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# The Denvair News

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## The Fourth of July

The holiday is behind us as you read these words, and the understanding of the meaning of Independence Day seems to shift slightly with every new generation.

Here's a factoid that caught my attention recently: Two of the founding fathers and past Presidents of the United States of America died on July 4 in 1826.

Thomas Jefferson, 83 years old, passed on several hours before the 90 year old John Adams died. Though they were old acquaintances, neither was aware the other was on his deathbed at the time.

And neither were Corvair owners, of course. In a different time, though, the frugal Adams might have appreciated the economy aspects, while Thomas Jefferson would certainly have been intrigued by the unique technology and packaging.



*Here's a touch of red, white, and blue with some yellow thrown in for contrast. Image comes from the 40th Anniversary Reunion of Yenko Sportscars in 2006. On the following day, the Stingers trooped off to Nelson Ledges Road Course in eastern Ohio to enjoy timed lapping sessions. One of the non-Stinger Yenko drivers at Saturday's car show, with a fearsome 1969 427 Yenko Camaro, was asked if he'd be at the race track, too. His response: "Oh, Lord, no! Why would I risk coming out there and getting my ass kicked by you clowns in those Stingers?"*

*From your Editor's archive...*

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## FIREWORKS!!

*The next two pages are a glimpse back into a galaxy far, far away, in a time where Rocky Mountain Corsa had all six cylinders and a spun-up turbo pushing us in a very good direction... It was a July none of us who were there will ever forget! You know who you are!*



# Corvairs With Altitude

Tuesday, July 26 through Friday, July 29, 2011



It's time to make your plans to join Rocky Mountain Corsa in the Denver area for the 2011 CORSA National Convention.

The Convention starts Tuesday July 26 and runs through the Banquet on Friday night. We're also featuring a Car Display Saturday July 30, emulating the event that worked so well in Cedar Rapids.

We're pleased to provide the following information to help guests with arrangements. Some of the time slots are still subject to adjustment, but you can count on the daily activities – the dates are solid. For the most up-to-date information visit the CORSA web site, [www.corvair.org](http://www.corvair.org), or Rocky Mountain Corsa's site at [www.rockymountaincorsa.com](http://www.rockymountaincorsa.com).

## Convention Details

**Host Hotel:** DoubleTree Hotel, I-25 & Orchard Road, Denver Tech Center. For online info go to [www.doubletreedenvertech.com](http://www.doubletreedenvertech.com). For phone reservations, call the DoubleTree at 303 779-6161. The Convention rate is \$99.00, and is available two days before and after the actual events.

When making online reservations, use the code COR. If making phone reservations, mention "Corvair" or "Corsa".

**Transportation:** Naturally, we hope most of our guests arrive in Corvairs, or at least hauling Corvairs. But for those who will travel by air, Denver International Airport is a direct hub for many major airlines, including United, Southwest, and Frontier.

The DoubleTree adjacent to the I-25 corridor and a five-minute walk from a station serving Denver's award-winning RTD Light Rail trains. A few bucks and 20 minutes will put you in the heart of downtown, with no parking worries.

**RV & Trailer Parking:** RV and trailer parking is available on the hotel property, with overflow arranged in a covered parking garage at a next-door worship center. The overflow lot is a very short walk from the hotel and has ample parking to meet our most optimistic projections!

**Camper Hookups:** Camper slots are available 15 minutes from the DoubleTree in Cherry Creek Park. Please visit <http://parks.state.co.us/Parks/CherryCreek> to

make reservations. Pads with hook-ups are booked well in advance, so reserve early to ensure a spot.

Chatfield State Park is a backup location, and is approximately 30-40 minutes from the host hotel, depending on traffic. Visit <http://parks.state.co.us/Parks/Chatfield> for reservations.

**Planning For Weather:** Summer weather along the front range is mostly sunny with 80-90° highs offset by low humidity and evenings that typically cool into the 60s.

Brief afternoon cloudbursts are not unknown, but evenings are primo convertible time. A jacket is suggested, and you will definitely want a hat for protection against sunburn. Denver is a mile closer to the sun than at sea level, and it makes a difference you really can feel.

## Special Events

**High Plains Drifters - Track Day:** On Monday, July 25 we are organizing a track day open to racers and tourers alike at the new High Plains Raceway, one hour east of Denver. Visit [www.highplainsraceway.com](http://www.highplainsraceway.com) for track info.

Prices have not been finalized, but will be less than \$100 per lapping entrant. Tourers will be paced, and will have a much lower fee, again still to be determined.

