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Chris Jackson's 62 Greenbrier. The vans are making a comeback.

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A Summer Get Together

Just a few things going on this summer. Chris Jackson stepped in again and organized a summer get together at BJ's on West Colfax. No special planning, just a come if you can and join in for some good food and great company. Seventeen hungry club members and family showed up and 7 Corvairs in the parking lot despite a brutally hot day. New members Steve and Barbe' Belanger were there with Gerteisen's 62 Monza convertible. They had just purchased the car from Jerry and Nancy Gerteisen's a few days earlier. We will miss the Gerteisen's but it nice to see their car is still being used.



Our crew waiting for dinner



Steve and Barbe' Belanger

Chris Jackson's 64 Spyder



Larry Yoder's pristine 65 Monza



RMC Events Calendar

August 5th-----RMC Club meeting 6200 S. Broadway Englewood, 7PM. I'm sure there will be a zoom session available to join the meeting.

August 6th---- 2022 Rocky Mountain Car Show. The Colorado Collector Car Council is hosting their annual car show & swap meet at the Rocky Mountain Metro Airport. 10 AM to 2 PM, in Broomfield. Rick Beets would like some of the club to report in at 8:00 AM for assignment of some help duties. Rick will explain the duties at the club meeting.

August 7th ----- Drive-By scheduled for Jerry and Nancy Gerteisen, 1356 Highland Park Drive in Broomfield. 2 PM. We hope for a good club turnout too honor this outstanding couple. Staging area details to follow.

August 14th-----Dale and Joan Wilshire Memorial Picnic at Bear Creek Lake Park. We have rented the same shelter this year, the Mountain View. 11AM The turnout was great last year and we hope for the same this year. Great setting with the same great people As always the club will provide Burgers, Buns and Brats, as well as table wear. Bring your own drinks and something to share.

August 20th---- Holy Rollers Car Show. Presented by the Knights of Columbus in Midway Park, Broomfield 9AM to 2PM. A very nice collection of all sorts of cars, 200 in number, in a picturesque setting. Registration to show cars is \$25. Admission is free.

September 17th-----Fall Harvest Car Show. Fort Morgan, CO. The entire festivity goes Friday, Saturday, Sunday but the actual show is Saturday 10AM to 4PM downtown Ft. Morgan. Car registration is \$40.,

Saturday Dec. 10th---- RMC Xmas Party at the Black Bear Diner at I/225 and Iliff. Meet in the lobby at 2PM. More details to follow. Thanks Gail

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One more event to announce

PPCC is planning a **day trip and tour on August 20 to Yuma, CO., to the Orphanage Car Museum** and inviting RMC to join us. This museum is affiliated with Forney Museum in Denver. (they currently have an American Bantam Woody on display from Forney.) They specialize in cars that are no longer in production. They also have an extensive collection of radiator caps and hood ornaments from 1900's to the 1990s, until the end of August. The museum will cater a fried chicken luncheon with sides, dessert, and beverage for \$10.00 per person. **Since they are preparing lunch, we need to give them a number count of folks who will be there by August 11.** Please let me know if you will be attending this trip and how many in your group by this date. Since we live all over the Springs and areas north, we will meet in Limon exit, (Interstate 70) at the Pilot Travel Center, at 9:30 am. Then we can caravan from there to Yuma. If you're coming from Denver, you can meet in Limon or get there on Interstate 76. This should be a really fun day drive, no mountain passes (LOL), to a car museum we've never visited before. There is a flyer in the Dripline on it.

Any questions, let me know and keep Vairin'!

Chris Kimberly



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Rumble at the Rosemount car show

Jerry Peevyhouse/Mike Piper

"It was a hot and sultry day", as the line goes, in Pueblo this past July 9th at the 8th annual Rumble at the Rosemount car show. The event was held at the Rosemount Museum (more on that later) and was very well attended by a variety of antique, classic, custom, street rods, muscle, cruisers, and of course a couple of Corvairs. The plans were for more Corvairs to attend, but it ended up only Jerry and Keithann Peevyhouse in their 65 Red Convertible and Mike Piper in his 65 Red Convertible actually made it down there. As you can see from the picture, we had fraternal twins there, not identical twins 😊.



