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June Meeting in Longmont

The June RMC meeting was held in Longmont at the Old Chicago on Hwy 119 on a bright clear Saturday morning. The original plan was to meet at Dougherty Museum but the museum decided to delay it's season opening by a week. So instead the club decided to have a luncheon meeting at the old Chicago. It was a good plan as the restaurant provided a meeting room and its usually very good lunch.

The turnout was very good. Coming up from way down south was Ed Halpin (of course), Rob Brereton, Rick Beets, Tony Lawler, Jimmy Riley, and Caron Wetter. From the north (of I70) was Paul and Maxine Seyforth, Jonnie Berkman, Mike Piper, Bud and Linda Duncan, and Jerry and Nancy Gerteisen. Some new faces, not new to the club but some we haven't seen for a while; Art Alejandro, Marcus Miller, George Murnock, and Jim Reich

The meeting went very well. We had a round table discussing our history and current stories about our Corvairs. After lunch we gathered in the parking lot showing off our present collection and telling more stories.



Art Alejandro and his 65 Corvair



Marcus Miller



George Murnock



Jim Reich

Presidents letter for June 2019

Hello Fellow Members of the RMC!

June was a very busy month for the Club, and for me personally, with all of the available car stuff going on in and around the Denver area.

Following up on last month's note, my wife's '63 Convertible is now up and running, thanks to many hours in the garage, and the magic touch of Mr. Steve Goodman (Rear Engine Specialists), to get it across the finish line. Cheryl really wanted to participate in her first car show, and Steve made that happen by adjusting his schedule to accommodate her car in the shop for a couple days. Thank you, Steve, for putting a big smile on her face, as she was able to drive the car into the show, along with 11 other Corvairs on display. You are a great mechanic, and a dear friend!

Our Club meeting on June 1st, at the Old Chicago Restaurant in Longmont, was very well attended, with more than 20 folks in attendance, and a wide variety of Corvairs in the parking lot. We had a chance to check out a "Shorty" Wagon (thanks to Jim Reich) and a supercharged example (thanks to Marcus Miller), so it was quite a display of Corvair power for us to take a look at. Now, I've been in the Club for more than 10 years, and I have to say, that may have been the absolute best meeting I've been involved in with the RMC. Folks were engaged, enthusiastic, and appeared to have a really good time, just hanging out with each other for a bit. Thank you all for sharing your stories, your thoughts, and your recommendations on Club activities. I took good notes on our discussions. The Club will be back up north, on Saturday, September 14th, this time in Fort Collins, when we'll meet in the Biergarten of the Budweiser Brewery. That should be a lot of fun!

We then kicked the car show season into high gear with a very high level of volunteer support to the "Havana Cruise" on June 8th. Hats off and many, many kudos to our CCCC (Collector Car Council of Colorado) Representative, Mr. Rick Beets, for not only being part of the CCCC Event Planning Committee, but for also rounding up volunteers to physically help with the event. Add to that, Rick was able to secure, and display, "SeeMore" the cutaway Corvair display car, which drew a lot of attention to the Club. Membership Chair, Tony Lawler, was on hand to chat up the RMC, and as a result, we may see some new faces in the Club as we move into summer. I'm sure Rick will call out

everyone who supported the effort, but I wanted to make sure I specifically noted the contributions of Rick, and Tony, for making this event a success story for not only our Club, but for the CCCC as a whole. The President of the CCCC told me directly that the RMC has been a great addition to the Council, and we have Rick to thank for that!

Other June events, which participants will cover for you in detail elsewhere, included member participation in the recent "Colorado Concours d'Elegance", the road trip to the Wildlife Sanctuary in Keensburg, and our Garage Tours in Longmont with Jim Reich and John Drage. Thanks go out to all of you who were able to attend those events and support the Club's efforts! Your Activities Chair, Chris Kimberly, is doing a great job in putting together events that you all have asked for, which includes activities on both Saturday, and Sunday. In support of those efforts, Rob Brereton is in the process of setting up an Autocross event for the Club on Sunday, July 14th (back-up date of 7/28) at one of the Jeffco Schools facilities. More to follow on that as we get closer, but I wanted to encourage folks to bring their vehicles out and have a good time. This type of event requires a lot of man-hours to coordinate, set up, and run, so let's make sure it is well attended and give Rob a hand, when he reaches out for volunteers. Last thing; keep an eye on the event calendar, because August is packed with lots of options to get your cars out. With the Rocky Mountain Car/Air Show, the Club Picnic, a road trip to High Plains Raceway, and local car shows galore, we should see Corvairs on the road all across the region. Get out there and have fun!

