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# The Denvair News

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## Bare Bones Edition

### - Your Editor's Apology...

It's been 20+ years since we last visited Hawaii. I wish I could report from a lanai with Linæ on Lanai, but our days in paradise were spent on Oahu. We did typical tourist stuff in addition to attending an oddly-orchestrated series of events related to a nephew's Hawaiian wedding.

I saw no Corvairs. Paradise is a lot more crowded than I remember, and the fleet of small cars has expanded to include a bevy of large SUVs and pickup trucks (including at least two Cybertrucks in Honolulu alone) on the streets at all hours. A walk through a car lot billed as *Paradise Classics* had a number of late Vettes, Challengers, and Jeeps in decent shape, but anything that had been exposed to the salt air for more than a decade was looking pretty shabby. Prices on the windshields were 25 to 75% higher than prime Colorado examples would command.

The lot guys claimed to know what Corvairs were, but I personally doubt it. A badly rusted, faded VW Bug on 4 flats was the only rear engine vehicle present. On the north side of the island we caught sight of a VW-powered Manx dune buggy on the road, but that was it. Even the Porsches on the island were the newer SUV-looking things.



*The remnants of Steve Goodman's poor rear-ended Corsa just before the last road trip to C&M Recycling. Pieces of the car went to many RMC members over the past decade, with the final one to Mike Piper for the blue Corsa.*

Anyway, the previous paragraphs are an excuse. I'm assembling this issue on a dark 22 degree Thursday morning, with a dusting of snow on the ground. The groggy feeling from the time zone shift is wrapped around my head like a wet towel.

Fortunately, Mike and Rob had the Pres Notes and previous Meeting Minutes in the email bin, so this short issue of DenVair News at least meets the "minimum requirement". My apologies for a truncated newsletter...



## 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, November 1 — RMC Meeting, 7:00 pm at Elway Chevrolet
- Pretty short list, check the RMC web site and/or come to the meeting!



## President's Letter, November 2024

Hi all!

Now, suddenly it is almost Halloween. Hopefully I'm sneaking by with this being late because Eric was on Oahu for a week. As you all know, the weather has been quite warm into October although the forecast for rain/snow before Halloween is not unusual for October. While Karen & I did not manage a trip to see the aspens, our autumn purple ash in our front yard has put on quite a display complete with turning the light on the south side of our house yellow. In addition to wrangling the leaves there is to need to winterize our sprinkler systems, remove hoses from outside faucets, get our outdoor plants squared away, plant bulbs, etc.

We recently had a meeting to discuss and update the planning for the 2025 Tri-State. We can look forward to an update at the November RMC meeting. In an effort to avoid folks having to make multiple piecemeal registrations, Dale has requested to have info available for the website so we can register, buy tee shirts, sign up for the show and sign up for the banquet all in one visit to the website.

On the hobby front, there are still a few cars and coffee events and cruises here and there although more informal in colder weather, sometimes just popping up on the usual day if the weather is OK. The bigger car shows and fundraisers are pretty much over until next year. There are a few social events on the horizon such as the holiday meal and the New Year's Day brunch. We'll have our election of 2025 officers which usually happens at the holiday meal.

I'm also doing a bit of winterizing of our Corvairs. The white Monza will mostly be garaged in our daughter's garage, so I've added fuel stabilizer to the fuel tank, I've filled the fuel tank to reduce the opportunity for moisture to creep in, and I've got the battery maintainer ready to go. I'll still need to run and drive the car periodically. Steve Goodman has put together several good articles in the

past about winterizing our cars so it would pay to go back and re-read those.

I'll also winterize the red car some, I'll keep the fuel tank full, and I'm more likely to drive that car from time to time but I'll still finish my fall tune up and also use a battery maintainer on that car. I'm planning to go to the CORSA convention next year, so if I lose my mind and enter the concours, there are a couple of things to do that could be winter projects but if I put a new top on the car that requires warm weather so that will be a warm spring day project.

The other Corvair project I have in mind is to not mess with lawn projects but to work more diligently on the blue car. It has been sitting for a while, and I've gone through working on the bits to be cleaned up and refurbished so now I need to get on with the larger underbody work so I can put the suspension back under it so it can be moved on the wheels. My daughter's garage has a huge pile of stuff that needs to find its way back onto a car now. Some of the work will be easier when it is not hot out but there is a balance between cooler weather and cold weather.

I was reminded this past Saturday that our next RMC meeting will be Friday, 1 November at Elway Chevrolet at 19:00 hrs (7:00 PM). I'd like to approach this and protect our cars. I hate to say it, but we should start thinking about this now.

This feels like a shorter article for a change, maybe because things have slowed down or I'm even more distracted than usual, probably some of both. As always, I hope you all can stay comfortable and dry and you are all able to have some fun along the way as the weather cools down and the seasons change. As always, be healthy and safe.

I'll hope to see you all soon.

