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The RMC cars at Mimi's Aurora

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Not My Cup of Tea

Some topics always stir up controversy. In the Corvaair world, the topics may include which is better, Early versus Late? Or do you adjust the valves cold or hot? These philosophical battles rage on because, in the end, it matters is what the reader feels is best for them.

These type controversies are quite common in and are likely enhanced by the Internet. Headlines such as "You are doing your laundry all wrong". Or "The Right Way to Butter Your Toast". Or "Soy Sauce: Refrigerate or Not?" One such topic that caught my eye was how to make the "perfect" cup of tea.

I like tea. I guess "Perfection" is good but most of time I simply want a nice hot cup. Usually quickly. Particularly in the winter after a walk in crisp cold air. To speed things up I usually use bagged tea (no need to measure, etc.). Just zap the water in the microwave until the water boils, plunk in the

Auf Wiedersehen Voh-Bea

Paul Seyforth

Voh bea is the name the Germans have for their beloved Volkswagen beetle, the car that lifted Germany's economy up from the ruins of the second world war. Last month Volkswagen announced that production of the current, third-generation Beetle will end in July 2019, with a special Edition trim, serving as the model's send-off. Introduced in 2011, the current Beetle is only the third generation of the beetle model. The current model could be called retro beetles as they are based on the front-wheel drive platform of the Mk IV Golf. It followed the second generation so-called New Beetle was in production which from 1997 to 2011

The original beetle was developed in 1939 by Ferdinand Porsche as a 'people's car'. It never made it to production until after the war. Introduced to the United States in the early fifties it slowly began to catch the attention of people that wanted a smaller more economical car. It was fairly crude by today's standards but it had a charm about it and above all it was reliable. The early cars had a 4 cylinder 24hp air cooled engine positioned in the rear of the car. Over the years

tea bag, and assault the bag up and down until it gives up and changes the water color. When the color looks right, it is right though, perhaps, not "perfect".

Plus, like the mischievous child who asked Santa "Define Naughty". Just what does "perfect" mean. On a box of tea I recently bought, the directions "For the Perfect Cup" required precisely 8 oz. of water heated to exactly 212 deg. F and a brew time of "2 minutes" (no + or - was mentioned). That temperature got to me. We live at altitude. At our elevation, water boils at about 202 deg. F. If I followed the directions, unless I used a pressure cooker, I'd be denied through no fault of my own the "Perfect Cup" of tea! Plus, my fellow citizens who live at lower elevations could be blessed with a cup that nears or achieves perfection. Why am I being punished? And pity the poor folks who live at higher elevations. They will never even come close to tea perfection!

Well, I still like my tea. Who cares about "perfection" when all you want is something tasty and warm?

And, by the way, I drive an Early and adjust the valves hot.

Ken Schiffner



the car was improved with a more powerful engine (relatively) and larger window areas but never sacrificing the core reliability that endeared the car to some 23 million owners. The 1300 introduced in 1965 was at the height of the car's popularity while the 1971 Super beetle with MacPherson front suspension marked the time of the beetles decline. Volkswagon introduced the Golf (named Rabbit in the US) front wheel drive car in 1975 and stopped the import of the Beetle to the US in 1978. However, the Beetle was still produced in Mexico until 2003.

There are many of my generation that have fond and some not so fond memories of the Beetle in it's heyday. I had a job in the sixties as an AAA service driver in New York State. That winter it became very cold and I was kept busy starting cars. My favorite call was on the VW's. When it dropped below freezing they would not start. Their 6 volt batteries just did not have enough power. But it was an easy trip for me with jumper cables. The shoe was on the other foot when a few years later I was going to school in Rochester, Minn. My classmates and I depended on VW beetle for transportation to school. One morning we awoke to 20 degree below zero temperature and dead Volkswagen. We had to call the instructor to pick us up and then listen to a lecture all the way to school.

We of the Corvair community can appreciate the Volkswagen beetle. If not for the VW bug there would not have been a Corvair. When GM was investigating the concept of a compact economy car the Volkswagen stood out as a shining example. I can imagine Ed Cole and the GM engineers examining the Volks and appreciating the rear air cooled engine design and knowing they could improve on it. We know they did. The Volkswagen beetle may yet return. It has before. But if so, the next example will be an electric vehicle, or an automatic self driving car.



Christmas Party at Mimi's

The weather was great, the traffic was not, but 8 Corvairs made their way to Mimi's Aurora. Steve Goodman's '68 in the foreground, Chris Kimbery's '64 convertible, Ken Schiffner's 64 Monza convert, John Green's 68 Monza, and John Dinsdale's late sedan adorned the parking lot. That is Larry Yoder's 66 Corsa in the background. These cars arrived early to find the coveted parking.



