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Presidents column for September 2020

Another month is in the books, but not without another loss of a long time member of RMC. I was saddened hear that Harlan Colburn Sr had passed a week or so ago.

As a newer member to RMC I don't remember for sure if had the pleasure of meeting Harlan, but from the remembrances of a few of our members have posted to the RMC mail list, I feel I missed getting to know a great person. Someone who was eager to lend a helping hand and impart large doses of his acquired knowledge to people new to the Corvair world. I would have loved to talk Autocrossing with him. My deepest condolences go out to Harlan's family and all who knew him best. I'm sure he will be greatly missed.



Rick Beets

In other news, at the meeting last week, we discussed the possibility of holding the annual picnic in Limon as suggested by Caron Wetter, but with the distance from Denver, I didn't get a strong response concerning attendance. Right now the prospects of holding a picnic this year are somewhat dim, but Paul Seyforth our intrepid picnic planner is on the case in search of other locations. Gail Levin also gave a quick update on the status of Mimi's for the Christmas party. They have been closed for COVID, and are currently unsure if they will be able to accommodate us as they are unsure of what the rules will be. Hopefully the numbers will continue to go in the right direction, and life will return to a somewhat normal footing by then. In the meantime, we are researching possible alternate venues.

Stay tuned for more information as we get it.

Me on the other hand, have been so busy with my day job, I haven't had much time to finish up a few things that need to be done to close another chapter in the long drawn out restoration process. Hell, my garage is still a mess from getting it ready for the Cripple Creek show! Those are: Cutting out the carpet for the front heat vents in the rockers and installing the vent grills, and replacing the windshield with the NOS glass I got from Chris Kimberly last year.

Once I can replenish the ol' Corvair fund a bit, I can finally get the seats done in time for Tri-State and the Nationals next year. For now, it's a driver, and that is what I'm going to do, drive it. I learned from experience with my Alfa's. They are much happier when you drive them regularly. So, be kind to your Corvair, and get it out of the garage and drive it!

Oh yeah, before I forget, we are looking for someone to take over the newsletter from Paul at the end of the year. He has been doing this for quite a while now, and wishes to retire as editor.

Be well, Rick

RMC Club News

This is a picture of the August 2020 RMC meeting was held Sunday, August 9th at Rick Beet's home in Centennial. Gail and Kory Levin attended as well as Caron Wetter and Chris Jackson. In the back were Ken Schiffner and Mike Piper. In front (right) were Dale Nielsen and Steve Goodman. Paul Seyforth and Garrie Fox attended via Zoom. The host, Rick Beets provided donuts. Michael Timmons and Charlie Beets were off camera. A beautiful day in a nicely shaded back yard.



The Sunday scheduling was a compromise. Some members may have been there except for a conflict with church services. Saturday was discussed but felt it would conflict with some members work. No matter when it is held there will be conflicts.

The cancelation of the summer picnic was a major disappointment. The Cherry Creek Park Dixon Grove shelter would have had enough room to maintain distancing, but to be safe the park closed all group activities. Caron Wetter suggested the town of Limon which had a park and picnic facilities as well as a heritage museum. The club discussed it and felt the distance to Limon was too great for summer time travel. Chris Jackson volunteered to check for another picnic venue. So there may be more news later.

The latest on the Xmas party. From Gail Levin. Mimi's Cafe Aurora has opened. I spoke with the owner/manager. They are not even considering anything out as far as Christmas right now because of the unknown. With schools opening, there might be changes in how our Covid cases progress. Right now, Mimi's has not opened the private Lodge Room. When and if they do, they don't know whether there will be limits to the numbers of people at each table. They don't know if people will be allowed to get up from their table and socialize. This is consistent with every restaurant I have had discussions with. So.....

1. We will be checking in with Mimi's around October to see where things stand.
2. If we can make a reservation then, even based on how things look closer to December, we will make that reservation. They will have the option of cancelling if necessary.
3. If Mimi's is not yet ready to take a reservation, we will stay in touch with them. It may be that we won't know until closer to December whether or not we will have a Christmas party this year.

4. Again, all restaurants have the same agenda at this time: Wait and See.
5. We put out the thought at the last meeting that if we can get a reservation, we should then poll our membership to see if enough people are comfortable to come together in a restaurant this year to follow through with the plan. We can always grab the reservation and then cancel if we have to.
6. It appears that this year, we will need a head count for the restaurant rather than an estimate as in years past

Newsletter anyone? Lastly, the club is looking for a new newsletter editor. I am stepping down the end of this year. I have been involved with the newsletter for the last 8 years and it's time for a change. I will assist whoever takes over with some of the intricacies of production and distribution. One does not have to be a Corvair guru but should have some experience with either MS word or Publisher .

