

The Drip Line

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All dressed up (for a party perhaps?). As published at <https://psautomobilist.blogspot.com/2012/10/happy-birthday-corvaair.html>

The next meeting of the Pike's Peak Corvaair Club will be held January 16, 2022 at 9:30 Please join us at Valley Hi Golf Club, 610 S. Chelton Road, Colorado Springs.



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PRESIDENT'S PONDERINGS

By Mike Piper
PPCC President

Hello again everybody...

Interestingly I was hunting for an old president's notes and the last time I typed my first notes during my "reign" as PPCC president was December 20, 2019 so this is not quite two years later.



Back then I was trying to get over whacking my head during a fall on ice and nobody had really heard of COVID-19 or the variants. Now, I still have some brain issues that will likely persist but I'm able to do OK with occasional vertigo and memory issues. On the COVID-19 front, I've had my three vaccinations and I can put on a mask in record time. We made it through not seeing each other for a year and we figured out how to have ZOOM meetings. We've managed to have some monthly meetings in person; we've attended some car shows and other events, and some of us made it to the Tri-State that CNM did a great job of putting on.

Before I go too much further, I want to thank Mary Ellen for her excellent work as club secretary. I may have to work harder to be coherent because I won't have her help, although Kathy Green will still be there as newsletter editor. I also want to thank John Green for his efforts as president and then Jerry Peevyhouse for backing John up as president during a really unusual set of circumstances. I also want to welcome Chris Newnan as our new member at large. I want to thank all those responsible for the holiday meal. It was very enjoyable, and I got to see several folks I have not seen for a while.

As I type this, I promise to be a bit more organized and to get in front of issues and meetings. I'll probably still need to rely on folks more in touch with the Colorado Springs vicinity since I believe I'm still the "northernmost" PPCC president in recent history at least. The board needs to get together for a meeting to figure out our direction forward, but subject to the issues related to the COVID-19, Delta and Omicron variants, I foresee that we will still have hybrid meetings with the in-person part remaining at the Valley-Hi golf club. It is not the most convenient for me to get to but I think they have been welcoming and they have good, reasonably priced breakfast. The gap project on I-25 has made my trip much more pleasant and less thrilling now that they have most of the paving done. Hopefully you all will remain healthy and there won't be any more restrictions on gatherings in person.

I'm personally looking forward to a bit more free time, more time to work on my latest stalled car project and continued opportunities to get together and show our cars to the public.

Safe travels everybody and hopefully we'll see each other soon.

Mike



VP VOLTAGE

Submitted by
Jerry Peevyhouse

Happy Winter to all,

Yes, it's officially Winter, with the Winter Solstice having just happened on Dec. 21st at 8:59 a.m. our time. Now with that said, it sure doesn't seem like winter out there (temperature and lack of snow) but it's nice to know that our shortest day of the year is over and each day is getting a bit longer. It's not something we really notice, but just knowing that we are on the uphill climb to longer days makes me happy as I'm one of those who hates it getting dark at around 4:30. Just not enough daylight to do things outside or go places. I've often told my wife I'm sort of an Equator person, you know, pretty much equal day and night all year. Who's with me to move to Ecuador, on the equator? I hear Quito, the capitol city, is nice. Oh well, maybe not. I guess it's good to have some variety to give us things to look forward to.



club's board. As we've mentioned before, get the 2022 Tri-State in late May in Glenwood Springs penciled into your calendar. It should be a great weekend, AND the day's will definitely be longer to enjoy the festivities being planned by the RMC club.

I also want to wish each of you a Merry Christmas (thanks Kathy for delivering on Christmas day) and wish for you a Happy New Year. We can only hope that next year will be a better year regarding Covid. As for my me and my wife, we're ready to do some international traveling next year and experience some more "firsts". I really do like those "first" things.

Hope to see you at the January meeting or somewhere on the road.

Enjoy your longer days ☺.
Jerry



So, speaking of things to look forward to, once our "dormant" season for regular Corvair driving is over and we tune up the cars for next year's activities, there will be a full agenda planned by your



Upcoming Meetings

Sunday, January 16, PPCC Club Meeting: 9:30 a.m., Valley Hi Golf Club, 610 S. Chelton Rd, Colorado Springs, and via Zoom.

Sunday, February 20, PPCC Club Meeting: 9:30 a.m., Valley Hi Golf Club, 610 S. Chelton Rd, Colorado Springs, and via Zoom.

Sunday, March 20, PPCC Club Meeting: 9:30 a.m., Valley Hi Golf Club, 610 S. Chelton Rd, Colorado Springs, and via Zoom.

MEETING MINUTES- DECEMBER 12, 2021
Biaggi's Restaurant, Colorado Springs

Submitted By
Mary Ellen Feasel

Called to order at 2:20 pm at the Christmas Party at Biaggi's Italian Restaurant by Jerry Peevyhouse. Twenty members were present.

