

The Drip Line

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[Auto-Biography Part 13: 1963 Corvair Monza – The Tilt-A-Vair | Curbside Classic](#)

The next meeting of the Pike’s Peak Corvair Club will be held February 20, 2023 at 9:30am at the Valley Hi Golf Club 610 S. Chelton Rd., Colorado Springs and via Zoom.



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PRESIDENT'S PONDERINGS

By Mike Piper
PPCC President

Hi all!

Since I managed to deliver my notes the day after the December Dripline was published this is a combination of both.



Things are still hectic at work. We've added several employees to our group, and we have secured another project big enough to affect the entire office. A good problem to have but not necessarily an enhancement to work-life balance...

My previous observation was that the holidays can be a difficult time for some, and unfortunately it was for me this year. I was working on work during my free time. Some empty seats at the table due to the march of time and also some temporary illnesses so where we were expecting 10-12 people for dinner, but we had 4-6. Our 38-year-old son is still annoyed with us that his birthday is Christmas day.

We made it through Christmas though and the winter solstice is behind us so the daylight hours will start getting longer. I tend to figure that once we get through February the weather will also get warmer in general, but we still have some of our heaviest snow months ahead of us.

My car battery public service announcement in the office when the weather was really cold is to keep them charged and don't run them to dead when trying to start a car. Discharged batteries are more prone to freeze which often ruins the battery. Irony is I'm typing this at the

end of a 54-degree day...

We had a nice brunch in Estes Park on New Year's Day. Most of the attendees were from RMC but several of the folks present also have PPCC membership to we were represented too. Gail and Kory Levin helped set this up. The roads were generally good, only wet in a few places but I was glad not to drive a Corvair because of the splash back. The food was plentiful and very good. The staff seemed to be very happy to have us there.

It was true in December, and it is still true for me now but since I've been hunkered down working, healing and staying warm I don't have much Corvair news. I need to follow Steve Goodman's advice and start both cars and drive them but the salt and such on the streets is a deterrent. I have a battery maintainer on the white '66 Monza convertible in my daughter's garage in Loveland. We did get it out for a short drive, and we've run it enough to avoid dumping transmission oil into the drip pan. That's a common problem with Power Glides with poor shifter cables.

The red '65 Corsa convertible has been sitting in our garage without the battery maintainer attached. It is now a test case for how long an Optima AGM battery will last. The next tasks for that car are to do some trouble shooting on the fuel pump wiring and to clean up the engine wiring harnesses. I have a second harness in that car for extra gauges and a cruise control so the wiring has be-

come disorganized. I also keep thinking I'll have time to advance my efforts to clean up and refurbish parts for the blue car so I can actually get close enough to it to work on it again. Lying on a cold concrete floor in an unheated garage in late December or January is not super encouraging. One thing to remember is if you don't limit yourself to one project at a time on one car you never quite get anything finished up.

I know that the Tri-State group has been working hard on the on-line registration process for the Tri-State and I believe it is up and running. I've also seen emails that the annual membership renewal is functioning too. It is that time of year again.

I hope all of you are doing well and are healthy. Take it easy, stay cheerful, stay warm and drive carefully.



[School's Open, Drive Carefully - How to Protect Kids While Driving | AAA Go](#)

VP VOLTAGE—OBE- AKA Life

Submitted by
Jerry Peevyhouse

Well, another month has snuck up on me and now I'm frantically writing up this month's article just hours before leaving for a short vacation (yea) to Florida. Yes, snow does have something to do with it. So, with all my good intentions of leisurely writing a great article this month, those intentions were OBE. While not the tech savvy guy my 7-year-old grandson is, I do know a couple of acronyms (that often apply to me) and Overcome By Events (OBE) is one of those. I'm sure none of you have ever intended to do something in a certain time frame and soon found out that it just wouldn't get done. Or, I would think, we all at some point have had plans go awry as life gets in the way. Anyway, all this rambling is to say that as we gear up for February, I hope that you get some time this winter to work a little on your Corvairs and get them out when it's nice enough.




Our Tri-State committees are actively working to avoid not being OBE when it comes to planning a great event. We've had a couple of meetings already and the chairpersons of the committees are getting ready. Please consider offering to volunteer for something at the Tri-State, they can use the help. Remember to put May 19-21 on your calendar and register on the PPCC website while it's fresh on your mind.

So, as I said last month, Happy New Year to all of you and let's hope that this year we'll be able to accomplish those plans we have, on time and in budget as they say. I'll let you know if this short trip turns out as planned. I think I packed enough underwear ☺

Here's to all the life events ahead.

Enjoy the journey,

Jerry



Upcoming Meetings

Sunday, February 19, PPCC Club Meeting: 9:30 a.m., Valley Hi Golf club and on Zoom

Sunday, March 19, PPCC Club Meeting: 9:30 a.m., Location TBD.