Some of the cars at the Sunday meeting



Rick Beets's 64 Spyder



Ken Schiffner's 63 Monza



Chris Jackson's 64 convert



Steve Goodman's Crown V8

Holy Roller Morning

Paul Seyforth

Late Friday evening I received an email from Marc Miller with this poster attached. I had wondered what had happened to the Holy Roller car show in Broomfield. This used to be held in center Broomfield on Midway Ave., a very scenic venue. This was prior to the pandemic, of course. I was intrigued. This was a great summer show and it was to be held just 3 miles from my home.

So early Saturday morning I fired up my Corvair and made my way over to Holy Family High school. I was one of the first cars there. The gate keeper seemed almost apologetic accepting my donation fee. As the morning wore on more and more cars of all types and years rolled in. But I'm afraid that my Corvair was the only one that showed, due I think to the late notice. In all about 100 cars did show. About 9:30 or so the cruise started touring most of Broomfield. Not quite the show it has been in the past but still a nice way to spend a Saturday morning.

HOLY ROLLERS
AUGUST 15, 2020 10AM - 12PM (FREE ENTRY)
BROOMFIELD COMMONS DOG PARK

CAR PARADE ROUTE
STAGE @ HOLY FAMILY AT 8:30 AM
PLEASE BRING A MASK
SUGGESTED DONATION FOR SVDP IS \$20 PER CAR
DONATE AT THE EVENT OR AT WWW.HOLYROLLERSCARSHOW.COM
FOR MORE INFO EMAIL JEFF @ HOLYROLLERSCARSHOW@GMAIL.COM

START @ 9AM
HOLY FAMILY HIGH SCHOOL
Turn R on 144th Ave
Turn R on Sheridan

WILDGRASS
Turn R on Eagle River Loop
Turn R on Sheridan
Turn L on Lowell

ANTHEM
Turn R on Middle Creek
Turn L on Indian Peaks
Turn L on Lowell

ANTHEM RANCH
Turn R on Anthem Ranch
Turn R on Lowell
Turn R on Sheridan

WILDGRASS
Turn R on Silver Feather Cir.
Turn L on Buffalo Grass Loop
Turn R on Feather Grass Rd.
R on Sheridan

ASPEN CREEK
Turn R on Aspen Creek Dr.
Cross over Aspen Dr.

COUNTRY ESTATES
Straight on Durango Dr
Turn L on Hemlock
Turn L on Columbine
Turn R on Tallucio
Turn R on 136th
Turn L on Main St.

GATE N GREEN
Turn R and drive thro gate
Turn L on Douglas
Turn L on Walter Way
Turn L on Park Dr
Turn L on Scott Dr
Turn R on Inver Ct
Turn R on Douglas Dr. N.
Go past the Clubhouse
Turn R on Douglas, L to exit
Turn L on Main St.

EAGLE TRACE
Turn R on Redtail
Turn L on Golden Eagle Dr.
Turn R on 136th
Turn L on Sheridan

BROADLANDS
Turn R on Sprague
Turn R on Augusta
Turn R on Parkway
Turn R on Broadmoor Loop
Turn R on Broadlands Dr

REDLEAF
Straight on Red Deer Trl
Turn R into Broomfield Commons Dog Park

FINISH @ 10:30AM
BROOMFIELD COMMONS DOG PARK



Report from the High Plains Raceway

Jon Whiteley

RMVR held its second event of their 2020 season– the Race Against Kid’s Cancer – on August 1st -2nd at High Plains Raceway. This event is typically the biggest race of our season (150 entrants this year) and draws in more racers from outside the club than our other races. While we all love to race and see our friends, raising money for the Morgan Adams Foundation which supports children’s cancer research is the focus of this event. And Morgan Adams does a lot to support our club and this race too – it’s a mutually beneficial arrangement that started 10 years ago.

Though several of the bigger race weekend fund raising activities weren’t held this year due to the need to maintain physical-distancing, RMVR and RAKC still managed to raise over \$180,000 for The Morgan Adams Foundation. I especially want to thank those club members who contributed on my behalf - you know who you are!

This year I knew I would miss having Eric Schakel and his Stinger to show me the way around the track, but was pleasantly surprised to learn that Corvair racer Russ Rosenberg would be making the trip up from Texas to join in the fun and competition. He arrived with his family, a nice-looking racecar, and plenty of enthusiasm.

To supplement the race weekend, RMVR rented the track for the preceding day, July 31st which allowed for more track time (up 4 hours each for open or closed wheel cars) to practice and allowed for an easier load-in prior to race day. Russ and I were part of the 35 or so cars in the very diverse Small-Bore group. Four races were scheduled for the weekend.



