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A beautiful early convertible. Not a club member's but it was for sale last month.

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Rosemount Museum notes 7-08-2023

The Rosemount Museum Car show in Pueblo is a repeat event for me. Last year we had two Corvairs instead of three due to a third car with an issue and the cutaway car could not get there. This year I was it and the cutaway car was trapped by mud.

My approach was the same as last year. Drive down late the evening/night before and try to get there well rested. Then I can drive home and hopefully not get sleepy. This all went according to plan. The grounds are exceptionally nice with many trees and grass. Tours of the museum were available. They have some of the nicest dash plaques and tee shirts in my collection. There is no entry fee for either cars or spectators, but they have many sponsors. The weather was very nice, and I didn't have a lot of work with the quick detailer to get the car looking nice. It was shady until about 2 hours before time to leave when the sun came out and stayed out. The drive home was plenty warm and sunny.

My impression has been that the crowd and the cars are slightly different from events farther to the north, but everybody is friendly and they take good care of their cars. There was the usual percentage of folks with Corvair stories along with some younger folks that don't know the engine is in the rear. Since there was a Corvair shortage I looked for the other air-cooled cars. There were several and their owners were friendly as well. Another item that seems to be there a lot is a stationary engine that puttters away. It's actually quite interesting. I'd definitely recommend this car show as an interesting one if you can make it. Mike



The Race against Kids Cancer

[Rocky Mountain Vintage Racing](#) is pleased to announce a 2-year festival series culminating in 2023 with the FV 60th anniversary. RMVR's Race Against Kids' Cancer (RAKC) was at [High Plains Raceway](#) where wonderful cars of *all years and vintages* were invited to gather to celebrate this class. There were awards and prizes given to a variety of different cars and winners each year.

Best of all, the Race Against Kids' Cancer benefited [The Morgan Adams Foundation](#), a local organization that funds pediatric cancer research to help kids battling cancer get the treatment they deserve. With nearly \$8 million in pediatric cancer research projects funded so far, The Morgan Adams Foundation knows exactly how to maximize the donations to improve survival rates, reduce recovery times, and provide a better quality of life for children with cancer. RMVR raised \$209,600 was this year.



Breretons and Schakels



The pits

The pit crew



Most cool car there (MG TD?)



The CCCC Airport Show

The annual Colorado Collector Car Council airport car show is a very important event for the collector group. It provides much of the funding for the council's support activities. There were almost 300 car entries of almost very size and option available on the airport tarmac. It was a rather hot day but the RMC crew was prepared. Rick provided a canopy tent for shelter and everyone had an easy chair to while away the afternoon. There was music (we were just 100 ft from the sound booth), food, and entertainment. There were fly overs and fly-bys by several aircraft and even a chance(?) to ride in a WWII passenger plane. But the real kick was all the different cars that were there. Buicks outnumbered everyone 3 to 1. Quite a display.



Dale and Joan Wilshire Memorial Picnic

This last Sunday RMC held it's annual picnic named for 2 of our outstanding members no longer with us. The location was Bear Creek Lake Park in Lakewood. The park was just off C470 at the Morrison Road exit and the shelter was the Mountain View.

This was the third year we held our picnic there. We really like being off the grid as the shelter is away from the crowds. Lots of parking space which was a good thing because a sizable group attended. We don't have an exact count but the number was in the range of 50 to 60 members, spouses and guests.

Rick Beets and Mike Piper maned the grill providing the hamburgers and brats and buns. I was kept busy handling the fixings and tableware. Club members brought side dishes and desserts. There was plenty to eat but it turned out not many leftovers.

The Corvairs were scattered thru out the parking lot. It seemed at first glance that there were only 7 or 8 there but after touring the lot we counted 17 Corvairs had made the trip. This is close to a record number at an event for our club.



More Picnic Pictures

Howard Steward brought some tools to sell



Dylan Berichon's Greenbrier



Vairs were scattered throughout the lot



Dianne & Tony Lawler's Rampsides



They don't build 'em like that anymore!"

Michael Brittan

A stone's throw from this year's Salida Tri-State venue is the city's landmark smelter stack, reaching for the sky from pastures to the west of historic downtown. The stack is essentially all that remains of the once-thriving toll smelter which served the growing smelting needs of district mines. Built in 1917, the new stack supplanted a shorter 150' high flue which had failed to spare the surroundings adequately from the fallout of nasty emissions.

