

# The Denvair News

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Tim Shortle's van at the 2015 G.W. Fan Belt toss

## President Letter for March 2019

Hello Members of the RMC

First, I want to thank everyone in the Club for making the transition to a yearly dues cycle a seamless, and dare I say, enjoyable, endeavor. As I write this note, we have more than 95% of our entire roster current on dues for 2019, with the deadline for renewal still a couple weeks away. A great job by everyone involved, especially our Treasurer, John Dinsdale, for keeping the books straight as we made that change! Once our 2019 roster is finalized, we'll get a fresh copy out to the membership, and it should stay relatively accurate for the rest of the year, with the exception of adding new members. :)

Next, please don't forget that our next Club meeting will be held on Saturday, March 2nd up in Longmont at the Perkins Restaurant on North Main Street. While the meeting will start at 10am, I would encourage folks to get there a little earlier, if they plan to order breakfast/brunch. I'm excited to finally get to meet several members of the Club that I've only chatted with via email or on the phone. So, put it on your calendars and we'll see you up north next month. For those who were able to make it out to the Forney Transportation Museum on February 3rd, I hope you all enjoyed it as much as I did. The Vintage Camper Trailer exhibit brought back a lot of nice childhood memories, good stuff! Thanks to Chris K. for setting that up for us. Chris has a lot of stuff planned out for the Club in 2019, so be sure to check out the full calendar of events in the newsletter (thanks Paul!), as well as updates provided on our website (thanks Dale!).

As we roll into March, the weather will once again shift to warmer temps, and very quickly, the Denver area car show season will be upon us. For the last several years, I've made it a point to hit all of the big shows in the area, and down south, with the '60 Coupe and the '67 Sedan, making sure the Corvair was out front and in public view. For 2019, I've decided to take a different approach, and focus more on the smaller shows, like the Elks Lodge show in Littleton. How many times have you been to a car show and someone says, "Wow, I haven't seen a Corvair in years!?" Well, if they've been out to the larger area shows, Corvairs have been at every one. However, I can understand the comment if all they have attended were the small, local, fundraiser types of shows.

So, my goal this year will be to share my cars with as many folks as possible, in a variety of venues. I would encourage every member with a working Corvair, to display their vehicle in at least three local shows this year. While there are dozens to choose from, just pick a couple where you might be the only Corvair in the bunch, and then spend the afternoon educating folks on the awesomeness of the Corvair. You'll have fun, they'll have fun, maybe we get a couple new members out of the conversations, and it'll be one less group of folks who can say they haven't seen a Corvair in years! :)

Stay warm out there, take care of your cars, and take care of each other

Ed

## Corvair sold at the Mecum Auction

For those of us that keep track of car auctions it is of interest that a 1966 Yenko Stinger was offered at Mecum's Kissimmee auction in January. It crossed the block on Friday, Jan. 11<sup>th</sup>, lot # F237. A pre-sale estimate of \$65,000 to \$100,000 was placed on the car. Identified as YS074, it was equipped with a stage III setup including 2 Weber 3 barrel downdraft carbs with a rating of 220 hp.

The hammer price was \$220,000 with the buyer's premium. This has to be considered both good news and bad news for the Corvair community. Nice to see our Corvair values increasing but also a bit worrisome how those car prices may impact our hobby.



## Another Corvair was auctioned earlier

The Yenko was not quite the price that the Fitch Phoenix commanded in the Greenwich CT Concours auction in June, 2014. The price for that car on that day was \$253,000. This beautiful car was a one off example built by John Fitch for possible production. The car was built with a 1966 Corvair drive train and chassis. Plans for production ceased when GM decided to end Corvair production.



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## A Visit to Forneys Transportation Museum



We had both a total of 27 members and guests join us for the Forney museum tour. 25 from RMC: Tony and Diane Lawler, the Halpin family, the Olwine family, Rylie Timmons, Chris Kimberly, Paul Seyforth, Michael Timmons and Amanda Lynch, Ken Schifftner, the Piper family, John Drage, and our newest member, Chris Jackson with his family, The Feasels (PPCC) drove up from the Springs to join us as well. We had 7 Corvairs turn out...Ed Halpin, Chris Kimberly, Ken Schifftner, Mike Timmons, Tony Lawler, Dave Olwine, and Paul Seyforth. 18 folks had lunch at La Comida Restaurant at The Source. Excellent Mexican food. Everyone had a great time and everyone got home in time for the Super Bowl.



