

The Drip Line

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Cover Photo:

Steve's car at the Stockers Cars and Coffee in April. These are held the second Saturday of each month at Gunther Toody's on Woodmen Road.

The next meeting of the Pike's Peak Corvair Club will be held on Sunday May 19 at Tri-State in Las Vegas, New Mexico. Exact time and location to be determined



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PRESIDENT'S PONDERINGS

Submitted by Rex Harrison
PPCC President

As I write this I am looking out at warm sunshine – a far cry from Sunday's over-cast and chilly weather. I guess that means it is First or



Second spring in Colorado Springs! Congratulations to those members (old and new) who made the effort to get their Corvairs out on the day. It was particularly pleasing to see some new members to the Club (but definitely not to Corvairs!) on Sunday.

Once again, the Harrisons had to bring their water heater, as between the recent Space Symposium and then a work trip to DC I haven't had time to scratch myself. I am hopeful of dragging the convertible out into the sunshine on Saturday for the Bug Out day – many thanks to Glenn for hosting once again. That also gives the County a bit more time to fill in the potholes, because I hear they can be a problem!

Speaking of problems, noting Jerry's loss of hubcaps in the VP's message, I should share that my Monday just gone

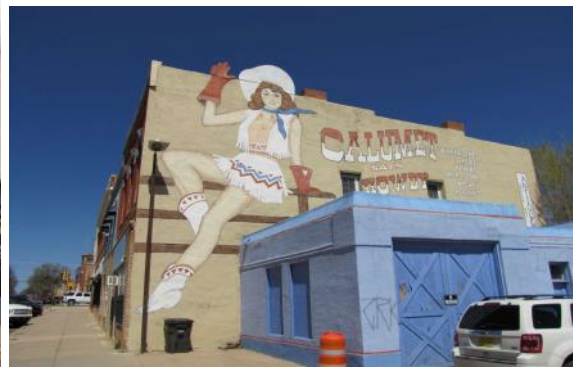
consisted of :

- a) getting a speeding ticket on the way to work (so I guess I'm a Coloradan now),
- b) arriving at work to find the computers down, so I should have worked from home,
- c) driving home to find that helpful workmen had dug up our driveway without telling us first,
- d) driving back to work to have a classified call with Australia, and then
- e) Australia not turning up. So essentially I should have stayed in bed...

Looking forward to May, Kristal and I are very much looking forward to heading down to New Mexico for the Tri-State (although most likely again we'll be going in the water heater, just to make sure we get there and back).

I know we are all going down there for the cars, but Las Vegas is billed as the oldest filming location in the world, with over 100 years of filming taking place in and around the town. For those of the counter-culture generation amongst us, parts of *Easy Rider* were filmed down the main street. As a teen-

ager of the 1980s I'll be no doubt dragging Kristal around to sites where *Red Dawn* was filmed back in 1984 (Can I hear a 'WOLVERINES'?). Meanwhile Kristal will probably be scouting out some locations for the TV show '*Longmire*' – set in Wyoming, but shot in New Mexico as you do!



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

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.

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

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

Address/City & State: _____

Club Affiliation: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

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

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Car Show Entry:

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.

Make Checks Payable to: "Corvairs of NM"; mail % Steve Gongora, 8419 Palo Duro NE, Albuquerque, NM 87111; email questions to: tristatecorvairs@gmail.com

Visit our website *Virtual Visitors' Center* to view excursion ideas: www.tristatecorvairs.com



Upcoming Meetings

Sunday, May 19, PPCC Club Meeting: 9:30 a.m., Las Vegas, New Mexico

Sunday, June 16, PPCC Club Meeting: 9:30 a.m., Palmer Lake

Sunday, July 21, PPCC Club Meeting: 9:30 a.m., Serranos coffee, 625 Hwy 105, Monument

