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Rumble at the Rosemount

- Story & Pix by John Green

We had beautiful weather this year for the 11th Annual Rumble car show. Held on the grounds of Pueblo's historic Rosemount Museum on Saturday, July 12, the event drew many beautiful cars and trucks, along with lots of guests. 5.5 Corvairs (including SeeMore, as the 0.5 car) made the show, all late models. Some of us overnighed in Pueblo on Friday, while hardier folk drove down in the early morning hours.



Right, Lush green lawn surrounds the Rosemount Museum, perfect for a car gathering.

Left, a bit too much red, perhaps, but a nice LM Corvair contingent was on hand. Where's SeeMore?



We enjoyed our own little Corvair corner, with SeeMore out front to draw people over. Both RMC and PPCC club Presidents were present; Mike Piper and Jerry & KeithAnn had their convertibles on display, Kathy and I put our coupe on display, while our other dual-club member Mario Wibbens once again hauled SeeMore, earning a big "Thank You". Steve Woods and Jon Faires of PPCC also had their coupes. As always, SeeMore was a wonderful attraction, and it even lured the Queen and her Attendees.

It was a good time; hope to see more Corvairs from both clubs next year!

It's a weird and warm summer, perfect weather for the annual RMC **Wilshire Picnic** with your Corvair on Sunday, August 17th. Let's party!



Rumble at the Rosemount, more pix...



Above, There's SeeMore! SeeMore provides a very unique view of a very unique American automobile.

Right, even half a Corvair demonstrates amazing "chick magnet" power, which probably explains why so many of us once-young male enthusiasts drove them in high school.

Below, the Corvair contingent, looking just a bit shady...



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Rocky Mountain Corsa (RMC) has been a chartered chapter (#802) of the Corvair Society of America (COSA) 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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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

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, August 1, 2025 — RMC Meeting, 7:00? pm @ John Elway Chevrolet
- Sunday, August 17, 2025 — Wilshire Memorial Picnic, Bear Creek Lake Park, Mountain View
- Whenever, 24/7 — Check www.rockymountaincorsa.org for the latest and greatest!



President's Letter, August 2025

Hi all!

My broken record comment is I seem to have lost a bit of track about what's been happening and what day it is.

Most recently, I filled in for a facilities guy for a couple of days while he was ill. Nothing interesting there but it caused a rush getting Karen's leased Audi Q5 hybrid equipped with a windshield camera and helping with exterior cleaning and waxing so it would present well. The goal was to make a 4-day trip last weekend to her high school reunion in Gretna, NE as well as visit relatives living in Corning, IA and the nearby areas.

I tend to suffer a bit of monthly regret that my president's messages aren't as historical or philosophical as others but with some contemplation time on my hands (due to driving for several hours at a time) I had a couple of non-Corvair related observations: The first is from a NPR "Fresh Air" podcast, which I tend to record and listen to later while doing something else, like driving. This particular episode had to do with Artificial Intelligence (AI) and how AI is becoming more common, discussion of the three particular systems available, and how it is affecting or can affect the information delivered to us.

My first thought was to be happy I retired when I did because AI is beginning to enter into the engineering profession, mostly in written documents, but at some point, it may begin to influence design. I don't plan to be doing any more design where I'd have professional liability. The other discussion of AI is how it is being used in education. I noted the use of AI by college professors to prepare lessons, exams and to grade exams, I believe primarily essay type exams. I've not experienced AI in education being an "old school" student with a good bit of traditional college experience. My thought as I listened was that I didn't believe AI would make my good professors any better, but probably not worse, and I don't think it would make my poor professors any better. Reducing educator workload is probably a positive effect, allowing for other education related activities. My other reaction was to miss the process of taking college classes, but I'll try to overcome the urge to do so except maybe for fun.

My second contemplation effort has to do with driving across eastern Colorado, Nebraska and part of Iowa for about 10 hours at a time, which exposed us to vast fields of crops. Irrigation is common in eastern Colorado if water is available. Irrigation is less common in Nebraska and Iowa except for specialties such as turf grass because their annual rainfall is usually high enough. Corn was an obvious crop, and soybeans possibly were also a common crop. Alfalfa is also grown as a feed for animals and to improve the soil. There were massive fields with corn and soybeans, with very little evidence of private farms versus corporate farms. Most fields had signs showing which particular seed was being grown.