The day started out as a caravan that started in Castle Rock with John and Kathy driving their Lakewood and John's son Douglas and his wife Cassie driving the red 68 coupe and picking up Jerry and Keithann in Monument on their way south. The plan was executed perfectly until we got down close to Colorado Springs when the Lakewood began to smoke and we pulled off to investigate. A quick look under the car showed there was a pretty healthy leak of oil apparently dripping onto the muffler crossover pipe and causing the smoking. Car was running fine, just leaking oil. Not able to confirm the exact cause of the leak, but after a conversation with Mike (already down in Pueblo) it was determined that it was probably best not to drive the car down to the car show. So, unfortunately, John called for a tow truck and both sets of cars returned to Castle Rock. They were missed, not the outcome they were expecting.

This is the first time for PPCC attending this car show, but maybe it's one we might consider doing again as it was very well run and with no entry fee was very affordable. There was plenty of big trees around the museum that provided great shade in the morning, not so much in the afternoon. As you can see from the pictures, there were a good variety of car types there, which made it interesting for everyone attending. Mike and I had a great location that drew a lot of foot traffic by our cars. In addition to all the car related stuff, they even had shaved ice for the kids (adult kids too) which was a big

hit on such a hot day. Originally, SeeMore was scheduled to appear, but we couldn't find a way to transport the car down there. One of the organizers of the show mentioned how disappointed they were that SeeMore wasn't there.

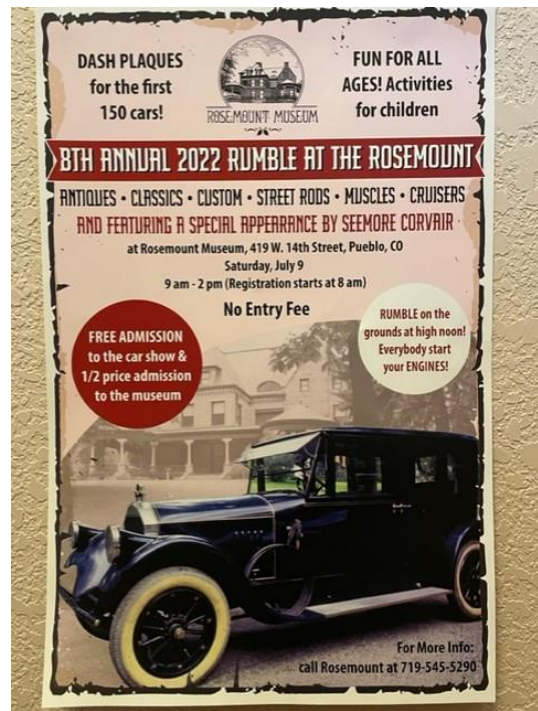
The other interesting thing they did was having a noon "rumble" where everyone started up their cars and made some noise. Obviously, the hot rods blasted us out of the water, but it was fun to do.

As part of the admission registration for the show, there was free admission to the Rosemount Museum, which is the home of the John and Margaret Thatcher family who built the 37-room mansion in 1893. Over 85% of all the furniture and items in the mansion are original to the family. At Christmas they put up 37 Christmas trees inside the mansion and decorate it for the holidays.

Since this is a combined article, the following are thoughts from Mike's perspective of the car show and travels to it.

I've determined I'm not great about getting up early for an extended drive to a car show so I decided to stay overnight in Pueblo near the venue. We had a kids movie night at our office in a drive-in format so I went there first, then left at about 21:00 hrs (9:00 PM) to drive to Pueblo. In the process, the father of one of my co-workers, and a former Corvair owner said I should put my top down. I did and it started raining in about 10 minutes. I put the top back up and it quit. The handy thing was my seats and car were wet so in the process of drying them off I cleaned up a bunch of dust.

