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# The Denvair News

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## Trunk Or Treat!

More than half a century after production ceased, Corvairs are still inspiring owners and enthusiasts to find new ways to utilize them. A Corvair as a Halloween platform?

The image doesn't lie; even the short alien in the green helmet had to stop in to see if the giant bearded Corvair mechanic was really handing out candy, or simply luring in children to recycle them into pushrod tube o-rings.

Congratulations to Mike Piper for finding yet another use to justify his Corvair disease!

*This image has many possible determinations... Was the Corvair consuming the human who's legs protrude, or was the (evil? benevolent?) bearded giant holding a prisoner for forced repair work?*



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2025 Corvair season has wound down precipitously...  
Get your Vair Mojo recharged at the November  
RMC meeting is on for Elway Chevy, 7:00pm!



## Rocky Mountain Corsa Official BS & Contacts

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**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.

### Editorial Contributions

We encourage your participation! Please forward stories, ideas, jokes, recipes, and/or photos to the Editor. Content must be received by the 20th of the month prior to the desired publication month. Electronic files are preferred, pictures are awesome, but please include descriptions!

### Classified Ads

I don't recall RMC doing paid ads in this fine newsletter since the Reagan Administration. Should this section be updated or eliminated now that RMC has a well-maintained web site?

### Business Advertising

Ditto Editor rant above - much the same applies.

### RMC Mailing Address

Correspondence, ads, & articles may be snail-mailed to:

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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**. Dues may also be paid online via PayPal at this link: [www.rockymountaincorsa.org/dues](http://www.rockymountaincorsa.org/dues)

### Monthly Meeting

RMC 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 (above Parts Department).

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## RMC Corvair Happenings!

- Friday, November 7, 2025 — RMC Meeting, 7:00? pm @ John Elway Chevrolet
- Saturday, December 6, 2025 — Christmas Party, 1:30pm @ Black Bear Diner, in Aurora
- Thursday, January 1, 2026 — New Years' Brunch, 11:00 am @ Big Horn Restaurant, Estes Park
- Whenever, 24/7 — Check [www.rockymountaincorsa.org](http://www.rockymountaincorsa.org) for the latest and greatest!

## President's Letter, November 2025

Howdy all!

This time, Eric has not reminded me that I need to hurry up due to the end of the month, but he did tell me informally he was hoping to get the newsletter done early so he and Linae could travel someplace. Of course, instead of going home and doing this, I went home and waited almost a week. One day I may get the timing worked out.

I again had a brief burst of added post-retirement facilities work. These last couple of times I was a bit busier than usual with lack of heat when the weather cooled off and some company vehicle repair issues. The company also has some re-roofing going on and some below floor (crawl space) plumbing upgrades. Busy is OK. I was concerned about getting dinged by the IRS for working too much, but I should be fine since I retired after my date to fully retire.

For the last couple of weeks, I've had a lot of work at home and for the family to do. There is the seasonal getting ready for winter with the house and trying to get my basement sorted out to get my downstairs parts library organized. Then there is the garage excavation to get back into contact with the blue car. I've spent an annoying amount of time trying to figure out a problem with my granddaughter's 2012 Ford for Focus. I believe I have solved that, but I decided it would be good if the damaged front splash panels were replaced. She managed to informally remove or damage some of those when she got stuck in sand. It turns out that much of the stability of the front of the body relies on these flimsy plastic panels being in place. I have what I hope are the last two in hand. Not a Corvair, but a car.

Meanwhile, my oldest grandson wants me to help him tile his bathroom floor this weekend. It is good to hand knowledge down, but the timing is awkward, and he lives in Leadville. I'll need to pace myself.

The Corvair news at the moment is I just attended a Trunk or Treat at my youngest grandson's daycare center. My three kids and all four grandkids attended this place. I believe the manager is the granddaughter of the original owner. Their early school buses were a pair of Greenbriars, one of which is still in their parking area (I doubt drivable). When I asked about bringing my white Corvair for the Trunk or Treat that generated a good bit of excitement, and the granddaughter took pictures of my car before the flood of kids hit. The other Corvair news is the red car goes to the body shop for repairs on October 27. I will remove most of the parts that need to be removed for the body work, and they will trade me for some touch-up work on the dent in the fender and some rock chips. The timing of the Corvair disassembly with the floor tile and Focus work is awkward. The body shop estimates it will take two to three weeks for the Corvair. I will miss Lafayette Cars & Coffee, but the weather is becoming a bit more challenging this time of year anyway.

