

The Denvair News

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President Letter for November 2018 Denvair News - RMC

Hello Members of the RMC!

With the summer car show season and fall cruises behind us, many members are prepping their cars for a long winter's nap. With the roads slushy and sloppy, covered in Mag chloride, it is more than reasonable that folks would want to keep their cars tucked away, nice and clean until next March. In doing so, make sure you pay attention to your tire pressure, the charge on your battery, and the amount of gas in your tank. Some swear by a fuel stabilizer, others say don't bother, but with the amount of ethanol in the gas these days, anything you can do to ensure your carbs don't gum up on you is worth your effort. For good measure, make sure you start the car once a month, just to keep everything lubed up and in good order inside.

For those of us who will continue driving their Corvairs over the winter months, please ensure that one of your next projects involves sealing up your bottom shrouds, checking your thermostats (both sides), and cleaning out your heater hoses of debris, so that your system so it's in tip top shape. Steve Goodman wrote a great article on Heater System Maintenance for the PPCC newsletter last month, so go out and take a look at that if you need to. Some great guidance and tips to keep you warm, all winter

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It all started a few years ago when our original webmaster decided to abdicate. I happened to be in the right place at the right time and was VOLUNTEERED to assume the site maintenance duties. So I was basically handed the "keys" asked to go fix it.

My previous experience with web site development went back to the mid 90s. At that time building a web site required line by line input of HTML commands. It was unbelievably tedious and the results were, by today's standards, pretty crude.

Our web site runs on a program that makes maintenance much easier. Unfortunately, I had no familiarity with it. So, what should I do? What else.....Google to the rescue. Lots and lots of information plus some on line tutorials. Great, I can get the basics.

At first all I did was add the newsletters. Baby steps. Didn't want to do anything to break it. Next I installed the same software on one of my computers, set up a personal web site, and made it available for the world to see. If I wanted to make changes to the RMC site, I'd try them on my site first and if they worked implement them on the Club site.

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long, and especially on your drive up to Estes Park on New Years Day.

Within this month's edition, you'll see a short article addressing our upcoming changeover to a yearly dues renewal process, for RMC specific dues. As part of that write-up, I've included a proration chart, which should answer any questions you might have as to what you'll be assessed for RMC dues in January 2019, for the 2019 calendar year. In reconciling the "last paid date" of dues for all members, with our Treasurer, I believe we have a good handle on who owes what. More info to follow as we get closer to the beginning of next year.

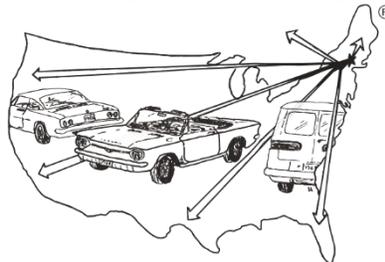
Stay warm out there, take care of your cars, and take care of other.

Drive Safe!

Ed



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That was sufficient for making minor changes, but I didn't have complete control and there were many things I wanted to do but didn't have the required permissions. That is until our old guru decided he wanted to totally relinquish control. So, he's out, we get absolute control and the pleasure of paying for something we'd been getting for free. On the plus side, I was finally able to update to the latest software, add features and some necessary security measures.

Maintaining and updating the site has been an enjoyable but slightly time consuming endeavor. Adding information is easy. Acquiring it is the hard part. I rely on our members to provide the basics. Usually in the form of photos and possibly a short write-up about our events. There's also trying to find the appropriate graphics (cartoons) to complement the events.

So to keep the site interesting and current, I need input from all you. I can add new features. I can add new photos. I can add or change, but I need to know what you'd like to see. Let me know what the site should include and I'll see if it can be done.

Dale

webmaster@rockymountaincorsa.org



Despite some nasty weather the faithful RMC crew showed up in Bennett on Sunday, Oct. 7th. This was a nice showing of the 8 cars that made the the trip. Thanks to Melissa Klomp who organized the tour and Mike Piper who took these awe-some photographs.

The RMC Is Moving To A Yearly Dues Cycle In 2019

Policy Change: Recently, a proposal was heard, and approved by the Board, to move the monthly RMC dues collection and membership renewal, to a single yearly cycle, to be collected each January, for that upcoming calendar year. We will implement that new policy commensurate with the collection of dues for the 2019 calendar year.

In doing so, we eliminate the need to track monthly membership dues renewals, allowing the membership to better plan for their yearly dues renewal. This change will put us on one single calendar year schedule, and everyone will know when the next time their dues are due (January 1st of each year).