Submitted by
Jerry Peevyhouse

VP VOLTAGE - Easy come, easier go

Potholes, or how to go from this:



to this:



with one trip into one of Colorado’s infamous, craterous, potholes ☹️. Yes, I did return to the scene of the crime after coming home and discovering the missing part, but no luck. I wasn’t lucky twice (there’s another story for another time) ☹️. Now don’t get me wrong, I’m glad we aren’t driving around on dirt or gravel roads generally, but, golly, what an absolute mess our paved roads are. So, as you can see, I was a victim of losing one of my really nice wheel covers to a huge pothole I didn’t see until it was, alas, too late. And too late around here is failing to drive looking down 5 feet ahead of you instead of driving, as I was taught, looking way down the road ahead to see traffic, etc. in time to react. I remember the rule was to maintain a distance of 1 car length for every 10 miles an hour (actually impossible with the way people drive around here). Tailgating is the Colorado state sport. It drives me crazy to have to worry more about trying (key word) to avoid potholes than avoiding the crazies barreling down the road at 85 miles an hour (yes, I-25 is unofficially the Colorado

Speedway).

So, you ask me, what about that ugly bare steel wheel, any chance of getting another wheel cover that matches the other 3? Well, since my wheel is a 14" wheel, it wasn't as easy as finding a stock 13" wheel cover. Fortunately, I did find a single matching wheel cover on E-bay (not in quite as good of shape as the missing one) that I paid almost as much for it as I did when I bought my set of 4 at the Corvair Mini-Convention back in Springfield in May of 2021. But alas, it's only money, right? So now, I'm in search of a set of 4 "driving" wheel covers that I can put on my car while driving around locally and am not as worried about losing. I can swap them out with my good ones when I get to car shows or events. Chris actually does this, and now I realize it's a good idea. I definitely will be doing this when we travel to the Las Vegas, New Mexico Tri-State in just 3 weeks.

If you haven't finalized your plans for attending the Tri-State, I believe it's not too late. There are alternate hotel accommodations than the sponsored hotels, and still time to register, see the website at: <https://tristatecorvairs.com/>

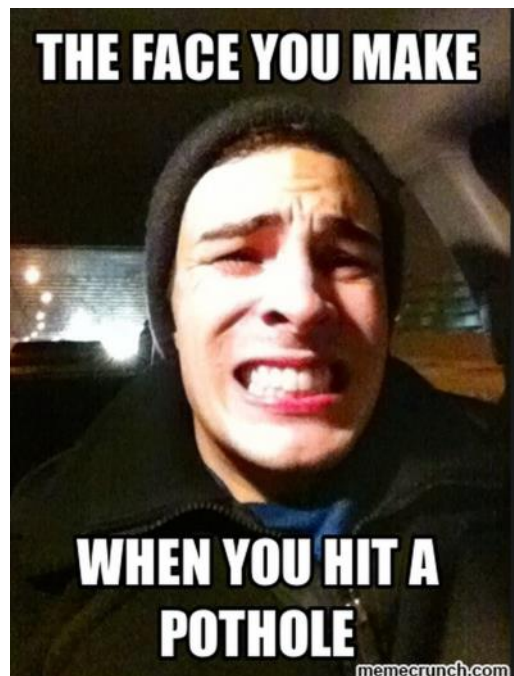
We're hoping for a good Colorado turnout, it should be a fun time.

As far as local events, the weather for this past weekend's Pueblo Air and Car show was pretty bad, so several of us that had registered ended up not going. Roads in Castle Rock through Colorado Springs were pretty slick. Hopefully we can attend next year. April around here is always a hit or miss proposition for shows.

Hopefully we'll get some good driving weather soon, and I can start looking for more "craters" in the road.

Enjoy the journey,

Jerry



MEETING MINUTES– April 21, 2024

Serranos Coffee, Monument

Submitted By
Kristal Harrison

Meeting opened at 0932 with 12 members on site – 2 new joining this month.

One on zoom (eventually, once we got the darn thing to work)

Visitors – Mario Wibbens has been involved with Corvairs since his Grandfather introduced them to him. He has many cars and multiple (4) projects on the go.

Kevin Shipman – first corvair in 1976, he now has 5.