Left: Ken Schifftner and Amelia Earhart's Kissel roadster



Right: John Drage and Dave Olwine in the car model collection area. An outstanding collection of models



Left: Diane Lawler, Cheryl Halpin and Chris Kimberly



Right: Mike Piper, Ken Schifftner, and Paul Seyforth



Left: 1932 Plymouth model PB Sports Roadster



Right: The Chris Jackson family

## RMC Calendar of Events, 2019

### March

- 3/2, Saturday...**Club Meeting** up North; The time and place have been set. The time is 10:00 AM, March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Place: Perkins Restaurant, 2015 N. Main St. in Longmont.
- 3/23, Saturday...**Wings Over the Rockies Museum at Centennial Airport**; Meet at 11:00-11:15. Lunch at 1:30 at the Perfect Landing Restaurant at the airport; Ken Schifftner is the contact for this activity.
- 3/24 or 3/31, Sunday...**Cheeseburgers and Corvairs**; Westwood Inn; Hwy6 and Wadsworth Bl. Date depends on the weather.

### April

- 4/5, Friday... **Club Meeting** at Elway Chevrolet; 7:00
- 4/13, Saturday... **E-Days Car Show** at the School of Mines in Golden
- 4/27, Saturday... **Road Trip and Tour** to Greeley R.R. Museum (open 10-4). Lunch afterwards

### May

- 5/3, Friday... **Club Meeting** at Elway Chevrolet; 7:00
- 5/4, Saturday... **Golden Super Cruise Night** in Golden
- 5/5, Sunday... **Tune-up Potluck** at Schakel's house; Cinco de Mayo theme; festivities begin at 1:00; Bring taco shells, tortillas, refried frijoles, side dishes or desserts. Bring your chair.
- 5/17-5/19,.. **Tri-State Gathering in Alamosa, CO**; register for event online; hotel reservations at Best Western in Alamosa. Call 719-589-2567 and mention "Corvair".
- 5/19, Sunday... **Florence Car Show**; Entrance still being accepted; you can register online. Stop off on your way back from the Tri-State.

### June

- 6/1, Saturday...**Club Meeting** up North and tour the **Dougherty Museum** in Longmont; Meeting beforehand museum opens at 11:00
- 6/1, Saturday...**Golden Super Cruise Night** in Golden
- 6/8, Saturday...**Havana Cruise**; CCCC sponsored event; Rick B. is the contact for this event.
- 6/15, Saturday...**Castle Rock Cruise In**; VCC sponsored; register online
- 6/22, Saturday... **Road Trip** to Keenesburg; **Wild Animal Sanctuary**; 'Linner' afterwards at location TBA

## 63 Spyder Differential swap part 2 By Rick Beets

The early 4 speed transmission in my Spyder was on its' way out even after a refresh when I rebuilt the motor a couple years ago. I'd also been on the hunt for a 3:27 ring and pinion to give my car longer legs on the highway. I found a transmission that would work with the 64 differential currently installed. It also included a late model differential. When I took everything to Steve Goodman, we discovered that the late model differential contained a 3:27 ring gear driven by an early pinion. Steve then pointed out that I wouldn't be able to use it in my differential. Why not, I asked?

For starters Steve said, the early ring gear had a different bolt pattern from late. The late model case is also wider than an early, so you can't swap the internals over. Unless..

Unless, what I asked?

Modifications can be made to the late model carrier to make it fit into an early case.

Modifications? What kind of mods?

You can narrow the carrier halves to fit the early case by milling off some extra material the bearing surface. Hmm, I thought. I have a small mill and lathe in the basement, what could go wrong? I little more research showed it wasn't quite that simple, so here are the steps required to make late model differential components fit an early case.

