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Kory and Gail Levin's 1966 Monza coupe

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President Letter for February 2019 Denvair News - RMC

Hello Members of the RMC!

With February now upon us (where did January go?), I can report that our transition to a yearly membership renewal is going very well. At the time of the last meeting, we actually had more than half of the Club already paid up and renewed for 2019. We'll to close the books on our Renewal and Membership Drive by the end of February, so send in your respective dues, as noted in the individual letters which were sent out, and if you have a conflict with the amount assessed, please reach out directly to our Treasurer, John Dinsdale, to get it resolved. Once we close the books, we won't need to chat about dues again until next January, which I'm sure a lot of folks are glad to hear.



As noted during the January meeting, our March business meeting will be up north, likely on a Saturday morning, in what looks to be either Longmont or Loveland. Our northern members are excited about the opportunity join in on the discussions and be more active in the Club, so we'll rotate the meetings up to that area every quarter going forward. More to follow via email, the newsletter, and website once we nail down the day, time, and location, so watch for the meeting announcement.

Our new Activities Chair, Chris Kimberly, has been busy working to offer up some pretty cool events for this year. We'll start that fun off with a visit to the Forney Transportation Museum in Denver on February 3rd at 12:15. The exhibit on display will be Vintage Camper Trailers! My wife is excited about that trip, and she doesn't get excited about too much car stuff, so we're in! Towards the end of February, Chris is also putting together a visit to the Unser race track for us, to do some indoor high speed kart racing. Given the weather in February, and indoor event is perfect! Be looking for emails specific to those events, and more over the next couple weeks.

One last thing; don't forget that Valentine's Day is coming up in February, and you know that you need to do something memorable for that special companion in your life, so might I make a couple suggestions: maybe some new seat covers, or a tune-up, or some new tires? After all, your loved one in the garage also needs attention this winter.

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

Drive Safe!

Ed

The Brunch at Estes Park



The New Year's Day brunch at Estes Park was very well attended, as usual. Some 50 or so club members gathered for the 2019 opening day feast. This year getting up to Estes Park was an interesting but not necessarily a difficult drive. The temperatures hovered around zero generally saying that only hardy folk need apply. Make that hardy and hungry folk. The Other Side restaurant puts out a very appetizing menu which was enjoyed by all. Traditionally the northern chapter of the club turns out for the brunch but the pictures show many of the southern crew also made the trip. Afterwards many of the hardy souls braved the temperature and went shopping on main street in Estes park.

Honorable mentions to Rob Brereton, John Dinsdale, Steve Goodman and Dave Olwine who drove their Corvairs up to Estes Park in some very cold temperatures.



1966 Monza 110 Power Glide

Owners Kory and Gail Levin

We have owned our Corvair since 2006. I literally found the car partially buried in a snow bank. The man who owned the car at that time was about to junk the car, which meant

sending it to the crusher. I was running an errand and took a wrong turn when I spotted the car covered in snow in the back of a parking lot. While I had no intention of owning another Corvair, I was drawn to the car and stopped to look at it. It was the same color (Sandalwood Tan) as a Model 500 Coupe that Gail bought new in 1965. However, this '66 was in "slightly" worse condition than Gail's '65! The car had great patina. In other words, the paint was totally faded and dull. The good thing was that there was virtually no rust or body damage on



the car. The interior was intact but very dirty and stained. The engine ran but had a loud knock.

I had to knock on several doors before I found the owner who had lost interest in the car because of its condition. So after exchanging a sum of \$220.00, the '66 was owned by the Levin Family. The car was then towed to a friend's shop for mechanical assessment.

Unfortunately, I was not aware of Rear Engine Specialists, and my friend who builds race car engines thought the repair would be an

"easy fix". WRONG!

A total rebuild was required. While needing mechanical, interior and paint work, the car was in original condition and had never been in an accident. All trim and gauges were original to the car. Not bad for a 53 year old vehicle. The car was originally purchased at Red-White Chevy which later became Jerry Roth Chevy on West Colfax in Lakewood, Colorado. While I believe the car to be a one-owner for most of its life, I was not able to track down the original owner. The odo showed 04000 (104000) miles which I believe to be original.

In the twelve years we have owned the car, we have driven approximately 9,000 miles. We have taken road trips to in Colorado to Salida, Montrose, Cripple Creek, Crested Butte and Colorado Springs as well as to Taos, NM. We have also attended many car shows within our state. The Corvair has given us much enjoyment and gets a lot of attention from older people who remember Corvairs and from younger people who are not sure what the car is but like the look of the car.

While we have owned a Corsa convertible and a '62 Monza wagon, this '66 is our keeper, and we hope to have many more years of driving enjoyment in it!

Upcoming events and other News

Friday, February 1st. Rocky Mountain Corsa Club meeting 7:00PM at John Elway Chevrolet, 6200 South Broadway, Englewood.

