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This list is intended to improve communication within PPCC. It will mostly be used to let us know about meetings, brunches and car shows, cars and parts for sale.

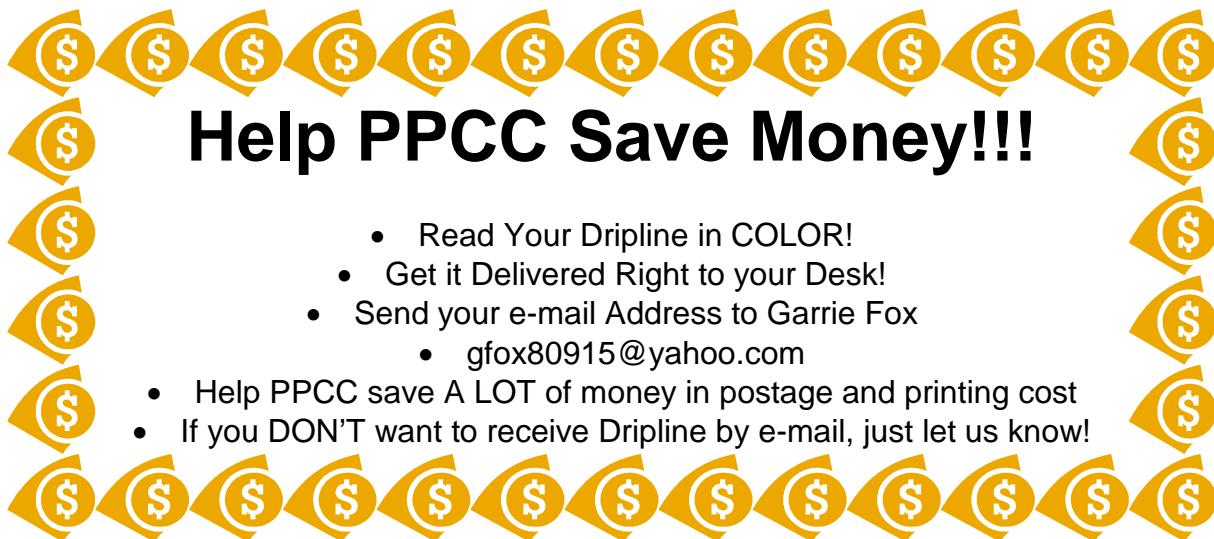
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NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

by Steve Goodman

Hello fellow PPCC members. Thanks to those who attended the January meeting. I was hoping for a larger turnout, maybe the weather is just keeping some indoors. The biggest topic of discussion is an upcoming tech session being held by Eric Schakel of RMC. Eric lives south of Sedalia and is the Yenko Stinger vintage racer in the area. He has offered his garage and grounds for a "Pre-TRISTATE Corvair checkover". The date is April 20 and along with the car checkover there will be free hotdogs and trimmings. There will be a donation cup in plain sight.

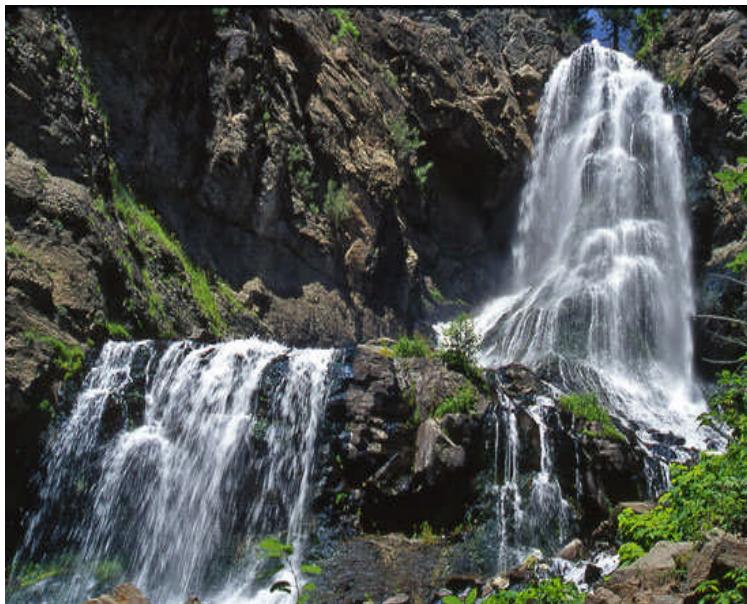
Eric has openly invited PPCC to join in the tech session, it will be a good 'warmup' drive before going to Pagosa Springs to the Tri-state in May. You will also see his Yenko Stinger road racer and a project Corvair he lovingly refers to as the 'Pig Project'. He has been writing articles for the RMC newsletter about it each month.

