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The Flat Six

June 2011

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From the President

The Louisiana, MO trip/tour/caravan last month was wet but enjoyable and the food was delicious, although I did not get my slice of coconut pie, thanks Bob Gwin. I finally dried off but haven't had time to clean the Corvair. Any Volunteers?

Next month the Club will make their annual trip to the Pekin picnic. I will not be able to join you as we will be attending my Daughter's friend's wedding. I am looking forward to it.

Have a good time and put those Corvairs on the road, and I will see you in July.

Jim Collier



CORVAIR
THE ONLY WAY TO GO!!

Calendar of Events - 2011

Meeting Location – Is the Rochester Community Building located off Il Route 29 in Rochester Illinois. The community building is on the east end of Rochester at #1 Community Drive. PCCA Home Page may be found at <http://www.corvair.org/chapters/chapter627>

June 11 PCCA meeting at the Pekin Park in Pekin Illinois.

Also Corvair exhibit Show times roughly 12:00-3:00 pm.

Parking for Corvair Display starts at noon until 3 pm – Back to around the Lagoon

Lunch at 1:00pm.? – When everyone gets hungry and the picnic master says “let’s Eat!”

Caravan from Springfield – Sherman rest stop, just north of exit 100 on I-55

Will leave for Pekin at 10:30am – please try to be there by 10:20am

June 11-12 21st annual Route 66 Motor Tour, leaves Joilet Saturday morning, is a banquet Saturday Night in Lincoln, IL at the Lincoln Center. Overnight in Lincoln with a tour of the Heritage in-flight Museum in the morning. Expected to be at the Springfield Fairgrounds Sunday around noon for lunch then proceeding south to Virden, Carlinville and Litchfield. Visit www.il66assoc.org for complete details

June 16-18 NECC hosts another round of Drags, Time Trials and Auto Cross in Indianapolis



June 26th 2011 Cruise-in at Culver's, 4400 Wabash Ave. Springfield, IL., 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. on the 4th Sunday during the summer. Hosted by the Central Illinois Antique Automobile Club in Springfield, IL. Other dates include July 24th, Aug 28th, Sept 25th Free registration for all cruisers. It's also free and open to the public.

July 09 LLCC Car Show- Springfield now with a “modified, Corvairs, all years” class

July 26-30, 2011 CORSA international Convention, Denver, Colorado.

Hosted by Rocky Mountain Corvairs.



August 5 Monmouth Cruise-in, Monmouth Illinois

August: 5-7 Decatur Celebration

August 20 Illinois State Fair Display PCCA Corvairs are the “main” exhibit.

August 21 Orphan Auto Picnic, host Chicago Corvair Enthusiasts. British Invasion is the theme this year featuring all makes and models built in the UK.

August 26-28 Detroit Homecoming Detroit Corvair Club

September 10 Illinois Antique Vehicle Show- Feature Car Chevrolet- Springfield.

Sept 16-17 Hoosier Auto Show and Swap meet. Indianapolis

Sept 30-Oct 2 Great Plains Round-Up outside Kansas City in Excelsior Spring Mo.

Concours and autocross. Hosts Heart of America Corvair Owners Association.

Sept 30-Oct 2 Newport (IN) Antique Auto Hillclimb, Shows Oct 1, Hillclimb Oct 2.

October 8 PCCA/SMCC Joint Picnic at Lake Yaeger in Litchfield IL

November 12 PCCA meeting at Rochester Community Building.

December 10 PCCA Christmas Party, location to be determined

Check out website: www.route66cruisers.com/upcoming_events.htm for local car events

Did you forget to Renew?

The recent change in renewal months from January to March seems to have caught many PCCA members as forgetful. Blame the editor for not reminding everyone before now. March 1 to February 28

2011 Dues are Past Past Due !!!

Prairie Capital Corvair Association (PCCA) Membership Application (Dues are for one year: Mar.-Feb.)

Type of Membership Single _____ \$15
 Family _____ \$18 (2 adults at one address plus children under 18)
Name _____ Spouse/ 2nd Adult _____
Address _____
City _____ ST _____ ZIP _____
Corsa # _____ Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____ Cell Phone _____
eMail Address _____
Cars, Corvair and other _____
Other interests _____

PCCA strongly encourages membership in CORSA Do you want/need information about CORSA? Y / N
Return this completed application and dues to: Larry Jahn, Treasurer, 907 Sells Drive, Hoopston, IL 60942

PCCA Window Information Cards

Car show season has begun. All PCCA members are encouraged to display window information cards on all Corvairs. These are a benefit included with chapter membership. A sample is shown.

