

# The Flat Six Journal

Mid Continent Corvair Association Newsletter

October 2012

## Oct. Meeting Back at DRC

October sees the return of the MCCA meeting to the Derby Recreation Center for one last time before closing Mid-October for renovation. Some members are gathering at Casa Martinez in Derby at 5:30 for a meal before the meeting. Everyone is invited, but you might let Doug 777-0351 know you are coming so we can have a count.

The September meeting was held at the Oaklawn Activities Center in Wichita. It is a very nice facility and we will return to the OAC for the 2013 MCCA meetings.

One of the major items to be discussed at the October meeting will be Luna Tuna. We have Nellie Kilby providing Chicken and noodles, Doug Horstman making

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**Tim Shortle drove his Corvair Van over 700 miles from Durango, CO to win the Long Distance award.**



**Sept. Meeting  
EM 1 LM 3**



**October Meeting  
Saturday, Oct. 13th 7 pm**

Derby Recreation Center  
801 E. Market, Derby, KS

# Classifieds



**For Sale 1966 Cord 8/10s Sportsman:** Very enjoyable cruising car. Attention getter. One of only 97 built. Asking price is only \$27,500 CONTACT TIM at [flat-6vair2@comcast.net](mailto:flat-6vair2@comcast.net) car is located in Springfield Illinois I am willing to assist getting the car from my place to yours. . Very good condition.

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

**FREE PARTS:** Mel Horstman and Art Chandler cleaned out their garages 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

**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

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Turkey Chilli, Lloyd whipping up some potato soup. We will need side dishes, drinks and deserts. Doug will have a sign-up sheet at the meeting and if you can't make the meeting call Doug at 316-777-0351 and let him know what you can bring. There will also be a sign-up sheet for Tuna projects. If you plan to work on your car at the Tuna try to sign up on the sheet or call Terry 316-755-2458. Luna Tuna will be held at the Kalp shop 2140 W. 101st Street North, Valley Center, KS on Saturday October 20th. Will start at 8 am and work until the last car is out.

November 4th will be a MCCA Business meeting at Doug & Jean Horstman's. The Sunday meeting will run from 2 pm til 3:30. The address is 1523 Janzen Drive, Mulvane, KS Contact Doug at 316-777-0351. We will need to start assigning duties for the 2013 Great Plains Roundup the MCCA is hosting next Fall. It will take dedication from many members to make the Regional meet a success. Everyone is welcome.

Bob and Lee Bright will be hosting a dinner meeting at their shop in Derby for the November MCCA meeting. Their shop and house are on the same lot, 210 E. Walnut in Derby, KS. There is plenty of parking to the West and South of their property. The main dish will be provided but the rest will be pot-luck so bring your favorite salad, side-dish or desert.

At the September meeting Julie Strecker submitted her resignation from the Secretary position, citing a unpredictable work schedule and family demands. It was decided just to combine the Secretary and Trea-



## MCCA History

### November 1982

In the November '82 FlatSix Journal the November activity was a Hare and Hound Rally starting from the T.G.&Y. store at 47th and Broadway. Pre entry was \$3 or \$3.75 the day of the event.

Glenn reported that the Octoberfest '82 had been a great success with great weather, a fast pace, close contests and good food.

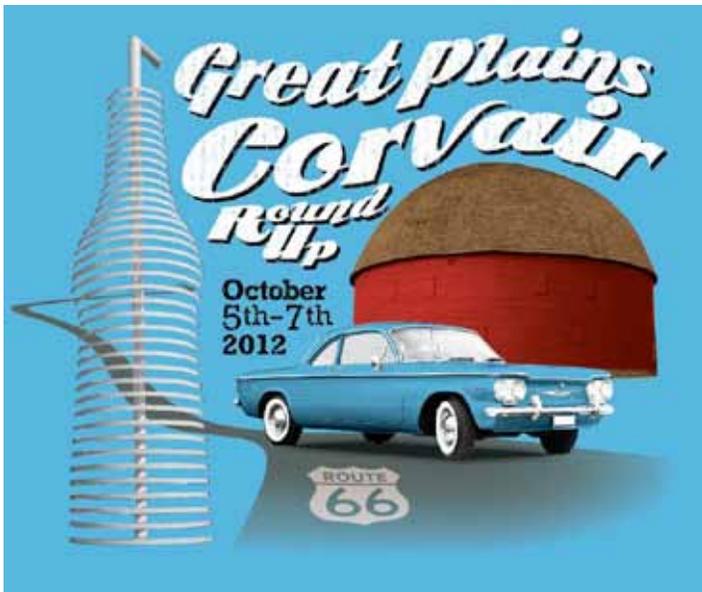
There were two pages of classified ads for Corvairs and Corvair stuff. One of the most interesting was: 1967 500, 2 dr., auto, 110 hp, crushed velvet interior (more fashionable in 1982 than 2012) straight body, good tires, has oil leak, \$900, Glenn Reynolds.

