

# The Drip Line



The Next Meeting of the Pikes Peak Corvair Club will be held on January 19 at 9:30 a.m.. We'll meet at Valley Hi Golf Course, 610 Chelton Road, Colorado Springs

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<b>In this issue:</b>	<b>On The Cover:</b> Club members enjoyed our annual Christmas party. Clockwise from top: John and Debbie Anderson and family, Wayne and Bonni Russert, Keithann and Jerry Peevyhouse, Ken Schiffner, Rick Beets, Diane and Tony Lawler, John and Dee Glusick, Pat Carty, Randy Karl, Wayne Russert, Chris Kimberly, Dave Feasel, Jerry, Emily, Lauren and Sophie Welker (Christmas Quartet)
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**PRESIDENT'S GLOVEBOX** By Mike Piper  
PPCC President

Hello everybody. As you probably know, I've had a rather awkward end of 2019 so far. I slipped and fell on ice the day after Thanksgiving, spent a few minutes lying on the ice, got myself up and drove to a convenience store to seek help. I ended up in the ICU at Swedish hospital for two days and in the neuro ward for about a day and a half before they decided I could function well enough to go home.

As Dave Feasel has told me several times, brain injuries are challenging because you look fine, people demand that you act like you did, but you are not the same and can't, and improvements are very slow. I can walk and talk, but mental efforts are tiring. So far, I'm not driving. I was at my last CT scan on the 18<sup>th</sup> of December, and on the way in the sliding doors I was confronted by a large group of elderly (more elderly than me) walking to the door coming at me at different speeds, in singles and couples, on canes, with walkers and in wheel chairs. I realized when I mentally locked up trying to sort out the chaos that driving would not yet be a good idea. I have

an appointment with a neurologist on the 23<sup>rd</sup> so I hope the news is good.

On a more cheerful note, as I write this tomorrow is the shortest day of the year. Since I prefer warm weather and sun, I always look forward to getting past that. Once we get past February the days get longer, and the weather starts to get warmer, so I start thinking harder about car projects. I have several in mind but fine motor work (my fingers and brain) need a bit more time.

When the 5-minute effort to recruit me to run for the PPCC club president was underway, I was assured by several that the board and the past officers would help me along to learn the ropes a little better and also help me out as the northernmost president in recent memory. I'm definitely going to need some help along the way. My general philosophy is not to change things to change things but change them if the board and club think changes are needed. In that spirit, I would like to hear any ideas that people have to make things better. Along with that, complaints should

**PRESIDENT'S GLOVEBOX, cont.**By Mike Piper  
PPCC President

come with suggestions for improvement. Otherwise I look at a high-level complaint as a volunteer opportunity for the individual complainer.

I personally like the car display opportunities that have come up in the past, and I participated in many, particularly last year. I don't have the institutional memory of the past officers of the club so as those come up, I welcome hearing about them and informing the group. I will also encourage the club meetings and events to be as inclusive as possible of the wives, not just a bunch of guys hanging out and getting greasy. I know my life is a lot more interesting when my wife Karen is involved.

The last thing, which I consider to be urgent, is to iron out the liability issues that may be involved with SeeMore. The Board is working through these issues and we should be all set by show season.

I hope everybody has an excellent holiday season and I'll work on a shorter set of "Inspirational Thoughts" for next month. Meanwhile, let's keep them on the road.

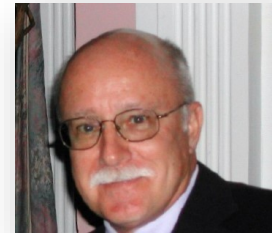
Mike

**V.P. MESSAGE: BEGINNER'S ESSENTIALS**By Ken Schiffner  
PPCC Vice President

It seems like a lot of younger people are getting involved with Corvairs. Some mechanically inclined folks are attracted to the Corvair because it is relatively simple to work on. Full of energy and confidence, these people are ready to roll up their sleeves and get to work.

