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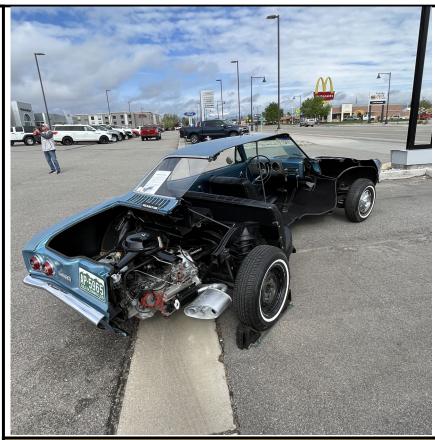
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SeeMore at the TriState. Look for more articles and photos in next month's newsletter



The next meeting of the Pike's Peak Corvair Club will be held June 18 2023 at 12:00 noon, Palmer Lake Town Hall and village green (with ice cream social after) and via Zoom.



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#### PRESIDENT'S PONDERINGS

By Mike Piper PPCC President

Hi all!

Here's a moderately rushed message to ponder a few days before the Tri-State. In talking



with various committee members regarding my "special needs" it sounds like the event is well in hand. Undoubtedly there will be a few things to iron out but hopefully my broken car won't be a topic of discussion this year. We'll all hope the weather is good. No snow this time would be excellent, and dry and sunny for say 4-5 hours Saturday should not be too much to ask.

I \*think\* my oldest grandson will be driving our '66 Monza convertible by way of Leadville, so I'll hope that goes OK. My wife, youngest daughter and youngest grandson are coming Friday afternoon in a Mazda so they should not have the stress of worrying about an old car. I'm hoping my brother and his wife may make it Saturday. He lives in the vicinity of Fairplay.

If you recall, I posted a note about a '67 Monza convertible with a 4-speed in a salvage yard. My intent was not

to pick parts from it but there were a couple of folks who could use parts from it so based on some recon by an enthusiastic new RMC member, it seemed the car had potential. Well, the car was actually picked over pretty hard and was in poor shape. I was hoping parts were still there... Right away I was able to get the standard transmission pedal set for John Kull. I got the alternator/oil filter adapter for Steve Goodman. For those who might not go to salvage yards, if you do, it pays to pick through the piles of debris in the trunk, body of the car and engine bay. Also look under the car and in nearby cars. I've found some treasure that way, including a small amount here.

A slight irony is that I went to the salvage yard on a Friday, then a Cars and Coffee on Saturday. I was talking with a couple of guys looking for parts. I happened to find 5 patch panels from Clark's in the treasure in the salvage car and I told these guys about them. One of the guys went later Saturday and got several hundred dollars' worth of patch panels for something

like \$25. I hope they end up joining RMC.

I was back Sunday trying to get the bell housing. The engine was in the back seat of the car. It was a 140 with a head off. The head had a dropped valve seat. The engine did turn. I was one flywheel bolt short of getting the bell housing, but my socket was too worn. The patch panel guy came past, and I spotted the thermistor in the head for him. The transaxle is still in the car, but I wasn't in the mood. He said he may come and get it so I left it.

For my third trip on a car, I was not going to mess around. I took a Ryobi battery impact wrench and took longer to get the battery installed and the impact sockets in place than to make the stubborn bolt go away. Unfortunately, the flywheel was welded and since I don't know the history, I left it. I got the bell housing though.

My fourth trip, impact tool in hand, was to get the rear hubs and spare door latches for Steve. You can do a lot of damage with those impact wrenches, but boy do they speed up a job if used appropriately. Of course, I forgot my hammer, but I remembered my can

of PB blaster. I applied a snort of PB Blaster, waited a few minutes used a disc brake rotor as a bludgeon, and the hubs were on the cart. While I was there a guy came through picking from a different car. He said he had a friend in the Cactus Corvair Club and he was aware of the cutaway car. You never know where you might run into someone with an interest in Corvairs.

That episode was after about 3 days of rain, so I was on gravel and got wet but not soaked. My trick is to try to find dry carpet or upholstery and lay on those. Of all the rain we had I managed to get hit with a few minor sprinkles while I was in the yard. I'd like to claim planning but it was purely luck.