***We are doing a self-guided group tour of the Forney Museum of Transportation on Sunday, Feb. 3rd. We will be meeting at noon at the Forney Museum and starting the tour at 12:15. No backpacks or purses are permitted in the museum, however lockers are available for free. Admission prices are: Adults... \$11.00 Seniors (65 & older).....\$9.00 Children(3-12)....\$5.00 The special exhibit are camping trailers from the 50s and 60s. We will be there about 2 hours.

At 2:15, we will drive down to Blue Moon Brewing Company for Linner (that's when you eat late lunch and early dinner!). They are located at 3750 Chestnut Place, about 1 mile down Brighton from the museum. I need a close estimate of the number of folks planning to come on the 3rd. Let me know via email or phone call if you plan to attend by Jan. 30th. Chris Kimberly Email: ckimberly4749@gmail.com Tel. 775 830-4739

*****Unser Racing on Feb. 23rd. This is high speed go kart racing.** Located at 7300 Broadway (the intersection of highway 25 and 36). This activity is still in the works and more information to follow. **I need to know by Jan. 30, who would participate in this to finalize planning, so let me know if you will come out for this fun event.**

John Donahue is looking for turbo 180 heat shield for his Corsa. Call him at 970 581-7953 if you can help.



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How to identify a '66 versus a '65 - Part 1



Changes from model year 1965 to 1966. Part 1 of a 5 part series. John Dawson

Items include those first offered in the 1966 model year and items that were put into production during the transition between the 1965 and 1966 model year. This list contains items and changes generally considered to be 1966 in nature but, many were running changes that occurred towards the end of the 1965 model year and therefore can be found on a number of late production 1965 Corvairs. Also a few items were first make available later in the 1966 model year and will not be found on all 1966 models. When possible, dates for running changes are included. Dates on running changes were gathered from the 1965 and 1966 assembly manuals. The dates listed represent the date the changes were incorporated into the assembly manual with a revision. I believe these dates should be viewed as a ballpark figure, give or take a week or two, on when the changes took effect. Although the changes may have actually occurred on the dates listed in the assembly manual, it appears unlikely that GM would be so precise with running changes. Corvairs were also produced in three different plants during the 1965 and 1966 model years, (Willow Run, Van Nuys, Oshawa). You would do well to assume that they did not occur at precisely the same time at all three plants.

Another factor to take into account is the imprecise nature of dated components in the car. Many components may have manufacturing dates on them. These include engine blocks, transaxles, instrument clusters, carpets, distributor, alternator, and the actual Fisher body of the Corvair to name a few. In general, these dates are usually within a few weeks of the actual production date of the car and fortunately this would apply for the vast majority of Corvairs produced. Unfortunately, since a small number of Corvairs don't follow this pattern, we can't use the term "numbers matching" with 100% certainty. Here is why the numbers may not always match closely to the actual production date. Component parts including the Fisher body, should always have dates that would precede the actual production date. These components were stockpiled and usually used in production within a few weeks of manufacture. Slowdowns, over-production of parts, holdbacks and strikes can cause the gap between component manufacture and actual car production to widen. Fisher body was also known to Stockpile bodies and hold them before releasing them to the Chevrolet side for production. This is dramatically illustrated by the holdback of months on some bodies during the 1969 model year. Also, Fisher Body would release a group of bodies at once, and that would explain why the assigned VIN does not always follow the sequence of the body number. (i.e. VIN # 10 has body # 11 and VIN #11 has body #10. In view of these facts you can get a rough idea when your Corvair was produced. Do not be surprised if a component or two have dates that fall outside that couple of week window. It may still be the original part that came with the car.

With the absence of production data from GM (no longer available) for US built Corvairs, the actual production date will remain unknown. GM Canada does have records on the actual production dates on Corvairs built in

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Oshawa. This can be obtained by mail. In the case of US built Corvairs, most owners will use the Fisher body build date as the production date, and the true build date (car assembled and assigned a VIN on the Chevy side) canrange from a day to a week after the body build date in most cases. Try checking the date codes on other components to see if they agree within a couple of weeks of the estimated production date. So, there you have it. You can get a general idea when your Corvair was built, and you can compare that date with the general date a running change occurred. When considering if your car should have the running change or not, allow some time leeway due to the fact that the dates we are using are estimates.

This list is as complete as possible but I'm sure I missed a few items. Feel free to drop me an email If you find any other changes to <u>corsa@cox.net</u> compiled by David Trull 11/23/2003 (1966 represented the last year for Van Nuys, California and Oshawa Canada built Corvairs, all subsequent Corvairs were all built at Willow Run). Next month: A list of specific changes starting with Body and Brakes changes from 1965 to 1966

So, What's Up With the Tri-State This Year?

