. Ryan lives in Topeka and has been to a couple of Tunas. 74 year old Warren Knaub was out cutting quick times and shared his

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The bright blue Iowa sky over the pit area of the Marshalltown track. Ned's White with black accents LM coupe is parked beside the white with blue stripes '66 Stinger of Michael LeVeque. In front of them is Kevin Willson's bronze LM from Alaska and Matt Kane's Corvair Van.

Marshalltown

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Powerglide car with Roger Ringelstetter. Roger had injured a foot and couldn't compete in his 4-speed Turbo Corvair. Andy Kinzelman drove Roger's Turbo for the event. Another father and son pair was Eric and Chuck Prosis who battled all day for the IS-2 honors. Ned was having a ball driving his 95hp PG LM coupe "slow car" fast and borrowing a ride or two in Kevin's car.

There was a good (in both ways) group up from Kansas City. Scott Allison drove his SM-1 Corsa to a first in class finish followed closely by Wes Mellies in his SM-1 Monza. The Mellies family was well represented with Wes' wife, Kim and his mom, Linda sharing an IS-5 LM coupe while father John Mellies grilled all the hamburgers, brauts and hot dogs for Saturday's noon meal. Gary



Dominique Allen herds the Shark around the final corner. Between Dominique and co-driver Travis Bolton the Shark had lots of test and tune time on the track. Broken motor mounts sidelined it late Saturday.

Moore, KC, hauled the Grill up in his Rampside. Mike Dawson came along and was Pit Crew Chief for everyone. Travis Bolton and Dominique Allen shared driving duties on the Shark and were busy in the pits swapping shocks and adjusting suspension to get rid of the corner-

ing shake that plagued the Shark most of the weekend.

Tracy LeVeque was helping organize the social activities when not out beating on Michael's Stinger on the track.

Saturday was set up as a test and tune day with timed runs starting about 9:30 until everyone ran out of steam by about 3:30 in the Afternoon. Iowa Corvair Enthusiast supplied the timing equipment for the event.

The runs on Sunday were the ones that counted. Everyone was given three sets of two timed runs. Their best single lap time determined their place in CORSA classes.

I would like to thank everyone that participated and everyone that helped out during the weekend. Anytime I needed a task done, there were at least two or three folks willing to pitch in. There wasn't time for me to take many photos, but Gary Moore and the Verthein's took plenty which they shared.



Scott Allison shows his winning form, hustling his '66 Stinger tribute down the final straight. Thanks to Gary Moore (KC), Tim and Ryan Verthein for the photos from the Marshalltown event.

Chris Shade's Hastings Track Event

By Terry Kalp

Headed North for a two-in-one trip on Friday, August 28th. First stop was the Museum of American Speed in Lincoln, NE. I met up with Scott Allison a little after noon and we toured the three floors of vintage race cars, engines and pedal cars. About 4 pm we headed West toward Hastings, NE.

Hastings is home to Chris Shade's Corvair showroom, shop and the site of the weekend Corvair event Chris was promoting. Friday night activities started off with a welcome party at the showroom/shop. There were a lot of people from Chris' church there to greet us and mingle with the Corvair crowd. Setting outside the shop were several of the Moundridge 14 Corvairs. Twelve of them had been purchased and delivered to Hastings. Glad to see they are no longer rotting in the field near Moundridge. MCCA members, Jens and Tami Mohr, had driven Tami's blue coupe to the event.

Saturday was the start of the time trials with timed laps at the MPH road course. Scott and the silver Corvair took to the track and Scott had FTD for part of the morning. At the end of the road course session Scott was third over all and he had lent his car to Armen Bader who had FTD for the event. Saturday evening they had 1/8 mile drags. Scott showed his versatility and placed Third in the Drags.

Sunday morning they set up an autocross course on a section of the MPH track and ran the Corvairs. Scott's driving skills shown thru, he won First in this event.



TOP: Corn and Cones. Scott Allison powers thru the final corner on the 2.1 mile MPH road course in Hastings, NE
LEFT: Corvairs (and one Camaro) line up waiting for their turn at the track. The Camaro was a prototype of the latest Muscle Cars to bear the Yenko name. Don Yenko started out by building Yenko Stinger Corvairs.
LOWER LEFT: Tami Mohr posed in Scott Allison's Corvair, but was too young to drive in Hastings.



Project Police . . .