If you would like to cruise the curves at High Plains, please let us know so we can finalize plans. To respond, go to [www.rockymountaincorsa.com](http://www.rockymountaincorsa.com) and select the Contact button. We'd appreciate the following info:

1. Name
2. Lapping (race speeds) or Touring (pace car)
2. Do you have a transponder? (Yes/No)
3. Do you prefer a full day or half-day rate?

**Dinner Cruise Tours:** No, we won't be taking a river boat down the mighty Platte River, but we will arrange a tour guide in a Corvair each evening to lead a "cruise" of interested visitors in their Corvairs to a local eatery within 30-60 minutes of the hotel.

This is what Corvairs did with their families back in the Day! Evenings are usually very pleasant along the Front Range, and we don't want to deprive the locals of the chance to see our Corvairs!

**RMC "Vair-Tiks":** Since you'll be attending a Convention in the shadow of the mighty Rocky Mountains, we figure you'll want to check out some of the local sights with your Corvair.

To help you pick the best route(s), we've asked each RMC member to write up a one-page description and route for a favorite near-by trip, with approximate times and key sights. Watch for these on the Convention web sites, or visit Hospitality at the Convention to pick up a Vair-Tik for your scenic tour.

**Hosted Tours:** Our volunteers are finalizing the hosted tours, which is a daunting task with so many opportunities nearby. A partial list of places you might want to visit while in the Denver area follows this article – if you have a strong opinion (What? Strong opinions from Corvair people?) about a tour destination, visit [www.rockymountaincorsa.com](http://www.rockymountaincorsa.com), and select the Contact button. We'd enjoy hearing from you.

**LoDo Pub Crawl:** The Colorado Rockies decided to go to LA for the week, but we can look at their empty home. On Wednesday evening, we're organizing a Pub Crawl in Denver's historic LoDo area, including a visit to Coors Field.

Our group will travel from the hotel to LoDo via RTD Light Rail, which exits a few blocks from Coors Field and Denver's Union Station. We'll offer a Mature Adult Pub Crawl Option (an early return), as well as a Youthful Exuberance Option (late return) so you won't have to worry about being stranded!

## Check Often For Updates

The Internet is a great avenue for up-to-the-minute information and feedback about Convention happenings. We will have prices finalized and registration up in the first quarter, and hope to see your name on our guest list very soon.

## Rocky Mountain Corsa Official BS & Contacts

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**Rocky Mountain Corsa (RMC)** has been a chartered chapter (#802) of the Corvair Society of America (CORSA) since October 1974, and is dedicated to the preservation and enjoyment of Corvair automobiles.

**The Denvair News** is a monthly publication for members and affiliates of Rocky Mountain Corsa.

### Editorial Contributions

We encourage your participation! Please forward stories, ideas, jokes, recipes, and/or photos to the Editor. Content must be received by the 20th of the month prior to the desired publication month. Electronic files are preferred, pictures are awesome, but please include descriptions!

### Classified Ads

I don't recall RMC doing paid ads in this fine newsletter since the Reagan Administration. Should this section be updated or eliminated now that RMC has a well-maintained web site?

### Business Advertising

Ditto Editor rant above - much the same applies.

### RMC Mailing Address

Correspondence, ads, & articles may be snail-mailed to:

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### Membership & Dues

Rocky Mountain Corsa annual dues are \$25.00, due each year by February 28. Checks should be payable to RMC, mailed to **RMC, c/o John Dinsdale, 3240 Billings St., Aurora, CO 80011-2231**. Dues may also be paid online via PayPal at this link: [www.rockymountaincorsa.org/dues](http://www.rockymountaincorsa.org/dues)

### 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 (above Parts Department).

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## RMC Corvair Happenings!

- Friday, July 12 — RMC Meeting, 7:00 pm at Elway Chevrolet
- Monday, July 21- 24 — CORSA National Convention, Dayton, Ohio
- Sunday, August 18 — Wilshire Picnic, Bear Lake - additional details to follow



## President's Letter, July 2024

Hi all!

It has still been hectic but I'm going to try to be more cheerful. I'm into dealing with the yard(s) for the summer plus learning what tasks will find me as I approach retirement. Hot weather is not very comfortable for working on cars outdoors.

The red car is still running well, and I've made it to the Concourse at Arapahoe Community College and then to Castle Rock Classic Cruise in. Both shows were very good and well attended. I avoided potentially bad weather on the way home from the Arapahoe Community College show with clouds on either side of my path home. The Castle Rock show was hotter weather, and I drank a lot of water on the way home. I had the top down for that show and if my humorous story about bits of random paper and cottonwood cotton made it into this newsletter or onto the web page, you can possibly visualize what was happening on the way home. Unfortunately, I have no photos or video of the event. The white car is in my daughter's garage in Loveland. I pulled the alternator out to change bearings, and separately I messed up the distributor timing by being in a hurry, so it is not running. A couple of spare hours should do the trick.