By Ed Halpin 2019 Tri-State Event Chair

Over the past couple weeks, I've been getting a number of emails from folks asking me, "What's up with the Tri-State this year?. My standard response has been, "we're working on it", but with the 2019 Tri-State now securely locked in to the town of Alamosa, CO, I wanted to share some of the background as to why it 's taken this long to get everything scheduled.



For those of you who may have attended last year's Tri-State event out in Crested butte, CO, you'll remember that the next Tri-State was announced to be held in Ouray, CO

(pronounced "yoo-ray"). I made a visit to the town of Ouray in early Fall, secured a location for the Banquet, a great venue for the Show & Shine car show, and what I believed to be an awesome arrangement for our lodging accommodations, spanning the reservations across two local properties within walking distance of each other. Everything went well during the visit, and subsequent email and phone communications kept us on track.

The one sticking point, which was still being ironed out, was the per night room rate. The June timeframe that we had initially planned the event for was considered "peak season", so there was very little wiggle room with the hotel on the pricing, and virtually no incentive for the hotel to come down on their rate as they would have no problem filling all of the rooms with folks going 4-wheeling in the area. After several conversations, I still believed that we would be able to negotiate that rate down to what I saw as a reasonable rate + tax & resort fee (would I be willing to pay it?), but, the price of almost \$150 per night was deemed unacceptable, so the PPCC leadership agreed to look for another town to host the event.

The town of Alamosa was chosen as the new site, and we moved discussions forward with a number of hotels in the area. Understanding that "peak season" was once again going to cause up problem, we decided to move the date of the even up several weeks, to the weekend of May 17 - 19. This allowed us

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to secure a much better rate of \$110.99 per night +tax, with a hot breakfast, and all the amenities that the Best Western of Alamosa offers; pet friendly, plenty of on-site parking, 100% smoke free, free Wi-Fi, air-conditioned, swimming pool and hot tub, and the hotel is ADA accessible/compliant. So, there ya have it, that's what's caused the delay in getting all of the event and registration info out to you. Within this newsletter, you'll find a copy of the event Registration Form. Please print it, fill it out, and mail it in before the stated deadlines for t-shirts and banquet reservation.

A couple admin notes: All reservations will be pre-paid, so please be sure to enclose a check for payment along with your reservation form. If we do not receive your reservation by the stated deadline, you will not be guaranteed a seat at the banquet table. We will do our very best to accommodate "day-of" registrants, but the food will have already been paid for, so if you snooze, you may not get to eat. Same goes for the t-shirts; we will only order those shirts ordered/received by the deadline. You'll notice that this year, along with a black crew neck t-shirt, we are also offering a pink v-neck t-shirt option for the ladies. We're doing this to honor a request by many of our members, so get your orders in and wear them proudly! There will be no extras ordered, so if you want an event shirt, please ensure you mark it on the registration form and include the appropriate payment.

More info on the Tri-State can be found at the PPCC website @ www.corvair.org/chapters/chapter809 and be sure to join in the conversation on our "2019 Tri-State Corvair Meet" Facebook event page @ www.facebook.com/groups/2045448495501301/









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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.

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Rocky Mountain CORSA Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: January 5, 2019

Location: Elway Chevrolet

Called to Order: 7:00 pm

Present: 30

• <u>Guests, long distance, new members</u>: Rylie Timmons, brother of Mike Timmons, just got a '64, needs a few parts. Pete Kula Jr, attended for second time. Pete has the Corvair-bodied off road vehicle.

Standard Business:

<u>Minutes from past meeting</u>: The December minutes were approved. A special thank you to Ken Schifftner for filling in as substitute secretary in December!

<u>Treasurer's Report</u>: The end of December balance was \$5,348.85. New Year's Brunch in Estes park cost about \$200. The Holiday Party cost \$518. The Treasurer's report was approved. The annual audit is to be performed in January by Jonnie Berkman.

Mailbag:

No items. The mailbox keys passed from Steve Goodman to Rob Brereton. PO Box will be due for renewal.

Old Business:

- Ed thanked Mike Piper for running previous meeting.
- New picnic location is being discussed due to parking issues last August.
- Newsletter: Paul indicated there was a major faux-pas. When printing the last one for mailing, he realized it was dated Jan 2018. Paul indicated the newsletter job is doable if he gets contributions, but not easy. Jan, Feb, & March are thin months for contributions typically. Thanks to everyone who contributes.
- New Year's Brunches past attendance: in 2011 there were 17. In 2012, 34; for 2019 there were 43 but 62 planned to go.