Last months meeting minutes were approved with a first motion and a growl for a second motion.

Treasurer's report - Total funds \$5930.77. General Fund \$2009.05, SeeMore fund \$3030.72. Some 2022 dues payments have been received.

Mail-Box has not been checked this month. (Note: was checked Monday 12/13, three dues payments were received.)

SeeMore has been winterized and moved to Duane's.

Board elections-Only voted on Member-at-Large position, as the other positions were unopposed.

Thanks given to Mary Ellen Feasel, as she is stepping down from the Secretary position and the club. Jerry and Chris Kimberly gave an overview of her activity in the club for the past nine years.

Mary Ellen Feasel was selected for the annual President's Award and was presented with a plaque. (Thank you to all, M.E.)

Results of the Member-at-Large board position voted on was announced. Chris Newnan was selected.

The other positions were unopposed or no nominations. Your new Board for 2022 is President-Mike Piper, Vice President-Jerry Peevyhouse, **Secretary-open**, Treasurer-Randy Karl, Past Vice President-John Green, Member-at Large-Chris Newnan

Adjourned at 2:45 pm. Went back to the party.



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Club dues are due now! Annual dues are \$25. 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, 2022** to the following address: PPCC, ATTN: Treasurer-2022 Dues, P.O. Box 15034, Colorado Springs, CO 80935. You can also pay your dues at our January meeting.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL
Annual Dues

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. So, thank you all for all you do, and now go get that checkbook and renew today! Don't wait!

* 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 supports our local efforts through an event liability insurance policy, and free hosting of our Chapter website.



TECH TIP: RANDOM WINTERTIME REMINDERSSubmitted By
Steve Goodman

Corvair owners are divided about what to do with our Corvairs during cold temps. There are some who drive their cars when roads are dry and some who simply park their cars until spring/summer.

If you chose to hide your car(s) from Mother Nature start by washing the car and then 'driving it dry'. By that I mean drive it far enough that water trapped under the wheel wells or in openings in the chrome trim, etc., have been blown dry by the wind. Check tire air pressures and fill the gas tank on the way home. Vacuum the interior thoroughly to remove any crumbs from cookies or hamburger buns too. Then use something to discourage rodents from renting space under the fan shroud or inside the car. Disconnect the battery ground and either use a battery tender OR remove the battery and store in a warm place if the car will be outside. Cover with a breathable car cover, never a waterproof cover or tarp. Lastly please resist the thought of starting up the car in the garage or car port and letting it run for 10 minutes. This is the worst mistake possible because the engine never warms up which means moisture condenses inside the engine and contaminates the oil, and moisture is also trapped in the exhaust system and begins rusting the pipes and muffler plus the rest of the mechanical parts get no exercise at all. The transmission/differential and wheel bearings and brake system are important parts that need use to keep everything in working condition. Even the suspension parts can benefit from being bounced around on the roads and while turning corners, etc.



We have enough nice weather around here that temps can be mild and the streets are dry. There is very little sand, etc., scattered at intersections, so by giving some distance to the car in front that shouldn't be a problem. Drive the car for 20-30 miles and everything is warmed to operating temps and lubricants are circulated. Not only is the car happy, but the driver should have a big smile because driving your Corvair gave some enjoyment. There isn't a need to top off the tank every time; when approaching 1/2 full, then 'fill er up'.



Also using the car in wintertime means the heater motor gets some time running too. A caution I often add is turn the heater motor on in the same manner as shifting gears. Turn to slow position for a couple of minutes, then to medium speed for the same time and then to high speed. Also remember to turn heater motor off when engine is shut off OR before starting the engine. The torque from the motor easily twists the center hub on the fan cage which not only doesn't turn as fast, but also will emit a high pitched squeal when loose. ALSO, even though there are very few AC cars around

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Steve Goodman

here, turn the air conditioning on for a few minutes to make the compressor work and flow the refrigerant for a few minutes. Last is check air pressure in your tires. I see many Corvairs here with low pressures. It is common to lose a few psi when temps change to cold.

I hope most of us are in the 'drive it during the cold month' group. Having our cars being used and seen by others should give us much pleasure.

Last is HAPPY HOLIDAY WISHES from Rear Engine Specialists, Inc.

**CHRISTMAS PARTY RECAP**Submitted By
John Green

Merry Christmas (or Happy New Year)!!

For those that missed the club party this year, we had a great time at Biaggi's. We had 21 attendees and 2 Corvairs. There were 16 members and 5 visitors. I say visitors, but they were all family, even though we were not at Olive Garden ☺. There was a lot of visiting with people, some of whom we had not seen in a while. Newer members at the party were Jeff Adams & Tanya Boudreau and Bruce & Becky Riehl. Members we hadn't seen for a while were Wayne & Bonni Russert and John Neal and his son Larry. We also enjoyed time with the Anderson Crew, Chris Kimberly, Mary Ellen Feasel, the Peevyhouse's, Mike Piper and the Green's.