So, Mike's life parting out salvage cars continues. At some point I won't be able to do this sort of thing but for now I try not to let too many Corvair parts that won't be made again end up as reinforcing steel in my projects.

On the Tri-State travel front, I did not do a lot of work on the red car, but it is running well so I should have good luck getting to Salida. We'll see how I

did when people show up. My pilot bushing makes noise occasionally, so I'll try to be gentle with it. It is sad that it takes a bunch of hours of effort to replace a \$22 part that was not oilite bronze. I reworked the engine bay wiring some, so it looks like a slightly less disorganized plate of spaghetti. That may have led to removing the source of my fuel pump shutting down in Glenwood Canyon. I'll do minor pretrip checks, but everything seems sound and functional. My front-end squeaks come and go but nothing appears to be ready to fall out. Kyle will enjoy some front-end squeaks from rubber parts in the white car so I won't be the only one enjoying squeaks.

I won't go through them here but there are events on the horizon. Look in the latter part of the Dripline for information. Don't all volunteer at once to be our activities person... [Scratch that—PLEASE volunteer!! Kristal]
Several of us have signed up for events coming right up.

I have the rear suspension parts back from the powder coater. I'm hoping I can get back to working on that car when I get some more spare time.

As I always say, 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 warm hope for warm dry weather and drive carefully. I'll look forward to seeing many of you at the Tri-State.

-Mike



#### **UpcomingMeetings**

Sunday, June 18, PPCC Club Meeting: 12:00 noon, Palmer Lake

Town Hall and Village Green

Sunday, July 16, PPCC Club Meeting: 9:30 a.m., location TBD Sunday, August 20, PPCC Club Meeting: 9:30 a.m., location TBD

#### **VP VOLTAGE**—One more in the books

Submitted by Jerry Peevyhouse

We're fast approaching the half way point in the year (sad but true) and boy has it gone by fast. Not time to reflect on the



past year yet, but those of us who attended the 38<sup>th</sup> Tri-State Meet this past weekend do have some memories to reflect on and talk about. There will be full articles in next month's DripLine about the Tri-State, but I wanted to share a bit about my experience as a first-time car show participant. This was the first Tri-State I've attended showing my 65 Red Convertible (yes, red is the unofficial Corvair color of our club) und it adds a whole new perspective on things. My wife and I have attended the last couple of years without a car, but this year our car was running great so we took it this year. This was the longest trip we've taken with it, so, as always with Corvairs, we were a bit trepidatious about how it would do. Well, I was pleased with how it ran and handled, no issues at all. It was fun through the canyon from Canon City to Salida and it does handle great through the curves alongside the Arkansas River. There were even rafters out on the river this early in the season.

6 of us (Jerry and Keithann, Chris, Tony and Diane, John and Kathy, and Ken) caravanned there from my house in Monument, all making the trip without any issues. Our group picture is missing Randy, who joined us in south Colorado Springs. The other picture is coming up the canyon with Chris leading the pack.

We also enjoyed the rest of the weekend with the Show and Shine car show and the Banquet on Saturday night. The weather for the car show on Saturday morning was perfect!, some clouds at first but sunshine for most of the show. The committee members did a great job in planning the event. A big Thank You to all who participated either as a volunteer or participant or just observer. Now we look forward to the rest of the events this summer. This one's in the book but as they say, the best is yet to come.

Hope you have a great June and the rest of the year. Here's to all the life events ahead.

Enjoy the drive,
Jerry





#### **MEETING MINUTES- MAY 21, 2023**

No meeting this month

Submitted By Kristal Harrison



#### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

PPCC is looking for a volunteer to fill the Events coordinator for the club. Chris has done a wonderful job, but is due a rest after 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.

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

#### Seeing is believing

Submitted By Garrie Fox

The DRIPLINE

Pikes Peak Corvair Club

# Seeing is Believing! By Garrie Fox





Hopefully the difference in internal engine contamination, deposits and cleanliness in these two pictures will be a Blinding Glimpse of the Obvious. These two opposite findings have been observed over and over as I have put resurrected Corvair engines and VW air cooled engines back into service over the last 32 years. Yes, I started using synthetic engine oils in 1970s. They represent pictorial evidence for

the scrubbing action of synthetic engine lubricants. The synthetic lubricant cleans the inside, all surfaces, including oil passages etc.. like EDTA cleans heavy metals and plaque out of our human blood circulatory systems.