As I noted last Month, in November we'll need to decide who our officers for 2026 will be so we can conduct the vote at the Christmas Holiday meal. Don't be shy, if someone wants my job or a different one, we can throw hats into the virtual ring.

I will also note that Gail Levin has sent out emails about the New Year's Day event so please RSVP as necessary. Another miscellaneous item is the survey about club meetings and possible changes for the future. I have not heard from Eric about progress, but I will admit I still owe him my answers. Please email or send responses to Eric.

As usual, this turned out longer than what Eric is expecting with some non-club related items. We're drifting harder into the off season but still drive your cars when you can and think about what you need to do to prepare them for winter storage.

Meanwhile, as always be safe and have as much fun as you can with your Corvairs and please enjoy the fall season.

- Mike

# Rocky Mountain Corsa Meeting Minutes

**Meeting Date:** October 3, 2025

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

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

**# Present:** 11 in person + 3 on Zoom

## Guests, long distance, new members:

- None.

## Standard Business:

Minutes of last meeting: Minutes from the Sept meeting were reviewed and approved.

Treasurer's Report: The end of August balance was \$8,296.27. Treasurer's Report was approved.

**Mailbag:** Credit card offer and a Corvette Raffle from Col Crawford HS in Ohio (on the front table).

## Old Business:

- Membership: No news.
- Thanks, Eric, for a great newsletter. Please contribute your articles, with pictures.
- The bylaw review is inching along. Not much progress was made at meeting last month.
- Race for the Cure event, went well, lots of fun, good weather. Jon did well.
- CCCC Update: Dust and Shine for Sept 19 was cancelled due to construction related to flood damage at the Forney. Dust and Shine will be June 20.
- A question was raised in August about alternate account access in the Treasurer's absence. Mike will meet with John to get on the account and remove any past officers who should not be included. This has not been completed yet.
- Webpage news? Nothing to report. Facebook? Nothing to report.
- Survey? Give to any board member or to Eric. Expected in next month.

## New Business:

- Steve is working to arrange a breakfast gathering at Westwood Inn, 5 Oct (Sun), 8:00am. Watch for message on RMC list.
- November has no planned events.
- December: Holiday party at Black Bear Cafe, in schedule, 6 Dec 1:30. Drinks and appetizers on club, order from menu, gift exchange and Toys for Tots. RSVP on Website by November 25.
- January New Years Day Brunch in Estes Park at the Big Horn Restaurant at 11. RSVP by Dec 20.
- Elections coming up. Need a Treasurer. Secretary is willing to share the work with others! Dawson willing to continue VP. Member at large is elected, Tony willing to stay. Mike willing to continue, happy to pass off.
- 28 September Fall tour arranged by PPCC. 7 Corvairs, good weather.
- Tri=State Montrose, Randy working on Logo, website, registration, want to post by January.

## Activities:

- Oct 4 Golden Supercruise
- Oct 4 Laffayette Cars and Coffee
- Oct 5 (Sun) Westwood Inn breakfast, 8:00
- Nov 7 (Fri) Regular meeting, Elway Chevrolet, 7pm
- Oct 12 Weathertek

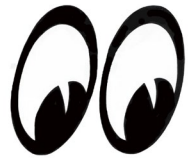
## For Sale or Wanted, Recently Purchased, Projects

Show and Tell time: No Time.

**50/50 Raffle:** 15 to winner, 15 to club. Winner: Kory Gail

**Meeting adjourned 7:59**

**Respectfully Submitted by** Rob Brereton



Hmmm. Looking back, October has either been: a) A quiet Corvair-clubbish month; b) A month where I've failed to pay attention to Corvairdom, and/or; c). Some combination of the first two options. It's true that our Colorado weather is starting to get a bit more serious about supporting the requirements of Fall and the inevitable Winter, but the usual suspects are still tooling around in their Corvairs.

Of particular note, Pres Piper seems to favor his red 'vert to his newer wheels in any sort of reasonable climatic circumstances (hope his paintwork completes on schedule!), and Dale Neilsen often prioritizes his recently-black LM Monza over his Caddy and truck in a roughly 60/30/10 percentage split. Rear Engine Steve, of course, can't keep anything water-cooled running reliably, so he's pretty much stuck with Corvairs.

