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Starting the New Year in Estes Park

Paul Seyforth

The day started out rather cold and bleak down in Denver. The car trip to Estes Park seemed a bit daunting. However, it was New Year's Day and the club was going to meet for brunch up in Estes Park. Brunch at the Other Side restaurant has become the biggest event of the year for the Rocky Mountain Corsa club. This outing was not to be missed. The club has been traveling up to Estes Park for brunch since 2001. A very real tradition. The trip up was not really too bad; I25 to Highway 66, or Highway 36 all the way to Estes. The northern group usually came by way of Hwy 34 thru Big Thompson canyon but this year construction closed the road. The only way for them was to drive south to Hwy 66. But the drives had a real plus as the temperature in Estes turned out to be 43 degrees 20 more than in Denver.

We were not to be disappointed. When we arrived, the restaurant was packed. Some 64 of the RMC faithful and five children were there enjoying the brunch. The Other Side does a great job on their brunch. There was a very complete breakfast buffet line, a dessert line, as well as made to order omelets. The food quality was excellent, and they served champagne. John Dinsdale and Ed Halpin brought their families with them, so did Jonni Berkman who brought her daughter and their guests. John and Sandy Drage were with their family; Dave and Brenna Olwine and Jean Olwine. Dave, by

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News you can Use February 2018

FEB 2---General meeting of RMC at Burt/Elway Chevrolet beginning at 1900hrs. After meeting program is a swap meet for literature/model cars/anything else that you can carry up the stairs. Sell/trade.

FEBRUARY event: Nothing is coming together yet for the month. Iffy weather also is an issue. There have been discussions for garage tour and/or a tech session. If someone has an on-going project OR an empty garage with heat let me know. It would be a Sunday event for a couple hours or so and hopefully we can find a willing restaurant afterward.

MARCH 2---General meeting of RMC at Burt/Elway Chevrolet beginning at 1900hrs. After meeting program is TBA.

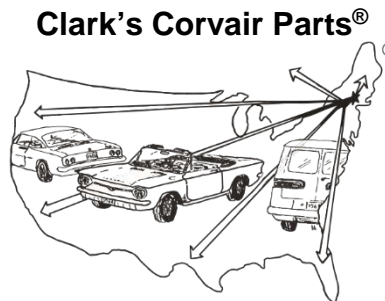
Saturday, April 14th, 9am-1pm: "25th Annual School of Mines E-Days Car Show Golden, CO. As we do every year, members of both the RMC and PPCC will gather together prior to the show at 8am in the Century Link parking lot at 19th and Jackson in Golden. From there, we'll roll all the Vairs into the event at the same time, so we're all lined up together. Registration begins at 8:30 AM and the show starts at 9:00 AM and will go till 1:00 PM. Registration includes 1 T-shirt. You can

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the way, drove his Corvair as did Steve Goodman (of course). The only other Corvair there was Bud and Linda Duncan's Monza convertible. Something to be commended on this cold, blustery day. Our table seated Tony and Diane Lawler, Rich Beets, Caron Wetter, Jimmy Riley, Chris Kimberly and Bob and Carolyn Thiessen. As the food and the wine flowed and so did the conversation. Next table over were Laura and Joan Wilshire along with Ray and Bauw Klomp. On the table to the other side of us were Howard and Tess Steward, Gail and Kory Levin, and Ken Schiffner. I need to mention that Larry and Lynn Yoder were there as was Chuck Riblett and Carolyn Taylor, Jerry and Nancy Gertiesen, Eric and Linae Schakel. Jeff and Lisa Romeo and Dale Nielsen were there. The Pipers, Mike and Karen came late as I remember. I know this is not everyone there but those are the folks I can remember. All good things must end and we headed out after a great dinner and very good company. We were planning to shop in Estes but the wind made the day too blustery to enjoy. We head back to Denver and watched the temperature drop from 43 to 23 on the way back.



A couple of shots from brunch.



