

The Flat Six Journal

Mid Continent Corvair Association Newsletter

March 2021



Roy Juenemann is the winner of the 2020 Mel Horstman Award. Roy drove his Corvair to more MCCA events in 2020 than any other member.

Pre-meeting Eating At Hog Wild BBQ

With the return of the MCCA meeting to the March MCCA meeting to the Oaklawn Activity Center, the pre-meeting eating will resume also. If you are comfortable with dining out join the group.

Some MCCA members will be gathering at Hog Wild Bar-B-Q at 630 E. 47th St. South, Wichita, to eat before the March 13th meeting. So bring your appetite and join your friends starting at 5:30-6 on Saturday. After a great meal and conversation members will head East on 47th to the OAC for the meeting.

The MCCA Calendar Is Filling up with Spring Activities

February started with the Pre-Spring Fling, a dinner/meeting at Spears Restaurant. Despite the less-than-Spring-like weather many members showed up. Roy Juenemann was awarded the Mel Horstman Award for driving a Corvair to the most MCCA events. Competition was tight as Bob Ferenc was only one point behind.

The weather warmed a bit for Cold Tuna. See the story on pages 4&5. The February Breakfast brought a good crowd. See story on page 3.

The March 2021 meeting will return to the Oaklawn Activity Center. The March meeting will be on Saturday the 13th and start at the regular time of 7 pm. With the warmer weather and longer days many of the local car shows will be starting up again. Cars & Coffee will start in March on Saturday, March 20. April 2 will be the first First Friday show. Check the story on page 7 for the new location.

Save Saturday, March 27th for the March Breakfast. It will be at Jimmie's Diner East on Rock Road. See page 3 for details. Get out and drive your Corvair.

**March Meeting
Saturday,
March 13th 7pm**

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

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FOR SALE 1964 Corvair Monza convertible Solid, clean driver. 110 hp engine with automatic PowerGlide transmission. Rebuilt engine and front end. Originally a Spyder. Has exhaust cutout and



proper VIN. . For current price and more information call **316- 461-7890** Thank you for your help.

Lloyd Folger

FOR SALE 1960 Corvair Four-door sedan. (Tulsa) Marvin Luke of Green Country Corvairs is selling his 1960 Corvair 500 four door. Later 164 engine. PowerGlide. He bought it in '65. It is an show worthy car. Well detailed **\$8750.**

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February & March MCCA Breakfasts

The February MCCA Breakfast at Fat Ernie’s was a great success. Tables for 14 had been reserved, but by the time everyone had arrived the waitress had to move in an additional table to accomidate everyone. A couple of members brought their children to the breakfast. It was good to see the young folks there. There was ample food and lively conversation.

Four members drove their Corvairs. Jason Pool brought his family in his recently aquired ’64 Monza convertible. Roy and Connie Juenemann arrived in Roy’s ’66 Monza hardtop. Bill and Tiffany Smith were test driving the ’65 Monza that they purchased a few days later. Cary Ziesenis with Paula Bradt and some of Cary’s kids made the trip in Cary’s ’65 Monza convertible.

The March MCCA breakfast is set for Jimmie’s Diner East, Saturday March 27. The diner is located at 3111 N. Rock Road in Wichita. As usual breakfast will start at 9 am. Jimmie’s has a long history in Wichita, dating back to the White Castle days. Some of that history from the Jimmie’s Diner website, “A young entrepreneur, A.J. “Jimmie” King went to work in the White Castle restaurants. King purchased the Wichita branch of White Castle in 1938 and changed the name to Kings-X. His management skills and dedication to quality were what carried the venture through the turbulent World War II years, and expansion began almost immediately. The Kings’ son, Wayne, built and opened Jimmie’s Diner on North Rock Road in 1987 as a tribute to his father.



The April MCCA Road Trip will be to the Tri-Cities Car Show in Norwich, KS. More details will be in the April FlatSix Journal. If you need more information on the monthly MCCA breakfast/trips, contact Bill Smith at 316-469-9882.



Activity on the “Miles of Smiles” project has continued to increase. One member recorded his January miles after the deadline. Roy Juenemann reported 36 miles for the month of January. As of the March FlatSix Journal deadline, six members have reported their miles driven for February.

