

The DripLine

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Top: “Dressing” cars for the St. Patrick’s Day Parade; **Bottom:** Karen Piper, Chris Kimberly, Randy Karl, Mike Piper, Charlie Beets, John Green (with Coda), Jerry & KeithAnn Peevyhouse, Diane Tweedy Lawler & Tony Lawler, Kathy Green



Upcoming Meetings

Sunday, April 24, PPCC Club Meeting: 9:30 a.m., Valley Hi Golf Club, 610 S. Chelton Rd, Colorado Springs, and via Zoom.

Sunday, May 15, PPCC Club Meeting: Time and location TBD—we may meet in Florence if there is enough interest in the show there.

Sunday, June 19, PPCC Club Meeting: Meeting will be held in conjunction with the Father’s Day Pie & Ice Cream in Palmer Lake.



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PRESIDENT'S PONDERINGS

By Mike Piper
PPCC President

Hi all!

Another month has again made its way past my mental tracking capability. We've had a few opportunities to get our cars out between what feels like weekly snowstorms. I've also been trying to work on my project car when it's warm enough to feel my hands when holding tools and lay on the garage floor for extended periods. I even managed to paint a couple of items and have the paint dry.

As usual my memory is a bit hit or miss, but we hit a bit of a sweet spot with the Saint Patrick's Day Parade in Colorado Springs. We actually signed up for this two years ago but COVID kept us away. This year we had a respectable Corvair and Corvair people turnout. The weather was warm enough to lower convertible tops even. One of my high points was when a young girl came over and asked me for a high five. Lots of kind words from the public too. We had lunch afterward and despite some starting problems we got everybody home. My windshield washer pump quit which turns out to be amazingly annoying but did not stop Karen and I.

Elsewhere in the Dripline is a list of upcoming events. The two that come immediately to mind are the Tri-State Tune-Up hosted by Eric Schakel at his place on Mother's Day, and then the Tri-State itself May 20-22. The Tune-Up is not intended to be an event to actually



work on the cars but instead an opportunity prior to making our way to Glenwood Springs to exercise and test the cars on a short road trip. Please let us know if you might attend. Steve Goodman is providing the hamburgers and such and Dale Nielsen is cooking so it would be helpful to get a fairly good count. There is a flyer in your email and later in The Drip Line that gives other details. Please let me know if you plan to attend, and I'll pass it on.

In general, I hope you all are getting opportunities to get your cars out and drive them. As Steve has said, running the cars and getting them up to operating temperature for a period of time will help keep the lubrication working and chase old fuel out of the fuel system. I recall my auto shop teacher in high school who knew nothing about Corvairs (in my considered opinion) harping on getting the oil up to operating temperature to keep moisture and combustion byproducts out of the oil, neither of which are good for the engine. It is also a good idea to check your tire inflation and make sure the brakes are working right. Steve has covered these things in better detail, so this is just a reminder.

I've managed to bore several of you about my plan and progress on my project car, so I'll spare you all that here. I am making slow progress, and my optimism improves slightly when it's above 45 degrees outside for several hours at a time during the day. Long lead times for some items remains a problem but nothing is holding me up yet.

Don't forget we'd be pleased to have a permanent club secretary. We have two volunteers to alternate taking monthly meeting minutes and I try to take notes if the board has a meeting. This is a "highly paid, volunteer position" after all.

Final last thing (I mean it), I'm sure you've noticed it's club dues season again. Please get your dues in soon so Randy Karl can get that effort wrapped up and so he can update the roster. Eventually we will adjust the roster for folks who haven't paid. If you intend to drop your membership, please let us know why. New members are welcome any time.

I managed to slip this in between Teams meetings so I'll quit for now by hoping you all good health and happy driving in non-snowy weather.

Mike



VP VOLTAGE—WHAT TIME IS IT?