Speaking of the Tri-state, the dates are May 16-17-18. You may call the host motel, it is the OAK RIDGE LODGE (formerly Best Western). The toll free phone is 1.866.472.4672 and a typical 'double' room is \$65/per night for a couple. Probably tax is additional. When you call for reservations you should mention "CORVAIR CLUB" to get the discounted room rates. Laura Wilshire is the organizer this year for RMC and she will have more for the DRIPLINE as the event draws closer.

I hope to see more Corvairs at the meetings and on the road. All of you know I am not having a fun day unless I get to drive one of my cars. Luckily for me, I drive one to the shop every day so even going to work is fun.

Not too soon to start
making plans for the
Tri-State
Corvair Meet
Friday, May 16 through
Sunday, May 18
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Lodge
Pagosa Springs

Details coming in
February Dripline



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Membership Directory

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Keep this Directory in a safe place so you can easily call or e-mail members with questions, comments, invites, projects, whatever. Note the month and year is when your membership expires. If your e-mail address is not on this list, please e-mail it to me or Garrie Fox so we can update our records. Thanks to Garrie and Pat Fox for compiling this e-mail list.

Out of State? Keep In Touch!

Let us know of any projects you're doing, any questions you may have, parts needed and what's going on in your life. We love having you as members so please keep us posted.

Famous Predictions!

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<u>45</u>	11	2008	WILTROUT	MIKE & JENNIFER	2616 Alteza Place	Colo. Spgs.	CO	80917	719-574-9953	<u>mjwiltout@msn.com</u>
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SECRETARY'S REPORT **PIKES PEAK CORVAIR CLUB**

January 13, 2008

Steve called the meeting to order and asked for motions on the minutes of the last meeting. Garrie Fox moved and Ruth Goodman seconded acceptance of the minutes as published.

We had 23 in attendance including Chris and Jennifer Klapp and their 3 sons. Welcome Home!

OLD BUSINESS

Ben encouraged members to find advertisers for the Dripline and mentioned business cards are only \$15.00 per year.

Garry and Patricia Fox have an updated membership list which will be included in the next Dripline.

Ben Benzel has arranged for our Christmas party at the AFA Falcon Club on 12/21/08.

NEW BUSINESS

Rocky Mountain Corsa is holding a tech session 4/20/08 with free hot dogs and drinks. Check upcoming Dripline for more info.

Paul Campbell, John Koll and Warren Ehrmann are planning a rally, date to be determined, sometime when the weather will cooperate.

Tri State Meet will be in Pagosa Springs May 16, 17, & 18. The Denver club is in charge this year. Steve will have info in a future Dripline.

Some web sites for help in working on your Corvair are: CorvairCenter.Com, Corvair Club@Yahoo.com and Fastvairs@Yahoo.com

Chris Klapp does body work and will be available when the weather allows the work to be done outside.

Jon Anderson and Darren Darnell are working out the access problems on our web site.

New Member Application

The **Pikes Peak Corvair Club, Inc.**, (PPCC) was formed in September of 1977 by a group of enthusiasts from the Pikes Peak Region to preserve the **Corvair** automobile & related artifacts. Ownership of a **Corvair** is not required for membership.

PPCC is a chartered chapter of **CORVAIR SOCIETY OF AMERICA** (COSA). Mailing address is: PPCC, PO Box 15034, Colorado Springs, CO 80935.

The purpose of PPCC is to drive your **Corvair** on tours, car shows, parades, plus attend technical sessions & social events: all geared toward the enjoyment of the **CORVAIR** automobile. Monthly meetings are held on the 2nd Sunday of each month at 10:00a.m. in the meeting room of Country Buffet, Citadel Crossing, Colorado Springs, CO.

Joining PPCC is important whether you are just beginning to restore your **CORVAIR** (the parts & technical sources are invaluable), or if you have a finished vehicle, are ready to drive & have fun.

Dues for the PPCC are \$20.00 per year. It is a requirement to belong to COSA. If you are not a member, you must remit \$35.00, either to COSA or include with your PPCC dues for a total of \$50.00. The COSA dues will be forwarded to the COSA home office. This is a family membership (which includes your spouse & all children under 18 years of age). The dues include monthly newsletters: **THE DRIPLINE & THE COMMUNIQUE** (award winning magazine of COSA).