Minutes of the previous meeting were discussed with no changes noted, approved by Kathy seconded by Randy and passed.

Treasurer's Report

General Fund \$2082.76

SeeMore Fund \$2610.76

Total \$4693.52

Stickers have been ordered and received, patches have been found, so no need to order any more.

Mail – 2 items, one flyer for a car show, one letter from prospective members

Membership 45 members as at 20 April, plus 2 more today

Past events

E-days in Golden – 11 corvairs were there, 4 from the PPCC. Approx 150 cars there total. Lots of kids were interested in talking about the cars. Kevin won an award for 'best domestic'.

Pueblo fly-in and car show. Fly-in didn't happen due to the weather. Jerry was going to go but chose not to due to the weather. The club will try again next year, hopefully the weather cooperates.

Second Saturday cars and coffee Stockers at Gunther Toody's was well attended, but only one corvair (SteveWoods)

SeeMore

SeeMore will attend the Concourse, then he will be dropped at Mario's for the next week so that he can attend the Castle Rock cruise-in. Mario will organise a spot for SeeMore (and the 10 corvairs). Mario and Glenn will organise to get SeeMore back to Glenn's place.

Upcoming events

TACT car show next week 27 April in Parker. A couple of members have registered already, and there are slots available.

Bug-Out next Saturday 27 April from 1000. Please let Glenn know if you're coming for catering purposes.

Denver RMC Tune-up day Sunday 28 April in Sedalia from 1200. Taco pot luck - please bring a side dish and a chair

Various coffee and cars on the first, second and third Saturdays in and around Colorado Springs

Pikes Peak Aircoolers club – Second Saturday each month

Tri-State in May – for those not going to Tri-State there are a couple of shows that weekend – Mash Mechanics and Florence

Concourse on June 09. Positions still available until May 17 – register online. SeeMore will be attending. For further info please contact John Green.

Club meeting in June will be at 1200 in Palmer Lake with Ice Cream and pie in support of the Palmer Lake Historical Society at 1400.

50/50 \$28 won by Ed \$27 for the club

Meeting closed at 1013

School of Mines E-Days Car Show

Submitted By John Green

This year's E-Days show featured beautiful weather for a wonderful change. We had a great showing of Corvairs at the show. I didn't notice any other clubs there, just lots of random vehicles. There were some Mustangs, a lot of trucks and



jeeps, a couple MG's and some random old and newer cars.

Gary Hoffman is an Alumni with School of Mines, so he has been the person getting the Corvairs involved for years. He had his 1946 Jeep there. We met up at the usual spot with 11 Corvairs and a couple of water eaters. It was very cool seeing the proces-

sion of all the Corvairs over to the parking lot. Unfortunately, one didn't make it all the way. Mario Wibbens's fuel pump went out. So, after the show Steve and a couple of others went over and with a spare pump got it going so he could get home.



At the show we all got lined up nicely to show off the cars. First it was Gary's Jeep. Then began the Corvair lineup: we had one of Tony's Rampsides, Steve Goodman, Larry Yoder, Kevin Shipman, John & Kathy Green, Dale Nielsen, Dusty Dodge, Jon Whiteley, Rick Beets, and Mike Piper all showed their cars.

Coda and neighbor friend Winston were



there, too, protecting the cars.

We all had a nice time. There were a lot of people and conversation. Kevin won a ribbon for Best Domestic Car of the Show. The Mine's students liked all the rear engines. A few of them apologized for this year's show and lack of effort and said it would be better next year.

Tech Tips - Check your harmonic balancer

Submitted By
Steve Goodman

The harmonic balancer is also known as the crankshaft pulley. In 1964 when the crankshaft stroke was increased the engineers added the harmonic balancer instead of the simple pulley on the 1960-1963 engines. The concern was the longer stroke could set up some vibrations (harmonics) in the crankshaft at certain rpm and cause cracking/breaking of the crankshaft.