See you on the road!
Drive Safe!
Ed



Arapahoe Car Show

The 36th Annual Colorado Concours d'Elegance was held Sunday June 9th at Arapahoe Community College. It is a charity event for a program of the "Ability Connection Colorado" which provides services for creative options for early childhood development.

There were twelve and a half Corvairs in attendance along with a 300-400 hundred "other" vehicles. The "half" vehicle was SeeMore which was brought to the show by Rick Beets using Tony Lawler's tow vehicle and trailer (thanks Rick and Tony!). The Greenbrier van used by TAIT, the group dedicated to support children with autism (and their families) was there and drew a crowd.

There were thousands of people in attendance who came to see our Corvairs and the "other" vehicles. Ed Halpin arranged with the sponsors to have our vehicles parked in a nice, grassy, strategic (portapotties were close but not too close) area near the group of food vendors. Though the overall event included Concours judging, individual clubs could do their own judging. RMC and PPCC folks combined to judge our vehicles. John Dawson and the undersigned did the judging. The quality of the vehicles was excellent and there were two (2) ties that had to be resolved by re-judging certain portions of the vehicles.

As usual, SeeMore drew a crowd. Comments like "This is the best thing here" and "Did GM make this?" were heard. A press photographer came by, took some pictures and got the names of some of the kids who sat for pictures. The kids, having been told that they couldn't even touch the "other" vehicles seemed delighted to not only be able to touch but also sit in SeeMore. All in all, it was a good day for the attendees and the Corvair hobby.

Oh, the "other" vehicles"?

Nothing much...just a plethora of Porsches, Ferraris, Lamborghinis, a couple Rolls-Royces, BMW's, classic brass-era stuff....you know, compared to Corvairs, the typical car show stuff.



The Havana Cruise

June 8th 2018

The cruise on Havana street benefited the Colorado Collector Car Council. In attendance were Chris Kimberly, Rick Beets, Ken Schiffner, and Ed Halpin promoting SeeMore, the cutaway Corvair. A beautiful day on a somewhat busy Havana street. Cars did not cruise so much as park in several retail parking lots. Most of the cars represented late model makes that their owners considered to be a collector car. There were some gems. Two were a pristine 1932 Ford roadster and a very cool 1927 T-bodied Ford roadster complete with a flathead V8.



RMC Upcoming Events 2019

July

Friday, July 12th **Club Meeting** at Joh Elway Chevrolet, 7:00 p.m. This was changed from July 5th due to the approximating July 4th celebration.

Saturday June 6th—**Golden Super Cruise Night** in Golden.

Saturday July 13 or 14—**Auto Cross**—details to come. Rob B. is heading this up..

Tues-Sat. July 23-27th —**CORSA International Convention**, St. Charles, Ill.

August

Friday, August 2nd—**Club Meeting** at John Elway Chevrolet, 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, August 3rd—**Rocky Mt. Car Show and Swap Meet** at the Jeff Co Airport. This is sponsored by the CCCC; this is a class C car show with fly-bys.

Saturday August 3rd—**Golden Super Cruise Night** in Golden.

Sunday, August 4th—The Dale Wilshire Picnic at Cherry Creek

Reservoir. Time 11;00am , the pavilion Dixson Grove. (This was originally scheduled for August 11th but was changed due to a conflict with the RMVRC Race Against Kids Cancer. Be sure to join the club at the Cherry Creek State Park. RMC will provide the hamburgers and brats and table ware. Pot luck for everything else.

August 10th-11th—2019 **Race Against Kids' Cancer**, sponsored by the Rocky Mt. Vintage Racing Club and the Morgan Adams Foundation. It will be held at the High Plains Raceway, Deertrail, CO. This event is held each year as a fundraiser to find a cure for kids' cancer by the Morgan Adams Foundation and the RMVR. This year, Eric Schakel and Jon Whiteley will be racing, and we are planning a club road trip to go to support them as well as this event that raises money for pediatric cancer research. All money raised, stays here locally.

Sunday, August 25th— **The Old Colorado City Car Show**; For Car show junkies. This is in Colorado Springs at the Bancroft Park. Register online for this show.

September

Saturday, Sept 7th—**Golden Super Cruise Night** in Golden.

