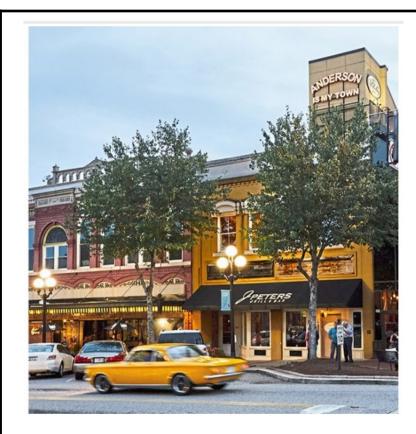
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The next meeting of the Pike's Peak Corvair Club will be held February 20, 2022 at 9:30. Location information will be sent to club members prior to the meeting.



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PRESIDENT'S PONDERINGS

By Mike Piper PPCC President

Hello again everybody, here we are zipping into February....

It originally seemed like we weren't really going to have winter this season but as we all know, just in time for the New Year's



Day drive to Estes Park it turned winter suddenly. We went to the holiday lights at the Botanic Gardens on New Year's Eve in a Mazda 9 which is a capable 4-wheel drive. The drive home convinced me not to try to get to Estes Park in the morning. Instead of driving to New Year's Eve dinner in Boulder we met our son at a local Pizza restaurant in Westminster on the way home. We may have been their last customers of 2021. Since then, we've had persistent cold weather, at least cold enough to convince me not to spend time on the cold garage floor working on my project car. It will still be there when I get around to it, right?

We've also had the surge in cases from the COVID-19 Omicron variant to consider. Several co-workers in our team at work have had breakthrough infections. Fortunately, they have stayed home with what sounds like about 3 days of flu symptoms. My grandson Dylan was sick, and the pediatrician was convinced it was COVID. His test was negative. I was not feeling well and had a test which was also negative. My opinion is that the COVID Omicron variant news seems uncertain enough to not risk meetings in person, at least temporarily. That was a consideration for having the January meeting virtually. We'll continue to hope and plan as if we can meet safely in person soon. Meanwhile, for the health of our cars they need to be driven periodically to keep the moving parts lubricated, rust out of the exhaust system, the fuel fresh and the tires round. Steve Goodman has written articles on this subject, so this is just a reminder. I drove my convertible on a cold day and boy the shocks were really stiff, or I have become soft.

One thing about the Boulder County fire. We were following the news. Fortunately, the wind died down

before the pre-evacuation orders got as far as our neighborhood. We did some evacuation planning and some prepacking but with 5 cars here at the house we would have been faced with trying to figure out which cars to take first. The red car would have been a third trip, and the blue car was going to be abandoned. Fortunately, that never came to pass but I'll offer that it is an interesting thought exercise to sort out what you take and what you leave in such a situation. Let's hope none of us ever have to make those kinds of choices. We also need to downsize...

Christine has been our activities resource and she does a great job. She has agreed to continue in this role, but she could use our help. There is the start of a list of activities for the coming season and we will fill in more information as we collect it. One of the first events is the E-days car show at the School of Mines. The weather is often cold and sometimes snowy, so we'll hope for a warmer outing this time.

To continue on with club business, Mary Ellen Feasel has turned over her club secretarial reins. This is a reminder that we would be happy to have someone to assume the secretarial duties. I've been taking meeting notes and it turns out I'm not particularly good at it. There are other secretarial duties that it would be handy to have someone take care of.

I'll also throw in here that we are in the dues renewal season. Please remember to send in your dues and if you have anybody you can recruit to join the club new members will be welcome. It is the members and the dues that make the club strong and interesting.

I think I should stop now before this becomes even more random. Let's look forward to meeting in person again and having enough moisture for our yards and for the farmers while we have enough nice weather to get our cars out and have some fun.

Mike

VP VOLTAGE—SILLY TRADITION

Submitted by Jerry Peevyhouse

Well, get ready for it, it's coming but don't be afraid of it.

Get outside on Feb. 2nd and get ready to either retreat back into your den (house) or get ready for spring coming



early. Yes, I'm talking about Groundhog Day, made famous by the movie of the same name (how clever). Now before you book your tickets to Punxsutawney, PA to get a glimpse of Punxsutawney Phil climbing out of his burrow, I think it's worthwhile to know that we can do the same weather prognostication here in the comfort of our own home. Why's that you say? Well, simple answer, it's just a folk lore of the Pennsylvania Dutch immigrants from Germanic-speaking areas of Europe. The Germans had a tradition of marking Candlemas (February 2) as "Badger Day" (Dachstag), where if a badger emerging from his burrow found it to be a sunny day (casted a shadow) it foreboded the prolonging of winter by six more weeks. Conversely, if Phil (now a groundhog) didn't see his shadow, spring was a comin'. So, step outside on February 2nd and be your own weather forecaster (hint,

you'll more than likely need a heavy coat and hood to protect you from the snow) ©.

There are many other such traditions in life that are interesting to learn about their origins. Many times, we just observe traditions like eating a certain foods (like black eyed peas on January 1st) or reading the Christmas story on Christmas eve, or, you fill in your own family traditions. Just a hint, brushing your teeth in the morning is not a tradition, even though it is a good habit ©.

