

The Flat Six Journal

Mid Continent Corvair Association Newsletter

March 2012



A new addition to the MCCA Tunas were demonstrations. LP Penner showed the crowd how to create Hot Rod flames and other airbrush art. Here he is fogging in the flame outline after the design has been transferred to frisket paper and cut out to form a mask for the airbrush work.

February Fun Frolics

February started out with the Model A swapmeet, where a lot of local Corvair people gather. It was covered in the February edition of the FlatSix Journal. Next event was the Pre-Spring Social and meeting at HomeTown Buffet February 11th. There was a nice window bump-out area reserved for MCCA. There was an excellent turn-out including new member, Lee Huford and his wife. Lee recently purchased a the beautiful white '64 convertible advertised by Alvin Avis recently. Paul Jones and his wife drove in from Lyons and it was great seeing them.

Saturday the 18th was Cold Tuna. Many Corvair people

showed up to eat, work on Corvairs, eat, socialize, eat, get out in the country, and eat. A new twist this year were demonstrations put on by Doug Horstman and LP Penner. There is a lot of coverage in this issue.

There is no President's Corner this week because both Doug's brother Bob and Mother Mary have been in the hospital this week. Bernie Strecker's father had some medical problems in Dodge City recently and Bernie and Julie have made several trips.

Bring your ideas for a Spring Road Trip and for the 2013 Great Plains Roundup to the meeting Saturday night. The Oklahoma City Corvair club (INCA) is winding up plans for the 2012 Great Plains Corvair Roundup. Terry Kalp will be bringing some of the

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Feb. Meeting
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March Meeting
Saturday, March 10th 7 pm
Derby Recreation Center
801 E. Market, Derby, KS

Classifieds

MISC. CORVAIR PARTS:

Lewis Hoobler of '63/'64 Chevy Impalas stopped by the Kalp booth at the swap meet said he had some Corvair parts for sale. Everything for \$50. Contact Lewis at: 316-524-4410 he lives at 1421 E. 55th Street South, Wichita, KS 67216

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FOR SALE: Dale Hancock talked to Lloyd Folger at the swap meet said he had a blue and white Corvair Greenbrier for sale. It is out in a field. Contact Dale at his cell phone: 316-267-8111

FOR SALE: Jesse James stopped by the Kalp booth at the swap meet and left his business card listing several Corvairs for sale. A '62, a '64 hardtop and a '64 Fitch Sprint. Contact Jesse at his cell phone: 620-218-3273 or his business Outlaw Garage 620-229-8816. His address is 1814 Fuller in Winfield, KS 67156



FOR SALE: I have a '62 Corvair, a bunch of parts and a '63 engine. All are for sale. The '62 is a convertible 4 speed medium blue interior and exterior. It needs a clutch. \$2900

Arthur Alvis 316-636-1131 or 204-1448 leave msg.

WANTED: MCCA dues were due in January. If you haven't paid for 2012 Send \$15 to Ned Madsen, 1212 Patrick Henry, Derby, Kansas 67037

NEW PRICE FOR SALE:

BERT needs a new home. 1964 2 door coupe, Dk Red with Black interior. Runs very well and looks good too. Has a new windshield. \$3250 or your very best offer. Julie or Bernie 316-722-0556

FOR SALE: Excellent used Corvair FC windshield. Located at F and Main in Hutchinson, Ks. Price \$100 Contact Claud McGinn 620-615-2278.



FOR SALE: 1964 Corvair Monza with 457XX miles. Excellent body, good glass, lots of chrome. Recent tune-up including new distributor and valve adjustment \$400. Complete new front end \$1000+. Good tires, Runs and drives excellent. \$3000 Firm. Contact David_Bastion@oxy.com This is Alan's Corvair that he sold.

FREE PARTS: Mel cleaned out his garage all the Corvair Parts ended up at the Kalp Shop. Mostly EM parts. Lots of mechanical and electrical items. Set an appointment with Terry to check out and pick-up parts. 316-755-9821 or 316-755-2458

MCCA History

April 1982

In his column, "View Behind the Wheel", Glenn Ziesenis mentioned that the weather has not been Spring-like at all . . . rain, sleet and snow. The April meeting was a road trip to Lindsborg, KS to visit the Museum, the Old Mill and of course eat.

