

The Drip Line

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Cover Photo:

One of the many desserts on offer at the club picnic. It’s a Pavlova for you heathens out there, named after a Russian ballerina who visited Australia and New Zealand in the 1920s.

The next meeting of the Pike’s Peak Corvair Club will be held at 0930at Serrano’s coffee, 625 Highway 105, Monument, and via zoom
****Please note the new location****



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PRESIDENT'S PONDERINGS

By Mike Piper
PPCC President

Hi all!

Life remains busy, and now a bit confusing... vacation, the recovery from the vacation, a couple of car events including the PPCC fall drive and potluck at Glen's house, Dylan is playing soccer for a few weeks (he's 5 years old), maybe the early hints of fall with the need for mowing the lawn tapering off. Our daughter Michelle will be back from her most recent ship assignment and working permanently at Denver International Airport as an HVAC II technician. We'll still be watching Dylan some and getting him to school several days per week but it will be a lot less strain on Karen in particular to have mom taking care some of the duties. Michelle will be taking some of her training and credentials and pursuing some higher level certifications. She has certainly had a unique career path so far.

Since we were on the airplane home from our vacation, I missed the Concours at Arapahoe Community College. I heard anecdotally it went well.



I'll hope for better personal luck next year. At the rate I'm going it will still be the Red Corsa or nothing.

I also missed out on the event at The Pueblo Racetrack featuring Corvairs as the featured car. That was organized by Eric Schakel from RMC, and I haven't had a chance to learn how it went. It sounded like it would be an interesting opportunity particularly if your car had a hard top or a convertible top with a roll bar to allow a drive on the track. Maybe there will be another opportunity.

I know there were other recent car events that others can describe. For me, I attended a cars and Coffee in Lafayette the day before we left. Tony brought his Rampside so we parked back to back. I would say these events tend to be well attended so we get some exposure.

I attended the Broomfield Days car show yesterday (9/23/23). When the wind took a break, the weather was actually very pleasant. I was the solo Corvair which is pretty typical. I was parked next to a Nash Metropolitan so between the two of us along a

busy walkway we had a lot of people to talk to. The son of a long ago RMC member stopped by to tell me a little about his dad and the club, and one other guy stopped to ask if Steve was still in business. There were also lots of stories about folks' past ownership or experiences and several asked about the fan belt and how hard it is to synchronize four carburetors. Thinking back now, I would say generally the crowd was more knowledgeable than average with some very good questions or comments about the various engines and features and what was available in a given year. There were also some pretty interesting cars on display, some you seldom see beyond the Nash.

Over the last couple of events, I learned of at least two more local informal car shows I'll try to attend. These will be more north so they may not be of interest to PPCC per se, but you never know. The Runza Hut in Loveland has a gathering on the first Friday evening of the month. Karen and I are Runza fans so why not? I'm not clear where very many cars will park but I'll take a look. The Cars and

Coffee in Lafayette (First Saturday morning of the month) was mentioned several times yesterday. One thing I see happening is you get to know a few of the regulars so it is a bit more interesting. I learned about another Cars and Coffee in Longmont, the second Saturday morning of the month. That one was pretty highly recommended too so we'll see about that one too. Maybe I'll find some more elusive Corvairs. Maybe I'll find folks who want to buy Corvairs. You never know.

I may find myself back helping work on Michelle's landscaping to keep the HOA out of her shirt pocket (blouse pocket?) but hopefully she can manage the bulk of that work. I've also developed a list of annoying home repairs to take care of on my own but the blue car is coming back into focus.

Two events I can think of where we might go is a trip to Yuma to visit the Orphan Car Museum there and a trip to Hastings Nebraska to see Chris Shade's dealership. I have no information on the trip to Yuma (plea/groveling for an events coordinator) and Eric Schakel (RMC) is coordi-

nating the trip to Hastings with Chris Shade. In my email generally about the cutaway car, we are not planning to do anything about donating it to Chris' proposed museum this year.

We have a new venue in mind for the next PPCC meeting. I believe info will be available elsewhere in the Dripline. I've seen the room and it should accommodate our usual size of crowd. They don't have a full breakfast menu, but it is a coffee place and they have things like breakfast sandwiches, coffee, pastries and instant oatmeal (I specifically checked). It is in Monument so closer for me and the northern folk.

