

The Drip Line

In this issue:

President's Ponderings	2
President's Ponderings	4
VP Voltage	6
Meeting Minutes	8
Volunteer	9
Christmas Party.....	10
Membership renewal	14
Drip Quips	15
2024 Activities.....	16
Partners and Vendors	17
PPCC Admin and Contacts .	18

Cover Photo:

*Have a Happy and safe Holiday
Season and we'll see you next
year!*



**The next meeting of the Pike's Peak Corvair Club will
be held on Sunday January 21 at 9:30am at Serranos
Coffee, 625 Highway 105, Monument**



Official Newsletter of the



Founded in 1977

**Come On,
Like us on Facebook!**



PRESIDENT'S PONDERINGSBy Mike Piper
Outgoing PPCC President

Hi all!

As it happens, I thought I was done with my monthly grumpy notes, but Kristal asked me for one more installment. It is undoubtedly noted elsewhere that Rex Harrison is the new president of PPCC while many of the previous officers and volunteers have agreed to stay on. I suspect Rex will likely be more cheerful than I have been on occasion, or he will for sure have different perspectives since he and Kristal have done many interesting things and been many interesting places over time and they are younger than I am to boot. Of course, I've managed to drag this out to the last possible minute and once again my apologies to Kristal.

Based on the remarks Rex made during the Holiday meal, (not to steal his thunder) he is interested in finding out what club members would like to change in order to be more involved in the club, and also how to work more closely with RMC in the future. Challenges all car clubs are facing are the ageing of their members and a general



decrease in membership. National CORSA has commented on this issue, and it is happening to all clubs in Colorado based on discussions when I have attended CCCC meetings. I've volunteered to be the president of RMC to give Rick Beets a breather so Rex and I can work on this together.

My red car is still waiting in the garage with an empty fuel tank for me to partially disassemble the front suspension to remove the fuel tank and check for interferences with the body and I will check if there is any remaining damage to the underbody of the car from my collision with the chunk of concrete a few years back. When the noise starts in (nearly empty tank or high speed on rough road) it sounds like the front suspension is loose, but I can find no loose fasteners.

The work on the blue car has also been suspended pending getting my main car back to full function. Due to some chilly and windy weather, plus some sudden extra workload, my motivation has been low. The holiday season can also add some extra work-

load. While I'm saying this, I recall that the winter solstice is on December 21 so the hours of daylight will soon be increasing. Also, typically, the coldest weather is in January and February so soon we may also be seeing warmer days subject to the whims of the weather.

Remember, 'tis also the season to start thinking about paying your dues.


There is a column on the latest membership roster that shows when you need to renew in case you have forgotten as I have. I did take care of this for myself at the holiday meal.

Before I forget, the holiday meal was well attended, the food and the room was very good, and the gift exchange seemed to go well. Last year I got a "Far Side" comic calendar which I will miss in about 17 days, but I got a use-

ful item and Karen has placed the snow scene (not quite a snow globe) out of Dylan's reach but where we all can see it. My thanks to all who had a hand in setting the event up. We even managed to avoid any bad weather or road conditions when traveling from the faraway land to the north.

Maybe I have achieved making this one typed page but not a single column in the Dripline. (*Nope, not even close...Kristal*) To maintain my usual closing, I hope all of you are doing well and are healthy. I hope your cars are running well and not giving you grief. Take it easy, stay cheerful, stay dry, and warm enough, and drive carefully. Happy Holidays!

-Mike

	<p style="text-align: center;">Upcoming Meetings</p> <p>Sunday, January 21, PPCC Club Meeting: 9:30 a.m., Serranos coffee, 625 Hwy 105, Monument</p> <p>Sunday, February 18, PPCC Club Meeting: 9:30 a.m., Serranos coffee, 625 Hwy 105, Monument</p> <p>Sunday, March 17, PPCC Club Meeting: 9:30 a.m., Serranos coffee, 625 Hwy 105, Monument</p>
---	---

PRESIDENT'S PONDERINGS

Submitted by Rex Harrison
Incoming PPCC President

G'day!