About forty intrepid partygoers gathered for the RMC annual Christmas party. Rob Brereton's family in the foreground, Trica, Melissa, and Natelie. Chuck Riblett and Larry Schubert are studying their Menus. Special mention to Kory and Gail Levin for hosting this party. This is their 5th year reserving, setting up and hosting the party. A very grateful thankyou to those folks.



Eric Schakel was delighted with his new found toy Eric was a winner in the Yankee gift exchange.



Mike Piper also seemed pleased with his model. Red Corvair convertible models are highly coveted.

Corvairs At the Fall Sprints

Eric Schakel

All seasons have end dates, and the Rocky Mountain Vintage Racing Fall Sprints, held at the very entertaining road course at Pueblo Motorsports Park on Saturday, October 13 marked the end of another RMVR race season.

In 2018, Jon Whiteley had to carry the Corvair flag with his red 1965 Corsa. My Stinger sat idly in the trailer without an engine since the glorious “junkyard dog” 140 wheezed its last in mid-2017. Somewhere during late summer, though, possibly over a margarita, Jon and I made a commitment to get both Corvairs out at the final event on RMVR’s schedule.



I’m pleased to report that both Corvairs were present, accounted for, and operational on that bright, pleasant Saturday morning. I’m also pleased to report that both Corvairs were still functional at the end of the day, after enjoying four sessions of racing (a total of roughly 75 minutes of track time).

The day was absolutely ideal: Clear, very light breeze, unusually temperate for October with sunshine all day and comfortable warmth. Jon has steadily upgraded his red racer, with impeccable attention to detail. He’s a very

worthy competitor, and I was mortified to watch him pull away from me on the straights.

The Stinger had been re-animated a week before the event in a flurry of panicked guilt. I had not gotten a real race engine reassembled, so I pulled the 140 engine from our 1965 maroon Corsa, swapped on some racing bits, and slipped it into the Stinger.

That wasn’t quite as quick or simple as it sounds, and the modified Stinger race carburetors that had been sitting in a box for more than a year had lost their accelerator pump function. That, of course, is part of my excuse as to why Jon pulled away on the straights. But, I’m pleased to report that he was counter-mortified that I was etched in his mirrors throughout the infield.

Both mortifications made for close competition, which equals great fun on a race track. The Stinger required shots of starting fluid, ably applied by Linae, each time it fired up, but otherwise ran pretty well. Jon’s car ran like a train throughout the day after smoothing out in the warmup session, and was a monument to the Corvair hobby. And as always, visitors and fellow racers came by to talk about the Corvairs after each race session.

I believe Jon would agree with me that, when the final checkered flag had waved, the sense of satisfaction



Jon Whiteley at speed in the Red Racer

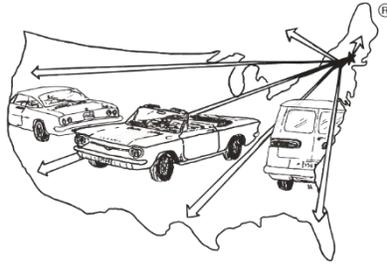
from a great day at the track was about as good as it gets. It was truly a fantastic day.

We both plan to run with RMVR in 2019, and invite and encourage our RMC and PPCC friends to swing by events. Check out www.rmvr.com for the 2019 event schedule. Spectator admission is Corvair friendly (as in Free!), and it’s a great place to walk around and watch and smell and hear old cars at work.



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For your information Sent to the newsletter by Scot Moorhead

We just scheduled another event in Ravenel, SC for early 2019 - we would be grateful if you are able to include it in the upcoming newsletter(s) - Thank you - All the particulars are indicated below - Thank a million - Hope to see you there -

" Corvair PICK - A - Part - Rain or Shine - (Saturday) January 19th, 2019 - 6222 Hwy 165 - Ravenel, SC 29470"

15Miles south of Charleston, SC

Corvair Pick A Part - Rain or Shine

1000's of Parts already removed - NOS / USED / Repops

Where - 6222 Hwy 165

When - January 19, 2019 - 800AM - 4PM

RSVP to Moreheadscott@yahoo.com or text to 843-478-4223

Tools Needed - NONE

Currency - Cash or Checks

ZERO ENTRANCE FEES

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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.