- Bob Ferenc355 miles**
- Terry Kalp..... 18 miles**
- Lee Olsen..... 18 miles**
- Nick Pool 165 miles**
- Bill Smith 86 miles**
- Mark Welte 0 miles**

That is a total of 642 reported miles driven in February. That is impressive. An increase of 52 miles over those reported in January. After only two months the total for 2021 is 1304 miles. If you wish to participate, write down the odometer reading March 1st, then again on March 31st Subtract the difference and send the number to tkalp@cox.net or text 316-882-3056.

**2021
MCCA Dues
are due in January**

The \$15 annual dues may be paid to Bob Bright in person or sent to: 210 E. Walnut, Derby, KS 67037



Tuna



Marcus Trotter checks out the engine on Lonene Ackerman's Monza. The repairs were on the dash, but the battery was disconnected first.



Jason Pool picked up the '64 convertible he purchased from Terry Kalp at the Tuna. His son, Nick owns the LM coupe parked in front of him.

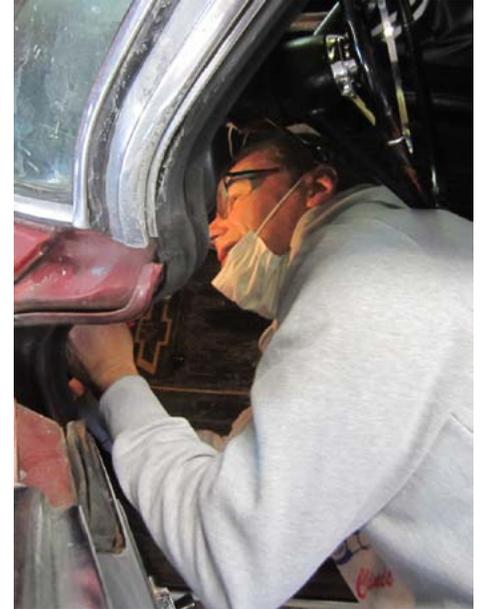
When the week for Cold Tuna started, it looked like the Tuna was going to live up to its name. Monday the high was 1 degree and the low was -9. Tuesday the high was better at 9, but then dropped down to -12 that night. Luckily by Wednesday a warming trend started and Tuna Saturday had a high of 41 degrees.

About 20 people showed up for the Tuna, which was just about perfect for the weather conditions and Covid restrictions. Even a few "out-of-towners" showed up. Coming the furthest was Keith Hammett from the Springfield, MO area. Driving in from Oklahoma City were Bob Welch and another OKC Corvair club member. LP Penner drove his '67 convertible from Mount Hope, KS.

The first Corvair project to arrive was Lyle Ackerman with Lonene's '62 Monza coupe. It had developed an intermittent no crank problem. Lyle purchased a replacement safety switch for the shifter, thinking it was the most likely culprit. Nick Pool and Bill Smith dove in to remove the instrument panel, which also holds the shifter and switch.

Several discoveries were next. First, the replacement switch was wrong, then the used switches Terry had were not good. Finally the

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ABOVE: Bob Ferenc's Tuna project was installing a mid-60s vintage four-way flasher into his '63 Spyder convertible.

LEFT: Nick Pool and Bill Smith took on the task of a misbehaving neutral safety switch in the Ackerman's '62 Monza. After the new replacement switch was the wrong one and none of Terry's used switches tested good, they cleaned and adjusted the existing switch and all was well.

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 hot lead from the ignition switch to the safety switch had a bad connection at the key end. Lyle's original switch was cleaned and adjusted and the bad connection was fixed.
 The second project was Bob

Ferenc installing a vintage 4-way flasher. It went in easy-pleasy.
 Mark Welte brought in a set of 140 hp carbs to check out and re-jet. A stubborn jet slowed him down a bit until a jet removal tool was created.



ABOVE: Mark Welte (left) and Keith Hammett ground on an old screwdriver until it became the perfect tool to remove stubborn Corvair carburetor jets.

RIGHT: LP Penner drove his '67 Monza convertible to the Tuna from his home in Mount Hope.



Golden Rods



By Mark Welte

Six months ago I greased the engine blower bearing on my white '65 Corsa convertible hoping to get a few more years of service. But recently it began howling when cold and needed replacement. Not an easy job because virtually everything on top of the engine had to be removed to gain access to the engine top cover so it could be removed, and the attached blower bearing replaced. The top cover came off uneventfully, but when I removed the baffle plate underneath I had quite a surprise. The No. 4 connecting rod appeared to be covered in slimy rust! But to the touch, nothing