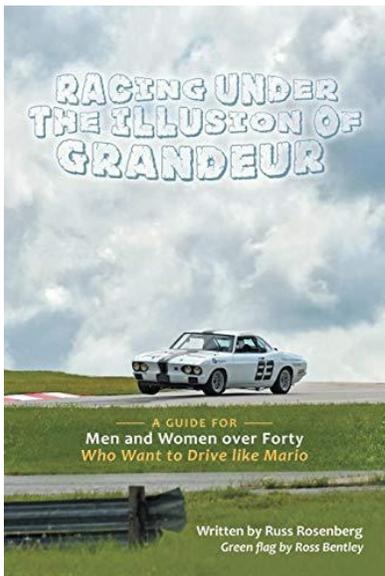
Saturday was P&Q (Practice and Qualifying) in the morning with Race #1 and #2 scheduled for the afternoon. We managed to get Race #1 under our harnesses but Race #2 was postponed due to a brewing late afternoon thunderstorm which brought lightning with it. With the lightning, the track workers around the course were pulled back in for safety.

I was honored with the company of RMC club members Eric and Linae Schakel, Dale Nielsen and Gary Hoffman for several hours on Saturday. We enjoyed socially-distanced conversation under the canopy. Thanks for coming out for the social and moral support guys (and gal).

The rescheduled Race #2 on Sunday morning was the gimmick FUN'D race intended to raise money for MAF. The starting grid order was based on most-sponsored contributions to MAF; then friends, foes, or anyone could, with a donation, bump any driver up or down on the starting grid. It was an opportunity to

race, however briefly it might be, with cars/drivers you didn't often spend much time racing with. I was gridded in third which made the start less chaotic than from my usual position mid-pack; however, I missed a shift on the start and squandered some of that position before the first turn!

New friend Russ Rosenberg did well learning a new track and over the course of the weekend he figured out how to manage some altitude-related tuning issues he was having with his Weber-carbureted Corvair. I think it's safe to say that we had some good clean racing and that both cars finished in good health. I enjoyed meeting Russ and having another Corvair to race with. If you're interested in an entertaining read about getting into amateur vintage racing you might want to get yourself a copy of Russ's recent book *Racing Under the Influence of Grandeur*. You can find it on Amazon.



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Rocky Mountain CORSA Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: August 9, 2020 **Called to Order:** 1015 hrs

Location: Rick Beet's shady backyard and via Zoom Meeting, Anywhere, USA **# Present:** 19+ 3 Zoom.

- Guests, long distance, new members: One guest with Chris Jackson.

- **Standard Business:**

Minutes of last meeting were not available.

Treasury report End of July balance was \$5,206.10. There is a refund coming from Cherry Creek State Park.

Mailbag: There was nothing in the mail bag

Old Business:

- No report from the CCCC meeting was given.
- President Rick thanked Christine Kimberly for Cripple Creek show by PPCC. 20 1/2 cars were present, and Ken Schifftner and Jim Steinborn of RMC won trophies.
- The postponement of the Wilshire Memorial Picnic was discussed. Caron Wetter knows of a park in Limon, but several issues were brought up with either times available or the distance. At the same time Chris Jackson offered to check on BelMar Park in Lakewood. There is hope the picnic can still be accomplished this year.
- Gail Levin reported on the difficulty of finding a place for the Christmas Party this year. Mimi's is not certain, and it was suggested the Littleton Cafe. Everyone planning an event is running into the same problem of rules and closures. Gail will be working to find a location, however.

New Business:

- Dale Nielsen reported on RMVR and racer Jon Whiteley. Dale said Jon and car both performed well. RMC member Eric Schakel was present at the track but without his car. Eric is also the RMVR treasurer.
- A short discussion was held about a drive-by for member Jonni Berkman who is in an assisted living home in the Applewood area. It was tabled until next month.
- Jimmy Riley presented Caron Wetter a cake, complete with candles to celebrate Carons' birthday.
- It was announced that new rosters are available. There were some at the meeting and it will be sent as email to all members. That brought up a reminder of a new member to RMC: Eddie Floyd, who has a Corsa coupe, year unknown.

Upcoming events: See discussion above on difficulty of finding and scheduling events.

For Sale or Wanted, Recently Purchased, Projects

- Projects of members included a report and showing by Rick of his 63 white Spyder convertible just painted by Mike Timmons father.
- Tony Lawlor showed his Rampside with new interior which is scheduled to go to Mike Timmons father very soon for body and paint.
- A discussion then ensued with price inquiries, but it was agreed that each body job /paint job is different thus different prices. The body shop is in Florence named RYANS ROD SERVICE and phone number is 720.329.3138.
- While Michael had the floor, he announced for sale a 2-wheel Corvair; a Corvair bicycle and some parts.
- Chris Jackson is putting front suspension back together on one of his cars and getting another ready for some track competition.
- Charley Beets also gave some of his plans to install a Subaru 6cyl engine/gearbox in rear of his 64 Spyder coupe.
- Mike Piper talked about an ongoing issue with various brake shoes and problems with each.

50/50 Raffle: \$102 was collected, and \$51 went to the club and to Michael Timmons.

Meeting adjourned at 1110hrs. **Respectfully submitted** by Steve Goodman in the absence of recording secretary Rob Brereton, who only sorted and lightly touched up these notes! Thanks Steve!

RMC Club Page

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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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