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February Dues

The Dues due list reflects the local club dues. CORSA notifies the member when national dues are due. John Dinsdale requests that you pay the local club dues to him and pay the national dues to CORSA by check or online. If your name appears on the overdue list and your dues are not paid by the following month you will be dropped from the roster.

Overdue	Charles Kirmuss Ray Klomp
January	Mike Corbett John Donahue
February	George Evans Dale Nielsen Dexter Norris
March	Jerry Gertiesen John Green Paul Jarrett Bruce Parizek Jim Pittman Duane Rogers Joe White Jeff Sokol

register multiple vehicles, just fill out the form for each vehicle you plan on showing.

June 8 10 (Fri-Sun): The 2018 Tri-State Meet at Crested Butte, CO. This year's event marks the 34th time the three host clubs (CNM, PPCC, and RMC) have gotten together. Here's a great opportunity for all of our newer members to get their cars out for a nice early summer road trip. This year, the event is being hosted by the Rocky Mountain Corsa club, with Rick Beets heading up the planning efforts. The host hotel has been confirmed as The Grand Lodge at Crested Butte, 6 Emmons Rd, Crested Butte, CO 81225. **BOOK NOW!!** Visit <http://www.rockymountaincorsa.org/2018> for more information on the event and to order your event T-shirt. Make those reservations now, rooms are going fast.



Ed Halpin presented Steve a cake in honor of the club's 45th anniversary. Steve is a charter member of the club.



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Another Corvair Story

Mike Piper

I'm sure most of us have heard Steve Goodman say "everybody has a Corvair story", and I'd have to say I was not expecting this one.

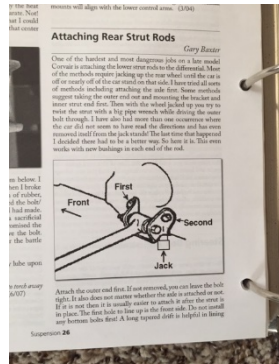
Kit Karbler is the proprietor of Blake Street Glass, a short distance up the street from Coors Field. If you look them up on Google you'll find that they create some really amazing hand-blown glass art work. According to the studio bio, Kit and a partner started in work in 1979. He told me he moved from LA to Denver in 1977 after he obtained his master's degree. He said he sold a 1967 Chevy and a motorcycle for \$1300 to start his business. His current shop has been there for 22 years, but he must move in April 2018 because the Rino district is gentrifying the neighborhood and the land where his shop is now is slated for a multi-story building.

So, for the Corvair connection. Karen and I have been going to Blake Street glass for glass Christmas ornaments for many years. I think we found out about them when Nick Carter from Channel 9 used to do live broadcasts from the shop during the pre-Christmas season highlighting the ornaments and Kit's donation to Children's Hospital based on sales. They had Macy, their four-legged greeter and shop supervisor back then. I recall she was really nervous about people the first year but after that she checked us out at the door and she seemed to know what to avoid.

We've managed to bring our three kids and three grandkids to the shop because Kit and the artists do demonstrations of how they make the ornaments. We were there this year with our youngest, our grandson CJ. Kit and I were talking, and this led to me observing that Kit's hands seemed to be working better than mine when I work on my Corvairs. It turned out Kit has a Corvair connection.

Kit is originally from Ohio. His dad worked for a GM parts supplier that made roller bearings for GM cars, probably for the Corvairs too. Kit worked in the plant during summers as well. Kit had a friend with a Corvair, and Kit knew all about the interesting handling and the various fumes that would get into the car from fuel leaks, oil leaks, exhaust leaks, etc. The Sunday after the family trip I took the '65 Corsa down to the shop to show Kit. He rounded up his crew and a bunch of customers to come out and see it. We had a mini Corvair show right out front and I'm sure we had three generations of interested people looking at it, including several young teenage kids. As usual, anybody younger than about 55 did not know that GM made a rear engine air-cooled car.

It was great fun and we're looking forward to visiting Kit in his new location when the dust settles. We're about to the point where we need a second tree for the ornaments so why stop now?



The pictures to the left go with the story found below.