As the incoming President I'd like to wish everyone a great and relaxing holiday period and look forward to engaging more formally with the membership in January. I would also like to acknowledge the efforts of the past-President and the board this year in keeping the Club moving forward. As I'm not technically the President for a couple more weeks, I'll keep my remarks brief – but as I mentioned at the Christmas party, I very much appreciate the opportunity to work with the club. Recognising that Kristal and I have only been here a short time, my prime goal with the club is to ensure we do no harm, but I do want to explore how we can tailor the club to the current and future needs of the membership, ensure that membership has value, and try to maximise the engagement in Club activities.

By way of background, Kristal and I are relatively new to Corvairs - they weren't



sold in Australia when they were produced, so we were attracted to the novelty of the design, and the following that they have here in the US. Ralph's book was just the icing on the cake. So we really didn't know what we were buying into with the 1962 convertible we have (nor the uniqueness of the Judson supercharger dominating the engine bay, or the problems that might cause). As such the technical advice we have got from the membership has been invaluable, and we hope to get it looking prettier and more reliable in the new year.

That said, we are not completely new to classic cars, with our daughter completing a restoration of a 1967 Mustang hardtop as her senior year project while completing High School in California. Fun fact: that car was sold to one of the US Colonels I was working with in Cali, and is now in a garage up in Monument, so last year she was able to go and see it after almost 10 years which was a special moment for her. As she is now 25 and moved on with her life, let me tell you that I miss a second worker in the garage constantly!

During that time I was also active with the car community on Vandenberg Air Force (now Space Force) Base. At the time we arrived the base auto hobby shop had just closed, and I joined a group of like-minded individuals in lobbying the base commander for the funds to re-open the shop. As first Secretary and then President of the Vandenberg Gearheads I worked with the base and local sources of funding and grants, leading to the re-opening of the shop towards the end of our time there.

As you will probably hear me swearing about problems with the Corvair fairly regularly, it is probably helpful that I went and bought a 1981 Corvette last year as part of my mid-life crisis – it is only half true that I bought it because most people hearing ‘Corvair’ with my accent automatically assume ‘Corvette’... Most of the time that runs like it should, and when you fix something, it normally stays fixed!

Anyhow, to circle back to the beginning, I’ll have more words to say in January, but I very much appreciate the support from the members and recognise the privilege of this position.

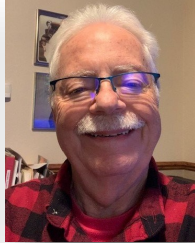
Rex



Submitted by
Jerry Peevyhouse

VP VOLTAGE - Roll out the Old, ring in the New

So, this is it I guess, we're done with old things, right? Now we're ready to roll in the new (year, that is). It seems like the anticipation of what's ahead in 2024 either frightens us, or gives us hope (that word again 😊). I guess to some degree it can be both, and that will vary I'm sure throughout the year as different events unfold. Me, I'm gonna start out anticipating a good year and see what happens. Got my glass half full and ready to guzzle. We'll reassess come mid-year, how does that sound? Right now, it looks like January won't be a busy month for us, but historically, January over the years has been a historic month. Over the years, many patents, trademarks, and copyrights for inventions, products, films, and books were issued during these 31 days. That's not to mention the plethora of famous inventors, scientists, authors, and artists who were born in January. Just a sample of a few of the many historic events that happened in the month of January:



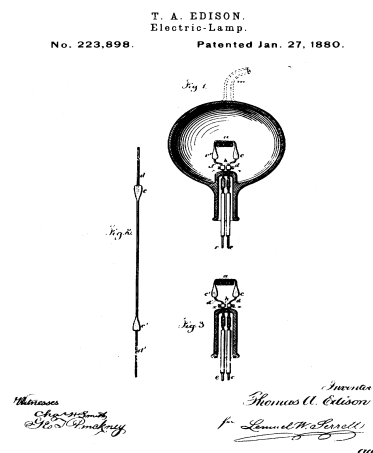
January 2, 1975 - The U.S. Patent Office was renamed "U.S. Patent and Trademark Office" to incorporate its new function as a trademarking center.

January 7, 1913 - Patent No. 1,049,667 was granted to William Burton for the manufacture of gasoline. (glad he did that, hard to drive my Corvair otherwise 😊).

January 9, 1906 – Campbell's soup was trademark registered. ("Mmm! Mmm! Good!")