In response to the tech tip on mounting an external oil cooler behind the license plate, Steve Colburn in Colorado responded that the major heat problem in AC cars is the heads. Steve recommended moving the condenser to the trunk. He had modified several Corvairs this way and it allowed them to run cooler.



**ABOVE:** Mark Kilby rode his Corvair powered three wheeler to the September MCCA meeting at the Oaklawn Activities Center. MCCA members enjoyed looking over the craftsmanship of the trike in the pleasant weather.

**LEFT:** Terry's Vanilla Convertible and Neds, er Kathy's White Coupe rest in front of the Oaklawn Activities Center. Judging from the turnout no one had trouble finding the OAC. Terry had put out a couple of signs to help.



**ABOVE:** Kathy Madsen is bundled against the chill as she shows off her '65 Monza at the Peoples' Choice Car Show. Luckily the predicted wind and rain didn't show.

### By Terry Kalp

Wow another Great Plains Corvair Roundup wrapped up. It was an excellent event. A huge Thank You to Christ Teer and all the other members of INCA (the OKC Corvair club.)

I headed out from the Kalp Shop Friday morning and after a short drive met up with Ned and Kathy Madsen, and a bunch of the Kansas City Corvair group (including Scott Allison and Gary Moore) at a rest stop just south of Wichita. After some lunch and a lot of BS we cruised down to OKC. Weather was in the 70's when we hit the host hotel mid-afternoon . . . Lloyd Folger with his Corsa and a lot of Corvairs already there. Greeted a lot of old friends and made some new ones.

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**ABOVE:** Lloyd Folger drove his custom '65 Corsa and displayed it with a row of shiny LM closed Corvairs. **RIGHT:** One of the afternoon tour choices was this private museum. It was a short three blocks from the host hotel. Each of the cars had an interesting story and our guide enjoyed telling them.



# Roundup

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The Friday night icebreaker event was the Valve Cover race. The host club forgot to account for the 8' runoff section of the track so it was a snug fit in the Hospitality Room. Building Valve Cover racers helps keep me thinking so I brought three . . . each a completely different design. Luckily the one that embarrassed me last year at KC by diving off the side of the track each run was able to make it all the way down the track at OKC thanks to a slight modification. There was lots of close racing of the 20 covers entered, when the smoke cleared my covers had won first and third.

Saturday morning was the car show. It was cool and Kool . . . Luckily the gusty winds and moisture that had been predicted failed to show-up. So with a jacket and keeping moving it was fine. There were 57 Corvairs that made up a great display. The show was on a Wall\*Mart parking lot so there was lots of space and exposure to the public. Everyone loved the Mystery Machine van from Kansas City and voted it Best of Show.

At the car show Mike Dawson of KC dove in to  
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**TOP:** Greg Renfro's diorama dominated the Model Car competition both in size and votes. Greg won first in the Model Show with his scratch built Newton Fox Theatre, behind excellent Corvair coupe and convertible models.

**ABOVE:** Marilyn Ash of the Tulsa club prepares to take a photo of Terry Kalp's valve cover racers competing against each other. The far VC won First Place.

**LEFT:** Mike Dawson (L) and Keith Hammett (R) pull a valve cover during the car show. Keith brought his beautiful LM convertible to the show because it had engine problems. They found a loose rocker and one broken rocker. Keith drove his family to the banquet in the car.



# OKC Roundup Cool, Kool Event

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help Keith Hammett to fix Keith's sharp LM convertible. The repair process continued in the Host hotel parking lot after the car show and Keith was able to drive his family to the Saturday night banquet in his Corvair.

MCCA members showing up on Saturday were Greg Renfro and Bob Ferenc, who drive up together from Wichita with Greg's Model Car diorama. Also appearing in the Hospitality Room were Gary and Ruby Moore MCCA members from Newton

Saturday afternoon the Model Cars were on display in the Hospitality room. Greg Renfro from MCCA created a wonderful diorama including the Fox movie theatre where he saw movies as a kid.

