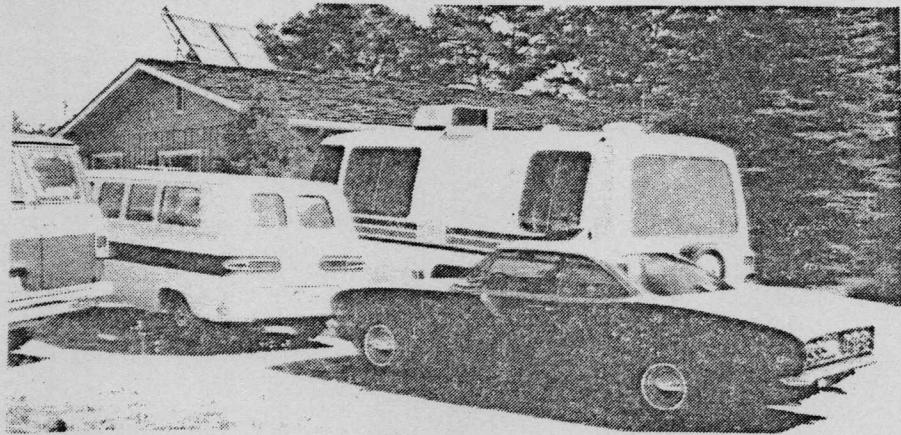


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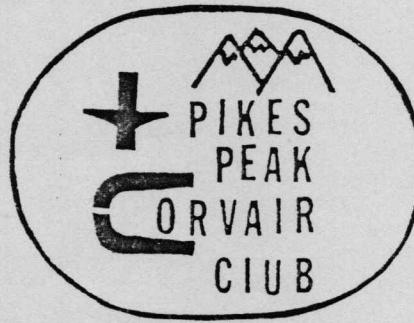
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## JANUARY MEETING

Our regular monthly meeting will be held January 22, 1985, at the NCOA club-house at the Air Force Academy. The meeting will start at 7:30 p.m.

## \*\*\*BEN'S BREEZE\*\*\*

Happy 1985 to Everyone!

-Ben-

## TECH SESSION

Don't forget the January 26th tech session at John and Bobbie Koll's house. It is always the Saturday after our meeting, and it starts at 1:00 p.m.

## DUES RENEWAL

### January

John and Dee Glusick  
Evelyn Halverson  
Jim and Laurelee Schwengler  
Don and Billie Vinson  
Jim and Pat Wood  
Howard and Vera Young

### February

Dale and Carolyn Baxter  
Ben Brown  
John and Doreen Dowswell  
Mark King  
John and Bobbie Koll  
Dick and Marcia Shuck

## CHRISTMAS PARTY

In December we met for our Christmas party and meeting at the Harlow home. Everyone brought Christmas food, and the feast was fantastic. After dinner (as it turned out), we had a short meeting, then a white elephant gift exchange. There were many unique gifts -- with a chance to trade! How lucky could one get!

The number attending was large, the fellowship and fun was outstanding.

Happy New Year!

## NEW OFFICERS

New (?) officers were elected at our December meeting. They are as follows:

President	Ben Benzel
Vice President	Jim Block
Secretary	Evelyn Halverson
Treasurer	John Koll
Member at Large	Tommy Harlow
Member at Large	Dick Shuck
O.C.C. Representative	Walt Hundertmark
Alternate O.C.C. Representative	Dale Carraway
Membership Chairman	Jim Wood

It was great to have so many members volunteer to serve again the same capacity.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

January 2  
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Lillian Block  
John Dowswell  
Tom Rathbone

## MEMBER OF THE MONTH

In December, 1965, Mark King was born in Anchorage, Alaska. Since his dad was in the Army, Mark did a lot of moving in his "growing up" years. He graduated from Doherty High School in 1984.

At present he is employed by Sealy Springs Company.

Mark's dad has owned three Corvairs, and this fostered Mark's interest in them. At the moment, he owns four Corvairs. He says there is one running and one almost "street" ready. He has plans to restore his convertible, but he would like to sell his van.

In addition to his Corvairs, Mark likes to play the drums and listen to pop, jazz, and rock music. Rock collecting is another hobby that he shares with his dad. Gemstones, crystals, and arrowheads are their favorites.

Mark is just like many other Corvair enthusiasts. It seems he is having a slight storage problem!

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING

The November 28, 1984, meeting of the Pikes Peak Corvair Club was called to order by President Ben Benzel at 7:35 p.m.

There were 18 members and 2 guests present.

Treasurer John Koll reported the Club was solvent.

#### Old Business

It was reported that the Old Car Council car show was profitable this year. Citizens Bank will sponsor the show again in 1985.

The Nominating Committee presented the following slate for the 1985 year:

President	Ben Benzel
Vice President	Jim Block
Secretary	Evelyn Halverson
Treasurer	John Koll
Member at Large (2 yr. term)	Dick Shuck
Membership Chairman	Dale Carraway
	Jim Wood

Tommy Harlow will continue to serve as Member at Large, completing her two year term in 1985. No additional nominations were received from the floor. Voting will take place at the December meeting.

Jim Wood was asked for further details on the train trip to Glenwood Springs. Jim said he had been quoted a rate of \$38 per person for the train ride, one way. He will be receiving a brochure on package deals for the trip and will have more information soon.

John Dowswell gave a report on possible car shows. The Rustic Hills Mall would like us to hold a show but do not want to pay anything. John said he would contact the Merchants Association for the Mall to see about being paid to hold a show. The representative for the Mall of the Bluffs was unavailable when John called. Further information will be available at the December meeting.

John reported that no one came to the November tech session. It was decided to hold a tech session at John Koll's house on December 1, beginning at 1:00 p.m.

Ben said the Club had purchased a set of Corvair repair manuals. The Club was not able to obtain the set for \$35 because only two sets were purchased, instead of three sets. One set had a lot of grease on it. The set of manuals cost the Club \$47.48.

It was decided the manuals would be kept at John Koll's house. Members can check out the manuals and supplements.

#### New Business

The Club's Christmas party will be December 16th at the Harlow residence. There will be a short business meeting.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING (Continued)

It was suggested that a listing of prices for Corvairs be published in the newsletter. Hemmings Old Car Guide would be a good reference.

John Dowswell said the San Diego Corvair Club publishes booklets with tech tips submitted by their members. A set, covering ten years, can be purchased for \$30. Upon motion made by John Dowswell, seconded by Dick Shuck, and approved unanimously, it was decided to purchase a set of the tech tips.

John said he will bring old newsletters from other Corvair clubs to the meetings. Members can take the newsletters home to read.

Walt Hundertmark said Champion has replaced their spark plugs with copper core spark plugs. The part number for plugs that will fit Corvairs is L92YC.

The Club thanked Bettie Jo Benzel and Dorothy Malew for providing refreshments for the meeting.

Ben said Lillian Block had sent some knitted potholders to be given away as door prizes at the meeting. The Club will thank Lillian for the donation after her return from California.

Door prizes were won by the following:

Gas line antifreeze	Mark King
Set of potholders	John Koll
Set of potholders	John Dowswell
Set of 7-Up glasses	Walt Hundertmark
Box of candy	Pat Wood
Set of potholders	Ed Malew
Set of potholders	Bobbie Koll

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Sincerely submitted,

Evelyn Halverson, Secretary

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CLASSIFIED ADS

For Sale:

1964 red convertible, 4-speed, good condition (good body, but two small rust spots on the fender). Asking \$2,500 but price is negotiable. Mrs. George Fisk, 596-1941.

Two 4-speed Monza Corvairs. One is running, one is a parts car. Make offer -- must sell. Call after 7:00 p.m. Ask for John. 1-307-634-4934. John Meckem, 802 Windmill Road, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82001.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

The December 16, 1984, meeting of the Pikes Peak Corvair Club was called to order by President Ben Benzel at 5:40 p.m.

There were 20 members and 2 guests present.

Treasurer John Koll reported \$591.70 in the Club treasury.

Old Business

The slate of officers proposed by the Nominating Committee was read:

President	Ben Benzel
Vice President	Jim Block
Secretary	Evelyn Halverson
Treasurer	John Koll
Member at Large (2 yr. term)	Dick Shuck
O.C.C. Representative	Dale Carraway
Membership Chairman	Walt Hundertmark
	Jim Wood

Ballots were distributed and counted. Ben announced that Dick Shuck had been selected as the Member at Large.

Walt Hundertmark said O.C.C. would like to have the name of an alternate O.C.C. Representative on file. Currently PPCC has no alternate. Dale Carraway was asked to be alternate O.C.C. Representative and accepted.

Discussion was held on holding a tech session in January. January 26th was the date selected. It was decided to hold future tech sessions on the Saturday following the monthly meetings.

Ben reminded members to keep their dues current.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Evelyn Halverson, Secretary

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TECH TIPS

Unlike most Corvair owners, I am not a mechanic. I made a deal with my mechanic....I promised not to fix any cars and in exchange he promised not to sell any carpet....so far I have kept my side of the deal, and I haven't caught him with any carpet samples in his garage. But anyway the Tech Tip for the day....

I parked my Corvair in front of the customer's house, went in, made the sale, came out and started to leave. Shift into first...vroom vroom...shift into second...what the heck is going on...it won't go into second. Let's try that again...bend the shifter lever some more.... Oh me, oh my, what do I do

## TECH TIPS (Continued)

now...think coolly. Well, the car can be driven first, third, fourth, and that's the way I drove to my mechanic's place. He got in and tried to shift the gears himself...now the opinion of the expert..."the golblamed thing won't go into second gear." I expected a shaft of lightning or a clap of thunder with that profound announcement, but nothing but awesome silence. He then said that we should contact a friend of his who was the expert on Corvair trannys..."sounds like a pin sheared in the synchro-mesh". To me it sounded like the tranny died and the transvestite wore black. He couldn't do anything until after the Fourth of July so I was content to drive my sick car without any second gear or any power at all but do not forget that David Pakula was and still is the ever present optimist and I kept trying to get the darn thing into second gear.

During the wait until the Fourth I stopped into two of the nationally advertised transmission companies for their expert opinions. They went something like this:..."Golly Gee, fellas...where di you find that old car...I have never worked on one of those...I will have to check the manuals and call you back later..." Two hours later that Gomer Pyle-like guy calls back and states that he thinks the transmission needs to be pulled and looked at for any broken parts and that it will cost at least \$600.00 dollars...The second expert said, "Boy, oh boy... is this a screwed up mothah...it's gonna cost up the gazingus guy. And I sure hope that somewhere in this good ole US of A some sombitch has got the parts to fix it...around 500 bucks, guy"...I cried all the way home...but still tried to shift into second gear....Remember that rainy day in June? Well, the Lightning struck...the Thunder roared...and my car shifted into second gear. I then went to the owners manual and decided to check the lubrication on the linkage...took 15 minutes and the job was done...It was as dry as a bag of alum.... Not any more... My Corvair shifts as smooth as a Jag...My Tech Tip is to check your linkage before it binds up and you also can't shift into second.

David Pakula

Reprint from the Central Virginia Corvair Club

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Want a tach in your '65 or later vair? Here is a cheap and easy way, if you don't have a clock in your dash. Get a sun tach #CP7905 \$35. Carefully pry off collar holding the dial glass. Remove dash, where clock goes, there is a plastic dummy. Hold in with 2 screws. Remove dummy. Press out chrome plastic pin in center. Drill out hole where pin was, to fit threads of knerled plastic hollow screw that goes in back of tach. Place tach in dash up against glass, make sure it is centered. Reverse dummy clock. Thread tach wire through hole and start screws. Feed wires through hollow tach screw. Screw into tach and tighten, holding tach from turning with screw driver point inserted between dash and reversed dummy clock. Check that tach is still centered and tighten two screws.

Wire tach according to tach instructions. Finnally, cut a quarter (25 cents) size piece of black electrical tape. Cut a small 1/2 moon notch on one edge to fit around rubber plug in clock now tach glass. Press tape to glass centered above plug. This is to keep light shining through bottom of tach out of your eyes. If you want to get fancy, a piece of black tape will cover "tach tune" on the face of tach and green bulb dye on tach bulb, and it will look factory. Now you can watch those rev's.

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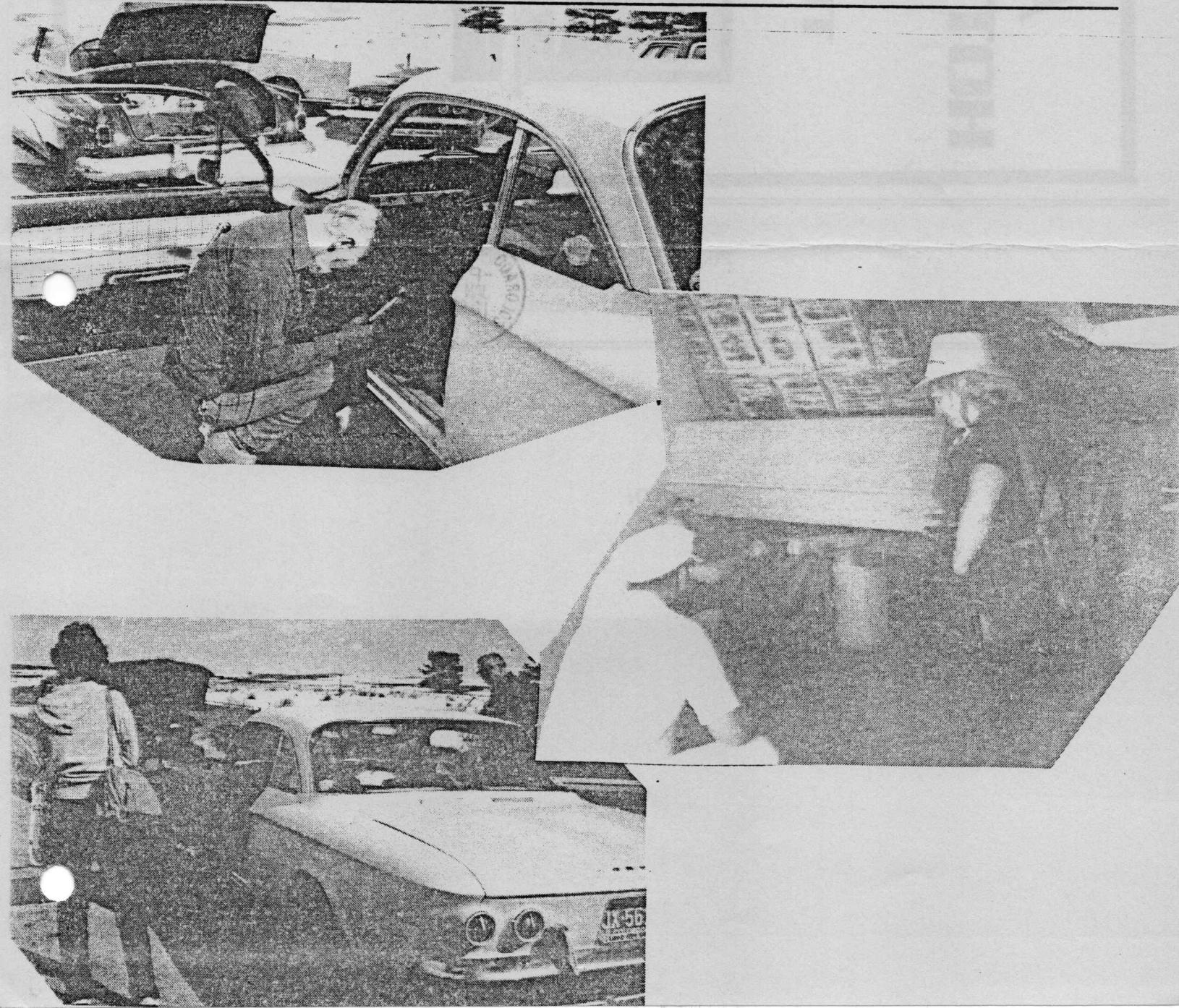
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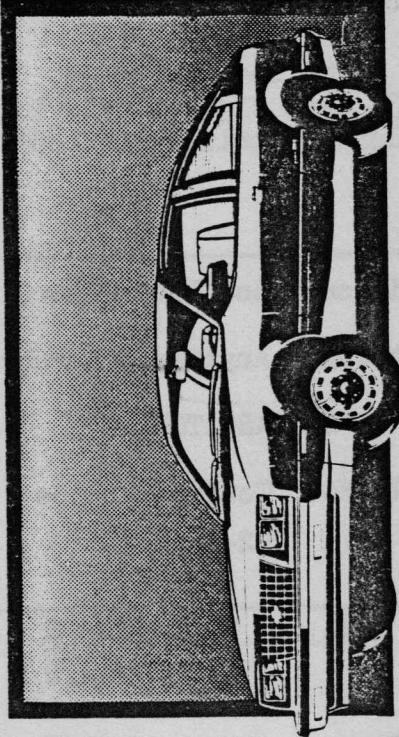
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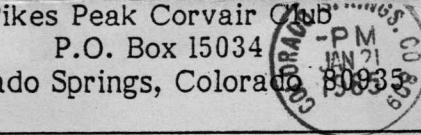
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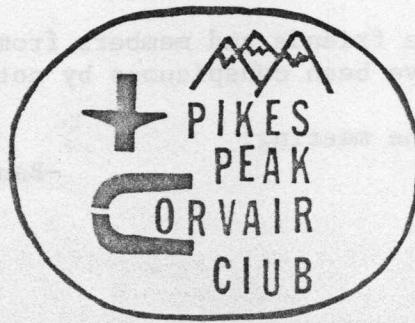
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FEBRUARY MEETING

Our regular monthly meeting will be held February 27, 1985, at the NCOA club-house at the Air Force Academy. The meeting will start at 7:30 p.m.