We still have an urgent plea for an events coordinator (see above). It would be very helpful to have someone track the events and keep them straight and look for other opportunities.

I'd also like to offer the opportunity for someone else to be president next year although I still intend to regularly attend meetings. Kathy Green has observed that the two busiest people in the club administration are Kristal as the secretary and Dripline editor and Randy as treasurer, web master, archivist, and doer of numerous other tasks. She pointed out the president doesn't need to do all that much, and I'll add that there is a lot of support from the administrators and board members (really they are both).

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, maybe not too warm, and drive carefully. I'll look forward to seeing many of you at the next event.

-Mike



Upcoming Meetings

Sunday, October 15, PPCC Club Meeting: 9:30 a.m., Serrano's coffee, 625 Hwy 105, Monument ****New Location****

Sunday, November 19, PPCC Club Meeting: 9:30 a.m., location TBD

Sunday, December 9, PPCC Christmas party and short Club Meeting: 2:00 p.m., Black Bear Diner, 1340 Garden of the Gods Road



Accommodations:
The Castaneda & The Plaza Hotel

Car Show Hotel:
The Castaneda Hotel

Banquet Hotel:
The Historic El Fidel Hotel

The Castaneda Hotel, a historic Fred Harvey House has 18 rooms reserved for out-of-state attendees with a 2-night minimum. Overflow attendees will be directed to the historic Plaza Hotel.

Phone Calls ONLY for Reservations: (505) 425-3591 for both hotels; mention "Corvair Tri-State" for our negotiated 15% discount; prices per night range from \$84 to \$143/night; payment collected upon reservation.

39th Corvair Tri-State May 17, 18, 19, 2024 Las Vegas, New Mexico

REGISTRATION FORM

Attendee 1> _____ @\$50/\$65 → \$ _____

Attendee 2> _____ @\$50/\$65 → \$ _____

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Email: _____ Phone: _____

Order your Event T-Shirt/Crew Neck: @ \$30 ea. → \$ _____

(S,M,L,XL,XXL,XXXL ...): _____

Car Show Entry: _____ Grand Total \$

1> Car Year: _____ Car Body Style: _____ Car Color: _____

Car Points Interest: _____

2> Car Year: _____ Car Body Style: _____ Car Color: _____

Car Points Interest: _____

Banquet & Car Show Cost: Early Bird \$50 Adult; price increase after March 1, 2024 → \$65.

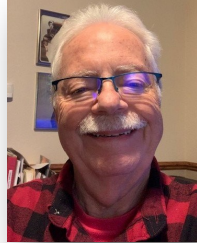
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VP VOLTAGE - We're "Fallin" for you (AKA the club's Fall Drive)

Submitted by
Jerry Peevyhouse

Hello again, hope you're getting ready for the change from warm to cool and then to cold. October is always a transitional period, so we always enjoy those "perfect" transitional days when the sun's out, there's a slight breeze, and 72° is the reading on the old temperature gauge. We had one of those days on our club's annual Fall Drive we recently did. Normally this article is just some of my ramblings and silly song lyrics but this month it's about the fall drive and picnic we did in conjunction with our club's September Sunday meeting.



X" cars. We started in Monument next to the Serranos Coffee Shop (food and coffee ☺), which will be our club meeting location for our Oct. meeting (more on that later). There was a Cars & Coffee show going on, which was a nice start to the day. Rex then led us in his Corvette, as his Corvair was "sick" along with mine. Hey, the Corvette was the semiofficial club color red, so it fit right in. I drove my Subaru and Mike drove his water pumper car as he and Karen brought along Dylan, their grandson, who needed a car seat.

Heading north through Palmer Lake, we had a nice drive up through Perry Park, Larkspur, and back down to the AF Academy, where we totally confused the guards when they asked us to pop open our trunks (yes officer, the trunk *is* in the front and we do need to get out of the car to open it with a key).



