

The Drip Line

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Cover Photo:

Wayne’s Father’s 1928 pickup, restored and painted with “Russert Forge and Machine” - just one of the many things he has in his garage

The next meeting of the Pike’s Peak Corvaair Club will be held on Sunday November 17 at Serranos Coffee shop in Monument at 0930am.



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PRESIDENT'S PONDERINGS

Submitted by Rex Harrison
PPCC President

G'day all,

The weather has started to (slowly) turn cooler, and the driving season is drawing to a close.



Which for the Harrison's has meant we have now sold the Corvette as well as the Corvair, so we are down to a dull, reliable SUV and a much more exciting (and much, much more likely to explode) Mini Cooper. Hopefully it will stay in one piece until the 21st of December, when we head home to Australia.

Don't feel too bad for us, we are going the long way round through Europe, with Christmas in the south of France, followed by a cruise from Athens to Venice over New Years...

There was a great turnout to the Workshop tour, with a good number of Corvairs and Brand-Xs. I think everyone was very jealous of the setup, and now feels they need a bigger garage! It was also great to see a large turnout at lunch down in Monument, on a beautiful warm day. We had a bit of excite-

ment with Chris's car, but thanks to the brains trust after cooling off was back on the road by the end of the tour.

Thank you to those who have, or are considering, putting their hands up for board positions in 2025. Like many volunteer organizations the club relies on people getting off the bench and doing a bit extra – and every extra bit counts. Often this means the same group of people coming forward each year – which is unfair on them and means that we don't have fresh people and ideas coming into the club. If you want to contribute your ideas next year, please put your names forward.

Kristal and I will be out of town for a couple of weeks – Kristal is meeting up with our daughter in New York to have Halloween in Sleepy Hollow, and then we are all meeting up in Charlotte to tick state number 50 off our list. Looking forward to sharing adventures with you after that.

Rex

Thought you'd seen it all?

Submitted By
Jerry Peevyhouse

Sometimes it's the little things that amaze you, like how that little creeping crawling caterpillar can turn into such a beautiful butterfly, or, well, you name your own thing that amazes you. On Oct. 13th, I, perhaps you too, watched something that blew my socks off and left me pretty much speechless. Space X is known for some pretty innovative things, but when they launched their Starship rocket, the largest and heaviest rocket ever built, into space and returned the 400 ft. tall main first stage booster back to the launch pad in one piece, that was just flat dab amazing.



ding me? If you haven't seen it, go on YouTube, watch it and then you could say, like I did, "well, I thought I'd seen it all"



Just like the innovation of the GM team, led by Ed Cole, to create our one of a kind Corvair, new Space X design teams are completely redefining what we can do in space. What once was an impossible goal of going to Mars, I believe, is within our kids/grandkid's lifetime. For all that's "wrong" with things, there are still more amazing things to come with innovations in space, medicine, etc. As they say "watch this space"

I couldn't stop watching the video of the falling booster igniting its engines just in time and being captured by the Mechazilla (aka Chopsticks) tower in Texas. All I could say was, are you kid-

So, as we head into winter, when we don't get our cars out as much, don't forget to look for the beauty in life.

Enjoy the journey, Jerry

MEETING MINUTES- August 18

Serranos coffee shop, Monument

Submitted By

Rex Harrison

Meeting opened at 0939hrs

Attendees:

- Jerry and Keith-Anne
- John and Kathy Green
- Glenn
- Mike Piper
- Rex Harrison

Minutes moved by John Green, seconded by Kathy, no objections.

Membership: 2 new members (Jared and Ashley, who came to the workshop tour).

Treasurer and mail:

General Fund: \$2,030.98

SeeMore Fund: \$2,071.76

Total Funds: \$4,102.74

No mail

Previous events:

- 5 Oct John Green went to outlet mall in Castle Rock for Cancer car show.
- Jerry went to Church car show (no date).
- Great turn out to workshop tour and lunch. Chris was in Florida with her

grand-daughter so unable to advise how her car is going.

Future events:

- Xmas function 7 Dec, black bear diner. John organising.

Business:

- Discussion on board membership. Jerry says that Jon Ferris might be up for VP. John Green can do events coordinator.
- Some discussion of reducing dripline numbers and just publishing minutes (eg. Quarterly not monthly dripline)

Meeting closed at 1004hrs.

Thanks to Rex for taking the minutes!!