Also in the afternoon several tours were available. Kathy and Ned went to Guthrie, just a 15 minute drive down the road for a art, wine and bluegrass festival.



**Winner of Best of Show Peoples' Choice was the very popular Mystery Machine '61 Corvan of John and Linda Mellies, members of the KC club. The van is patterned off the van used in Scooby-Doo cartoons and movies.**

Greg, Bob, Gary and I chose the tour of a private Automobile museum just a couple of blocks from the hotel. Each car had an interesting story and the owner was eager to share it.

Saturday night was the banquet at the restored wooden round barn.

We had a nice trip down Historic Rt. 66 to get there. There were 125 people at the banquet. After a BBQ binge awards were disbursed Greg won First Place in the Model People's Choice contest and I picked up my First and Third place honors from the Valve Cover race. Then most everyone headed back down 66 a short distance to Pops. Pops is a gas station, 50's diner and sells over 500 varieties of soda pop. Their sign is a 66' tall pop bottle sculpture that gives a light show every night.

Bob and Lee Bright drove up on Sunday morning to pick up the Valve Cover track, see the Corvairs and have BBQ in Guthrie.

**This patriotic painted Rampside from Arkansas picked up a player piano and an antique telephone switchboard in OKC to take home with them.**



## Bad Luck

This Summer MCCA member Dennis Fuller put together a '62 Monza coupe for his son, Sam to drive. While test driving the Corvair Dennis heard a noise in the engine which turned out to be a worn cam gear. So out came the engine and Dennis put together another, installed it and delivered the car to Sam in Kansas City.

On September 15th Sam dove his Monza to Mike Dawson's house for a KC club tech session. On the way home he blew a rod in the engine. He got the car to Travis Bolton's home. Over the next week Travis, Scott Allison and KC Gary Moore found a used engine cleaned it up, transferred shrouds and Sam helped install it on Saturday the 22nd.

All was fine for about a week when an engine knock showed up, another thrown rod. Sam is gathering parts for another engine, hopefully the third time is a charm.



**ABOVE: Sam Fuller works on his Corvair while his wife chats on the phone at the KC club's Tech session at Mike Dawson's Garage.**

**BELOW: On the way home from the Tech session Sam's Corvair developed a bad knock. The source was the missing rod cap.**



## Tuna Time

Luna Tuna is Saturday, October 20th at the Kalp Shop. It is a chance to get some work done on your Corvair, eat, socialize with friends and just have a fun day.

The Kalp Shop is located at 2140 W. 101st Street North, Valley Center, KS. If you are coming down I 35 get off at exit 19 and go two miles west. Construction is all finished on Meridian thru Valley Center if you want to come that way.

We will be starting at 8 am but you can come and go as you please. Lunch will be at noon and we will be hanging around until all the cars are finished. If you plan on a major project it would be good to contact Terry at 316-755-2458.

A sign-up sheet for food items will be available at the October MCCA meeting or you can contact Doug Horstman 316-777-0351.

Major or minor fix or just hang out with friends. Luna Tuna is just around the corner.

## Sam Kuns Business Fire

Sam Kuns, who caters with Corvair FC's suffered a fire at his kitchen Wednesday evening, September 26th. The fire was contained to his "back porch" area and didn't damage the kitchen

The following report is excerpted from the Wichita Eagle Story: A smoker fire box left "slightly ajar" sparked a fire that caused \$40,000 in damage to a west Wichita catering business late Wednesday, a fire investigator said Thursday afternoon.

"I've been having issues with vandals coming out here and rummaging through things and opening up my smoker," Kuns said. "I don't know if that's what happened or if there was a latch that malfunctioned." He shares the building on the south-

east corner of Kellogg and Hoover, west of I-235.

"There was a lot of fire showing initially," Bevis said Thursday. "... They got it under control really quickly." The building and its contents each sustained \$20,000 in estimated damage. Some vehicles parked next to the building also suffered heat exposure.

"We're back a-going," Kuns said. "... The fire never entered the building at all. It's just on the patio area. So other than being a horrible mess, we were very fortunate."

One of Sam's vans is shown in photo 2 on the Kansas.com website. More information at: <http://www.kansas.com/2012/09/27/2505825/late-night-fire-damages-west-wichita.html>

