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RMC Corvairs on the Fall tour to Nederland

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Autumn Gold

2019 Fall Foliage Tour

Every Autumn, our club joins all the other folks in Colorado, to drive up to the mountains to see the beautiful golden colors of the Aspens. This year the club ventured up to Nederland. We originally were planning to meet at the entrance of the Clear Creek Canyon, but due to the canyon closing for river cleanup, we met at a parking lot at the School of Mines. The group included John and Debbie Dinsdale, Ed and Cheryl Halpin, Chris and Jaime Jackson with their kids, Tony Lawler, Melissa and Taylor Wallace, Mike and Karen Piper with their daughter, Rick Beets, and Chris Kimberly.

We drove up CO 93 to pick up CO 46. We drove up along Tucker Gulch, and along the edge of Golden Gate State Park. CO 46 ends at CO 119 and just after turning we stopped to enjoy the beautiful colors of the Aspens in the valley. The mountains were colorful as well as we made our way up to Nederland.

We had lunch at James Peak Brewery and Smokehouse. It was packed, so it was a good thing we had reservations! The BBQ was delicious and everyone enjoyed lunch and socializing. Afterwards, everyone was one their own to either drive on up to Estes Park, return to Denver, or wander around Nederland. Several of us made our way down to the ice cream store for a yummy homemade treat. The weather was perfect for sitting outside, and enjoying the colors on the trees.

On the trip home, some of us traveled down CO 119 through Black Hawk, and turned **into Clear Creek Canyon which had reopened. It was a perfect day to enjoy Colorado's** fall weather and see the beautiful Autumn gold of the aspens



Autumn Gold

continued



The Chris Jackson clan and Rick Beets



Melissa and Taylor Wallace



The Dinsdales, John and Debbie,
Chris Kimberly and Tony Lawler



Mike and Karen Piper

President's Letter

Hello Fellow Members of the RMC!

As we move into the holiday season, with Thanksgiving right around the corner, I would encourage everyone to get out and enjoy the festivities that the Denver area has to offer. From hayrides and apple cider tastings at the Botanic Gardens, to rides through the neighborhoods checking out the holiday lights, please stay active, engaged, and continue to enjoy your Corvair over the winter months. After all, unless you have a heater delete optioned vehicle, that Corvair heater system will do the job and keep you warm!

A couple reminders that you'll see throughout the newsletter this month have to do with our upcoming Club Officer elections in December, and the 2020 Dues cycle.

On the elections, ARTICLE IV, Section 2 of the Club By Laws states that "Nominations for Officers and Board members shall be submitted, and accepted to the ballot, during the November meeting". So, please think about stepping up and serving if you have not done so in the past. Serving on the Board is a great way for our newer members to get involved with the inner workings of the Club.

For the Club Dues, a reminder that they will be due in January, covering the

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2020 calendar year (2/28 cutoff date). I know that the recent change to a yearly pay cycle is still new to folks, so we'll mention this a couple more times over the next couple months, to ensure folks have plenty of opportunity to renew, should they choose to do so.

Last thing on my list here is a reminder that the November Club meeting will once again be held in the Hagerty Meeting Facility, located at 1010 Johnson Rd. Ste. 150, Golden, CO. The October meeting featured a couple guest speakers, and we'll do that again on November 1st. Hope to see you all in attendance.

Thanks for the continued support.
See you on the road, and Drive Safe!

Ed

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 1st—RMC Meeting at Hagerty in Golden, 7:00 pm

December 6—The RMC meeting at Hagerty in Golden is canceled. A short business meeting will be held at the Christmas luncheon to elect officers

December 14th—RMC Christmas Luncheon at Mimi's Cafe, gift exchange and bring a toy for Toys for Tots. Time 1:00 pm.

January 1st—RMC New Years Brunch, 11:00 am, at the Other Side Restaurant in Estes Park

January 3rd- RMC meeting at John Elway Chevrolet, 7:00 pm.

It's Election Season!! - Nominations for RMC Officers Being Accepted By The Board Through November 1st

Below are excerpts from the RMC Bylaws, specific to the election of Officers and members of the Board. Please refer to the Club Bylaws for full details and job specific responsibilities, and volunteer to support the Club as a leader in 2020!

ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS

SECTION 1. Officers: The elected Officers of the RMC shall be: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

SECTION 2. Election: A call for volunteers to serve as Officers and board members will be announced at the October meeting (**DONE**). Nominations for Officers and board members shall be submitted and accepted to the ballot during the November meeting.

Officers will be elected by majority vote of the members present at the December meeting, and will take office on January 1.

ARTICLE VII – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION 1. Board Composition: Board of Directors shall consist of the elected Officers (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer), the immediate past President, and one Member-At-Large from the general membership. The Member-At-Large shall be elected in accordance with Article IV, Section 2.

A brief 9-11-19 stair climb story

Mike Piper

As many of you are probably aware, for a number of years I've been doing the 9-11 memorial stair climb at Red Rocks Amphitheater near Morrison, CO. This is to honor the 343 firefighters who lost their lives during 9-11, and now those who have passed away from 9-11 related illnesses. This year has been busy so "training" was difficult, along with some annoying health issues. I'm glad to say I was able to do it and I have a Corvair story to go with it.

I typically drive a Corvair, usually my white 1966 Monza. I was changing shoes in the parking lot with the trunk open and a young fellow of about 6 years old named Jackson was running around using up excess kid energy. His dad is obviously a firefighter because he was wearing bunker gear. His mom was trying to track Jackson's travels through the parking lot.

Jackson runs up to the car and says (paraphrasing) "What happened to your car?!" "What do you mean?" "There's no engine!?" "How did you get here?!" By then his mom walked up and told me that Jackson is very interested in cars and watches car shows a lot. He was aware that usually engines are in the front and trunks in the rear. I asked him if he wanted to see the engine and zip, we were looking at that. He had a really concerned look on his face (really hard to describe but furrowed brow, etc.) and he said, "That's not right!" and headed toward the front of the car again. I

explained to his mom what kind of car it is, it was made by GM in 1966, the engine is in the rear, it's air cooled... Maybe she will remember enough or be interested enough to look them up on the web.

Jackson's next move was to go pull on the door handle which concerned his mom a lot. I told her it was OK for him to get in and sit in it, so I opened the door for him. Just like SeeMore, that was a hit. He checked out the back seat and front seat plus controls and kneeled on the front seat to steer it.

Maybe a future Corvair collector but in any case, the whole encounter was pretty entertaining, and much more cheerful than climbing stairs in a memorial service



YOUR GUIDE TO THE RMC 2019 CHRISTMAS PARTY

A note and invitation from Gail Levin

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 wil graciously provide our first drink (alcoholic or non) and appetizers.

You are invited to bring an unwrapped gift to donate to TOYS FOR TOTS. Toys for young children and teens are needed desperately each year to make sure that all of our families have a special Christmas and that no youngster goes without a gift. A donation box will be located near the entrance to The Lodge Room.

When you arrive, get your "FREE" drink ticket from Gail or Kory Levin. We will try to watch as you come in so that we give you a ticket. Sometimes it gets busy and we could miss someone, so find us if we don't find you!

We will do our usual GIFT EXCHANGE. We will give a gift exchange number to each person who brings a gift. Gifts usually range around \$15-\$20.

We will order from Mimi's large menu. You can see the menu on line in advance if you want to narrow down your selection. Mimi's serves breakfast all day and everything else including steak dinners and desserts. Occasionally a few items change seasonally.

Mimi's is one of the very few places that allows a party our size to order from a full menu. They will also provide SEPARATE CHECKS to each individual or couple. Normally, the number of checks allowed per group is limited, but the manager told me they will do separate checks for all but require that we pay either by credit card or EXACT CHANGE if paying cash. Making change is confusing and time-consuming with a group of 30 or more people. The management and staff are going the extra mile for us by bending their rules, so let's do the same for them!

Save the date and be part of our group for some great company and some good laughs.

A tale of two Lakewoods

Jim Reich, long time RMC member built this shortened Lakewood several years ago. It was a major job to cut about 14 inches out of the middle of the car. The result was a good looking personal transport. Jim drives it often



This Lakewood limousine is a bit of a mystery. We don't have much information on it but it shows the versatility of the Lakewood platform. Imagine arriving at a party in this car.



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RMC 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.

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.

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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.

RMC Officers

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Rocky Mountain CORSA Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: October 2, 2019 **Called to Order:** 7:01 pm
Location: Hagerty Insurance, Golden CO **# Present:** 13 including Kurt and Michael.
• Guests, long distance, new members: None.

