

*Central Oklahoma Corvair Association  
Newsletter*

*September, 2018*



## THE PREZ SEZ

Well another month has gone by and the weather is cooling off, it's time to get your Corvair out to drive and enjoy. September is kind of a slow month until it's Roundup time. The annual event is now coming at us very fast, the 28th of this month. I hope many of our club members make it to Wichita Kansas to enjoy this fun time. For those that are going we will set up some meeting places and times to caravan, this will be done at our meeting on Saturday the 22nd. Anyone needing assistance with their valve cover racer, let me know and I'll try and help you out.

There has been a lot of progress made at Ken's CC ranch. So far this month we have done a bunch of work on Corvairs. On my 67 coupe we installed new power train forward mounts and a new welded exhaust system from Clarks. We installed the old single exhaust from my 67 Coupe onto my wife's 65 Convert. The 65 now looks a lot nicer than it did with the big old round mufflers that hung too low. We were able to get Justin's Corsa running a lot better and installed new shocks all around. Richard Law brought his Corsa over and prepped the front cross member for removal. He is currently rebuilding a replacement and wants to have everything ready to the swap. Joe Nels' car is currently in Ken's barn with carburation problems (hi rise 4 barrel), we hope to get it ironed out asap. It's still amazing to me how many problems we solve and how much work we get done when we have a group of Corvair owners there. Remember every Sunday and Wednesday mornings at 8:30 Ken has his barn open for us, and he furnishes the coffee!

Don't forget we have Mineral Wells coming up in October 19-21st. We always have a good time there and they put on a great event!

Hope to see everyone at the meeting

**David Castiaux, The Prez**

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## 2018 Great Plains Corvair Roundup Schedule of Events

### Thursday, September 27, 2018

- 2 P.M. Hotel Check in Available at front desk
- 6 P.M. - ? MCCA members will set up for Friday

### Friday, September 28, 2018

- Noon - 8 P.M. Registration desk and hospitality room open in South Atrium
- Noon - 8 P.M. The tables in the South Atrium are available for guests
- Noon - 8 P.M. Sign up for visit to Karg Art Glass at Registration table
- 7 P.M. Valve Cover Races in North Atrium

### Saturday, September 29, 2018

- 8 A.M. - 2 P.M. Registration desk and hospitality room open in South Atrium
- 8 A.M. - 2 P.M. The tables in the South Atrium are available for guests
- 8 A.M. - 9: AM Model car set up in South Atrium
- 9 A.M. - Noon Car Show in designated parking lot and Model car show in South Atrium
- 9 A.M. - Noon Visit to Karg Art Glass and other shops – please sign up in advance at Registration table so we can plan transportation
- 1 P.M. - 3 P.M. Slow drag in designated area of parking log
- 3 P.M. - 5 P.M. Terry's shop
- 2 P.M. - 6 P.M. Hospitality room open – Atrium undergoing banquet set up
- 6:00 P.M. South Atrium opens prior to banquet
- 6:30 P.M. Buffet begins for paid participants with awards ceremony to follow

### Sunday, September 30, 2018

- 7 A.M. - 10 A.M. Breakfast and checkout on your own
- 8 A.M. - 9:30 A.M. MCCA Clean up hospitality room

**We hope you enjoyed the 2018 Great Plains Corvair Roundup**

**Have a safe trip home!**

## COCA August MINUTES

The club meeting was held at 10:00 AM on August 25, 2018 at the south side Golden Corral. David Castiaux presided. David welcomed everyone to the meeting. There were no visitors.

Old Business- The old minutes were discussed, and Liz Capron made a motion to approve the minutes. This was seconded by Pat Silver. The motion carried.

The Rush Springs trip took place with 6 cars making the trip. The event featured a car show and the members paid for that for the parking availability. It was a hot day, but the vehicles were all parked in the shade which made things a lot more bearable. Then for icing on the cake, James and Anne Ergenbright's couple took 3rd Place in the car show. Way to go guys. Jim Gailey had the only mechanical problem with a wheel bearing going out. It has since been repaired and Jim is back on the road again.