New Business:

- Ed provided an update from CCCC meeting.
 - CCCC is getting to know new legislators. Other focus by governor and getting up to speed will keep them away from issues affecting collector car hobby. President's night will be Feb 6, Lincoln Technical Institute.
- Dues renewal update. Please pay by end of Feb. About 24 paid so far. Very few concerns expressed about renewal amount.
- Rotating meeting location for Northern members—every 3rd month (March, June, September, December) will be at a north metro location to be determined. Please share your ideas for a meeting location. Date, time may be adjusted as well.
 - Activities planning: Chris Kimberley passed around a sheet for members to list of ideas.
 - Pro promotions concourse event in CO Springs, Palmer Park Blvd Event Center with prizes. March 2-3.
 - Special raffle. Bob Atwood, long time member, passed away recently. Several donated items were given to Steve for club use. Will be raffled at next meeting with funds to the club treasury.
 - February 3: Forney Museum, special exhibit of 50's and 60's travel trailers. Discounted admission \$11, seniors 65+ \$9, children3-12: \$5. Will move to Feb 3 due to Tri-State swap meet traffic at National Western Complex. Linner at Blue Moon Brewery.
 - Autocross discussed, will find a place on the calendar.
 - Photo Shoot for the cars, revisit this again in the spring.
- Project updates—Rick motor with wrong input shaft, Tony getting parts car from Feasels, cars to Estes park got cleaned up and Rob found reason for the long cold drive on Jan 1: failed left side thermostat door.

• John Dinsdale brought several old newsletters to share, and passed them around.

Upcoming Events:

Jan 26	Polar Bear outdoor swap meet, Adams County Fairgrounds
Feb 1 (Fri)	Monthly Club Meeting, Elway Chevrolet, 7pm
Feb 3 (Sun)	Forney Museum. See details above and coming in email.
Feb 9-10	Tri-State Swap Meet. Mike Timmons has a vendor space.
June 8	CCCC Havana Cruise, centered roughly at Havana and Mississippi. Will Schedule for See More
June 28-30	Tri-State, Ouray CO
August 3	Rocky Mountain Car Show, Metro Airport.
50/50 Raffle:	Amount to Club: \$51 To Winner: \$51 Winner: Pete Kula Jr.

Adjourned: 8:30 pm

Respectfully Submitted by: Rob Brereton

35th Tri-State Corvair Meet

May 17 – 19, 2019 Alamosa, Colorado

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Hotel is pet friendly, has plenty of on-site parking, is 100% smoke free, has free Wi-Fi, is air-conditioned, has both a swimming pool & hot tub, and is ADA accessible/compliant.

Schedule of Events

- Friday Registration and Welcome Party at the Host hotel
- Saturday "Show 'n Shine" car show in downtown Alamosa
- Buffet banquet and Awards Presentation Saturday evening
- Sunday, visit The Great Sand Dunes National Park on your way home

Hosted by Pikes Peak Corvair Club, Colorado Springs, Colorado

For more information and to register, visit the PPCC website @ www.corvair.org/chapters/chapter809 and be sure to join in the conversation on our "2019 Tri-State Corvair Meet" Facebook event page



Registration Form



35th Tri-State Corvair Meet Hosted by the Pikes Peak Corvair Club



Alamosa, Colorado May 17–19, 2019

Attendee(s):

Name 1 (First, Last)		_
Name 2 (First, Last)		
Name 3 (First, Last)		
Name 4 (First, Last)		
Street Address:		
City:		_
State:	Zip:	
Email:		
Phone:		
Club Affiliation:		_

Vehicle Information:

Car 1: Participa	nt's name (Firs	st, Last)
Model:		Open / Closed / Wagon / Specialty
Year:	Color:	
Car 2: Participar	nt's name (Firs	t, Last)
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Year:	Color:	

Event T-Shirt: NOTE: Shirt orders will not be accepted after 5-3-19

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If You Have a Question, Contact: Ed Halpin: 303-619-0080, halpinem@comcast.net John Green: 303-688-9018, j.n.green1@outlook.com

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	QTY	Cost Each	Total
Registration		\$15	\$15
Friday Night Welcome Party		Free	
Banquet Buffet (Adult) Gluten Free 🛛 Vegetarian 🖄		\$35	
Banquet Buffet (Child Under 10) Gluten Free 🛛 Vegetarian 🗍		\$20	2
Event T-Shirt(s) (Delivered at Event)		\$20	
Total			

Registration Deadline Dates: Banquet Reservation: May 3, 2019 T-Shirt Orders: May 3, 2019

Make Checks payable to "PPCC"

Mail Check and Registration Form to: Ed Halpin ATTN: 2019 Tri-State Registration 1668 Marsh Hawk Circle Castle Rock, CO 80109

In consideration of the acceptance and right to participate, entrants and spectators, by execution of this entry form, I hereby release the Pikes Peak Corvair Club, their officers, and anyone else connected with the presentation of the Tri-State Meet of and from any claims, losses, injuries, from any cause what so ever that may be suffered by any entrant to his/her person or property.