

# Rocky Mountain CORSA Meeting Minutes

**Meeting Date:** May 2, 2025

**Called to Order:** 7:08 pm

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

**# Present:** 18 in person + 1 on Zoom.

## Guests, long distance, new members:

- Dick Thompson of CCCC was present to speak to the group.
- Bob and Carol Leiner were present, their son George was a member. Their last Corvair went up in smoke with house in a fire, Bob's mother bought a '60 new, and Bob last had a '66, raced in dirt and autocrossed. Moved to Corvettes, but they have some Corvair parts for sale including Weber 3-throat Carbs, as they came off the 911. New speedo cable, other parts. Have pictures.

## Standard Business:

Minutes of last meeting: Minutes from the April meeting were reviewed and approved.

Treasurer's Report: The end of April balance was \$11,173.32. Treasurer's Report was approved.

**Mailbag:** Nothing.

## Old Business:

- Membership: There are 16 non-renewals so far, need to consider the impact. No more news, contacted via email and no responses.
- Thanks, Eric, for a great newsletter. Please contribute your articles, with pictures.
- Tri-State update: T-shirts are ordered, will be ready for pickup soon. 15 extra shirts available for sale onsite, various sizes. Mockup of award format (framed picture) shown by Rick. Car show is affected by the narrow Main Street and tradition of how they have done this before as well as emergency access. There will be 1 direction for entry, maybe 2 direction exit, and we need to keep the center of road open for emergency response. Arrangements are set so that you don't have to leave at noon if you are in a legal parking spot. 8:00am for setup, muster around 7. There are some complaints about potential loss of business from local proprietors so please patronize while in town. Shuttle will be available to get to and from hotel during show.
- Bylaw discussion, ¼ through a review, Mike will schedule a new meeting to complete.
- CORSA membership in CO has been reviewed against our roster, and will update our roster to include a CORSA member field. There are 2 members in limbo who registered for Tri-State but did not renew with RMC, they will be contacted to renew.
- Dale reserved same shelter at Bear Creek Lake Park, and will confirm date. (Update after meeting: Website shows Sun Aug 17 at 11.

## New Business:

- CCCC presentation by Dick Thompson, President. They are the car club of car clubs, of which we are members. Website: Collectorcarcouncil.com. Dick gave a quote, "No man's life, liberty, or pursuit of happiness is safe while congress is in session." This can apply to the state legislature as well. In 2019, surplus military vehicles were made not licensable for use on the road, on the face in terms of safety but it was really an attempt to lower cost for farm use, and included statement "historic military vehicles are exempt". The DMV misread the bill and started cancelling titles and not issuing plates. Only way to correct was to pass a new bill HB 25-1127. This kept formerly legal historic military vehicles off streets, severely impacting that club. At transportation committee, initial vote was 8-5 and opposed by State Patrol. Vehicle owners and Dick testified, and reversed position so that it passed 8-5. It then passed appropriations, then stalled and may get deferred to next year.
- Dick is not here asking for money, but there is a PAC, Friends of Collector Cars, which makes contributions to those who support the hobby.
- The Air and Car Show is the major fundraiser on Sat August 2, flyers handed out. There will be warbirds on display and flyovers. Volunteers needed and get special parking, free admission, special gate, and can park as a club and can have a canopy. Can also have an ad in the program. Money raised is primarily for lobbyist, and we get a good deal.
- Younger members / spouses / member engagement: Dylan noted we do not have much presence on social media. On FaceBook but not on Instagram / Etc. He is involved with the Society of Broadcast Engineers, same problem. He asked, how did we stumble into Corvairs? Likely through a parent / grandparent / relative. But younger folks don't have that, and few have even been to a car show. Corvairs are the most popular group at Engineering Days show. Aging is a problem across car clubs. Suggestion to do more at schools and places with younger people. John Dinsdale noted that younger solicitors see the car, think it looks cool, but can't identify. Chris Jackson offered to help post and will be added to admin list.
- Tri-State Tune-up will be held May 4, Sun, Noon – 3 or 4. Dumpster Day.
- School of Mines Engineering Days (E-Days) went well, with great weather and 14 cars.

## Activities:

- May 4 (Sun) Tri-State Tune-Up and Dumpster day at Schakels, Noon.
- May 30-June 1 Tri-State at Trinidad, see website
- June 6 (Fri) Regular meeting, Elway Chevrolet, 7pm
- June 21 (Sat) Dust and Shine at Forney Museum

## For Sale or Wanted, Recently Purchased, Projects

Mike finished with his wheel bearing project and corrected a brake mis-assembly.

Tony predicts Andrew Child's Corvair will be at our next meeting.

John Dinsdale showed an inner spark plug boot which he uses on the Corvair in an unintended location, on the balance tube. It is the right size and withstands the heat without cracking.

Rob B asked about fan bearing greasing, and showed the greasing adapter and an "Enots" grease gun that came with it in collection of parts. This odd tool came in tool kits for MGB's in the 50's and took him down a rabbit hole around these things. Discussion of how and what to grease with, approach is to lift seal and inject some grease carefully. Greasing tool can lift the bearing causing crash with shroud.

**50/50 Raffle:** \$28 Club \$28 member, winner Rick Beets.

**Meeting adjourned** 8:34pm

**Respectfully by** Rob Brereton