In Praise of the Tech Guide

Ken Schiffner

Let me say it right from the start...I like the Tech Guide. Whether you are a newbie, a wrench turner, or simply a Corvair owner who might, from time to time, have "issues" with your vehicle, the Tech Guide can be a good friend. Published by CORSA and available through CORSA and the various vendors, it can be a valuable reference for any Corvair owner or Corvair enthusiast. It is an organized collection of Corvair related comments and articles offered over the years by members of the Corvair community who are willing to share their knowledge with others.

Case in point... For newbies, the Corvair can be a mystery. For "new" newbies, it can be a mystery without any clues. If they were raised on fuel injection engine cars managed by computers, vehicles with power windows (and almost everything else), disk rather than drum brakes, water pumps, components without grease fittings, owning a Corvair can be a new adventure. The Tech Guide provides sections that give a supportive education about the vehicle and what makes it tick (and yes, sometime leak). At car shows, I often bring a Tech Guide to show anyone unfamiliar with the Corvair some of the information that might help them decide if the Corvair is for them.

Case in point... For wrench turner types, recently I had a call from a friend who was helping a mutual friend install the "dogbone" lower rear suspension arms on a late model Corvair. Though they had done this task before (a few years ago) they couldn't remember the bolt sequence for the inner bracket. They spent a few hours attempting what they thought would work. The sequence is tricky because the connecting bracket must be rotated slightly to align it and only one of the four (4) bolts initially align. The friend remembered the sequence was in the Tech Guide and they couldn't find their copy. Mine was on a shelf in the garage. They called.

Sure enough, in Volume 3, there was a description of the suggested sequence. (In case you asked, the upper horizontal bolt towards the front of the vehicle goes in first. A bottle jack is used to rotate the bracket and then the upper, rear, horizontal bolt will align. The lower bolts are then installed...sometimes using a drift to obtain the alignment).

Case in point...Say you are an owner but don't work on your vehicle. Hear a strange noise? Wondering about odd handling? Prepping the vehicle for storage? Thinking of a new paint job? Maybe new tires? Wanting to know more about a particular part of the vehicle (say, how the windows move, or should move, up and down) you likely will find answers in the Tech Guide.

And to sense when your vehicle may need professional "help", checking out the Tech Guide can give you some idea of the complexity required for a particular fix. You can get an appreciation for the skill that might be needed knowing that may add weight to the "Thank You" you'll offer when the problem is solved.

I applied tabs to my Tech Guide to make it easier to find specific sections (picture follows). I should learn, however, to clean my hands before using it. As the good friend it is, the Guide deserves to be treated like one. I like the Tech Guide.

Tri-State Update

Rick Beets

If you missed either the New Year's Day brunch or the last RMC meeting at John Elway Chevrolet, here is the final revision for the graphic that will appear on the back.

The pre-order form is live on the RMC website at <http://www.rockymountaincorsa.org/2018-tristate-t-shirt-order/>



In other Tri-State news, plans to hold the Saturday car show on Historic Elk Avenue are progressing nicely. Not confirmed as yet, but the Chamber of Commerce and City Council are making positive noises. It would be so cool to see the main street in Crested Butte awash in Corvairs, so get your registration in as early as possible as it's been confirmed that the PPCC cut-away Corvair is returning home to Colorado and will be on display at the show! Hope to see you there! But just so we know you're coming, please register at

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

Rocky Mountain Corsa (RMC) has been a chartered chapter of the Corvair Society of America (CORSA) since October 1974, and is dedicated to the preservation and enjoyment of Corvair automobiles.

The Denver News is a monthly publication for members and affiliates of Rocky Mountain Corsa. The Denver News is now available as a PDF by request to the Editor.

Editorial Contributions We encourage your participation! Please forward stories, ideas, jokes, recipes, and/or photos to the Editor. Content must be received by the 15th of the month prior to the desired publication month. Electronic files are *mucho* preferred.