Saturday, Sept 14th—**Club Meeting up North** at the Budweiser Beer Gardens in Ft. Collins. The meeting is at 11:30 and will be followed by a tour and lunch.

Saturday, Sept 28th—**RMC Fall Tour**. More details to come.

Sunday Sept 22 or 29—**Cheeseburgers and Corvairs**

Northern Garage Tour 2019



This year's tour was a real kick. Short drive from Denver up I25 to Loveland Hwy 34. We been to the Cracker Barrel before, a really decent place to get a breakfast. Fourteen RMC'ers made the trip. Rick Beets, Tony Lawler, Mike Timmons are always there, the new backbone of the club. The Gertiesens and the Duncans drove their early model convertibles up from Bromfield. Ed Halpin and Mike Piper arrived late but considering their drive, not really too late. Our hosts, John and Sandy Drage and Jim Reich were there to greet us. Last but not least was John Donahue from Greely and myself



John's garage was really a mechanics man cave. This garage is separate from his home. John is working on a model T Corvair rear engine roadster. Progress has been slow due to some health issues but the decoration of pictures, license plates, and posters were worth the trip .

The second phase of the tour was Jim Reich's garage. Jim is an architect and I believe by nature enjoys changing things. We followed Jim in his shortened Lakewood wagon to his home. Jim had sectioned 26 inches from the middle of his car effectively eliminating the rear doors. At the garage we saw his most recent project the Corvair Trike. Beautiful workmanship and an engineering marvel for the front wheel suspension. Jim's latest acquisition is the 8 door (count them) van he purchased from a seller on the Corvair forum. Then we visited Jim's Corvair model collection. Jim has been collecting Corvair models for 35 years and has over 200 of all different sizes and shapes. I want to mention that Jim has been a member of RMC for 41 years. John Drage, when asked he had to think about it. He joined in 1977.



Garage tour (continued)



Late Breaking News

Here is a little announcement for the next newsletter about the Christmas party. Gail Levin

YOUR GUIDE TO THE RMC 2019 CHRISTMAS PARTY

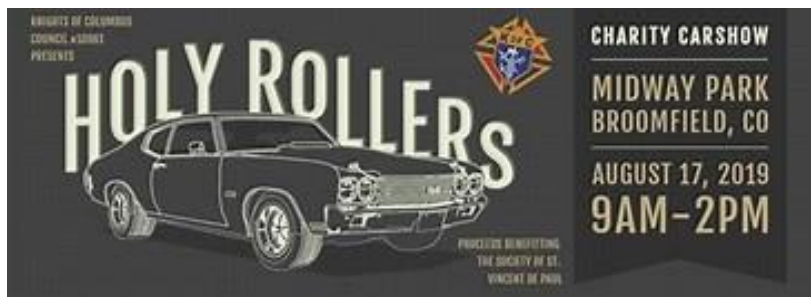
The Date: December 14, 2019, Saturday
The Time: 1:00 - 4:00 P.M. For Lunch/"Linner"
Place: Mimi's Cafe
205 S. Abilene Street
Aurora, Co 80012
Exit Alameda from I-225

We have the private party room, "The Lodge Room". RMC will graciously provide our first drink (alcoholic or non) and appetizers.

Broomfield Lions Pancake Breakfast at Broomfield Days

Time & Place - Midway Park Girl Scout Shelter, Midway Avenue, two blocks east of Wadsworth Ave, Broomfield; 7:00AM-10:00AM; Saturday, September 21. This is part of the Broomfield days celebration complete with car show. Menu - Pancakes (all you can eat), sausage, scrambled eggs, coffee, juice, water. Price: Adults \$8; Children (under 12) \$5

Holy Rollers Car Show



Don't forget about the Holy Rollers Show in Bromfield this August 17th.

Entry forms can be obtained online

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Club Page

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. The Denvair 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.

Classified Ads Individual RMC member ads are free. Classified ads are limited to 25 words and may include a photo. All ads will run for three issues. Non-members may advertise for \$10.00. Please submit ads to the Editor, with payment due in advance to the Treasurer. Please make checks out to RMC.

