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RMC and PPCC Corvairs lined up in Cripple Creek, July 2021

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# Rocky Mountain Corsa Presidents Message

## The year in Review

Can anyone tell me where the year went?? It seems like yesterday that we met up at the Gerteisen's to do a drive by for Marc Millers birthday in March. Since this was before we all started to get vaccinated (my first shot was in April), masks and social distancing were being observed. Nancy had her awesome scrubbies available where I picked up a handful. I think she sold out in record time! As we moved into the spring and summer months, there were a couple excursions down to BMan's BBQ in Sedalia for great food and time with the extended Corvair family.



May brought nice weather for a few of us intrepid travelers to make the mini convention in Springfield, IL where we had a opportunity to tour the Corvair museum. We also attended the concours and autocross.

In June we were finally move monthly meetings out of my back yard to our old haunt at John Elway Chevrolet and attended a wonderful celebration of life to send off Jonni Berkman where we had more than a few RMC members attend. Ken Shiffner reported having a clutch cable issue on the way home. Didn't break but was down to only a couple strands of wire.

As we moved into the summer months, things continued to open up and by late July we were able to attend the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Cripple Creek All Corvair show sponsored by local historical society. Was a rainy weekend, but the rain held off for the show on Saturday, but on our trip down on it was quite wet. Especially since we decided that we take the back way down to Woodland Park over Rampart Range Road. I think I'm still washing the mud from that trip out of my Spyder's undercarriage. A couple weeks later in early August, a small group of us attended the Rocky Mountain air show and swap meet presented by the Collector Car Council of Colorado that included Marc Miller and Jim Reich. It was really nice to see Marc in remission and feeling much better. Many amazing cars on display. Because of the wild fires out west, the air quality sucked though. I'm surprised that the aerobatics display flew. The visibility was so bad, that I learned later that the pilots flew on instruments. Later in the month we were finally able to hold the Dale and Joan Wilshire memorial picnic at a new location at Bear Creek Lake Park with a strong attendance of RMC folks. Mike Piper and I handled the cooking detail to serve up burgers and brats to all the guests. I didn't want to tell Ray Klomp at the time, but he really enjoyed a left over vegi burger. August finished out with a trip to Centennial Airport where we displayed our Corvairs inside the Wings Over the Rockies Museum hanger for what is turning into an annual event. I look forward to doing it again next year.

Not much happened in September except the Concours at ACC. Between Christine Kimberly and Ken Schiffner's 64 convertibles, I faced pretty stiff competition in the early open class and didn't quite make the cut for an award. I was nice to see Phill Degroot who made the drive over

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from Grand Junction with his very clean 62 Sedan. It was great to hang out with everyone that came by and I believe our group of Corvairs were the hit of the show with plenty of traffic and interest in our cars.

We finished out the show season with the much delayed Tri-State in Albuquerque. I for one had a great time and really enjoyed Harrison Schmitt talk about his trip to the moon as the last man to walk on the surface of the moon.

I look forward to seeing everyone next Friday, December 3, 2021 for our regular club meeting at John Elway Chevrolet and don't forget that Saturday the 11<sup>th</sup> is the date for the return of the annual Christmas party at the Littleton Cafe. If you haven't RSVP'd, please let Gail Levin know by the 1<sup>st</sup>, please. Also, if you are planning on attending the New Years day brunch, please RSVP by the 17<sup>th</sup>. Forms are on the website.

Have a great holiday season.

Party on! Rick



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# Rocky Mountain Corsa Club News

**Friday, December 3rd 7:00PM** Rocky Mountain Corsa Club meeting at John Elway Chevrolet, 6200 S. Broadway.

**Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup> 3:00PM RMC Christmas party at the Littleton Café.** 1409 West Littleton Blvd, Littleton, CO. RMC will provide the appetizers and the first drink. There will be the usual gift exchange after the dinner. Suggested price is \$15 -\$20. Mark the gift Gal or Guy. If you would like to provide a gift for Toys for Tots they will need to be new and unwrapped. We are requesting RSVP as the restaurant needs to know how many to expect. Notify Gail Levin at [gjscorpiostar@gmail.com](mailto:gjscorpiostar@gmail.com)