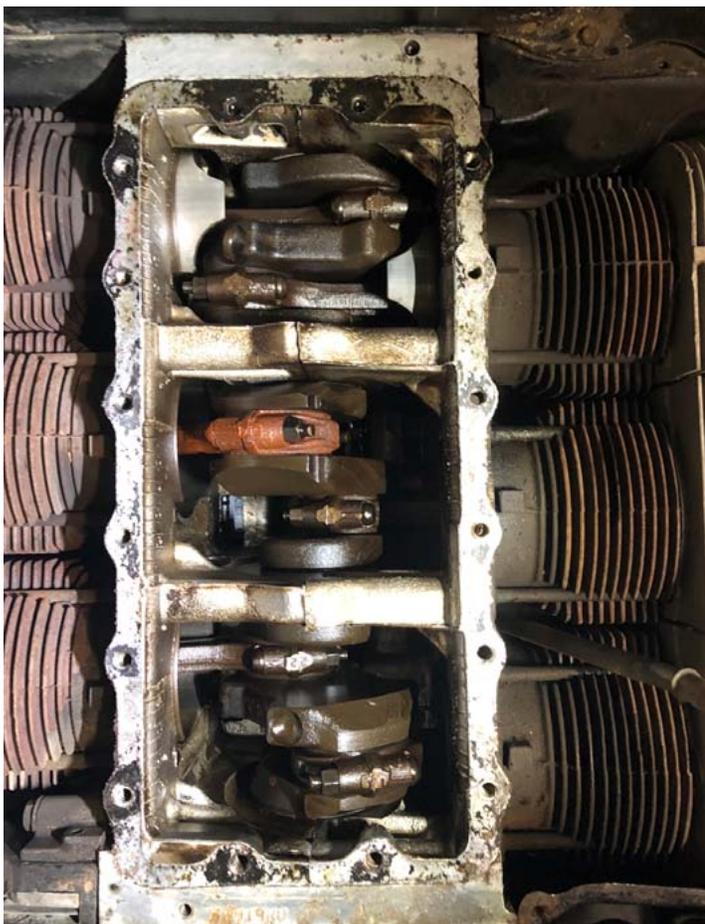
A little closer up shot shows that the rod bolt was left in the rod during the plating process. The plating also created an interesting texture on the rod.

came off and the surface was actually very hard. Puzzling indeed! What was going on?

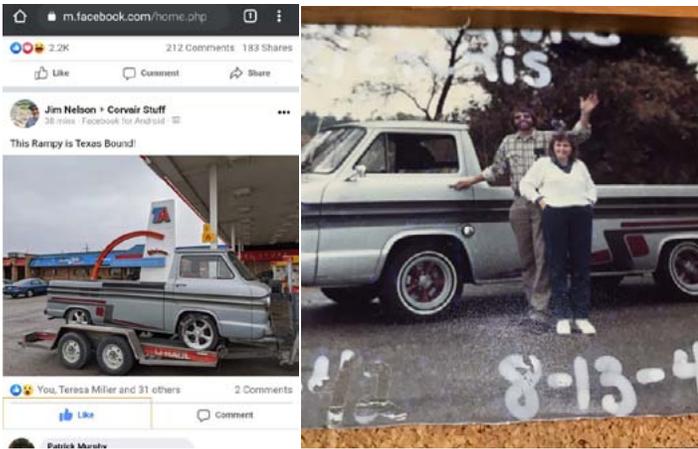
As it turns out, after discussing with a couple of friends and doing some research on my own, I determined the rod had been copper plated originally from the factory! This was done at the factory to save rods that were finished just a hair too big. If a new rod was a tad bit oversize it was flash dipped in a chemical process to copper plate and restore a few thousandths tolerance so the rod could be re-machined to specification. This could be done to either the big end or the small end, or both, to bring the rod back into tolerance. The process was significantly cheaper than scrapping the slightly oversize rods.

Flash plating copper was a very common practice by all big three auto makers (Chevrolet, Ford, and Chrysler). I found several references of copper-plated rods found in engines from all three manufacturers. Engine types included V-8, Inline 6, and the Corvair flat six. A retired former employee from the Chevrolet Tonawanda engine plant verified the use of flash-plated copper rods there. All references to these plated rods indicate there was no difference in reliability or performance compared to the regular rods.

So the bottom line is, if you find a copper colored rod in your engine there is nothing to worry about. It will provide the same service and reliability as the other rods.



Once to top cover is removed, it is apparent that something is different. The rod with flash copper plating jumps out . . . looks like rust at first.