Karen's relatives are not necessarily involved in agriculture, but live in communities affected economically by agriculture. They mentioned recent droughts, but this year has been better. A number of my ancestors were involved in agriculture, primarily dry land wheat farming and some cattle in eastern Colorado which is quite different from the Midwest. Both Karen & I appreciate how difficult agriculture can be based on weather and market conditions. I think it would be fair to say that among Karen's relatives, mostly in Iowa, tariff wars with countries that import our agricultural products, along with potential loss of hospitals in small, scattered communities were topics of concern. It was great seeing her family and classmates but there was a hint of concern as well.

Briefly to cultural events during the trip, we attended an antique tractor pull as part of Gretna Days. The tractors were from roughly the mid 1950's to 1959, and there were many more tractors there than in the contest. I had a vague notion of the various brands and their characteristics, so I was entertained. The host of the reunion was the sole heir of his grandfather's farm, so he has quite a house and he has some crops planted. There is also a collector car show for Gretna Days and several of her classmates suggested the car show so we're contemplating hauling the Corvair there next year and watching another tractor pull.

The Audi hybrid performed well but we were unable to charge it reliably to take full advantage. Hotel chargers were usually occupied by non-EV cars or EV cars not charging, including a Dodge Ram pick-up from Oklahoma that evidently thought that was their reserved parking spot despite the signage. Perhaps reading ability was involved... We pretty much drove 80 MPH with the AC running and we still approached 40 MPG despite temps over 100 degrees.

Depending on when you see this, the RMC meeting is August 1 at Elway Chevrolet, 7:00-8:00 PM. The car show at the Airport, formerly known as Jefco Airport is August 2. This will conflict with the Cars & Coffee in Lafayette but not the Golden Super Cruise. Remember the Wilshire Picnic is on August 17 at Bear Creek Lake Park.

There has deliberately been little progress on the gas station damage to my Corvair to allow for the season to wind down and for the body shop to negotiate with Hagerty. The work is still scheduled for late October to avoid car commitments, but I'll likely move that up.

Club items of note, the board still needs to meet to wrap up the last 25% of the revisions to the bylaws, assuming we all remember where we left off. That will be in person, perhaps at a restaurant, this week. Minor progress is underway to consider a different RMC monthly meeting place and time to possibly better accommodate those who don't want to drive in the late evening or after dark. Eric is looking at a survey to get a sense of what folks think.

There are still a few more things left to do with our Corvairs, and I hope you all are going out to drive them to keep everything lubricated and working and to remind folks they are still out here. Please keep an eye on the other drivers since trends of behavior in traffic are not looking good. Stay healthy and enjoy your cars and activities with the club.

- Mike

Rocky Mountain Corsa Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: July 11, 2025

Location: John Elway Chevrolet, Englewood CO

Called to Order: 6:59 pm

Present: 10 in person + 0 on Zoom

Guests, long distance, new members:

- None.

Standard Business:

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

Treasurer's Report: The end of June balance was \$8,921.28, reported to Rob ahead of the meeting. John was not present due to a bicycle vs UPS van collision. Treasurer's Report was approved.

Mailbag: Nothing.

Old Business:

- Membership: New member Joe DeCrescentis recently joined. Dues for those joining from now to end of year are $\frac{1}{2}$ dues now through end of year.
- Thanks, Eric, for a great newsletter. Please contribute your articles, with pictures. Several events were not reported as nobody submitted pictures and content.
- Bylaw discussion, $\frac{3}{4}$ through a review, Mike will schedule a new meeting to complete. To be scheduled. Tentative date is 2 Thursdays out on July 24th.
- CCCC Update. We need to pay our dues. Lawlers will see John on Saturday and will pass this on. The Air and Car Show will be Sat Aug 2, and volunteers are needed. There is a fundraiser for the Forney Museum, 70th anniversary coming up. Also flyers for the ColoRODAns show were on the front table. The Forney Dust & Shine went well, needed more help though.

New Business:

- GM of Elway Chevrolet would like us out of here at 8. They close at 8 so we need to keep it shorter.
- Discussion of meeting location, problem is that those discussing it are the ones who are present, 3 or more from relatively nearby, 3 from Aurora, and 2 from farther south, and one from the north metro area. Considering how to get more people here. Discussed getting word out and having a discussion or voting at the Picnic in August.
- Wilshire picnic will be held Sunday Aug 17.
- This will be the last year for Kory and Gail to do Christmas Party, Dylan is willing to pick it up after that. Black Bear Café sounded good to those present again.
- A question was raised about alternate account access in the Treasurer's absence. The board will discuss who if anyone is a backup.