## **NEW YEAR'S DAY BRUNCH**

**Yay! We have a location secured for our Annual New Year's Day Brunch.**

**Big Horn Restaurant in Estes Park 11:00 AM Saturday, January 1, 2022**  
**401 West Elkhorn Avenue**

While this is not a buffet, we will order from a full menu including an extensive breakfast selection. We will need your RSVP for this event so that we can reserve space. **Please RSVP as soon as possible, But definitely by Friday, December 17, 2021. Be sure to state the number of people in your party. Email your RSVP to Gail Levin, [gjscorpiostar@gmail.com](mailto:gjscorpiostar@gmail.com).** Those of you who have attended our New Year's Day Brunch in the past know what a good time we have getting together to bring in each new year with great company and lots of good food. The Big Horn is known for serving delicious and abundant breakfasts. Don't miss this one!

# Horseshoes and Pistons

Ken Schiffner

What do horseshoes have to do with the Corvair?

As a child back in the '50's, a Sunday family drive might take us into farm country. My sister and I would play "I spy". Mostly, what we "Spied" were something of unusual color, an interesting building, or a particular vehicle or animal. Sometimes arguments ensued. I liked to spy barns or what was attached to the barn. If the barn had a horseshoe over the barn door, I wondered "why the horseshoe?" What was the meaning?

My Dad told me that if the open part of the horseshoe faced upwards, it meant good luck. If the open end was facing downwards, it meant bad luck. The barns that were still standing has the open end up so maybe that was true. Superstition. Maybe there was greater meaning, however. Maybe the horseshoe was nailed there for other reasons.

Could that barn be where Old Dobbins was kept? Perhaps the family was a fan of "Mr. Ed", a talking horse sitcom of the day? The barn was too plain and needed some bling? Maybe the horseshoe was added to mark the day the farmer parked his first automobile in the barn? There could be greater meaning. Perhaps the horseshoe represented the end of an era. That of the horse.

It wasn't too many decades earlier that horses ruled. They were used to plow fields, get the hay to the barns, provide transportation. Horses towed military equipment. Horses helped fire fighters fight fires. Injured were rushed in horse drawn ambulances to hospitals. My grandfather

once used a team of horses to cart cobblestones. It wasn't uncommon in town to see a horse with a buggy behind (it).

Then along came the automobile, the tractor, the airplane, the internal combustion engine. And inside the engines were....pistons.

But look around. Now you see more and more electric vehicles (EVs). Cars, trucks. You see "engines" that are electric motors. Like the horse, piston powered engines are fading away. Not dead yet, just fading away.

That produces an opportunity. A way to, like the horseshoe, mark the end of an era. Just like those farmers did.

Why not put pistons above our garage doors? Future generations could see those pistons and remember the old days of the internal combustion engine. If the piston still had the rings attached, it would mean Good Luck. If the rings were missing, Bad Luck. (Superstition is likely to still be around).

Kids of families of the future, bored and being over stimulated in their parent's computer-controlled EV, could play "I Spy" by looking for buildings displaying pistons. Varying degrees of difficulty. 'Example. I Spy an early Corvair piston". "No, goof ball, that looks like a smog piston from a late". That sort of thing.

So, save those pistons. Even the ones with a hole (or valve) in them. They may be historic.

# 2021 The Year in Review

In March the club gathered in Bromfield for a drive-by to honor Marc Miller



In April Mike Piper took his car to the ys School of Mines show and won 1<sup>st</sup> place



In May this hearty crew traveled to the mini convention in Springfield, Ill.

In August the club participated in the Colorado Collector car council show at Front Range airport in Broomfield



## 2021 Year in Review

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July saw both RMC and PPCC clubs attend the Cripple Creek get together



In August the club enjoyed the annual Dale and Joan Wilshire picnic held at Bear Creek Lake park. The setting was great. Everyone enjoyed the beautiful day.



In October RMC and PPCC traveled to Albuquerque for the 27<sup>th</sup> Tri-State



# Rocky Mountain Corsa Meeting minutes

**Meeting Date:** November 5, 2021

**Called to Order:** 7:06 pm

**Location:** John Elway Chevrolet, Englewood CO

**# Present:** 20, on site, 2 on Zoom.

**Guests, long distance, new members:** David Greenburg, has been looking for a couple years, and purchased a project. '68 140 4spd coupe, all there, but some rust. Engine partially disassembled. Brad Hall from Louisville has a '61 Lakewood that his Dad bought from his uncle in 1990, sat for 20 years. So he is working to get it running. 45k miles. Owned 2 coupes and another wagon.