-Mike



*The Last Chunk...  
Radio panel from dash of Steve Goodman's gray Corsa will live again in Mike Piper's blue car. Or, at least that's the plan.*

## Rocky Mountain Corsa Meeting Minutes

**Meeting Date:** October 4, 2024

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

**Location:** John Elway Chevrolet, Englewood CO

**# Present:** 14 on site, 2 on Zoom.

**Guests, long distance, new members:** Tony Mueller is a new member joining us, he has a Meyers Manx Corvair with a VIN that traces to a '66 Corvair 500. Doesn't run but engine turns, needs wiring work. See registration discussion below. He is also a Camaro guy.

Also attending were Devin D'Ascenz and Cody Bugaring. Devin is the grandson of Glenn Blea, a founding member of RMC, and they are reviving a very original '62 4 door for Cody that hadn't run since 1971. They drove it tonight.

### Standard Business:

Minutes of last meeting: Minutes from September meeting were reviewed and approved.

Treasurer's Report: The end of August balance was \$6,576.34. Paid state annual report. Treasurer's Report was approved.

Mailbag: Col Crawford School Athletic booster in Ohio is raffling a Corvette and sends us invitation every year. Forgot to bring tonight but will get it to Webmaster.

### Old Business:

- No snacks planned for tonight. Cory brought some cookies and pop.
- Membership:
- RMC list, couple issues and a resend. Updating John or Kathy Green email.
- Updates to RMC-list were handed out this month. Will get badges for new members.
- Thanks, Eric, for a great newsletter. Please contribute your articles, with pictures. Eric is at an RMVR event tonight.
- Tri-state discussion. Paul has letter to send to all western clubs inviting them through Newsletter editors. Requesting to put on website. Copy passed around. Working with caterers, located one option but they are focused on BBQ only. Evaluating others. Days Inn in Trinidad is taking reservations now, 719-497-8080, room cost is \$110 + Tax and good for Thurs - Sun.
- Tri-state T-shirt design / logo was shown and discussed, still in limbo on the design as Andrew couldn't be here.
- Rick Beets gave the CCCC update. 2 car shows to share at Old Crow Antiques in Littleton tomorrow 10/5 and on 10/12. Date for next Forney Dust and Shine to be set, will schedule early to avoid conflict. Legislature is not in session, so not much new. Metro area is not in compliance with ozone levels, so there could be future interest in action on that. Prefer to focus on stationary sources. Friends of Collector Cars PAC leader had a stroke so looking for a new leader, and they are also seeking donations.
- For the PPCC Fall Tour was planned to Victor on 9/21, Cancelled due to weather.
- Swap 'n Dump, 9/22, at the Schakel ranch was also Cancelled due to weather.

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*See? Minutes are really continued!*

### **New Business:**

- Next meeting snacks were discussed, early on we started simple, then they became meals, now going informal. There was a call for volunteers, nobody signed up.
- Future of Tri-State, Discussion of how to make it simpler. In past there was just a Raffle for men and women and some door prizes, the donated basket raffle became a way to cover more of the costs. Cory proposed a dedicated meeting in Jan or Feb to sort out our input. The decision will be made across leaders of all 3 clubs at 2025 Tri-State.
- Need a Board meeting to review Bylaws.
- Elections are coming up, nominations are due next month with elections at Holiday Party.
- Discussed date of Holiday Party vs date of meeting to decide if holding regular meeting. They are only 6 days apart, so will cancel Dec meeting.
- Jim Reich's garage tour which was set for 10/20 has been cancelled at Jim's request.

### **Upcoming RMC Activities:**

- November 1 (Fri) Monthly Meeting, 7pm, Elway Chevrolet.
- Dec 14 (Sat) Holiday Party, Black Bear Diner, with Toys & Tots collection and traditional Gift Exchange

### **Standing Car Events:**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays WeatherTek Cars and Coffee, Boulder Turnpike south on Wadsworth.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Saturdays Golden SuperCruise, has become year-round event.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays WeatherTek Cars and Coffee, Boulder Turnpike south on Wadsworth.

### **For Sale or Wanted, Recently Purchased, Projects**

- Tony Mueller is having trouble getting title for out of state car, needing VIN Verification. Looking for a dealership or other to assist. Trouble completing the VIN. Steve referred him to Highway Patrolman Ed Pastori at Golden West who does VIN Verification. Lots of other input.
- John Dinsdale got his red sedan back from Ryan Timmons at Ryan's Rod Service after 4 years, Tony hauled it back. After 2 years it was still sitting outside and was supposed to be done Sept 2022. No work went into it since then, fender was never repaired. John is out \$3,500 with nothing to show for it. Parts were just thrown in, nothing organized. John will part it out, too much expense to continue. Dale indicated to go to for sale or wanted page on website and post.

**50/50 Raffle:** \$27 Club, \$28 member, winner Rob Brereton.

**Meeting adjourned:** 8:16, Snacks followed.

**Respectfully by** Rob Brereton