If you don't have a card for each Corvair, please request one. If you have misplaced yours or the information needs updating, replacements are readily available.

For each window card requested, the following information is needed:

Year 1962 Make Chevrolet Corvair
Model Lakewood Station Wagon
Special Features:
Custom-made Tow Truck
Special Feature #2
Special Feature #3
Special Feature #4
Owners
Richard Boxdorfer
Bethalto, Illinois
PCCA
CORVAIR
A
PRAIRIE CAPITAL
CORVAIR ASSOCIATION

Year, Model, Special features (up to four), Owner(s) - Name(s) and City, State

Send your information to Thelma McKenzie at T7McKenzie@Comcast.net (preferred) or 3188 Vigal Road, Springfield, IL 62712.

For those online, Thelma will send a PDF file for approval before printing. Cards requested by April 30 should be ready for distribution at the May meeting.

The cards themselves are free. If the cards need to be mailed, Thelma will charge actual postage. A sheet protector or lamination is suggested for long term display use. Members are responsible for such protection; lamination is under \$2.00 at most locations. Thelma can do this for you at her cost.

Louisiana Tour

PCCA folks did themselves proud. Jacket and umbrella weather did not deter 6 Corvairs meeting at McDonalds for coffee and breakfast. From the Toronto exit, VP Dick Moon led the group west towards Louisiana. Dick won the coin toss in part because the Moons travel to those parts of the woods for other activities. I noted later that Mike Hall took over the lead as we approached Louisiana. Mike had the directions, or at least location, to the meeting place for those coming north from St Charles.



The forecast for the day was overcast, nah, raining, all day. Unfortunately, the weatherman got it right and it drizzled on the tour for most of the day. Yet, three convertibles participated - Dick and Neta Moon in Blue Moon, a 65 dark blue with white top; Mike and Rhona Hall in the cruising red 65 convertible with white top and Tim Mahler in his 64 red convertible with black top.



Only Tim got wet. The rain kept dribbling though the window top and top bow and of course, the towels were in the trunk grumble. Discussing the issue at the statute park, it was mentioned that maybe Tim should adjust the hooks that latch the top down. Hmmm, those were adjusted so that surely couldn't be the problem. Weeelll, Tim has not been driving the 64 much lately and forgot the driver side hook sometimes needs help to connect with the frame. Yes, the top was only latched on one side. Rehooking the top helped a whole lot on the drive home. Thanks everyone.



The closed cars on the tour included President Jim and Beulah Collier in the 65 maroon four door. Plus driving down with the Moons from Peoria was Brian and Sue Sellyer in the very interesting 64 Spyder coupe with a fresh engine done my master mechanic Jim Allen. The true family car was driven by Bob Gwin with four adults stuffed into his red 63 Coupe. Bob and company do seem to enjoy the Corvair adventures. The coupe "disappeared" in Louisiana as they did their own self tours around the area, wonder if they also did some geo-caching as well?



The Let's Go Eat Moment

Arriving in Louisiana the PCCA contingent was meet by those from SMCC each in a newer water cooled vehicle. Somehow we arrived in town close to the same time, 10 minutes or so apart is the same time when one group travels an hour and the other close to two hours to get to a meeting place.

For lunch the crew went to the Eagles Nest. The restaurant bills itself as a bistro which I think is a fancy name for a café with fancy sandwiches. The food was good and the dessert portions generous. The building itself was very interesting, being an older architecture. I spent time wondering the various



rooms including the basement area and the boutique winery next door. The winery attracted a few other Corvair members who managed to bring home a bottle or two. The wine prices did seem reasonable.

After lunch, with the drizzle making a tour of the town buildings less appealing, Dick Moon led the group to the Lay Foundation Statute park. But first, we went by a locals garage to see his Corvair. The gentleman was alerted to our gathering and came down to the bistro for a chat. He, or his family, have owned the Corvair since it was new, 1965. Several other patrons discussed Corvairs with us as well. The town was not very busy - not because of the swollen Mississippi but because of the constant drizzle.

Fortunately, at the Statute park, the rain subsided, although the wind was a tad nippy. Reading the literature, after I got home, I finally understood the numerous stone books at the park. The Lay Foundation is an educational foundation and the statute park is geared with that in mind. The books provided topics for the “youngsters” to write about. Nonetheless, the statutes were interesting. Tim also took a brief side trip to the adjacent cemetery which dates to the early 1800s.

