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8	Friday 6:00 p.m.	Regular meeting at Full Cup Restaurant, 4634 East 31 <sup>st</sup> Street. <i>Note new date</i>
<b>22-24</b>	<b>Friday-Sunday</b>	<b>Great Plains Corvair Roundup: Marriott Hotel, Tulsa</b>
OCTOBER, 2006		
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NOVEMBER 3, 2006		
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**SEPTEMBER MEETING DATE CHANGED: THE SEPTEMBER MEETING WILL BE FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2006 AT 6:00 P.M.**

## IT IS HERE: GREAT PLAINS CORVAIR ROUNDUP: SEPTEMBER 22-24, AT THE MARRIOTT HOTEL

Don't look now but our first Regional Show is about to start. Members have been working on this affair for over a year and we are ready to host the **Second Annual Great Plains Corvair Roundup**. We are joined by sister Corvair Clubs from Wichita, (who hosted last year's event), Oklahoma City, and Kansas City (who will host next year's show). This should be a fun event. If you have not registered to attend please do so now. **We are asking all GCCG members to support this event by registering.** Be sure to reserve your place at the *Banquet* and order a *Tee Shirt* which will commemorate the event. Polish your Corvair and enter it either in the *Concours* or the *People's Choice*. There will be outstanding trophies awarded the winners. Also think about entering a race car in the *Valve Cover Races* to be held on Friday, September 22. If you don't know how to build one, just talk to Richard Hawk. He can tell you what to do and what not to do. You might want to enter the *Funkana*, which Gary Baxter and Ned Madsen will coordinate. It will test your driving skills. One new event will be the *Model Corvair Competition*. Make your own model Corvair and display it at the Show. Jen Baxter can give you all the details.

We are expecting a large crowd of guests from other clubs so we want to show them a good time. If you have not been asked to help with anything particular, please let Roger or Marvin know. We need Concours judges and judges for the Funkana. We can use help in the Hospitality area and Ron Walton could use some help during the registration process. We need everyone's help in successfully putting-on this event. And that means you! Come out and enjoy the show and have fun meeting Corvair enthusiasts from other parts of the country.

**MINUTES: AUGUST 4, 2006** (by Marilyn Ash, Secretary) Present were President Roger Scott, Vice-President Marvin Luke, Secretary-Treasurer Marilyn Ash, J. C. Ash, Van Upky, Ron & Pat Walton, John & Mary Zink, Bob Mooney, Jim Brewer, Billy Taylor, Forrest & Myrna Andrews, Bob & Pat Kinser, Tim Palmer, Richard Hawk, Robert Scott, Bobby & Roland Taber, Ben & Javada Bishop, Paul & Irene Brinker, Glen & LaRue Bevel, Taylor & Joellyn Brown, Felix & Patty DeGeyter, & guest Dodie DeGeyter, Wayne & Barbara Grieve, Gary, Mary & Jennifer Baxter, and Lloyd Anderson. The meeting was called to order at 6:50 PM. Felix DeGeyter introduced his mother, Dodie DeGeyter who has just recently moved to this area. The **September Corvair Roundup** was the main topic. Roger encouraged the members to get registered ASAP. He gave prices for the **Shirts, \$28.00, Name Badges, \$8.50, and Caps, \$7.00** in case any one wanted to order one before September. Roger called for reports from individual Show Chairpersons. **Ron Walton**, stated that we have 48 families registered. For Hospitality, **Marilyn Ash** circulated sign up sheets to enlist workers for Friday, Sept. 22 and Saturday, Sept. 23. All positions were filled in. **Van Upky** brought brochures from the Owasso Chamber of Commerce for the goody bags. **Marvin Luke** distributed writing pads with the Green Country Corvair Group logo. They will be included in the goody bags, also. **Jim Brewer** said he is ready for the Peoples Choice car show. Roger reported that **Mike Phillips** and **Don Wagner** are ready for the Concours. They will be recruiting people to train for the judging staff. **Forrest Andrews** said he is working on the trophies. **Gary Baxter** is making progress on the moving event. **Richard Hawk** asked for a work session for the Valve Cover Track. It needs to be set up and checked over. Roger announced that workers will be needed on August 26<sup>th</sup> at 8 AM at Marvin Luke's Storage Building in Broken Arrow. **J. C. Ash** said that the Tech Sessions are assigned to Mike Dawson from Kansas City. They will start at 10 AM Saturday. The first will be on Power Glide Transmissions. **Jennifer Baxter** encouraged everyone to build a Corvair model car. She needs to know as soon as possible, how many cars will be entered. Gary Baxter stated that Randy Erskine's car is still for sale.

The next meeting will be moved to the second Friday in September because of conflicts. That will be September 8<sup>th</sup>. Meeting adjourned.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** **Marilyn Ash**, our Treasurer, reports at bank balance of \$3,636.35 as of August 8, 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, Robert Scott, Gordon Fruth,  
September: Dwain Anderson, Tim Palmer,  
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.

**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. Also **Gary Baxter** (645-8451) is looking for volunteers to assist him in running the Funkana. Give Gary a call and volunteer your services.

**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.

**VALVE-COVER RACES:** 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 the 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.

**FOR SALE:** 1968 Monza Coupe, green interior, new padded dash, seat recovered, 110 Powerglide, engine rebuilt. Transmission may be slipping, but low mileage spare comes with the car. This was owned by former member Randy Erskine. Randy had done some body work. If interested contact Marcia Erskine, 272-1468 or email at [angelsprayer26@hotmail.com](mailto:angelsprayer26@hotmail.com).

**DO YOU REMEMBER?** “It seems that with the Corvair, Chevrolet was trying to answer questions that were never asked. When originally introduced in 1959, as a 1960 model, the Corvair came only as a four door sedan in base 500 or upscale 700 versions. The car’s advanced features, like a rear-mounted, air-cooled, six-cylinder “boxer” engine, fully-independent suspension and rear-mounted transaxle might have turned-on enthusiasts, but they did not attract buyers to Chevrolet showrooms. Compact car buyers were looking for a low-cost, traditional car, like the Ford Falcon or Plymouth Valiant, not one as radical as the Corvair. In 1960 Ford sold 435,676 Falcons and 194,292 Plymouth Valiants were delivered. Even though Chevrolet was America’s best selling brand, only 250,007 Corvairs found buyers. Chevrolet’s approach to increasing sales was to increase the number of models. During 1960 a Club Coupe was added. It first came in base 500 and 700 trims. Then, almost as an afterthought, Chevrolet brought out the sporty Monza 900 Sport Coupe. The Monza included bucket seats, as upscale interior and revised exterior trim. To Chevrolet’s surprise, the Monza 900 series became the most popular Corvair by a huge margin. In some years, it sold three or almost four times better than the next-best-selling Corvair, which was usually the Monza 900 Convertible or Monza 900 four-door sedan. The Corvair was finding a market niche among enthusiasts where its appeal stayed relatively strong until about 1964. Then, that niche in the market was suddenly filled by Ford’s hot-selling new Mustang. The Mustang put a big dent in the Corvair’s popularity. Ralph Nader and his critical book *Unsafe At Any Speed*, did not help either.” (by Bill Suru, excerpt, from *VairMail*, February 2000 Issue). More of this article will be printed later.

**FULL CUP RESTAURANT: 4634 EAST 31 STREET  
WE MEET HERE THE FIRST FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH.  
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Route 2, Shelburne Falls, MA, 01370  
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**GCCG Web Site:** <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: SEPTEMBER 8, 2006 AT 6:00 P.M. AT THE FULL CUP: BE THERE TO SEE YOUR FRIENDS**

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