This change will also provide benefit to the Treasurer, John Dinsdale, in the reduction of time spent managing monthly dues renewal submissions, and if someone does belong to CORSA, they pay those dues on their own, when it's due to CORSA. As such, our Treasurer will no longer be collecting your CORSA dues. Effective immediately, if you owe them, pay them on-line through the CORSA website portal (I just did my 2 year renewal), or mail them out yourselves when you see the CORSA dues renewal email or reminder in the mail.

Additionally, this change will provide benefit to the Membership Chair, Tony Lawler, and the membership in general, by way of improved accuracy regarding the official Club Membership Roster. Under the previous structure, the active membership roster was only as accurate as everyone paying their dues on time. For example, if someone dropped from the Club in July, then the roster which may have been sent out in June or July is no longer accurate in August. Moving to a yearly dues cycle will eliminate this situation of constant inaccuracy of the roster.

Implementation: RMC dues for 2019 will remain assessed at \$25 per membership (thank you Board), but the actual individual payment for calendar year 2019 will be prorated, as follows:

As verified by the Club Treasurer, any member who previously paid their full 2018 dues of \$25 anytime during 2017 through the end of February 2018, will be assessed their full \$25 dues on January 1st 2019. You pay \$25 and your good to go for the 2019 calendar year.

Any member who paid their full 2018 dues (\$25) in March would receive a \$5 credit, and those who paid between the months of April and September 2018 will be prorated a credit of \$2 per month against their 2019 dues assessment, as reflected on the below proration chart:

2019 RMC Dues Assessments Prorated Based on the Last Time Paid (per the Treasurer)	If the Last Month Paid \$25 Dues was:	2019 RMC Dues will be Assessed At:
	Anytime in 2017	\$25.00
	January 2018	\$25.00
	February 2018	\$25.00
	March 2018	\$20.00
	April 2018	\$18.00
	May 2018	\$16.00
	June 2018	\$14.00
	July 2018	\$12.00
	August 2018	\$10.00
	September 2018	\$8.00
	October 2018	\$6.00
	November 2018	\$4.00
December 2018	\$0.00	

Beyond what is outlined above, there will be no further proration of dues.

During the month of December, you will receive a mailer from the Club, indication the amount of your 2019 assessment. If you disagree with the amount posted, it will be your responsibility to reach out to our Treasurer, John Dinsdale, and discuss your concern, prior to you paying the dues. Throughout this change in policy and process, we want to make sure everyone is in agreement, and leaves this experience with a smile on their face.

Effective January 2019, the grace period for collection of dues will be from 1 January thru 10 February. At the end of the grace period, any member who has not paid their 2019 dues assessment, in full, will be dropped from the active roster, as well as the RMC list email distribution list, and will be required to reapply for membership.

Ok, so that's everything on the change in the dues cycle. One more update on the dues front, will be the rates charged, based on the time of collection. Effective 1 January 2019, if a member joins between the months of January and the end of June, dues in the RMC for a new members will be assessed at \$25 for the calendar year. However, if a new member joins between July and the end of November, the dues for the remainder of that calendar year will be assessed at \$12.50. If any new member joins during the month of December, the dues assessed would be \$25 and would cover a 13 month period (that last month of the year and the next full calendar year).

This change in policy will allow us to bring new members into the Club at half price over the summer months, when most folks are out and about in their cars, and they're seeing us at shows and on the road, and put us in a much better position to retain those new members, at the full dues rate, during our next dues renewal period in January. After all, if folks had a great time with the Club over the summer, doing Corvair related events, then it's a no brainer to stick around for another fun filled year of RMC car stuff.

The Board and I believe this change will be a win-win for all involved. The Treasurer gets out of the monthly dues management cycle while the Membership Chair can now provide you with an accurate membership roster, which you can rely on for months at a time. If you have any concerns over this change in policy, I would ask you to please email me directly at halpinem@comcast.net so we can address that concern. Thanks for your continued support.

News You Can Use

Friday, November 2nd, 7:00PM RMC club meeting at John Elway Chevrolet, 6200 South Broadway, Englewood, Colorado

Saturday, December 15, 2018 We want to clarify, for your planning purposes, that the annual Christmas Party for the Rocky Mountain Corvair Club will be on **Saturday, December 15th, in "The Lodge Room" of Mimi's Cafe at 205 S. Abilene Street, Aurora, Co 80012, from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m in the** Lodge Room. RMC will provide our appetizers and the first drink. Meals will be ordered from the regular menu. Gift Exchange! Keep in the range of \$20.00. Everyone will receive a "drink ticket" and a Gift Exchange Number on arrival.

Tuesday, January 1, 2019 11:00 AM New Years Day Brunch at the Other Side Restaurant. The club is working out details with the restaurant. More information to follow.