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Rocky Mountain Corsa annual dues are \$25.00, Corvair Society of America (CORSA) annual dues are \$45.00, which includes a subscription to the Corsa Communique, an award-winning monthly magazine. Combined dues are \$70.00 annually. Checks should be payable to RMC, mailed to: *RMC, c/o John Dinsdale, 3240 Billings St., Aurora, CO 80011-2231*

Monthly Meeting

RMC holds meetings the 1st Friday of each month at our host dealership, Elway Chevrolet, 5200 South Broadway in Englewood. Join us at 7:00 PM in the upstairs meeting room.

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Rocky Mountain CORSA Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: January 5, 2018
Location: Elway Chevrolet

Called to Order: 7: 00 pm by Larry Yoder
Present: 25

Guests, long distance, and new members: Kevin Ellis, long term member, came and received his name badge.

Standard Business:

Minutes from past meeting: The December minutes were approved with one correction: Steve Goodman would never instruct members to notify others by the by Facebook list. He instructed to notify with the RMC list-serv.

Treasurer's Report: End of December balance was \$5,309.83. The Treasurer's report was accepted.

Mailbag:

Nothing to report.

Old Business:

- Nametag update: 1 more handed out. There was a question about getting a badge for Jeanne Olwine. The committee will look into whether this has been made and will get it done if needed.
- Tri-State. The even logo shown around and there was one correction: This is not 34th annual, but 34th because there were several years without an event. Please register on our page and with hotel. T-shirt orders will be added to the website 1/6. The car show is being arranged and is going well. The Corvair cutaway will be shown on its way back to the Colorado Springs club. A "St Francis of Corvairs" (Boydston award) committee forming, to recognize recipients who do a lot for the Corvair world. Steve is handling the Dash Plaque order.
- The Holiday Party received solid reviews. IT was convenient, not crowded, good food, and good room and help. The only downside was temperature swings. At same venue, perhaps we can use the larger inside space in future.
- New Year's Brunch. 59 adults and 5 children. A little trouble getting everyone seated. A great time was had by all.

New Business:

- There is an inform Supercruise (informal) tomorrow. Lots of lights in Golden for the holidays.
- Original Newsletter Vol 1 #1 covering the Feb 1973 meeting is posted on website. There is one name on the roster present tonight: Steve Goodman. Happy 45th anniversary, Rocky Mountain CORSA.

Upcoming Events:

Feb 2 (Fri)	Next meeting, Elway Chevrolet, 7pm.
April	E Days Car Show, School of Mines
May	Tri-State Tune Up
June 8-10	Tri-State Corvair Meet, Crested Butte
August	Dale Wilshire Memorial Picnic
Sept/Oct	Fall Color tour
Dec	Holiday Party
Jan	New Year's Brunch

Break Time:

Refreshments Tonight: Melissa Brereton Feb: Bruce Parizek Mar: Ken Schiffner Apr Caron Wetter

Entertainment: What you got for Christmas.

Ed got a '62 Monza Wagon, and it gets new carbs tonight and a new blower bearing shortly. The original 102 had no dipstick but received a quart every 1000 miles. As a result, it was running 1.5qty high! Mike got a torque converter. Jon-Whitely got a gift cert for Clarks and a Corvair Calendar, and his parts are on the way. Howard's 140 got new 65 linkage which tightened things up, but the new electronic ignition didn't make a difference. He is doing body and paint. Rick ordered all the little parts for headlight adjusters, and got a small milling machine going. Paul got toner for printer so he can keep making newsletters! John Dawson got a book of pop-up fold-up cars. Caron got Jimmie a cordless drill, oil filters. Gail got a Corvair T-shirt and coffee cup from the Holiday party. Kevin Ellis bought wiper blades. Bruce Parizek got a 73 Corvette Coupe, original, 25,000 miles, Silver. Rob reported getting / ordering new tools, a compression tester and vacuum gauges to stop borrowing them from others.

February Entertainment: Toy / literatures swap meet or just show it off.

50/50 Raffle: Amount to Club: \$29 To Winner: \$29 Winner: Ed Halpin

Adjourned: 8:08 pm **Respectfully Submitted by:** Rob Brereton