Several MCCA members have been getting a lot done on their Corvairs. **Lyle Ackerman** installed the rebuilt engine in his barn find Corsa only to discover that the clutch was not releasing. A trip to Terry's shop and the driveline was pulled and the sticky clutch repaired. Some problems with the steering were discovered and corrected. Now that the Corsa is road worthy Lyle has purchased new wheels and tires.

Ned Madsen has been busy revamping the interior of the gold sedan. He has replaced the windshield and most of the side glass. All the interior metal is being repainted and the hidden radio is getting modified also.

Mark Welte has gotten the longblock of the turbo engine he is building put together. He and **Mark Stevers** have been blasting and powdercoating the shrouding for the engine. All the exhaust has been painted with VHT and oven cured.

Gregg Renfro has been busy putting together the Corsa "kit" he purchased from **Terry Kalp**. They have mated the engine and transaxle. The powertrain has been installed in the car. New U-joints were installed in the half-shafts and the rear suspension has been put back into the car. The shifter and clutch linkage has been connected and all the carbs rebuilt.



Tami Mohr helped repair a leaking oil pan on her brother, Jon's '64 Spyder coupe. The Spyder was supposed to be taken to the Hastings Corvair event, but somehow Tami talked her dad into taking her car.

2015 Events

September 12: Saturday Pre-meeting eating at Hog Wild Bar-B-Q at 662 E. 47th St. South, Wichita at 5:30

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September 18: 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 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

October 24: Saturday the Tulsa, Wichita and OKC clubs are planning a cruise to the Woolaroc Museum in Bartlesville, OK. Contact Ned Madsen 316-680-3483



Ran When Parked. Ashley Ackley posted this photo on facebook from a junkyard tour. Some sellers would post it as "rust free".

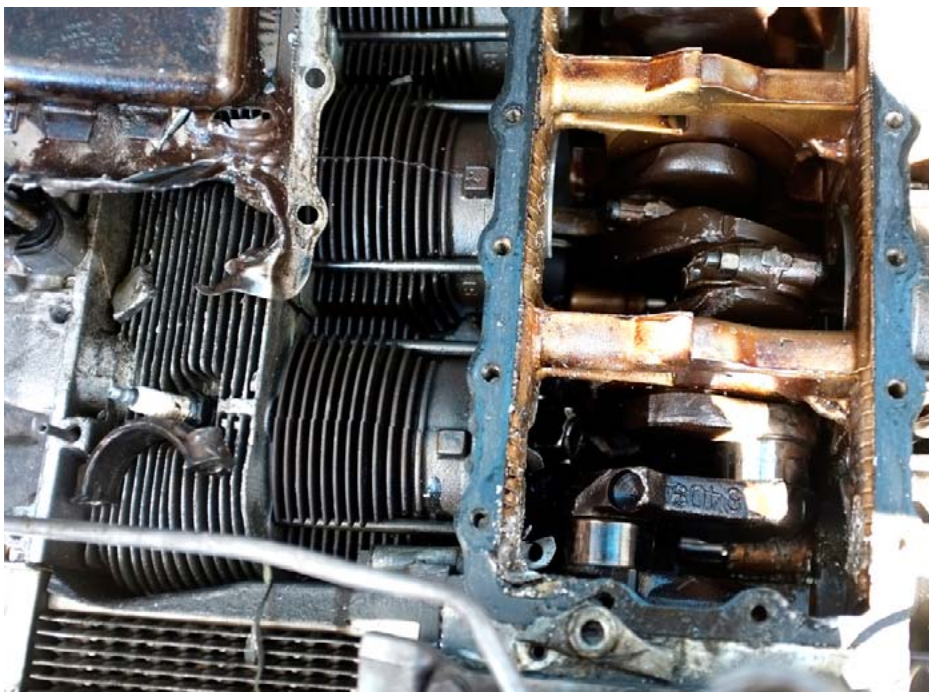
Sept. Meeting

7:00 pm

Sept. 12th

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Bonus Photo











At Marshalltown Wes Mellies found the clutch slipping on his race car so he decided to just wind it a bit higher in 2nd. Note the rod cap on #2 cylinder and the chewed up baffle plate top left.



Calendar

September Meeting	Sept. 12
Central and West Show and Shine	Sept. 18
Great Plains Roundup North Little Rock AR	Sept 25-27
October Meeting	Oct. 10
Luna Tuna	Oct. 17
Oklahoma Trip	Oct. 24

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