Here are some of the essentials, in this writer's opinion, that you will need:

- ◆ The CORSA Tech Guide. (Available through the Corvair vendors).
- ◆ Books by Bob Helt such as "The Classic Corvair" and "Corvair Basics".
- ◆ A 9/16" combination wrench.
- ◆ A ½" combination wrench.
- ◆ A stubby or bent 9/16" wrench to access the fan belt adjustment nut.
- ◆ A Phillips head screwdriver size #2.
- ◆ A set of SAE sockets and ratchet. (Sometimes a swivel extension is helpful).
- ◆ A torque wrench.
- ◆ A timing light and dwell meter.
- ◆ A plastic bag (inspected to be hole-free) to put under the oil filter to catch the oil when you change the filter.
- ◆ A set of valve cover gaskets.
- ◆ At least one roll of Tums or equivalent.
- ◆ A box of Band-Aids.
- ◆ Any book on anger management just in case.
- ◆ A set of Viton "O" rings for the push rod tubes.

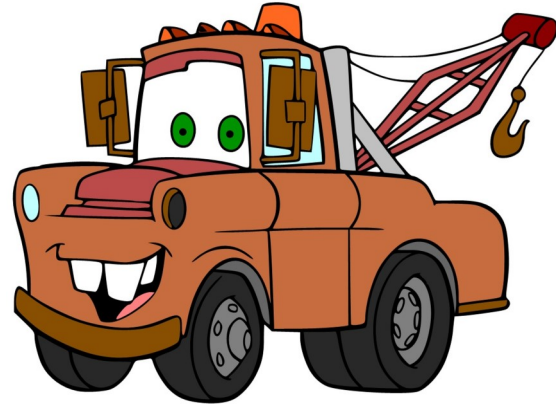


**ESSENTIALS, cont.**

By Ken Schifftnr  
PPCC Vice President

**TOW VEHICLE NEEDED**

- ◆ A set of fuses.
- ◆ A VOM test meter.
- ◆ A CORSA membership and roster (the latter in case you travel and need help).
- ◆ The roster of the local Chapter of which you are a member (for emotional support).
- ◆ Steve Goodman’s phone number (303)-279-4889).
- ◆ The Clark’s Catalog.
- ◆ Rags. Lots of rags.



With these essentials, working on your Corvair should be the successful and hopefully injury- free experience you’ve convinced yourself it should be. Good luck.

Since Dave Feasel will not be available to tow SeeMore to events local to PPCC this year, we are in need of a new volunteer(s). Please let the team know if you are willing to help. We anticipate 4-5 events in the Colorado Springs area in 2020.



Speaking of events, if you have suggestions for events, please let us know. Thanks!

SeeMore Team



	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Upcoming Meeting Locations</b></p> <p><b>Sunday, January 19, 9:30 am: PPCC Monthly Meeting, Valley Hi Golf Course</b></p> <p><b>Sunday, February 16, 9:30 am: PPCC Monthly Meeting, Valley Hi Golf Course</b></p> <p><b>Sunday, March 15, 9:30 am: PPCC Monthly Meeting, Valley Hi Golf Course</b></p>
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**MEETING MINUTES- December 8, 2019**

Submitted By

Mary Ellen Feasel, PPCC Secretary

**Biaggi's Restaurant**

Meeting called to order at 2:00 p.m. by President John Green at Biaggi's. While waiting for food to be serve we had a quick meeting. Club members made their 50/50 raffle ticket purchases.

Motion to approve the last meeting's minutes. Minutes approved.

Treasurer's report: Randy quoted John Koll, we are in the black.

Mail-Dues payments in the mail. Mary Ellen informed the group that a get well card was sent to Mike Piper.

**Nominations for Board**

Mike Piper for President, no one present was interested in the Secretary position so Mary Ellen said she would run for the 2020 position. Other position open was Member-at-large and Jerry Peevyhouse was nominated. Votes for each nominee were held by a show of hands. All those nominated were elected.

2020 Board members are: Mike Piper, President; Ken Schifftner, Vice President; Randy Karl, Treasurer; Secretary, Mary Ellen Feasel; Member-at-large, Jerry Peeveyhouse.

Thank you from John Green to all who served on the board in 2019.

Volunteers for Committee positions are: SeeMore-Ken Schifftner, Website-Randy Karl, Membership-Tony Lawler, Activities-Chris Kimberly, CCCC rep-John Green

Open to the group-Tri-State May 15-17 in Albuquerque. Host hotel is Marriot Pyramid North.

Thank you to the club from Pat Carty for the club's donations to Toys 4 Tots.

50/50 raffle pot was \$80. Rick Betts won and donated his winnings to SeeMore fund.

January and February meetings will be at Valley High.

Adjourned 2:15 p.m.

