

*Central Oklahoma Corvair Association  
Newsletter*

*May, 2018*



## THE PREZ SEZ

Hi all, for being May so far, the weather hasn't been too bad, let's keep our fingers crossed and our Corvairs rolling. Things are always happening at the "Sunday Morning's" Coffee at Kens", C&C (Cows and Corvairs) Ranch. Come on down and have a cup of coffee and help solve the "world's problems" or "fix a Corvair!" Ken has the Barn doors open by 8:30 and your welcome at least till noon and even beyond!

Remember our next meeting is coming up on Saturday, May 26th. We will discuss the upcoming picnic at the Ergenbright's Ponderosa spread. I'm looking forward to it. We plan on having good food, fun games and a bunch of Corvairs. Fishing will be available to those who want to try their luck! Please remember to bring your lawn chairs and if you can bring a folding table. I want to thank Ann Ergenbright for taking point on getting this picnic organized! We need to give her all the support we can!

The next traveling event coming up is the Tri state meet in Colorado. We have quite a few members that are planning on going, should be a blast! Next local event after that, will be the Bethany 4th of July parade. We always have a great turnout for that event, I encourage all who can to join in, it's a fun one! The club's application has been sent in, just waiting for our place number.

We send out our "get well" wishes to Melinda DuVall who recently went through some serious medical events and is now in recovery.



Hope to see everyone at the meeting

**David Castiaux, The Prez**  
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## 2018 Tri-State Rally at Crested Butte



**Where: The Grand Lodge at Crested Butte**  
**When: June 8-10-2018**

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<http://www.rockymountaincorsa.org/2018-tristate-registration/>

## COCA Minutes April 2018

The April meeting was held at 10:00 AM on April 28, 2018 at the south side Golden Corral. President Castiaux presided. David welcomed everyone and introduced new member Travis Watson and new (old) member Ray Dunn. We did not have any visitors. Messrs. Dekker and Mclean were remembered by a moment of silence. They were both very active club members will be missed very much. Several members will be attending Randy's service and there will be several Corvair driven to the service

**Old Business-** Richard Law gave a brief recap of his and Colleen's trip to HOT. As usual it was a very nice trip. Liz and Loren also attended. He highly recommends attending this function.

Tri-state is just around the corner and will be held in Colorado this year. Several members are expressing interest in a side trip to Pike's Peak. If there is any way that you can attend, this would be a wonderful summer trip. As it now stands COCA will have a sizeable contingent headed to the mountains.

Liz Capron made a motion to approve the previous months' minutes and it was seconded by Pat Silver, the motion was passed by the attending members.

**Treasurer's Report-** The month's report was given by Ken Drye. Jim Gailey made a motion to approve the report as given and the motion was seconded by Bill Ashlock. The motion carried.

**New Business-** Colleen Law was recognized for her work on our very own newsletter. No one can remember when the letter was this size. There is a good mix of tech reports, news items, and recipes. Something for everyone. Great job Colleen. I'm sure Richard helped her a lot.

It was decided that the club would donate to one of Randy Dekker's charities in lieu of flowers as per the family request.

Future Events were discussed. David is trying to get an idea of what events the members may want to attend. He has several forms that

need to be filed before the events. A list of upcoming events is below, if you are interested in any of them contact David and let him know.

Tri-State Meet, COCA Picnic, Bethany 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade, Great Plains Roundup in Wichita, KS, Midwest City Veterans Day Parade.

David Castiaux gave an informative tech session on mechanical fuel pumps. He had a couple that were disassembled so that the inner workings were visible for inspection. They are relative simple devices, but they can cause so much grief.

There were 5 Corvairs driven to the meeting and the winner of that drawing was Phillip Morgan. Raffle tickets for the door prizes were sold and the door prizes handed out. If you have any small item that you would like to donate, bring it on down. We are looking for door prizes.

Liz Capron made a motion to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Bill Ashlock. The meeting was then adjourned.