Looking at my calendar, The Tebo car collection tour is Saturday June 29. This is an opportunity for the northern Colorado folks to meet with others for a short event.

July 6 would be the next Cars and Coffee in Lafayette (1st Saturday) assuming the holiday weekend doesn't override it. Car folks tend to be pretty determined.

July 13 is the Rumble at the Rosemount Museum car show in Pueblo. I will attend and I believe a couple of the folks from the Pikes Peak Corvair Club will also attend and the cutaway car is planned as a display car. There is no cost to enter the show and no admission for the public. It has been an interesting show with a slightly different crowd.

July 14 (2nd Sunday) is the next cars and coffee at the WeatherTech shop in Westminster near Highway 128 and Wadsworth in Broomfield. Steve Goodman went to this the last time.

There is a small fundraiser car show at my grandson's daycare center, Wooden Shoe at Wadsworth and 92nd in Westminster on July 20. This is the owner of the Greenbriar van they used as a school bus years ago. I plan to attend if I'm not otherwise engaged helping Karen out.

July 28 is a car show at Rosie's Diner in Monument. I'll try to make that one as the past president of PPCC.

Check the newsletter calendar for other events and better info.

Our next planned meeting of the Club was scheduled for July 5 as we discussed during the last meeting, but several folks including me have developed holiday conflicts. We are considering (**and as you now know, have moved the meeting to July 12**) Friday, July 12 if the meeting room at Elway Chevrolet is available. Stand by for an email blast. I'll plan to make this meeting a lot shorter with short reports on the 2025 Tri-State, instead of prolonged discussion. If you want to help, see Paul Seyforth or Ken Schiffner. Another discussion I hope will be brief are findings about the RMC-list email server and Board recommendations to deal with issues. I've also marked up the club bylaws for the board to review. If the board recommends changes to the bylaws, we will present those to the membership for consideration and voting in a future meeting. There is also a question from CNM we will discuss as the board and bring to the membership for consideration. Last but not least, let's talk about how we can make the meetings more interesting for spouses of those suffering from the Corvair bug.

Keep sending Dale items for the web page and let Mario know about upcoming events. I've sent flyers and info along here and there so please also help out. Keep sending Eric items for the newsletter. I noticed we have an in-memoriam section on the web page. We should add something here for Tim Shortle (sorry, not necessarily cheerful).

So now I hope people can stay cool and hydrated, enjoy the weather, avoid thunderstorms, enjoy pollen free flowers and shrubs and as always, be healthy and safe. I'll hope to see you all soon.

-Mike

# Rocky Mountain Corsa Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: June 7, 2024

Called to Order:

7:02 pm

Location: John Elway Chevrolet, Englewood CO

# Present:

18 on site, 3 on Zoom.

**Guests, long distance, new members:** Visitor, Dave Jennings, longtime Corvair nut, is selling a batch of Corvair parts. List to be on website.

## Standard Business:

- Minutes of last meeting: Minutes from May meeting were reviewed and approved. Thanks Steve for preparing the minutes!
- Treasury report: The end of May balance was \$6,856.81. Treasurer's Report was approved. Chapter Fee has been paid. A form was sent with board member updates. CCCC, dues paid.
- Mailbag: No mail.

## Old Business:

- Snacks were provided by Cory and Gail Levin. Thanks! Chris Jackson will provide July snacks.
- Rob reported that last month he sent a Memorial card In Memory Card and planted a tree on behalf of Tim Shortle.
- There was discussion of possible issues with the RMC List-Server. The recent invite to Tebo Museum did not go to all. Board to investigate.
- Dues: Last renewal seen was Laura Wilshire and John Dinsdale has 3 or so checks or cash. There were 46 on roster last month. Next step is to notify, then Rick / Tony get together to coordinate list update.
- Board meeting: Mike to set up Board meeting this month. Topics can be emailed to Mike. Current list includes: Board Bylaw Review, RMC List-Server Issues, Update to Roster.
- Thanks Eric for a great newsletter. Please contribute your articles, with pictures.
- Paul reported that the Tri-State Committee met last Fri. The team met in Trinidad and discussed banquet location at the Commons, cost is \$1,500. They spoke to caterers. Need to get deposits in as graduations fill up schedule. Car show will be on Main Street Deposit needed soon, \$200 for venue \$50 for city. Question asked about Insurance certificate, needed not long before event. Question about if host hotel is locked in, we have tentative agreement with Days Inn for 30 rooms, 110/night + tax, hold to May 1. Spoke to owner and will firm up to ensure dates. Paul and Dale to set up registration page. Need all details for registration by October to email clubs with details. There was discussion of the T-Shirt design with the Santa Fe Trail, Corvairs and a horse drawn wagon.