January 27, 1880 - Patent No. 223,898 was granted to Thomas A. Edison for "an electric lamp for giving light by incandescence." (brilliant)



January 31, 1983 - Michael Jackson's "Thriller" was copyrighted. (no words for this).

Oh, one more January event, this one coming up as a new event, our January 21 Club meeting at Serranos Coffee shop in Monument.



This venue seems to be a good venue for those from the south as well as from the north. We hope you attend and give our new president a warm G'day. He has some thoughts on some club activities and will need our support in making this next year a good one for the club.

Unfortunately, I think that our days of warm(ish) days are over, so I will have to pick and choose which days I can get my Corvair out on the roads. El Paso County has changed their policy on side road plowing (needs to be more than 6" snow), so I think we'll have a more or less permanent snow/ice covered side road to contend with. Not a happy camper about that. 😞

In closing, I hope you enjoy the New year and have a great 2024. Oh, one more January event:

January 4, 1643 - birthday of Isaac Newton, a noted physicist, mathematician, and astronomer who invented a telescope and developed laws of gravitation and motion. He had a notable quote:

"If I have seen further than others, it is by standing upon the shoulders of giants."

Find your giant in life.

Relish ANY warm weather this winter and get in some more road time.

Enjoy the journey,

Jerry

MEETING MINUTES– December 9, 2023
Black Bear Diner, Colorado Springs (short meeting)

Submitted By
Kristal Harrison

PPCC Meeting Minutes
9 December 2023
Black Bear Diner, Colorado Springs

Meeting called to order at 1428 – 20 members/family members in attendance

Minutes

November meeting minutes were discussed, approved and seconded. Motion to approve by Kathy, second by Dianne.

Treasury Report

No treasury report this month, but we still have money.

Mail

No incoming mail. Outgoing mail – a card was sent to Gerry Fox following his car accident.

Membership

No new members this month.

SeeMore

No update on SeeMore

Old Business

Randy has made great strides in setting up the new website pikespeakcorvair.org and enabling the new board members' email addresses. This website is now live, and the old website will remain for a time, but there is no link on the old website to the new one yet.

New Business/events

All board members apart from President are willing to continue in their current roles. Rex Harrison is the only nominee for President, and he made a quick

speech before being unanimously voted into the position.

50/50

The 50/50 was won by Mark King. He took only \$20 and donated the rest of his winnings to the club, resulting in the club receiving \$100.

Meeting adjourned at 1435

Volunteer Opportunities

PPCC is **STILL** looking for a volunteer to fill the Events coordinator for the club. The primary duty of this role is finding events that club members may wish to attend and either creating/setting up the event, or promoting the event (if provided by a different organization).

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!).

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



BE THE ONE WHO MAKES A DIFFERENCE

Christmas party

Submitted By
John Green

Christmas Party!

Our club Christmas party was a fun time for all. We had 20 members participate in the festivities. No Corvairs made it because of the messy snow, though. It was our first time at Black Bear Diner. They put us in our own room. The food was very good and seemed like large portions. I didn't hear of any complaints. The staff was very friendly and got our food out quickly.

There were lots of donations to Toys-for-Tots with some cash. Black Bear Diner said they were also going to add some of their Make-a-Wish Bears to the bags. It was all picked up by Russ Miller to distribute to the Colorado Springs area.

We had a great time of food and friendship. Then it was time for the gift exchange. Most participated in the fun. It started out nice, then people started stealing from others. Lots of nice items for people to take home. Some car stuff and some home decorations.

We had a short club meeting. Mainly we heard from our new President Rex Harrison. He was unanimously voted in. The rest of the board stayed the same except Past President went from John Green to Mike Piper. Randy talked about the new website he has been working so hard on.

We did do a 50/50 drawing. It was the largest one we have had for a while. Mark King won it, but only accepted \$20 and donated the rest to the club. So, all in all the club received \$100. After that was done, the party was pretty much over. Folks did hang around a while and chatted some more.

Hope everyone has a wonderful and safe holiday season.

See you next year!!







Toys for Tots—
donated toys will
be distributed to
families in need in
the Colorado
Springs area

Yankee gift ex-
change table



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME!Submitted By
Kathy Green

Don't forget your annual dues are due by January 15, 2024, but we're always happy to receive your dues ahead of time to help with bookkeeping. If you prefer the manual method for dues renewal, please send your check for \$26 to PPCC, ATTN: Treasurer/ Membership Chair, P.O. Box 15034, Colorado Springs, CO 80935. We will continue sending out rosters with updates as dues are paid.