The balancer is two pieces, the inside which is the hub to bolt to the end of the crank and an outer ring with a rubber type sleeve between the two metal parts. There was a vulcanizing/gluing adhesive applied to keep the two parts together. Unfortunately, after heat works at making the rubber hard and oil spillage and leaking tries to soften the rubber there comes a time when the outer ring becomes loose. Sometimes the outer ring will wobble while running and quickly catch the eye of owner or mechanic or on-looker. Since the timing mark is on the outer ring many times the looseness of the part will show while setting the timing due to being in a different position.

While running the outer ring always is pulled away from the engine (towards the rear of the car) and what is in the way of the pulley as it comes backing out??? The oil filter!!! The oil filter 'can' is very thin metal and within only a few minutes of having the ring rubbing against the side of the filter the result will be

a very quick mess and oil will cover the engine; especially if the engine is at speed on the road.**

There is NO quick roadside repair for this, the balancer must be replaced.

Look how the pulley is against the oil filter in this picture.



BUT sometimes luck is on the side of the driver (and mechanic). In this case John and Kathy Green had set a date for me to do a simple oil/filter/lube front susp and general check of their 1968 coupe before the start of the driving/car event season this year. John was going to hang around with the car and I raised the rear and started draining the oil. I always slip a baggie around the oil filter so no leaks/drips get on the engine or body. Hmm the baggie will not slip between the pulley and the filter and I immediately see the reason: the outer ring of the pulley is against the oil filter. I will admit that I was intent on getting the oil filter off and simply did not bother to look at the balancer before that point.

So everyone got lucky and no bad story about a Corvair broken down alongside the road.



If the pictures show well look closely at the oil filter and notice the paint worn off and metal showing.



Also there is a 'hash mark' across both pieces of the balancer and the old part shows the movement between the two pieces.

The old pulley still on the engine. Notice the outer ring is pulled away and hash marks not lined up.



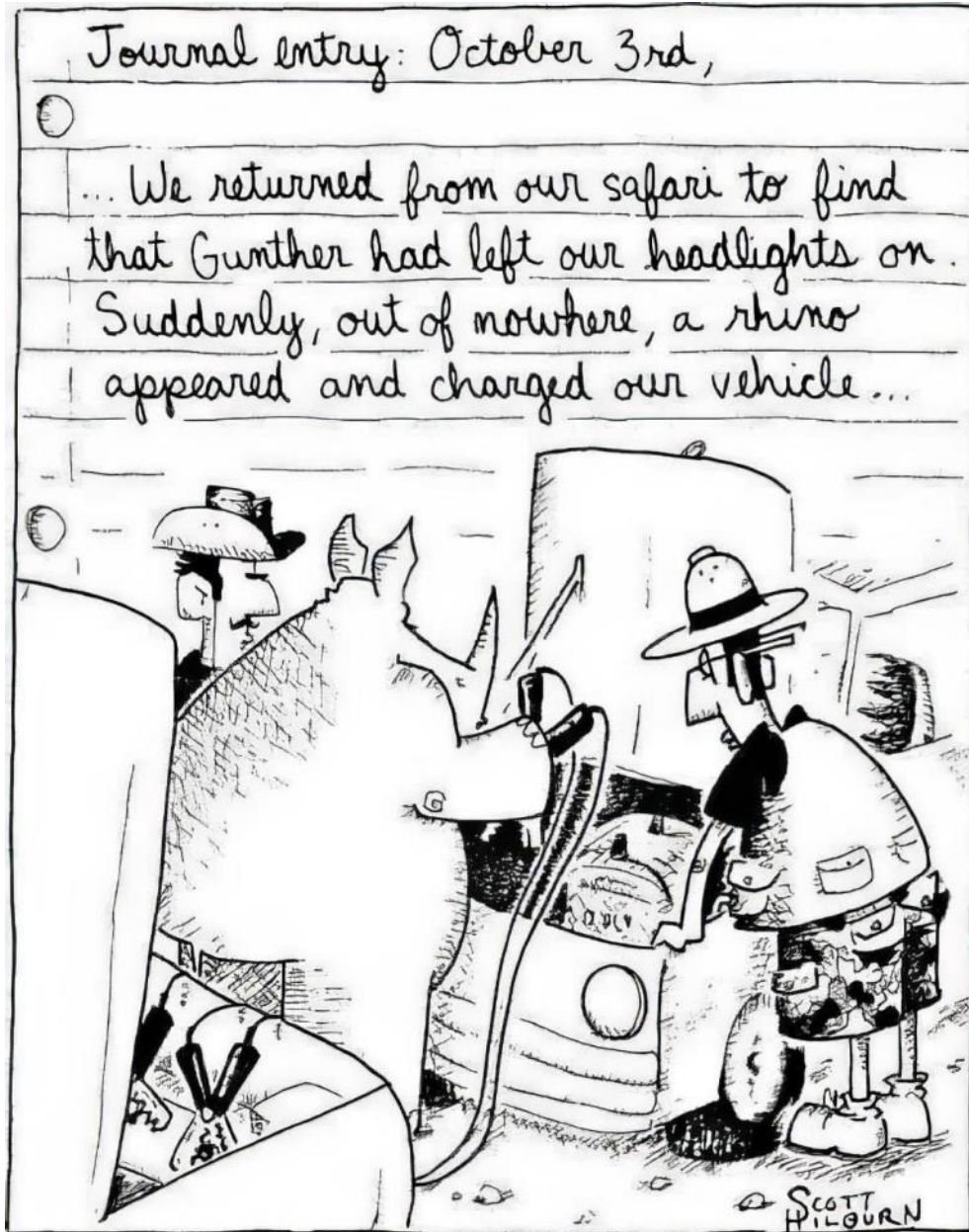
The picture of the fresh balancer shows where I used a white Sharpie to highlight the hash mark and also the timing notch on the outer edge of the pulley.