\*\*\*BEN'S BREEZE\*\*\*

Hope all of you stayed warm during the recent record breaking weather.

Our January meeting was small, but we covered a lot of district. Always most happy to have visitors at our meetings who join our happy club. Ray Schick, we are happy to have you aboard as our "newest" member.

A classic auto auction and show will bless our city on March 29 and 30 at the City Auditorium. To the best of my knowledge, this is something new. See details elsewhere in the Drip Line. Think I will go -- any takers??

Our Club will also be honored in helping, if needed, Pat and Jim as they organize the Ultra Van gathering here in July. Let's do all we can to help them make it a memorable occasion.

Hope our fine friends and members from Pueblo remember us and come to the meeting. They have been conspicuous by not seeing their faces.

See yah at the meeting!

-Ben-

## DUES RENEWAL

### February

Dale Baxter      John Koll  
Ben Brown      Dick Shuck  
John Dowswell  
Mark King

### March

Jim Block  
Dale Carraway  
Walt Hundertmark

## NEW MEMBER

Ray Schick, our newest member, says he has a 1963 four door, a 1965 Corsa convertible, and a 1968 "500" coupe. He has hopes for all three, although at this point in time he says, "They are all wrecks".

His interest in Corvairs began with a 1962 that he bought for \$85. This car was bought for transportation. (Can you believe he could get gas at about a quarter a gallon on 8th Street?) This car got hit often. However, his son was able to use it when he began driving. After 101,000 miles the rear end fell out. Ray saved the engine and junked the rest.

As a sheet metal worker, Ray knows John Glusick.

Welcome to the Club, Ray.

## O.C.C. NEWS

The annual spring swap meet will be May 18-19. October 3-6 are the days selected for the O.C.C. car show in Denver this year.

Update on Legislation: Colorado is considering legalizing the use of old tags if the tag corresponds with the year of the car.

It has been proposed that you must prove you have insurance when you present your registration for the new year.

## CAR SHOW

John Dowswell is still making inquiries about a car show in one of the malls. Since many car clubs are doing free car shows, it is doubtful that we can find a mall that will pay us.

The idea of having an old car show sponsored by all the old car clubs in the Colorado Springs area was advanced. John will continue to explore this possibility.

## LIBRARY

Our maintenance manuals are on file at John Koll's house. He has also ordered a set of the Vair Tips for us. If you need to use these, get in touch with John as they are for the entire Club (Club funds purchased them).

### VMCCA SWAP MEET

This year the meet will be held on May 5 at Phil Long Ford. There will be a change this year -- all car clubs in town are being invited to participate, not just antique cars. Commercial exhibits will be featured this year, too.

Keep this date in mind as you may want to participate.

### GLENWOOD SPRINGS TRIP

Jim Wood, after making further inquiries, reported this trip would cost approximately \$100 per person for transportation and lodging. This price did not include food. Therefore, the Club voted to consider a driving tour to Glenwood Springs, instead of going on Amtrak. This tour would be later in the year. Think about what you would like to do, and come to the meeting to help in the planning.

### NEW FEATURE?

It has been suggested that we have a parts wanted and parts for sale column, along with services available. If you have anything that fits in this category, please let your editors know, and we will get it in the next issue.

### AS THE OIL FLIES

Seems a skunk made its home under the clubhouse and died there. Our esteemed President had to drag him out. The skunk odor was covered by a moth ball smell. Ben said, "Don't take me skunk hunting!"

Jim Block queried, "Why didn't you sign him up while he was living there?"

The Rathbones will make our new decals in their shop when we need to reorder.

### ULTRA VAN RALLY

July 11-14 (Thursday through Sunday) are the dates chosen for the Ultra Van Rally this summer. These "whales" are owned by many of their original owners who went to Hutchinson, Kansas, to receive delivery. The owners were then asked to stay overnight to make sure everything was working properly.

The Ultra Van Club is independent of Corvair clubs, although their vehicles have a Corvair drive train.

PPCC has offered to help Pat and Jim Wood in any way possible in their preparation for the convention. Events will include dinner at the Flying W Ranch, a tour of the Air Force Academy, tech sessions, a GM proving ground presentation, swap meet, and shopping in Manitou Springs. While here the Garden of the Gods campground will be their camping site.



MINUTES OF THE MEETING

The January 23, 1985, meeting of the Pikes Peak Corvair Club was called to order by President Ben Benzel at 7:40 p.m. Ben welcomed guest Ray Schick.

There were 16 members and 1 guest present.

The November and December minutes were approved as published in The Drip Line.

Treasurer John Koll reported \$632.00 in the Club treasury.

Old Business

Ben thanked Tommy and Chuck Harlow for having the Christmas party at their home. Everyone attending had a good time.

Walt said OCC's swap meet would be held May 18 and 19 at Adams County Fair-grounds. The OCC car show is scheduled for October 3-6. Citizens National Bank would like suggestions for improving the car show in 1985.

Tommy advised the Club that Citizens National Bank had cancelled their ad in the newsletter. Walt said he would talk to the bank representative at the next OCC meeting about the cancellation as we had been asked to run the ad for one year.

Walt said the current issue of Old Car Weekly had a listing of all clubs belonging to the Old Car Council, along with a listing of other old car clubs..

Walt furnished the following update on pending legislation: one piece of legislation would allow owners of cars 20 years or older to use the same year license plates on the car. For example, a 1957 license plate could be used on a 1957 automobile. Another piece of legislation would require proof of insurance before a car can be registered.

Jim Wood reported on the proposed trip to Glenwood Springs. He said it would cost \$59 per person round trip to ride Amtrak from Denver to Glenwood Springs. The motel room would cost \$39 per person, double occupancy, and includes a \$3 ticket for the mineral baths. The total cost would be \$98 per person for a one night stay. A lengthy discussion followed, with the suggestion that we plan a driving tour to Glenwood Springs. Final plans for the trip will be worked out at the February meeting.

John Dowswell reported that Mall of the Bluffs wanted a formal proposal from us before they agree to let us hold a car show. When John asked whether they would pay for a car show, the representative said no. John said the representative indicated other car clubs were putting on shows for free. The Club consensus was that we do not want to do a free car show.

John said he had not called Rustic Hills Mall again but would do so in the coming month. He will also check with some of the other malls about doing a car show.

John Koll said a complete set of Vair Tips had been ordered from the San Diego Corvair Club but had not been received. The Vair Tips will be placed in the Club library for members to check out.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING (Continued)

Jim Wood said the Ultra Van Club will be holding a Rally to the Rockies July 11-14. They will be camping at the Garden of the Gods campground. Approximately 25-30 Ultra Vans are expected to arrive.

Some activities planned for the Rally include a tour of the Air Force Academy, craft sessions, tech sessions and a visit to Manitou Springs. Jim asked if Club members would like to help with some of the events. The Club agreed to help with the events as needed. Jim will provide more details later.

Jim said although the Vans have Corvair drive trains, most Ultra Van Club members do not belong to other Corvair clubs.

Ben said the VMCCA swap meet will be held May 5th at Phil Long Ford. This year all car clubs in town have been invited to participate, not just the antique car clubs. There will also be some commercial exhibits.

Discussion was held on raising Club dues from \$10 per year. It was decided an increase in dues was not necessary at this time.

Ben said he receives at least three calls a week from people looking for parts. It was suggested that a list be published in the Drip Line of club members with parts for sale and callers will be referred to these members.

Ben said the Club had received a flyer from Parts Unlimited indicating they had moved. See Ben for the correct address.

John Dowswell said he had brought newsletters from other Corvair clubs for members to take home and read.

Ben reminded members of the tech session to be held January 26th at 1:00 p.m. at John Koll's house.

Ben thanked Jim and Lillian Block for providing refreshments for the meeting.

Door prizes were won by the following:

License plate frame	Walt Hundertmark
Grease stick	Ray Schick
Two glasses	Tommy Harlow
Litter Bag	Don Vinson
Can of WD-40	John Dowswell

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Evelyn Halverson, Secretary

#### MEMBER OF THE MONTH

Our newly elected assistant O.C.C. representative, Dale Carraway, is a native Californian. Dale was born and spent his early years in San Diego. Later, his family moved to Paradise, California.

Dale met Judy in Paradise, California. The high school romance led to marriage.

In 1982 they needed a second car. Dale asked Judy if she knew what a Corvair looked like. She assured him that when she was 13 years old, she drove one in the backyard. So, they bought a Corvair Monza.

Dale says he began reading about Corvairs. Later he met Jim Wood and this led to membership in PPCC.

In October, 1983 they told their Corvair Monza. Then, in November, 1983, he bought a 1964 Spyder convertible. He credits his winning of first prize in our picnic with Rocky Mountain Corsa last summer to the condition of this car! He was able to identify more parts than anyone, thanks to his "basket case" convertible.

In the summer of 1984 he bought back his first Corvair to use as a parts car (seems Jim Block knows about some of these parts, too!)

Dale says he is still saying what he has been saying for a year, "I'll have the turbo-convertible running soon."

Recently they purchased a 1963 Monza 900 for a second car since he is still working on the "other" second car.

The Carraways have a charming daughter, Diane. Sami Sue, the dog, thinks she is their second child.

#### AUTO AUCTION AND SHOW

Good Buy, Ltd., 2444 Platte Place, is sponsoring a classic auto auction and show March 29-30 at the City Auditorium, 221 East Kiowa. General admission is \$2.00. Cash or letter of credit required from bank, for payment, to obtain bidder's numbers. The show includes judging with prizes in four categories.

Show hours are:

March 29th - Viewing 11:00 - 7:00 P.M.; Auction starts at 7:00 P.M.

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## TECH TIPS

Although many read this tip before, I wonder how many of you have heeded its advice in the last six months.

While the old Monza may have passed the hard-harder test last year, don't fail to make this life-saving test every six months. To recap for any newcomers, the hard-harder test is simple. Just hop into the driver's seat and jam on the brakes as hard as you can. When you are pushing as hard as you can, grab ahold of the steering wheel and push even harder on the brake pedal. Now, if your brakes hold, you've passed the hard-harder test. If your pedal sunk with the all too familiar PSSSSSTTTT sound, one of your rusty brake lines has given up. While replacement of the problem parts ranges from inconvenient to nearly impossible, most folks agree that brake parts are easier to install than front end sheet metal. A rusty line will always fail when you need the brakes the most, so don't forget this ten second check-up on a regular basis.

Another rust related problem focuses on the front suspension crossmember. While this author has warned anyone who will listen to enlarge the bottom drain hole and flush out trapped debris, the number of cars in service with "swiss cheese" or collapsing front ends remains alarming.

To prevent this dreaded rust-rot from infecting your rear engine friend, just put the front of the car up on jack stands, then cut the 3/8th hole in the bottom of the crossmember open to 1 inch with a hole saw or suitable device. Now beat on the crossmember with a healthy hammer and watch all the crud previously trapped inside fall out. Finish the job by flushing the box section out with compressed air or the garden hose. Like the brake lines, the crossmember should be inspected semi-annually to insure no blockage has occurred.

Taken from the Airhorn, published by Chicagoland Corvair Enthusiasts

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With hot weather coming, let us not forget that terribly neglected Corvair part, the oil cooler -- that small but very important aluminum box just under the generator or alternator at the lower left hand corner of your engine compartment. People tend to forget all too easily that a Corvair is air cooled. This means that air must flow freely over all parts of the engine - cylinder, heads and oil cooler - from the engine fan. This same fan not only moves hundreds of cubic feet of air per minute, but it also moves Corvair engine killers such as leaves, dirt, oil spray and deck lid insulation - not to mention the occasional rag or paper towel that we use to check the oil. In short, a Corvair fan is a potential vacuum sweeper that can suck up many things and deposit them on top of the engine and oil cooler. The oil cooler on your Corvair is designed to extract heat from the engine oil. If the fins on the cooler are not clean, air cannot flow through to extract heat from the oil.

Cleaning of the cooler is in itself relatively quick and simple. Just below the generator (60-64) or alternator (65-69) you will find a small plate about 2" x 3" with 2 small 5/16 heat sheet metal screws holding it down. Remove the screws and coverplate to obtain access to the top of the oil cooler. Now using compressed air or a high pressure spray (one like you would find at your local car wash), clean the cooler's fins out the best you can. If you are using air, direct the blast of

TECH TIPS (Continued)

air down through the finned area. Sometimes dry air is not enough to really clean if there is a lot of dry oil caked on and around the fins of the cooler. The best way to clean this is to go to the local car wash and use the high pressure hot soapy water to clean not only the cooler but everything else in and underneath the engine compartment. Hot soapy water never hurt anything, especially an air-cooled engine. Remember that heat cannot dissipate through an inch of baked-on oil and dirt. And if the car has set for any length of time, rats and mice like to use the trunk insulation to build their nests on top of the cooler and cylinders. If you choose to use the high pressure wash, be sure to take a common head screwdriver and a dry rag with you so you can dry the inside of the distributor cap. While you are at it, be sure to wash inside the heater ducts. This whole job only takes about an hour of your time and is rewarding.

Taken from Mid Continent Corvair Association - Glen Ziesenis

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CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE

1963 Corvair Monza, 80,000 original miles. \$600 - Jerry Lear, 596-3528.

1966 Corvair, red, automatic transmission, 2 door sedan, 70,160 original miles, runs OK, one owner. Bob Gramer, 473-6549.

1966 Corsa convertible, power top, red paint is original but white top has been replaced. Annette Berlin, 728 Delores, Fort Morgan, CO 80701. 867-5613 (work) or 867-7635 (home). Ask for Annette or Skip.

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TECH SESSION

Don't forget the tech session for February. Tech sessions are held on the Saturday following the general meeting, which will make it March 2. The tech sessions are held at John Koll's house, beginning at 1:00 p.m. Be sure and come join in the fun on the 2nd of March!

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CLASSIC CHEVY SWAP MEET

The Pikes Peak chapter of the Classic Chevy Club will be hosting a swap meet March 3rd at Phil Long Ford in Motor City. Proceeds will go to the Deaf and Blind School. See Walt for an application form for a space.

MORE O.C.C. NEWS

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At the February meeting Walt will be circulating a sign-up sheet to help with the O.C.C. swap meet May 18-19. You will be able to specify the day and time preferred. If you sign up to help during the day, you will be assigned to either assisting with parking or providing gate coverage. Persons working an evening shift will do guard duty. All shifts are for three hours.

The following swap meet spaces will be available:

10 x 10 indoor space	\$15
9 x 23 outdoor space	\$15
End space outdoor	\$30
Spaces at car corral	\$12

A new car club has formed in Denver. The Fo-Mo-Co Club is open to all persons owning Ford motor vehicles made between 1940 and 1970.

The Old Car Council has grown by two more clubs. The two new clubs joining are the Denver Roadster Club and America's Memories on Wheels (1960's or earlier cars and trucks). This brings to 60 the number of clubs belonging to O.C.C.

CAR SHOW

There will be an all GM car show and picnic April 28th at Alameda High School in Denver. Tropies and prize money will be awarded. See Walt for further information.