Tour of Wayne's Garage

Submitted By
Jerry Peevyhouse

You're all familiar with the song lyrics "There is a house in New Orleans" from the House of the Rising Sun song by The Animals (yes, you do know it, it's a classic), but we can start a new song with the lyrics "There is a garage in Castle Rock" featuring our own Wayne and Bonni Russert 😊. This is not just any garage, as those who have been there can attest. On Oct. 12th a group of us caravanned over to his garage to tour it and see his amazing collection of cars, radios, shop equipment, and tools, etc.. Oh, did I mention cows too 😊. The weather was perfect for the drive.



John and Kathy, Jerry and Keithann, Chris, Rick, Tony and Diane, Steve, Rex and Kristal, and our newest club members, Jared and Ashley Eades (along with Evelyn, their 9-month-old daughter) caravanned from Safeway in

Castle Rock over to Wayne's garage in a mixture of Corvair's and Brand X cars.

And, as is not unexpected during any Corvair caravan, we had an opportunity to work on one. Chris had just recently got her car out of the shop and this was the first real drive, and she had an issue with the engine performance. She made it almost to Wayne's garage before needing to pull off and exercise our maintenance team traveling with her.

This is the classic shot of the guys looking the problem over 😊. We left it there to cool off, planning on returning after the garage tour to work on it, which we did. Turns out Tony did his magic with timing the engine and it and it ran fine after that.



Upon arrival at the garage, Wayne met us and showed us his Corvairs and the 1928 Ford Pickup his father had in his business.

He has an amazing collection of radios, including this one...which actually has a remote-control box, one of the first ones. Not exactly a pocket remote.



It's hard to do justice to his collection in this short article, but one thing we all came away that day with was his amazing historical knowledge of all things radio and old cars.

Here are some more shots of his shop.



Then we went over to his other barn to look at his collection of cars, some his, and some others own but store there.



After the tour, we traveled down highway 83 to Monument to have lunch, always a good thing to do when gathered together.




We got a chance to show our cars again and got plenty of thumbs up.





It was a great ending to our summer of shows and events. We want to thank Chris for planning the event, and Wayne and Bonni for hosting the event. Now, I have to go back to my little garage and just deal. 😊

 <p>Upcoming Meeting Dates</p>	<p>Sunday, November 17, PPCC Club Meeting: 9:30 a.m., Serranos coffee, 625 Hwy 105, Monument</p> <p>Saturday, December 7, PPCC Club Meeting and Christmas Party: 1pm, Black Bear Diner, Garden of the Gods Rd, Colorado Springs</p> <p>Sunday, January 18, PPCC Club Meeting: 9:30 a.m., Serranos coffee, 625 Hwy 105, Monument</p>
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TRI-STATE CORVAIR MEET PAST AND FUTURE*Submitted By
Steve Goodman

I think everyone knows the beginnings of the Tri-State Corvaair Meet. Briefly: in 1976 the CORSA national convention was being held in Philadelphia Pa in July. July of 1976 was 200th birthday of the USA so lots of people/traffic/high expenses etc. in the area. Several CNM (Albuquerque NM) club members including Francis Boydston/Sylvan Zuecher/Bill Reider/Leroy Rogers and others came up with a plan for a mini-convention in this part of the country and contacted both RMC (Denver) and Bonneville (Salt Lake City Utah) and both clubs agreed to the idea. *Remember that PPCC (Colorado Springs) had not been formed yet.* The town of Montrose Colo was chosen because of close equal distance between the three cities involved. It was well attended by all three clubs. It was intended to be a one time event.

In 1985 the same group in CNM chose to try a yearly meet and rotate hosting duties the same as the Fan Belt Toss was being done in California. Both RMC and Bonneville as well as the new club PPCC agreed to participate. CNM again chose Montrose as host city for 1986. It was well attended and RMC chose 1987 in Ouray. Next year was Bonneville's turn but some turmoil in their club changed their ability to take their turn. PPCC jumped in and that has been the rotation every year since. Bonneville often has members attend but has never been able to host an event.

I should note too that every time the year ends with a '6' it is held in Montrose as an 'Anniversary' year. It is also important to say that almost every year a small town in southern Colo or northern NM has been chosen for the event. Reasons include the mountain areas would bring Corvaair owners from other states so they could sight see/vacation etc. in a scenic area they had never seen before. Also having the event in May beat the tourist season and the small towns were eager to have over 100 people spending money and the Corvaairs would interest the locals so they would be in town spending money too.