Submitted by
Jerry Peevyhouse

Well, I hope by now everyone has adjusted to the recent “lose an hour” time change to daylight saving time. I know it’s been close to two weeks now since the change, but, for me, it’s taken a while to make the adjustment. Wasn’t that way in the past, I don’t recall, but I guess my getting older might have something to do with that. Maybe next year we may not have to go through time changes if the Congress passes the Sunshine Protection Act recently passed unanimously by the Senate that would make daylight saving time permanent across the United States next year. Not so sure our sunshine needs that kind of protection ☺, but I kinda like the idea of not doing the time change thing twice a year. Now I know if you talk to 10 people on their thoughts, you’ll get 11 different answers, but for me, I like having more daylight at the end of the day, so the change to no change would be good for me. It’s interesting that our state legislators are running their own bills up the flagpole that could keep Colorado on standard time year-round or maybe keep it on daylight saving time year-round if the ballot initiative passes, or who knows what. Stay tuned, “For the



times they are a-changin’” as Bob Dylan sang, or maybe not.



As I’ve noted in previous articles regarding “firsts” in my life, another first for me recently - my first St. Patrick’s Day parade. I know you’ll “read all about it” later in the DripLine, but a couple of observations about our club and how glad I’m a part of it. My wife and I really enjoyed driving our “new” red 65 convertible in the parade, but the part I appreciated most that day was the help our club members gave me in getting my engine to idle properly. It was idling way to fast, and I couldn’t figure out why (didn’t do it all the time), but after talking with Charlie Beets the day before the parade, he said “the gang” would look at it before the parade and get it fixed. So, after arriving at the pre-

staging area the day of the parade, “the gang” descended on the car and began to see what was wrong. Sure enough, eagle-eyed Tony saw the problem (passenger side carburetor throttle lever interference with the air conditioner compressor mounting bracket) and after some adjustments to the mounting bracket and some adjustments to the carburetors it was running great again. My stress level that was higher than a kite settled down and allowed me to enjoy the parade. Just saying, we have the best members for helping others.

As far as the initial question of “what time is it?”, it’s time to renew your membership if you haven’t done so. For me, the help I receive from the club makes it a no-brainer for me. Thanks to those who have renewed, and looking forward to a great year of events and fellowship no matter what time we meet. Let me know your thoughts on time changes or no time changes.



Happy driving,
Jerry

MEETING MINUTES- MARCH 20, 2022

Submitted By
Kathy Green

Valley Hi Golf Club and via Zoom

Meeting called to order at 9:38 – 14 members and one visitor on site, Diane Tweedy-Lawler joined via Zoom.

Visitors

Mary Ellen Feasel was a welcomed visitor at the meeting today.

Minutes

February meeting minutes were discussed, approved and seconded. Motion to approve by Randy Karl, second by John Green and several others.

Treasurers Report

Available to members on request. Distributed to PPCC email list.

Randy looked into PayPal. Rick shared that there is a \$1.36 fee for \$25.00 payment. RMC takes dues using cash or check, and dues are \$25 using those payment methods. RMC PayPal dues are \$26.00 to cover the PayPal fee (club ‘eats’ .40 when dues are paid via PayPal). PPCC would like to get PayPal setup. Randy will work through the setup and get it attached to the PPCC web site. Once set up we’ll share the information with the club.

Mail

Membership renewal from Lube Lubert.

Membership

Hoeschen’s have asked to be removed from the roster. Calls will go out to those on the roster who have not yet renewed.

SeeMore

Randy will transport SeeMore to Tri-State. PPCC is looking into tires for the SeeMore trailer. More information will be shared when something is done.

Old Business

No old business

New Business/events

We distributed the activities calendar from The Drip Line. Chris shared some details on the Pueblo show on July 16. Chris will provide registration forms when she receives them.

Debbie Dinsdale’s memorial will be held March 23 – Viewing at 9:00; Memorial service at 10:00; Reception at 11:00. The memorial is at the LDS Church, 959 Laredo Street, Aurora, CO. Several members indicated they are planning to attend.

Doug Vinton’s memorial is Saturday, April 9 at Perry Park Country Club from 1-4pm. Individuals planning to attend are asked to contact Layne Vinton so that she has enough sweet treats for everyone. A follow-up event for Doug will also be on April 9 at The Holiday Inn Express in Castle Rock, 5:30pm-8:30pm, (610 Genoa Way, Castle Rock CO 80109, 303-688-0888). RSVP’s are not necessary for this event.