## New Business:

- Tony is working to find new badge vendor, not responding to calls. PPCC having trouble too, may refer us if they find a good supplier.
- Saturday June 29, there is a visit to see the Stephen Tebo Collection of 380 cars in Longmont. This is not a museum but a private collection that is not often available to us. Thanks to Doug Dumler for setting this up.
- Tony Lawler reported that John Green needs more cars for June 9 Concours d'Elegance. \$50 deductible fee, club judged. 12.5 cars including Seemore.
- Rick Beets gave the CCCC update. Nothing new in legislature. Forney Museum Dust & Shine moved to Sept 15 (3rd Sat). Arrive 8am, there will be coffee and donuts. We are done when they open at 10. Air and Car show is on August 3 (1st Sat). RSVP for 20 cars requested, \$10 each, \$40 for a swap meet space if we want one.
- Mario discussed the Castle Rock Cruise-In on 6/15, with a plan to muster ahead so Corvairs can park together. He has a shop there and can stage Seemore in advance.
- Dale Neilsen, has photos posted but no commentary from Tri-State.
- The Facebook page has not had much traffic. Let Tony Lawler or John Dawson know if you want content added.
- Dale has set up a separate page for Other Car Events, which now has info for the Rosemount and Holy Rollers shows.

- Various Car shows and Events discussion:
- o The Show us your Chevy Show will be June 30 at the Boulder County Fairgrounds in Longmont 9-2.
- o Rumble at Rosemount is in Pueblo, July 13 at 9. Problem with their website right now. Seemore will be there.
- o Holy Rollers Car Show will be August 10 in Broomfield, see Other Car Events page on our site.
- o The Levins are again working to arrange the Holiday Party on Dec 14 afternoon.
- o Street Car Nationals were mentioned at the State Fairgrounds in Pueblo, June 21.
- o Forney Museum currently has a convertible display. Rick's white early car is on display.
- o Continuing to plan for Northern events which may include a visit to Jim Reich's with breakfast at Cracker Barrel

Activities:

- June 9, (Sun)                      Concours d' Elegance, John Green coordinating
- June 29 (Sat)                      Tebo Collection
- July 5 (Fri)                         Monthly Meeting, 7pm, Elway Chevrolet
- August 3 (Sat)                      CCCC Air and Car Show, more details to come.
- August 18 (Sun) Wilshire picnic.

For Sale or Wanted, Recently Purchased, Projects

Ken Schiffner has 2 Corvair hubcaps from a neighbor, make an offer.

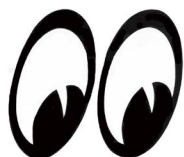
John Dinsdale noted that his oldest son agreed to go with him to the convention.

Steve Goodman had show and tell with a rock-hard accelerator pump, See front table.

Mike, Sway bar bushing slipped out of place, so lots of rattles. Red Car together and needs cleaning.

50/50 Raffle: To Club: \$16              To Winner: \$16      Winner: Gail Levin

Meeting adjourned              (Not Recorded)              Respectfully by Rob Brereton



**Editorial Ramblings**

- Eric Schakel

This month's issue is a bit of a retread, partly due to personal issues, partly due to a dearth of articles with pictures. It's ironic that in an era where the majority of us carry high resolution cameras on our persons whenever we leave our homes, many of which are capable of storing gigabytes of 4k still and video images, so few images are sent in. Oh, and the images can be emailed with the click of a button. Intuition says we should be swamped in photos and vids.

Or not. I've almost given up taking images myself, because I find myself overwhelmed by the review and selection process. Too much data, too easy! In the old days, I mentally visualized the best picture I could get, because I only had 24 or 36 chances without finding a dark space to swap film rolls. Each picture was precious, and I pushed for visual value with each click of the shutter.

It's things like this that remind me that <sigh> I'm an Old Guy now.

# The CONEHEADS Rode Again to Fight Multiple Sclerosis!

Here's an update on my fundraising bike tour to fight Multiple Sclerosis, thanks for your support! I've done it since 1990 = 34 years! The tour was the last weekend in June, rolling from FRCC in Westminster to CSU in Fort Collins, staying overnight and returning Sunday. Team CONEHEADS formed 10 years ago and has grown to 34 riders, with branch teams in other cities. Last year the team reached \$1 million raised cumulatively!