We started with our traditional bacon wrapped dates along with a couple choices of bruschetta, which the club paid for. That was followed by a nice house salad. Then came our very tasty lasagna Bolognese. This time of the party became very quiet as everyone was eating.

After most were done eating, we had a short club meeting. After "housekeeping items" we move onto this year's President's Award. Everyone agreed that the choice of Mary Ellen Feasel was perfect!

Chris talked about how Mary Ellen has been such a great member of the club since she and Dave joined in 2014. She has been the club secretary for most of those years. Mary Ellen as been in many ways the "glue" that has held our club together, with her detailed minutes. In addition she has sent out many get well,



RECAP, cont.

Submitted By
John Green

congratulation and condolence cards. She also planned the last several years of Christmas parties, along with the clubs 40th anniversary. During many club tech session she served as hostess to members that were working on cars at “Grumpy’s Garage”. Anyone who wanted to come in and warm up, have some food or just visit were welcome in their home. We’ve lost track of how many quilts Mary Ellen has made and donated to different Tri-State meets. She has made many friends and has been a great diplomat for the club.

Also during the meeting we voted for new board members. The only true vote that needed to be done was for member-at-large between Tony Lawler and Chris Newnan in which Chris was narrowly voted in. Your other new board members are Mike Piper taking his second shot as President, Jerry Peevyhouse continuing as VP, Randy continuing as Treasurer and myself as past President. The Secretary position is still open as no one has volunteered for it. So, if you can type and have zoom to attend meetings, you can always let the club know that you can help. Otherwise, you might not get any notes from minutes in the future...and wouldn’t that be a shame?

After the meeting we were served cake that, yes, Mary Ellen ordered and picked up. It topped off the meal and lead us into our Yankee Gift Exchange.



There were lots of nice gift wrappings and bags to pick from. I don’t remember any “white elephant” gifts, so everyone had a choice of something nice. There were a few “steals” going around, though not as cut throat as in years past. A cute Reindeer, some wheel chocks, lights and car cleaning supplies changed hands a few times. We gathered up Toys for Tots, and the donation box was full. Thanks again to Mary Ellen for taking those after the party.

In all, it was another nice gathering of the Pikes Peak Club.



Clockwise from bottom: Jerry, John, Larry, Debbie, The Anderson Children, Bonni, Wayne



Clockwise from bottom left: Tonya, Chris, Mary Ellen, Becky Bruce, Bonni



Clockwise from bottom left: Chris, Bruce, John, Mike, Keith Ann, Jerry, Larry, Wayne, Bonni

Happy New Year to all! Let’s get ready for another fun filled year of Corvair events!

DRIP QUIPS

As published in the Denver Post, Wednesday, October 20, 2021

Pluggers



A plugger's hobby is probably a skill taught in a trade school.

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, attention: Drip Quips.


2022 PPCC ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

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

- M** **Sunday, January 16, PPCC Club Meeting:** 9:30 a.m., Valley Hi Golf Club, 610 S. Chelton Rd., Colorado Springs and via Zoom.
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- M** **Sunday, April 10 (April 17 is Easter), PPCC Club Meeting:** 9:30 a.m., location TBA.
- M** **Sunday, May 15, PPCC Club Meeting:** 9:30 a.m
-  **Friday—Sunday, May 20-22, Tri-State Meet:** Glenwood Springs—more to come!
-  **Sunday, June 5:** Concoeurs d’Elegance—more information to come!
-  **Saturday, June 11, Castle Rock Cruise In:** 10:00—3:00—downtown Castle Rock. Information available [here](#).
- M** **Sunday, June 19, PPCC Club Meeting:** 9:30 a.m., location TBA.
- M** **Sunday, July 17, PPCC Club Meeting:** 9:30 a.m., location TBA.
- M** **Sunday, August 21, PPCC Club Meeting:** 9:30 a.m., location TBA.
- M** **Sunday, September 18, PPCC Club Meeting:** 9:30 a.m., location TBA.
- A** **October, Fall Drive:** Date, time and location TBA.
- M** **Sunday, October 16, PPCC Club Meeting:** 9:30 a.m., location TBA.
- M** **Sunday, November 20, PPCC Club Meeting:** 9:30 a.m., location TBA.
- M** **PPCC Club Meeting and Christmas Party:** Date, time and location TBA.

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. Oversized 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 [here](#)

Key: M—Meeting;  —Car Show; A—Activity

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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The raffle runs through June 4, 2022 with the drawing taking place on June 5, 2022. You don't need to be present for the drawing.

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