If you'd like to avoid writing a check, getting out an envelope, finding your stamps and going to the mailbox, to pay your dues online simply select this [link](#) and you'll be directed to a short form where we'll ask you to give us your name, select how many years you wish to pay for, and move ahead!

Payment options show PayPal, Venmo and Pay Later, simply select PayPal. If you don't have a PayPal account, no worries, you'll have an option to enter your credit card information on the PayPal screen. All dues are \$26 whether paying online, via check or cash.

We don't take your membership for granted, and we truly value the input of all of our members. Please take a moment to update your membership dues for 2024 now, and Happy New Year!

Thank you!

Kathy Green, Your Membership Chair

DRIP QUIPS


Thanks to Chris for this one!



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 Kristal_rex1@yahoo.ca attention: Drip Quips.

2024 PPCC ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

All club events will be noted on the Club's interactive calendar, located on our website, [PPCC Calendar – Pikes Peak Corvair Club](#)

- M Sunday January 21: 9:30 am Regular monthly meeting—**new location**—Serranos coffee, 625 Hwy 105, Monument
- M Sunday February 18: 9:30 am Regular monthly meeting—Serranos coffee, 625 Hwy 105, Monument
- M Sunday March 17: 9:30 am Regular monthly meeting—Serranos coffee, 625 Hwy 105, Monument
- M Sunday April 21: 9:30 am Regular monthly meeting—Serranos coffee, 625 Hwy 105, Monument
-  Friday 17—Sunday 19 May: Tri-State weekend in Las Vegas, New Mexico

Ongoing events: see facebook for more information



First Saturdays Cars and Coffee: 8:00—10:00am., University Village Colorado - 4880-5342 North Nevada Avenue, Colorado Springs, CO (parking area between Urban Egg and Panera Bread)



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.



REAR-ENGINE SPECIALISTS, INC.
16010 W. 5th Ave. Unit 12
Golden, Colo. 80401
Steve Goodman
(303) 278-4889 Fax (303) 936-7420
email: rearengine.steve@att.net
website: www.rearenginespecialists.com

Serving all of your Corvair mechanical needs for more than 51 years, Steve can make whatever is wrong with your Corvair right again. Locally owned and operated!

**Clark's
Corvair
Parts, Inc.**



400 Mohawk Trail (Rte. 2), Shelburne Falls, Ma. 01370
413-625-9776
Joan & Cal Clark 14,000 Item Catalog **\$6.00**
Mail or Phone Order Only Many Reproduced Parts

Clarks Corvair Parts - Nuff said!!

Blast-Tech, Inc.
"Automotive Paint Removal Specialist"



Plastic Media (Bead Blast)
Baking Soda
Various types of Sand
In-house blasting of Steel, Aluminum, Fiberglass, Glass, Wood, etc.

Gary Nardi
(303) 806-9992 3775 So. Kalamath St.
Fax (303) 806-9985 Englewood, CO 80110

If you need your Corvair blasted, or just need the paint or rust removed from parts, Blast-Tech provides a great service for a fair price. Locally owned and operated!!

◆ ◆ ◆ **PLATTE AVENUE** ◆ ◆ ◆
**TIRE
AND
AUTOMOTIVE
SERVICE**

Over 30 Years Experience





PLATTETIRE.COM 2701 E. PLATTE
(719) 633-8799 COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 80909

An old school alignment shop with all of the Corvair specs, early and late. Ask for Dave! Locally owned and operated!

RIAN SNOWBARGER
OWNER
719-419-8826
SnowGlass.net
SnowAutoGlass@gmail.com
20430 Indie Dr. Monument, CO 80132



FREE MOBILE SERVICE

Recommended by members who were pleased with the service and quality of the glass. Fair price for a new windshield. Located in Monument for those coming from the North or the South. Locally owned and operated!

PPCC Admin

Monthly Meetings: The PPCC meets at 9:30am on the 3rd Sunday of each month at various locations within the Colorado Springs area. Check the Club's website for the most current meet-up info.