Kudos to Rex and Kristal for setting up the meeting location, route, and leading the pack of 4 Corvairs and 3 "brand



After wandering through the Academy's backroads past the visitor's center, we ended up at the B-52 display and Air Warrior Combat Memorial for a photo



shoot and short break. By the way, are you noticing the blue sky everywhere, and did I mention it was a perfect weather drive day? 😊 Shorts and tee-shirts were the outfit of the day.



We also appreciated that Rex took us through all back roads to avoid I-25, an excellent choice. Then on to Glenn and Kelly's house out in Black Forest (thank you guys) for the picnic and club meeting.

So, after loading up on hamburgers, hot dogs off the grill, and all the "fixins" we all brought, we sat down to a nice table setting outside (ask Diane about the wasp situation there and Glenn about his trick to setting off the smoke alarms multiple times) 😊

During the picnic we had our club meeting, without zoom, as we were pretty late in getting to Glenn's house. The minutes are posted later in the DripLine.



After wrapping up the meeting and our last bite of desert, we left our separate ways. All except Rex, who decided to linger a bit longer on Glenn's property. Seems as though he had a complete electrical failure in his 'Vette just down Glenn's driveway. Did I mention that all the Corvairs made the trip just fine? But, what kind of a club road trip goes off with no car issues? Yup, none.... Just didn't figure it would be a brand X car. *[It is the same *brand* as the Corvair...Kristal]* So, after some initial troubleshooting, it was decided to call in Glenn's

AAA Tractor Towing Service to tow it into his barn to work on it. After close to an hour's troubleshooting, it turns out that the issue was a loose 6 pin connector in the engine bay. Rex was happy to get home, without hitchhiking....

So, all of this article reminds me of a great old country tune. Can you guess what it would be? Yup, old Willie himself.

On the road again

**Goin' places that I've never been
Seein' things that I may never see again
And I can't wait to get on the road again**



Hopefully we continue to have good weather to drive our cars in, and get some more road time. Enjoy the sunny days.

Hope you have a great October and the rest of the year.

Enjoy the journey, Jerry

MEETING MINUTES- September 17, 2023

Glenn's place, Black Forrest

Submitted By
Kristal Harrison

Meeting called to order at 1315 – 11 members and two family members on site

Visitors

50/50

No 50/50 this month

Minutes

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

Treasury Report

General Fund: \$1382.04

SeeMore Fund: \$2868.26

Total: \$4250.30

Mail

A check for membership was the only mail

Membership

Welcome to David and Dianne from Colorado Springs

SeeMore

Hastings is 7.5 hrs away where Chris Shades has a museum. He will find a permanent home for SeeMore when the time is right, and when the museum is up and running. The club is not yet ready to give up SeeMore yet, and the museum is not yet built.

This season is done for SeeMore, and now it should probably go to Dwayne's for the winter. Randy, Glenn and Jerry to organize this with Dwayne. There was also a suggestion for the trailer to be put into the club's name. Randy to figure out if the trailer can be registered in the club's name. Tony to talk to Ken about this. The club has historically not purchased insurance for the trailer.

Old Business

An activities person is still required. Please volunteer!!!!

Website/domain name – Google is the preferred option for domain, with “.org” Preferred option is “pikespeakcorvair.org” This will be a cost of \$12/month.

Websites – multiple options available, with multiple options within each option. Suggestion for Randy to talk to Rick before making a decision. This should be finalized by the beginning of next year.

Dues – all dues will be raised to \$26. The pro-rata amount if a member joins July – October will be \$13. If a member joins in Nov/Dec then it will be counted in next year’s membership. Approved by the board.

New Business/events

New meeting place for next month – Serranos in Monument. We will check it out and see what happens moving forward.

Arapahoe community college Concourse was good – 8.5 Corvairs there. Lots of interest in SeeMore. There was also a concourse show in Colorado Springs on the same day at the Broadmoor. Try to take SeeMore to this one next year, as it’s closer than Denver.

Car show at DIA last week for airport employees – Tony took his Rampside with the surfboard and won.

Broomfield days car show next weekend.

Christine gave us an update on Jeff. Jeff has been in and out of intensive care for the last month. Tanya says they don’t need any help at this time. He’s at Penrose hospital in Colorado Springs. Please keep them in our thoughts and prayers. They don’t have a good diagnosis at this time. Secretary to send a card.