David Castiaux reported several members have been showing up at Coffee at Ken's to work on various projects. The latest being Justin Mead's late model Corsa. It was the inaugural vehicle for the maiden voyage of Ken Drye's new lift and it didn't fall down. Justin had some carburetor issues worked on one week and then had new shocks installed all around the next week. It is coming along nicely.

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

New Business-

The next event for the club will be the Round-up in Wichita, Kansas at the end of September. There will be a regular meeting held before that event and everyone should be able to get with the various groups leaving on Thursday and the ones leaving Friday to find out where and when the departures will take place. There is "Safety in numbers." Also, on the topic of the Roundup David Castiaux is volunteering to assist anyone that might be interested in learning how to build a valve cover racer. Time is running short so if you are interested let David know as soon as you can. You don't want to miss out on that fun event.

The next event after the Roundup is the trip to Mineral Wells, Texas. This

will take place on the 18th of October and run through the 21st of October. Registration information is located in this newsletter.

Gayle Dekker has for sale a very nice enclosed trailer that Randy had custom built. Once Bob Welch finishes rebuilding the engine she will also have a 1963 for sale. There are still 2 parts cars available, if interested, contact Gayle.

Planning is underway for a marsh-mellow roast at the Ergenbright's property once the weather cools off. More information will be forth coming as the details are ironed out.

David Main says the annual swap meet will be held in Chickasha in October. This is the 50th Annual event that will take place October 18th through the 20th at the Grady County fairgrounds. There is always a lot to look at and admire, along with a ton of items for sale.

Ken Drye gave a short dissertation about working on Corvair air conditioners. He is experimenting with an idea that will help dissipate some of the extra heat that is generated by the A/C unit. He will keep us posted with his findings.





# Coffee at Kens

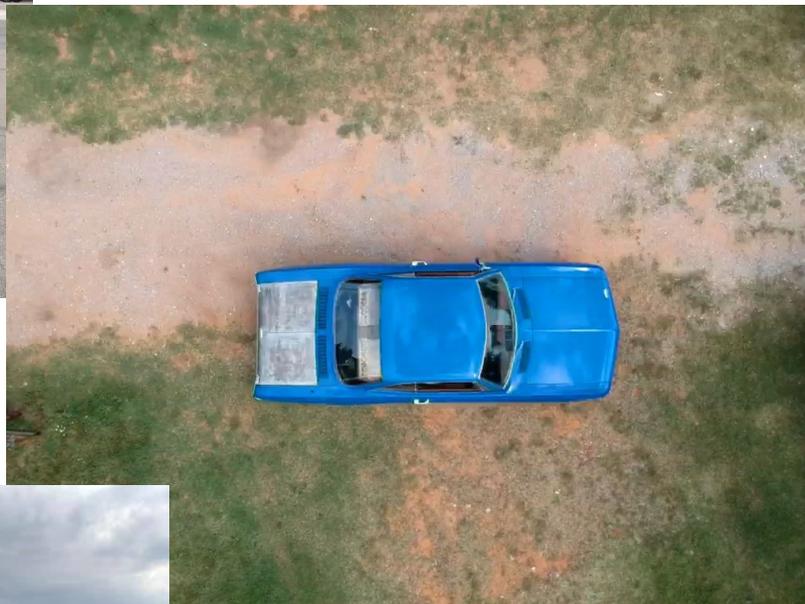


Bob Welch  
Pat Silver  
Joe Nels  
Ken Drye  
Justin Mead





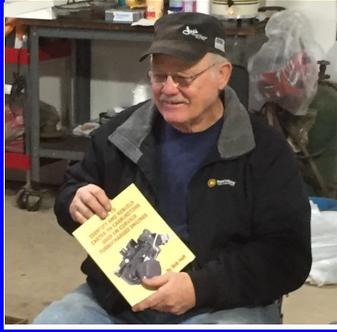
Chris Teer dropped a valve seat before making it to the 4th of July parade.