Away I go. The car has run fine since all of the hassles during the tri-state weekend, so I made good time to just north of Tomah Road on I-25. 75+ MPH to full stop. I spent the next 30-40 minutes at less than 9 MPH trying not to abuse my clutch. I assumed a multi-car accident which turned out to be a paving operation to almost where the old rest stop was south of the Larkspur exit. Off we go again. I'm looking at a lot of lightning that looked south of Colorado Springs, headed east. I thought the messing around not moving would help me miss the storm, but nope. I was into some pretty serious splash back by the time I got to the eastbound highway 24 exit. I was muddling along in rain and road construction until almost Fountain. Then I got into intermittent rain and sprinkles. Some of the northbound folks were driving so fast that when they hit a water puddle, they either had their tires go smack into the water or they threw a wave up over the wall. Fortunately, the waves missed me since my windows were wide open, but I worry about hydroplaning in Corvairs when going fast with water puddles around.



I'd slowed down to about 65 and it was pretty boring until a tired looking Honda came up and hung out in my blind spot for a while. Then he pulled up ahead of me with his interior light on and was waving. I was puzzled at least but I kept going and dropped in behind a couple of cars going about the same speed, and he went ahead. I was staying at a Hampton Inn on the south end of Pueblo, and I pulled in at about midnight. I was getting out of the car and the guy following me came up and asked me where I got my parts and complimented me on my car. It turns out he has two Corvairs, a '65 and a '66, one of which is a convertible. One runs and the other is a box of parts. We talked until about 1:00 hrs (1:00 AM) and another guest even commented on how long we talked. He knows of Steve Goodman, he tried getting parts from Corvair Ranch, but they were rusty, he knows of Clarks... I suggested some other sources but truthfully, I was not at my sharpest. He lived in Pueblo and commutes to work in the Springs. I invited him to join PPCC and he took a photo of my decals as a reminder.



My return home was also somewhat interesting. We spent the day in the shade, but it was hot. I needed fuel and went to a Shell station. I think I pulled up to the store to use the restroom but as I parked the young attendant (maybe early 20's) came out to ask me what kind of car that was, and so on. We probably spent 15 minutes. It turns out he likes old cars, and he has a friend that works in an upholstery shop. He really likes the car and said his friend would like working on one. I suggested PPCC again and had him take a photo of my front emblem, so he'd have a reminder of the type of car. He took several other photos too. He was very diligent because every time a customer entered the store, he left me and took care of them. A very nice guy.



Aside from my eyeballs feeling like baked eggs, it was otherwise a dull trip home. I did stop off at the Palmer Lake ice cream shop to get my ice cream a day early and to cool off. I will definitely try to go next year. The car owners there were different from some of the other shows as were their cars, which I think were mostly local. Their tee shirts for sale were very nice and the dash plaques were quite the works of art too.

As they say, "this one's a keeper" and so as we plan next year's events, this is one to put on the calendar again.

A Message from the President

Welcome our newest members Steve and Barbe' Belanger! They recently purchased the Gerteisen's 62 Monza Convertible. I hope to see them at many RMC events in the future!

Like many of us, life keeps getting in the way of working on and playing with my Corvairs. After a month of picking at the problem, I did finally get my Spyder running just in time for the annual Corvair only show down in Cripple Creek this last Saturday. (more on what it took to finally resolve the problem in a future tech article) It was nice to get out of the heat in Denver even if it was only for the day.

Sunny and 77. Nice gathering with 9 cars and

Tony's Rampy. As part of a larger event in town we had tons of folks looking, telling stories of past Corvair escapades, and asking questions. After unloading the ballot box for the peoples choice award, Tony and Diane won in a landslide! Congratulations to Tony and Diane! This is an event that warrants more RMC participation. Come up for the day or spend the night (either Friday or Saturday) to partake in the multitude of fun things to do in the area.