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MEETING MINUTES- MARCH 20, 2022

Submitted By

Valley Hi Golf Club and via Zoom

Kathy Green

RMC has invited PPCC members to their annual Tri-State Tune Up on Sunday, May 8 at Eric and Linea Shackels home in Sedalia. This is not a repair session, but an opportunity to get out your car(s), shake out the cobwebs, and determine what may need to be addressed prior to Tri-State. Steve Goodman is providing burgers. Dessert / sides will be potluck. Bring your own beverages and chairs. Let Mike know if you're planning to attend to provide a head count for burgers. Note: This is Mother's Day but it's the only day Eric had available.

Randy researched domain names for PPCC. Go Daddy and Google are possible options. Rick can get us a discount on the domain name (~\$10 per month). Discussion followed regarding '.com' vs. '.org'. .com's are generally a bit more expensive than .org. We would eventually then need / want to associate that domain name with our web site. To remain with wix we would have to go with premium option (which is currently free and would be ~\$29 per month). Suggestion was that we get the domain name.

Garrie asked why we no longer use Corsa hosting. Rick and Tony noted that the web design software is old and difficult to use. We are using the hosted list serve for email, which gets hacked on a regular basis, and this is difficult to use as well. Randy noted that Corsa has listed our wix web site on their site and Kathy noted that the forward from the Corsa site to wix is no longer working.

The E-Days car show will happen, but there is currently no information. Mike will try to get information sent out as soon as there is something available.

Tri-State

April 19 is deadline for hotel reservations at the discounted rate. April 30 is deadline for tee-shirt orders. May 15 is the deadline for banquet reservations. Tri-State registration is free, so those who wish to only attend Tri-State and don't sign up for a shirt or banquet will receive communication from RMC to assure they aren't interested in either the banquet or shirt. Tee shirts have a picture of Chris's convertible on them. The shirts are gray. There are options for short sleeve, long sleeve, pockets or no pockets.

Thursday night there will be a bag stuffing party followed by a gathering. Friday night there will be a cruise in and Corvair's are invited. Burgers at lunch on Saturday will be free for anyone who has a Corvair in the show. Saturday after the show there will be a Corvair cruise somewhere in the area before the banquet. The banquet is at Hotel Colorado (walking distance from the host hotel). The Hotel Colorado hot springs pool will be closed for repairs. There are other hot springs in town.

Tech

Jeff Addams is looking for a new or slightly used idler arm for a late model. Garrie indicated the club has a new one.

Mike noted he has been collecting parts for his '65 corsa. He is now trying to get everything together so he knows what he may still need. He is currently disassembling the car.

Dave Feasel has the engine together for his grandson's '65. They will be getting it painted soon. They will be driving it to Virginia for their grandson when it's ready. Randy suggested a spring drive to give them a chance to get it out before they head east.

50/50

50/50 was won by Garrie Fox.

Randy has some Clark's gift certificates which will be raffled after the SeeMore drawing for the next few months at club meetings. This month's certificate was won by Mike Piper.

Meeting adjourned at 10:29

TECH TIP: GETTING READY FOR HIGHWAY DRIVING

Submitted By
Steve Goodman

Is your car ready for the Tri-State this spring? Hopefully a lot of Corvairs will be heading for Glenwood Springs in May. With some luck 2022 will be more 'normal' and other drives will be done this year too. A short checklist follows and some of these 'checks' depend upon how often your Corvair is in use (and has been over the period of 2019-2021).

The most obvious is fresh (or low milage) oil/filter and a check of your diff and trans levels. Along with this is grease to front suspension parts and checking your past records for wheel bearing service both front and rear. Also check tires including spare for proper air pressures as well as tread quality and bounce car on each corner as a shock absorber test.



Next is checking all of your lights to ensure all work in case driving times are extended into darkness as well as the safety of brake and turn signal lamps. Wiper blades as well as washers and fluid in bottle should be checked too. While your head is in the trunk check master cylinder fluid level. Hopefully each of us are aware of the quality of brake shoes and braking ability of their car.