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Palm Sunday						

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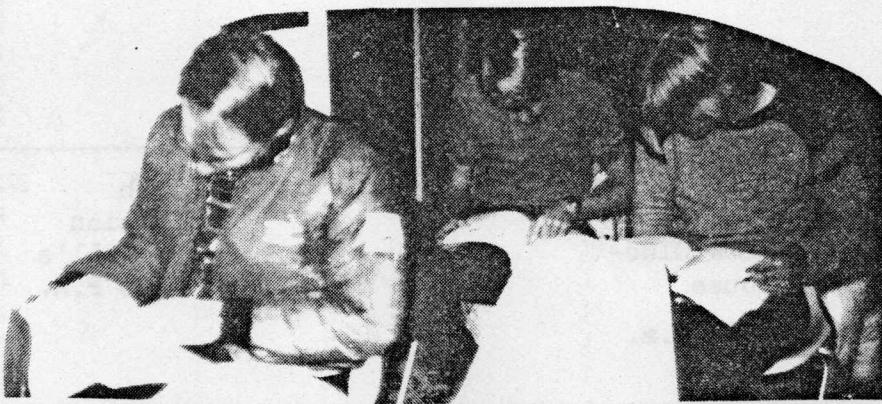
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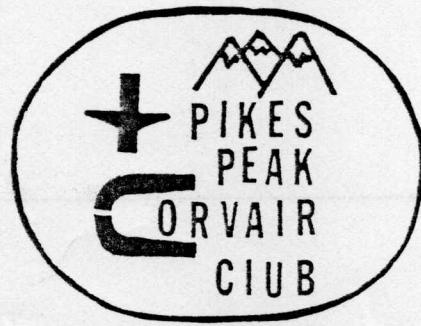
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## MARCH MEETING

Our regular monthly meeting will be held March 27, 1985, at the NCOA club-house at the Air Force Academy. The meeting will start at 7:30 p.m.

## \*\*\*BEN'S BREEZE\*\*\*

Suppose by now Jim and Lillian Block are enjoying that fine California weather. They are tending to the walnut farm for the next several months. We will miss them.

Always great to have a former and new member back with us. One of the originals, Jessie T. Barnett, is now retired from the U.S. Army. Thanks, Jessie, for not forgetting us.

Jim Wood found us some things at Ehnes-Rink Auto Supply that may be of use, as follows:

Heater Blower Motor	Part No. BTC M892
Heater Hose	Part No. BTC 995
Heater Hose	Part No. GSL 5-5300 (goes from engine shroud through fire wall)

They also have oil filters, valve cover gaskets and pan gaskets always in stock. See "Rosie" at the parts store and he will take care of you. Thanks for that input, Jim.

Tech sessions continue to be a learning experience and are well received. Don't forget to attend as we have a great deal of expertise in our fine club.

-Ben-

### TECH SESSION

Once again we had a great group for the tech session. There were quite a few different things happening.

Ben's engine has been changed in his blue convertible, but he is still having some trouble, so everyone was using their expertise to help him remedy this.

Also, with our new blower bearing grease gun, we also got an idler pulley bearing grease attachment, so these were put to good use. (If there is a mistake in here -- don't tell me! I'm not mechanical minded. Sorry about that.)

Remember, the tech sessions are held the Saturday after our meeting. These are held in John Koll's storage garage. If you have never attended one, you don't know what you have missed.

### GLENWOOD SPRINGS TRIP

As yet no firm date has been chosen, but April is the month that is being considered.

Jim Wood will be checking hotel prices as this will be an overnight trip. We will go on Saturday and return on Sunday.

If you are interested, be sure and come to the March meeting as the final decision to go or not to go will be made then.

Also, you may want to bring some hotel deposit money -- just in case!

### RALLY TO THE ROCKIES

On Saturday, July 13, our club will help in the tour of the Air Force Academy being held for the "Whale" convention. It has been decided that the tour will end at our clubhouse. PPCC will furnish the meat for the picnic that will follow the tour. Members of PPCC will also bring a dessert.

We will keep you informed of details as the months fly by.

### BUENA VISTA MEET

Antique cars and their owners are being invited to Buena Vista for three days this summer. There will be car shows, parades, swap meets, etc.

Be sure to attend the March meeting to help decide what our club will do about this rally.

### DUES RENEWAL

The following members need to renew their dues in March:

Jim Block  
Dale Carraway

Walter Hundertmark

### ROCKY MOUNTAIN CORSA BRUNCH

Sunday, March 10, Bettie and Ben Benzel and Pat and Jim Wood joined the Rocky Mountain Corsa in Denver at the Gasho for brunch. After an enjoyable meal, they went to Steve Goodman's for a short while. Then after a short tour, they journeyed on home.

Bettie and Ben drove their 1962 Corvair. Pat and Jim were in their 1965 Corsa convertible.

Pat was stuffing teddy bears she makes. Ben is sure there is a cotton trail from here to Denver and back.

Sounds as though they had a great time.

### O.C.C. NEWS

Seven new clubs have joined O.C.C., bringing the club total to 67 car clubs. The new members are St. Vrain Old Car Club, Rocky Mountain Falcon Club, Capri Club LTD, Rocky Mountain Healy, Rocky Mountain Chrysler 300, Mopar Muscle Club, and Pikes Peak Corvette Club.

The annual auto show in Canon City, held at the Abbey, will be June 15 this year.

O.C.C. is renewing interest in the leaded gas issue. Watch the papers and write your Congressmen!

Colorado is making available collector's stickers to be placed on windows of your automobiles that are not in operation. These stickers will be proof of taxes paid on your vehicles.

### CORSA MEMBERSHIP IMPORTANT

Everyone knows the cost of membership in CORSA has risen. However, the programs and activities for 1985 are being enlarged. Listed below are some of the major projects being planned:

- \* Aggressive new membership drive.
- \* Continued upgrading of our publications--CORSA Communique, and our quarterly newsletter to the chapters.
- \* Corporate fund-raising activities.
- \* New, upgraded CORSA merchandise -- designer Corvair T-shirts, golf shirts, and much more!
- \* Publication, promotion of our new Corvair Tech Guide, to be available in 1985.
- \* Expanded CORSA public relations activities to collectible, automotive, and national media.
- \* Continued insurance coverage for CORSA nationally and locally.
- \* Expanded national convention, in Houston, July 31-August 4, 1985.

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CORSA MEMBERSHIP IMPORTANT (Continued)

By supporting these activities with our membership and participation, everyone wins.

Let's all join CORSA and make Corvairing a special event for everyone interested in these wonderful cars of ours.

MEMBER OF THE MONTH

Although Jerry Hogan was born in Iowa, his parents moved when he was very young to Longview, Texas. Here was where he spent his boyhood. Another move found Jerry graduating from high school in Beaumont, Texas. After graduation Jerry joined the Army.

In 1966 he began working for the Colorado Springs Police Department. At present he is a detective in the juvenile division. Here he works with abused children.

Karla, the eldest of Jerry's two daughters, works at Current and attends Pikes Peak Community College. Melanie is a sixth grade student at Stratton Elementary.

Jerry's interest in Corvairs began in 1962 when he bought a new Monza. He kept this car until 1970.

His next Corvair was the beautiful 1965 gold hardtop Corsa that he drives today. The mechanical work on this car was pretty good, but he and a friend did the body work and paint job. However, at this time its transmission is being repaired. (To do this he and Walt did some swapping -- to both parties' mutual advantage).

Jerry hopes to be more active in club activities when his car is perking along again.

AS THE OIL FLIES

Our set of Vair Tips has arrived and has been placed in our library at the Kolls.

It was good to have Jessie Barnett back after his tour in Germany and house remodeling. We look forward to seeing you more often, Jessie!

Lillian and Jim are in California again working on their walnut grove. We will miss you, but we'll look forward to the summer when you are back.

The "Patience of the Year" award should be given to Ben for trying to explain car parts and repair parts to Tommy -- and over the telephone, yet!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

March 10  
23  
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Laurelee Schwengler  
Bettie Benzel  
Pete Thometz

## TECH TIPS

### Installing Plug Wires

I have learned the hard way that when installing plug wires that it is very important to route the wires to the distributor cap exactly as shown in the shop manual. Cross-fire is the result of mixed-up routing of wires. Recently, while cleaning wires, wire #2 pulled out of the distributor cap, with reinstallation not as originally installed, with resultant crossfiring. Checking the shop manual and re-routing of the wiring cured the problem.

The reason for a certain route is, as explained in some GM manuals, that current flow in one conductor induces a current and voltage in adjacent wiring if touching or too close. Therefore, the lead to a cylinder being fired should be as far as possible from the lead of the next cylinder to fire. If the lead of the next cylinder to fire is close enough to have induced current in it, it will fire the cylinder while on the compression stroke, resulting in rough running and loss of power.

#2 and #5 are the most critical due to their location on the distributor cap, and should be kept widely separated where they must cross each other. Follow the shop manual illustration -- it was not there to take up paper.

By Tom Silvey, Circle City Corvairs

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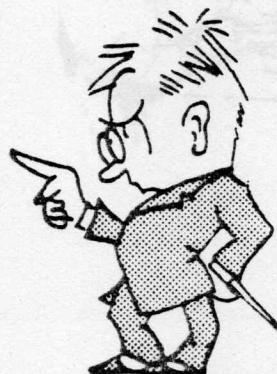
### Lower Compression by Stacking Gaskets

At the February meeting, we got to talking about the problem of finding high enough octane fuel for the 110/140/180 Corvair engines. During the discussion, it was determined that any Corvair engine might be modified by using thicker cylinder-to-block gaskets which would lower compression and power while making it less fussy about octane.

So I decided to determine mathematically what additional gasket thickness would be required to reduce the compression ratio in these engines one full point (1.0). A page and a half of algebra later, I came to the bottom line: each cylinder would require an additional gasket thickness of 0.045 in.

The practical application of this information is surprisingly simple. Both Otto Parts and Clark's Corvair Parts market copper gaskets which are stackable because of copper's inherent malleability. The copper gaskets are available in stock (0.032 in.) and 0.042 in. thickness. Stacking one 0.032 and one 0.042 together per cylinder, then, will lower the compression ratio just about a full point. Otto Parts recommends stacking a maximum of two gaskets.

By Joe Hovanec, Chesapeake Corvair  
From CORSA Communique, July 1979



## Install 1964 Differential in 1968 Corvair

Ken Owen just finished replacing a rear end in his 1968 with a differential from a 1964. It had to be modified to install the splined holding nut plates for the late model stub shafts. They are bolted to this nut plate to keep the shafts from just slipping out, since the axles form the top of the parallel arms. The ratio was changed to 3.27:1 from 3.55:1, but is not considered bad. The gears from the 3.55:1 are available for sale or trade. The change-over is not hard to do, but the re-assembly and adjustment of the ring and pinion gears is touchy.

By Ken Owen, White Sands Corvair Club

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## Regulating the Problem

Question: If an alternatore keeps burning brushes, is the problem in the alternator or the regulator? The wiring seems to be good.

Answer: The regulator in an alternator system controls field current through the brushes. If you are burning brushes and the wiring is good, the problem is most likely in the regulator.

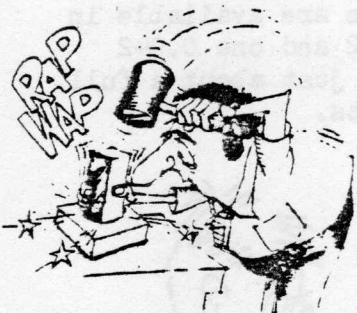
"HOT AIR" South Coast Corsa

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(Courtesy Heart O'Dixie Corvairs)

One of our members took his early model to the alignment shop, but was unsuccessful in getting the rear suspension aligned. For their benefit, alignment men take note. At the front of the transmission, where it connects to the cross member frame, there are shims installed between the cross member and the transmission. By removing or installing shims you can adjust toe-in or toe-out. This should eliminate the improper wearing of the tires. If they are wearing on the outside, it has too much toe-in. Inside wear, too much toe-out. Here are the specifications for front and rear suspensions (see chart below).

## TECH TIPS



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	CASTER	CAMBER	TOE-IN	TOE-IN
1960	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ POSITIVE TO 3 POS.	0 TO 1 POS.	$\frac{3}{16}$ TO $-\frac{1}{16}$	0 TO $\frac{1}{4}$
1961	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ POSITIVE TO 2 POS.	0 TO 1 POS.	$\frac{3}{16}$ TO $-\frac{1}{16}$	0 TO $\frac{1}{4}$
62-63	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ POSITIVE TO 2 POS.	0 TO 1 POS.	$\frac{1}{4}$ TO $\frac{3}{8}$	$\frac{1}{8}$ TO $\frac{3}{8}$
1964	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ POSITIVE TO 2 POS.	$\frac{1}{2}$ NEGATIVE TO $-\frac{1}{2}$ POS.	$\frac{1}{4}$ TO $\frac{3}{8}$	$\frac{1}{8}$ TO $\frac{3}{8}$

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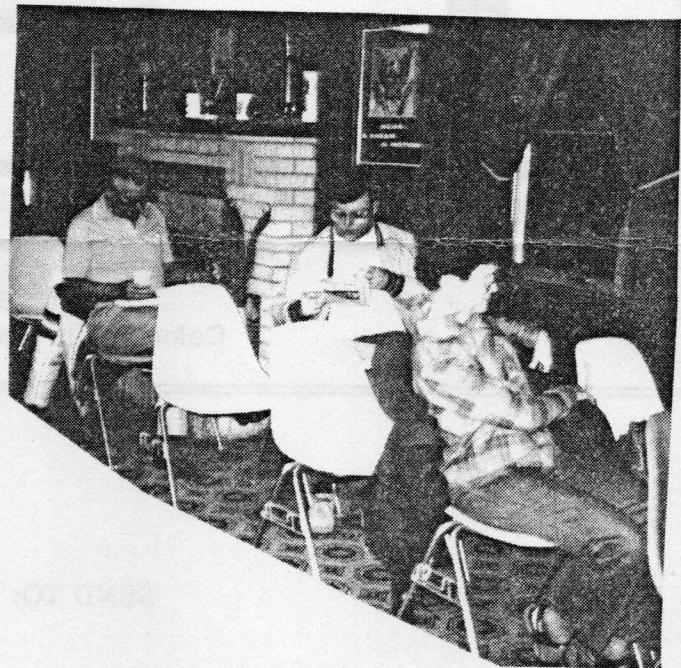
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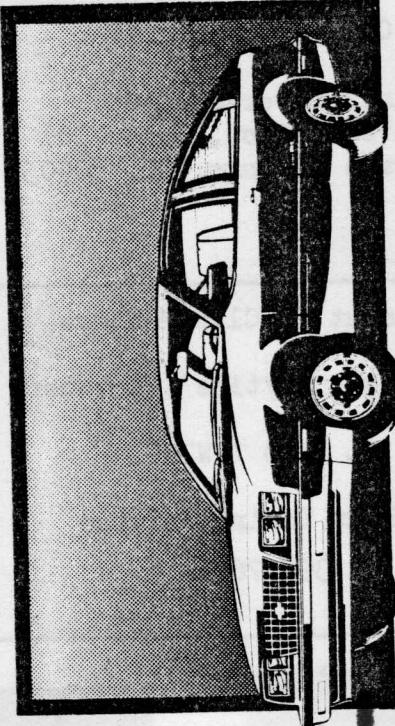
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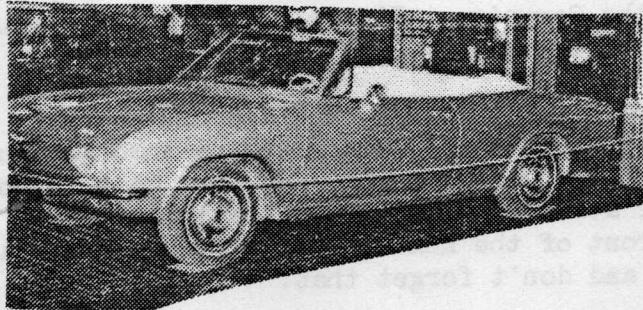
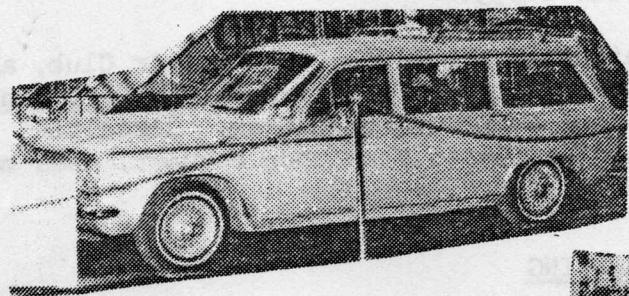
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## APRIL MEETING

Our regular monthly meeting will be held April 24, 1985, at the NCOA club-house at the Air Force Academy. The meeting will start at 7:30 p.m.