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Rocky Mountain CORSA Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: December 7, 2018

Called to Order: 7:07 pm

Location: Elway Chevrolet

Present: 30

Guests, long distance, new members: New members Mike and Amanda Timmons

Guests: Pete Kula Sr. and Pete Kula Jr. (arrived in "elevated", Corvair based vehicle)

(Note: Mike Piper substituted for Ed Halpin to Chair meeting).

Standard Business:

Minutes from past meeting: The November minutes were approved.

Tonight's substitute secretary is Ken Schifftnr. Rob sends his thanks!

Treasurer's Report: The end of November balance was \$5442.13. Treasurer's report was approved. John Dinsdale mentioned the bank is charging \$2.00 per paper statements. Discussions with the bank to eliminate those fees will be conducted.

Mailbag:

John Dinsdale reported the Mail Bag contained some flyers for future vehicle shows. Flyers were displayed on front table for viewing.

Old Business:

- New Year's Day Brunch, 11am. There will be a story for Dec newsletter about it. Drive your Corvair! Price \$25 includes buffet, tip, tax, and champagne. Other alcoholic beverages are not included. Steve Goodman underlined the request that we pre-pay by Christmas day so that the required number of seats can be requested. Youngster's fee is \$15.00.
- Gail Levin reminded that the Holiday Party will be Dec 15, 1:00-4:30. There will be a gift exchange, \$20 or less wrapped and marked as His, Hers or Either. Also bring new unwrapped toys for Toys for Tots Denver. See newsletter for more details.
- The recent visit to the TACT facility (Gail's excellent article in newsletter) was further discussed. Participants expressed their enjoyment and related some experiences. Suggestion was made to attend again if invited.
- Paul Seyforth thanked Ed, Gail, Mike, and Ken who provided input to the Newsletter and encouraged others to share their Corvair related experiences with others in print. Paul was congratulated for his Newsletter efforts.
- Mike Piper reported that the cost to fix his convertible now exceeds \$10,000 (more hidden damage) but is nearing completion. He also said his water pumper VW was involved in an accident. The VW was hit and the other vehicle ended up hitting a pole. The owner, having been extricated from the vehicle, declined a trip to the hospital and instead wanted to retrieve her bowling ball from her vehicle and continue to her intended (obvious) destination.

New Business:

- Rick Beets provided an update regarding CCCC. There is an on-going discussion regarding the definition of (and fees) related to "Horseless" versus "Collector" vehicle "designations. Given the recent election, a new group of transportation folks are working on it and CCCC is following closely. Also, recent marginal air quality results may encourage greater attention to older vehicles regarding a means to reduce pollution. Updates will follow. Rick mentioned the CCCC sponsored "Havana Cruise" is set for June 8, 2019 and the August 3rd Rocky Mountain Car Show is to be held at the Metro Airport. This year's show will be reduced versus the 2018 show. Rick asked if anyone knows an owner of a Corvair powered aircraft or related Corvair item that can be included in the show to contact him.
- Eric Schakel said that he and John Whiteley had a great time recently chasing each other around a race track in Pueblo. Eric reported that a race this summer at the famous Mid-Ohio road course will feature several Corvairs including Eric's and John's.
- Tony Lawler reported that he and Rick Beets are working on a race car that may (or may not) include a 180 hp turbocharged engine (still working on that). Tony also mentioned that the local VW clubs have reached out to RMC to coordinate events in 2019 with an air-cooled theme. Ken mentioned that the New Jersey club (NJACE) has worked successfully with the East Coast VW clubs particularly as it involves attracting younger members.
- Mike Timmons has added a Corvan to his stable and is making progress on his sedan.
- Paul Seyforth mentioned about the parking difficulties at the annual Picnic and suggested that alternate locations be investigated. Various alternates, including making requests to the existing location personnel for better parking areas, were discussed. New Activities Director, Chris Kimberley, will investigate.
- Eric Schakel suggested that vehicle information be added to the Roster. Paul said he could send the Roster to Membership Director, Tony, for possible alteration to include a column for vehicle information.
- Chris Kimberley asked that folks to send any activities ideas for 2019 to her. All ideas are welcome.

Upcoming Events:

Dec 15 (Sat)	Holiday Party, Mimi's Café, Aurora, 1-4:30
Jan 1 (Tue)	The Other Side, New Year's brunch, 11:00
Jan 4 (Fri)	Monthly Club Meeting, Elway Chevrolet, 7pm
June 28-30	Tri-State, Ouray CO

50/50 Raffle: Amount to Club: \$52.50 To Winner: \$52.50 Winner: Joni Berkman

Adjourned: 8:25 pm

Respectfully Submitted by: Ken Schiffner, substituting for Rob Brereton