Even though the Tri-State is in May we never know what Mother nature will throw at us for weather, so make sure heater motor/blower is working. Hopefully your engine is in good tune and both ignition and fuel systems are functioning as they should,

Does your Corvair **mark it's spot?** Of course it does because leaving a couple of spots the size of a dime while parked is normal. Now if you have a real puddle under the car it should be addressed. Running engine or gearbox (transaxle) low on lubricants makes for quick wear and more so at highway speeds.

Last just walk around your car and look at it from top to the ground. Is everything normal or is there an 'oh oh'? Also if you have not driven your car for a while then take a 10-15 mile drive out on the highway to remember how it felt at speed and also listen for noises or something that simply doesn't seem normal. *This is a good reason to attend the Tri-state Tune Up at Eric Shakels' home on May 8. It will give everyone in both clubs the chance for some highway miles plus lunch and looking at other Corvairs and visiting with everyone.*

How about a few parts and



tools? Of course an extra fan belt and tools to change it. A good jack and lug wrench plus a screwdriver to remove a wheel cover. Also a short 2x4

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Submitted By
Steve Goodman

to place under the jack in case the ground is soft. Luxury would include a 12V air compressor. A basic tool kit of end wrenches/screwdrivers/pliers and socket sets can come in handy but it is hard to know when to quit adding tools.

Parts might include a roll of electrical tape and a bulb and fuse assortment. You can add short length of wire in, a couple of gauges and a couple of feet of rubber fuel line, and a couple of clamps too. If you have any of the electronic ig-

nition systems in your distributor, you should heed the manufacturers warning and carry along the old point plate and points/condenser/lead wire.

OR simply substitute your cell phone and AAA card and have more room in the front of the car.

Safe travels and hopefully everyone will have an uneventful drive to the Tri-state and back home.



DEBBIE DINSDALE OBITUARY

Deborah Ann Dinsdale

NOVEMBER 1, 1946 - MARCH 5, 2022



Deborah Ann Dinsdale, age 75, of Aurora, Colorado passed away on Saturday, March 5, 2022. Deborah was born November 1, 1946.

Deborah Ann Van Tomme was born 1 November 1946 in Oak Park, Cook County, Illinois to John "Jack" Joseph Van Tomme and Jacqueline "Jackie" Fae Johnson. She was baptized 5 February 1955. She was sealed to her parents 14 March 1955 in the Salt Lake Temple. She was preceded in death by her brother John Jeffery and survived by her brother John Joseph. She was endowed 12 June 1969 and sealed to her husband John Preston Dinsdale on 13 June 1969. She had two sons: Brian Jeffrey and Aaron John.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

Submitted By
John Green

We finally had the chance to participate in the St. Patrick's Day parade in Colorado Springs, after registering for the event in 2020. We had a great time. There was sunshine, a huge crowd of people along the route, and over 100 entries. We were entry number 47 with our seven Corvairs.



Tony and Diane Lawler were in their '66 cream colored convertible Corsa. Randy Karl was in his yellow '68 coupe.



Chris Kimberly and her sister Linda were in Chris's '64 baby blue convertible.



Mike and Karen Piper had their '65 red convertible.



All of the cars were decorated in green and gold St. Patrick's bling including stickers, streamers, beads, lights, hats and pots of gold.



Charlie Beets was in Diane Tweedy Lawler's '63 Ramp-side.



Adornments weren't limited to the cars, as club members were 'decorated' in green attire, with various hats, tiara's, ties and beads. Even Coda was wearing a shamrock scarf and associated 'bling'.



Jerry & KeithAnn Peevyhouse were in their newly purchased (from Feasels) '65 red convertible.



We had our green '61 Lakewood, sporting the PPCC banner, and of course Coda to represent PPCC and watch the crowd go by.

The parade was very organized. We travelled along the route filled with spectators with no issues. After two years of cancellations, the crowd of spectators were smiling and as happy as we were that the parade was roll-

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

Submitted By
John Green

ing by. Many of them were dressed up, and everyone was smiling and waving at the cars. The kids wanted us to honk the horns, so everyone knew we were coming!