### \*\*\*BEN'S BREEZE\*\*\*

The Sunday brunch for April 28th at the NCO Club on the Academy is a go. Hope it is a good day to drive the Corvairs. Please let me know if you can attend. You will enjoy it!! More elsewhere.

A pleasure to have new members in our Club. New and old members, please remember this is your Club. What would you like to receive through your membership? If you have ideas, we want to hear from you. We want to make things the best possible, but it takes your attendance and participation. If you want to discuss something, but not in front of the membership, please give me a call. Each member is a VIP with me -- and don't forget that!

Looking forward to our trip on April 13th and our regular meeting on the 24th.

See yah,  
Ben

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## APRIL DUES RENEWALS

Mike Allen

Terry McKenna



BRUNCH, ANYONE?

At the March meeting clubmembers present felt it was time to have another of the famous NCO Club brunches. Ben has arranged this for us.

April 28 will be the date. We will meet at the Air Force Academy NCO Club at 10:30. Cost will be \$5.50 for each adult and \$3.50 for children from 6 to 11.

The food is excellent, and the variety and amount is fantastic for this price. The companionship is not shabby, either.

Make your reservations with Ben, 598-6886, or Tommy, 633-0619, by April 24.

JOINT MEETING WITH ROCKY MOUNTAIN CORSA

Remember the fun we had in Elizabeth, Colorado last summer? Our tour, car show, and picnic were fun for everyone who participated. Jim Wood and Steve Goodman are planning another this year on Sunday, August 18.

We will leave Colorado Springs around 10:00 a.m. and tour up to Elizabeth, Colorado again. Here, in the city park, we will meet the Rocky Mountain Corsa Club. Charge is \$1.00 per car (paid for using the park -- we have to reserve it).

Each family brings its own picnic dinner. Also, if you have any games, horseshoes, etc., you may want to bring those. Joint activities are planned, too. Several prizes were brought home by our members last year.

Be sure to mark August 18 on your calendar now and come join the fun.

CLARK'S SLIDE SHOWS

Evelyn has inquired on the availability of the two slide shows provided by Clark's Corvair Parts. These are rather difficult to reserve, so we hope we will be able to get one in September and another in November.

One show explains the plant and operation of Clark's. Another is on interior restoration of a Corvair.

Clark's generously provides door prizes and gift certificates when a club uses their slides, so make plans to attend on these meeting dates. When the times are finalized, we will give you more information.

BINDERS, ANYONE?

Ben has a rather unique way of keeping his catalogs and flyers pertaining to his Corvairs. He uses a large three ring binder.

Recently he had a chance to buy some of these binders at a reduced rate. These will be offered to Club members who are interested (also at a reduced rate).

## O.C.C. NEWS

Volunteers to work the O.C.C. swap meet will know at the last minute if they will have to work or not.

Walt and his friend, Chuck Laplan, collaborated on the meaning of O.C.C., its purpose and function. They have typed it up and have it beautifully framed. They plan to display this at the swap meet.

Walt is planning to take some space at the O.C.C. swap meet. If you have some car parts you wish to sell, give him a call.

## NEW MEMBERS

Jann and Carey Kuhn are new members from Penrose, Colorado. Carey says he has always liked Corvairs (our kind of people). At present they own a 1968 hardtop.

Welcome to the PPCC!

## ROCKY MOUNTAIN MOTOR CLASSIC

The Rehabilitation Center of the Pikes Peak region wants to develop a speech therapy center. Now what has this to do with antique cars?

On August 4 there will be a car show at Harrison High School. Cost of attendance will be 50 or 75 cents. Proceeds from the car show will go to aid the Rehabilitation Center in obtaining their speech therapy center.

## BUENA VISTA ANTIQUE CAR SHOW

This car show and swap meet is being held in July. However, in the information received by Ben, it seems our beloved Corvairs don't fit in any of the categories.

Seems it is a dead end unless you wish to go for viewing the other cars.

## AS THE OIL FLIES

It was good to see John Dowswell again. He and Doreen just returned from a 9 day trip to Clearwater, Florida. He reports they had a great trip.

Sorry to hear Dorothy and Ed Malew had been ill. We are glad you are both out and about again.

Chuck Seelye, one of our most faithful backers of the PPCC, attended our March meeting. He says his 1964 is almost restored. We are looking forward to seeing more of you in the future, Chuck!

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

The March 27, 1985, meeting of the Pikes Peak Corvair Club was called to order by President Ben Benzel at 7:40 p.m.

There were 18 members and 2 guests present.

Minutes of the February meeting were approved as read.

Treasurer John Koll reported \$635.17 in the Club treasury.

Old Business

Walt reported that seven clubs had joined the Old Car Council. The OCC swap meet will be held May 18 and 19. Walt will be renting two spaces and offered to sell parts for members at the swap meet.

Walt also reported on various swap meets and car events planned for the coming months.

The tour to Glenwood Springs on April 13 and 14 was discussed. Ben asked for a show of hands and seven couples indicated they wanted to go on the tour. It was decided to meet at the Sears parking lot, Chapel Hills Mall, at 9:00 a.m. on April 13 to caravan to Glenwood Springs. Jim Wood received the following quotes on rooms from the Super 8 Motel: \$38.88 for two people, two beds, or \$42.88 for four people, two beds. Jim will be contacting those members going on the tour with further information.

Jim Wood said there were no new developments to report on the Ultra Van Club's "Rallye to the Rockies" in July.

Discussion was held on the March tech session. Ben noted that it conflicts with a car auction at the City Auditorium. It was decided to cancel the March tech session.

Tom Rathbone said he would have the club decals available at the April meeting.

John Dowswell reported on possible car shows. He said the chances were slim that he would find a mall willing to pay for a show. Therefore, he will not pursue the matter further.

A short discussion was held on the car show and parade in Buena Vista on July 26-28. It was determined that Corvairs did not fall into any of the categories available.

New Business

Jim Wood said the second annual picnic with Rocky Mountain Corsa was scheduled for August 18 at Elizabeth City Park, beginning at 10:00 a.m. It will cost \$1.00 per car to enter the park.

Ben reported that we had received copies of The Corvair News, a publication of Wall's Corvair Underground, listing specials on parts. Members were encouraged to pick up a free copy after the meeting.

Ben said he could purchase fifteen ring binders at \$1.50 each. The Club could use some of the binders and the rest would be available for sale to the membership. Ben received Club approval to purchase the fifteen binders.

Evelyn Halverson read a letter from Clark's Corvair Parts regarding slide presentations available for monthly meetings. The Club decided to view "A Tour of Clark's Corvair Parts, Inc." at the September meeting and "Corvair Interior Restoration" at the November meeting. Each program will be approximately 20 minutes long. A \$50 refundable deposit must accompany the reservation.

It was decided to attend brunch at the NCOA club on April 28th. Cost will be \$5.50 per person. Let Ben know if you plan to attend.

Door prizes were won by the following:

Whisk broom	Dorothy Malew
Coors hat	Mike Bennett
Tool set	Walter Hundertmark
License Plate Frame	Ed Malew

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Evelyn Halverson*

Evelyn Halverson, Secretary

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### MEMBER OF THE MONTH

Not too long ago we ran a short story on new member Ray Shick's Corvairs. This part of his story will acquaint you with the rest of Ray's family.

Ray was born in Kansas City, Missouri, where he spent his first seventeen years. Then he moved to Albuquerque, New Mexico, where he started his apprenticeship as a sheet metal worker.

During his ten year sojourn in Albuquerque, he met his wife, Nye. Nye was a native of New Mexico, although she had lived in Texas where her father was employed on the Texas-Mexico border.

Ray and Nye met on a blind date in Belen, New Mexico. They were married in January, 1956.

They have four children and five grandsons. Eldest son, Andy, lives in Denver and has three boys. Pam, their only daughter, lives in Colorado Springs and has two boys. Rick is a resident of Los Angeles, where he works for cable tv. Ben, the youngest, is still at home.

About four years ago Nye went back to Pikes Peak Community College for her pre-requisites for a nursing career. She followed this with two years training and graduated as a registered nurse -- fulfilling a life-long ambition. At present she is an orthopedics nurse at Penrose Hospital.

The family loves to camp in their old Winnebago, but they have trouble finding enough time.

Ray is an Amsoil dealer in his spare time.

At present he has his eye on a 1961 four door he is trying to buy to add to his Corvair collection.

### COMING EVENTS

April 28	All GM picnic and car show, Alameda High School.
May 5	VMCCA Swap Meet, Phil Long Ford, Motor City, Colorado Springs, 7 a.m. to ?
June 13-16	Western Mopar Nationals, Ramada Inn Foothills, 11595 West 6th Avenue, Lakewood, Colorado
June 15	VMCCA car show, Abbey, Canon City.
June 22	All Chevy Day, Jefferson County Fairgrounds, Denver, Colorado
July 13-14	"Thin Air", Colorado Springs Rod and Custom

## TECH TIPS

### "Flash" Causes Cooling Problems

Marv Hoppenworth  
Cedar Rapids, IA

In re-working cylinder heads, especially from the later years, I find a terrific amount of casting "flash" down inside the cooling fin openings. Actually, some of the air passages can be closed off completely. By putting a light behind you, you can see blockages in the air path. I use a keyhole saw with an increased tooth "set" near the tip to saw out the slots to their full intended size. A job with this "Polish end mill" does improve the cooling capacity.

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### Repair Spark Plug Retainer Clips

John Osburn  
"VAIRMAIL", San Diego

To restore the insulation on the spark plug wire "combs" (or whatever you call them) that keep the leads nicely separated across the top of the engine shroud, you can use the insulating dip product that is used to insulate and cushion handles of pliers and other tools. This can be applied by brush or by placing a small amount of the stuff in a jar lid and doing a juggling act to dip the fingers of the "comb" in the stuff. Electrical suppliers sell the material.

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### Early Transmission Mount Remover

John Osburn  
"VAIRMAIL", San Diego

To remove early transmission mounts when the hex head is above the rear cross-member and nearly inaccessible to wrenches, try a 9/16" distributor wrench such as is used to reach down and beneath many distributors. You can work the business end of the wrench on to the head of the bolt and hold with one hand while with the other hand you wind the nut off the rusted end of the exposed threads.

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### Interlock Substitute

David W. Herbert  
VAIR-IETY, Corsa Northwest

If, when rebuilding your 1961-1964 four-speed transmission, you notice that the large (3/8" x 3/4") interlocks are rather ragged on the ends and you would like to replace them, don't bother to visit your friendly Chevrolet dealer; he has not had them in ten years. Instead, visit your local bearing house and buy individual 3/8" diameter ball bearings (they are quite inexpensive). Two each will exactly replace one of the interlocks. This configuration is identical to that of the Saginaw. Sorry, it does not convert the entire transmission to Saginaw.

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MAY MEETING

Our regular monthly meeting will be held May 22, 1985, at the NCOA club-house at the Air Force Academy. The meeting will start at 7:30 p.m.

\*\*\*BEN'S BREEZE\*\*\*

I guess everyone is happy with PPCC. I requested input to make your Club even better, but guess what -- no response. As your president I am here to serve you, please use me.

A good time was had by all at the brunch. For those of you who missed it, the only thing gained besides a good time was weight.

A number of us were selected to work at the swap meet on the 18th and 19th. For our new members, if have not ever attended, please try to make it. You will be surprised!

Try to make the meeting on the 22nd as things are beginning to warm up for the summer. Cheers!

-Ben-

FILMS

The film rental from Clark's Corvair Parts has been approved for two fall meetings. Besides the films, there will be door prizes furnished by Clark's.

Watch for the dates in the later issues of the Drip Line.

### CHEVY EXPERT

If you want to know some detail about a Chevrolet, Ed Malew tells us the man to contact is:

Irv Kaplan  
30,000 Van Dyke  
Warren, Michigan  
313-575-3653

He is located in the GM Technical Center. If you do use him, Ed said you may mention his name. (They used to work together and are friends.)

### MEMBER OF THE MONTH

Billy and Don Vinson are our Corvair family this month. Bill lived in Kansas City and Don grew up in Allen, Oklahoma.

They met in Colorado Springs where both worked for Colorado Interstate Gas. At present, both are retired.

Being retired does not mean they don't lead very active lives, however. Travel is a favorite pastime. They have taken two cruises to the Caribbean, several trips to Mexico, Alaska, and just returned from two weeks in Hawaii.

Billy volunteers a lot of time to the First Presbyterian Church. Don keeps active in the civic work of his Kiwanis Club. He also finds time to play golf two or three times a week. Both enjoy a good game of bridge.

There is always time for their eight grandchildren, too. Although two of Billy's children live in Fort Collins and two of Don's children live in Oklahoma City, they both have a child living here. Each child (and spouse, of course) who lives here has a set of twins. Is that some kind of record?

Their Corvair belongs to Billy. She wanted a convertible back in 1964, so she bought her pretty little black 1964. She says she was not the first owner, but she has taken care of it and drives it ever since she bought it.

### AS THE OIL FLIES

Walt sold his two cars to Ed Malew. At last report both fellows were very pleased with their bargain.

Ben heard from the Blocks. Lillian is busy baby-sitting and Jim is working on his Corvair engine.

At the last meeting the Malews said they were going back to Michigan to attend their granddaughter's graduation. Ben asked, "Are you driving your Corvair?" Dorothy quickly replied, "I'm not going if he drives his Corvair."

While in Michigan, Ed Malew will check on the cost of Chevy jackets.

### COMING EVENTS

June 13-16                    Western MoPar Nationals, Ramada Inn Foothills,  
                                  11595 West 6th Ave., Lakewood, CO

June 15                    VMCCA Car Show, Canon City, CO

June 22                    All Chevy Day, Jefferson County Fairgrounds,  
                                  Denver, CO

July 11-14                    "Whales" Rally to the Rockies, Colorado Springs,  
                                  CO

July 13-14                    "Thin Air", Rod and Custom, Colorado Springs, CO

August 5-8                    Rocky Mountain Motor Classic, National Event,  
                                  Harrison High School, Colorado Springs, CO

August 18                    Joint Meeting, Rocky Mountain Corsa, Elizabeth,  
                                  CO

### CLASSIFIED ADS

#### FOR SALE

1964 four door, white with red interior. Mary O'Rourke, 473-2963.

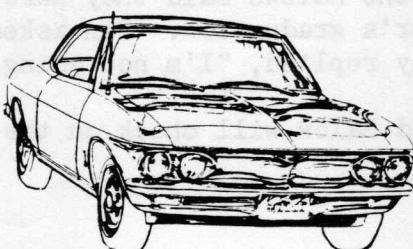
1960 Corvair, 700 model, 4-door sedan, automatic, ding in hood,  
glass good, Colorado car, kept in garage, red, 59,000 miles, \$1,000.  
Steve Sinn, 685-1456.

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1965 turbocharged Corsa coupe, for a parts car or a long-term restoration  
project, car complete, yellow paint, light gray upholstery, glass OK,  
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Box 323, Ketchum, ID 83340; (208) 726-5432 from 9-5 or home 726-5678.

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## GLENWOOD SPRINGS TOUR

We met at Sears in Chapel Hills early Saturday morning. However, on the way up from Pueblo, the Glusicks lost a rear wheel bearing. Jim Wood and John took their car to Pat and Jim's and Dee and John took the Wood's Continental.

Although we were late starting, we had beautiful weather and were soon hunting a place to eat. Just west of Idaho Springs we found a truck stop. The bathroom facilities were a little strange, but the food was good.

As we were leaving, some people even took in a true garage sale at the station next door.

Although the roads were quite rough, we had a great trip over and arrived in Glenwood in the late afternoon. We got our motel, visited, took a tour of Glenwood, and shopped in the Mall. (Didn't even get lost!) Then, we had dinner.

After dinner we journeyed to the Spa where everyone but two went into the warm water. Two of us sat in the lounge and visited. However, everyone reported a very enjoyable evening.

