

# The Denvair News

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## Tri-State Wrap Up

*Rick Beets*

Whew, it's been a crazy couple of weeks since we had to say our goodbyes, and left beautiful Crested Butte, the venue of this year's Tri-State Corvair Meet and returned to reality. Since I was the event chair, things are still a bit of a blur. I was moving so fast the entire time, it's taken a week or two to process through everything that happened over the long weekend. Now that things have calmed a bit, I'm finally getting a chance to sit down and give a quick rundown on the preparations leading up to the event.

After announcing at the 2017 Tri-State in Taos, NM, planning for the 2018 event started in earnest last August when a group of us headed up to Crested Butte to scope out the hotel and see if we could get some ideas for a location for the car show. After sitting down with the director of the local Chamber of commerce, we decided that the car show needed to be held right along Elk Avenue, the main street through what is considered "downtown" Crested Butte. Lined with shops and restaurants in Victorian buildings. The perfect spot, and so started our long and arduous path to Car Show glory. While we were there, we were able to settle on the banquet venue and hammer out the room deal.

As winter approached, my attention turned to the designs for the graphics for the shirts. In January, the project started in earnest when we contracted with a

## Cutaway Car returns home

*Christine Kimberly*

One fellow with the hat and receiving the plaque from me, is Dave Wenzlick, Club Secretary for the Cactus Corvair Club. Dave is the one responsible for rescuing the car last year and caring for it.... cleaning it up, replaced a few parts, and replaced the tires. He took it to shows in recent months in the Phoenix area with the Cactus Corvair Club and always shared with folks that it was a Colorado car built by the PPCC in the 80's. He even made a little placard telling about the car for the shows. He and his wife Cathy trailered the car up to Crested Butte. The other fellow in the picture is the President of Cactus Corvair Club, David Dean. He drove up with the Wenzlicks and one other Cactus Club member for the show in Crested Butte. (he had a late model coupe that was a clay/mauve color...very nice-looking car.

The PPCC has named the cut away car "SeeMore Corvair".

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graphics arts person out of the Pacific Northwest to do the designs, as I was having no luck coming up with a design on my own. Next thing we know, we get an email from him informing us that he had fallen off a ladder and shattered his right shoulder and would not be able to complete the project. Oh well, back to the ol drawing board (ok, computer screen in my case). After a couple of revisions, we settled on a design, and pricing so Dale could get an order form up on the RMC website along with the other forms and important information.

During the ensuing months leading up to our early June event date, we came up with a budget for the awards, and kept pushing forward on getting our approvals in place so we could hold the car show along Elk Ave. It was touch and go there for a while, but in the 11th hour everything came through for us. All the while, I had this crazy idea in the back of my head to turn the junk case halves out of Tony's '64 Spyder (I'll let him tell the story as to why they came to be junk) into a man cave end table for the raffle. After abandoning it more than once, I convinced myself that it was worthwhile. After some searching, I came up with a piece of glass that would work for the top at a Habitat for Humanity store. I had to pay for a whole end table just for the glass but it seemed worth it. From there, I machined pieces of 1" aluminum round stock to make the legs and stand offs for the top. A couple coats of paint, a handful of bolts, and viola a pretty cool table if I say so myself. It was a strong draw for raffle tickets.

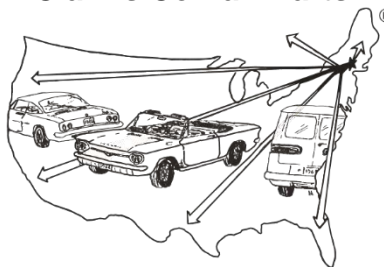
As we got towards the end of April, we closed out the t-shirt order form, and placed our order, adding a few extra in the more popular sizes and style, just in case. A few of these were sold during registration. While it wasn't a great number, we did have more than a few shirts that were ordered and not picked up that definitely hurt our bottom line. There will be a few shirts available for sale at the next RMC meeting including a couple 2xl Polo shirts.

Well, those are the high points of what we did leading up to the event, there were lots of moving parts some more important than others, but in the end, and with a ton of hard work from my team, everything came together for a fairly successful event.

If you were able to make it, thanks for coming, I hope you had a great time. I know I did. I was honored to play my part in putting it on. The process was difficult and frustrating at times, it was truly a labor of love.



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## JULY Club 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** Jeff Golden  
Chad Church  
Jim Depres  
Dusty Dodge

**June** Bud Duncan  
Joan Wilshire

**July** Jonni Berkman  
Ed Halpin  
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**August** Dave Olwine  
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RMC won the award for the most attendees at the Tri-State Meet in Crested Butte.