We as a club are planning a full agenda of events this year, some of which we sorta have as our own "traditions" or regular events but if you have any suggestions of anything new, that would be great. As I've said before, I'm up for "firsts".

So, while we're almost guaranteed of no early spring, we can still be planning on those days to get the Corvair's out and about once the ice thaws. Hope to see you at our club meetings or events and hear one of your family traditions.

Happy driving,

Jerry



UpcomingMeetings

Sunday, February 20, PPCC Club Meeting: 9:30 a.m., Location TBD.

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

Sunday, April 24, PPCC Club Meeting: 9:30 a.m., Valley Hi Golf

Club, 610 S. Chelton Rd, Colorado Springs, and via Zoom.

MEETING MINUTES- JANUARY 16, 2022

Meeting held via Zoom

Submitted By Mike Piper

PPCC January meeting (Virtual)

Meeting started at 09:30 via Zoom. Mike had to reboot his computer to get Zoom working properly. In the future a recording of the meeting will be made so we can go back and look.



Jerry Peevyhouse assisted with the agenda



Members present on zoom

Mike Piper

John Green

Jerry Peevyhouse

Dusty Dodge

Garrie Fox

Rick Beets

Chris Kimberly

Chris Newnan (Via phone)







The minutes from the last PPCC meeting were approved.

The treasurer's report was given to the board at the last board meeting and was briefly reviewed here.

Finances of General Fund \$2378.55, See More Fund \$3030.72, Total \$5409.27 The PO box fee raised to \$156 per year



Randy paid dues of \$226 to the Colorado Collector Car Council. This is based on \$2 per Colorado resident plus \$50.



So far, 14 members have renewed their membership which is about 25% of the current membership. One member has declined to renew. Based on prior years, we may not see a majority of renewals until early to mid-February. Randy was unable to attend.



A driver/haul vehicle for SeeMore was discussed. At Present Tony and his truck are available sometimes. Tony has two cars to get to shows, so if his truck is used, we need drivers for his cars or for the truck. Mike has a 2003 Expedition which has the tow capacity but it is old and does not presently have an electric brake controller. Chris Newnan has the equivalent to a ½ ton truck (as is the Expedition) with a controller that isn't installed. His work schedule calls for him to be out of town often, but may be able to assist. More to follow.





There was a general review of events coming up. Chris is willing to continue as our

MEETING MINUTES- JANUARY 16, 2022

Submitted By Mike Piper

Meeting held via Zoom

Activity Chair/coordinator but she needs some help. The list we discussed is incomplete but what we have now is listed elsewhere in the Dripline and will be updated as we go along.

There was discussion of the 2023 Tri-State, to be hosted by PPCC. Jerry is going to do some checking on towns and venues. The towns that were mentioned as possible locations were Durango, Salida, and Pagosa Springs. We need to have a location selected and locked in by May to announce it at the 2022 Tri-State in Glenwood Springs. There was discussion of gift baskets as raffle items. Idea put forth is to create a list of baskets and draw names for people willing to put them together. Items can be donated or the club will make funds available.

We discussed the April PPCC meeting. As scheduled, it falls on Easter. We have decided to move the date to April 24 to avoid Palm Sunday and Easter.

We still need to elect an official secretary to do more than minutes. This is a priority for the club, probably close to a plea.

The other positions such as membership (Tony) will remain as they have been unless someone wants to turn over the tools of the office to someone else.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30.

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 ASAP** to the following address: PPCC, ATTN: Treasurer-2022 Dues, P.O. Box 15034, Colorado Springs, CO 80935. You can also pay your dues at any meeting or event.



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 CHECKS OF OUR VEHICLES

Submitted By Steve Goodman

I have noticed in the past several years an increasing number of cars on the road with a tail light or brake light/turn signal light or headlight not working. Of course most of the cars are far newer than our Corvairs but it makes little difference as to age/make/etc.

For many years in Colorado there was a mechanical inspection due once a year for every car being driven on the street. It was commonly referred to as 'brake and light sticker'. Only licensed shops and mechanics in the shop were able to do the inspection and sign off that the car had been looked over.

Inspection consisted of checking every light operation including headlight aim, pulling a brake drum to check and measure brake lining thickness, checking master cylinder level, measuring ball joint side playchecking steering play, noting tire tread depth, checking wiper operation and blades, windshield inspected for cracks, and exhaust system for leaks/rust.



All measurements were noted on a receipt kept by the shop and a sticker announcing 'ok' was glued to lower left hand corner of the windshield. A different color and number gave the police a heads up if sticker was current and a ticket was issued if the sticker was past due. There were very few cars back then seen on the street with bulbs burned out or squeaky brakes or bald tires. The program disappeared in the 70s or early 80s as I recall.

So then it was up to the shops to voluntarily check customer cars, or customers requested a check over. But there is another way; each of us many times has the opportunity to check our own car lighting system. Before opening the garage door try headlights/step on the brakes and use turn signals and simply watch for the reflections. In a parking lot often you can see the front or rear of your car in a store window so try that end of the car quickly.