Since the manager of the motel had recently bought a restaurant, we had breakfast there with the compliments of the motel.

Everyone who needed gas got it. Jim figured his tank wouldn't hold as much as it had coming over because of the size of some of the ruts.

While some of our group went swimming again, others took a walking tour of Glenwood, including the recently restored Colorado Hotel and the old train station. Oh, yes, we picked up a few souvenirs at this time, too.

On the way home we stopped in Georgetown to eat. After a fabulous meal, we did a quick tour of Georgetown shops and headed home.

It was a great tour enjoyed by the Woods, the Benzels, the Glusicks, and the Harlows.

## APRIL BRUNCH

We met early Sunday morning at the AFA NCO Club. There was a large group in attendance and the food, as usual, was outstanding. And, as usual, we all ate too much -- or at least complained loudly about it!

Ben had some really "special" door prizes, and there were a lot of winners.

It was a great morning with good friends, good food, and lots of Corvair talk. Thanks to Bettie and Ben for setting it up for us.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

May 3  
14  
15  
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Carey Kuhn  
Bobbie Koll  
Mike Allen  
Dale Carraway  
Chuck Harlow

## VISITORS

At our April meeting, Fi Cox visited our group. She has a rampside and wanted to find out more about it. She brought a friend with her to our brunch who has a Studebaker. Fi is employed by Hewlett-Packard.

When Curtis Williams was getting gas one day, someone gave him Ben's card. He called Ben, and Ben invited him to our brunch.

Curtis has a 1965 Monza with a 110 motor. It has an automatic transmission. It is driven daily and has 103,000 miles on it to date.

When he made his move to Colorado from California, he had to leave his spare parts and Mr. Wade's Used Parts behind. He is a retired Marine who moved to Colorado because he has a brother here, and he likes the country.

## O.C.C. NEWS

The O.C.C. is requiring all members to become incorporated for insurance purposes. These clubs will be given 60 days to accomplish this.

Walt has reserved Centennial Hall July 10 for the summer meeting held by O.C.C. in Colorado Springs. The meeting will start at 7:00 p.m. Since there will be plenty of room, please come and sit in on the meeting.

Tom Ward, of Massachusetts, is still organizing car clubs nationally to work on the unleaded gas situation.

## VMCCA CAR SHOW AT ABBEY

June 15 is the date set for the VMCCA car show at the Abbey in Canon City. Although we are not going to enter as a club, you are urged to enter on your own if you wish. There is no fee for entering.

This show is a one day show with a dinner in the evening. Call Jim Wood or Ben if you are interested; they have more details.

## ROCKY MOUNTAIN MOTOR CLASSIC

The weekend of August 5-8 is the time chosen for this national event. Although the meet is for pre-1941 cars only, there will be a big car show August 4 at Harrison High School in conjunction with the meet. About 300 cars are expected. The PPCC voted to display our cut-away at this event.

The Pikes Peak Chapter of VMCCA is working with a Rotary Club and the Rocky Mountain Rehabilitation Center in order to raise money for the Rehab Center to develop a new speech therapy department.

Cost will be announced later. However, it is for a good cause so let's all support it.

## BUENA VISTA CAR SHOW

The PPCC decided to not attend this show being held July 26-28. If you care to attend individually, there will be a show, swap meet, and parade.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

The April 24, 1985, meeting of the Pikes Peak Corvair Club was called to order by President Ben Benzel at 7:40 p.m.

There were 15 members and 2 guests present.

Minutes of the March meeting were approved as published.

Treasurer John Koll reported \$623 in the Club treasury.

Old Business

Walt reported that OCC will hold its July 10 meeting in Colorado Springs. He has reserved Centennial Hall for the meeting. Members are encouraged to attend.

For insurance purposes, future clubs joining OCC must be incorporated before they will be accepted into OCC.

Tom Ward has volunteered to be the contact person for formation of a national Old Car Club.

Discussion was held on the Buena Vista car show. Upon motion made by Jim Wood, seconded by Walt Hundertmark, and approved unanimously, it was decided not to participate as a club.

Ben reminded members of the OCC swap meet to be held May 18 and 19 at Adams County Fairgrounds. Several PPCC members will be helping at the swap meet.

Discussion was held on the VMCCA car show to be held June 15 at the Abbey in Canon City. The Club decided not to participate in the car show.

The Rocky Mountain Motor Classic will be held August 5-8. There will be a display of cars at Harrison High School August 4. Upon motion made by Marcia Shuck, seconded by Dick Shuck, and passed unanimously, it was decided to enter the cut-away at the show.

Ben said we had received a letter from Clark's Corvair Parts confirming the dates for the slide presentations. Watch the newsletter for more details.

Ben said he had binders available for sale for \$1.50 each.

Everyone attending the Glenwood Springs tour had a good time. Thanks to Jim and Pat Wood for arranging the tour.

It was decided not to hold an April tech session.

New Business

Ben read a postcard received from the Blocks.

The Pageant Parade of the Rockies will be held August 7. We have not yet been asked to participate.

Ben reminded members of the brunch at the NCO Club on April 28th.

There were no door prizes for the April meeting. Ben said door prizes would be given out at the brunch on the 28th.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Evelyn Halverson, Secretary

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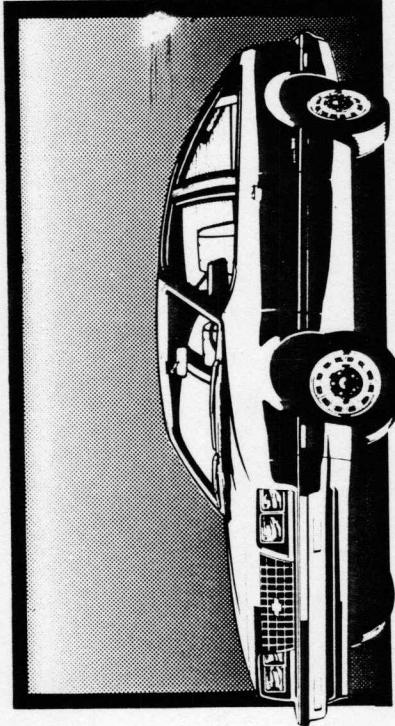
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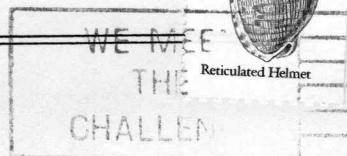
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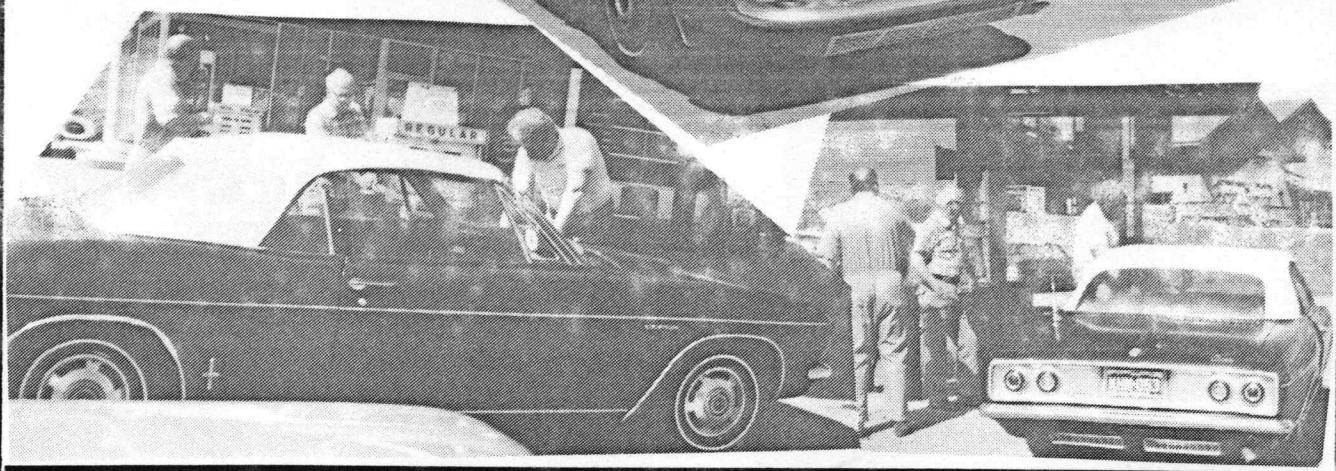
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JUNE MEETING

Our regular monthly meeting will be held June 26, 1985, at the NCOA club-house at the Air Force Academy. The meeting will start at 7:30 p.m.

\*\*\*BEN'S BREEZE\*\*\*

We will be having some busy months ahead. For instance, the tour and picnic July 13th. Things will fall into place but need a couple of volunteers to do some cooking, set-up, etc. Car show on August 4 and Rodeo parade is August 7. Things like these take a commitment to make it happen. Your cooperation and support is needed.

Our last meeting was rather skimpy in attendance. I promise you that I have changed my anti-perspirant! The success of your Club depends on you, and we depend on you!!! So, with a lot of action to take place, please mark your calendar for the 26th.

JUNE DUES RENEWAL

The following members need to renew their dues in June:

Ben Benzel  
Chuck Harlow  
Tom Rathbone



## ULTRA VAN RALLY TO THE ROCKIES

July 11-14 is the date for the Ultra Van convention. Our Club plans to host those members who attend with a picnic following their tour.

At the next meeting a committee will be organized to finalize plans for this event. After the committee makes these plans, everyone will want to help with their execution.

## ROCKY MOUNTAIN MOTOR CLASSIC

Our July tech session will be used to clean up the cut-away so it will be ready for display in this event.

Remember, proceeds of this show will be used to aid the Rocky Mountain Rehab Center to develop a new speech therapy department.

August 4 is the date on this show, so we will want to attend this fantastic display of "veteran cars".

## PAGEANT PARADE OF THE ROCKIES

Once again we have been invited to participate in the Pageant Parade of the Rockies, the opening event of the Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo. The parade will be held August 7.

Please let Ben know if you can furnish a convertible. We usually need at least twelve in order to fulfill our responsibility.

## WIN \$50 - \$75

Clark's Corvair Parts is looking for colored photos of their products -- carpets, upholstery, door panels, top boots, convertible tops, reproduction trim parts and general "artistic" Corvair photos. The selected photos will be used in their January, 1986 colored supplement insert. Enthusiasts submitting winning photos will receive photo recognition and a \$50 gift certificate for one (1) photo and \$75 if two (2) are used. All photos will become the property of Clark's Corvair Parts, and will not be returned. Winners will be chosen by Joan and Cal Clark and will be chosen on:

A - Photo Quality  
B - Originality

C - Color Accuracy  
D - Product Representation

They expect to choose 10 - 14 winning photos. All entries must be received by October 15, 1985. Please put your name and address on each photo or slide. They will not accept more than 5 photos or slides from any person. On interior products, please indicate if it was professionally installed or installed by the owner. Good luck!

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!



June 9

Doreen Dowswell

## CORVAIRS ON TV

On April 30th, PM Magazine (i.e., Evening mag) was at Clark's Corvair Parts and filmed for 11 hours! They filmed the business and 3-4 of the Clarks' Corvairs. Watch your TV guide listing as it may or may not be televised in our area.

## AS THE OIL FLIES

Since Walt always seems to win a door prize, he received a very special prize at the last meeting. Which of the three gifts did you enjoy most, Walt?

Tommy and Chuck Harlow have a new grandson, James Keith Butler. He was born May 19th. Some of you may know his dad as he has advised the PPCC on some legal affairs.

## O.C.C. NEWS

The by-laws were changed and updated. Additions to the bylaws were the size of club membership. Each club must have at least two people -- a president and a secretary.

Any club applying for entry into O.C.C. must have been in existence for at least six months before the request to enter O.C.C.

New clubs must have been members in January in order to share in swap meet proceeds.

The swap meet dates for 1986 have been chosen. It is to be held again at the Adams County Fairgrounds on May 24-25, 1986.

This year's swap meet gross was \$67,000, compared to \$56,000 last year. However, we had more clubs to participate and to share the proceeds.

## NEW MEMBERS

The Club welcomes new members George and Kay Wieder. The Wieder's have a 1967 Corvair convertible.

## CLASSIFIED

### FOR SALE

1967 Corvair Monza, 4-door, automatic, black leather interior, bucket seats, air conditioner, heater, radio, all in good working order, new tires on front wheels, snow tires on car, others stored. 82,957 miles. Has been serviced by Hank's Auto Service. Margaret Tutt, 200 Marland Road, 473-1860.

1962 Corvair panel van, 4-speed, manual, 2 reupholstered bucket seats in front, overhead console with tachometer, oil pressure gauge, cassette deck with head-phone jacks, glove compartment, 1965 140hp Monza engine, 3/4 race cam, heavy duty lifters, headers, 4 single barrel carburetors with original factory progressive linkage. Last driven in 1979. Has been kept in garage. Body needs work, minor rust. Van currently being stored in shed in Nebraska. If someone is interested, will bring back to Colorado Springs. All reasonable offers considered. Mike Strom, 2375 Parliament Dr., 594-4313(home) or 570-8066(work).

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING

The May 22, 1985, meeting of the Pikes Peak Corvair Club was called to order by President Ben Benzel at 7:40 p.m.

Minutes of the April meeting were approved as published.

Treasurer John Koll reported \$608.63 in the Club treasury.

### Old Business

Jim Wood reported on the Ultra Van convention to be held in July. July 13 is the date for the tour of the Academy grounds, to be followed by a picnic at the clubhouse. The Club will furnish the meat and members are asked to bring a dessert. A committee will be organized at the June meeting to contact members in regard to the picnic and also to coordinate setting up the barbecue, etc.

The Rocky Mountain Classic to be held August 5-8 was discussed. It was decided the July tech session would be used to clean up the cut-away prior to entering it in the show on August 4.

It was decided to cancel the May tech session due to lack of interest.

Walt reported on the O.C.C. swap meet. The Glusicks, the Woods, Ben and Walt helped out at the swap meet. The Club will receive a portion of the proceeds for helping with the event, and also will receive an additional amount for each volunteer from the club that helped.

Walt said there would be a demonstration at the State Capitol on May 25 from noon to 3:00 p.m. on the unleaded gas issue. O.C.C. is thinking of hiring professional lobbyists in the fight against the issue.

Walt received a reply from Congressman Ken Kramer regarding the unleaded gas issue. There will be a phase-down of lead in gas July 1, 1985 and another July 1, 1986. The EPA will evaluate the situation before the 1986 phase-down.

### New Business

Ben reminded members of the Corsa convention to be held in Texas in August. He also reminded members that ballots for new officers are due by July 5.

Ben said we had received two postcards from Clark's Corvair Parts. One told of a camera crew filming the business for PM Magazine and the other told of a contest Clark's is sponsoring, in which members were encouraged to submit photos of Clark's products being used in their vehicles. (Note: see article on page 2)

Ben said American Corvair Parts catalogs were available for sale at \$2.00 each. Upon motion made by Jim Wood, seconded by John Koll, and approved unanimously, it was agreed to reimburse Ben \$10.00 for the American Corvair Parts catalogs he purchased for the Club.

John said he brought some Old Car Weeklies and Hemmings Motor newsletters for anyone who would like to take them home to read.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING (Continued) [\[Edit\]](#) [\[Delete\]](#)

Ben said the Pagaent Parade of the Rockies would be held August 7. We have been invited to participate again this year. Please let him know if you can furnish a convertible.

Ben thanked Lillian Block for furnishing refreshments for the meeting.

Door prizes were won by the following:

White Grease Stick	Ray Shick
Hand Cleaner	Bobbie Koll
Radiator Repair Kit	Jim Block
Gas Tank Repair Kit	Don Vinson
Corvair Pin	Curtis William
Air Force Mug	John Koll
Coffee can with roll of toilet paper and bar of soap	Walt Hundertmark

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Evelyn Halverson, Secretary

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## Coming Up...



### COMING EVENTS

July 13 2:00 Picnic at N.C.Q.A. Clubhouse

July 11-14 "Whales" Rally to the Rockies, Colorado Springs, CO

July 13-14 "Thin Air", Rod and Custom, Colorado Springs, CO

Aug. 2-4 N.S.R.A National Poubb, Colo State Fair Grounds

August 7 Pageant Parade of the Rockies

Aug 7-11 National Impala(Chev.) Convention -

August 5-8 Rocky Mountain Motor Classic, National Event, Harrison High School, Colorado Springs, CO

August 18 Joint meeting, Rocky Mountain Corsa, Elizabeth, CO

### MORE CLASSIFIED

### FOR SALE

Carburetor synchronizer, \$5. Omar Halverson, 392-9815.