Removing the oil pans of these two Corvair engines for photo taking, shows the one using conventional petroleum based engine oil to have heavy dark sludge type deposits coating most internal engine components. The cleaner of the two used only synthetic engine lubricants since I first received, serviced, and placed this Corvair ngine



Garrie Fox's on Mobil 1 15w50

back into service...

I like to pull the oil pan, oil filter and valve covers when I convert a Corvair Engine to synthetic lubricant.

This lets me to rotate the engine allowing the oil pump to purge a bit more oil from it and passages. Guess I am really old fashioned as I then leave the pan and covers off overnight to allow as much of the previous engine oil to drain.

Not all synthetic engine oils have the ZDDP (Nominal & Relative Phos. Level) in sufficient amounts for our Corvair engines, so if you do change to synthetic engine lubricants, please consider using products that are rated as adequate for our flat tappet valve train. There are several companies that produce synthetics that would provide much improved lubrication over conventional motor oils, but having tested Mobil 1's 15 W 50 in the 1960s, I still use it and it turns out to be spot on for ZDDP levels for our Corvairs.

#### **Outsiders Day at Cresthill Middle School**

Submitted By John Green

Emily Schwartz, a Language Arts teacher at Cresthill Middle School contacted me again this year. The eighth grade Language Arts students complete a unit on the book The Outsiders, a coming-of-age story about class distinctions in the 60's.

The book features Corvairs and Mustangs as the cars of the upper class, "Soc's" vs. the "Greasers". Emily asked if we could bring two Corvairs and two Mustangs on their "Outsiders Day". Kathy was busy, but I knew I could bring our 1968 coupe and had to find someone else. I contacted Jerry to see if he could bring his 1965 convertible and he said he would be glad too, not knowing it was going to be a rainy day! I reached out to see if the two Mustang from last year would be interested in a repeat visit. Bill Burruel said he would enjoy coming again, but then declined the night before due to the rainy forecast. Another gentleman also cancelled as he was unable to get to his car due to washed out roads. Fortunately, a student's parent said she could bring her Mustang. Dana Garrett gladly brought her 1965 convertible with a 289 engine. She was even brave enough to put her top down, but that lasted for only one class.





The day started out very rainy. There was a cover set up for us by our cars to help keep us dry between classes and we also got to go inside to warm up.

The students came out in their raincoats, with umbrellas. All the rain gear made it a little tough getting in and out of the cars. That didn't stop them though. By the middle of the day the rain had pretty much stopped, with just a few mists going through, so the umbrellas were not needed. Throughout the day we had

14 scheduled classes and around 350 middle schoolers come out and look at the cars.

Most of the students and staff were dressed up either as the "Greasers" with leather jackets and rolled up jeans or the "Soc's" with cheerleader skirts and sweaters, or letter jackets and slacks. We had several unscheduled classes as well as staff members and bus drivers stop by during the day.

The students had a great time climbing in the cars and looking at all the different interiors. The students were fascinated by the roll up windows, the push button radios, the floor vents, the high beam button and where the shifter and emergency brakes were. They thought the way to get into the backseat of the coupe was interesting. They also had trouble figuring out how to get the doors open from both the outside and inside. Several were trapped inside until they figured it out.





Based on the incredible excitement level and the giggles and laughs, we think the students had a good time with the cars. Several asked why the engine was in the back, so we were able to tell them some history about the cars. Jerry also turned on his car so the students could see, and hear, the engine in all its glory.





Never have so many selfies been taken in old cars, with the students pretending they were driving and taking each other for a ride. The students were very respectful of the cars and made sure they thanked us for our time and bringing the cars out for their special day. They even asked before they got in if it was okay that their shoes were wet.





We had a great day showing off and explaining all the special points of the Corvair. I asked the teacher to keep us in mind for next year. She said we were the best part of Outsiders Day, so yes, she would be seeing us again next year.