Nominations for board members for next year are due by the November meeting for voting at the Christmas party.

Tech

Chris has a new harmonic balancer on her car.

Meeting adjourned at 1454 (with an adjournment in the middle for lunch)

Concours d'Elegance

Submitted By
John Green

The Concours finally happened! It had been rescheduled from June because of heavy rain all day. The new date in September was a nice day, a little cloudy, but that way we didn't get hot. One brief shower, but otherwise a comfortable day.



We had eight and 1/2 Corvairs there. Rick and Tony had their cars in a special area called "The Evolution of the Automobile". This had cars from each decade during the 90's. Tony had one of his Rampside and Rick had his 63 Monza Spyder there representing the 60's.

Over in the Corvair area we had Diane's 63 Rampside that won 1st place forward control and Best of Corvairs, Chris's 64 convertible won 1st place early open, Steve Belanger's 62 convertible won 2nd place early open, Phil's 62 sedan won 1st place early closed, John Dawson's 66 coupe won



1st place late closed, Green's 68 coupe and SeeMore. We were in a different area because of construction at ACC, but it was nice as we were under some trees and right by the gate for people to see us.

Naturally, SeeMore was a big hit. Kids got to sit in it and adults got to look at the partial engine and frame and talk about how it works. There were a lot of stories about what Corvair they had in their childhood or as young drivers. There was a lot of foot traffic that helped refresh peoples' memories of Corvairs and their special style.



Hope to see more Corvairs there next year.



Save the date for the Christmas party!
Saturday December 9 @ 2:00pm
Black Bear Diner, 1340 Garden of the Gods Road, Colorado Springs
More details to follow...

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

PPCC is STILL 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!).

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

Please also think about nominating someone or volunteering yourself for board member positions. Nominations will be called for in October, and voting will take place at the Christmas Party



DUE-WOP, DUE WAH—MEMBERSHIPSubmitted By
Kathy Green

It's fall. The time that pumpkin spice is in the air, we start thinking about winterizing our cars, pulling out the warm sweaters, finding our shovels and snow blowers, wondering if we should wear short sleeves, long sleeves, or 12 layers of clothes to give us options...Fall in Colorado!!

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Annual Dues

It's also time to starting thinking about club dues renewals. 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.

If you'd like to avoid writing a check 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 update information such as address, daytime phone, etc. If you have no changes, just 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.

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, before the rush of the holidays.

Thank you!

Kathy Green, Your Membership Chair

DRIP QUIPS

Three men are out driving on a nice, sunny day. However, they all fail to notice the stop signs, and all crash into each other at an intersection. They all arrive at the Pearly Gates where Saint Peter is waiting for them.

St. Peter asks, "So, what's your story?"
The first of the three men replies, "Well, I think I just died in a car crash."

St. Peter nods and asks, "And what car did you drive on Earth?"
"A Pontiac Firebird," answers the mortal.
"Oh, I see. Well, unfortunately that means you're going to Hell, son."

The second man walks up and gets asked the same question. He looks slightly worried as he replies, "I drove a Ford Mondeo."
"Sorry, going down," St. Peter says.

The third man steps forward gingerly.
"So," asks St. Peter. "What sort of car did you drive?"
"Er, a Chevy Corvair," comes the shaky reply.

"Well then, welcome to Heaven, son!" says St. Peter.
The Corvair driver is slightly confused and says, "I thought I was in trouble there. What gives?"
St. Peter smiles and says, "Son, you've already been through Hell."

[This is why all Ford drivers are going to hell | Jokes Of The Day](#)

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>

- M Sunday October 15: 9:30, Regular monthly meeting at a **** new location****—Serrano’s coffee shop, 625 Hwy 105, Monument
- M Sunday November 19: Regular monthly meeting—location TBA
- M Sunday December 9: 2:00pm Christmas Party and short monthly meeting —Black Bear Diner, 1340 Garden of the Gods Road



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

These events all end sometime in October—please check before attending!!



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 \$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. 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> Payment is also accepted online.

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