Next up is the Car Council show out at Rocky Mountain Metro Airport (the airport formerly known as Jeffco) at Wadsworth and Hwy 36 on August 6th. Show runs from 10-2 and show car entry starts at 8. 10 dollars as a donation to the Collector Car Council of Colorado. In the past, we would need to meet up at a gathering spot so we could all arrive at the show and park our Corvairs together. This year RMC is sponsoring a Corvair/Air-Cooled only area so we don't get buried with all the water pumpers. I would appreciate a large a turnout as possible and make it an annual affair. RMC will provide a couple awards to be given separate from the general show awards. Let me know by email if you can make it so I can try to give the show manager a general headcount.

Also on the August agenda, is the Wilshire memorial picnic on August 14. We will be at the same pavilion as last year on the southeast side of the lake close to the dam. Lots of parking so bring your Corvair! Hamburgers (beef and vegan), hotdogs (brats), chips, and sodas will be provided by the club. If we could get folks to bring your favorite picnic side or desert, we can set out the same great spread as we've done in the past. Festivities start at 11:30 hope to see everyone out there.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the next meeting on Friday August 5th at the usual spot and time. 7pm at John Elway Chevrolet on Broadway in Englewood.

Rick

The Cripple Creek Car Show

Chris Kimberly

Early Saturday July 23rd, Corvairs gathered together for the All Corvair Car Show in Cripple Creek. Ten cars from RMC, PPCC and a local Cripple Creek resident enjoyed a relaxing day in front of the Historical Museum showing their cars to everyone who had come for Pearl Devere Day. The People's Choice Award was given to Diane and Tony Lawler for their Rampside. The Judge's Award was given to Tanya Boudreau and Jeff Addams for their '61 Lakewood Wagon. Congratulations to everyone!!



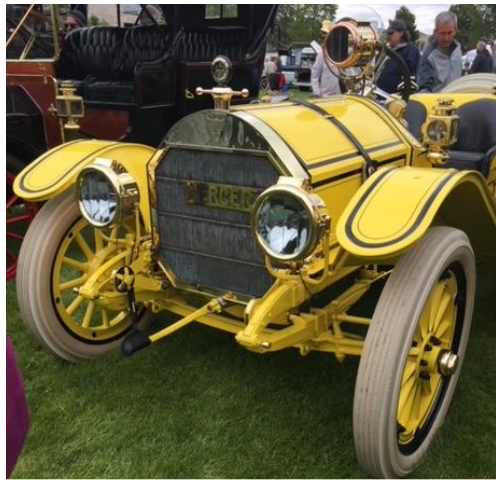
Ages

Ken Schifftnr

You've likely heard of the Bronze Age, the Iron Age, the Space Age.

I wonder if our Corvairs were living in the lesser-known Age of The Hubcap? You hardly ever see "modern" vehicles sporting hubcaps. Go to a car show though and there are hubcaps galore.

Take the Brass Era vehicles. They had little hubcaps used to protect wheel bearings and retain the grease required to lubricate those bearings. The vintage vehicle shown in the following picture (I think it is a Mercer) had what looks like brass hubcaps. (Lower right of photo). These caps could be quite ornate. Some were cast metal and were usually highly polished. A lot of time and money was spent on these caps.



Also note the lug nuts. Visible. For some reason in the pre-war era, automobile designers started covering the lug nuts. With hubcaps. The functional but naked lug nuts I guess were considered offensive or at least no longer important to the overall design, so some designers hid them from view. The lower left photo shows the naked lug nuts on my Corvair (Viewer Discretion is Advised).. Lower right is a photo of the same wheel but with a hub cap. Better? No.



Hubcaps of different designs were so plentiful that they became collectors' items. Some people even started their criminal careers by stealing them. Other hubcaps fell off vehicles and ended up being attached to fences or shacks along roads and highways. Starting life at least as a pair or set, they ended up lonely, solitary, waiting for someone to buy them. It wasn't unusual to see dozens of hubcap orphans sparkling in the hot sun waiting, I guess, for a passer-by to scan the collection for the one that flew off unexpectedly or was "lost" when parked during a dark night.

Some hubcaps were "baby moon" type that covered just the lug nut pattern (like the ones on Rick Beets Spyder shown). Some of these baby moons, after being pitted or dented continued life as ash trays. Or maybe a tray to hold small parts. To keep them nice, they needed to be polished and cared for. Some say the chrome baby moon was invented by a metal polish salesman.