Step 1: Machine about ½ inch off the end of each side of the differential carrier (where the spider gears live) that goes beyond where the bearings are pressed on. Since we've removed a bunch of material, we've lost most of the surface that supports the axel yokes. The solution is to make a sleeve that can be pressed into the carrier. (Right)



Step 2: We first need to bore out the ID the carrier halves to allow the insertion of a steel sleeve. What turned out to be the biggest hassle, was to get the part centered in my 4 jaw chuck! (Left)



Step 3: Turn down the OD of the sleeve material (I chose chromoly tubing with a .188 wall thickness) so it is just a little bit larger than the ID cut in the carrier halves to make a good press fit. (Right)



Step 4: Cut sleeves to length and press into the carrier halves. (Left)



Step 5: Bore the ID to get a nice fit to the axel yokes (about .002 over), and trim off any excess sleeve material. (Right)

## How to identify a '66 versus a '65 – Part 2

Part two of five parts     John Dawson

### Changes to 1966 model year from 1965 model year \*

#### BODY

- 1) New style tail light lenses (wedding band style on early 66s)
- 2) New style rear lower exhaust grill.
- 3) New style trim insert for redesigned lower exhaust grill for Corsa models
- 4) No pinstriping on beltline of Corsa model.
- 5) New style Monza cross
- 6) New plastic front “spoiler” lower valance
- 7) New style “wide” chrome lock trim piece with blue instead of red center.
- 8) Corvair script relocated from hood to front panel. (three instead of two prongs)
- 9) New style standard hubcaps with new design plastic inserts
- 10) New style one-piece wheel well trim
- 11) Different trunk lock cylinder
- 12) Restyled thinner “look” rocker trim
- 13) Front aluminum headlight bezels have a minor change. (added weep hole)
- 14) Remote mirror style changed to the “1967” style (03/02/66)
- 15) (most 66 models had the older style which moved the entire head when adjusting)
- 16) Headlight backing plate changed
- 17) Sheet metal box on air inlet shelf now gone.
- 18) New style rear hood emblems for 110hp emblem (new mounting holes on rear hood.  
Fits newer 110hp emblem only)
- 19) New style rear hood emblems for 140hp emblem (new mounting holes on rear hood. Fits newer 140hp emblem only)
- 20) New style rear hood emblems for 180hp emblem (same mounting holes as all 1965 rear hood emblems)
- 21) New improved firewall mounting for steering column to improve safety
- 22) Less spot welds on body
- 23) New style outside rearview mirror (nonremote)
- 24) Trunk splatter paint color darker on 1966 Van Nuys built Corvairs
- 25) Gas tank strainer removed (according to GM parts catalog)
- 26) Attaching screws for tunnel pan changed. (01/04/66) '65 part # 9417881 '66 part # 9421479
- 27) Front hood spring retainer has 2 screws on 65's and only 1 on 66's
- 28) Steel floor plugs no longer have a notch on opposing sides like the 1965 models.
- 29) Lower heater hose straps mounting position changed
- 30) Speedometer cable routed differently. (07/09/65) The cable is routed under the brake line on 1965 models and over the brake line on 1966 models. (See assembly manual for details)
- 31) Front license plate mounting frame changed. 1965 models had only round holes to mount plate. This required a nut and bolt to install the plate. 1966 models have square holes for plastic inserts, which require only a bolt to screw into the insert.
- 32) Different routing of AC lines in body.
- 125) On 65's the bezel screwed into the backing plate and in 66 it screwed into extra brackets in the headlight buckets.

#### BRAKES

- 33) Front brake shoe anchor pin changed
- 34) Late 1966 models have predrilled holes for dual master cylinder.

**Next month:** Changes in Factory Options and Electrical

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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*

### **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:** February 1, 2019

**Called to Order:** 7:01 pm

**Location:** Elway Chevrolet

**# Present:** 31

- Guests, long distance, new members: Chris Jackson is joining the club. He has a '62 and may soon get a '64. He recalls coming to meetings with his Grandpa many years ago.

### Standard Business:

Minutes from past meeting: The January minutes were approved. It was noted that the Tri-State dates changed from what is listed in minutes, but that occurred after the meeting.