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## Weekend in Crested Butte

Paul Seyforth

I have just returned from the 34th annual Tri-State meet in Crested Butte. In my opinion this was one of the best Tri-State meets in recent memory. Both for how well the meet was run but also the ambiance of the location. Crested Butte is not the typical mountain town. It is a mountain resort town, well to do, with many high-end amenities and upscale lodging, even in the summer. When the club decided on Crested Butte it was a factor of both a change of pace as well as a let's see attitude. I need to mention that the resort hotel folks were very accommodating as well as the town of Crested Butte which allowed for their downtown main street to be blocked off for a Saturday morning. The drive from Denver to Crested Butte was a bit daunting, 240-mile drive with Monarch Pass in the way. However, all the Rocky Mountain and PPCC club cars made the trip without any problems. Also, there were cars from Albuquerque, Oklahoma, Wichita, Salt Lake City, Grand Junction and Ute Trails. There were 42 Corvairs in all, parked on a wide ramp behind the hotel. It was a real bonus to have all the cars together at the hotel. After registration we were on our own to explore the town for dinner. There were many restaurants both in the resort and the town 3 miles away. Saturday morning early the drivers met and drove to town by category. First, the early coupes and convertibles (15) and the one sedan left. Then the Lakewood wagons (3) and, one Rampside. The late model coupes and convertibles and one sedan (20) followed. After arriving in town, the cars parked diagonally for presentation. It was well organized with the car front ends pointed out with just enough room between for viewing. The Lates on the west side, the earlies on the east. The townsfolk as well as other visitors came out in number. I personally enjoyed talking to several visitors during my stay. They mostly were former Corvair owners and fairly knowledgeable. Stories to tell, of course. The most impressive part of the show were the 9 early convertibles. Quite a showing. I don't believe we have seen that number at a Tri-State gathering before. There were shops and restaurants to shop and eat when the sun became a bit too hot so the time passed quickly. At 1:00 pm the show and shine was over, one by one the cars were driven off main street. Some folks stayed for lunch while others drove back to the resort. The show and shine is half of the Tri- State events. The other half was the banquet. 125 attended the banquet. The resort put on a decent dinner, a Mexican buffet. The food was good and the line moved quickly. Ed Halpin was appointed master of ceremonies. He did a masterful job. Everything moved quickly with very little 'dead' time. It was quite entertaining with the raffle and the awards intermingled. The main awards were as follows:

|                         |             |                            |                  |
|-------------------------|-------------|----------------------------|------------------|
| Early Open              | First place | Nick Shumaker (RMC)        | 1964 Spyder      |
| Early Open              | Sec. place  | Christine Kimberly (PPCC)  | 1964 Monza       |
| Early Closed            | First place | Philip DeGroot (PPCC)      | 1962 Monza Sedan |
| Early Closed            | Sec. place  | Jean Olwine (RMC)          | 1963 Monza coupe |
| Late Open               | First place | Don Young (Bonneville)     | 1965 Corsa turbo |
| Late Open               | Sec. place  | Mike Piper (RMC)           | 1965 Corsa       |
| Late Closed             | First place | Mike Head (UTE trail)      | 1967 Monza coupe |
| Late Closed             | Sec. Place  | Mark Welte (MCCA)          | 1965 Corsa       |
| Wagon                   |             | William Pearce (PPCC)      | 1961 Lakewood    |
| Forward Control         |             | Bruce Gwyther (Bonneville) | 1962 Rampside    |
| Specialty               |             | Steve Goodman (RMC)        | 1971 Amante GT   |
| Young Enthusiast Choice |             | Mike Head (UTE Trail)      | 1967 Monza coupe |
| People's Choice         |             | Philip DeGroot (PPCC)      | 1962 Monza Sedan |

The banquet was not over after these awards were presented. I think the most fun part of the meeting was the Hard Luck and Distance awards. Mark Welt won the Hard luck award with an interesting and funny story of his trip to Crested Butte from Oklahoma. He started out driving his car but it developed engine problems. He was traveling with a friend who was towing a car. He was offered this car to drive but at Monarch Pass the borrowed car engine Temp light came on several times. He said it took several hours to transverse the pass. He did make it to Crested Butte and the repairs to both cars turned out to be minor. Dave Olwine won the Distance award hands down. He had driven his Spyder convertible to Indiana for the Indy 500. From there he drove to Atlanta for his niece's wedding. She had requested the car. Returning he drove straight through to Crested Butte for a total distance of 3450 miles. No one else came close to this distance. For the record RMC won the attendance with 21 members and 43 people attending from the club. Rob Brereton accepted the traveling trophy on behalf of the club.

