

The Flat Six Journal

Mid Continent Corvair Association Newsletter

November 2013



Mel Horstman digs into the the Ribeye feast served at Luna Tuna. MCCA provided the steaks to help celebrate a successful RoundUp.

November Feed

The November MCCA meeting will be hosted by Bob and Lee Bright at their shop in Derby. It will be a Taco Feed, so bring your side dish and chairs. Since it is a meal we are starting at 6 pm. The Bright shop is pretty easy to get

to, once you are on K-15 (Baltimore Ave.) in Derby, turn East at the Long John Silver's (Walnut) and after one block you are at Bob Enterprises. Parking is available on the South and West of the corner property.

The Brights volunteered to host the meal and meeting at the MCCA October meeting. Last November MCCA met at the Brights and it was a great time.

The October meeting started off with a Treasurer's report from Ned Madsen. He reported that most all the bills had been paid for the Round up and it was a success, we even made a little money. The club voted to spend part of the treasury providing ribeye steaks for Luna Tuna lunch. Julie Strecker said she would pick up the steaks and marinate them. Bob Bright offered to cook. Thanks to both of you.

It was a consensus of the group to use some of the remaining treasury balance to contribute to a charitable cause(s). Larry Lee made some suggestions and it was decided to contact Mark Stever for ideas. Members should bring their suggestions, ideas on worthy causes and projects to the November meeting for further discussion.

At the October meeting Terry Kalp explained that he had been

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**Oct. Meeting
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November Meeting

Saturday, Nov. 9th 6 pm

Bob and Lee Bright's
210 E. Walnut, Derby, KS

Classifieds



FOR SALE: 1965 Corvair. Jim Dallas is selling his Green '65 Monza coupe, 4 speed 140, nice white interior. Asking \$5000 contact him at 316-249-3507



FOR SALE: 1964 Corvair 4 door. Free delivery with in 100 mile radius of Auburn, Ks. with purchase. Auburn, KS is just SW of Topeka. My son owned, this car and it came from Colo. so very little rust.

Now, loaded on my trailer, Doors & glass OK, hood minor repair, & trunk lid not bent, only surface rust. Steering gear-box OK. The motor was running, and the part that mounts the alternator is good. Standard trans.

I took it apart, thinking I would sell parts on craigslist but never listed it. Rear lid in back seat. no back or front glass.

Thank You, Loren & Ann Hellbusch Auburn, Kansas.

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Oct. meeting

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contacted by the Heart of America Corvair Owners Association about an enclosed trailer for the new Valve cover race track. The Kansas City club owns a trailer that with a little modification and restoration would work to store and haul the track. They would like some help with the cost of upgrading the trailer from the Roundup clubs. MCCA voted to help.

Ned asked if he should renew our contract with the Oaklawn center for meeting space for 2014. Everyone agreed that the space has worked out well and we should renew.

President, Doug Horstman mentioned some of the upcoming MCCA events and discussed the February Pre-Spring Social dinner specifically. He noted that this year the event did not fall on Valentine's Day weekend, so the restaurants would not be so packed. For the past few years we have gone to Hometown Buffet with good results. This might be a good year to try something different. Someone suggested Stroud's. Doug suggested that if someone has a suggestion for the February event location to contact Jean Horstman at 316-777-0351 with their ideas . . . or bring them to the November meeting.

Doug also mentioned that MCCA has no December meeting, so the November feed will be the last meeting for 2013.



Besides Lee and Bob Bright there weren't many Corvair items at the Hutchinson swap meet, October 26 & 27. This marine manifold had a pair of Carter YH carburetors like the Corvair Turbo used.



Lyle Ackerman's wife brought these decorated pumpkins to the October meeting to dress up the table. Later they were given away in a drawing to Darlene Welty and Julie Strecker.

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Luna Tuna Time

By Terry Kalp

With snow falling in Wichita on the Friday before Saturday's Luna Tuna, I was concerned about the weather. Although Saturday morning started off with coffee, donuts and hot cider . . . it warmed up to a wonderful 70 degrees by mid-afternoon.

Corvair projects were thin. Lloyd Folger was first into the shop with negative camber concerns on his LM Corsa coupe. After the lower control arm bushing were checked and OKed, a loose rear wheel bearing was discovered. Lloyd decided that repair would be made another day.

Once thawed out from his topless ride in from Goddard, Larry Lee worked on his LM convertible. His first project was getting all the lights working. There was a headlight bulb with a broken prong at the front and a misbehaving taillight at the rear. After the electrical issues were resolved, Larry chased

down the proper fasteners and got his glovebox door installed.