Coda kept a close eye on the dog rescue group that was in front of us. They had many different types of dogs. We kept getting slowed down by all the bystanders that wanted to see and pet the dogs. What a great reason to slow down and interact with the crowd!

After the parade, most of us went to Old Colorado City and had a nice meal at Thunder & Buttons. The only car issue we had was that Chris's car had to be jumped at the end of the parade when we had stopped to un-decorate, and again after lunch. We are all excited to do more parades after this experience, especially the St. Patrick's Day parade.



A very tired mascot napping on the way home.

TRI-STATE TUNE-UP

In past years Eric Schakel and his wife Linae have had a pre-tri-state gathering known as the "Tri-State Tune-Up". The purpose of the "Tune-Up" is to get our cars out to shake out the cobwebs, run them and see if work needs to be done. You'll also get to hang out with other Corvair people and have some food. There may also be advice of various levels of usefulness as noted. 😊

This year since we haven't been able to secure a location for our annual "Bug-Out", RMC, Eric and Linae have generously invited PPCC members to attend the "Tune-Up". Please note that the only day Eric had open is Mother's day.

After a Covid-induced hiatus, we're pleased to invite you to yet another

Tri-State Tune-Up

On Sunday, May 8, 2022 we invite you to drive or push your Corvair to Schakey Acres, a tad west of Sedalia, for an afternoon of chat, dinking with Corvair stuff, and avoiding household chores. And yes, it's Mother's Day; we'll have a burgers on the grill so Mom doesn't have to cook.

We open for Corvairs at noon, and you're welcome to hang until 4:00pm or thereabouts. Look for 7082 Piute Drive, Sedalia...

* You might want to bring a folding chair or two, just to make sure you're not outstanding in our field!

Special Features!

- **Hamburger/Cheeseburgers While You Watch!** Rear Engine Specialists will provide ground beef, Dale Nielsen has signed on as grill man, and we'll have cheese slices, buns and condiments. We hope you'll bring appropriate 'cookout' side dishes, desserts, etc.
- We'll have water and lemonade on hand, BYOB if you're so inclined. No charge, but there'll be a donation jar for RMC sitting out...
- Free Corvair diagnosis, featuring pro, amateur, and foolish opinions. Heckling available upon request, or possibly without your request...
- Parts consultation with various experts (and experts-in-training)
- **New for 2022** See Schako Ringer #001, now under construction
- If nothing else, it's a great opportunity to BS with fellow Corvair folk

As always, Think of this as Spring Cleaning for your Corvair...



MEMBERSHIP

Submitted By
Randy Karl

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. **Members who have not renewed by April 30 will be removed from the PPCC roster and will no longer receive communications from PPCC.** (If you believe you have paid and don't see your name on the list, please contact [Randy Karl.](#))

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL
Annual Dues

Last Name	First Name	Through
ADDAMS	JEFF & TANYA BOU-DREAU	2022
ANDERSON	JON & DEBBIE	2022
BEETS	RICK	2022
BEGGER	ROD	2022
DAWSON	JOHN & KAREN	2022
DEGROOT	PHILIP & MEAGAN	2022
DINSDALE	JOHN	2022
FOX	GARRIE & PATRICIA	2022
GILBERT	BOB	2022
GLUSICK (LM)	JOHN & DEE	LIFE
GOODMAN (LM)	STEVE	LIFE
GREEN	JOHN & KATHY	2022
HAYES	DUANE	2022
HESCO	JOHN & MARILYN	2022
KARL	RANDY & SARA	2022
CHRISTINE	KIMBERLY	2022
KING	MARK & MARISSA	2023

Last Name	First Name	Through
KOLL (LM)	JEANNIE	LIFE
LAWLER	TONY & DIANE TWEEDY	2022
LEVIN	KORY & GAIL	2022
LUBERT	LUBE	2022
MCKENNA (LM)	TERRY	LIFE
MOTZ	PAUL & MARIANNE	2022
NEAL	JOHN	2022
NEWMAN	CHRISTOPHER & DENISE	2022
PEEVYHOUSE	JERRY & KEITHANN	2022
PIPER	MIKE & KAREN	2022
PITTMAN	JIM & HEULA	2022
RIEHL	BRUCE & BECKY	2022
RUSSERT	WAYNE & BONNI	2022
SCHICK	RAY	2023
SCHIFFTNER	KEN	2022
SHORTLE	TIM & LILIAN	2024
TIMMONS	MICHAEL & AMANDA LYNCH	2022

THE WONDERFUL ELECTRIC FORWARD CONTROL

Submitted By

Kathy Green

I found this article in the March, 2022 issue of "The Leaky Seal", the newsletter of the Minnesota Corvair Club. While the original article was written 30 years ago, the timing of it's republication seems very relevant.