Sunday, April 16, PPCC Club Meeting: 9:30 a.m., Location TBD.

MEETING MINUTES- JANUARY 15, 2023

Submitted By
Kristal Harrison

Meeting held at the Valley Hi Golf Club and via Zoom

Meeting called to order at 0939 – 12 members and no visitors on site, no-one joined via Zoom.

Visitors
none

50/50

John distributed 50/50 tickets. 50/50 was won by Ray \$18

Minutes

December meeting minutes were discussed, approved and seconded. Motion to approve by Kathy, second by Randy.

Treasury Report

General Fund: \$1556.60
SeeMore Fund: \$2576.02
Total: \$4132.62

Randy is still exploring options with PayPal regarding non-profit status.

Mail

Lots of membership checks in the mail.

Membership

Kathy has paid for a subscription to jotforms for \$234. This allows for online registration and payment for both PPCC membership and Tri-State. Motion to reimburse Kathy this subscription fee proposed by Rick, second Jerry, approved.

Dues are being paid, thanks to everyone who has already paid.

Online form is now live, thanks to Randy and Kathy for all their work on getting this up and running. Dues for this year will remain as \$25, but may be raised to \$26 for next year to cover PayPal fees of \$1.36 per payment. This will need to be discussed and the by-laws amended.

SeeMore

No new updates. SeeMore will be moved to Glenn's before Tri-State and minor repairs will be addressed.

Old Business

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MEETING MINUTES- JANUARY 15, 2023Submitted By
Kristal Harrison**New Business/events**

E-Days at School of Mines will be in April 14-16. Car show will be Saturday April 15.

More info to follow.

June 4 Concourse – John will be attending a meeting this coming week regarding this.

More info to follow at upcoming meetings.

June 17 Castle Rock cruise.

Aug 5 Colorado Car Council car show and swap meet at Rocky Mountain Metro airport (formerly known as Jeffco Airport)

Lots of other things are in the works, and will be listed as more information comes to hand.

New activities/events person needed urgently so that Chris can focus on Tri-State.

Possible change to By-Laws to change membership fees to \$26 for next year.

Meeting venue change – Jerry has been talking to Kings Deer Golf Course. No problems with current location in terms of food/service, but many members live further north, so a change of venue would make it easier for some to attend. Suggestion for month about north/south. Kathy has offered to send out a survey to all members regarding location and other things.

There has been a request from Shift Colorado Kars and Coffee for online articles. This was proposed to the board, and we decided that we could not commit to a quarterly article with their requirements. They noted that we could do ad-hoc articles for this publication – possibly Tri-State would be a good one to do.

Tri-State

Update provided by Jerry, as Chris is in Florida. Registration is live online, or you can download the form and send in a check. On track with committees. Now we (as a club) need to register, promote the event, and book with the hotel. John is working on the car show, getting trophies organized. Corsa has the info about the Tri-State already, and Kathy has disseminated the info to all newsletter editors. It has also been advertised on Facebook. We have 11 registrations so far. SeeMore will be there (thanks Glenn).

Tech

Clarks is now selling rebuilt torque converters from a new vendor, better than new.

They are also working with a new vendor for fuel pumps – should be ready by June.

Mike's car parts are in Loveland now, and out of a storage unit.

Mike still looking for 4x window cranks and 2x door handles for a 65-66. Snake-oil seatbelts are great, but pricey. If you have hardware they can re-chrome it for you.

Sometimes they have replacement hardware on hand.

Randy is considering putting shoulder straps back in his car...

Meeting adjourned at 1038

Tri-State History

Submitted By
Steve Goodman

When the 1976 CORSA national convention location was announced it was not necessarily the place of choice for some members and clubs. It was Philadelphia PA in July 1976. Not only a long hot drive across Kansas and places east but July 1976 was a birthday year, the bi-centennial celebration of the USA and Philadelphia was a center point of much of that. That meant costs would be greater for food/lodging etc too.

Rocky Mountain Corsa/Corvairs of New Mexico and Bonneville Corvair Club in Salt Lake City got together and decided to do a mini-convention for us and anyone else who would rather be in the rocky mountain high country in July instead of traveling across country. It was dubbed "tri-state Corvair meet". When the insurance request and article for the COMMUNIQUE were submitted to CORSA the three clubs received a letter of admonishment from CORSA but they did honor the insurance. (CNM member Sylvan Zuecher kept the CNM copy and hopefully it is still in the club archives.)



The location was Montrose Colorado which was fairly equal distance between the three clubs. It was the typical three day weekend; drive in on Friday and events on Saturday and banquet on Saturday evening then breakfast and say goodbye to all new found friends and head home on Sunday. The events that year were a drive to Ouray Falls and show n shine on Saturday and some sightseeing adventures for all. Now remember please this was intended to be a ONE TIME weekend. Attendance was good and a fun time for all and lots of Corvairs running around on the streets of Montrose.