If you would like more information regarding the **PIKES PEAK CORVAIR CLUB, INC.**, please contact: Ben Benzel @ 719-598-6886

I hereby apply for membership in the **PIKES PEAK CORVAIR CLUB, INC.**

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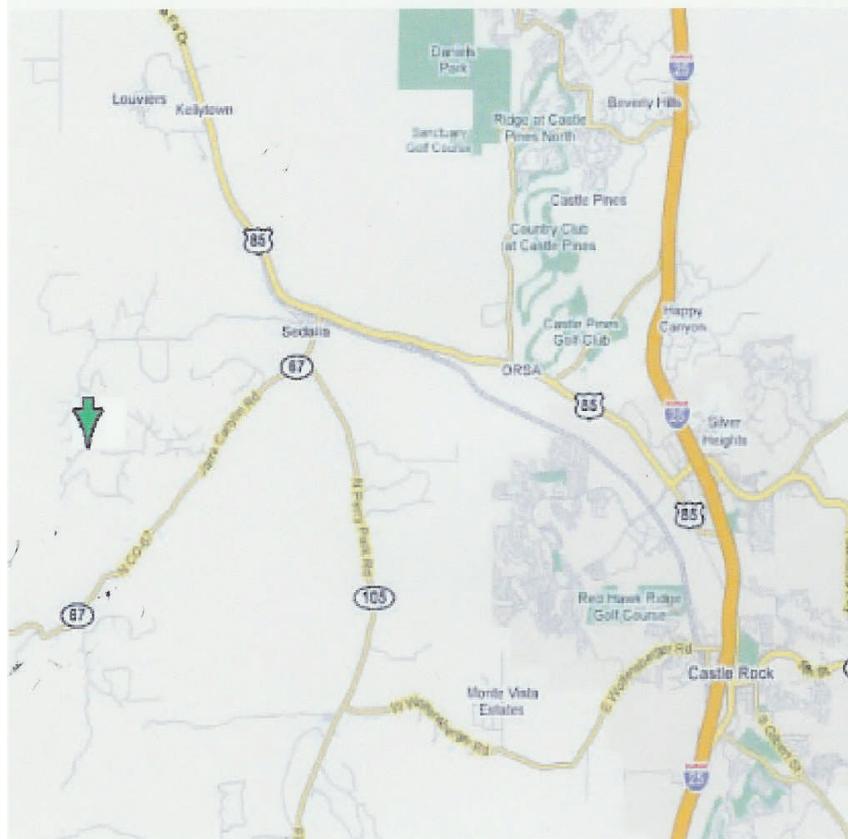
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Directions to the Corvair Extravaganza at the Schakel Place:

Ah, the fresh country air! From C-470 on the south side of Denver, proceed south on either I-25 or on Highway 85. From the Springs, you can come up Perry Park Road (Hwy 105) or I-25. When you reach the massive new Sedalia Traffic Signal (only one lighted intersection, but it's a BIG intersection with a bunch of lanes!). go west toward Deckers on Hwy 67.



You'll cross two railroad tracks in quick succession (the famed Bud's Bar is between the tracks on the north side); follow the road for about 3 miles.

You'll pass the entrance to the Sacred Heart Retreat House on the right, and the next right, marked by a standard reflective street sign, is Rainbow Creek Road. Take it.

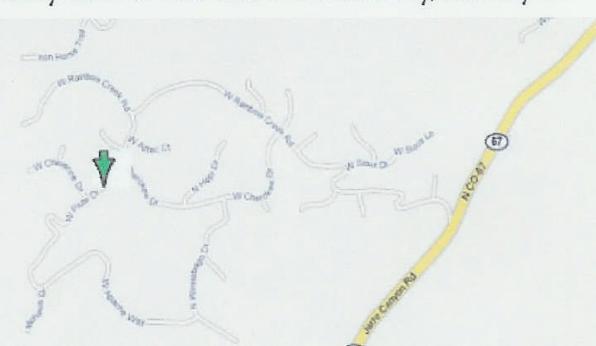
Rainbow Creek Road goes up over a ridge via a few switchbacks. Stay on it - you're in the Indian Creek neighborhood.

You're looking for a tee intersection with Cherokee going left from the tee.

