



# THE REAR VIEW

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4	Friday 6:00 p.m.	Regular meeting at Full Cup Restaurant, 4634 East 31 <sup>st</sup> Street
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22-24	Friday-Sunday	<b>Great Plains Corvair Roundup: Marriott Hotel, Tulsa</b>
OCTOBER, 2006		
6	Friday 6:00 p.m.	Regular meeting at Full Cup Restaurant, 4634 East 31 <sup>st</sup> Street

**MINUTES: JULY 7, 2006, MEETING** (by Marilyn Ash, Secretary) Present were President Roger Scott, Vice-President Marvin Luke, Secretary-Treasurer Marilyn Ash & J. C. Ash, Director Forrest Andrews, Director Jim Brewer, Bob Mooney, Richard Hawk, Tim & Becky Palmer, Gary & Mary Baxter, Jennifer Baxter, John & Mary Zink, (vacationing from Michigan), Ron & Pat Walton, Taylor & Joellyn Brown, Ben Bishop, Wayne Grieve, Jerry Henry, Oliver Bright, (former member) and Ned Madsen and Terry Kalp visiting from the Wichita Club. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM.

Roger introduced visitor's Ned Madsen, President, and Terry Kalp from the Mid-Continent Corvair Association in Wichita, Kansas. They had spent the day visiting the Marriot Hotel where the September show will be held. Roger also introduced former member Oliver Bright.

Reports about the **Great Plains Corvair Roundup: Marvin Luke** reported on the accommodations at the Marriott Hotel and encouraged members to get their registrations in as soon as possible. **Ned Madsen** said that all of his members (present at this meeting) were all ready registered. This included him and Terry Kalp. (Ha H) He then stated that at his next home meeting he would be encouraging his members to register as soon as possible. Many of the Wichita members will be available to help work this event. **Ron and Pat Walton**, who are in charge of Registration, reported that about 40 people have already registered. **Marilyn Ash** passed out sign up sheets, asking members to volunteer to provide pop, bottled water, cookies, muffins or brownies for the hospitality room. The club will provide coffee, tea, and cocoa. Krispy Kre me doughnuts will be ordered for Sunday morning. Material for the goody bags is being collected and the Tulsa Chamber of Commerce may donate the bags. **J.C. Ash** reported that **Mike Dawson** of Kansas City, Mo. will be presenting the Tech Sessions for the event. One will be on Power Glide Transmissions. **Forrest Andrews** said that he is working on how many Trophies will be needed for the various events. **Terry Kalp** stated the Wichita Club will provide the Trophies for the Concours competition. They will be duplicates of the design provided for the Wichita show last year. Plaques will be used for some of the other events. **Richard Hawk** reported that the track for the Valve Cover Race is in his possession and being tested for best performance. **Gary Baxter** has acquired access to several orange cones to be used to determine the course of the Funkana. He and **Ned Madsen** have outlined the course. **Jennifer Baxter** encouraged members to build a model car to enter in the model car event. Toy cars may also be shown but will not be judged.

Roger reminded members of the upcoming car show at **Jarrett Farms** on Sunday, July 16<sup>th</sup>. Roger passed out a story on the completion of work on the Lakewood Station wagon belonging to Taylor and Joellyn Brown. It is reprinted in this edition. Jo Ellyn said the car is now at the upholstery shop.

The meeting was never officially adjourned as officers, members and visitors continued to discuss the September show. (*Like old soldiers, we just faded away!*)

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** **Marilyn Ash**, our Treasurer, reports at bank balance of **\$2,665.35** as of July 12, 2006 and all known bills have been paid. (This balance includes deposits for registrations for the Great Plains Corvair Roundup). Your continued support of the Club by payment of your dues is essential to the success of the Club. Thank you for your support!

**DUES REMINDER:** The following members' dues are now due or overdue:

Overdue: Dwain Anderson, Ed Orange, Gary Cooper, Felix DeGeyter, Dick Ellis, Art Maimbourg, Robert Scott, Gordon Fruth, Billy Taylor

August: Jerry Rotert

Please pay the \$15 dues to Marilyn Ash, GCCG Treasurer, either in person or by mailing a check to 4250 S. Oswego, Tulsa, OK 74135.

**VALVE-COVER RACES: Reminder:** The Valve Cover Races will be held during the **Great Plains Corvair Roundup**. **Richard Hawk** is chairing that event and encourages all members to build a race car and enter the competition. Once again, here are the rules:

1. Gravity powered only, no motors, springs, jet-propelled, etc.
2. 4.5 pounds maximum weight, no minimum.
3. Must have Corvair valve cover used in construction.
4. Maximum length 16" long, 8" width, including tires.
5. No part of racer can hang over starting gate which is 3" height.
6. No lane hopping or interference with other competitors. First infraction re-run. Second infraction disqualification. One re-run for entire event. To be safe, make your racer with the wheels being the widest part
7. If judges rule a tie, then reruns until a winner is decided. Reruns will be in opposite lanes.
8. Must finish on wheels and in own lane.
9. Races will be in eight-car heats. First eight signed in are first heat, second eight cars second heat and so on. Then main event will be heat winners. If less than 32 cars entered then six-car heats.

**CORVAIR ROUNDUP NEWS:** This event is nearly upon us: **September 22-24, 2006**. As announced at the last meeting all Green Country Corvair Club members are being asked to participate in the show and to register and attend the banquet. This event is sponsored this year by **OUR** club and **WE** should **ALL** support it. That means you too! So if you have not registered yet please do so. You can do this conveniently on line at [www.tulsacorvair.com](http://www.tulsacorvair.com) Do it now, please! A status report about the show is contained in the Minutes of the July 4 meeting.