Activities:

- August 1 (Fri) Regular meeting, Elway Chevrolet, 7pm
- July 25-26 Glenwood car show.
- August 17 (Sun) Wilshire Picnic

For Sale or Wanted, Recently Purchased, Projects

War stories were shared about getting stuck on side of narrow roads, sides of highway, etc.

Rick got parts from Larry Schubert, going through them now.

50/50 Raffle: 15 to winner, 15 to club. Winner: Tony Lawler

Meeting adjourned 7:58 **Respectfully Submitted by** Rob Brereton



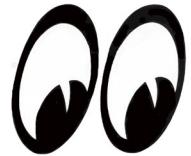
Development work continues on technology that utilizes Corvair engines to convert forged aluminum pistons into corn muffins. If proved out, farmland property values and water demand will plummet, while Corvair owners will become overnight oligarchs.

The moral of this caption: Invest in Corvairs now!

- Izzy Guiffe (writing from orbit around Uranus)

Editorial Ramblings

- Eric Schakel



Whither Goest RMC?

(or, will it be 'wither' goes RMC?)

For roughly a half century, Rocky Mountain Corsa has served its' Denver and surrounding area Corvair enthusiast members as a communication hub, a social organization, and a parts and assistance source. For many members, it's been a great run with a 'family' atmosphere.

In mid-2025, though, we have to face the fact that the Corvair decade is far behind us, and the majority of Original Owners who founded RMC a half-century ago and filled the ranks for decades have faded away. Usage, too, has shifted - few RMC members drive their Corvairs on a regular basis today. Instead, they're largely relegated to 'special event' status.

RMC remains a viable club, with some 90 paid members and over \$8000 in our bank account. Active, participating members, though, are also fading. Attendance at monthly club meetings, for example, has declined in recent years, with only 10 members present for the June 2025 meeting.

RMC event participation has also declined, and many who attend them today no longer drive their Corvairs. A brief 2025 status report:

- The Tri-State Tune-Up garnered 13 Corvairs, including the 3 living on the site.
- Trinidad's Tri-State, with several clubs attending, had a Corvair count around 25.
- The upcoming Wilshire Memorial Picnic has become the biggest RMC annual draw in recent years – what will the Corvair participation be in 2025?

We've had a good run, Rocky Mountain Corsa friends, but time waits for no one. The purpose of this ramble is to ask a simple question: What can we do now to help keep RMC viable for Corvair Kids and Collectors into the next decade?

1. The first option is to consider whether events should be rescheduled and/or reimagined? Meeting at Elway Chevrolet was great when the members all worked and could see at night, but it's less so with retirement and heavy traffic. With the new out-by-8:00 pm requirement at Elway, should we adopt a new, different place and time, or perhaps alternate locations on a regular basis? Should we drop in-person meetings altogether and simply have Zoom calls?
2. The second option is a subset of the first: Should we consider reducing meetings/activities to match the lower overall Corvair energy levels? This could entail holding RMC meetings every other month, or perhaps quarterly, instead of monthly. Regular meetings could shift to RMC Board business only, with RMC List and the Denvair News serving as social information resources. And perhaps there are events that should be dropped from the calendar entirely?
3. If we learn that member participation and/or interest in our club activities is truly declining, perhaps we should consider a "Heck With It" strategy. We could throw a big party, blow our remaining money, and simply shut down RMC as a formal chapter of CORSA. Those of us who still choose to hang out and BS about Corvairs can make arrangements with friends through social media. Those who don't, won't.
4. The last option (*in the Editor's view - other views are invited*) is to continue down our current path and simply let time and inertia run their course. At some future point RMC positions would simply be unfilled, and communication would simply cease. This would leave any remaining funds as a potential donation to national CORSA, or available for donation or distribution elsewhere by a final surviving member vote.

This short list is certainly subject to many variables, and some will find it depressing to consider at all. On the other hand, envision RMC as an airplane that's now very low on fuel... Finding a place for a smooth landing while the engine is still running beats the heck out of crashing when the engine quits.