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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*

Monthly Meeting

RMC typically 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, 2019

Called to Order: 11:36 am

Location: Old Chicago, Longmont

Present: 20

- Guests, long distance, new members: Went around room introducing ourselves. Recorded only for those we don't see all the time. George Murnock lives in Firestone and has been in the club 3 years. His 67 convertible 140 4spd is in the putting together phase after a dropped valve seat. Mark Miller was a 20ish year, member, fell off the membership but has been back for 2 years. His honeymoon weekend was a Tri-State and he has a green 64 Monza Convertible which his parents bought new and he got at 16 as well as a 65 Corsa crown conversion with 350. Art Alejandre has a Corsa clone and has recently joined. He has been into Corvairs since '62, and his son lives near Seattle and is heavily into Corvairs too. Jim Reich brought his shorty wagon and has been a member for 41 years. In 1982 he tried to sell a nice Lakewood for \$600, but couldn't. So he and Tom Parker spent a weekend taking 26 inches of length out, and finished the car in 1985. He has autocrossed it a number of times. He is down from 13 Corvairs to 5, with a large collection of Corvair toys, a Corvan and the Trike to be show on garage tour.

Standard Business:

Minutes from past meeting: Thanks to Melissa Wallace for taking the notes. The May minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: There is no report for May, as Treasurer was not present. \$1,000 went out for the See More donation.

Mailbag: No mail received for RMC. Just a bad address on a thank you postcard for a political contribution . . .

Old Business:

- Activities review:
 - May 5 was the Tri-State Tune-Up & Cinco de Mayo at Schakel's. It was enjoyed by all who attended. See newsletter article.
 - May 17-19 Tri-State in Alamosa. A good time was had by all. Next Tri-State will be in Albuquerque. See newsletter.
 - May 19 Florence Car show – Tony, Ken, Rick, and Mike attended.
 - June 1 Dougherty Museum cancelled; Museum changed opening date to June 7 after event was planned.
- Upcoming Events
 - June 8 CCCC Cruizin Havana, see below.
 - June 9 Concours At Arapahoe Community College, charity event for Ability Connections CO helping those with Autism. Our club was invited after event at trade school for the autistic which used a '63 Van for a school bus. 12 cars to be shown.
 - June 15th Castle Rock Cruisin car show, flyer placed on table up front.
 - June 22 Club trip to Keenesburg, to visit a wild animal sanctuary followed by lunch.
 - June 30 Corvairs and Cheeseburgers event, Westwood Inn. See email to come.
 - Sun June 23 Garage Tour, Reichs and Drages. 8am Cracker Barrel in Loveland, then visit garages.
 - July 14 Autocross, Jeffco Transportation Center in Lakewood. July 28 is weather backup date.
 - July 20 CORSA Convention, St. Charles IL.
 - Sun Aug 4, Dale Wilshire Memorial Picnic was Aug 11 but rescheduled due to event below. Details to follow.
 - Sun Aug 10 & 11 High Plains Raceway in Deer Trail, Kids Against Cancer charity. Rides in race cars available at lunch break.
 - 12/14 Holiday Party, 1-4, gift exchange, Mimi's, First drink and apps free. Collect for Toys for Tots. Do not wrap.
- CCCC update, Rick Beets:
 - June 8 Havana Cruise. 4-6, Those volunteers present are still on. VIP party RSVP's for 10 at Super Panda. Our role is to provide volunteers for flaggers, Poker Run Table, and flyer handout, sharing the Havana Exchange Shopping Center, 2880 S Havana with the Denver Roadster Club. See More will be there with separate volunteers. Photo shoot planned by Haggerty at Havana Exchange. Noon to 6 event.
 - Aug 3 Airport event is in planning with volunteers for parking needed.

New Business:

- Marketing Tools - Facebook and Instagram focus discussed.
- Race at High Plains Racetrack -Race Against Cancer, August 10-11 – There was a suggestion to fundraise as club and possibly have a club Parade Lap! Eric will provide more detail as the event gets closer.
- Next RMC President, VP discussion. Need to groom those interested in doing so to prepare them to start off strong. Get to set direction, plan events to get the cars out there.
- We brainstormed upcoming North events. Good Guys show Sept. Firestone July 4 show. Both only had 1 Corvair last year.
- Next Meeting July 5. Discussion about being part of long holiday weekend. Opted to move to 2nd Friday July 12th.
- For the next Northern meeting in September we will meet at the Anheiser Busch Brewery.

For Sale or Wanted, Recently Purchased

- None recorded.

50/50 Raffle: Amount to Club: \$52 To Winner: \$53 Winner: Jonnie Berkman

Adjourned: _2:00_ pm **Respectfully Submitted by:** Rob Brereton_____