**MODEL CORVAIR COMPETITION:** **Jennifer Baxter** will be conducting the competition for the best assembled model Corvair at the Great Plains Corvair Roundup. Like everything else, there are some rules to be followed. They may be found on the CORSA website [www.corvair.org](http://www.corvair.org). We will be using the CORSA Model Car Concours Rules. However, since we are not expecting a large number of participants, there will be a few exceptions. We do not anticipate the need for a distinction between Junior and Senior divisions. Also, we will be combining the Stock and Modified classes. The Promotional/Collectibles class will be for display only, not for judging. If you want more information call Jennifer at (918) 645-8451.

**HELP NEEDED:** GCCG needs members to serve as Concours Judges for the September show. If you would like to help, please contact **Mike Phillips** (251-0925) or **Roger Scott** (583-8201). No experience needed: you will be given training before the event.

**THE RISE OF THE PHOENIX<sup>1</sup>:** On June 8th, 2006, Taylor Brown's 1961 Lakewood found its way (via Gary Baxter and his tow bar) to J. C. Ash's Corvair Garage.



The purpose was to install the Rear Wiring Harness as a Tech Session. However, the self-assigned mechanics did not know how complicated the procedure would be without investigation. So, the Tech Session was postponed. That proved to be a wise decision. The first problem faced was that there was no key. Gary removed a door lock and took it to a locksmith to have a new key made. Work was suspended until Monday, June 12th, when Richard Hawk, Gary Baxter and Jennifer Baxter joined J. C. to resume work. The crew determined that just installing the wiring harness was futile unless they could get the car to start and run. That decision escalated into many new projects. Because there had been a fire, many parts were melted. The starter solenoid had to be replaced. The car went on the rack and the rear brake cylinders were found to have corroded. The brake cylinder pistons had to be driven out with a hammer before the wheel cylinders could be honed. Off came all the wheels. Two new wheel cylinder kits were installed on the rear and the front wheel bearings were repacked. A new brake line was attached, brake fluid added and the brakes were bled and adjusted.



In the mean time, Jennifer, removed the carburetors, cleaned them and reinstalled them. The cross over exhaust pipe had to be changed after carefully cutting off the old nuts so as not to damage the studs. The Rear Wiring Harness was installed. Then the Starter Wire Harness and Main Wiring Assembly had to be changed. (Thanks to Tim Palmer for having some of these parts on hand. Gary and J.C. robbed their accumulated stashes for other needed parts.)

A new heater hose was put on.

Except for a short lunch break, the three-man, one woman crew, worked tirelessly for six hours before calling it a day. Throughout the next week J. C. and his helper, Marilyn, continued on with the project. J.C.



cleaned out the gas tank, added a new fuel inlet gasket and a new carburetor gas line. He replaced a corroded carburetor float that had filled with gas and sunk. And of course, added gas. He changed the oil. Added five pints of transmission fluid and a vacuum modulator hose.



Marilyn called the Brown's to ask about the Voltage Regulator. They had one and delivered it that evening. Taylor and Joellyn were pleased to discover that so many repairs were being made. The next day J.C. installed the voltage regulator. The choke cable was "froze-up" and had to be repaired.

On Monday, June 19th, Gary and Jennifer came back to help. They installed the rubber plugs on the fire wall. Upon starting the engine they discovered a flooded carburetor. The replacement float was full of gas. Jennifer removed it and installed another float that J. C. had on hand. With some carburetor adjustments, they had it running and took it for a test drive. J. C., Gary and Jennifer all drove it. The throttle was sticking. With more adjustments they drove it again. It finally passed the test.

**MISSION ACCOMPLISHED!!** On June 20th, J.C. and Marilyn took the wagon home. Taylor and Joellyn were delighted. After handshakes and pictures, the Brown's invited J. C. and Marilyn in for a slice of wonderful lemon meringue pie. Then Joellyn was persuaded to entertain them by playing her pipe organ. What a beautiful sound.



"It Runs"

The car is now at the upholstery shop.



Joellyn's prayers were answered

<sup>1</sup> With apologies to no one and many thanks to J.C. Ash, Richard Hawk, Gary Baxter and Jennifer Baxter. Article and photos by Marilyn Ash.

**MIKE SWEANEY:** We learned that **Mike Sweaney** has been ill but is now recovering nicely. Here is a note received from him and Marla: *“I would like to thank all of you for the card you all signed. I also feel grateful to be here to see the card. You are all a great bunch of folks and Marla and I appreciate knowing all of you. If I don’t see you at the next meeting, Marla and I are planning on being at the September show. We will see you there. Thanks again for the thoughtful card. Mike and Marla Sue Sweaney.”*

**REMEMBER: GREAT PLAINS CORVAIR ROUNDUP: SEPTEMBER 22-24, 2006. TULSA, OK.**

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<http://clubs.hemmings.com/grcountrycorvairsta>  
<http://www.tulsacorvair.com/>

Watch for the featured member of the month. It might be you!

**GCCG MERCHANDISE:** The Club has a new jacket complete with logo. The Club also has adopted a knit golf shirt and a cap with the logo embroidered. All items are available to all members by special order. Also name-tags are available with club logo and your name, also by special order.

To order merchandise or to suggest new club items, contact our resident rag merchant **Marvin Luke at 250-1500**, or see him at the next club meeting.

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**NEXT MEETING: August 4, 2006 AT 6:00 P.M. AT THE FULL CUP: BE THERE TO SEE YOUR FRIENDS**

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