Today, some economy cars even have cast wheels. Lug nuts are brazenly on full display though most are plated, covered, or made to look less nut-like. Even EV's have full wheel covers supposedly designed to improve range. Though I guess there is a market for stolen cast wheels and full wheel covers, since basic economics dictate that where there is a supply and demand, money is to be made through theft. Take catalytic converters for example.

So, it can be argued (maybe poorly here) that the Corvair was a proud citizen of the Age of the Hubcap. May the fond memory live on, until of course you need to remove them to change a flat tire. Particularly when it is raining.

Rocky Mountain Corsa Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: July 1, 2022

Called to Order: 7:01 pm

Location: John Elway Chevrolet, Englewood CO

Present: 18 on site, 0 on Zoom.

Guests, long distance, new members: None.

Standard Business: Minutes of last meeting: Minutes from June meeting were reviewed and approved.

Treasury report: The end of June balance was \$7,253.04.

Mailbag: Fall Harvest Car Show flyer, Sept 16-18, Fort Morgan.

Old Business:

- Thanks, Paul, for a great newsletter and for continuing to produce them.
- CCCC is begging for volunteers for the Air and Car Show Sat August 6. Request is for 2-hour shifts: 6-8, vendor load-in, 8-10, show car entry and collect \$10, 10-12, 12-2 direct spectators, pass out programs, collect funds, run swap meet, truck and trailer parking. See Rick to volunteer. We will have a specific show area for Corvairs and other air-cooled cars. Will do several awards. SeeMore has been requested.
- Thanks, Chris Jackson, for tonight's snacks. Rob Brereton will cover August, Ken Schiffner is taking September.
- Holiday Party Planning: Gail reported that the Black Bear Diner doesn't take reservations but will accommodate us. Will request Dec 10, 2:30 – 5:30. The Forney museum + catering is a possible alternate, we did this one year.

New Business:

- Membership: Nothing, Tony away.
- Steve Goodman reported on upcoming events.
- "Technical difficulties" ended Zoom meeting; nobody was on at the time.
- July 9, Chris Jackson set up a group lunch at BJ's restaurant.
- Golden Super Cruise is tomorrow 7/2 and RMVR will be showing race cars at Comfort Dental.
- Paul has made arrangements for the Wilshire Picnic, Sun Aug 14, 11am. Reserved the Mountain View shelter at Bear Creek Reservoir. Will use the 6 cases of water left from Tri-State.
- John Dawson discussed ACC car show, 10 Corvairs, wide selection of cars from antique to modern. Triumph Spitfire 50th anniversary. The Chrysler Pininfarina Turbine car on display.
- A question was asked about the Centennial car show that used to take place. There has been a change of director and less interest in cars, with more military vehicle presence.

Upcoming events: See Steve's report and other items in new business above also

- August 5 (Fri) 7pm Monthly meeting, John Elway Chevrolet
- July 23 (Sat) All Corvair Show, 9-4, Cripple Creek. See details above.
- August 27 (Sat) Hub City Car Show in Limon,

For Sale or Wanted, Recently Purchased, Projects

- John Dinsdale to go to Ryan's Rods on July 9 for a Car show . . . to see if his car "shows".
- Eric Shakel shared two vent windows from '65 that do not interchange. He also spoke about the Race against Cancer in Byers at High Plains Raceway. Eric and Jon will be there July 30/31st. No charge for spectators, can go through paddock, etc. See the Morgan Adams Foundation or RMVR site. This year is the 50th Anniversary for Formula V spec race cars. Lunchtime laps for donations and other fun events.
- Mike mentioned an owner in Colorado Springs, Terrence McKenna with a 67 Monza that has brakes mush from sitting and doesn't run, looking for help. See Mike.
- Steve reported that a '64 convertible picture was sent, engine locked, interior in pieces.
- Garrie Fox had a complete Crown conversion kit for sale.

50/50 Raffle: No 50/50 tonight.

Meeting adjourned at 8:28 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.

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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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