

# The Drip Line

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**Cover Photo:**

*Banksia having a ball on top of a mountain of snow at Rocky Mt National Park. She’s carrying a giant ice cube in her mouth*

**The next meeting of the Pike’s Peak Corvair Club will be held on Saturday December 7 at 2pm at Black Bear Diner, Garden of the Gods Rd, Colorado Springs**



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## PRESIDENT'S PONDERINGS

Submitted by Rex Harrison  
PPCC President

As many of you will know, Kristal and I are heading back to Australia this December (flying out on the 21<sup>st</sup>), so this will be my final words as



President. It is perhaps appropriate that this message reaches you the week of thanksgiving, as I have much to be thankful for being part of the club, and for the past year President.

Firstly, thanks for the friendship. As I said when I nominated for the position at last year's Christmas party, this is a club about cars, but the cars are nothing without the people. So for all the club members who extended the hand of friendship, whether at the Tri-State, the monthly meetings or wherever – thank you. I especially am thankful for the board this year, and the guidance and advice they were able to provide, drawing on their long association with the club.

Secondly, thanks for the knowledge I have gained. While it seemed that every time I fixed our Corvair it led to an-


other thing that didn't work, it did provide me the opportunity to grow my skills (as Eric Idle would say, you have to look on the bright side of life). I can say now that I've dropped a drivetrain and swapped out a transmission (made immeasurably easier by the use of the club jack adapter!). I've learnt more about carburettors than I ever wanted to know, especially the relationship between mixture and timing at altitude (give me electronics any day!).

Finally, thanks for getting me out of the house (and this is probably equally shared with Kristal). Without the Corvair, would I have gone to Deckers for lunch during the Fall cruise? Probably not. Left to my own devices, would I have decided to drive a 60 year old car to and from there, in the process driving at 8500' elevation? Definitely not! (for comparison Australia's largest hill is only 7300'). I'd have probably spent my weekends in the garage, running around the suburb and that's about it.

So as Kristal and I continue to pare down our possessions for the relocation to the southern hemisphere (we

are down to only two cars now!), we hope that you can pause amongst the festivities (and the black Friday sales) to share a moment with your families. Looking forward to catching everyone at the Christmas party!



 <p><b>Upcoming Meeting Dates</b></p>	<p><b>Saturday, December 7, PPCC Club Meeting and Christmas Party:</b> 2pm, Black Bear Diner, Garden of the Gods Rd, Colorado Springs</p> <p><b>Sunday, January 18, PPCC Club Meeting:</b> 9:30 a.m., Serranos coffee, 625 Hwy 105, Monument</p> <p><b>Sunday, February 16, PPCC Club Meeting:</b> 9:30 a.m., Serranos coffee, 625 Hwy 105, Monument</p>
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## It's almost time

Submitted By  
Jerry Peevyhouse

It's hard to believe that 2024 is almost over.

Thanksgiving this year is really late, so it's a quick 4 week turn around after

that till Christmas. Can you believe it? We've already had our "winter" snow blast (still have a ton of snow in our north facing back yard) and it's not even winter.

You need to mark Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> on your calendar, when we celebrate the start of winter with our shortest day. 4:30 pm sunsets are a bummer for me so I'll be glad that every day after that will get longer. But at least the weather inside my garage is decent enough for me to do my winter checks of my car to get it ready for next year's events. Car up on all fours now to check and lube suspension, plus check everything underneath. Making sure all the bolts are tight and no leaks. Plus, it's oil change time.

The exciting thing though for me is finally I'm getting my original seat covers (not in the best of shape) replaced. Just like the old saying of "how do you eat an elephant?," in the case of getting my upholstery updated, it's been a case of a little at a time. Learning how to be



patient 😊. Had to stretch out the purchase of all the pieces and the cost of having the work done on the seats by a professional. Could have saved a ton of money if I did it myself, but that's something I don't feel comfortable tackling. No hog rings for me, just bacon please. 😊.

Hope everyone has a happy Thanksgiving and a very Merry Christmas. Most of all, hoping for a healthy new year so that we can get our cars out and enjoy them.

Leaving you with a couple of lesser-known fun holidays in December.

Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> National Violin Day

Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> Underdog Day

Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> Wright Brothers Day

Hopefully we'll see you at our Christmas Party on Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>. Don't forget the Toys for Tots gift(s). It's a great cause. Plus, we'll have a special presentation you won't want to miss.