And there's Andy Neilsen, often following his Dad's lead with his own red LM coupe. Jon Whiteley also frequently tools around the streets east of I-25 in his white Corsa. And yes, your humble editor and his long-suffering bride drool oil around the suburban Sedalia streets with the infamous Maroon Car on a fairly regular basis.

I'm sure I've missed a few, possibly many, who "Corvair" regularly. I'm a tad concerned about Early Models, though... There were 1.7 million or so Corvair vehicles produced before the (admittedly awesome, IMHO) '65 Late Models came out, but Earlies are in the minority at 'Vair gatherings these days. Either way, early or late, If you're a committed (take that any way you wish!) individual who drives your Corvair on a semi-regular basis, e-mail a pic (jpeg format preferred) or two to [gearhead066@gmail.com](mailto:gearhead066@gmail.com), and share a few of your Corvair motoring habits.

This is a short edition as we recover from the dreaded shift back to Standard Time, so I've re-attached the Member Survey for those who have not responded to have another shot at being heard. Haul them to the next meeting, or take pics and send to the email above. Don't be shy.

And keep driving those Corvairs! Let's use them so we don't lose them. And, please always remember to **Stay Functional, My Friends!**

# Whither Goest RMC?

# Member Survey

As noted in the 7/25 Denvair News, RMC remains a very viable club. Meeting and event attendance, though, has declined notably in recent years. This survey asks a simple question: What changes can RMC make now to remain viable for Corvair Kids and Collectors into the next decade?

Please make your selections, and bring the form to the next RMC meeting. Alternately, select, scan, and email to a Board member. Legible jpeg images are also acceptable. ONE copy per member, please!

**!! Please check only ONE box under each heading !!**

## I. Club Meetings

### A. Member Meeting Purpose

- ☐ General, both Board & Members (current RMC practice).
- ☐ Board meetings only, no Member meetings needed.
- ☐ Board and General meetings should be held separately.
- ☐ Forget meetings, not needed.

### B. Member Meeting frequency

- ☐ Monthly
- ☐ Bi-Monthly
- ☐ Quarterly
- ☐ No Regular Meetings

### C. Meeting time slot

- ☐ Saturday morning
- ☐ Saturday afternoon
- ☐ Sunday morning
- ☐ Sunday afternoon
- ☐ Weekday evening \_\_\_\_\_ (specify day)

### D. Meeting location (in relation to Denver)

- ☐ North (think Northglenn)
- ☐ South (think Lone Tree)
- ☐ East (think Aurora)
- ☐ Denver Central
- ☐ Variable

### E. Meeting Venue

- ☐ Dedicated meeting room
- ☐ Eatery
- ☐ Variable
- ☐ Online only

(Continued on back)

## II. Annual Club Activities

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|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>A. New Years Brunch</b>         | <input type="checkbox"/> Keep it | <input type="checkbox"/> Lose it | <input type="checkbox"/> Change it |
| <b>B. Tri-State Tune-Up</b>        | <input type="checkbox"/> Keep it | <input type="checkbox"/> Lose it | <input type="checkbox"/> Change it |
| <b>C. Tri-State</b>                | <input type="checkbox"/> Keep it | <input type="checkbox"/> Lose it | <input type="checkbox"/> Change it |
| <b>D. Wilshire Memorial Picnic</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> Keep it | <input type="checkbox"/> Lose it | <input type="checkbox"/> Change it |
| <b>E. Christmas Party</b>          | <input type="checkbox"/> Keep it | <input type="checkbox"/> Lose it | <input type="checkbox"/> Change it |
| <b>F. New Activity?</b>            | _____ (describe)                 |                                  |                                    |

## III. “Heck With It!” Strategy

If this survey proves inconclusive, shall RMC throw a big party, blow our remaining treasury money, and simply shut down RMC as a formal chapter of CORSA over the next year?

- ☐ Yes      ☐ No      ☐ More detail needed

## IV. “Status Quo” Strategy

Or, if this survey proves inconclusive, shall RMC simply continue down the current path, letting time and inertia run their course, and reacting and/or making changes as needed?

- ☐ Yes      ☐ No      ☐ More detail needed

*(Please add your comments below. Contact info is optional)*

RMC Member Name \_\_\_\_\_