THE WONDERFUL ELECTRIC FORWARD CONTROL

An exercise in Perpetual Motion

It all began when Gene Brier was having trouble getting his 1964 8-door Rampside Deluxe started in the mornings. The thing just wouldn't "catch" with the first round of cranks, and from there on, it was downhill. He'd tried just about everything, for Pete's sake, and was rapidly running out of ideas and batteries.



Now you'd really have to know a thing or two about Gene Brier to appreciate

what eventually happened. First off, he's a really creative man. Also, he's one of those people whose brain seems to work an entirely different way than yours or mine; he just automatically cuts across all those lines that seem to hold the rest of us back. Not only that, he doesn't have a whole lot of money, and can't solve every problem simply by dumping it off, at some "specialist".

So, there he was with a truck that wouldn't start except when it felt like it, which wasn't very often. Well, Gene had been a "Ham" radio operator a lot of years back and had a real "feel" for electricity. Seems like he could just SEE what was happening inside a balky toaster or corroded flashlight! Which got him to thinking about the way starters and generators work in the first place. A couple things had bothered him for a long time. They were the fact that...**A STARTER DRAWS LESS AND LESS CURRENT AS IT SPEEDS UP**, and the way **A GENERATOR'S OUTPUT GOES UP AS**

THE FIELD EXCITATION IS INCREASED.

He figured if he could just get the cranking speed HIGH enough, maybe the starter wouldn't draw any current, AT ALL! Hey, it might even put a little back, if he REALLY got the thing winding up!

So that's what got the project off the ground. The way he did it was of course, to remove three of the spark-plugs, 'cause that always made the engine turn faster when he was making a compression check. Not only that, this particular Rampside usually ran on three cylinders even when he could get it started. So, with #2, #4, and #6 out of the picture, that little old 102 spun around like crazy! Try as he might though, he still couldn't get the starter to put electricity back into the battery, even at 700 RPM cranking speed.

Then he remembered that other thing: the mysterious generator. He tried bypassing the voltage-regulating coils in the hopes that full battery voltage at the "field" would give him a higher

ELECTRIC FC, contSubmitted By
Kathy Green

output to help crank the starter. (After all the Generator doesn't know it's the starter that's turning it, so it just keeps putting out juice). Now, that worked a little, but still not enough to cure his problem.

What about the 6volt "hot shot" battery he had bought for his camping lantern? Well, that's what did it. He hooked that battery in SERIES with his 12volt Delco, wired the whole thing straight into the 'F terminal of the Generator, and MAN – did it ever take off!

With the starter working on only half the compression, and the generator producing somewhere around 35 volts, that thing cranked at 1200 to 1400RPM and he had plenty of electricity LEFT OVER!

That's when the real stroke of genius took over: why, those other three spark plugs were just holding the thing BACK! So, Gene took the other three ACs out, and let 'er rip!

I ran across Gene and his wonderful Electric Forward Control just the other day. There he was, tooling down University Avenue in high gear, doing close to 37 MPH, with the ignition key held to the "start" position. And all you could hear was the ffft-ffff of those six empty spark plug holes.

So, as Gene Brier says, Keep-On-CORVAIRing.

This "story" was written by a San Diego member over 30 years ago and I (Fran) just now ran across it! His name was Larry Scrivener and I think I met him a couple times, 40-50 years ago. Fran

IT'S A SMALL WORLDSubmitted By
Kathy Green

I don't know about you, but I'm regularly surprised at how small this world can be. Case in point, recently John and I were watching a Food Network show called Diner's, Drive In's and Dives. The show follows the host around the country to visit off beat, quirky, and just downright tasty places to get a great meal.

