

# The Flat Six Journal

Mid Continent Corvair Association Newsletter

February 2016

## First Annual Mel Award

The very first MCCA Mel Horstman Award recipient will be announced at the February 5th. Pre-Spring Fling meeting/dinner. The award is being presented to the MCCA member that drove their Corvair to the most MCCA events in the calendar year of 2015.

The Award honors the memory of Mel Horstman, a long time member of MCCA that did much to keep the club going and successful. Mel passed away in the Fall of 2014 and we all felt a great loss. The Award in his name is just a token of the club's appreciation for all Mel did.

Mark and Darlene Welte have been busy over the past year tabulating points to determine the 2015 winner. The winner will receive a individual award and have their name engraved on a plaque.

**Feb. Meeting**  
**Friday,**  
**Feb. 5th 6:30 pm**  
**Strouds**  
3661 N. Hillside, Wichita, KS



The February MCCA meeting is the Pre-Spring Fling dinner. This year is at Strouds 3661 N. Hillside in Wichita. This is the second year at that location. Last year we had a great turn-out and excellent dinner.

## Strouds the Spot for Feb.

MCCA will be having the February dinner/meeting at Strouds, this Friday night, February 5th at 6:30. Stroud's is just South of 37th North on Hillside in Wichita,

MCCA met there last February and it was an outstanding event. Hint: if you order the Chicken Liv-ers a half order will be more than plenty.

If great food and friends are not enough of an attraction the evening's highlight will be honoring the winner of the 2015 Mel Horstman Award. Thanks to Mark and Darlene Welte for keeping track

of the points and arranging for the plaques to be made.

At the January MCCA meeting the possibility of getting new club clothing items was discussed. Julie Strecker was checking in to the computer files for the logo.

Members decided that the default Pre-Meeting spot would be Hog Wild on 47th Street S. Ned Madsen announced that the April MCCA Road Trip would be to McPherson, to attend the Car Show put on by the students in the Automotive Restoration program. Several MCCA members attended last year and enjoyed the event.

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**FOR SALE: Corvairs, Projects and Parts** Lloyd Folger is shuffling storage space and has decided to sell some of his Corvair collection, cars and parts. He hasn't come up with a list to print, but you can contact him by phone 316-461-7890.

**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**

# 2016 MCCA Club Dues

## Due in January \$15

**Pay Ned Madsen**

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## MCCA Stickers



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



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# 2016 Mel Horstman Award Rules

## Objective of the Mel Horstman Award:

For MCCA members to drive their Corvairs to club events.

## Events that qualify for the award:

Members who drive their Corvairs to:

- Regular MCCA meetings
- Club-sponsored events
- Club-sponsored road trips
- Lake Afton
- Moonlight Madness. Club meeting participants who drive their Corvairs (car show participation is NOT required)
- Club-sponsored participation in Parades
- Club-sponsored monthly Central & West Friday Night Cruise-Ins
- Other events specifically designated in-advance by majority vote of MCCA officers

## Specific events that do not qualify for the award

- Tunas
- National or Regional Conventions
- Other events specifically excluded in-advance by majority vote of MCCA officers

One point per event, per family who drive their Corvairs.

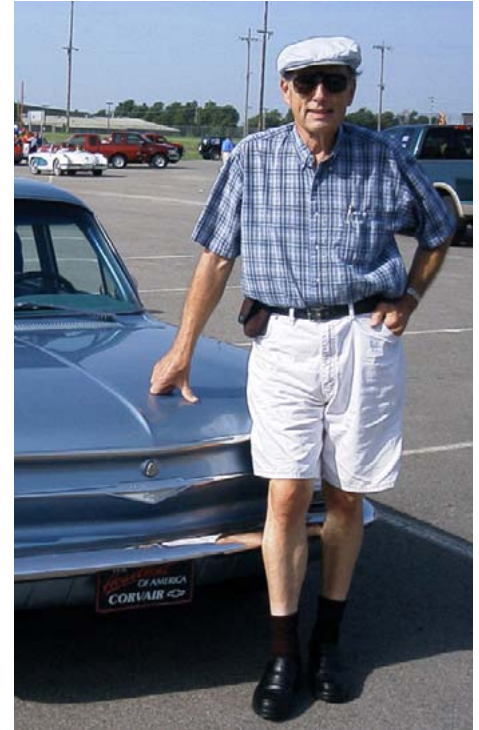
An MCCA officer will document an official Corvair count at each qualifying event. If an MCCA officer cannot be present at an event, an MCCA member will be designated to document the official Corvair count.