The balancer failure is not the most common occurrence but occasionally look the engine over while idling and just watch things in motion as well as listen the nice smooth 'whirring' of the engine.

******Unless your engine has A/C or smog, then the 90 degree filter adapter keeps the filter out of the path of the spinning ring. In these cases the ring finally falls off the hub and the fan belt is flipped and the gen/fan light shines brightly and the driver sez "darn my belt has come off". When the mess is discovered, towing insurance is necessary.

DRIP QUIPS


Thanks to Chris for this beauty...



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 editor@pikespeakcorvair.org 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](#)

- A Saturday April 27: 10:00am Tri-State Bug-Out, Glenn’s Place 8110 Shoup Rd in Black Forest Please bring a side or dessert to share
- A Sunday April 28: 12:00 RMC Tune Up and Potluck picnic 7082 Piute Dr Sedalia Please bring a side or dessert to share, and a chair to sit on
-  Friday 17—Sunday 19 May: Tri-State weekend in Las Vegas, New Mexico
- M Sunday June 19: 12:00 Regular monthly meeting—Palmer Lake




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)

Tri-Lakes Cruisers Cars and Coffee: 8:00—11:00am, next door to Serranos in Monument, 1st Sunday of the month, starting in April

Second Saturday Stockers free car show: 9:00-11:00am, Gunther Toody’s 5490 E. Woodmen Rd April-Oct inclusive

Third Saturday Cars and coffee: 7:00-1000am, 101 W. Costilla St May-Oct inclusive

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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<https://www.florencecoloradocarshow.com/2024-registration-form/>.

You can also download the printable registration form here:

<https://www.florencecoloradocarshow.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/Florence-Car-Show-Registration-2024.pdf>

and mail it to:

Florence Merchants Association
P.O. Box 511
Florence, CO 81226-0511

You can also register in person at:

Trending on Main
111 W Main St.
Florence, CO 81226,
Wednesday-Sunday, 11am – 4pm.

Please complete the printable registration form above to make it easier for everyone.

We know it's a bit late, so register and pay as soon as possible to make sure you get your spot for the 2024 event. Please follow us on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/FlorenceCarShow>).

We will be posting more information on Facebook and the website (<https://www.florencecoloradocarshow.com>) as we have it.