## Standard Business:

Minutes of last meeting: October minutes were reviewed and approved.

Treasury report: The end of October balance was \$6,117.34. The Treasurer's report was approved.

**Mailbag:** None.

## Old Business:

- Paypal setup is to be done between John Dinsdale and Rick Beets. No progress yet.
- Several members shared about the Tri-State. The banquet went well with badge system, raffle tickets, guest speaker.
- Saturday December 11 will be our Holiday Party at the Littleton Café, featuring a full menu. Event will be 3-5pm. There will be the traditional gift exchange and collection for Toys for Tots. There is plenty of parking. The club will pay for the first round of drinks and for appetizers. Need a headcount, sign up on web page or let Gail know.
- Tri State, 2022, Overview by Steve, Host Hotel Best Western. Banquet at Hotel Colorado. Car show at Burger Stand with burgers etc provided. Need help with raffle items, silent auction items, gift bags. Date May 20 ish. New website Tristatecorvairs.com.
- Elections will be at the Holiday party. Nominations are open. All current officers present are willing to continue. Mike Piper is willing to return. Paul nominated Ken Schiffner, Eric seconded, for VP.
- Thanks Paul for a great newsletter. Paul has continued in the role but is looking to hand it off. Keep those articles coming.
- There is an opening for activities chair, or activities committee head, for the upcoming year.

## Business:

- Membership: New roster coming out with recent new members.
- There was a discussion of next year activity ideas.
  - Regular events are ACC Concours, Wilshire Picnic, PPCC Cripple Creek, Centennial Airport show, CCCC Show Aug 6.
  - Eric Shakel will be RMVR president and is setting up events by end of month. Typical events are the driver school and racing at High Plains. RMVR is trying to get out of routine and do new events. They have held events at Heartland Vintage Racing in Hastings NE but they lost money on it in past. Nearby is Shade's Classic Corvairs, the only Corvair dealership! Eric proposes combining and RMVR and Corvair Air Cooled Corvair Track Classic. Proposed date Sept 2-4. Hotel called My Place has rooms for \$80 – \$90. RMVR raises funds for Morgan Adams Foundation by ride-alongs.
- CCCC Meeting: SEMA is opening up to individual memberships, \$40. There is a \$33 passport available for Rodz & Bodz (inside Colorado Mills), Forney Museum, and Vehicle Vault. It includes a \$20 coupon to use in any of the gift shops.
- New Years Brunch Update: Cory and Gail are heading this up and made a great effort to find a place. The owner of the Big Horn Restaurant in Estes Park was very receptive. They do car club events regularly. Order from the menu, separate tickets.

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- **Upcoming events:**

- Thurs, Nov 18<sup>th</sup>, CORSA meet-up, CORSA Annual Meeting.
- Fri Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>, Meeting, 7pm, Elway Chevrolet upstairs. Paul will bring snacks.
- Dec 11, 3pm, Littleton Café, Littleton Blvd and Datura. Yankee Gift Exchange. Toys for Tots. See newsletter.
- Sat Jan 1<sup>st</sup>, New Year's Brunch, Big Horn Restaurant in Estes Park. See newsletter.
- Fri Jan 7<sup>th</sup>, Meeting, 7pm, Elway Chevrolet upstairs. Chris will bring snacks.

**For Sale or Wanted, Recently Purchased, Projects**

- Mike Timmons had his trailer run over in an accident while it was parked.
- Tech questions: John Dawson mentioned the CORSA Meet-Ups, mouse problems & secondaries sticking open, now solved. Also replaced sender due to bad float, then electric fuel pump. Bruce noted he had 2 brass fuel floats after a winter each.
- John Dinsdale gave an update on his car, which is slated to be next into paint booth at Ryans Rodz.

**50/50 Raffle:** \$40 to Club, \$40 to Winner Caron Wetter.

**Meeting adjourned** at 8:32 pm.

**Respectfully submitted** by Rob Brereton.

## 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.

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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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