The newsletter was sporting a new look thanks to coming into the Computer Age. Newsletter Editor Cary Wheeler was using his state of the art TRS-80 home computer to produce the April edition. Speculation was that the powerful computer would make a better newsletter and save the club money.

Cary Wheeler reported on his visit to a SCCA Autocross. Here is his story.

"Autocross- I (Cary) went to the SCCA Autocross March 28, 1982. They had a very well run race, and many people were there. I was walking around looking at the cars that were going to race when I spotted a black '65 Corsa. I went over to investigate, it has Missouri plates on it, and also a towing bar on the rear. So I waited for the owner to return. A little later a black late model Turbo pulled beside me. The driver turned out to be the owner of the Corsa and had used it to pull his Turbo down from Kansas City. His name was Bert Swift. I talked to him about his Corvair and he said he had been racing it for about 13 years. The race had begun so I went back to watch. I wanted to see that Corvair run. Not too long after that he came up to the starting line. He ran one of the best times of the day. The only cars to beat him were all out race cars, where his Corvair was only a stock Turbo. I was surprised to see the Corvair run so good against the Mustangs and Porsche's. So the next time someone says that a Corvair won't match up to those sports and muscle cars tell him to come to the next SCCA Autocross and see how it really is. I have put their schedule in the newsletter for those of you who would like to go and watch and maybe even join in on the fun."

The newsletter also mentioned the upcoming Lake Afton All Wheels show and mentioned there had been 20 Corvairs there in 1981.

Jim Ashcroft had a Corvair for sale in the classified section. It was a '65 Corsa 2dr. with a 140 hp. engine and 3-speed transmission. White with blue pinstripe on the outside, white interior with new blue carpets and radials . . . no price was listed.

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brochures for the event to the meeting.

The Kansas City Corvair club (HACOA) has been discussing making a bid for either the 2014 or 2016 CORSA International Convention. 2016 would be the normal rotation back to the Central Division for the Convention, but with CORSA not getting any bids for 2014 that might be a possibility also. Locations under consideration include Branson, MO and in the Kansas Speedway area.

There was a nice story on three generations of Corvairs in the latest CORSA Communique. Wes Mellies wrote the story about his family. Wes, his wife Kim, dad, John and Mom, Linda were at the Tuna.

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Greg Renfro got a lot of help locating the timing mark on the cam gear for the engine he was assembling.



Cold Tuna 2012 got an early start as Darin La-Crone brought his '64 500 coupe to the Kalp shop during the week. Darin had thrown a belt, over-heated the engine then it wouldn't start. Jim Dallas took on the job as Darin's Mentor and ran him thru a compression check and the discovery of a few bad valves. So the heads had to come off.

Marc Welty arrived first thing Saturday morning to lay claim to the lift so he could rebuild the shifter in his Corsa. Soon the black Corvair was in the air and parts were getting removed. Once the pans were off Marc found some electrical issues that needed attention also.

About the time half the donuts were gone the

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ABOVE: Jim Dallas and Bob Ferenc discuss EM corvairs during a break from the work on Darin LaCrone's car. BELOW: A view from the west of the people and Corvairs in the Kalp Shop yard. KC Gary Moore Photo.



crowd from Kansas City arrived, 11 total. They had the MCCA members outnumbered for a little while. There was also a good turnout from the Oklahoma City club.

Lloyd Folger pushed in his latest Corvair acquisition a blue LM coupe. First the group figured out why the shifter was locked up . . . it was in the transmission. Then they went to work on a flooding carb. Soon the blue LM was pushed back out of the shop and a table was set up for Doug Horstman's demonstration of Black Oxide coating of bolts. He also showed some other parts he had restored for his '72 Hurst Olds convertible project.

Lunch was next and everyone participated. Chili, soups, chicken and noodles were available for the main course with a flood of salads and deserts to fill out the menu. No one complained that Greg's Chili was not hot enough.