Great Plains Roundup 2018

Final Score: Broken highway expansion Joint 1, Mike Piper zero

I was really looking forward to the Roundup in Wichita this year even though my Grandson Kyle's new job would not allow him to attend. Oklahoma City was fun last year, and Wichita seemed closer. I chose not to go on Thursday as the rest of the group did (Ed Halpin, Christine Kimberly, John and Kathy Green (Coda), and Dave and Mary Ellen Feasel. I had a meeting in Cheyenne and a company event, so I decided to leave early(ish) Friday. I prepared the car in advance, loaded it up and left home about 08:00 to put gas in it. I waded through traffic and finally made it to where I could shift into fourth gear and eventually hit 75 MPH east of DIA. All was well until I passed the Byers exit and approached the Peoria exit. I noticed a car on the shoulder and I could see a line across the highway. At 75 MPH you



don't have a lot of study time so too late I realized that the line across the highway was actually chunks of concrete grout on the road. I didn't have time to jump into the left lane safely, so I centered on the debris and hoped for the best. When I hit it there was a huge bang and chunks of concrete flew out of the back of the car. If anybody had been behind me I'm sure it would have broken their windshield. The guy on the shoulder had a flat tire. I could immediately smell gas, so I put the car in neutral, unplugged my GPS and shut everything off. I could see the trail of fuel behind the car. I coasted slowly down the road hoping the gas would all leak out behind me. It turns out I coasted a mile down a slight hill. When I stopped I opened the door, (hoping I didn't blow myself up) and looked under the car. I could see the torn fuel hose and it was still leaking gas. Over the next 15-20 minutes I let it leak until the puddle got fairly large and then pushed the car back to make a new puddle. I did this about 5 times until the tank was empty. I thought all I needed was a piece of hose and some gas, so I called Steve. We decided I would wait until the fuel puddles

evaporated and then I'd look under the car. I jacked it up and it is a mess underneath with the tank front edge crushed up and nearly split at the sway bar, the sending unit retainer in the tank about 1/2 torn loose, the front of the tunnel crushed and two big upward bulges under the front and rear passenger floors.

While I was pushing the car most of the RVs that went by did not move over to give me room. About 50% of the semis and heavy trucks moved over. I didn't pay much attention to the cars since their air blast was small. A state patrol car went by while I was still coasting, and one good Samaritan offered me a piece of 3/8" (not 5/16) hose. While the good Samaritan was there the state patrol guy came back and stopped. He said someone had called in about me pushing my car and there were two flat tires (one behind me, the other visible down the road in front of me). I told him if we called the EPA about my fuel spill it would evaporate before they got there, and he agreed. He must have called CDOT because when the AAA driver showed up he said the lane was blocked and they were removing concrete.



Moving off the details, the AAA guy loaded the car up and he stopped on the way back to let me go take pictures on top of the bridge. The CDOT guys gave me the phone number for CDOT risk management. The tow truck delivered my car to the proper bay in my garage. I thought about switching to the white car, but it needed an oil change and was not prepped for the trip. I threw my gear into the VW and took off again for Wichita after a 5 1/2 hour delay. I showed up at about 23:15 in Wichita after finding the gas station in a small Kansas town with the wrong size of Diesel fuel nozzle (who does that?) resulting in me backtracking to 10 miles to Hays with 1/2 gallon of fuel in the tank.



Despite the damage to the car there were many lucky things about this. I didn't hit the debris with the left front wheel. I'm sure the wheel and tire would have been destroyed and I could have lost control. The weather was quite cool and breezy, so the fuel vapor cloud would form slowly, and the breeze kept it from concentrating. The engine starved for fuel and died right away removing that ignition source. I thought to shut everything off avoiding random sparks. My fuel pump is in the rear or it would have been right at the point of impact. Opening and closing the door didn't cause sparks to set the fuel alight,

and I was able to move the car while the fuel leaked, avoiding sitting in a fuel puddle. I should probably think to bring some fuel hose and a fire extinguisher (not in the trunk) in the future.

Ed Halpin was a contender for the hard luck award, but I'll let him tell that story, and he can also describe he and Dave Feasel in the front seats of his sedan with Dave's brother-in-law and me in the back seat on the way to Terry Kalp's place. I don't know if records are kept of the heaviest human cargo in a late sedan, but we'd be contenders for the record. I'll bet we were a sight for the other motorists. In the end, the event was a very good one, good food, great cars and great people to visit with.