Now we come to 2024 and beyond. The Tri-state meet has changed in the last

few years. Instead of a simple and brief meeting with the host motel and banquet facility and city officials for show'n'shine area the entire weekend has evolved into work. The three host clubs are running out of workers both before the meet as well as during the weekend. Probably the workers are running out of steam too.

The registration process and multiple choices of T-shirts and bringing auction pieces instead of just door prizes and the amount of volunteers needed to do the work has jumped a great deal. My last time as organizer was Salida in 2012 and everything was very simple and easy to do. (I organized a number of the early events and all were very easy).

The thought of having one location has been suggested. In my opinion that location needs to be in the mountains PLUS be equal distance to the three original clubs. We must not dismiss Bonneville just because they don't take a turn at hosting duties. Bonneville members attend many of the events but it is a long drive for them to Las Vegas NM. There were members in Salida last year as well as Glenwood Springs and even in Albuquerque in 2011. Also TRI-STATE means three states New Mexico, Colorado and Utah. That is a tradition which is important as well as selecting Montrose (the city it all began in) as the host city each year. Also since 2026 is looming after Trinidad in 2025 again tradition says it must be in Montrose.

In the beginning the host club newsletter editor made every effort to advertise the coming event by sending articles to the newsletter editors of clubs in surrounding states. Also the printed newsletters were swapped each month with other clubs and the articles about any meet was copied into that club newsletter. We used to always have attendees from Kansas/Nebraska/Wyoming/Oklahoma/Iowa/Arizona and occasionally from California and Washington state. When I was the event organizer I would call the clubs and visit with either president or editor too. Nothing beats the personal touch of a phone call vs the internet.

Again back to the beginning. The theme was to have a relaxed weekend of show-

ing off our Corvairs plus visiting with owners from other clubs as well as the local townsfolk who had their own Corvair stories. At the banquet some would sit with their own club members while others sat with owners from other clubs and visited while eating. Now the dinner conversation is interrupted with announcements/music and even beginning the program during the meal making it impossible to have a conversation over all of the noise. In my opinion the friendship part of attending isn't the same. I think this dampens the interest of some to attend the event.

Another point is driving our Corvairs. Albuquerque/Denver/Salt Lake City are within 42 miles of being equal distance (300-342 miles each way) and Colorado Springs is only 230 miles each way from Montrose. If your Corvair is well maintained and you use it often there should be a confidence level that says sure the car will do the trip. Along that same line is age of the drivers. Yes we are getting older (as our cars are) but if driving 6 hours is difficult leave a day early and spend a night in a motel along the route. OR drive a brand X and still take part in the weekend meeting up with old friends and making new ones. It is not mandatory to drive a Corvair but the only way you can enjoy the weekend is to show up in something.

**FOOTNOTE: please regard anything mentioned from the "past" as factual. All of the text regarding the future is my opinions only. I wrote the above article because the Tri-State Corvair Meet has been my favorite event every year since it began. The word 'tradition' is used often and keeping that tradition going is very important to me.*

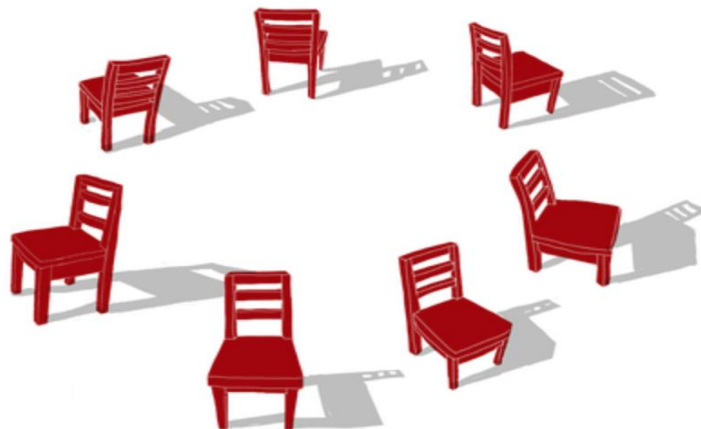
EVERYONE IS ESSENTIALBy Kathy Green
Membership Chair

If you've been with PPCC for very long, you're aware that we have a strong core of members who step up every year to take leadership positions. Believe it or not, sometimes that core of members would *love* to have some "new blood", and as members it seems we all should want some new ideas to help move the club forward.