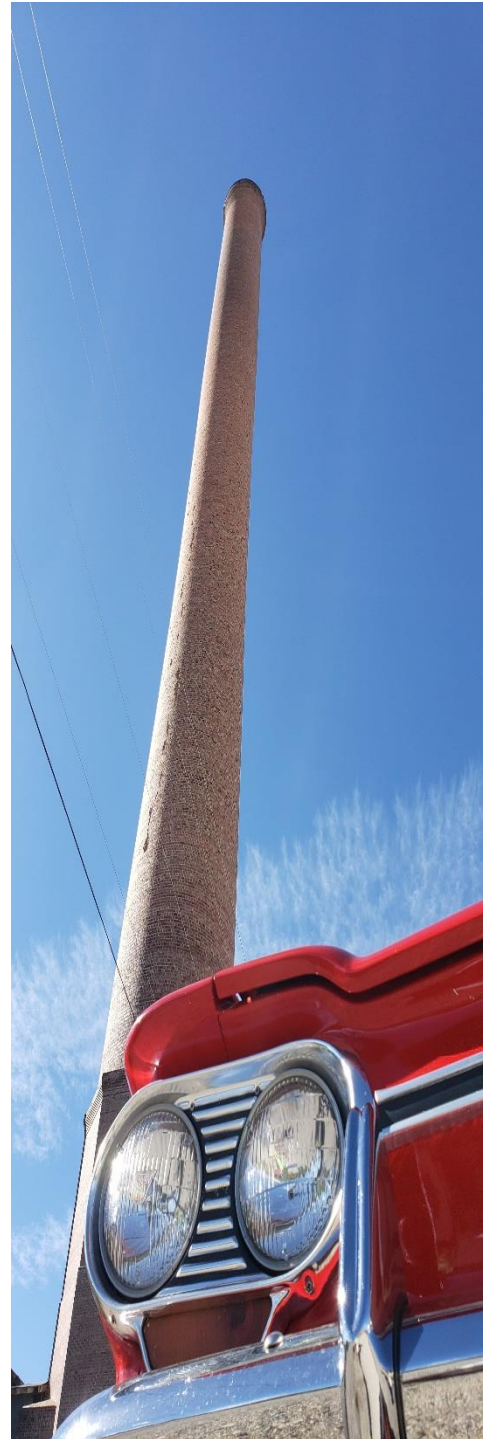
At 365' high, the smelter stack dwarfs Pisa's famous Leaning Tower which topped out in the year 1372 at a paltry 179'. Unlike the Leaning Tower, however, Salida's smelter stack was built solidly on *terra firma* with a massive concrete foundation set on bedrock. The concrete base is 40' wide and 30' deep, reinforced with standard gauge railroad rails. The lower octagonal section of the stack visible in the photograph just to the right of the Corvair's headlight bezel is 75' high with 6' thick walls. This is surmounted by the circular section which tapers to a wall thickness of 3.5' capped at the top with a collar 17' in diameter. So much for the raw specs.

The stack is built of pressed and glazed brick reinforced with steel rods along its entire height. According to the information on exhibit at the site, the brick and mortar required 264 standard gauge railroad carloads for delivery. To erect the edifice the materials were hoisted in a large bucket using a hand-operated winch.

The stack was in use for less than three years when post-WWI economic conditions forced the smelter into liquidation. The stack languished for decades. In due course, a group of concerned citizens operating under the 'Save-Our-Stack' (SOS) banner managed to thwart 1974 efforts to demolish this historic Salida icon. In 1976 it was placed on the Register of Historic Places.

Apart from the Leaning Tower of Pisa, the Salida stack also trumps Italy's Monza Cathedral bell tower constructed between the years 1592 and 1620 to a height just shy of 260'.

No less impressive in terms of design, engineering and durability is the Monza in the accompanying photograph. Built in 1964, taken into current ownership in 1987 (with help from Steve Goodman), and still going strong!



Corvairs Invade Pueblo

Nothing diabolical here, but Rocky Mountain Vintage Racing (www.rmvr.com) is inviting Corvairs to be the Marque of Honor at RMVR's Fall Sprints Race at Pueblo Motorsports Park over the **September 9-10, 2023** weekend. To sweeten the deal, we're offering a couple of trophies!



Corvairs arriving Saturday morning will get prime parking in the Corvair Corral, free seats to watch vintage road racing, and an opportunity to take parade laps around PMP's acclaimed 2.2 mile road course on Saturday during the lunch break.

During the day, racers and Corvair folk will be encouraged to roam the paddock and check out race cars and Corvairs. Racers can vote for **Racers' Choice Corvair**, and Corvair folk can recip-rocate with votes for **Corvair Fans' Favorite Vintage Racer** (sadly, RMVR race Corvairs are NOT eligible for award!).

Of course, you'll want to hang around Saturday after the track is cold for Happy Hour, where we'll present the trophies and devour some serious snacks and cold beverages. Hotel accommodations are available at the Quality Inn at RMVR's rate for those who wish to stay overnight.

The PMP road course is just a few miles west of I-25 via US Highway 50, located on the vast historic Honor Farm preserve. Note that the paddock area is inside the race surface, which may cause a delay of up to fifteen minutes as you enter or exit. Be sure to stop at the gate house on the way in to sign the waiver.

Don't miss this unique Corvair opportunity!



For questions, or to put your name on the Happy Hour list, please contact RMVR's Admin:

E-mail: admin@rmvr.com; or call: 303 319-3062

Great western fanbelt toss

It's hard to believe but the 45th annual GWFBT event is less than 3 months away. In planning by the San Diego Corvair Club for the last 8 months we have made great progress to what we hope is the best ever event.