Enjoy the journey,

Jerry



**MEETING MINUTES- August 18**

**Serranos coffee shop, Monument**

Submitted By

Rex Harrison

Meeting opened at 0930hrs with 9 members on site

Visitors – 1 visitor Tegan Harrison (Kristal and Rex’s daughter)

Minutes moved by Rick, seconded by Randy, no objections.

Membership: no new members, and people are starting to pay their dues for next year

Treasurer and mail:

General Fund: \$2,030.07

SeeMore Fund: \$2,071.76

Total Funds: \$4,101.83

No mail

Previous events:

Trunk or treat at a church in Castle Rock – John and Kathy attended

Mike went to cars and coffee and Lafayette

Future events:

Xmas function 7 Dec, 2pm at black bear diner. John organising. Toys for tots requesting toys for ages 10-12. Gift exchange \$20 limit

Business:

No meeting other than the Christmas Party in December.

Nominations: (any changes, let me know ASAP!!)

President – Jerry

VP – Jon Faires

Sec – Kathy

Treasurer – Randy

Member at large – Glenn

Past Pres - Mike

Kristal has volunteered to continue to be newsletter editor (yay!) The club has decided to waive her fees for next year. *Please note - the timeline may not be as firm as it was these last couple of years, due to time differences, and shift work. And as always, any suggestions will be received with thanks.*

Please note - there will be no Drip Line next month, unless you get me your photos of the Christmas party and yearly closing remarks before 13 Dec...

Is anyone thinking of going to National Convention next year? Tony (probably), maybe Mike, maybe Jerry, but he won't drive.

Tri-State – host hotel is the Days Inn (719) 497 8080. Information is up on the RMC website for registrations, t-shirts, banquet reservations (around \$50 pp). Hotel reservations are now open. Car show will be downtown Trinidad – short walk/2 min drive from the hotel.

Randy was contacted by Nathan from Bonneville club who is looking to revamp the club. Maybe invite him to a board meeting – Jerry will contact him.

50/50 - \$18 won by Tegan, \$17 to the club

Meeting closed at 1006hrs.

**EVERYONE IS ESSENTIAL**

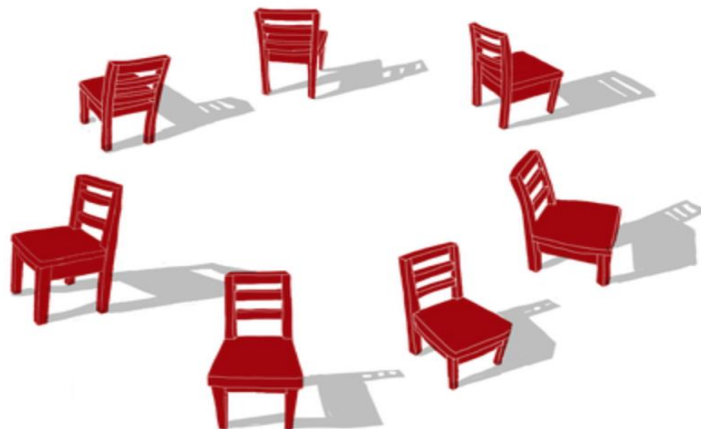
By Kathy Green  
Membership Chair

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!



DRIP QUIPS




*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](mailto: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](#)

- 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.*

**REAR-ENGINE SPECIALISTS, INC.**  
 16010 W. 5th Ave. Unit 12  
 Golden, Colo. 80401  
 Steve Goodman  
 (303) 278-4889 Fax (303) 936-7420  
 email: rearengine.steve@att.net  
 website: www.rearenginespecialists.com

Serving all of your Corvair mechanical needs for more than 51 years, Steve can make whatever is wrong with your Corvair right again. Locally owned and operated!

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 Joan & Cal Clark 14,000 Item Catalog \$6.00  
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Clarks Corvair Parts - Nuff said!!

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 "Automotive Paint Removal Specialist"  
 Plastic Media (Bead Blast)  
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 (303) 806-9992 3775 So. Kalamath St.  
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If you need your Corvair blasted, or just need the paint or rust removed from parts, Blast-Tech provides a great service for a fair price. Locally owned and operated!!

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**PPCC Admin**

**Monthly Meetings:** 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 \$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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