Submitted by  
Joe Nels  
COCA Secretary



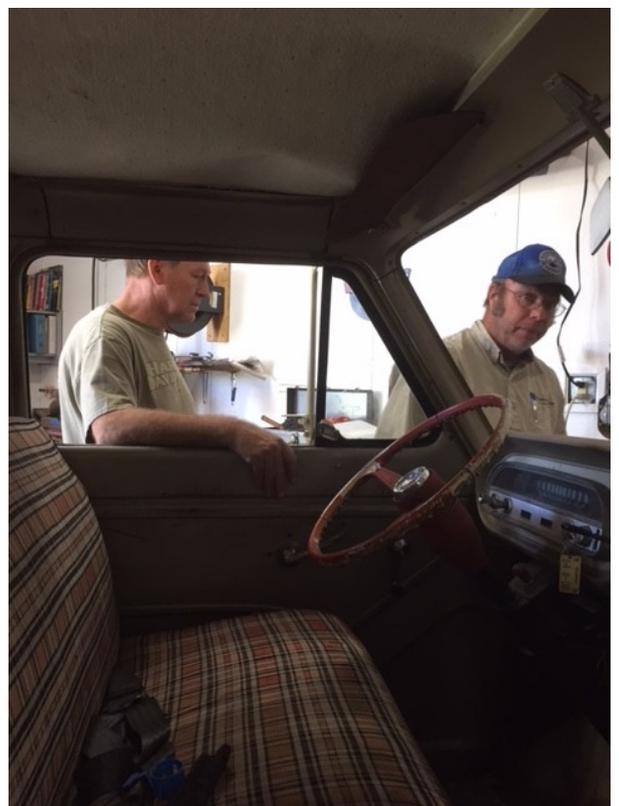


# Coffee at Kens

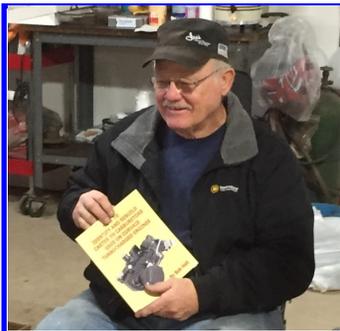


Another great couple of weeks at Coffee at Kens.... The guys were hard at work (well maybe) on some Corvair projects. As always great discussions, photos and Doughnuts.

Bob Welch, Justin Mead, Joe Nels, Ken Drye, James Ergenbright, Richard Law, Travis Watson and Bill Ashlock







# Bob's Tech Corner

It is spring time and the songbirds have returned to OK.

Some of the Corvair people have already dusted off our cars and driven them a time or two.

This month's Tech tip/s is an overview for those who haven't yet got them out to go to various shows etc., or don't drive them every day and lock them away for the winter, not wanting to get them on frozen icy, or snowy salted streets and highways.

When taking our cars out for the first time in the spring time, remember that it has been sitting a while and to just start the engine without any prep should be a NO NO. The dirt and possible critter accumulation over the past months needs to be addressed! There are several visual checks that you should make before trying to start your Corvair for the first time in the spring. Please check for spider webs. The Brown Recluse loves to hide in undisturbed places. They have a nasty bite! I'm not suggesting that you spray your car down with insect killer.... yet!

The most obvious would to open your engine cover and visually inspect your battery, the air cleaner (inside the cover for insects that have crawled in and died there) all your rubber hoses (vacuum and fuel (above rear tire and front by the fuel tank)) and of course your fan/alternator belt (for decay and tension). Take a quick sniff of the carbs to make sure the fuel has not turned to varnish. If you smell varnish, stop right there and address that issue. Do not start your engine on old fuel. If you do, it will provide you with many hours of fun, diagnosing your new-found engine running bad, issues.

Once you are satisfied that your Oil has not all leaked out and is at the correct level as well, it is time to fire your baby up. Remember that it has been setting for some months so be patient, as the fuel could have evaporated and there may not be fuel in the carburetor bowels! This is where an electric fuel pump comes in handy! You did check the voltage in your battery, right?

Once you have started the engine for the first time this season, just remem-

ber that your lifters will have leaked down. It is the nature of our beast. Inasmuch as the lifters lay on their side in operation, it lends itself to the oil leaking out of the lifters when the engine is at rest for an extended period of time. Therefore, you may have to let the engine idle for 30 to 45 min to get all the lifters to pump up and quiet down. Please don't drive your car before the lifters are quiet. You may not do any damage, but those non-filled lifters will be pounding the camshaft as you drive and getting the RPMs up as you drive.