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## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

To all those who have already renewed your membership for 2020 a great big thank you!!

For those yet to renew, it's time to dig deep into your wallet and pull out that \$25 to send in for renewal of your membership in the Pikes Peak Corvair Club. Club dues are due in January. We don't take your membership in this Club for granted, and are deeply appreciative of the support every member provides in being able to keep the Corvair out in front of the public to enjoy. We have a great reputation in the southern Colorado car collector community, and that reflects well on each and every one of us. So, thank you all, now please don't wait to renew—we really hate having to nag you!

To help our Treasurer, Mr. Randy Karl, manage the books effectively, we would ask that everyone **please send their dues renewal check in no later than 15 January, 2020** to the following address: PPCC, ATTN: Treasurer-2020 Dues, P.O. Box 15034, Colorado Springs, CO 80935. Or, you can always pay in person at the at the January meeting on January 19 (though we'd LOVE to have your updated membership before that. We'd like to close the books on the 2020 Membership Drive by the end of February, and your support in meeting that goal would be greatly appreciated.

\* A reminder that while membership in CORSA is not a prerequisite for new membership, or renewal in the PPCC, we do strongly encourage support of the national organization, which works to support our local efforts through an event liability insurance policy, and free hosting of our Chapter website.



## CHRISTMAS PARTY

Submitted By  
John Green

For those that didn't get to attend the Christmas party, and for those who did, it was quite fun (see pictures on the front cover of this edition). We had 24 members come out on a nice, warm December day. I think our Lakewood was the only Corvair that made it to the party.

We walked in to a quartet of singers, a dad and his 3 daughters. The girls sang and also took turns playing the harp for us. Thanks to Mary Ellen for arranging our live entertainment.

We over filled a box of new toys for "Toys for Tots". Thanks to Pat Carty for helping us continue this giving tradition.

While we waited for our dinner I ran the last meeting of my Presidency. We voted in the new officers for 2020 and are pleased that Mike Piper will be the new President and Jerry Peevyhouse will serve as the new Member-At-Large. Ken will continue as Vice President, Randy will continue his role as Treasurer, and Mary Ellen graciously indicated she will continue as Secretary. Thanks to all those that stepped up to the board. Their service allows PPCC to continue to be the most active club in southern Colorado.

When lunch arrived it was delicious. The club paid for appetizers of bacon wrapped dates and stuffed mushrooms. Then we all enjoyed salad, potatoes, chicken marsala and steamed vegetables. We finished off with a Christmas cake delivered with a smile by Dave and Mary Ellen Feasel.

After eating we held our annual Yankee gift exchange. There were many nice gifts. There was not as much stealing as in past years, but there were a few heated exchanges (all in good fun). Chris thought she should go first since she drew number 00—we all laughed as Kathy pointed out it was the number 8 turned sideways! Everyone ended up with a gift in hand, having enjoyed good fellowship and wonderful food.

I want to thank all those that helped me this past year to lead the club on all our endeavors. It was an eventful year and I'm grateful for all of those who stepped up to help.

Happy New year! John

**CORVAIR RAFFLE—A '65 COUPE ON THE CHEAP**Submitted By  
Ken Schiffner

There is a saying that “If only I had bacon, I could have bacon and eggs...if only I had eggs”.

I always liked the design of the late model Monza Coupe. Particularly the 1965 edition. Boy, I wish I could own one! If only I had the money...

Then it dawned on me. Maybe I could WIN one. I could buy a couple tickets and with my famous luck, it could be mine! Get this. I once won an upgrade at McDonald’s from the regular fries to a LARGE fries. Yes, me. I’ve already been a proven winner so why can’t I win again? But who is raffling a really nice coupe?

Then Mike Hall reminded me. CORSA is raffling off a '65 Monza coupe with a 140hp engine, PG, and all nicely primped up. Famous CORSA people actually laid their hands on this beauty. The proceeds go to the good cause of supporting CPF and the new museum. The tickets are only \$10 each. Heck, I just bought some bacon and eggs and that only cost about \$10. I think I can afford a ticket.



To get a ticket go to [www.corvair.org](http://www.corvair.org), log in, then go to CORSA News. Within that link go to Corvair Raffle Car!. Then to Corvair Raffle Ticket. You can buy as many tickets as your bacon and eggs budget will allow.