Note that Cherokee loops around, so ignore it if you see it on a cross (not TEE) intersection. When you come to the tee, take Cherokee to the left. If you go straight, you'll end up in Rainbow Creek. That isn't a good thing.

The second right off Cherokee is Piute Drive, opposite the Indian Creek Clubhouse. Take Piute to the right. The Schakel home is the second house on the left, at 7082 Piute Drive. It's a big gray house with a round window in the front. It is surrounded by a very rustic fence, and a nasty ditch on each side of the driveway, courtesy the Douglas County Digging Division.

*In case of directile dysfunction, call 303 660-0914
for an update.*



Tri-State Tune-Up

And General

Corvair Extravaganza!

On **Sunday, April 20, 2008**, you are invited to bring your Corvair (or Corvair-less self and family - we ain't picky) to rustic rural Sedalia for a day of moderate automotive hedonism. **Starting at 10:00am and working through 4:00pm**, RMC will feature:

- *Free diagnosis and "laying on of hands" by Steve Goodman*
- *Parts consultation with various experts (and experts-in-training)*
- *Visit the Schakel race barn, complete with a vintage racing Stinger*
- *See the Denvair News "Pig Car" live and in pigson*
- *Sit in the shade and BS with fellow Corvairistas (plenty of parking)*
- *Enjoy free hot dogs and refreshments (donations for RMC accepted)*
- *Preview the lunacy of the not-yet-announced Fronkenschteen project!*
- *Cap off the afternoon with a drive to Rosie's Diner in historic Monument*

This something-for-everyone event is designed to give club members a tech day to make sure the 'Vair is ready for the Tri-State, or simply ready to drive in the summer months. **Hang around until 4:00pm, and participate in a scenic back-road drive to Monument for dinner at Rosie's Diner.**



***Think of this as Spring Cleaning
for your Corvair...***

Tri-State Corvair Meet...Our Answer to the International Convention

By Steve Goodman

Since 1986 local club members in Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, Arizona, Kansas and Oklahoma have the chance to attend a gathering of Corvair owners and their cars. The TRI-STATE CORVAIR MEET is held in May every year in a scenic small town in the mountains. The views won't get any better of springtime in the Rockies, snow on the tops of the peaks and green grass in the valleys.

Why anyone would want to miss a weekend like this is beyond me.

The small mountain towns are pretty lean until tourist season arrives. This happens after Memorial Day. When we visit these towns earlier in May they view it as extra money, the motels and restaurants would never be full without us there.

The fact that we attract the local towns-folk who visit with us and vote for their favorite serves to further enhance the sound of cash registers in the area.

In addition there is the fun rivalry of the participation award. This is a traveling trophy, awarded each year to the club who attends with the most members. They need not drive a Corvair, just be registered with the meet. Of course what fun is it to NOT drive a Corvair to a Corvair function. It sometimes is interesting, there are several who belong to both PPCC and RMC and at least one RMC member who belongs to CNM too. Obviously PPCC is the underdog here, less members than either RMC or CNM. It so happens this year however that Pagosa Springs is pretty close to Colorado Springs. MAPQUEST indicates 255

miles from C/Springs to Pagosa Springs.

The TRI-STATE weekend goes by quickly, some members show up on Thursday to savor the moment, many pull in Friday. Friday evening is the time to go to a restaurant in town, sit around, talk, go back to the host motel and look at the cars in the street lights.

Saturday early morning sees the parking lot in motion, everyone is wiping down their cars, lowering the tops (convertibles only of course) and last minute inspections. The line of cars flowing down a highway to the park for the show-n-shine is more than impressive, it is spectacular. Seeing all the different colors of cars all in a row stops traffic and brings the locals out of their homes and businesses to stand on the street and wave.

Visiting with all of the locals who have their own Corvair story is entertaining too. Of course after the show it is a drive around to see scenery and buy some souvenirs. The evening banquet and trophy presentation caps the day. Sunday morning everyone visits for one last time and the new Corvair owner that you made friends with from another club splits and heads on home as we all must do. All in all I have described a perfect weekend, why would anyone want to miss it?? I hope all of PPCC attends this year, lets' show them what a small club can do.



Doesn't it make your mouth water just looking at the sensational view? If it does, why not plan "live the life" with your friends in Pagosa Springs nestled in the beautiful valley of the San Juan Mountains

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For more information, Contact Laura Wilshire at 303-828-4203
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Ben Benzel The Heart and Soul of Pikes Peak Corvair Club

Please send any remembrances or reflections about Ben that you'd like to share with other Dripline Readers to Paul Campbell. We've lost too many good people this last year. They will all be missed.