Standard Business:

Minutes from past meeting: The September minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: The end of Sept balance was \$5,300.32. The Treasurer's report was approved. CORSA Admin Fee \$35 was paid in Sept. State Periodic Report filed, couldn't tell it took payment, ultimately paid 9x and had to correct with bank.

Mailbag: Nothing.

Old Business:

Activities review:

○ Sept 28, Fall Tour. Re-routed drive up, got entire upstairs of restaurant, and the food was good. The town was busy.

○ Sun 29th Corvairs and Cheeseburgers. Lynnette Church (Chad's sister) attended with Spyder. 26 present, 13 Corvairs.

Upcoming events:

○ Oct 12 in Parker, show at the Vehicle Vault--a garage condo and museum complex at Parker and 20 Mile Road.

○ Sat October 26, 5 pm, Buckley Air Base, Trunk-er-Treat, enter at the Mississippi gate. If you don't have a government ID, you will need to pre-register. An email will follow with details.

○ 12/14 Holiday Party, 1-4, gift exchange, Mimi's, First drink and appetizers free. Collecting unwrapped gifts for Toys for Tots. More to come in newsletter.

New Business:

• Rick Beets reported on the CCCC meeting last Wednesday. The lobbyist talked about 2020 legislative session, there's not a lot on radar of concern to hobby. The Havana Cruise will be June 13, 2020, but it may be earlier in day due to weather. There may also be some change of venues. The Air Show and Swap Meet will be August 1. It's a major air show year but scaled back from 2 years ago, with no major attraction like Thunderbirds. The Airport Authority will handle parking and use shuttles. There is a change to free parking but CCCC would receive a part of gate admission this year.

• Kurt from Hagerty, our hosts this and next month discussed collector car insurance starting with a video. They insure basically all pleasure use vehicles. They have a number of levels of insurance and work with each owner to determine value. There is a Driver's club with several levels and benefits, includes magazine, access to evaluation tool, discounts and club and hobby activities. There is a free newsletter for all, member or not. Discussion topics included Guaranteed, stated, and agreed value, limitations on miles driven by various companies and in different states.

• Michael Jessmon from 3D High Definition Car Care presented finish detailing options including ceramic coatings. He does paint correction and restoration.

○ Enamel vs modern clear coat? Michael indicated that a single stage enamel when polished comes out better than new. By comparison modern clear coat cars (as new) are just painted, not wet sanded and polished.

○ For winter use, he recommends a ceramic coat. The paint has to be perfect first, as the ceramic seals in anything under it. This gives it a 3D depth appearance. Steps are to wash, then rub down with 91% isopropyl alcohol, then apply ceramic finish 12" x 12" area, wait 2 minutes, and wipe it off. Ceramic gives it some scratch protection, but not against chips.

○ Waterless wash towels: were discussed, there are many types. Be careful as some synthetics can scratch.

○ What does clay barring do? It is a multi-step finishing system that starts with medium clay that is like sandpaper. Incrementally gets finer. Michael expressed concerns about sediment build up inside the clay causing scratches.

- Most important advice: Use soft water to wash your paint finish, as hard water can be corrosive to the finish.
- 2020 nominations—Call for officers, need to be nominated in November meeting. Ed is looking to step down. Mike, John, Rob Chris, and Paul willing to stay. Ken (member at large), unknown, was not present.
- Dues Reminder, \$25 annual dues due at first of year, pay by 2/28 or be dropped from club. Several reminders will go out in various forms.

For Sale or Wanted, Recently Purchased, Projects

- Earl Nelson, 62 Monza 4 door, 4spd, refreshed 102, 3,500 OBO, 1-owner car. Listed in Communique for 2 months.
- Dave McGill, 1965 Corsa Convertible, yellow, black top. 12K. Colorado Springs.
- Rob Brereton brought idler pulley and fan belt from Melissa's '62, with the shaft loose in the casting, since few were present at the last meeting. Rob also shared about clutch support in '65, weld failing today.
- Ed discussed his projects, with a rebuilt automatic transmission and back and forth with Clarks over stall converter.

50/50 Raffle: Amount to winner: \$25 Amount to Club: \$24 Winner: Chris Jackson

Adjourned: 8:34 pm

Respectfully Submitted by: Rob Brereton