The final award presented was the Francis Boydston award. This award is selected by the hosting club to recognize the individual who has done the most to promote the club and club activities the preceding 3 years. The winner was

Dale Nielsen, a longtime member of the RMC club and the RMC website manager. His contribution to the club has been invaluable over the past several years.

Lastly, we need to recognize Rick Beets and his crew; Ken Schifftner, Mike Piper, Tony Lawler, Karen Piper, Diane Lawler, Ed Halpin, and Chris Kimberly for putting this Tri-State together. Rick worked tirelessly from ordering T-shirts to interfacing with resort and city management. Job well done Rick, Thank you.



The view down Elk Avenue during the car show. It was a beautiful site to see.



Jean Olwine's 1963 Monza coupe.



Mike Head's 1967 Monza coupe.



Nick Shumaker 1964 Spyder convertible.



Ken Schifftner's 1964 Monza convertible.

## Tibits about Crested Butte

Ken Schiffner

During the Museum Tour, Glo ("Gloria") gave us some tidbits of info you may want to use for any commentary.

1. CB has a very rare two (2) story outhouse. The lower one was used during the warmer months and the second floor one was used during the snow season. No, the upper is NOT directly over the lower.
2. The town has gotten snow multiple times on July 4th. The last frost is usually mid to late June.
3. CB was basically a "wooden" town thus many of the older buildings are gone. Some other resort type towns have older, brick or stone buildings but are of similar vintage.
4. The town once went from about 1500 permanent residences to less than 150 people. The closing of the mine was the primary cause of the decrease.
5. CB is rare that it has both hard and soft coal deposits. Both were mined. Many of the buildings were hotels for miners who worked seasonally.
6. Some coal deposits are well over 2000 feet into the mountain. The added cost to remove this "long distance" coal added economic pressure to close the mine.
7. The "Company Store" was just that...owned and operated by the mining company. Workers were given vouchers deducted from their paychecks to be used at the Company Store. However, somewhat unique to CB a competitor was located nearby thus the Company Store generally had prices that were more competitive than those at other similar arrangements.
8. The typical early buildings were small wooden structures (almost like cottages). Over the years, other sections were added to the buildings. Later, false fronts were applied giving that "Wild West" look. Nearly all buildings had (and still have) steel roofs set at high angles to resist snow loads.
9. One walkway between buildings is so narrow and protected from the sun that it fills with snow early and the snow doesn't melt until late Spring or even early Summer.
10. The early settlers were mostly European Catholic. They brought with them hops (to make beer). Some of the original hop plants are still growing in CB. I noticed and can confirm that beer is still being sold.
11. Once a year, by law, cattle ranchers are allowed to bring their cattle down Elk Avenue. (I wonder who cleans up afterwards?).

## News You Can Use July 2018

**Friday, July 6<sup>th</sup>** Rocky Mountain Corsa club meeting at John Elway Chevrolet, 6200 South Broadway, in Englewood Colorado. After meeting program will be sharing our experiences from the Tri-State in Crested Butte.

**Saturday, July 7<sup>th</sup>, August 4<sup>th</sup>, September 1<sup>st</sup>, October 6<sup>th</sup>.** The first Saturday of the month is **The Golden Super Cruise**. You owe it to yourself to visit this event at least once in the summer. Suggestion is to go early in the afternoon to get a good seat to watch the cars go by. Drive your 'Vair. It's welcome.

**Mon-Sat. July 23<sup>rd</sup> thru July 28<sup>th</sup>. Corsa National Convention.** In Pittsburgh, PA. The host club is the Western Pennsylvania Corvair club. See [corvairstpittsburgh.com](http://corvairstpittsburgh.com) for details. I bet that Tim Shortle is going. Anyone else?

**Friday, August 3--**General meeting of RMC at Burt/Elway Chev starting at 1900hrs

**Sunday, August 12<sup>th</sup>:** The club has made reservations for the summer Dale Wilshire Memorial Picnic at Bear Creek Lake Park in Lakewood. C-470 and Morrison Rd. Begins at 1100hrs. Picnic details will discussed at July and Aug meetings. Keep this date open.