After the statute tour, the group decided it was time to venture home. The PCCA group stopped at a “produce stand” on the way home that the Moon’s visit when in the area. Although it was too early in the season for much in the way of locally grown items, the store had an interesting assortment of apple butters, preserves and other produce. Those of us who stopped, bought something to take home.

The tour may have been more enjoyable, and more local sites visited on a sunny warm day. But I enjoyed it nonetheless. I was able to drive my Corvair, spend time with good friends, and see an area of the state that I do not typically see. I’m ready for the next tour – Pekin park, June 11.



TO HELEN BACK

Helen, Georgia is a super place to be in the spring, only partly because the annual Corvair SpringFest is held there. The Northeast corner of Georgia is overrun with great scenery in the spring (heck, all year 'round), the town itself is quaintly architected to resemble an Alpine Village, and the folks who show up to represent the Corvair in its various forms are well, you know... Helen is located about 110 driving miles (much shorter if there were a straight highway) away from an I-75 intersection a few miles north of Atlanta.



However, except for one large traffic jam at Ringgold, caused by the cleanup after the tornados the evening before we passed through, we saw little storm damage on our trips to and fro. Avoiding actual tornadic winds did not, however, keep us away from torrential downpours twice on our way south. Be reminded that that Corvairs may not be the most waterproof cars ever made.

This year PCCA was represented by the Allens, the Piersons, and one Moon. Allens and Moon drove together; Piersons arrived in Helen one day later, on Friday. There were already Corvairs in significant numbers in motel parking lots by mid afternoon on Thursday. By late Friday afternoon you could not have swung a cat without hitting some sort of Corvair. As usual, the organizer(s) of SpringFest were very friendly and accommodating. We cannot continue here without



mentioning Lillian Law by name. She is the real honcho at this event, and celebrated her 79th birthday on Sunday, April 30. A large table of door prizes was awaiting distribution, and the aroma of vittles being prepared for the Friday Welcome Party permeated the Fest Halle where all indoor Carvair activity was held. By the time the party began, a newly remodeled Valve Cover Race track was set up for after the meal. Fancy does not describe the Friday meal, but "good" and "lots of it" is quite correct. Hot dogs, hamburgers, beans, real hand picked tomatoes, and the best cole slaw a lot of us could remember. And various sodas, coffee, and bottled water. The Chattahoochee River is really a small stream as it passes through Helen, immediately behind the Fest Halle. This past weekend it was running somewhat higher than usual, and one could hear it gurgling over its rocks from the food tables in the quiet moments of the Welcome Party.



But, I am getting ahead of myself. On Friday afternoon the Autocross was held. The course was truly postage-stamp in size, and designed to provide



lots of tire-scrubbing action. I recall the times for navigating the course were in the low 20 second range. The number of participants cannot be reported. Bill Pierson was the only PCCA member to have a shot at it, but was not singled out for recognition at the Saturday Banquet. Too bad.

Saturday is always set aside for the Concours, People's Choice, and display Only events. So, early Saturday there were numerous folks providing last minute touch-ups to vehicles

in various areas of the two lots where these activities were held. The Concours area was separate and held twenty five vehicles (Pierson included) for that competition. On the People's Choice (Allen and Moon) / Display Only lot were forty five vehicles. So far we have seventy vehicles in evidence. There MUST be more somewhere. Now, this is a little like counting ants, but let's give it a try... Walk around town to see what we can see. In the Car Corral and scattered around town we spotted twenty five more Corvairs. So, for our count there were ninety five (95) or so Corvairs in Helen for the SpringFest on Saturday.

The Awards Banquet Saturday night had deep fried turkey, more hot dogs and hamburgers, and more of the usual side dishes, including that wonderful cole slaw. As far as awards were concerned, PCCA made as much noise as any other club in attendance, but did not bring home much loot. The Allen Lakewood was the only winner, with a first-in-class trophy.



However, SpringFest gives Bill Pierson (and Thelma) a chance to gab with a lot of CORSA folks (Bill knows virtually everybody) and provides a chance to renew acquaintance with several nice people for anyone else who is fortunate to be there. No doubt next year's SpringFest will exert the same "homecoming pull" on those who have been there before. Why not YOU?