The online registration form is now live!! You can register at **GWFBT.com** or **Greatwesternfanbeltoss.com**. It's a super informative site where you can purchase (put in Cart) everything from swap spots to the mega-raffle tickets. We also have two, not just one, style of shirt to purchase. You can get a t-shirt of course but also now a polo type shirt with a pocket! We even will have a registration choice to get your car tested on a Dynamometer. Not only will you get horsepower/torque printout but you will also get fuel mixture efficiency so that you know if your car is running rich or lean.

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Miscellaneous

On Saturday August 18 RMC answered the call to dust and shine at the Forney Transportation museum.

Tony Lawler, Rick Beets, Ken Schiffner and Paul Seyforth spent an hour and half dusting the machinery. A worthwhile trip helping Forney and enjoying all the vintage cars in the collection



For Sale

Corvair for sale: 62 Monza convertible, red on red, show quality excellent condition, looks and runs great, 187K miles, outstanding paint and upholstery, quality maintenance (no mechanical issues), no rust, mostly original parts (on or off car), interesting 4 owner history, pinstriping, motorized top, new tires, brakes, starter parts, battery, and axels. Garaged in Broomfield, CO Asking \$17,500. Call; Steve Belanger 419 356-8757 email: srbel2015@gmail.com



Rocky Mountain Corsa Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: August 4, 2023 **Called to Order:** 7:06 pm
Location: John Elway Chevrolet, Englewood CO **# Present:** 19 on site, 1 on Zoom.

Guests, long distance, new members: None.

Standard Business:

Minutes of last meeting: Minutes from July meeting were reviewed and approved.

Treasury report: The end of July balance was \$7,650.40. Treasurer's Report was approved.

Mailbag: Nothing

Old Business:

- Thanks to Paul for a great newsletter again. Paul's final edition for September. A new editor is needed beyond that. Paul noted that the job is for an editor, not an author or writer of all the content. Articles come from members.
- Reminder! Rick will not be running again for president so consider running! Our Activities Chair position is still open too. Please help where you can.
- Tonight's snacks are provided by Rick Beets. Ken Schiffner has Sept. Christian Mucilli has Oct. Paul will cover Nov.
- High Plains / Kids Race against Cancer (RMVR) was on July 28-30. Jon had a successful series of races and didn't break anything. He got bumped to 2nd place for starting line in Fun'd Race and came in 5th by end of 1st lap in a bit faster field. He raised \$1,275 to fight cancer, and the event raised over \$200k. Chris Langley from Texas (Blake Swafford's son of Otto Parts fame) came up with his Stinger, dropped a valve seat and shattered a cylinder, so he loaded up on Sat and left. Ride-along with John on his race on our website!
- CCCC Air / Car Show is tomorrow August 5. Air Cooled Corner with space for 20 cars. Last minute request for volunteers for hay wagons, please help keep passengers from being stupid. Open at 8, car show at 10. \$10 for cars showing, \$5 for spectators. Extensive discussion of map directions.
- Wilshire picnic Aug 13 (Sun) Club will do meat and buns, Potluck for club. Bear Creek Lake Park, more exciting discussion of directions. Club provides burgers, brats. Worked out who brings what. \$10 per car entry / \$5 seniors or disabilities. Potluck. Club will provide water and soft drinks. Lots of discussion of what to bring. Mike has invited PPCC with little response except dual members. No running water at this site this year.

New Business:

Diane Lawler (and Tony) have a new 63 Rampside, blue & white automatic. A 91-year old man who sold it bought it in '71 for \$400, not running, and changed the points to make it run. It served in appliance business in CA and has been garaged since. It only has 118k, with a new trans and motor. Well maintained. Seat is stuck in place causing challenges for driver fit. The Lawlers noted that we host 2025 Tri-State and will need to announce a location in May 2024 at next Tri-State. They are willing to work with raffle and baskets, but don't want to sign up to find venue etc. Time to form a committee!

- Christmas party discussion, Cory and Gail have checked several venues, neither worked, will go back and talk to Black Bear Café.
- Badges for new members were handed out.
- Activities discussion:

- August 13 (Sun) Wilshire picnic Aug 13 (Sun) Club will do meat and buns, Potluck for club.
- Sept 1 (Fri) Monthly Meeting, 7pm, Elway Chevrolet
- Sept 8-10 RMVR Fall Sprints, Pueblo Motorsports Park, which has a road course at the drag race field. Lots more discussion about directions.

For Sale or Wanted, Recently Purchased, Projects

- Dylan needs a replacement clutch fork pivot, Steve has one, and will get over weekend, to finish his clutch replace.
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- Steve Goodman mentioned a '62 sedan, in boulder with a 140 PG. The engine is said to be good and runs, but the PG is shot.
- Mike Piper mentioned that Terry McKenna in CO Springs has a '64 parts car which was rolled over but has good parts, not a resto car.
- Steve, Red 64 coupe in Loveland, will be for sale, preparing it. Will post when ready.
- Bart Victor is looking to sell (give?) a salvageable wagon.
- John Green's wagon is still for sale, lowered price, will further drop for club members.

50/50 Raffle: To Club: \$42 To Winner: \$43 Winner: Mario Wibbens (Unsure of spelling)

Meeting adjourned 8:29 pm

Respectfully submitted by Rob Brereton.



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RMC Club Page

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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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