We were watching Season 42, Episode 4 and one of the places they were visiting was Albuquerque, NM. Having been there recently for Tri-State, we were curious to see if they were going to any of the restaurants we had visited while there.

Well, in this episode they were checking out *Guava Tree Sabor Latino*. This was not somewhere we had gone, but thought it might be fun next time we visit.

As we watched them discuss the food with the chef and show us happy patrons enjoying their meals, I had John stop and back up the episode. Low and behold, there were Steve and Rita Gongora from Corvair's New Mexico!

The first time the camera panned past them was just a quick glimpse of them. Then they came back to them for a short interview.

Nothing earth shattering occurred, they told everyone how good the food was, and the host was off to the next locale. We, however, were reminded of how much our participation in PPCC has broadened our world. Right there on our own TV were two great people we have met as a result of club activities. It's a small, small world...(apologies for the song now stuck in your head!)



TRI-STATE

**37th Annual Tri-State
Glenwood Springs, CO**



May 20 - 22, 2022

Come join us in Glenwood Springs for an enjoyable weekend with many your friends from the Pikes Peak, Corvairs of New Mexico and Rocky Mountain Corsa Corvair clubs.

The host hotel is the Best Western Antlers of Glenwood Springs with a special rate for Corvair club members. Call 970 945-8535 for reservations.

Corvair car show Saturday morning. Banquet Saturday evening at the Hotel Colorado. Many Glenwood activities to fill the afternoon.

Details & Registration at

<https://www.rockymountaincorsa.org/2022-tri-state>

DRIP QUIPS

These have been posted in numerous newsletters over the years—it seemed like this might be a good time to share them again!



"CORVAIR FUN FACTS"



-  Motor Trend magazine named Chevy Corvair "Car of the Year" in 1960.
-  The first Corvair concept vehicle debuted at the 1954 General Motors Autorama, six years prior to its official 1960 model year release.
-  Corvair is the 1st and only mass-produced American vehicle offering an air-cooled rear engine design, unibody construction, factory turbo-charging, and 4-wheel independent suspension.
-  The 1962 Corvair Spyder and Oldsmobile F-85 Jetfire were America's 1st vehicles offering factory turbo-charging.
-  1965 Car & Driver magazine called Corvair "...undoubtedly the sexiest-looking American car of the new crop and possibly one of the most handsome cars in the world."
-  Almost 2 million Corvairs were made during their 1960-69 run, including 2- & 4-door models, convertibles, station wagons, pick-ups, service fleet vehicles, and panel/passenger vans.
-  The 9-passenger Corvair Greenbrier van, produced from 1961 thru early 1965, is considered by many auto historians to be the forerunner of the modern minivan.
-  The August, 2007 edition of Hemmings Classic Car Magazine called the Chevy Corvair "GM's Mechanical Marvel...Pure and simple, these are still great cars...And extremely advanced for their time."
-  Milestone production dates in Corvair history include October 2, 1959 (Day One), and May 14, 1969 (Last Day).
-  The Corvair's unique rear-engine configuration has served as a platform for a wide variety of concept and spinoff vehicles, including the Meyer's Manx dune buggy, Corvair Super Monza, Corvair SS, Corvair Roadster, Astro 1, the Fitch Sprint, and the Yenko Stinger.
-  Corvair parts, supplies, vendors, and active social media forums are readily available throughout the USA.
-  The Corvair Society of America (CORSA) boasts a strong enthusiast following of over 4,000 active members and over 100 local CORSA chapters across the U.S.A.
-  The Corvair Preservation Foundation (CPF) is CORSA's non-profit arm dedicated to Corvair history & preservation and management of the Corvair Museum in Decatur, IL. CPF donations are tax-deductable.
-  Contrary to popular belief and the infamous stories involving Ralph Nader, the Corvair is the only vehicle ever certified "Safe" by the United States government, and helped pave the way for the development of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).
-  The Corvair is steadily appreciating in value while remaining one of the world's least expensive collector cars.