In the event of tie names will be drawn from a hat, overseen by an MCCA officer.

Start date to begin accumulating points for the Second Mel Horstman Award is January 1, 2016. The period covered for the award is January 1 through

December 31 annually.

The first award will be presented at the MCCA 2016 February Dinner Meeting, thereafter recurring annually at the MCCA February Dinner Meeting.



Mel Horstman poses with his '61 Lakewood station wagon.

## Cold Tuna February 20th at Kalp Shop



David Castiaux and Bob Welch rebuilt hubs at the Feb., 2015 MCCA Cold Tuna.

It is Tuna time. Come out to the Kalp shop at 2140 W. 101st Street North, Valley Center, on Saturday February 20th for a day of Corvair "tune-up" and repair. Time to start planning your Corvair upgrades for Spring and Summer Corvair driving enjoyment.

Doors open at 8:00 am and close when the last project is finished. There will be a Pot Luck lunch, the main dish will

be Soups and Greg will be fixin' Chili. The Club will be providing plastic-ware, plates, bowls and napkins. Not sure what to bring, contact Larry Lee at 316-734-5670 and Larry can help you decide.

Still plenty of time and space for Corvair repair/up-grade projects. If you need to discuss your Tuna project you can contact Ned Madsen at 316-788-1724

# Wheel Repaint

By Terry Kalp

Part of the deal for Greg Renfro's project Corsa was a set of Chevrolet Rally Wheels and Fisk tires with good tread. The only problem was that the Petty



The blue paint on Greg's wheels was in good shape, but would clash with his red Corsa. Notice that the tire bead is not seated on the rim at this point.



Finished product ready to bolt onto the red Corvair. The silver matches the Corsa's cove color..

blue wheels with narrow whitewall didn't match the color or image of Greg's Red Corsa.

The whitewall problem was easily fixed. A quick trip to a friend's with a tire machine and all the tires were flipped, whitewall in. It was decided to leave the beads of the tires unseated from the rim to make masking for paint easier.

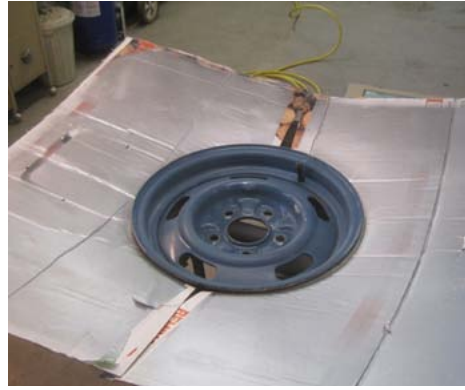
Last Saturday, the weather was nice, Greg had some free time so he headed up to the Kalp shop. It was time to turn the blue wheels to silver. The first step was to clean any dust and dirt off the wheels with a water bath. Since the existing paint was in good shape and just the wrong color, it provided an excellent base for the new paint. Once the paint surface was clean, it needed to be roughened up to help hold the paint. Because there are few flat spots on the face of the wheel, Greg chose to use a green Scotch brite pad to scuff up the surface.

Masking is one of the least desirable aspects of any paint job. When there are circular objects involved it often becomes more complex. Wheels are certainly round objects and in Greg's case there were four of them to mask. After the thought of using paper and tape to mask the four wheels wasn't very appealing so more thought was required. Greg and Terry decided to try a reusable corrugated cardboard mask. From the center of a large square of cardboard, Greg cut a circle about 1" smaller than the outer edge of the wheel. To make it easier to mount and remove the mask the cardboard sheet was cut in half. On a trial run the cardboard mask slid right into place.

The mask was removed and the wheels got the final preparation for painting. All the dust from the scuffing was blown off with air, the valve stem taped off and a final wipe-down with wax and grease remover was made. The halves of the cardboard mask were slid together between the tire and lip of the wheel. There was a small gap where the mask halves met but Greg quickly sealed it with wide masking tape.

Now the first wheel was ready to paint. Although rattle cans could be used to paint the wheels, Greg

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A large sheet of corrugated cardboard was cut to make a reusable mask for painting the wheels. Having the beads not seated on the rim allowed Greg and Terry to slide the cardboard between the tire and rim. Greg applies a couple strips of wide tape and the wheel is ready for color. Greg used Dupli-Color Paint Shop materials for his project.

## Wheel Repaint . . .

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chose to use an inexpensive Harbor Freight detail gun. Dupli-Color Paint Shop automotive acrylic lacquer was used. This paint comes pre-thinned, ready to spray and is sold in most auto parts stores. The wheels were given three coats of silver, let flash, then an additional three coats of clear were applied.