Now that your engine is quiet, and the lifters are actually working correctly, move your car to your driveway.

Hopefully you have not disturbed all the dirt and dust from sitting for some months. It is all over your beautiful (sometimes) paint.

The "Car Cover " you have on your car may or may not control the dust from getting through your expensive cover. Also, when taking them off there is always a chance that you will scratch your paint with the cover itself. Of course, you will want to take the cover off before your start your car and move the car out to the driveway.

Just wiping our Corvairs off with a soft cotton towel or even a PARER shop towel will not be your best course of action. God forbid! Have you checked the price of a new paint job? Even paint repair is getting costly!

I have purchased a Pacific Coast Car Duster to help preserve and prevent having to make an unwarranted visit to the paint shop. A brief wipe down with this duster gets me comfortable with the dust issue. Then it is ready for a spring bath! The next thing I did was to hose off my car to remove any remaining dirt, to keep the paint from getting scratched of course.

All of this to hopefully, eliminate dust from being an issue with our paint and to ready our "pride and joy/joys" for the upcoming season of Corvairing.

Until next month

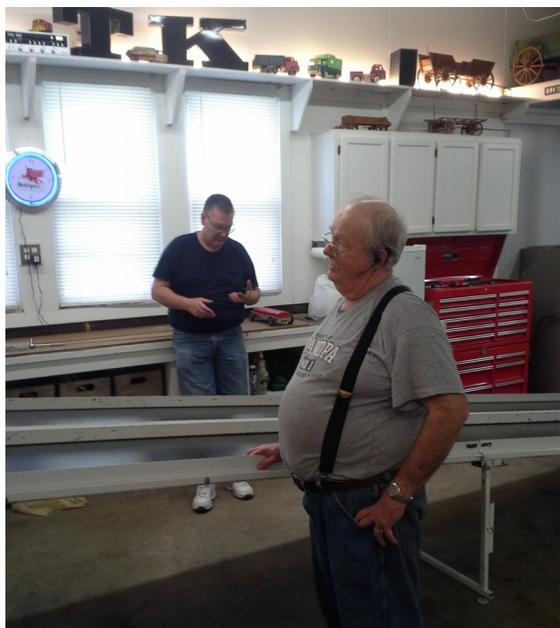
Bob Welch,

See you at the Meeting on Saturday the 26th of May 2018.

Some of COCA travelled north to Kansas to visit Terry Kalp at his Valley Center Garage to lend a hand with the Corvair Valve Cover Track.

Thank you - Bob Welch, Pat Silver, Jim Gailey, Joe Nels and Bill Ashlock for helping out on this project.





This spring we have seen the passing of two of our Corvair members Jim Mclean and Randy Dekker. They will be sincerely missed. A few of our members were able to attend Randy's service and drove their Corvairs in honor of Randy.



# Corvair Ladies Shared Recipe Corner

This Months recipe share is from Ann Ergenbright

## Mexican Tamale Soup

1 lb ground beef  
1 green pepper, chopped  
1 c frozen corn  
2 beef bouillon cubes  
1 T chili powder  
10 tamales, shucked, quartered (I rinse the tamales before I quarter them)  
1 onion, chopped  
2 T oil  
2 c water  
16 oz can pinto beans  
16 oz can chopped tomatoes  
Salt and pepper to taste  
Monterey Jack Cheese  
Sour Cream

In a skillet brown beef, onion and green peppers in oil until browned. In a crock pot combine beef mixture, corn, water and bouillon cubes. Also add pinto beans, tomatoes, chili powder, salt and pepper. Cook on low for 6-8 hours. About 30 minutes prior to serving, add tamales and heat thoroughly. Do not cook tamales too long as they will cook apart. Serve with grated cheese and sour cream (if desired). Yield: 4 to 6 servings.

Sherry L Price

Garland, TX

Best of Show – Crock Pot Cooking Contest

This is the tamale soup I made for one of the board meetings.