Treasurer's Report: The end of January balance was \$5,760.67. Dues have been coming in, \$1079.50. We received a \$20 donation from Charles Curtis to the general fund.

### Mailbag:

Colorado Flatlanders Car Club, Invitation to the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Rod Run in the Park, Pioneer Park in Sterling CO, July 6-7

### Old Business:

- Dues renewal update. 8 have not paid so far. 5 new members. Riley Timmons, Natalie Brereton, Melissa and Taylor Wallace, Peter Kula Jr. joining today.
- PPCC worked on See More last weekend. Seeking donations toward an enclosed trailer.
- Great newsletter. Ed will do article on LED conversion lights for earlys, Mike will address same for late model.
- Thanks to Dale on Website.
- Meeting location up North in March, hope. Date, time may be adjusted as well. Watch your email or newsletter.
- Activities planning: Chris Kimberley
  - Pro Promotions Concourse event in CO Springs, Palmer Park Blvd Event Center with prizes. March 2-3.
  - February 3: Forney Museum, 12:15. special exhibit of 50's and 60's travel trailers. Discounted admission \$11, seniors 65+ \$9, children 3-12: \$5. Linner to follow at La Comida at The Source hotel, 1 mile away. Reserved for 20, 13 PP signed up.
  - Unser Racing, 10 signed up. 2<sup>nd</sup> floor indoor track, 10% off for military.
  - Autocross discussed, working on a July date.
  - Oct, Road Trip to Sydney NE for Octoberfest.
  - March Events: Meeting up North to be announced.
    - Super Show and Swap Meet in Co Springs 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>
    - Wings over Rockies at Centennial Airport, 1.5-2 hours, then to Perfect Landing restaurant on 23<sup>rd</sup>. 24<sup>th</sup> Sun or 31<sup>st</sup> Corvairs and Cheeseburgers, Westwood Inn, 6<sup>th</sup> and Wadsworth, 1:15pm
- Photo Shoot for the cars, revisit this again in the spring.
- Rick: CCCC update, President's meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup>. Ed and Mike to attend + Rick.
- Concourse d'Elegance at ACC, June 8. PPCC invited. Charity for early childhood education, \$50 per car entry.
- Havana Cruise, June 8 to support CCCC.

### New Business:

- Special raffle. Bob Atwood, long time member, passed away recently. Several donated items were given to Steve for club use. Will be raffled at next meeting with funds to the club treasury. Winners: '69 convertible model—Rob B. '63 coupe model—Ken Schiffner. '62 ad plaque--Jimmy Riley. '63 ad on wood--Rick Beets. Nobody entered for armrests.
- Annual Audit--Jonnie working on it, will report next month.
- Financial Readout— Biggest revenue generator and biggest expenses. Dues bring in \$1725/yr. 50/50 brings in around \$500/yr. On expenses, the newsletter cost is dropping probably due to email. Picnic running \$185 and \$120 for last 2 years. The brunch had minimal uncovered expense this year. The Tri-State cost RMC \$198 overall. The holiday party has cost \$400 and \$518 the past 2 years. We have switched to online banking and have debit cards to save banking expenses.
- CORSA Convention is in St. Charles, IL on July 23-27. There was discussion of a road trip to San Diego in 2020.
- Taos T-Shirt discussion—2 yrs ago, T-shirt had wrong year. Letter from CNM President David Allen to send 1/3 of T-shirt refund to each club. Board unanimously agreed to not accept the check, and it has been returned. The situation was a simple error.
- Tri-State, updated date and place. May 17-19 in Alamosa. On our website, FB page for event, updated in the Scoop and CORSA events page. Deadline to register for meals and shirts is May 3. No post-orders on shirts which run \$20. Sat Banquet at Elks Lodge. Dinner roasted chicken or roast beef. GF or vegan. Breakfast included. Hotel rate is good Wed-Sun nights. There is also a car show in Florence that Sunday. For those who can join on the way back, they will hold a space for us.
- Upcoming Events: See Old Business
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**50/50 Raffle:** Amount to Club: \$58 To Winner: \$57 Winner: Chris Jackson

**Adjourned:** 8:21 pm

**Respectfully Submitted by:** Rob Brereton