Auction Results

Mecum Kissimmee, Kissimmee Fla, Jan 26-30, 2011 as reported in the March 24, 2011 OCW

1965 Monza convertible 110hp PG	condition 2	\$9,250
1969 Monza coupe, 110hp 4sp. 11 original miles	Condition 2	\$13,000

Mecum Kansas City, Kansas City Mo, March 11-12, 2011 as reported in the April 28, 2011 OCW

1963 Corvair Greenbrier, 6 door	condition 3	\$8,750
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Spotted on Virtual Vairs. May 21st RM auctions in the Lake Como area of NW Italy

Bertone bodied Corvair based Testudo (turtle - in Italian) \$475,823



June Corvair Display and Picnic

Mineral Springs Park, Pekin Illinois

PCCA will be meeting at the Mineral Springs Park. We have moved back to the small pavilion near the Lagoon. Parking for Corvair Display starts at Noon - 3 pm Lunch at 1:00pm. Please bring a dish to share.

Caravan from Springfield – Sherman rest stop, just north of exit 100 on I-55

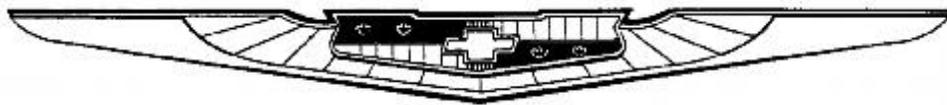
Will leave for Pekin at 10:30am – please try to be there by 10:20am

Directions from Dick Moon follow:

Anyone not already familiar with Pekin should come in on Il. Rt. 9. Rt. 9 has an interchange on I-155 that points you into Pekin if you are coming from South or North. For those coming from the West or Southwest, Rt. 9 is the road that intersects with US Rt. 24 and crosses the Illinois River into Pekin.

Rt. 9 passes by Mineral Springs Park. The Park's lagoon is easily seen. Turn into the park, onto the road that we will be allowed to display our cars past the parking lot.

We hope everyone comes again this year and has a good time. Remember, sandwich makin's and drinks will be provided. There is a rumor of ice cream. Potluck dishes will be welcomed. If anyone needs help along the way, call Jim Allen at (309) 361-5351 or Dick Moon at (309) 241-0041. We will help you find your way.



Secretary Report PCCA Meeting May 14, 2011

President Jim Collier was persuaded not to hold a business meeting during the Louisiana Tour. There were 16 PCCA members at the luncheon location with 6 Corvairs in the parking lot.

Tim's 66 Daily Driver gets a "new" engine with LOTS of help from Jim Allen. The "old" engine's harmonic balancer broke after a SMCC meeting last year. It was late at night, and cool, so Tim limped it home over the next hour or so letting it cool then driving a mile or so before letting it cool again. Alas, Tim still got it too hot. Coming home from the Monticello Train Museum tour, a stop to refuel before parking the car for the night seemed prudent. When we pulled into the case stations, we thought may be on fire as smoke was coming out of the engine lid. Nope, just excessive blow-by produced all the smoke. The car was

smoking out the pcv valve like it was a steam engine. It was close to being put away for the winter and the engine worked just fine for the short trip, 5 miles, to work and again back home. A replacement or rebuild was in order. Jim Allen to the rescue, once again. Thanks Jim.



Car and Parts for Sale/Trade

For Sale: 1964 Monza convertible, red exterior, black interior, 110hp, PG. Tim Mahler 217-793-3824 asking \$7,500

For Sale: 1966 Yenko clone, race prepped. Black, Earnhardt tribute. 2,000 pounds with roll cage. Center mount Holley carb with front disc brakes, drum rear. Tim Mahler. 217-793-3824. Asking \$12,000 w/runner engine.

For Sale 1966 Monza convertible, white interior. Red exterior (over blue factory). 110hp PG. Located in Taylorville, owner lives in Rochester. Car originally from Arizona, has set since 1993. Ronnie Jump 217-836-0056

For Sale - 4 (four) new Dean tires, P185/70R13, BW, 3/2010 build date. Can deliver to club meeting or ? \$200.

1966 Corvair Positraction Diff. Will fit Corvairs with 66-69 trans. Can deliver to club meeting or ? \$275

Contact Bud Laubach - 309-374-2572 Norbert@frontiernet.net

For Sale--1966 500 Coupe 110 auto, A/C, Runs & drives. Needs restored \$950.00 Mike Meyer 618-259-1552

For Sale--1966 Monza..engine turns over..4 speed..red/black interior..windshield missing..Needs restored \$450.00

MikeMeyer 618-259-1552

For Sale 1963 4 door Monza for parts...decent body parts CHEAP!!!! Call if interested Mike Meyer 618-259-1552

Bill Pierson has a set of clear door and rear window glass for an early convert.\$20 for all. (618) 684-3823

For sale: 1962 Monza - 2dr, 4spd. Engine completely rebuilt by Jim in 2005. Only 200 miles (if that) on it since then.