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>



Saturday, April 23, E-Days at Colorado School of Mines: Details are currently in the works. Watch your email for more information.

M Sunday, April 24 (April 17 is Easter), PPCC Club Meeting: 9:30 a.m., Valley Hi Golf Club, 610 S Chelton Rd, Colorado Springs, and via Zoom..

A Saturday—Sunday, April 23-24, RMVR Driver's School: Pike's Peak International Speedway. Information available [here](#).

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 Sunday, May 8, Tri-State Tune Up: 12:00—4:00, PPCC has been invited to join the Tri-State Tune up with RMC at Schakey Acres (Eric & Linae Schakel's home), 7082 Piute Drive, Sedalia, CO. Please RSVP to Mike Piper if you're planning to attend.



Saturday, May 14, Guffey Car Show: More information to come.



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. Location TBA—if there is enough interest in the Florence show, we may hold our meeting at the show.



Friday—Sunday, May 20-22, Tri-State Meet: This year's Tri-State is being held in beautiful Glenwood Springs, Colorado. The host hotel is the Best Western Antlers, 171 W. 6th Street, Glenwood Springs, CO. Room rate is single Queen \$112 + taxes and fees, Double Queen \$117 + taxes and fees. Hotel number is 970-945-8535 —mention 'Corsa' to receive this special rate. More information available [here](#).

A Saturday—Sunday, June 4-5, Big Bore Thunder: Pueblo Motorsports Park. Information available [here](#).



Sunday, June 5: Concours d'Elegance benefitting Colorado Ability Connection. The Colorado Concours d'Elegance & Exotic Sports Car Show is large-scale, highly-visible and well attended. Local and regional car clubs showcase 300+ rare cars from early collectibles to the latest exotics. Many venture out once a year, for this show only, to help kids. These prestigious beauties are treasures that few people ever get to experience. ***We have filled our spaces for this wonderful event—thanks to all who have committed their cars!*** Details and registration information available [here](#).



Saturday, June 18, Castle Rock Cruise In: 10:00—3:00—downtown Castle Rock. Information available [here](#). Registration opens April 1, 2022.



Sunday, June 19, Father's Day Pie & Ice Cream Car Show / PPCC Club Meeting: Monthly club meeting at noon, followed by Pie & Ice Cream as part of Palmer Lake's annual celebration. Car Show runs from 2-4. We should have the cars in place by 1:30 for those who don't attend the

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meeting. The newly renovated Town Hall and Museum will be open, live music, and of course the free pie and ice cream.



Saturday, July 16, Car Show in Pueblo that will feature SeeMore: 9:00—2:00, The Rosemount Museum, 419 West 14th Street, Pueblo. Cars will park on the grass around the museum. Show is free, but cars must register. Chris will provide registration forms.

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 Pioneer Days celebration, the Heritage Museum has invited all Corvair's to beautiful Cripple Creek for a show featuring only Corvair powered vehicles. Information on special Hotel rates coming soon. See more details [here](#).

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Saturday—Sunday, July 30-31, Race Against Kids Cancer: High Plains Raceway, Deertrail, CO. Information available [here](#).



Rocky Mountain Car Show & Swap Meet, Saturday, August 6: PPCC and RMC attend this annual event. We will be showing SeeMore and a section of the show will be set aside just for our Corvair's. We would like to see 30 Corvairs or more at this event. Detailed information including registration forms is available [here](#) and in the flier later in The Drip Line.

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.



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.

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September 24 or 25 OR October 1 or 2, Fall Drive: Date, time and location TBA.

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October 2, Pueblo Kiwanis Classic Car Poker Run: 10:00—3:00. 130 Mile Trek from Pueblo City Park through Westcliffe, Canon City and ending in Pueblo West. Proceeds benefit area youth. Information available [here](#)—see flier at the end of The Drip Line.

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Sunday, October 16, PPCC Club Meeting: 9:30 a.m., location TBA.

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

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December 11 or December 18, PPCC Club Meeting and Christmas Party: Date, time and location TBA.

Recurring Local Events:

Second Saturdays of the Month April—September, 2022, Stockers Car Show: 10:30—1:00, on the corner of Maizeland and Academy.

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