**Saturday, August 18<sup>th</sup>:** Holy Rollers Charity Car Show in Broomfield. Finally, a car show for the northern folk. It will be held at South Midway Park. The inaugural show hosted over 120 cars, hundreds of spectators, and raised nearly \$6000 for the Society of St. Vincent de Pau. See [www.holyrollerscarshow.com](http://www.holyrollerscarshow.com) for more information.

**Saturday, Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>, PPCC Fall Aspen Tour.** This year's drive will be the drive up to Alma, Colorado with lunch at the South Side Saloon. RMC usually joins the Pikes Peak club for this event. Meeting location to be announced.

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We have two new members who joined this last month. John Beighle of Missoula, Montana and George Engle of Aurora. John has a very nice looking Corsa convertible. He visited the club 2 months ago. Hopefully George will join us this coming meeting. By the way guys, we are always looking for a picture.

For sale: At Crested Butte I was approached by Joe Martinez of Ogden, Utah. He has a 1964 Corvair convertible for sale. He says it is a complete car but not running at the moment. He requests \$1500. If interested call him at 801 645-6377.

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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:** June 1, 2018

**Called to Order:** 7:07 pm

**Location:** Elway Chevrolet

**# Present:** 21

Guests, long distance, and new members: None.

### Standard Business:

Minutes from past meeting: The May minutes were approved. Thanks to Melissa Brereton for taking the minutes in Rob's absence.

Treasurer's Report: End of May balance was \$5,497.55. A check was written in June for \$4,545.88 to Crested Butte for Tri-State. The Treasurer's report was accepted.

### Mailbag:

Wiley CO car show (see the flyer up front)

### Old Business:

Tri-State update:

- Rick Beets reported that the T-shirts are in, the awards done, the car show is set up, and raffles and door prizes in. No car wash station will be available at the hotel due to a fire ban in area. So far 63 cars are registered and 146 reservations for the banquet. The Boydston award recipient was identified by the committee.

Christmas party, room reserved 1-4:30. Order from menu, first drink ticket Mimi's in Aurora. Heating problem fixed. Tri-State Tune-Up.

John Beighle and George Engel both joined last month.

Steve Goodman reported that new members, Mike and Linda Corbett's name tags were sent off to Montana. Jim Williams and Ron Jensen came and picked their name tags up. Jim stayed for lunch.

Presidency discussion. No volunteers stepped forward, although potential post retirement candidates were found for 2026 and 2028.

The Golden Supercruise is tomorrow evening, Saturday.

### New Business:

- Melissa Klomp is planning a cruise event in Bennett toward end of August. Working with restaurant to set up.
- Mike Piper spoke about the Great Plains Roundup, in Wichita in September.
- Steve Goodman is planning a Northern CO get together involving Jim Reich and the Olwines in Longmont area.
- Ken Schiffner discussed publicity events for the club, different events and activities in NJ to interest a wider audience. One example was attending a minor league ball game, and the event had a police escort into venue to reserved parking.

### Upcoming Events:

|              |  |
|--------------|--|
| May 5 (Sat)  | Golden Supercruise--first official (Tomorrow)                                    |
| May 20 (Sun) | Tri-State Tune Up, also Florence Car Show  |
| June 1       | Monthly meeting, 7pm, Elway Chevrolet  |
| June 8-10    | Tri-State Corvair Meet, Crested Butte  |
| June 16      | Castle Rock car show   |
| July 6-8     | CO Flatlanders Rod Run in the Park, Sterling                                     |
| July 23-28   | CORSA Convention, Pittsburgh   |
| July 28      | Longmont Cruise. Car show and legal cruise through town. More details to follow. |
| August 12    | Dale Wilshire Memorial Picnic  |
| Aug 19       | Colorado City Car Show   |

### Break Time:

Refreshments Tonight: Gail Levin                      July: Linda Duncan                      August: Linae Schakel

**Entertainment:** The entertainment tonight was suggested by Ken Schiffner and involved materials from past car shows. Steve showed 2004 Tri State in Cripple Creek, photographed and printed by the town. Ken showed numerous books on car shows of the 60's such as programs from the NY Auto Shows, the book "GM Parade of Progress", and a book on GM's touring Motorama show.

July Entertainment: Reminisce about Crested Butte Tri State.

**50/50 Raffle:** Amount to Club: \$37 To Winner: \$38 Winner: Rick Beets (he accepted \$35)

**Adjourned:** 8:07 pm                      **Respectfully Submitted by:** Rob Brereton