Obviously brakes give some warning by making noises whether our old drum brakes or new car disc brake systems. Only trouble with our old cars is that when there is scraping/grinding noise, it is too late for easy repair because lining has completely worn away.

Looking at tire tread is easy when checking tire pressures, either yourself or at request when in the shop. Keeping track of wiper blade condition is easy around here because we tend to use wipers/washers constantly (don't forget washer fluid bottle check).

TECH TIP: RANDOM CHECKS OF OUR VEHICLES

Submitted By Steve Goodman

PPCC members are used to me mentioning tire pressures. Our independent suspension/rear engined cars have characteristics that will reflect on improper (low) air pressure on either end of the car. To ensure proper steering as well as braking and cornering our tire pressures need to be watched closely.

Happy (and safe) Corvairing

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Submitted By John Green

PPCC is looking for a volunteer to fill the secretary position for the club. The primary duty of this role is taking notes at meetings. It may also include purchasing and sending cards for special occasions. Please contact any Board member to help with this.



We are still looking for a backup driver for SeeMore. Tony has done this in the past, but he would also like to bring his Corvairs to shows. There are several ways interested individuals can help. A driver would need to have a truck that can pull the trailer with SeeMore in it, (probably only around 5500 pounds with wiring for electric brakes). Another option is to drive Tony's truck with the trailer. OR, In the past volunteers have driven one of Tony's Corvairs, so he can drive his truck and the SeeMore trailer.

Chris Kimberly has already lined up some fun activities for 2022 that are on our calendar. If you have any ideas of new places we can visit or drive to, please contact Chris. Activities can be 'formal' such as a visit to a museum or exhibit, or just a nice drive together for a meal or snack (ice cream is always popular!).

We are also soliciting ideas for a different location(s) for club meetings. It can be a different club, restaurant or park. We don't necessarily have to have food. We can bring snacks or just have a meeting. You can even suggest a different day or time. We are actively seeking ways for more members to have the chance to attend meetings and contribute to club conversations. Please contact any board member with ideas.

Lastly, if you would like to suggest a place for our annual Christmas party, feel free to let a board member know or bring it up at the next club meeting. Biaggi's has been great, but some have noted they might like a new location.

Our club is special because of our members—please consider how you can help!

DRIP QUIPS

Published in the November 2021 edition of The Four Wheel Independent, the monthly newsletter of the Central Pennsylvania Corvair Club:



If you have a fun, amusing, touching or interesting story or picture you think can bring a smile, an 'aaaaah' or an 'eeek', please send your submission to <u>karmknecht@msn.com</u>, attention: Drip Quips.

2022 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

M Sunday, February 20, PPCC Club Meeting: 9:30 a.m., location TBA.



Saturday, March 12, 38th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade: Details to follow—PPCC registered for this parade in 2019 then it was canceled. We are verifying that parade organizers are still interested in PPCC participation this year. Current event information is available here.

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



Saturday, April 23, E-Days at Colorado School of Mines: Details are currently in the works. More information to come.

M Sunday, April 24 (April 17 is Easter), PPCC Club Meeting: 9:30 a.m., location TBA.

A April (date TBA), Palmer Lake Ice Cream & Cars: Rock House Ice Cream & More, 24 Highway 105, Palmer Lake, CO. Date and time information coming soon!

A May 7 or May 8, PPCC Bug Out: This is an annual event designed to let club members gather and tune up their Corvairs in preparation for the Tri-State meeting. Time and location TBA.



Sunday, May 15, Florence Merchant's Car Show: More information to come. Registration opens April 1, 2022. Current event information available here.

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 18, Castle Rock Cruise In: 10:00—3:00—downtown Castle Rock. Information available here.

A Sunday, June 19, Father's Day Pie & Ice Cream / PPCC Club Meeting: Monthly club meeting, followed by Pie & Ice Cream as part of Palmer Lake's annual celebration. Details coming soon!

M Sunday, July 17, PPCC Club Meeting: 9:30 a.m., location TBA.



Saturday, July 23, Cripple Creek All Corvair Show: In conjunction with Cripple Creek's annual Heritage celebration, the Heritage Museum has invited all Corvair's to beautiful Cripple Creek for a show featuring only Corvair powered vehicles. Details to follow.



Rocky Mountain Air & Ground Festival, Saturday, August 6: Details to follow soon.

M Sunday, August 21, PPCC Club Meeting: 9:30 a.m., location TBA.



August?, **Centennial Airport Show:** PPCC is currently seeking information as to whether this event will become an annual activity.

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

2022 PPCC ACTIVITIES CALENDAR



August?, **Old Colorado City Car Show:** Date and time are currently unavailable, but we are anticipating this annual event will be held again in August.



Saturday, September 17, Florence Pioneer Days Parade: PPCC will provide details. Current information available here.

- M Sunday, September 18, PPCC Club Meeting: 9:30 a.m., location TBA.
- A September 24 or 25 OR October 1 or 2, 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 December 11 or December 18, 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



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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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PPCC Admin

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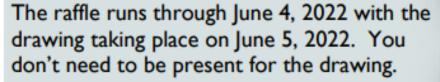
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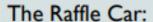
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