Sleuthing the suspension

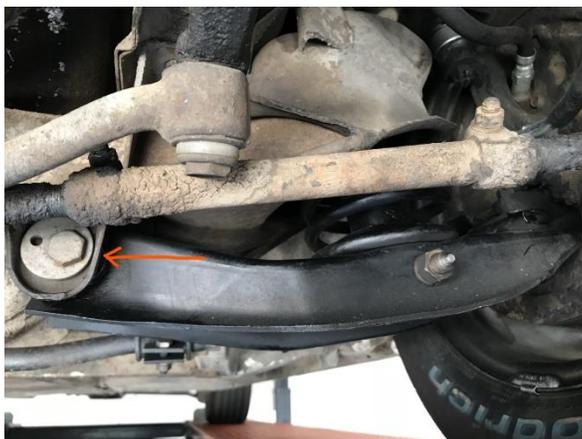
Jon Whitely

Sometimes when trying to hunt down the source of that annoying rattle or noise in your car you discover that, all along, you've been barking up the wrong tree. Such was the case last weekend when I took a break from wrenching on the red racecar and turned my attention for the afternoon to my white '66 coupe. You know, taking care of those little things that add up on the "To Do" list.



One of those things on this car's list (I have a list for each car – don't you?!) was to try, once again, to fix a squeak coming from somewhere in the front suspension that had plagued me for 2-3 years and which I had, heretofore, been unsuccessful in resolving. I was sure, ABSOLUTELEY SURE, that it was caused by the coil spring (cut 1 coil) rubbing against the spring pocket. Past attempts at lubricating this apparent friction point (in addition to all the grease fittings) helped for a short while..... but the squeak eventually returned. Sighhhh.

With the car up on the 4-post lift this time, I was able to grab the front bumper and move the car up & down to reproduce the squeak. Again, I was SURE it was coming from the spring however this time I dug into my toolbox and extracted one of those infrequently used tools– the **mechanic's stethoscope**. Using it like the MD does when he/she listens to your lungs and has you take deep breaths I was able to zero in on the location of the squeak and determined that it was..... the lower A-arm inner bushing! And obviously not the spring/spring pocket that I had assumed. A quick shot of WD40 and the squeakiness was finally cast out – hopefully forever!



I don't use the stethoscope often but it has helped me a number of times in the past to narrow down the location of certain types of noises such as that described above. I can't recall where I bought this particular stethoscope but I've seen them at Harbor Freight and many of the FLAPS for \$10-15.

Rocky Mountain Corsa (RMC) has been a chartered chapter 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. The Denvair News is now available as a PDF by request to the Editor.

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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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Meeting Date: October 5, 2018

Called to Order: 7:00 pm

Location: Elway Chevrolet

Present: 23

Guests, long distance, and new members: Dick Thompson and Ted Rossi with Collector Car Council of Colorado

Standard Business:

Minutes from past meeting: The September minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: End of September balance was \$6,172.13. Treasurer's report was approved.

Mailbag: San Diego club, raffle for GWFBT. Gift certificates: \$1,000 Clarks, \$500 California Corvair, \$500 Rafee Corvair.

Separate raffle for a Corvair memory quilt. Raffle forms placed at the front table.

Discussed OPGI parts catalog. Prices a little more than Clarks, quality about same. Good to have another option.

Old Business:

- The Golden Supercruise is tomorrow evening, Saturday.
- Cruise event Sunday Oct 7 at High Plains Diner in Bennett, set up by Melissa Klomp. Next to O'Reilly's, rain or shine.
- Ed Halpin reported on Fall Drive to Victor Sep 23, 10 RMC Corvairs, 23 total. The next day, 11 Corvairs & 22 members to Alma, 28 Corvairs total.
- Steve Goodman spoke about the upcoming Northern CO event 10/14. Meet at Loveland Cracker Barrel, exit 257, 8am
- The Centennial Car Show on Sept 9, had 4 Corvairs shown by Ed Halpin, the Levins, and Ken Schiffner. SeeMore was shown.
- Great Plains Roundup had 3.5 cars. Ed, Mike, John & Cathy Green, and SeeMore. Ed reported that a failed clutch cable and a broken valve spring were not enough to qualify him for the Hard Luck Award. That went to Mike Piper; his car was badly damaged underside due to a chunk of concrete that took out the fuel line and did extensive damage. He left home at 8am, and ultimately arrived at the Roundup in a different car at 11:30pm.
- Board acting on survey results.
- Roster sent out via email.