Out in the lift garage, Ned Madsen helped Lyle Ackerman sort out Lyle's EM coupe with lifter problems. They found two rockers that weren't oiling. Digging deeper it was discovered that the push rods for those rockers were in upsidedown. With the addition of a couple of fresh rocker nuts the EM was buttoned up and back on the road.

Travis Bolton was one of about a dozen HACO A members that drove down from the Kansas City area. His project for the day was surgery on the passenger front corner of an EM parts car. Travis sliced the front passenger fender corner off to provide a metal patch to rescue his new Spyder project. He had not used a cutoff disc on a 4" grinder before, but liked the way it sliced.

Back on the lift Ned was help-

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TOP: Ned Madsen supervised the lift area first helping Lyle Ackerman with some valve train problems.

ABOVE: DJ Harms and Ned wave hands while Keith Lathrum replaces a shifter seal on the '65 Monza convertible he recently purchased from Terry Kalp.

RIGHT: As it warmed up to a sunny 70 degrees many of those attending headed outside to socialize. This group gathered around Terry's T bucket project that hadn't seen sunlight in ten years.





Luna Tuna

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ing Keith Lathrum with Keith's newly purchased LM convertible. They replaced the shifter shaft seal and took care of a few other small projects.

Lunch was a highlight, to celebrate the success of the Roundup, MCCA provided ribeye steaks and soft drinks for lunch. Julie Strecker marinated the meat then Bob Bright did the honors at the grill. The rest of the crowd provided a tasty assortment of salads, side dishes and desserts. The diners went away well fed.

The Kansas City contingent didn't go away empty handed. First they filled a couple of pickups with the new Valve cover track, they will be storing it for use in the 2014 Great Plains Corvair Roundup. Wes Mellies picked up a 4-speed transmission plus a set of pistons and cylinders for the KC race car. Scott Allison picked up a black rear seat for his LM coupe and then was able to scrounge up most of the hardware to go with it.

Chris Teer and his wife Judy made it up from Oklahoma City for the Tuna and a little weekend getaway. A roll around tool box went home 4 with Chris.

All in all it was a great day, the weather turned out fantastic as was the food and the people. Some Corvairs got repaired, a lot of friendships were renewed and stories told.

ABOVE: Bernie Strecker hands a steak to Bob Bright.

TOP RIGHT: Terry even had a scary door decoration for Luna Tuna.

RIGHT: Sparks fly as Travis Bolton trims a patch panel.

BELOW: Larry Lee at work .





TOP LEFT: Used engine ready to be installed.
TOP RIGHT: Phil Nelson puts the shine on
MIDDLE: Patrick removes the starter
BOTTOM TWO: Lunch at Spangles.
LAST: Ned blasts away rust on the fasteners for his front end.



Mini Tuna Time

Sunday, November 3 seemed like it was going to be a normal day at the Kalp Shop. Ned



e-mailed and said he might come up to the shop to bead blast some parts. Then Phil Nelson asked if he could borrow the buffer. Finally a call from Patrick Tinin to see if he and Alex Moats could swap out the engine on his Corvair. It was turning into a mini Tuna.

Alex and Patrick replaced the oil burning 110 in his Corvair with good used engine. Ned Madsen blasted some small parts . Phil Nelson polished the knock off stands for his Dan Gurney wheels. Everyone took a break for lunch at Spangles. Phil drove his Falcon Sprint Convertible and Terry exercised the '61 Greenbrier.





Bob Mooney's son is a computer guy and he was put in charge of the wiring for the fuel injection system. Forrest Andrews looks on.

Tulsa Tuna

Early Saturday morning, October 26 Terry Kalp, Ned and Kathy Madsen took off for JC Ash's garage in Sand Springs, Oklahoma (just outside Tulsa). JC opens his garage on the 4th Saturday most months for Corvair projects of the Green Country Corvair Group.