Now let's go forward to 1985 and the CORSA convention in Houston. CNM members had hatched a plan to resurrect the event and pass

hosting each year between the three states in the same manner as the Fan Belt Toss in Palm Springs. Leroy Rogers and a couple other CNM members caught up with me in Houston and outlined the plan and I kinda volunteered RMC without asking for club approval. CNM host city choice again was Montrose due to equal driving times. Luckily when I outlined the CNM plan at the next RMC meeting everyone thought it was good so no lynching occurred.

The time of year selected was late May due to the fact the tourist season hadn't began so the town was fairly empty and the businesses looked forward to having 100 or more visitors. Sadly the Bonneville club showed little interest BUT Pikes Peak Corvair Club in Colorado Springs had formed and there were numerous PPCC members in attendance. The name 'tri-state' however was maintained and there was hopes that SLC would come back into the group.

For 1987 RMC took a turn and it was in Ouray but again no interest from the Bonneville club. PPCC didn't hide however, in 1988 they fell into line and the three clubs have rotated since then. I will say that occasionally Bonneville members have attended but they have never gotten enough interest within their club to host a year.

Normally the locations have always been in Southern Colorado or northern New Mexico. Obviously to keep driving times fairly equal and also most of the host cities have been small mountain towns with scenery and attractions for those who have never been in the mountains before. Also as stated above the small towns enjoyed the money being brought into their area and it also brought local residents to town to see the cars too. Once the event was held in Grand Junction as a tempting gesture to Bonneville members and once in the past it was in Albuquerque due to a large car event taking place at the same time. To view every location look at the CNM website please, or see the map at the end of this article, kindly provided by Gerrie Fox. Jim Pittman has kept track of every event and has records of attendance and even years and models of all Corvairs registered. Thank you Jim for your dedication.

Through the years Corvairs have regularly shown up from Kansas/

state. One other short note: Montrose as host city has been a tradition from the beginning on the years ending with a 6. (1976-1986-1996-2006-2016)

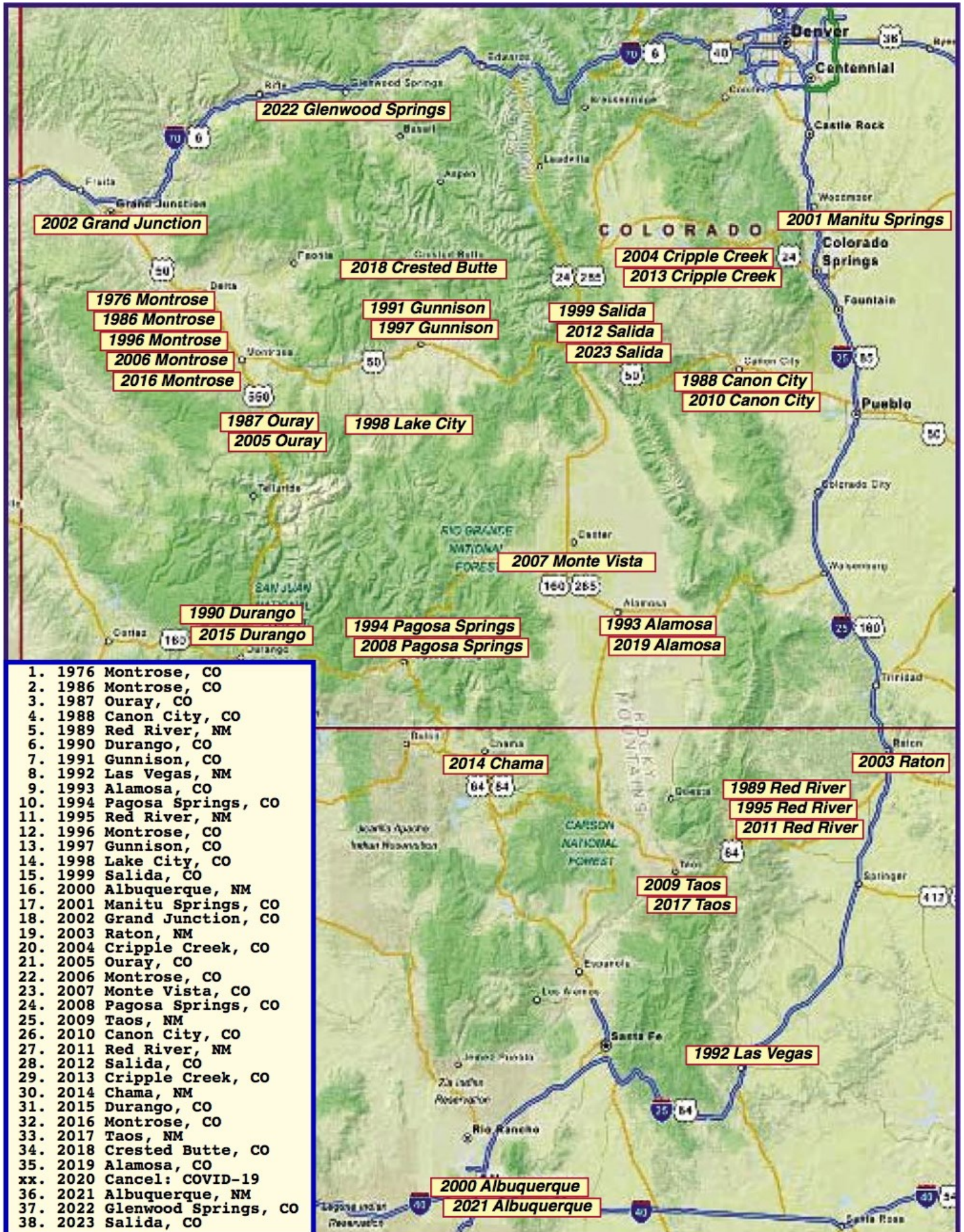
The original vision of CNM members such as Sylvan Zuecher/Bill Reider/Francis Boydston was to have a very relaxed weekend with minimal events and lots of time to look at the Corvairs and look at mountain scenery and visit with each other and make new friends plus chat with the local residents about their Corvair experiences too because every town has had Corvairs 'back in the day'.

