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# The Denvair News

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## 2025 New Year's Post-Holiday Edition

### Corvairs Roar Into 2025

There's nothing quite like a parking lot with a smattering of Corvairs to put one in the Christmas spirit. And the same holds true for a New Year, of course, where the sight of Corvairs on a chilly morning offers a touch of stable sanity in our ever-more-complex world.

Rocky Mountain Corsa ended 2024 with an early dinner Christmas party at the Black Bear Diner in Aurora, and kicked off 2025 with a New Year's brunch at Big Horn Restaurant in Estes Park. Both events were neatly organized by Gail and Kory Levin, to whom we offer a hearty and well-deserved "Thank You!"



*Gail Levin is flanked by gift exchange MC Dylan Berichon and spouse Kory while they study the numbers for the next gift selection. Gail and Kory once again arranged both the Christmas Party and the New Year's Brunch in Estes Park, a challenging task well done!*

This abbreviated issue of The Denvair News features pix from both events. Please offer a round of thanks to John Dawson for his prolific imagery of the Christmas Party, and to Steve Goodman for the New

Year's pix. Webmaster Dale Nielsen has many more on the RMC web site. And if you didn't make either event in person, well, pictures may be worth 1000 words, but being there is truly the real thing!

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Congrats, we've made it a quarter of the way into the 21st century!

With a fresh year stretching out before us, now's the perfect time to plan for those Corvair-ish things we've been cogitating about. Maybe a road trip? How about attending the Tri-State, or the COR-SA National Convention? 2025 is wide open!





*John & Kathy Greene w/guard dog, above left  
Paul & Maxine Seyforth, above center  
General partying, above right  
Caron Wetter & Jimmy Riley, right  
Jared & Ashley Eades with recent addition, below left*



## Christmas Party Pix



*Charlie & Jessica Beets with lively daughter, left*

*Tony & Diane Lawler, right*

*Kevin & Robin Shippman w/ Chris Kimberly, below right*

*The Jackson Four, below left*





*Aughh! Red Corvairs... Mike Piper's white-topped Corsa, flanked by Doug & Cathy Dumler's black-topped red Monza, above left.*

*Mike speaking to Dumlers (backs to lens, unfortunately) while Bruce Parizek contemplates a nap, above right.*

*Tony and Diane shared a table with Rick Beets and Ken Schiffner, right.*



*The golden-hued LM sedan of Dave and Brenna Olwine, separated from Steve's red Corvair by a pedestrian utility box vehicle... The sedan is Dave's daily driver.*



*Above right, Linae Schakel guards old man in food coma.*

*Brereton family is growing into a Corvair colony. That's Natalie smiling at our intrepid photographer, left.*

*And we wrap up, below, with the Brereton's white Corsa convertible.*



## ***New Year's Brunch In Estes Park***

## President's Letter, January 2025

Hi all!

I apologize up front because I missed my "deadline", thinking I had already done a collection of thoughts, but I did not. Eric's reminder caused me to say "oh, I forgot!" My raft of excuses is that I had a team retirement lunch on 12/5, I retired 12/6, along with the company Christmas party. I messed around until 12/9 returning my company computer gear. I had the company retirement meal that evening, and we took off on a week-long vacation to Maui the morning of 12/11. I've been messing around since we got back trying to reduce the pile of stuff I brought home from the office, which lead to a substantial pile of paper in the recycling bin.

My attempt at whining is pretty much a bunch of first world problems. My problem toe decided to be a problem in the airport on the way which limited how much walking I could do and eliminated snorkeling and messing around I tide pools. We had our middle and oldest kids with us, plus their kids and respective significant others. We did not depend on a single car so folks were able to do what they wanted to do. It was a nice trip, particularly since I had NO interruptions from my former employer this time. I've spent the last couple of days messing around getting Medicare premium payments made, signing up for software I used to have free access to, and cleaning up a bunch of old vacation photos and videos, plus some project photos I want to keep. I'm turning a page but unfortunately it is turning slowly.

So, back to Corvair club stuff. There was a flurry of 2025 Tri-State email while I was gone and immediately after. It seems like we are to a point where registration can be completed, and fees paid.

We recently had an increased amount of correspondence from the Bonneville Corvair Club (Salt Lake) and they are interested in teaming in the Tri-Strate meets going forward. They are making an effort to revitalize their group. I will be able to participate better in the planning for how the Tri-States will be presented in the future. Our goal is still to have a plan in place before the 2025 Tri-State so the reps from the four clubs (3 states) can get together and agree on a plan.

There has been ongoing discussion almost since the club dropped the requirement to be a national CORSA member to be in Rocky Mountain Corsa. Since we have continued to have issues with the RMC-list email, Steve Goodman has volunteered to use the roster to call members to see if they are currently members of national CORSA. If most of us are already members then it should not be a major hardship to make that a requirement. The original notion of dropping the membership requirement was to attract new members with reduced fees.

I've managed to have almost nothing to say for quite a few words so I'll stop now. Our next scheduled meeting is 3 January, 2025 at Elway Chevrolet at the regular time of 19:00 hrs (7:00 PM). This notice assuming I did not get to Eric so late this won't show up before the meeting.

I hope I've seen some of you at the Brunch in Estes Park. Happy and prosperous new year to you all.

Mike

## 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.

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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, January 3, 2025 — RMC Meeting, 7:00 pm at Elway Chevrolet
- Friday, February 7, 2025 — RMC Meeting, 7:00 pm at Elway Chevrolet
- May 20 - 23 — CORSA International Convention, San Luis Obispo, CA
- May 30 - June 1 — 2025 Tri-State Meet, Trinidad, CO. See RMC web site to register!



## Rocky Mountain Corsa Meeting Minutes

**Meeting Date:** December 14, 2024

**Location:** Black Bear Diner

**New Business:**

- Held election for VP. After plying John Dawson with onion rings, he accepted the nomination and was voted in unanimously by the members present and the diner wait staff.

**Meeting adjourned immediately thereafter**

**Called to Order:** No one remembers

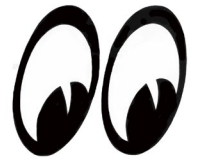
**# Present:** 8 sober, 16 moderately inebriated

Respectfully by Willie Wonka

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### Editorial Ramblings

- Eric Schakel



#### The Roar of the Holidays

The echoes of Christmas carols have faded away, the tree and all the house internal and external trimmings have been re-packaged and dragged to their various storage places, and I'm struggling to produce a respectable newsletter before the January 3 meeting. Rush, rush, rush, then it's tax time.

Our Corvairs are all tucked away at the moment, even the poor old maroon car is now under a roof as it slowly returns to it's natural elemental state. Tomorrow will be my first Free Day of 2025, and I'm planning some quality time working on the Ringer race car.

Don't yet know if we'll make the meeting, but I've put in a lot of thought about CORSA membership as it relates to RMC. I've always supported CORSA, and we've benefitted from insurance coverage, national promotion of our Tri-State events, and the added depth an international

organization (even a moderately bohunk one, if that's your view of them) adds to our Corvair hobby.

I think RMC was wrong to drop a CORSA membership requirement, and would like to see it reinstated. How do other members feel about this?

If we have potential members who can't cough up \$25/year on top of the RMC membership (sounds sketchy to me, but that was the primary driver for dropping the CORSA requirement), perhaps the club could pay their first year out of the money we're still sitting on from our 2011 hosting of the CORSA Convention?

Together, we're better for our shrinking, ageing Corvair hobby. And as the cars and members age, there's support strength in numbers that can help us keep on keepin' on. Think about it.