Photos courtesy of
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Notes from the President

By Steve Goodman

Hello fellow PPCC members. Thanks to everyone who attended the February meeting. I was hoping that the weather would cooperate a bit better with more sunshine and higher temps but apparently Mother Nature didn't hear my plea for help. The amount of youngsters at the meetings are amazing, the future of Corvairs and the nation are in our hands, let's treat them properly.

After I dropped Ruth off at the door Sunday, parked the car and there were onlookers already. Among them were a couple who had a Corvair that had been in storage for probably way too long and they wanted to get it running again. We visited for a few minutes and I tried to get them to come inside but they passed, said they might catch up with another meeting. A couple of folks also had the normal tales of how they or someone in their family owned a Corvair 'back then'. It certainly pays to have the Corvairs sitting in a parking lot so everyone can see them.

Thanks to everyone who filled out the CORSA survey, they will be mailed to Dennis Pleau the first of the week. (I am writing this Sunday evening so Paul has it in plenty of time)

I hope some of us can think of some driving

events for this year. Help Paul and John and Warren with the rallye too, this will be a fun event for PPCC. Please mark your calendars for the tuneup session on April 20 in Sedalia, RMC and PPCC can get together and look at each others' cars while eating hot dogs. What a day!!!!

I hope to see all of PPCC members attending the March meeting. If anyone has an idea to help with the meeting or events please let one of the officers know. If someone would like to present a tech tip or a short talk about what they have done or are doing to their car just speak up at the meeting. Drive safely and think "SPRING IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER".

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Hi, John Koll:

Hope you had a nice Christmas. We also hope Jeannie's leg is healing. It's been too long.

We finally got a stone for Walter. Kathy took a picture, but just got around to mailing it. I didn't know they would carve anything you wanted. I thought you might be interested in seeing it. It's at Evergreen Cemetery. I think Walter would be pleased. Stay warm this winter

Ruth Dehoney

Walter's Sister

Famous Predictions

I have traveled the length and breadth of this country and talked with the best people, and I can assure you that data processing is a fad that won't last out the year." -- The editor in charge of business books for Prentice Hall, 1957 "But what .. is it good for?" -- Engineer at the Advanced Computing Systems Division of IBM, 1968, commenting on the microchip.

"640K ought to be enough for anybody." -- Bill Gates, 1981

"This 'telephone' has too many shortcomings to be seriously considered as a means of communication. The device is inherently of no value to us," -- Western Union internal memo, 1876.

"The wireless music box has no imaginable commercial value. Who would pay for a message sent to nobody in particular?" -- David Sarnoff's associates in response to his urgings for investment in the radio in the 1920's.

SECRETARY'S REPORT PIKES PEAK CORVAIR CLUB February 10, 2008

Steve called meeting to order noting the fine showing of Corvairs in the parking lot. Garrie Fox moved to accept minutes of last meeting as published. The motion was seconded and carried.

John Koll reported we have \$1089.00 in the treasury.

Betty Jo Benzel reports Ben is in rehab and doing well.

OLD BUSINESS:

Please refer all e-mail addresses or changes to Garrie Fox

Don't forget to mention advertising in the Dripline to anyone with a business that serves Corvair owners.

NEW BUSINESS:

Steve asked all who hadn't already done so

to fill out the Corsa Survey.

We discussed the pros and cons of Corsa membership.

RMC asked if we would be interested in driving to Cripple Creek for a brunch or lunch. We decided to pursue that in conjunction with a road rally sometime when the weather is more co-operative.

The Albuquerque Corvair Club will be collecting shirts with the Tri-State or Corvair logos to be used in a quilt that members will make for the 2009 Tri-State. If you have any you would be willing to part with save them for the 2008 Tri-State Meet.

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Bud Edwards
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John and Dee
Glusick

The image contains three distinct logos: the Porsche crest on the left, the Chevrolet Corvair bowtie in the center, and the Volkswagen 'VW' logo on the right. Below these logos, the text 'REAR-ENGINE SPECIALISTS' is printed in a large, bold, black, sans-serif font. Underneath this, the address '16010 W. 5th Ave. Unit 12' and 'Golden, Colo. 80401' are listed. At the bottom, the name 'Steve Goodman' is centered, followed by the phone number '(303) 278-4889', the fax number 'Fax (303) 936-7420', and the email address 'e-mail: rearengine.steve@worldnet.att.net'. A vertical line of small, illegible text is visible on the far right edge of the page.