Things went slightly awry in 2020 with a shutdown of any and everything social. It was CNM's turn to host and by the end of 2019 and very early 2020 everything was in place. CNM found a hotel in the north end of Albuquerque then the bottom fell out. It was decided to move the event to May 2021 and all was again getting in order when the date had to be changed again due to problems with the host hotel being able to operate. The date was moved to October and the weekend was very good and surprisingly well attended considering what all of us as a country had endured.

It was back to RMC to host 2022 and May worked although weather/road conditions were not the best since the host city was Glenwood Springs. High in the mountains showed everyone that wintertime was not quite over but even though it snowed a bit on Friday in town the show n shine on Saturday was very nice weather and driving back home on Sunday had good road conditions. I can remember some snow in the very first Ouray event and at least cold/wind etc in Alamosa several years ago. Every other Tri-State has been very good weather/temps.

This brings us to 2023 and PPCC is again the host club. The drive will be better for most too only going to Salida. The event has been there before and Salida is a very nice and friendly town and we should all have a great weekend.

Thanks to everyone on the planning committee for their dedication and hard work and I hope everyone can spare the weekend of May 19-21 to attend.



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Submitted By
Kristal Harrison

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. **The online payment option is now also available.** Please click [here](#) to pay your dues online. We'd like to close the books on the 2023 Membership Drive by the end of February, and your support in meeting that goal would be greatly appreciated.

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. You can check them out [here](#).

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Submitted By
Kristal Harrison

PPCC is looking for a volunteer to fill the Events coordinator for the club. Chris has done a wonderful job, but is putting all her energy into Tri-State.

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!).

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.

The TriState raffle committee is requesting donation baskets for the raffle. If anyone needs more information they can call Tony or Diane Lawler at 760-902-0019. Thank you

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



DRIP QUIPS

Thanks to Jerry for this one...

**Good Men
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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.

I'm not going to reprint the full article here, but there was an article in Hagerty Media about our cars!! [Offbeat Americana: Are Corvairs still under the radar? - Hagerty Media](#)

2023 PPCC ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

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M Sunday, January 15, PPCC Club Meeting: 9:30 a.m., location TBA.

M Sunday, February 19, PPCC Club Meeting: 9:30 a.m., location TBA.

M Sunday, March 19, PPCC Club Meeting: 9:30 a.m., location TBA.

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



Friday-Saturday, May 19-21, 38th Annual Tri-State Meet: The 38th event will be held in Salida, Colorado on May 19-21, 2023. Mark your calendars and think about where you fit into this exciting event. Make your hotel reservations now at <https://group.hamptoninn.com/vt61cw>



Sunday, June 4, The 40th Annual Colorado Concours d’Elegance: Watch for information [here](#).



Saturday, June 17, Classic Rock Cruise in Car Show: Castle Rock, CO Registration opens April 15, 2023. Information available [here](#).

M Sunday, June 18, 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 20, PPCC Club Meeting: 9:30 a.m., location TBA.

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

A Last week of September or first week of October: Fall Drive. Date, and location TBA.

M Sunday, October 22, PPCC Club Meeting: 9:30 a.m., location TBA.

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

M/A December, PPCC Club Meeting and Christmas Party: Date, time and location TBA.

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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**PPCC
Admin**

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

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