Looks like Paul Bergstrom at [corcluboffice@gmail.com](mailto:corcluboffice@gmail.com) and (603)-403-5010 is the contact person.

## TECH TIP: SUSPENSION CHECKLIST, PT. 2

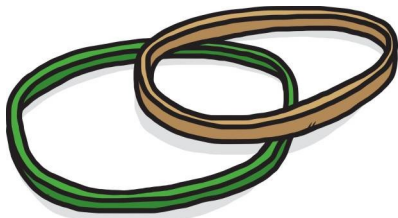
Submitted By  
Steve Goodman

Picking up from last month about steering check points:

**OTHER WEAR SPOTS**--upper/lower ball joints and tie rod ends benefit greatly from regular grease. Also idler arm IF non-original. (original had no grease fittings) Every time oil/filter is changed the front suspension points should be greased. ALSO if driven in hard rain/water or slush on the road the frontend should be greased soon afterward Driving through the water allows moisture to be pushed through the joints and through the dust covers. Front wheel bearings are regularly packed but only rears can be difficult to decide when to service. Usually early will last 30-40K miles before making noise. If noise appears it is too late to service. If done at say 25K miles then the early rears will continue to be usable. Same with 65-9. GM gave no service schedule for rear wheel bearing assemblies. The Corvette from 63 suggested 25-35K miles depending upon shop manual. Again if waiting until noisy then servicing can be difficult. I have seen and heard of both early and late going 50K or more miles before needing either replace or rebuild. One last lube point: GM U-joints did not have grease fittings BUT all aftermarket kits do. Remember to lube those while doing front suspension.



ONE OTHER NOTE: A suggestion was done years ago about adding grease fittings to both early and late rear bearing assemblies. After filling up the entire bearing assembly with grease it is still unknown whether grease is around all of the roller bearings BUT when warmed up the grease expands and is pushed out of the seals. Inner seal leakage just makes a mess under the car BUT outer seal makes a mess of your brake shoes.



**RUBBER PARTS**--Upper/lower control arm bushings/strut rod bushings/sway bar bushings in front PLUS trailing arm bushings in rear all suffer from age/weather and all of the bad stuff in our air and chemicals thrown on our roads tend to deteriorate and no longer be sturdy and flexible rubber. Rear suspension to body cushions in early cars plus the transmission and engine mounts in all models also suffer plus anything that oil/grease/transmission fluid (65-9 strut rod bushings) can leak onto will be subject to failure. Obviously keeping leaks to a minimum helps but the stress placed on the rubber parts in any car will guarantee wear as time/miles are added. When the rubber parts are hard and badly cracked their useful life is ending. Also the 'feel' of the ride quality is changed but it is slow and easily unnoticed.

**ALIGNMENT**--A good shop will check air pressures/ride height/tire quality/steering quality. Use either shop manual specs OR for performance use *How to Hot Rod Your Corvair*. I have a set of numbers at the shop for track use and a set for V8 owners. 65-9 car owners may need to remind the alignment shop that axle movement into the differential is normal.

**TIPS**--do not place weight in front to tighten steering feel--use full circle spring spacers in coil springs to increase ride height (not the small wedges)--early/fc owners remember that rear mount at engine needs to be accessed for rear toe adjustment--addition of front air dam



## TECH TIP: SUSPENSION CHECKLIST

Submitted By  
Steve Goodman

on all models aids greatly in straight line steering 'feel' at speed as well as winds. Cleaning up the air movement under the car adds fuel economy too. Watch your tire wear closely. It is easy to undo the alignment with our poor road conditions and if wear is detected early the need to buy new tires is lessened. AGAIN remember that suspension/steering wear is slow so we don't grasp the change in the feel of the car. It is important to just maintain as well as possible and inspect often.

**NOISES**--noise when encountering bumps/small holes/expansion strips/ RR tracks are generally shock mounts or poor shocks/outer sway bar bushings/poor rubber in the above mentioned suspension parts. 65-9 can have rattle due to lower shock bolts loose and not clamping lower shock sleeve to inside of A-arm. Rubber bushings in suspension points sometimes squeak when dry. U-joints may squeak while cornering slowly then after wear begins will click while slowing to stop. Wheel bearings will squeak also when first begging for fresh grease. Then rumble/metal grating sounds signal the end is near and tow truck may be needed.