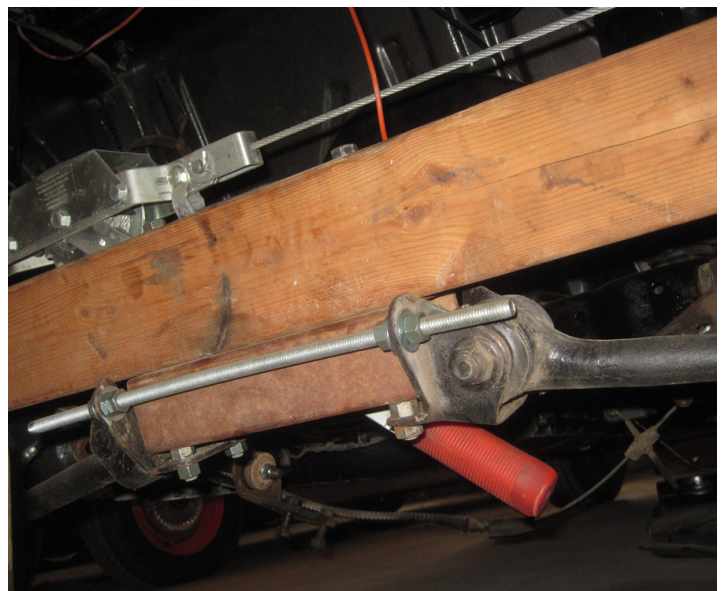
This Saturday was of special interest because they were finishing up the installation of Ted Brown's fuel injection (sold thru Clark's Corvair) on Bob Mooney's LM Corvair convertible. By the time the Kansans arrived the higher pressure electric fuel pump had been installed, the throttle bodies mounted, linkage and fuel lines hooked up. The electrical needed to be run and connected. There were a lot of wires, but most had ends installed that would only connect to the proper sensor. A balky solenoid kept the engine from running before we left after lunch.

Moving a LM shell

Trying to move a LM Corvair without a drive train has always been a problem. Often a dummy drive train is used, but that isn't always possible. For this system start with a 2x4 40 inches long with a 1 inch notch in each end. Attach a 8 inch section of 3 by 1.5 inch square tubing in the center of the 2x4. Drill holes in the square tubing for bolts to attach the lower control arm brackets. Use a 10 inch length of 3/8 all thread to link the upper bracket bolt holes. The photos below show how it all goes together. A come-along is used between the coil springs. So far this has been very sturdy to move the Corvair off the trailer and into the garage.



This photo shows how the 2x4 fits on the trailing arm and how the come-along hooks to the springs.



Details of the center section. The lower control arms are bolted to the square tubing at the bottom.



Steve Andrews posted this photo on the Corvair Owners Group Facebook page. He hopes to get this '68 back on the road eventually Send your RWP photos to Terry tkalp@cox.net.

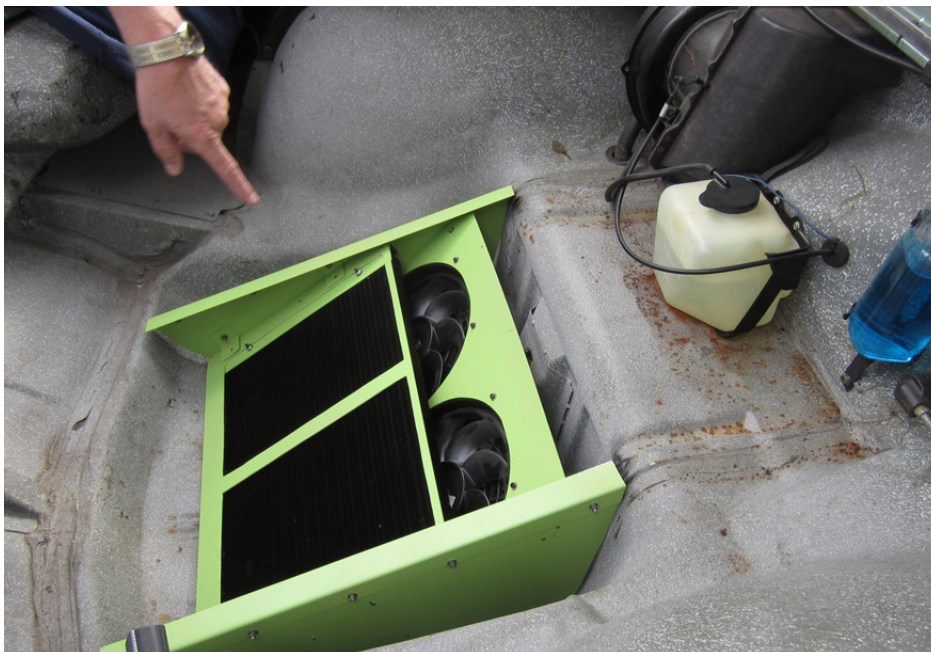
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6:00 pm
Nov. 9th

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Bonus Photo



While at the JC's garage event in Sand Springs, OK the Kansans got to inspect Richard Hawks progress on installing a trunk mounted condenser for the Air Conditioning system on his LM coupe. Ned is looking at a similar project.



Calendar

Nov. Meeting Nov. 9
Bob and Lee Brights
6:00 pm Pot Luck dinner

No December Meeting

Heart of Texas
Johnson City, TX April

Tri-State Chama, New Mexico
May 30 - June 1

2014 Great Plains Corvair Roundup
Branson, MO
Sept. 30 - Oct. 4, 2014

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