Jim Wood recently purchased a length of GM Corvair gas tank filler neck hose. It is 1 3/8 inch, which is very hard to find. Your Corvair uses 3 inches to connect the filler neck to the gas tank. If yours has not been replaced, it is probably hard and cracked. Replace it before it starts leaking. See Jim Wood for a good deal on 3 inches, as it only comes in 3 foot lengths. Jim has 2 feet, 9 inches left. (591-2407).

## TECH TIPS

### From "Smooth as Silk" to "Just Dies"

Jim Grotjan  
Transaxle Telegraph

Several months ago I commented that my '66 Monza 140 was running "smooth as silk". Shortly after that it developed a trait of just dying, and always at the most inopportune times.

First I checked the fuel pump output according to the tech manual -- no luck. Then I routinely went over the ignition, paying particular attention to primary voltage dropping resistor in the wiring harness -- it was okay. Separating the large junction plug in the engine compartment, I saw that it appeared corroded at the left front. I cleaned it thoroughly with TV Tuner cleaner and a small file, then tightened each contact by inserting a spring hook and opening it slightly -- you could probably use a partially opened paper clip just as well. Needless to say, the car is running smooth as silk again.

To elaborate a bit, I think these contacts get dirty due to several things, among them being age, washing the engine compartment with soap at commercial car washes, and possibly from connecting and reconnecting them.

I believe almost anyone can improve performance by giving clean electrical contacts their attention.

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### Ever Wondered...

Vair Street Journal  
W. PA Corvair Club

Have you ever wondered how many of each Corvair has survived? In 1969, there were only 521 convertibles made and after a careful study through the registrations of each state, it was revealed that there are 405 still registered! Are you curious to know which model has the largest number remaining? It is the 1965 Monza coupe with 27,749 survivors. The rarest of all Corvairs still on the road is the 1962 "95" Loadside with only 62 left registered. The Corvair has a remarkable survivorship as there are approximately 17% of all that were made still registered to drive. This totals over 308,000 vehicles.

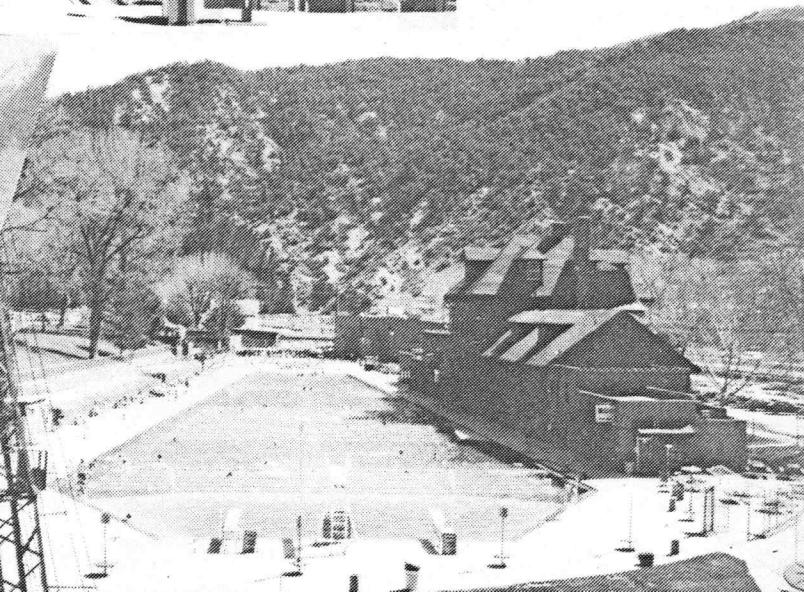
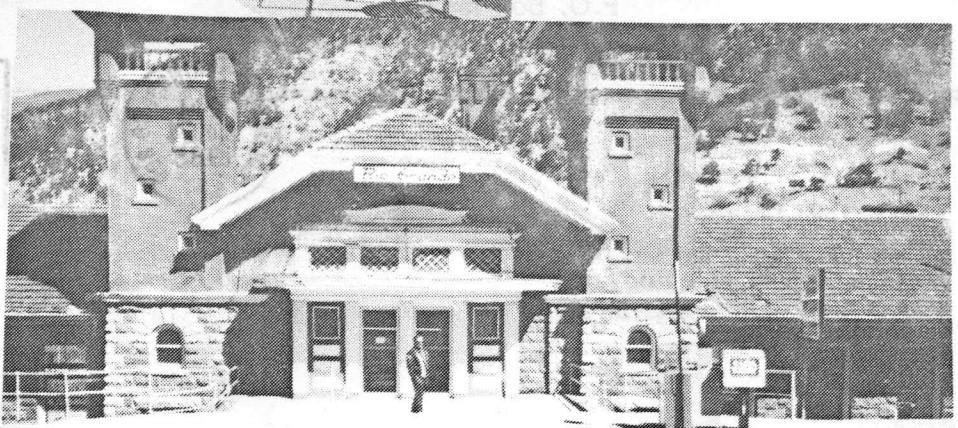
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### Interlock Substitute

David W. Herbert  
VAIR-IETY, Corsa Northwest

If, when rebuilding your 1961-1964 4-speed transmission, you notice that the large (3/8" x 3/4") interlocks are rather ragged on the ends and you would like to replace them, don't bother to visit your friendly Chevrolet dealer, he hasn't had them in ten years. Instead, visit your local bearing house and buy individual 3/8" diameter ball bearings (they are quite inexpensive). Two each will exactly replace one of the interlocks. This configuration is identical to that of the Saginaw. Sorry, it does not convert the entire transmission to Saginaw.

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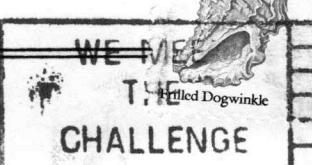
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AUGUST MEETING

Our regular monthly meeting will be held August 28, 1985, at the NCOA club-house at the Air Force Academy. The meeting will start at 7:30 p.m.

**\*\*\*BEN'S BREEZE\*\*\***

Hope you are all having a nice summer. The picnic went well and was enjoyed by all who attended. Thanks to all for the work, good food, and desserts.

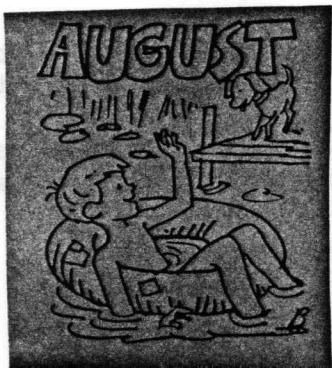
In support of the Rocky Mountain Rehab Center, I want to express my thanks to the following members for showing their cars on August 4th: John Koll, Dick Shuck, Jerry Hogan, Chuck Harlow and Jim Block. Thanks also to those members who helped behind the scene.

I encourage maximum attendance on August 18 to the picnic up north. Please plan on attending.

-Ben-

DECALS

We now have new decals for the Club. These were made and donated to the Club by Delta and Tom Rathbone. A big thanks from all of us goes to the Rathbones!



## JULY PICNIC

After a tour of the Air Force Academy, the PPCC members hosted a picnic at our clubhouse for visiting Ultra Van members.

A good turn-out was had by both clubs. There was an abundance of delicious food which everyone enjoyed.

Since it was held on Ben's birthday, there was a cake honoring this occasion. Also, a belt buckle with a replica of Ben's red Corvair convertible was presented to him by Jim Wood on behalf of the Club.

## ROCKY MOUNTAIN MOTOR CLASSIC

On Saturday, August 3, a group met at the Kolls' home to clean up the half-car and ready it for the car show on Sunday.

Early Sunday morning people began to bring their cars in to Harrison High School for showing in the Rocky Mountain Motor Classic. Our Club had a very impressive group of cars plus the cut-away, which had to be run by a generator since there was no electricity.

John Koll, Dick Shuck, Ben Benzel, Jerry Hogan, Chuck Harlow, and Jim Block had cars on display.

A fellow who stopped by and visited with Ben said he was a vice-president of the first Corvair Club in Colorado Springs. When he noticed the title of our newsletter, The Drip Line, he said, "And that's another thing, my Corvair was the only car I ever had that didn't leak oil". (Some of us wish we could say that!)

Thanks to Ray Shick and Ed Malew who helped bring cars in although they did not show.

Once again, our Club put on an excellent show. Thanks to all who were involved both on Saturday and Sunday.

## PIKES PEAK PAGEANT OF THE ROCKIES

Ben and Jim Block have done it again! The finding of a dozen showable convertibles whose drivers could get off work for this event is quite a task. Then there are loyal members who have to be elsewhere but enlist someone to drive their car.

Ten convertibles showed up at St. Vrain and Tejon at 8:30 Wednesday morning. Marcia Shuck "pantingly" joined us. Dick was having trouble and would be there as soon as he could. His car had stopped in front of Daniels Chevrolet on the way downtown.

A few minutes later Dick came driving up and had us all look at his brand new \$61 fuel pump.

The parade went off without a hitch as far as the Corvairs were concerned. Ben had to make two runs and Tom Rathbone and John Koll sent their cars with other drivers.

Channel 5-30 gave us good TV coverage and showed each car as we went by their cameras. They even thanked us for our continuing support of the parade through the years.

After the parade we met at the Broken Egg for brunch. We really had an enjoyable morning!

Thanks to everyone, drivers, owners of cars, people behind the scene, for making this annual event a great success.

#### JOINT MEETING WITH ROCKY MOUNTAIN CORSA

On August 18 we will have our annual picnic with Rocky Mountain Corsa.

Meet at Sears in the Chapel Hills parking lot at 9:30 A.M. We will travel together up to Elizabeth, Colorado. There, in the park, we will meet the Rocky Mountain Corsa group and talk cars, or whatever.

You will need to bring your own lunch and drinks. If you have favorite outdoor games, bring those too.

The group who attended last year had a great time. You don't have to drive your Corvair (if you are in the process of restoring it). Several of us drove Brand X's last year.

Come join the fun in this beautiful park.

#### NEED A JACKET?

When the Malews were in Michigan recently, Ed got us a catalog so we can order jackets with the "bow-tie" or Chevy logo. There are lined jackets, unlined jackets, jackets with parkas, etc.

Dick and Marcia Shuck graciously offered to handle the ordering. So, if you need a jacket, or if your old one needs replacing, just call Dick or Marcia.

#### AS THE OIL FLIES

It was good to see the Art Luques at the July picnic. Hope they decide to come more often.

Remember, the Club owns tools and manuals if you need them for repairs. John Koll has been kind enough to store our library and tools at his home.

If you are in dire need of some parts -- or just good information, Ed Malew has a parts book.

The Rathbones have a "new" 1965 convertible.

Did you know that ethanol dissolves the plastic and the rubber in your engine systems? It can also cause vapor lock.

Ed Malew's two sisters were here and joined us for brunch after the rodeo parade. We enjoyed meeting and visiting with them.

What PPCC officer was threatened with impeachment because the said officer purchased a Volkswagen? Ben, I don't think we can do without Jim Block!

MEMBER OF THE MONTH

Ed Malew was born in Akron, Ohio. He moved to Detroit, Michigan and attended school there. Dorothy was born and reared in Detroit.

At a neighborhood YWCA dance, Ed cut in on Dorothy and her partner. They have been married for 47 years. What a record!

Their son and his family reside in Rochester, Michigan. Their daughter and her family reside here in Colorado Springs.

Dorothy worked in the office of an exclusive custom made furniture store before her retirement.

Ed, our in-residence GM man, worked for General Motors for over 25 years.

Upon retirement, Ed wanted to move to Colorado Springs because he liked the country. Dorothy says she just "tagged along".

Although Ed worked on the floor when the Corvair was in its planning stages, he did not own one until he came to Colorado Springs.

He says GM used the Australian Holden, a car made in Australia by GM, as their basis for the Corvair. It was top secret because they did not want anyone to know they were working on a rear-engine car.

At present, Ed drives a 1968 without its muffler. Although he owns six Corvairs, he has been so busy since he retired that he has not had time to work on them like he would like to.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

July 9	Pat Wood
13	Ben Benzel
13	Richard Green
27	Judy Carraway
30	Jerry Hogan

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

FOR SALE:

1961 4-door sedan; 1962 Monza coupe; three engines - various horse power; multitude of parts; engine lid; left rear fender; early model parts. Irv Lindquist - 392-5446.

1965 Corsa, 140 H.P., 4-speed, 70,000 miles, custom restored, \$2,500 or best offer. Jerry Hogan - 630-8424.

Parts for Corvairs are kept in stock at Hensley's Battery.

O.C.C. NEWS

The July O.C.C. meeting was held in Centennial Hall, Colorado Springs. William Chestnutt, retired Colorado legislator, was the guest speaker for the evening. He spoke on the unleaded gas issue.

Ken Kramer's office has provided Walt with a copy of a bill (which we have heard very little about) introduced May 2, 1985. You will find a copy of it in the Drip Line. Please write your Congressmen a note that you are in favor of this bill. They respond better to personal letters or cards.

A sample card or note is as follows: (Please feel free to copy)

Dear Sir:

I favor a "yes" vote on H.R. 2325. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
(Name)

Listed below are the names of three of our Congressmen. Although Kramer is the only representative, it is important to let our two senators know how you feel, too.

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MAIL YOUR LETTER TODAY!!!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

Carolyn Baxter  
Evelyn Halverson  
Joanne Seelye

To amend the Clean Air Act to prohibit the Environmental Protection Agency from adopting regulations regarding lead additives in gasoline which are more stringent than the regulations in effect on January 1, 1985.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

**SECTION 1. CONTROL OF LEAD ADDITIVES IN GASOLINE.**

(a) **Findings.** The Congress finds that --

(1) Airborne lead contributes 10 to 20 percent of the body's blood lead level, with the remaining 80 to 90 percent coming from food and water.

(2) The Environmental Protection Agency's proposed total ban on leaded gasoline is misdirected.

(3) The Environmental Protection Agency seems to be proposing a regulation more for its dramatic effect than any health effect, because the real culprit, particularly in childhood lead poisoning, is old lead-based paint.

(4) The United States Department of Energy estimates that the implementation of the gradual phase-in of a ban on lead free gasoline would cause an immediate increase of 36,000 barrels per day in the consumption of crude oil, a wasteful use of a finite product.

(5) Even during its early days, the phase-in of a total ban on lead free gasoline would have an appreciable negative impact on farmers and low income people who depend upon machinery and motor vehicles that use leaded gasoline.

(6) Hundreds of thousands of citizens who own and operate outboard motors, antique motor vehicles, and special performance automobiles would be adversely effected by the proposed ban.

(b) **Amendment of Clean Air Act.** Section 211 of the Clean Air Act is amended by adding the following new subsection at the end thereof:

**"(b) REGULATIONS REGARDING LEAD ADDITIVES IN GASOLINE--"**

(1) **FURTHER REDUCTION PROHIBITED.** No regulation of the Administrator respecting the control or prohibition of lead additives in gasoline may require an average lead content per gallon which is less than the average lead content per gallon required under regulations under this section in effect on January 1, 1985.

(2) **EFFECT OF INCONSISTENT REGULATIONS.** If any regulation promulgated by the Administrator is inconsistent with paragraph (1), such regulation shall be of no force and effect after the date of the enactment of this subsection, and the regulations which were in effect on January 1, 1985 with respect to lead additives shall be deemed to be in effect in lieu thereof."

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

The June 26, 1985, meeting of the Pikes Peak Corvair Club was called to order by President Ben Benzel at 7:40 p.m.

There were 26 members and 2 guests present.

Minutes of the May meeting were approved as published, with the following correction: the second phase-down of lead in gas is scheduled for January 1, 1986, not July 1, 1986.

Treasurer John Koll reported \$633.37 in the Club treasury.

Old Business

The picnic with the Ultra Van club is still on for July 13th at 2:00 p.m. Members are to bring a dessert. Dale Carraway and Jim Block volunteered to arrive early to start the grill and set up tables.

There will be no formal monthly meeting of the PPCC in July.

Final details were worked out concerning the August 4th car show at Harrison High School to benefit the Rocky Mountain Rehab Center. The tech session to clean up the cut-away for the show will be held August 3rd at John Koll's house at 9:00 a.m.