Body/Interior needs work. I have photos if anyone is interested. Asking \$2,800 obo. Call Bill Schureman @ 309.267.8158

email: tuuis@mtco.com The car is located in Morton IL.

For Sale: 1963 Corvair \$1400invested in brake and fuel lines, rebuilt carbs. Good shape. \$2,500 OBO. 217-341-5795

For Sale: 64 500 coupe. Low mileage, pictures look good. White exterior blue interior. Contact Mike Shelton 4010

Maxheimer Rd, Rochester Il. 217-498-7635 or cell 217-971-7720

Trade: Want to trade for Early Coupe with 4 Speed. Have 1965 Monza Convertible, 110hp 4speed, new top, rally wheels, daily driver Quality Mike Gaspar. vstar_mike@comcast.net 309-335-8810

Shopping! PCCA Shirts /Name Tags

Contact Mike Hall 217/494-7105

PCCA PATCHES ARE BACK – \$5 each PCCA Name Tags may be ordered at the next meeting.

We have a new shirt vendor, as the local one that we have had for a very long time has closed his business: We will be dealing with Litchfields in Bartonville. Pricing is more that it was with FiveStar so I have outlined what we can get and some rough pricing. The owner has stated that if we order a dozen of any one kind we can receive 10% off of our order. The PCCA LOGO has been created and Litchfields is ready to take our orders. Each item that we purchase from them will include a \$8.00 charge for the LOGO to be Embroidered on the item. Pricing is as follows, and these numbers are real close to the final price.

Sierra Pacific 3211 Mens Long Sleeve Denim Small - 6X. \$19.24

Sierra Pacific 0211 Mens Short Sleeve Denim Small - 6X \$17.76

Sierra Pacific 5211 Ladies Long Sleeve Denim XS-3XL \$19.72

Sierra Pacific Featherlite Series Oxford (Light Blue, French Blue, White)

Mens Long Sleeve 3231 Small-6XL \$25.68

Mens Short Sleeve 0231 Small-3X 25.20

Ladies Long Sleeve 5233 S-3XL 24.78

Ladies Short Sleeve 5231 S-3XL 24.50

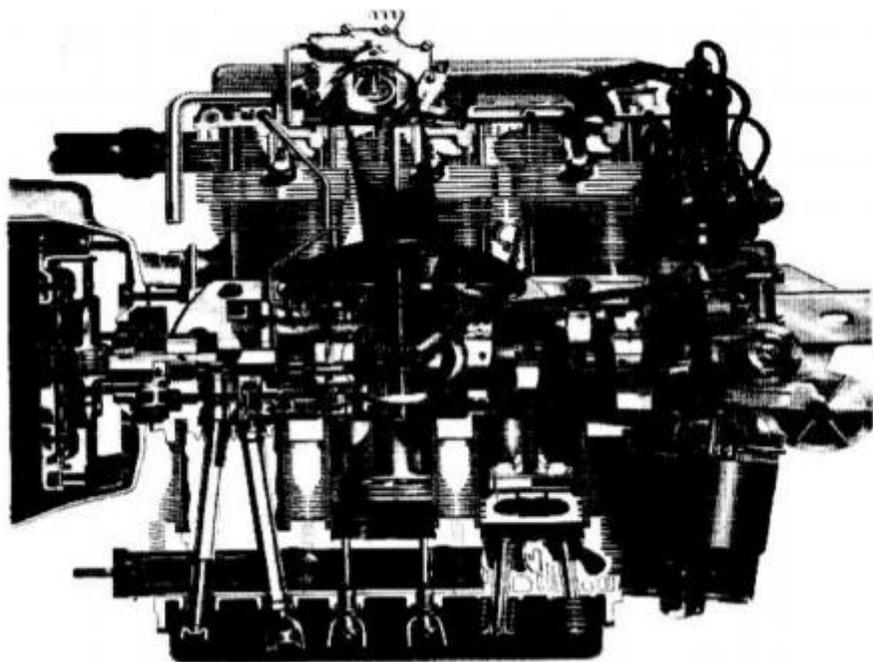
Polo's Many Colors with or without pockets Pricing from \$10.00 each to \$30.00. Lots of styles etc.

Remember you need to add \$8.00 (logo) to each price to get to the final price.

S&S Active Wear is the vendor that he uses...they are on the web, and you can look at the various styles, etc. We just need to take a look and decide on shirts that will work best for the club, and get our pricing accordingly. Go to. www.SSActiveWear.com This is an ILLINOIS COMPANY.

So everyone take a look and at the April meeting we can discuss. Thanks all.

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