**Ann Ergenbright**

**October 18-21,2018 Corvair Heritage Days in Mineral Wells, Texas**

Registration form - on NTCA website and also COCA

Weekend Schedule

host hotel: Holiday Inn Express, Mineral Wells (rates good Thursday - Saturday

Friday lunch at the Car Museum in Weatherford and scenic drive to Mineral Wells

Friday evening car show and dinner on your own

Saturday Autocross

Saturday Valve Cover Races, Banquet and Awards program

If you have questions or need more information, please contact Jennifer Boyle or call her at 817-909-7878

Thank you to all who contributed to the newsletter for this month....it is full and I hope you all enjoy reading and viewing the pictures.

As always your submissions are appreciated. You can also find more on Facebook and the website.

Hope to see you all at this Months Meeting on the 26th of May at the Golden Coral on I-240 at 1000 am.

## Spring Fest Helen GA.

Ann and James Ergenbright traveled to Helen GA to take part in Spring Fest 2018.

Ann reported that for the car show there were cars on both sides of the road. One side was the car show the other was kind of like Concourse. There were about 90 cars at the event. The town was a beautiful Bavarian town and James competed in his first autocross. They also saw Charlotte looking very happy, Ann even spied a Loren look alike car.







**Wichita, Kansas  
September 28-30 2018**

	Qty:	Cost Each	Total
Registration		\$25	
Banquet		\$35	
Valve Cover Race		\$5	
Model Car		\$5	
T-Shirt Small		\$18	
T-Shirt Medium		\$18	
T-Shirt Large		\$18	
T-Shirt XL		\$18	
T-Shirt XXL		\$18	
T-Shirt XXXL		\$18	
<b>Total</b>			

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**Attendee(s):**

Name 1 (First, Last) \_\_\_\_\_

Name 2 (First, Last) \_\_\_\_\_

Name 3 (First, Last) \_\_\_\_\_

Name 4 (First, Last) \_\_\_\_\_

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State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

**Vehicle Information:**

Car 1: Participants name (First, Last) \_\_\_\_\_

Model: \_\_\_\_\_

Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Color: \_\_\_\_\_

Car 2: Participants name (First, Last) \_\_\_\_\_

Model: \_\_\_\_\_

Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Color: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**T-shirt orders will not be taken after 8-15-2018**



**Host Hotel:**

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**Club Stats:**

NUMBER OF MEMBERS	33	
NUMBER AT LAST MEETING	22	
NUMBER OF CORVAIRS DRIVEN	5	
NUMBER OF GUEST AT LAST MEETING	0	
NEW MEMBERS	1	

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<b>January 2018</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting -</b>
<b>February 2018</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting 24th - Furr's</b> Cold Tuna—Wichita, KS
<b>March 2018</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting - 24th</b> St. Patricks day parade - Downtown OKC
<b>April 2018</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting - 28th</b> Heart of Texas – Boerne, Texas 13 April - 15 April
<b>May 2018</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting - 26th</b> Corvair Valve Cover Track /Trailer- refreshing at Terry Kalp - May 12th
<b>June 2018</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting - 23rd</b> TRI - State - Crested Butte Co. hosted by Pikes Peak
<b>July 2018</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting - 28th</b>
<b>August 2018</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting - 25th</b>
<b>September 2018</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting - 22nd</b> Great Plains Corvair Round-Up Wichita Kansas
<b>October 2018</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting - 27th</b>  Corvair Heritage Days - 18-21
<b>November 2018</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting - 24th</b>
<b>December 2018</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting - 22nd</b>
<b>1st Saturday</b>	<b>Cars and Coffee North Park Mall</b>
<b>2nd Saturday</b>	<b>Cars and Coffee Norman at Crest Foods W. Robinson</b>
<b>3rd Saturday</b>	<b>Cruise in for Coffee Midwest City Santa Fe Steak House parking lot Apr - Oct</b>
<b>1st and 3rd Thursdays</b>	<b>Thursday Night Cruisers - Mustang Apr - September</b>
<b>Sundays</b>	<b>Coffee at Kens</b>