Andy Scarbrough 60feet up

Cruise in for Coffee Midwest City





# Bob's Tech Corner

I want to thank our Corvair family for the flowers that were sent for my Mother's Memorial service last month. They were beautiful.

I also want to extend my personal "thank yous" to Gayle Deckker and Pat and Delia Silver for attending. Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!

I also received news that my youngest son, Brent will be home from his deployment in Afghanistan, just in time for me to miss the Round Up, at the end of this month!

Now on to the Tech Tip!

I have had several Corvair people ask where I got the steering wheel in my '68 Monza.

It was called a Sport Steering Wheel. A Camaro option in 1970 -1975 and other GM products, if my memory serves me correctly. However; it was standard equipment on the Vega GTs of the same era. Although at the time of its original installation on my '68, there were not many "stock" appearing options for the Corvair, or steering wheels that were a direct bolt on! Usually a new steering wheel meant an adapter was necessary and the adapters that were available were from Grant, EEL-CO and/or JC Whitney to name a few. These adapters were usually chrome and looked added, not factory. Neither did the Steering wheel of the era. They were usually too small or too something...

An interesting fact about the "Sport Steering Wheel" is that it has a larger spline at the hub, than the 65 -66 Corvairs. The "size" of this steering wheel is 14 1/2 inches in diameter and is perfect for the power steering cars it was designed for! However, it is a perfect fit for the 67-

69 Corvairs with their larger steering column splines. I believe this is due to the steering columns becoming collapsible! And this... due to the mandated Federal safety regulations imposed upon the auto industry. I can only surmise that this became the Standard Steering column spline size for GM.

In the past, our wanting to personalize our cars was a little difficult, as far as steering wheels were concerned. I guess that is why the Corvair's sport, wood steering wheels, have been so coveted over all these years.

In the past several years, due to new steering wheel designs and Seth Emerson's adapters being available, the sky is the limit on a sexy steering wheel for your Corvair, to make it more of who YOU are! Be careful when choosing a new steering wheel!! The combination of wider tires and a small steering wheel = very hard steering at slow, parking lot speeds.

My Vega GT Sport Wheel, at 14 1/2", is a hand full at slow speeds. The 13" steering wheel in my '65 Corsa convertible, is a real PITA in a parking lot!

Whenever you are thinking about a new steering wheel, consider the effort it will take to turn it, with your new sexy wide wheels and fat, gumbo sticky tires, not just how good you think it looks with your interior. You will love driving your pride and joy even more, if you will get a steering wheel that is not so much of a work out when you get behind the wheel!

Remember that race cars usually have a very small steering wheel and VERY wide tires for the track and are not interested in power steering for parking in the pit area.

NO!!! Don't over inflate the tires to make it easier to turn at slow speeds! If you do you will come to know what DARTING at speed really means!

Not to mention you will wear out the tires much faster.

See you at the meeting on Saturday!

# Corvair Ladies Shared Recipe Corner

This Months recipe share is from Ann Ergenbright

## Old Settlers Baked Beans

1 lb ground beef	1/3 C barbeque sauce
½ lb bacon	½ C brown sugar
1 medium onion	2 T Molasses
1 can chili beans	2 T prepared mustard
1 can pork and beans	1 t chili powder
1 can butter beans	1 t salt
1/3 C catsup	Pepper to taste

Brown ground beef, bacon and onion together. Add meat mixture and remaining ingredients to crock pot. Stir. Cover and cook on low for 6 to 8 hours.

This recipe can also be baked in a 350 oven for 45 minutes. I've only cooked this in a crockpot, so the cooking time may vary in a conventional oven. Also, I double the recipe for the larger size crockpot.

This recipe was passed on to me from Kristi Robinson Prince of Shawnee, a friend.

**October 18-21,2018 Corvaír 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.





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

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

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

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

**Vehicle Information:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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NUMBER OF MEMBERS	22
NUMBER AT LAST MEETING	20
NUMBER OF CORVAIRS DRIVEN	3
NUMBER OF GUEST AT LAST MEETING	0
NEW MEMBERS	0

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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>