Ben asked convertible owners to participate in the Pageant Parade of the Rockies to be held downtown on August 7. Twelve convertibles will be needed. Drivers are invited to a free breakfast to be held at the Holiday Central at 6:45 a.m. on August 6. After the parade Club members will get together for lunch.

August 18th is the date set for the joint picnic with Rocky Mountain Corsa. Meet at the Sears parking lot at Chapel Hills at 9:30 a.m. Bring your own food and utensils.

Ed Malew gave the Club a brochure he brought back from Michigan for Chevy jackets. Eleven members expressed interest in ordering a jacket so Dick and Marcia Shuck volunteered to place the order.

Tom Rathbone presented the Club with decals he had printed. As Tom would not allow the Club to reimburse him for the decals, Tommy Harlow made a motion that Tom receive a one year free Club membership. Marcia Shuck seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Ben said the Club still had a few binders available for sale at \$1.50 each.

Walt Hundertmark said the Club's share of the OCC swap meet was unpredictable at this point in time. He reminded members of the OCC meeting to be held July 10 at Centennial Hall beginning at 7:00 p.m. William Chestnut, a former politician, will speak on the unleaded gas issue.

It was decided not to hold a tech session in June.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING (Continued)

New Business

Ed Malew has a GM parts book. He will be making a copy for the Club library.

Irv Lindquist (392-5446) has a 1961 4-door, a 1962 Monza coupe, and various early model parts for sale.

Hensley Battery has a stock of Corvair parts, including starters and alternators.

Door prizes were won by the following:

John Koll

Motor and brake cleaner

Jim Block

Carburetor cleaner

Violet Ancheta (guest)

Necklace

Ed Malew

Door edge guard

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Evelyn Halverson, Secretary

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**IN THE FUTURE**

COMING EVENTS

August 18 Joint meeting, Rocky Mountain Corsa, Elizabeth, CO.

August 28 Monthly meeting of PPCC, NCOA clubhouse, Air Force Academy

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TECH TIP

CLEANING GRAINED VINYL UPHOLSTERY  
AND PANELS

John Osburn

San Diego Corvair Club

TECH TIP NO. 10-06-84

A cleaner that will work pretty well on grained vinyl upholstery and panels without using harsh chemicals or solvents is waterless hand soap. Yes, the same soap you use to take the worst part of the greasy-dirty grime off your hands. It works the same way on vinyl. I find that a fine soft brush works the hand soap down into the grain pattern and loosens the accumulated grime. Next wipe up the mess with a paper towel and follow with a mild soap or detergent. This seems to work where plain soaps and detergents do not.

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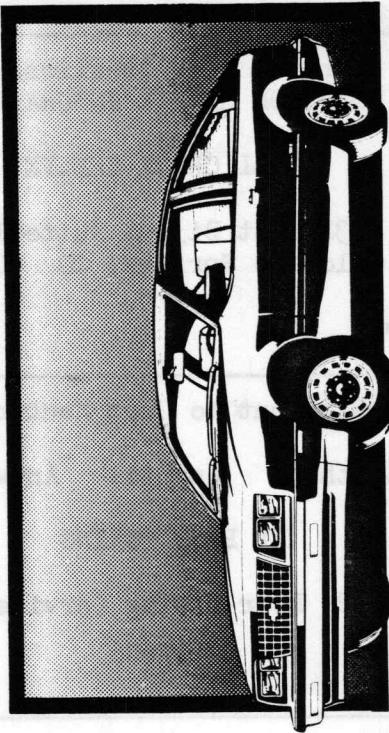
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SEPTEMBER MEETING

September is the birthday month for PPCC. Founded in 1977, the PPCC has been a small, but very active, club throughout the years.

For our September program we have a movie from Clark's Corvair Parts. They have sent some very nice door prizes to go with the movie. There will also be a birthday cake.

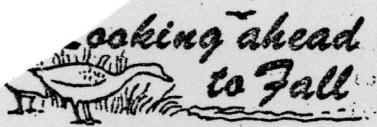
Be sure to come to this special meeting. Help us celebrate eight successful years. We are looking forward to many more!

\*\*\*BEN'S BREEZE\*\*\*

Fall is in the air, and I hope you all had a nice summer. With fall in the air, it is time to begin thinking about the leadership of PPCC. I will be asking for 3 volunteers to serve on the Nominating Committee to select your new slate of officers for 1986. If you would like to serve or volunteer for a position, please let me know at your earliest.

Rocky Mountain Corsa was interested in another Sunday brunch at the Academy NCO Club. This has been set for October 6th at 10:30 A.M. The price, which includes gratuity, is \$6.25 for adults and \$3.75 for children. We will need a count, so if you can't make the meeting, please call me by October 2 so I can make reservations. Let's see if we can have more people than Rocky Mountain Corsa!

Hope we have a large crowd for our nice program. Clark's Corvair Parts is giving away some nice prizes. See you there!!



### OCTOBER BRUNCH

At the joint picnic with Rocky Mountain Corsa (see story elsewhere in the newsletter), inquiries were made by RMC members about another brunch to be held at the Academy NCO Club.

Ben has set this up for the two clubs. We will meet at the parking lot at the north entrance to the Academy (by the big plane) at 10:00 A.M., sharp, Sunday, October 6. We are expected at the NCO Club at 10:30 A.M., so please be on time. We will be caravaning to the NCO Club.

Prices are a little higher than last time. Cost is \$6.25 for adults and \$3.75 for children (includes gratuity). It is still the best buy around as everyone who has been there will attest.

Ben needs reservations by October 2, so if you can't make the meeting, please call him and let him know how many will be attending.

Everyone come out and enjoy. The food is great, and the associations are outstanding!

### SEPTEMBER DUES RENEWALS

Jerry Hogan

Rex Lang

Ed Malew

### O.C.C. NEWS

At the August meeting of the O.C.C., Dave Wells from the E.P.A. spoke to the group. This was followed by a question and answer period. Since the E.P.A. stands firm on its commitments, be sure you bombard your Congressmen about your feelings. Please support bill HR 2325.

We all owe Walt a big thanks for his work on the leaded gas issue.

The O.C.C. car show will be held again at Currigan Hall November 8-10. This year it will be sponsored by Terry Johnson. There will be concessions around the outside perimeter of the Currigan Hall area.

Walt will be needing a list of volunteers to work in the show for two hour intervals. We must have four volunteers to get full credit. Walt will also have tickets for sale at our September meeting.

The Club voted to enter the cut-away and a few cars in this show.

The 1986 O.C.C. Swap Meet will be held the last weekend in May. We should clear about \$200-\$275 from the 1985 meet. More details on this will be forthcoming as the date draws near.

### ULTRA-VAN CONVENTION

Pat and Jim Wood and the Hoffmans in Denver gave PPCC a big thank you for their participation in the July convention held here for the Whales. It was the first time they had had transportation provided for the tour of the area. The hospitality shown by PPCC made it one of the best rallies they have had.

### GUESTS AT AUGUST MEETING

We were pleased to have several guests at our September meeting.

Mark Qualls said Walt had persisted until he came out for a look-see and visit.

Jeff Paines, who is in the Navy, is just back from overseas. He brought his sister and two nieces with him. He has put a larger motor in his early model Corvair.

Harold Swant recently purchased a 1964 Corvair which "is a basket case". HELP!

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Ritchie from Jackson, California, came as guests of Lillian and Jim Block.

A big welcome to all of you. Hope you will be joining us.

### ROCKY MOUNTAIN CORSA AND PPCC PICNIC

A good representation from both clubs toured in Elizabeth, Colorado for our joint picnic.

Upon arrival, we were given slips of paper to vote on the car of our choice for a "spit and polish" car show. There was also a quiz over the Corvair.

A volleyball net was soon set up and a "frantic" game ensued. You will have to ask the participants who the winners were. I'm afraid to say.

Appetites were at their height by this time so everyone enjoyed their lunches.

Winners of the car show were announced. Honorable mention went to Curtis Williams, PPCC, and Ben Fulcher, RMC; third place - Joyce Madden, RMC; second place - Gina Hapshire, RMC; and first place - Ben Benzel, PPCC.

The old faithfuls really enjoyed meeting the families of some of our newer members. Come on out and join us again!

Mother Nature put an abrupt end to our picnic by sending a rain cloud over. Everyone quickly gathered up their belongings and scurried for home.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

September 5	Dale Baxter
13	Jim Schwengler
16	Chuck Seelye
18	Jim Block
22	John Glusick

### CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE: 1966 Corsa Convertible, no engine, body in fair shape, project car. Best offer. Mark King, 392-2357

WANTED: 1963 deck lid emblem, not urgently needed. 1965 back-up lens. Ben Benzel, 598-6886

## AS THE OIL FLIES

Don't look now, but we have a celebrity in our midst. Lillian Block had a special zucchini recipe in the Gazette Telegraph!

Who makes delicious guacamole dip? We all enjoyed it at the picnic, Delta.

The Club is looking into the cost of magnetic signs for our cars to use in parades and on tours. More will be forthcoming on this.

In the recent large national show and convention held at the Clarion by the VMCCA, two of our club members were winners.

John Koll won third in their race. Tom Rathbone won a carton of Pepsi for his hard luck. Seems his Plymouth stopped seven times on him during the race.

## TECH TIPS

Pikes Peak Windshield Repair can repair stone damaged windshields. They repair both rock pits and cracks for around \$39.95. Located on Dooley Avenue, they will come to your house and give an estimate.

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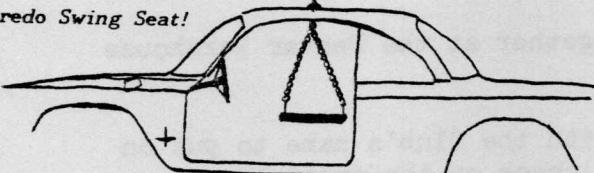


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MINUTES OF THE MEETING

The August 28, 1985, meeting of the Pikes Peak Corvair Club was called to order by President Ben Benzel at 7:35 p.m.

There were 17 members and 8 guests present.

The minutes of the June meeting were approved as published.

Treasurer John Koll reported \$495.96 in the Club treasury.

Old Business

Ben read a thank you note from the Ultra Van Club for helping make their July convention a success.

Ben also thanked all the members who helped and/or participated in the August 4 car show and August 7 rodeo parade.

Ben reported on the joint picnic with Rocky Mountain Corsa in Elizabeth, CO. Approximately 30 persons attended the picnic. Ben's 1962 Corvair won the People's Choice Award. Jim Block won the trivia quiz.

Walt reported on the last O.C.C. meeting. The O.C.C. car show will be held at Curriigan Hall November 8-10. Terry Johnson is the new sponsor of the show. A sign-up sheet will be circulated at the September meeting for members who would like to help at the show.

Walt said the Club can enter cars in the show free of charge. Upon motion made by Don Vinson, seconded by Jim Block, and unanimously approved, it was decided to participate in the O.C.C. car show. The cut-away plus several other cars will be displayed.

The O.C.C. swap meet will be held the last weekend in May. The Club's proceeds from the 1985 swap meet should be approximately \$275.

Walt said a speaker from E.P.A. attended the last meeting and spoke on the unleaded gas issue.

The Club still has jackets and decals available for sale.

It was decided not to hold a tech session in September.

New Business

The Volkswagen Club is holding an informal get-together at the Denver Warehouse parking lot September 8.

Discussion was held on obtaining magnetic signs with the Club's name to put on the sides of cars for car shows and parades. Ben will check on the cost.

The September meeting will mark the 8th birthday of the Club. A movie from Clark's Corvair Parts will be shown and cake will be served.

Ben said a Nominating Committee will need to be formed at the September meeting. Let Ben know if you would like to be on the Committee or run for an office.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING (Continued)

Tommy Harlow said she would like someone to take over the newsletter for 1986. Please let Ben know if you are interested.

Door prizes were won by the following:

Hand Soap	Ed Malew
Carburetor Cleaner	Ben Benzel
7-Up Glasses	Pat Wood
Whitewall Cleaner	Tommy Harlow
Corvair pin	Jeff Rains

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Evelyn Halverson, Secretary

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NEW MEMBERS

The Club welcomes Jeff Rains, of Fountain, Colorado, who has a custom 1964 Corvair. Jeff's sister, Allie McFarlin "Rains" also joined the Club. She is looking for a Corvair.

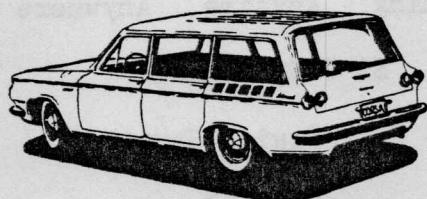
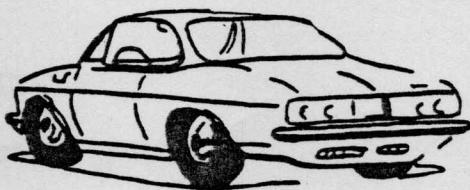
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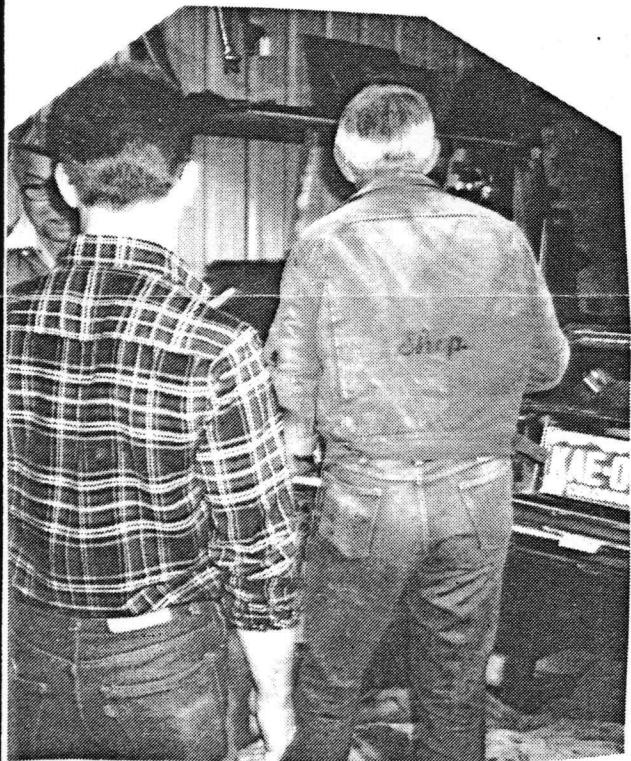
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## NOVEMBER MEETING

Our November 27th meeting will feature a presentation on upholstery from Clark's Corvair Parts. The last program Clark's furnished was very interesting, so you won't want to miss this one.

Since this is Thanksgiving Eve, we planned a party. Everyone is to bring a snack of some sort.

Everyone come, enjoy the program, hospitality, and good food. Happy Thanksgiving!



## \*\*\*BEN'S BREEZE\*\*\*

Since our president is out of town (he went to Washington to visit his family), there is no president's message this month.

## STOCKERS SHOW

Since we could not show our cutaway on its turntable (after being assured this would be possible), it was decided to not enter this show. The cut-away does not look its best sitting on the floor; so for this reason, the decision to pass was reached.

## HELP! HELP! HELP!

We have temporarily misplaced the adapter to grease the idler bearing. If you know anything about it, please contact John Koll.

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Pat Wood, Delta Rathbone, and Dick Shuck, our Nominating Committee, proposed the following slate for officers for next year:

President	Ben Benzel
Vice President	Dick Shuck
Secretary	Evelyn Halverson or Marcia Shuck
Treasurer	John Koll
Board Member	Ray Schick

You are welcome to nominate from the floor at the November meeting. However, please be sure the person you nominate will be willing to serve in the capacity for which you are nominating them.

## O.C.C. NEWS

We voted to not try to have a display in the O.C.C. car show this year as the dates conflicted with many members' previous commitments. However, we will donate a trophy for educational display to the car show.

At our September meeting Walt presented John Koll and the club a check for \$280. This was our share of the profit from the O.C.C. swap meet held in the spring.

## MAGNETIC SIGNS

There was some discussion about the possibility of having magnetic signs made for our cars to advertise our club when we are in tours or parades. The cost is about \$27 to \$30 a pair.

The suggestion was made that members buy a pair of signs. However, there will be further discussion concerning this at the next meeting.