The team goal was \$100,000, and we've raised over \$93,000 so far. My goal of \$2,000 has been met. So I raised it to \$3,000 and have raised \$2,405. If you would still like to sponsor me, I will be at the meeting. I can take cash or checks to National MS Society through July. You can also use the QR code at the right to reach my donation site.

So how did it go? We had a great Saturday start, cool & cloudy to start the day with sun later reaching 82. We gathered for our team picture, then started out together around 6:30am.



I had not trained as much as I would have liked after being sick but would be OK. It wouldn't be fast or pretty, but it would get done without the "easy route". Everything worked great during training but on Day 1, I had shifting troubles 30 miles in, losing my higher gears. After quick repair it worked but I suspected I wasn't done with that.



After lunch, I hit a recessed manhole cover and blew my rear tire and had to change a tube. The afternoon



"harder" route heads up through Masonville and drops down to Horsetooth Reservoir, then on to Ft Collins. Mission accomplished, we finished at 2:10pm at 80.41 miles. We settled in dorms and gathered at our team tent for evening. Next year will go from Boulder to Greeley and back after years of same route.

Day 2 I was in line to check air pressure 8 min to planned start and I see a herd of cones roll out early! I buttoned things up and headed off in pursuit, catching them after a couple miles, and aired up at the first stop. The harder route was the climb back up to Horsetooth Reservoir and Masonville, and again it wasn't fast but got done. Things went smoothly for 35 miles, then I had similar shifting problems. I dialed it in so I had all but highest gear and kept rolling. The day was hotter reaching 90 and we were eager to finish earlier and beat the heat. Fortunately afternoon intermittent cloud cover helped.



12 miles to end, the source of my shifting problems was apparent when I suddenly had high gear, and nothing else. The shift cable that had probably been wearing and sticking broke leaving 2 gears on the front rings, high and pretty high. With several climbs ahead, these were my opportunities to stand up and pump in a too-high gear! Everyone said I was climbing fast but if I wasn't I wouldn't be able to move. Anyway, day 2 finished at 78.9 miles around 1:40pm, with BBQ and snowcones.

Total was 159.3 miles, 7,700 kcal, 6,612 ft elevation gain, and 13:38 hours. More importantly, \$2,405 raised and \$93K by my team so far. Thank you for your support!

Rob Brereton



# Corvairs With Altitude

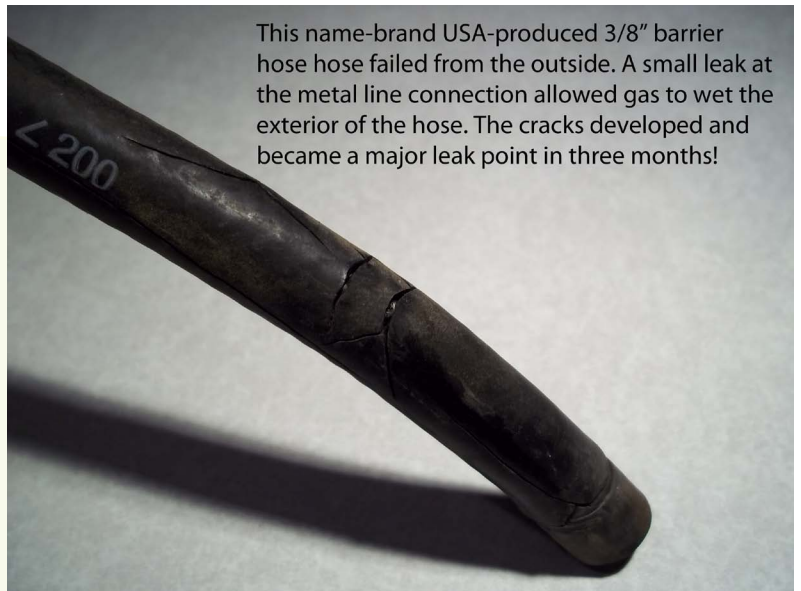


## Tech Corner - Don't Get Hosed!

A few quick reminders:

1. Gasoline must be transferred from the tank to the carburetor float bowls to run - quite a long stretch!
2. It must not gush out or splash around during that transfer process.
3. Gushing or leaking at any point of the transfer path produces an unintended potential source of direct knowledge about gasoline combustion outside of the cylinders.
4. That is **NOT** considered to be a good learning option - check your rubber-ish hoses for ethanol deterioration and abrasion, and metal fittings for leaks.

- Izzy Guiffe



This name-brand USA-produced 3/8" barrier hose failed from the outside. A small leak at the metal line connection allowed gas to wet the exterior of the hose. The cracks developed and became a major leak point in three months!