**PERFORMANCE MODS**--aftermarket quick steering arms are good for less turns of steering wheel BUT increase turning radius and a bit of added steering effort. Factory quick steering box and arms are best but expensive. Replacing the stock diameter steering wheel with a smaller diameter will seem to add some quickness to steering. Again steering effort will be increased. HD shocks help in corners but add to ride harshness. Wider tire/wheel combinations also aid with cornering, again with some sacrifice of ride quality and in some cases some 'wandering' on poor/rutted road surfaces. Installing harder rubber suspension bushings is another step to greater cornering ability and once again the ride quality is the tradeoff. HD coil springs and/or cutting a coil from the springs is a great cornering help and guess what; ride quality is again compromised.

Bottom line with any/all of the above changes is: it is difficult to have your Corvair ride the same as a Lincoln and corner the same as a 911.

**MY LAST THOUGHTS**--most of my thoughts/advice/experience in these two installments has been on inspection/maintenance of the underside of our cars. It is easy for me to write about it and can be a bit of work for most to actually make it happen. I understand that. I peek under the cars I get in my hands and try to make note of leaks/noises etc. It helps when you as owner requests a check of something because of noise, etc. You as owner have a better understanding of how the car is running as well as how it is changing. Continue to enjoy driving your Corvair. I darn sure enjoy driving mine.



# DRIP QUIPS

As published in the Denver Post December 11, 2019

written by Jim Borgman



If you have a fun, amusing, touching or interesting story or picture you think can bring a smile, an 'aaaaah' or an 'eek', please send your submission to [karmknecht@msn.com](mailto:karmknecht@msn.com), attention: Drip Quips.

## 2019 PPCC Activities Calendar

All club events will be noted on the Club’s interactive calendar, located on our website, <https://pikespeakcorvairclub.wixsite.com/ppcc/calendar>



**Sunday, January 19, 9:30am: PPCC Monthly Meeting**, Valley Hi Golf Course



**Sunday, February 16, 9:30am: PPCC Monthly Meeting**, Valley Hi Golf Course



**Saturday, March 14, 11:00 Staging, 12:00 Parade: St. Patrick’s Day Festival Parade**, Manitou Springs, CO



**Sunday, March 15, 9:30am: PPCC Monthly Meeting**, Valley Hi Golf Course



**May 15—17, Tri-State:** Make your reservations now at the Marriott Pyramid North, Albuquerque, NM. Mention ‘Corvair Tri-State’ for a special rate. Call 505-821-3333. Guest speaker Astronaut Harrison Smith.



**Saturday, June 20: Havana Cruise**, Information to follow



**July 6—11: 50th Annual Corvair National Convention**, San Diego, CA, [www.sandiegocorvair.com](http://www.sandiegocorvair.com)



**Sunday, August 1: CCCC Air & Ground Show**, Information to follow

### Recurring Local Events:



**Second Saturdays of the Month, Year-Round, 12pm–3pm: “Littleton Cruise”**, 1500 W Littleton Blvd, Littleton, CO. Hot rods and muscle cars. Convertibles and hard tops. Over-sized tires and custom-painted flames. Join us year round as we cruise Littleton Boulevard every second Saturday of the month at the Woodlawn Shopping Center located in the heart of Littleton, Colorado. For more info on the cruise, check out their website @ <https://littletoncruise.weebly.com/>



*Icon indicates regularly scheduled PPCC meeting*



*Icon indicates show or event of interest to members*



*Icon indicates show or event in which we have committed PPCC representation, or for which PPCC will provide support or sponsorship*

## Our Corvair Partners & Local Businesses Which PPCC Members Have Frequented with Positive Results

With so many new members joining the Club, we felt it might be a good time to (re)educate folks on where they can obtain reliable parts and service for their Corvairs, both near and far.

Here are just a few of the companies our members have had good luck with in the past.

*NOTE: These are only recommendations only, as we do not solicit sponsors for the Club, or the newsletter. So, do your own research as well.*




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**Membership & Dues:** PPCC dues are \$25 per year, payable each January for the coming year. Membership in CORSA is encouraged, but is not a prerequisite for membership in the PPCC. Please refer to the Club’s website below to obtain a copy of the current membership application and guidance for submission. Checks for dues should be made payable to “PPCC” and mailed to: PPCC, ATTN: Treasurer, P.O. Box 15034, Colorado Springs, CO 80935. <http://www.corvair.org/chapters/chapter809>

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