#### **DRIP QUIPS**

Thanks to Chris for sending this ...



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.

#### 2023 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



Sunday, June 4, The 40th Annual Colorado Concours d'Elegance: Watch for information



Saturday, June 10, Canon Car Club 41st annual car show: Holy Cross Abbey, Canon City, CO Information available here.



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

Sunday, June 18, PPCC Club Meeting: 12:00 noon, Palmer Lake Town Hall and village green. M, A Please stay for the **Father's Day** event with **free pie and ice cream** 2:00-4:00 p.pm.



Saturday, July 8, Rumble at the Rosemount: 9:00-2:00, Rosemount Museum, Pueblo

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



Saturday, August 5, Rocky Mountain Car show & swap meet: Rocky Mountain Metro Airport, Broomfield, CO Information available here.



Saturday, August 12, Holy Rollers Car show: Broomfield, CO Information available here.

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

#### 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)



Monument Cars and Coffee: 8:00—11:00 a.m. First and Third Sundays April thru October, 581 CO-105, Monument, CO



Third Saturday Cars and Coffee: 7:00—11:00 a.m., Soccerhaus Colorado Springs



Last Saturday Coffee and Cars: 8:30-11:30 a.m., Bass Pro Shops Colorado Springs

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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Clarks Corvair Parts - Nuff said!!



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Yes, I'm sure they get lots comments on the name, but they do quality powder coating at a reasonable price.

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#### PPCC Admin

<u>Monthly Meetings</u>: The PPCC meets at 9:30am on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 \$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. <a href="http://www.corvair.org/chapters/chapter809">http://www.corvair.org/chapters/chapter809</a> Payment is also accepted online.

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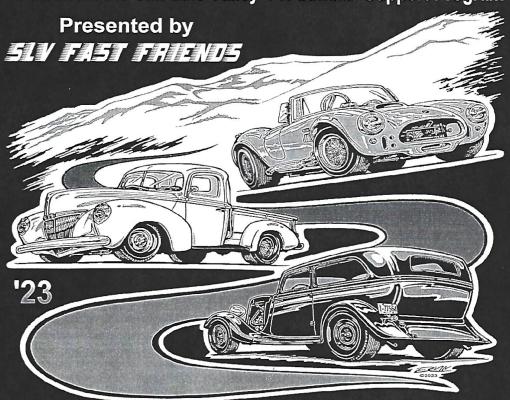
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April 2023

Dear Rosemount Car Show Participants:

Rosemount Museum, is currently planning the "Rumble at the Rosemount," Antique and Classic Auto Show, an event geared toward attracting more visitors to the property and providing an opportunity for the community to view the many styles of antique and classic automobiles for free. The Rumble at the Rosemount is scheduled for Saturday, July 8, 2023 on the grounds of the museum, located at 419 W. 14<sup>th</sup> Street between Greenwood and Grand. The event will run from approximately 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

As a participant in a previous Rosemount Car Show, you are receiving this information ahead of the official advertising for the event. You can also register early by filling out the enclosed registration form and mailing it back to the museum. Then on the morning of the Car Show, you simply stop by the registration table to check in and get your participant goodie bag.

Rosemount does not charge a registration fee to participate in the car show, so the registration form is all that is required to reserve your participation spot. Unfortunately, we cannot reserve specific spots on the property. Both entrances will open at 8 a.m. and cars will not be allowed on the property prior to 8 a.m. Please do not arrive any earlier than 7:45 a.m. to line up. We are in a residential neighborhood and want to be courteous to our neighbors prior to 8 a.m. We also ask that you refrain from bringing pets and alcohol to the property.

In years past, the museum has distributed door prizes to every single car show participant. However, the Board of Directors and Car Show Committee have decided it would be inappropriate to solicit door prizes from the businesses in our community after the struggles of the past few years. Similar to last year, participant goodie bags will be filled with more items.

Thank you for your interest in the Rosemount Car Show. We hope you will join us again this year. Please contact me at 719-545-5290 or email <u>ddarrow@rosemount.org</u> if you have any questions regarding your registration or this event.

Warm Regards,

Deb Darrow

Executive Director

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