After appetites were appeased the afternoon started off with a demonstration of air brush painting by LP Penner who has been airbrushing for years and has taken classes a WyoTech. There was a lot of interest in LP's presentation.

Everything wound down in the afternoon with projects getting finished or stalled and everyone headed home . . . except a pair of white lawn chairs. It has become a Tuna tradition that chairs either get swapped or left behind. Maybe the name needs to be lengthened to "Tuna and Chair Exchange."

TOP: LP Penner demonstrate some airbrush work including flames and star bursts. KC Gary Moore Photo.

MIDDLE: Marc Welty polishes the shifter rod he was rebuilding for his '65 Corsa at Cold Tuna.

BELOW: A view from the east of the people and Corvairs in the Kalp Shop yard. KC Gary Moore Photo.





Project Police

Bob Ferenc got his heads back from Steve Goodman and showed them off at the Tuna. He now has them back on the Spyder and it is running. Just needs a bit more tuning and some pesky electrical problems chased down

Patrick Tinin and Alex Moats have Patrick's Corvair running and need to replace a seal and fix brakes.

Dennis Fuller is working on a '62 Monza coupe for his son **Sam**. The coupe is at Dennis' house and he is putting together an engine for it

Terry Kalp pulled the drive-train from the '61 wagon and has replaced the rattling flywheel with a welded one from Mike Dawson. Now he just needs to clean up the replacement transmission and everything can go back together.



TOP: Another demonstration at Cold Tuna was Doug Horstman who displayed the process of black oxide coating for hardware. Many bolts used in GM Cars were black oxide coated, but the coating disappears with use and cleaning. Doug demonstrated a chemical process to restore finish.
BOTTOM: Scott Allison and Wes Mellies from Kansas City dig into some of Greg's Chili. There were two containers of Greg's Chili, Hot and OMG . . . Lunch found a great variety of soups, salads and deserts available.
 Photos by Bernie Strecker.

Lyons Trip

Saturday, February 25, Greg Renfro and Terry Kalp headed North and West from the Kalp shop to Lyons, KS. Their task was to deliver a '63 Convertible and engine that Art Chandler had purchased from Greg. After a short visit with Art and getting the convertible and engine tucked away in a downtown storage building it was only 11 am.

The duo decided to contact another MCCA member that lived in Lyons, Paul Jones. Paul led the travelers to the local Dairy Queen for coffee and conversation.

Tri-State May 18-20

The TRI-STATE Corvair Meet will be in the high desert of the Colorado Rocky Mountains on May 18-20, 2012. The location is Salida, Colorado, the Gateway Inn and Suites.

Rocky Mountain CORSA is the host club and other attending clubs are CNM and PPCC plus from other states. Phone for reservations: 1.719.539.2895 and mention 'Corvair' for room rates in the low \$60 range.

Show 'n shine and banquet plus unbeatable scenic beauty in the surrounding area. For questions ask: Steve Goodman @ 303.278.4889



Terry Kalp took this photo from the balcony at the Host Hotel during the 2011 Tri-State meet held in Red River, New Mexico.

HOT Update [Salado]; April 20-22

Final plans are being made for Heart Of Texas (HOT) in Salado, TX. We have really enjoyed planning this event and are looking forward to seeing everyone! If you still need a room, please contact the host hotel to see if any rooms have been released. If rooms are not available, I just spoke with Best Western [next door to the host hotel] and they have several rooms available for April 20 and 5 rooms available for April 21 [King rooms only]. The number for Best Western is 254.947.4001.

Many thanks to those who have sent in registration forms, but for those who have not done so, please have them to us by **March 20**, in order to complete the final details. Please note that if registrations are received after March 20, t-shirt orders may not be filled.

If you have parts you wish to sell, please feel free to bring them to the car show at the Salado Civic Center and we will have an "informal" swap meet during the show. Ladies, please note that there is shopping across from the Civic Center and the shops open at 10 am. Thanks, Deborah Grimes HOT Co-Chair

Heart of Texas Corvair Reunion Set for April 20-22



A tour through the rolling hills of Texas is a tradition at the Heart of Texas Corvair Reunion. These Corvairs are cruising in the hills near Lakeway, TX at the 2011 HOT.