New Business:

- Dick Thompson, President of Collector Car Council of CO for 10+ years. Dick shared the Council's 2 purposes: to promote the old car hobby, and to protect the hobby. To promote, they host the Havana Cruise in Aurora on the 2nd Sat of June. This raises funds through sponsorships. They also work a swap meet at Rocky Mountain Metro Airport. There is high potential through a portion of parking revenue and this year's event with air ship drew 17k people. Funds are raised to club membership cost remains steady at \$50 / club + \$4/CO resident member annually.
- CCCC protects the hobby through a lobbyist at the state capitol. Legislature is interested in money and number of votes. The lobbyist is an insurance policy against negative legislation and is often consulted on bills that would affect our hobby to avoid problems later.
- One example was the FASTER bill which raised fees for infrastructure. 2 classes of vehicles are exempt as a result of lobbyist efforts: collector cars and farm vehicles. Aftermarket exhaust ban was avoided. Salvage bills have been avoided, or our hobby exempted, Bill would place salvage titles on any car with insurance claim over blue book. Another was avoided which would require a salvage title if 30% or more replacement parts. This would create a huge tracking burden, receipts for everything.
- On the horizon are emissions concerns, as CO is getting out of federal compliance. Oil refineries are the largest emitters, and new cars don't emit much, so there could be efforts emissions cuts in older vehicles. Governor race will be a key factor.
- The focus legislators are the transportation committee. A statewide car hobby friend caucus list is published.
- Newsletters are available on website. Minutes published are published. The lobbyist speaks to members, 1st Wed each month. Alerts can be published to the clubs.
- Ted Rossi discussed the financial side. "Friends of Collector Cars" PAC, speaks about 97k collector plates out there, 3k Horseless Carriage. This translates to votes. Fund can pay max \$400 to politician / candidate per election cycle. Selections are based solely on support of hobby and used to pay campaign debt, focusing on transportation committee.
- Upcoming concerns: Salvage title bill, Sales tax on person to person transactions--Legislation could require notarized car sales transaction, Emissions on current exempt cars, and registration cost increases related to Proposition 109 and 110. The money will have to come from somewhere, and that could be from us. A frequent discussion is the front license plate law, but concerns have to be prioritized.
- Ed reported that Bud Duncan let him know Linda has been hospitalized a few times recently, and they are trying to sort it out.
- Melissa Klomp is stepping down from newsletter preparation after several years. Thanks Melissa! Paul will take on all aspects.

- Paul will step out of the membership role, and Tony Lawler will serve as Membership chair and will cover RMC list & roster.
- Ed asked for ideas for winter projects we can work together on. Some ideas: rack & pinion steering, airbag suspension.
- Also discussed education for new members, technical stuff new members could use: brakes example, junkyard etiquette.
- Ed reported on proposals for bylaws changes. Not formally reviewed in 5 years or more. Bylaws recommend 3 years. Ed will provide a newsletter article discussing the changes. Areas in discussion are:
 - Board composition—Remove Auditor-Trustee, Activities Director, add immediate past President and Member at Large. Board will then be all elected positions.
 - Roles and Responsibilities—Moving content of position roles from Bylaws to Standing Rules and General Policies. Responsibilities change over time and should not require bylaw revision.
 - Board Quorum change from 5 to 3.
 - Appointed position changes.
 - Dues Structure—change to move to fixed date first of year renewal. Dues will stay same \$25. A proration system will be used during the transition.
 - Misc format and editorial changes
 - Updates 12 Oct, to membership by 17th
- Ed reported on related change proposal for Standing Rules and General Policies.
 - Proposed removal of mandatory CORSA membership requirement. Out of date requirement used to support insurance and CORSA requirements for chapters. CORSA rule changed in 2016. Tracking is very difficult as well. Reason: High added cost of CORSA membership harms efforts to attract new members. CORSA membership will be encouraged and members may add CORSA once they see the benefit.
 - Related dues rules (see above).
- Call for nominations for next year's elected positions was held in October and will be repeated in November. Elections Dec.
 - President Ed Halpin
 - Vice President Mike Piper
 - Secretary Rob Brereton
 - Treasurer John Dinsdale
 - Auditor-Trustee Jonnie Berkman
 - Member at Large (proposed)

Oct 7 (Sun) Cruise in Bennett, 1pm, High Plains Diner
 Oct 14 (Sun) Northern CO event, Meet at Cracker Barrel (which one) at 8am for breakfast.
 Nov 1 (Fri) Corvair Meeting at Elway Chevrolet
 Dec 15 (Sat) Holiday Party, Mimi's Café, Aurora, 1-4:30
 Jan 1 (Tue) The Other Side, New Year's brunch, 11am. Prices being determined.

50/50 Raffle: Amount to Club: \$38 To Winner: \$39 Winner: Ed Halpin, who donated winnings back.

Adjourned: 9:03 pm **Respectfully Submitted by:** Rob Brereton