## JACKETS

Marcia and Dick Shuck will order a jacket with the Chevy emblem on it for you if you wish. Prices are: Unlined - \$16-\$18; Lined - approximately \$22. These are ball park estimates as they did not have the price list with them at the last meeting. However, if you are interested, give them a call at 574-5271, and they can give you the exact price and an estimate on how long it takes to get them.

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to Howard Young, whose birthday was November 21!!

### P.P.C.C. EIGHTH BIRTHDAY PARTY

In September our club was eight years old. We had a special program from Clark's Corvair Parts that evening. The filmstrip showed the growth of the Clark's Corvair Company from its inception to the large company it is today. Clark's also sent some very nice door prizes which added to the festivities.

We had a special cake honoring our eighth year, complete with car and "Happy Birthday" on the frosting.

### P.P.C.C. AND ROCKY MOUNTAIN BRUNCH

On Sunday, October 6th, we had a joint brunch at the NCO Club at the Academy. Although we had a mix-up on the meeting place, when everyone got to the club, spirits rose very quickly.

As usual, the food was fantastic. The choices were wide and everything tasted delicious.

Key chains were the special prize of the day!

Thanks, Ben, for once again planning a very special day.

### OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

October 3	Janis Jackson
3	Joan Kuhn
12	Tommy Harlow
15	Rich Palmer
16	Jim Wood
18	Walt Hundertmark

### RAY SCHICK AND CORVAIR

Recently Ray Schick bought a product called "Army Preserve" to help clean up rust spots. It did well on the rust but some of it ran down on his bumper. According to Ray, the bumper was the only thing on the car that looked good. Estimates for re-chroming the bumper were \$125.

He wrote to the company but got no response, so several months later he called Channel 5 and 30 to find out the best way to handle it. They suggested a certified letter with a return receipt.

The company asked him to send the original container, with the remaining contents and pictures of the bumper. Although he did not get the pictures sent in to the company, he received a check for \$125.

After the check cleared, he wrote a thank-you letter to Channels 5 and 30 and the manufacturer.

When Channel 5 and 30 wanted to film the story, he quickly changed his bumper to the good convertible he bought from John Koll so his car would look good on television.

## WHO'S IN GUESTS

Harold Schwandt has a 1964 Corvair.

Ron Tillet is interested in getting a Corvair.

Sylvia and Chuck Mantel were visiting from Michigan. They are friends of Dorothy and Ed Malew.

Joe Vento told us he became a fan of the car when he was a member of the "Three Suns" trio. They had a long distance to travel in a short time from one concert to another. His Corvair went into a snowy ditch in North Dakota. A farmer pulled them out; the car was not hurt at all. Another Corvair lover is born!

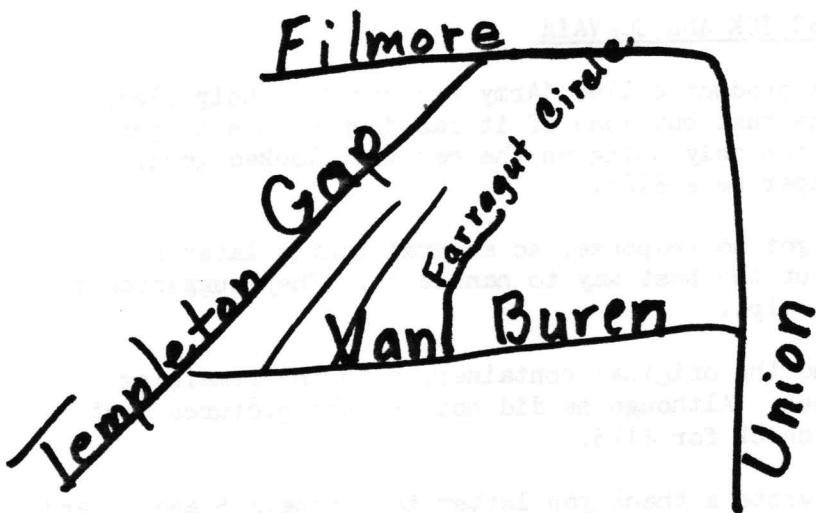
## DECEMBER MEETING

Our December meeting will be a combination meeting and Christmas party. We will meet Sunday, December 15, at 3:00 P.M. at the Harlow home, 2519 Farragut Circle.

Each person should bring a gift with a limit value of \$4. A "Yankee Swap" will be the way we have the gifts distributed. Pat and Jim will explain the rules to us that day.

Pat and Jim will furnish a turkey and the Harlows will furnish a ham. Everyone should bring a covered dish (with food in it) or a snack. (We did this last year and had a fantastic spread.) Eating utensils and drinks will be provided.

Let's have a fun afternoon (3:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.) and enjoy the fellowship Corvair people generate when they get together.



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AS THE OIL FLIES

It was good to have Dale Baxter back with us last meeting. He has been transferred back to the Academy.

Lillian says Jim helped her win the ribbon for her zucchini recipe because he "watered the garden".

The Blocks have left for California to harvest their walnut crop.

Tom Rathbone's picture was in the paper recently. Seems the photographer got the picture as he was bent over putting up the "United Way" sign. Sorry, some of us did not recognize you, Tom.

Who suggested going to Pueblo at midnight for parts that are needed? John and Dee will have to get a big dog!

In the April 1 Newsweek there was an article about Corvairs.

Brad, when are you going to bring "Mean Ole Mary" to the meeting? Sounds as though she is our kind of lady.

Ben said a year ago last October we had a meeting in Pueblo, and we have not seen our Pueblo members since. Did we mess up in our manners?

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

December 1		Vera Young
14	HAPPY	Terry McKenna
15	<u>BIRTHDAY!</u>	Susan Williams
20		Dee Glusick
20		Richard Jackson

THANK YOU

We would like to thank all the people who have helped in the writing of the Drip Line for the past four years. Not only have you given us a hand when needed, but you have been so very complimentary about the work we have contributed.

You are a great group and we thank you for your backing.

Tommy Harlow  
Evelyn Halverson

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Another busy year is coming quickly to a close. Although we are a small club, we seem to manage a great deal of activity.

In the way of shows we attended the Rocky Mountain Motor Classic held at Harrison High School. The proceeds went to the Rocky Mountain Rehabilitation Center.

During the summer we assisted in the "Whale" convention, hosting a tour of the Air Force Academy and a picnic following it at our clubhouse.

Once again we had our convertibles in the Pageant Parade of the Rockies. We were also given recognition in the programs this year. We've arrived!

Always a group who enjoys eating, we have had several brunches at the NCO Club at the Air Force Academy. Some of these have been joint meetings with Rocky Mountain Corsa.

In August we also had a picnic at Elizabeth, Colorado with the Rocky Mountain Corsa.

April found us taking a tour of Glenwood Springs. Although some of our Corvairs did not make it, those of us who went had a great weekend.

We have added several new, active members this year.

Walter Hundertmark has worked tirelessly on the issue to keep regular gas on the market.

For the first time we sponsored a trophy at the O.C.C. car show in Denver.

We have bought new books to add to our library located at John Koll's home. Also, we have added some new tools this year.

When Clark's Corvair Parts began offering slide shows, you guessed it. We have had them both.

Not a bad year for a small group! 1985 has seen us as busy as ever. Way to go, PPCC!

WANTED

Red convertible with a white top. If you have one to sell, let Ben know. (He knows the number of the man who wants it for his daughter.)

1964 differential. Jessie Barnett, 632-3576.

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING

The September 25, 1985, meeting of the Pikes Peak Corvair Club was called to order by President Ben Benzel at 7:30 p.m.

There were 20 members and 4 guests present.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as published.

Treasurer John Koll reported \$521.06 in the Club treasury.

Old Business

Walt said the OCC car show would be held November 8-10 and he needed to know whether the Club was going to participate. A discussion followed where upon it was decided not to participate due to previous commitments by Club members. A motion made by John Koll, seconded by Jim Wood, was unanimously passed that the Club not participate in the OCC car show this year.

Walt asked the club whether they would be willing to donate \$25 towards trophies. Upon motion made by Tommy Harlow, seconded by Pat Wood, and passed unanimously, it was decided to sponor the Educational Display trophy. John Koll was asked to give Walt a check for \$25 for the trophy.

Walt reported on the status of the House Bill regarding banning of leaded gas. He said no date had been set for the bill to be voted on.

Tom Rathbone said magnetic signs for the car doors would cost approximately \$27.00 a pair. It was suggested members purchase their own signs. No action was taken on the matter. It will be discussed again at the October meeting.

Ben said the club was looking for new Drip Line editors. Please let him know if you are interested in the position.

If you are interested in obtaining Chevy bowtie jackets, see Dick Shuck. They come lined and unlined.

New Business

Plans for the Christmas party will be finalized at the October meeting.

A Nominating Committee was appointed. The Committee consists of Pat Wood, Dick Shuck, and Delta Rathbone. Please let them know if you are interested in running for an office.

A sign-up list was circulated for the brunch with Rocky Mountain Corsa at the NCO Club. Door prizes will be given out at the brunch.

Ben said a message had been left on his answering machine from the Albuquerque Corvair Club wanting to meet the Denver and Colorado Springs clubs in Salt Lake City.

Evelyn read a letter from KHT and Chuck Baker offering free publicity for the Club and its events.

Ray Schick told the club about his experience with Army Preserve, a rust remover.

A thank you letter to the Woods from Don Richards of the Whale group was read.

Ben asked everyone to have a piece of the birthday cake, celebrating the club's 8th birthday.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m. for a film strip on Clark's Corvair Parts.

Respectfully submitted,

Evelyn Halverson, Secretary

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#### MINUTES OF THE MEETING

The October 23, 1985, meeting of the Pikes Peak Corvair Club was called to order by Ben Benzel, President.

The following guests were introduced: Brad Mauger, a Corvair owner who has recently moved to Colorado Springs, and his father, who was visiting from Potstown, PA. Harold Schwandt brought his wife, Doris. John Palmer says he owns a Renault, but has an interest in Corvairs.

John Koll gave his treasurer's report. We have \$769.28, but some patches for jackets will have to be ordered, so that figure will change.

#### Old Business

On Sunday, October 6, Rocky Mountain Corsa joined us at the NCO Club at the Air Force Academy for a brunch. It was a small group, but we had fun, and there was an abundance of good food.

Walt is chairman of the fight to save regular gas at the OCC car show in Denver. Bill Chestnut will be helping him.

Walter has advance tickets that cost \$5, with \$1 going into our treasury. These same tickets cost \$6 at the door.

If you wish to buy Chevrolet bowtie jackets, please contact Marcia or Dick Shuck.

The magnetic signs (to put on our cars in parades and on tours) discussion was tabled.

#### New Business

It was decided, after discussion, to have the November meeting on our regular meeting night. We will have the slide presentation on upholstery from Clark's Corvair Parts for the program.

Following this we will have a wine and cheese party. Everyone is to bring a snack of some kind.

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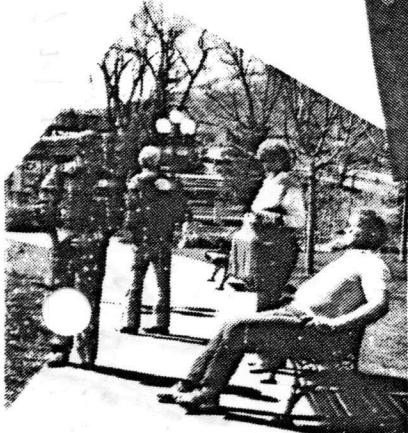
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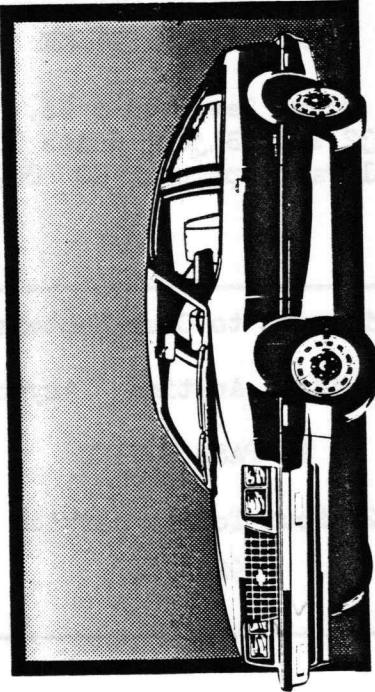
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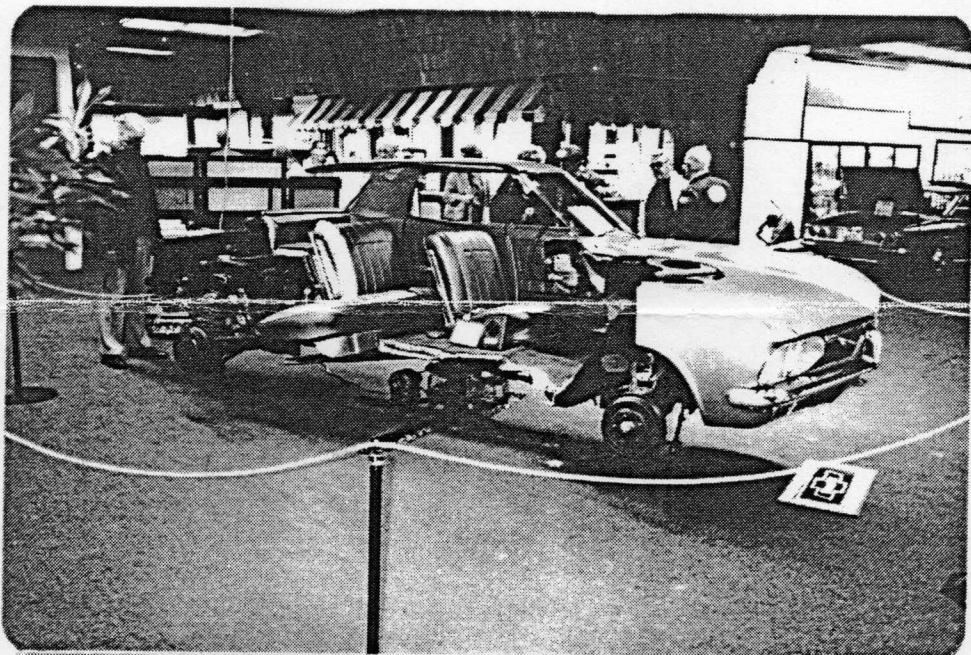
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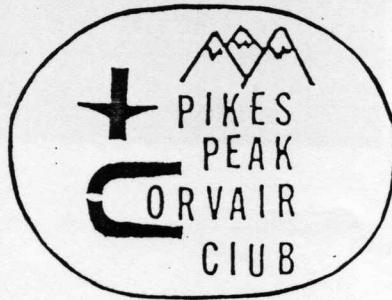
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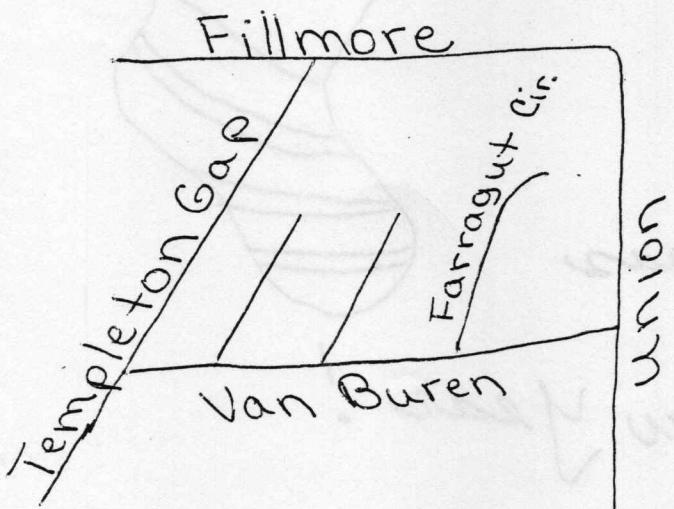
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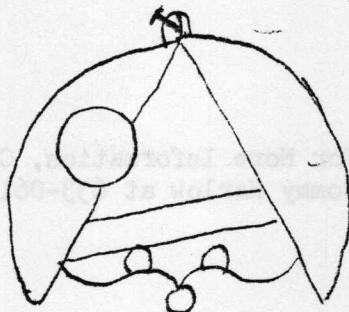


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