Once the paint had set it was time to put air in the tires and seat the tire bead to the rim. Greg had never done this before so the rather loud “pop” as the tire bead, jumps over the safety bead to seat on the rim startled him the first time.



With everything masked and taped the first coat of silver goes on the wheels. Three coats of silver went on before the color coats were done.

After the color coats an additional three coats of clear are sprayed on the wheels. The clear adds depth and shine to the paint job.



Bare, clean cases ready to start.



Crank &amp; camshaft installed.



Block, bellhousing assembled.

# Project Police

**Ned Madsen**

After winding up the swap of the sedan power train into his white Monza, **Ned** dove into rebuilding the engine from the Monza for the sedan. Tearing down the donor engine he found the crankshaft usable as is. New full finned cylinders, pistons, cam and

gear, lifters, rings and bearings had been ordered and were on hand for the assembly process. The heads had been recently re-built by **Michael LeVeque** so they were in excellent condition.

The cold weather and a bout with a nasty head cold slowed **Ned** down a bit. After all the clearances were checked the fresh and cleaned parts started going back together. Since Ned will be adding air conditioning, extra effort was made to make it run cool.



Piston loaded into cylinder



3 cylinders installed 3 to go



Longblock all together.

# Project Police

**Mark Welte**

**Mark** spent several days and evenings at the **Kalp Shop** this past month. He drove his black Corsa in to the shop mid-month with a worn 110 engine and drove it back home a couple of weeks later with his freshly rebuilt 180 Turbo motor installed.

While the power train was out **Mark** took the opportunity to reseal the transmission and differential. There were several differences between the Turbo and non Turbo engines that raised the difficulty of the swap. **Greg Renfro** pitched in to help **Mark** get the half shafts and lower control arms installed. Those tasks are made much easier with two people. There are still a couple of electrical problems that need to be sorted out. **Mark** said although he was still breaking it in and didn't push it at the the new engine felt a lot stronger at the bottom end on his trip back to Derby.

**Bob Bright**

**Bob** is still sorting out details on his V8 Corvair project. A major milestone was firing up and running the engine. He was able to post a video of that accomplishment on Facebook. **Bob** also has spent some time recently over at **Ned Madsen's** garage watching Ned put together the new sedan engine. **Bob** now has the spare Corvair engine for his convertible on an engine stand getting ready for . . . ?

## Kansas City Selected for 2017 CORSA Convention

On January 26, Helen Moore announced, "It's official! HACOIA has been awarded the bid for the 2017 CORSA National Convention. The dates are Tuesday, June 27 to Saturday, July 1, 2017. The host hotel is the Hilton Garden Inn in Independence, Missouri. More details to come."

Start making plans to attend this national convention. HACOIA, the Kansas City Corvair club really knows how to put on an event. Their Roundups at the Elms and Branson displayed their ability to produce a well run, excellent event.

HACOIA may be requesting the assistance of MCCA and the other Roundup clubs in this project.

## 2016 Events

**February 5 & 6, 2016: Friday & Saturday** Wichita Swap Meet, Kansas Pavilions I 135 and 85th street North. Contact Terry Kalp 316-882-3056

**February 5, 2016: Friday** February MCCA Pre-Spring Fling dinner meeting. Strouds, 3661 N Hillside St, Wichita 6:30 pm. Contact Larry Lee 316-734-5670.

**February 20, 2016: Saturday** Cold Tuna. Kalp Shop 2140 W. 101st Street North, Valley Center, KS 8 am till ????. Contact Terry Kalp 316-882-3056

**February 26-28, 2016: Friday-Sunday** CThe Park City Chill Car Show at Kansas Pavilions.

**March 12, 2016: Saturday** March MCCA Regular meeting. Oaklawn Activity Center, 4904 S. Clifton, Ave. Wichita, KS 7 pm. Contact Larry Lee 316-734-5670.

**March 19, 2016: Saturday** MCCA Road Trip TBA. Contact Ned Madsen 316-680-3483.

**April 9, 2016: Saturday** April MCCA Regular meeting. Oaklawn Activity Center, 4904 S. Clifton, Ave. Wichita, KS 7 pm. Contact Larry Lee 316-734-5670.

**April 30, 2016: Saturday** MCCA Road Trip to McPherson College C.A.R.S. Club Car Show. On the campus of McPherson College. Starts at 8 am. Contact Ned Madsen 316-680-3483.

**September 23-25, 2016:** Great Plains Corvair Roundup. Renaissance Tulsa Hotel and Convention Center, 6808 South 107th East Avenue, Tulsa, OK 74133.

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