From Mark Stever. So I am scrolling FB and minding my own business when I see this pic of a rampy on a trailer headed for TX. And I am like Holy Crap I know this truck. It was built and belonged to Glen Ziesenis and I saw it all the time when I was running around with his son Cary in the Mid 80's. Showed him the pic and he shot the photograph back....yup it was theirs. Still looks incredibly good.

Cars & Coffee Starts 4/17

The first Cars and Coffee Show of 2021 will be Saturday March 17th at The Alley Indoor Entertainment parking lot, 11413 E. 13th St. North, Wichita, KS 8-11 am. Get there early as it fills up quickly. A Mel Horstman Award event.

1st Friday Show & Shine Moves to a New Location

It is pretty much agreed that 2020 was a crazy year. The MCCA First Friday show & shine at Central & West street suffered two blows. First Covid precautions started shutting down events, then the owners of the strip mall at Central & West said their parking lot could no longer be used for the show .

After a lot of searching the promoters of the Friday night show have found a location for 2021. The new location is the parking lot of the Town and Country Classic restaurant at the intersection of K-42 and Maize Road.

The next MCCA First Friday Show & Shine at K-42 and Maize will be Friday, April 2. The show starts at 5 pm. The parking lot fills up quickly. This show counts for the Mel Award. Contact Bill Smith 316-469-9882.

2021 Events

March 13, 2021: Saturday March MCCA Regular meeting. Regular meeting. Oaklawn Activity Center, 4904 S. Clifton, Ave. Wichita, KS. Pre-Meeting eating at 5:30-6 meeting at 7. Contact Bill Smith 316-469-9882

March 27, 2021: Saturday March MCCA Breakfast. Location: Jimmie's Diner East 3111 N. Rock Road, Wichita, KS. Breakfast starts at 9 am. Contact Bill Smith 316-469-9882

April 2, 2021: Friday April MCCA First Friday Show and Shine. Starts at 5. Location Town & Country Classic, corner of K-42 and Maize Road, Wichita, KS.

April 10, 2021: Saturday April MCCA Regular meeting. Regular meeting. Oaklawn Activity Center, 4904 S. Clifton, Ave. Wichita, KS.

April 16-18, 2021: Friday-Sunday Heart of Texas Corvair Reunion (HOT). Host Hotel Fredonia Hotel, 200 N. Fredonia St. Nacogdouches, TX 75961. For more information call 847-254-1399 or e-mail jalberte@att.net.

April 17, 2021: Saturday MCCA Cars and Coffee Show at The Alley Indoor Entertainment parking lot, 11413 E. 13th St. North, Wichita, KS 8-11 am. Contact Bill Smith 316-469-9882.

April 24, 2021: Saturday March MCCA Road Trip. Main Street Drags and Car Show. Location: 238 S Main Street, Norwich, KS. Meet at Town and Country restaurant at K-42 and Maize Road, Wichita, KS. Be there by 8:30 am. Contact Bill Smith 316-469-9882.

May 19-23, 2021: Wednesday-Sunday CORSA Mini-Convention. Located at the Corvair Museum, 10041 Palm Road (Rt. 66) Glenarm, IL For more information e-mail: pcca@corvair.org The host hotel is the Crowne Plaza in Springfield, IL. call 1-800-227- 6963 for reservations . They will need to reference the Corvair Society of America (code C9S) for the discount.

June 13, 2021: Sunday June MCCA meeting and Lake Afton Car show. MacArthur Road at 247th Street West, Wichita, KS 11 am. Contact Bill Smith 316-469-9882.



Ran When Parked. This month's photo comes from the Internet. Posted by Daniel Di Gallo. This Lakewood is resting (rusting?) in San Joaquin Valley, CA. Send Ran When Parked photos to tkalp@cox.net

March Meeting

7 pm
March 13th

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Ten Years Ago...

Also in the March 2011 FlatSix Journal were a tech tip about fixing fuel pumps that failed because the flapper valves came unseated from the housing. There was a list of maintenance items from the 1964 Corvair Owner's guide. Also listed were items of MCCA logo clothing that the club had on sale.



In 2011 the weather for Cold Tuna was a bit different from 2021. What is this? Shorts and a T-shirt for Cold Tuna? Ends up Chris Teer from Oklahoma City was dressed appropriately for the 70 degree day. Photo by Kansas City Gary Moore.



Calendar

March Meeting	March 13
Cars & Coffee	March 20
March Breakfast	March 27
First Friday Show	April 2
April Meeting	April 10
Cars & Coffee	April 17
April Road Trip	April 24
First Friday Show	May 7