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CHECK YOUR BATTERY VOLTAGE

by Steve Goodman

If you have a digital voltmeter you can easily check the condition of your battery and also the charging system. Let's first look at the battery. It may surprise you to know that a 12 volt battery is not a working piece if it is 11 volts. Look at the table below and see how quickly a battery goes from a full charge and 100% working condition to 'discharged' and completely in-operable to run your starter.

VOLTAGE READING	% of battery charge
12.70 volts	100%
12.58 volts	90%
12.40 volts	75%
12.20 volts	50%
12.08 volts	35%
12.00 volts	25%
11.94 volts	10%
11.90 volts	discharged

Sometimes with a battery in the 12.00V range the lights will work/horn will honk/radio will play but there isn't enough energy to make the starter work. The starter requires maximum voltage and amperage because the load placed upon the starter that is required to turn the engine over is large.

Realizing the large load placed upon the starter, it only makes sense to have every connection at its' best. The place to start of course is the battery terminal clamps. Past that, the ground connections to the frame and engine and the connection at the solenoid are all things to check.

Now a quick check your alternator: with the engine off, check the voltage of your battery. Then start the engine and check the voltage again. Typically the voltage running will be over 13 volts where the static reading will be in the 12+ range. That indicates the charging system is working. Incidentally, if you don't have a voltmeter handy and still want to check your alternator, just hold a small screwdriver blade or similar to the armature shaft bearing on the end frame. If the blade is magnetized and drawn to the bearing case then the alternator is at least putting out something,



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The Mood For A Picnic?
Thanks, Pon!

Tri-State Tune-Up

And General

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On **Sunday, April 20, 2008**, you are invited to bring your Corvair (or Corvair-less self and family - we ain't picky) to rustic rural Sedalia for a day of moderate automotive hedonism. **Starting at 10:00am and working through 4:00pm**, RMC will feature:

- ☛ *Free diagnosis and "laying on of hands" by Steve Goodman*
- ☛ *Parts consultation with various experts (and experts-in-training)*
- ☛ *Visit the Schakel race barn, complete with a vintage racing Stinger*
- ☛ *See the Denvair News "Pig Car" live and in pigson*
- ☛ *Sit in the shade and BS with fellow Corvairistas (plenty of parking)*
- ☛ *Enjoy free hot dogs and refreshments (donations for RMC accepted)*
- ☛ *Preview the lunacy of the not-yet-announced Fronkenschteen project!*
- ☛ *Cap off the afternoon with a drive to Rosie's Diner in historic Monument*

This something-for-everyone event is designed to give club members a tech day to make sure the 'Vair is ready for the Tri-State, or simply ready to drive in the summer months. **Hang around until 4:00pm, and participate in a scenic back-road drive to Monument for dinner at Rosie's Diner.**

Directions to Schakel House

Take I-25 north, exit Hwy 85 north of Castle Rock and proceed north to Sedalia. Turn west toward Deckers at Highway 67. God 3 miles past Sacred Heart Retreat House, take the next right which is

Rainbow Creek Rd. Stay on Rainbow Creek until you come to a "T" which is Cherokee. Turn left onto Cherokee; take the second right which is Piute Drive. The Schakel's Home is 7082 Piute Drive, the second house on the left. If you get lost call 303-660-6914.



BEN & FRIENDS

Ben's passing is a loss that PPCC will feel forever. Ben was the hardest working and most dedicated Corvair club member as well as a Corvair owner that I have ever known. His constant work ethic towards either club activities or his other interests with the NCOA were the benchmark that most of us will never be able to attain. His pride in the Corvairs he owned and displayed was always evident. I think he won many of the popular vote trophies just by his personality, he talked and joked with everyone while constantly wiping on his car.

Ruth and I have known Ben for many years, I

actually don't recall how long; he was always around. He always volunteered for functions and his sense of humor was....well...let me say UNIQUE. He was also a patriot, his commitment to the USAF, our flag and the United States of America was boundless. As all of us will agree, Ben will be missed. His place in the club may be taken by others but his contributions to PPCC/CORSA/NCOA and the community will always be remembered.