We've been very fortunate that Rex and Kristal Harrison stepped up to fill some big needs when they did. For those who aren't aware, Kristal has served as our Secretary *and* Newsletter Editor for the past two years, and Rex has been our fearless leader as President this entire year. We are very grateful that they saw a need and chose to fill it.

Well, Rex and Kristal will be heading back "down under" in January (and they will be *sorely* missed), so we find ourselves again in need of some who will step up. Technically *all* board positions are open every year. Vacancies we know that we will have are President and Secretary. Chris Kimberly has also asked for a break from Activities planning, and will be stepping down from that very important appointed position. Our Newsletter Editor position will also be open.

So.....please consider if *YOU* could fill one of these important positions. Sure, the same core group of individuals can step up again, but rather than just playing "musical leadership", think about what *YOU* can do for PPCC. Contact any Board member for information about positions or to indicate your interest. Which chair can *YOU* fill?



OUR DUE DATE IS RAPIDLY APPROACHING!By Kathy Green
Membership Chair

So, did I grab your attention? I hope I did. And, I guess I misspoke—Our DUES date is approaching! It's time to start looking forward to 2025, and that looking forward includes asking that you consider renewing your Club Membership for 2025.

Dues for all member are \$26 to cover processing fees for PayPal, and to help cover the cost of gas for taking checks/cash to the bank. You can plan to pay at our October, November or December meeting if you'd like, or you can send your check for \$26 made payable to PPCC to: **Treasurer, Pikes Peak Corvair Club, P.O. Box 15034, Colorado Springs,**

Colorado 80935. If you want to save a stamp and an envelope, you may follow [this link](#) to our website where you can pay online. We'd love to have all memberships updated *before* the February 15, 2025, so the 2024 budget year can be wrapped up.

CORSA membership is not a prerequisite for membership in the PPCC. If interested in membership with the national organization, information can be found on CORSA's website at: <http://www.corvair.org>

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 renew today! Don't wait!

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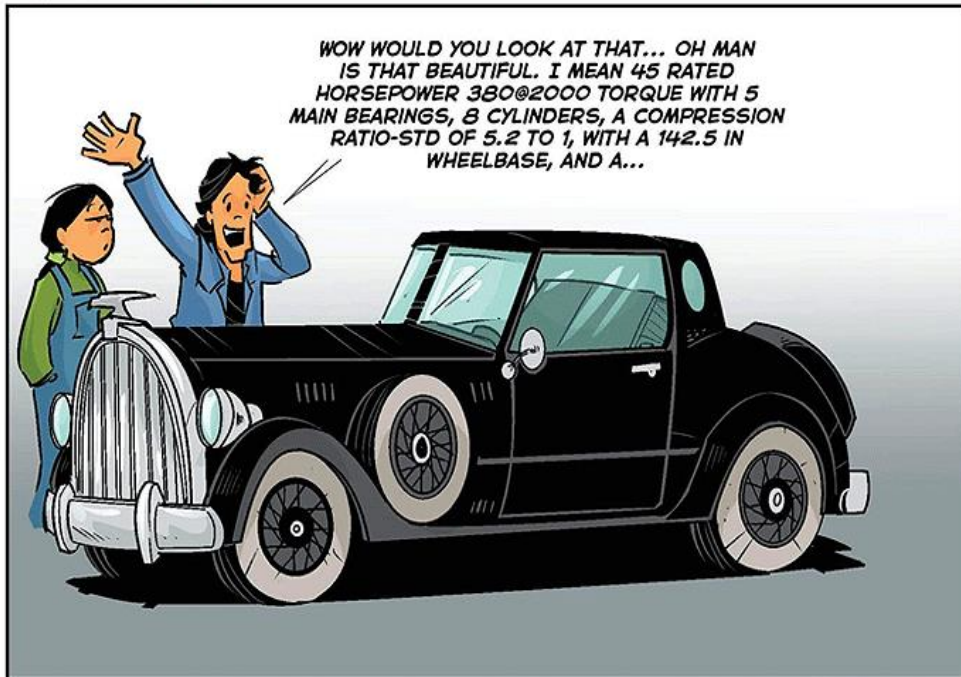


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2024 PPCC ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

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

- M** Sunday November 17: Regular monthly meeting at Serrano's in Monument 0930
- M** Saturday December 7: Christmas party - Black Bear Diner 2pm
- M** Sunday January 18 2025: Regular monthly meeting at Serrano's in Monument 0930



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. 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.

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