Membership & Dues: PPCC dues are \$26 per year, payable each January for the coming year. Membership in CORSA is encouraged, but is not a prerequisite for membership in the PPCC. You can join CORSA [here](#). Please refer to the PPCC website [here](#) 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. Payment is also accepted online.

Editorial Contributions: Please send your stories, suggestions, recipes, jokes, and/or photos directly to [edi-
tor@pikespeakcorvair.org](mailto:editor@pikespeakcorvair.org), or mail them to PPCC, ATTN: Newsletter Editor, P.O. Box 15034, Colorado Springs, CO 80935. Preferred format for electronic submission of documents is MS Word, and format for pictures should be JPEG. Deadline for submitting information to The Drip Line is the 21st of the month for the next month's publication.

Pikes Peak Corvair Club Contacts

President	Richard (Rex) Harrison	719 354 7590	president@pikespeakcorvair.org	Board
Vice President	Jerry Peevyhouse	303/319/0741	vicepres@pikespeakcorvair.org	Board
Secretary	Kristal Harrison	719/258/0832	secretary@pikespeakcorvair.org	Board
Treasurer	Randy Karl		treasurer@pikespeakcorvair.org	Board
Past President	Mike Piper	720/255/1007	pastpres@pikespeakcorvair.org	Board
Member at Large	Glenn Dowling		mem- beratlarge@pikespeakcorvair.org	Board
Activity Chair	OPEN			
Membership Chair	Kathy Green	720-202-0351	membership@pikespeakcorvair.org	
Newsletter Editor	Kristal Harrison	719/258/0832	editor@pikespeakcorvair.org	
SeeMore Chair	OPEN			
Facebook Admin	Patricia Fox		patl80820 at gmail.com	
Web Master	Randy Karl		webmaster@pikespeakcorvair.org	

NEWSLETTER: The Drip Line is currently a monthly publication of the Pikes Peak Corvair Club (PPCC), a chartered chapter of CORSA, the Corvair Society of America. Contents are copyrighted in the names of the authors and the PPCC. Articles can be reprinted in any CORSA Chapter publication, as a service to CORSA members, provided credit to the author, and this Newsletter, is clearly stated. **The Drip Line** may use material from many sources and may not give appropriate credit. If your material appears without acknowledgement, we thank you for your contribution. It was used in good faith to help preserve, maintain, drive, and enjoy our CORVAIRS! Any pictures obtained from the internet are listed under the creative commons license.

BUSINESS CORRESPONDENCE: All correspondence to the Pikes Peak Corvair Club, or its officers, should be mailed to: Pikes Peak Corvair Club P.O. BOX 15034, Colorado Springs, CO 80935.

23RD ANNUAL 2023-2024

Colonel Crawford
High School
ALL SPORTS
Booster Club



CORVETTE RAFFLE

**WIN A
1961 CORVETTE
CONVERTIBLE!**

PREVIOUS OWNER PURCHASED
FROM GEORGIA

Red Exterior with white trim • Red Interior
Soft White Top • 327/300 HP Engine
4 Speed Transmission-NOM
On Body Restro



**DRAWING HELD:
APRIL 20, 2024 AT 10PM**
ONLY 10,000 CHANCES AVAILABLE TO WIN!

Early Bird Drawing for \$1,000.00 on December 15, 2023
during half time of the CC Varsity Basketball game.



GRAND PRIZE:

1961 Corvette Convertible
OR \$40,000.00

2ND PRIZE: \$500.00

3RD PRIZE: \$250.00

DONATION:

\$25.00/Ticket or 5 for \$100.00

Booster Club reserves the right to return all money. Winner need not be
present to win and is responsible for taxes and transportation.
Taxes based on value of prize.

For additional information call 1-866-WIN-VETT, or email
866winvett@gmail.com.

(PLEASE PRINT) ALL INFORMATION MUST BE FILLED OUT. TICKETS WILL BE MAILED TO YOU.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

NEW ORDERING OPTIONS!

BUY ONLINE

<https://app.galabid.com/ccraffle2324>

VENMO @CCATHLETICBOOSTERSCLUB

May be used like cash/check option. Please include
information in the details, tickets will be mailed to you.

CALL 1-866-WIN-VETT

(1-866-946-8388)

MAIL CASH OR CHECKS

Mail To: C.C.A.B.C., PO Box 96, Galion, OH 44833
Make check payable to CCABC.