-Steve Goodman
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Report From Your President

By Steve Goodman

Hello fellow PPCC members, thank you all for attending the March meeting. The weather is slowly beginning to turn in our favor (I hope!!) so more Corvairs should be filling the parking lot. You all see me with the clipboard and believe me I labor over it to ensure that everything I want to see or need to bring to your attention is written down but it seems I can skip over something so easily. I have been wanting to say THANK YOU to Jon Anderson (and probably Debbie too) for bringing the door prizes each month and in addition Jon and the girls usually distribute the tickets to all of us. Thanks to the Anderson family.

I had better mention too that Ruth went to a store here in Denver and bought some goodies to try and lessen the load of the Andersons.

Thanks Ruth.

Also in the 'thank you' department is Darren Darnell. He graciously and without any coer-

cion from anyone offered to take a fair share of the membership duties that had been done by Ben Benzel for many years. I think it will take us a while to figure out all of the things that Ben did for us. Please give Darren your cooperation when it comes to paying your dues and various advertising fees.

It appears that Paul Campbell and John Koll have made headway with their summer rally.

I will let them break the news at the April meeting but I am glad that we are having some effort made to have some events. Now if the price of fuel doesn't keep everyone at home we will be ok.

Also mark your calendars for April 20 in Sedalia for the test 'n tune before Pagosa Springs.

I hope all will attend the April meeting, if anyone has ideas please bring them to the meeting or you can email me or any other PPCC officer.

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Choose Your Fuse Carefully

Sorry for the crosspost to both groups. I try to refrain from that...

At work today, we got forwarded a safety warning from our Resident Engineer @ GM Powertrain. There were pix which I can't attach here, but the short of it is that they have seen at least 2 late-model vehicles come back with REALLY burned up wiring harnesses. The root of the problem in both cases turned out to be the use of a replacement 15A blade fuse that did not properly blow at the rated 15A. The GM engineers obtained the fuses the customers had used (in both cases made in China and sold through Harbor Freight in a boxed assortment) and tested them. The 15A fuses they tested didn't "pop" until over 50A! By this time, the fuse itself was a melted blob and the wires were really hosed. I've got the information at work showing the Harbor Freight packaging and giving their part # and all, but needless to say, it might be prudent to avoid Chinese made fuses altogether... It's quite possible these same parts are being rebranded and sold through lots of 3rd parties.

Caveat Fusor!

Jim Burkhard

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Remembering Ben

I met Ben Benzel, "Mr. Ben", about 11 years ago when I moved from Fairplay, Co to Colorado Springs. I asked someone in town who I should call for information on Corvairs and they told me Ben's name and number. In addition to many fine outings with Corvairs with Ben and Bettie Jo, he encouraged me to run for President and with Ben's encouragement started the Sunday brunches which was a huge hit with 30 to 40 members and guests each month at various places. Ben also introduced me to the NCOA, which I joined and saw many great games of the Falcons while we sold seat backs and programs for several years. Ben would take me in the press club and before game parties like I was some kind of VIP and nobody would question me if Ben was there including 3 star Generals. I am pleased to send a donation to the Pikes Peak Corvair Club and the NCOA in honor of one of the finest guys I ever knew

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July 12, 1931 - February 20, 2008. SMSgt. Everett L. "Ben" Benzel, USAF (Ret.), a resident of Colorado Springs since 1970, passed away on February 20, 2008 at a local hospital. Ben was born on July 12, 1931 in Ritzville, Washington, the youngest of ten children born to the late Henry and Anna (Rehn) Benzel. Ben served his country honorably in the United States Air Force for 22 years, including numerous tours of duty within the U.S., Okinawa and Italy. He then founded the Air Force Academy Chapter of the Non-Commissioned Officers Association where he worked as a counselor for over 20 years. He also worked with the Southern Colorado Air Force Retiree Council. He was a member of the Retired Enlisted Association, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Pikes Peak Corvair Club and was a great supporter of the Air Force Academy Athletic Department and the Special Olympics. Ben will be greatly missed by his wife of 45 years, Bettie Jo, daughter and son-in-law, Kandel and Darryl Hess, and two grandsons, Tyler and Zachary. He will also be missed by his sister, Ilene Ellsworth of Indianapolis, Indiana; Shirley Klein and Dorothy Eckhardt of Ritzville, Washington; numerous nieces and nephews; and by his many friends in this, the community he served for so many years. The memorial service will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, February 25, 2008 at the United States Air Force Academy Cadet Protestant Chapel. A reception will follow the service. Cremation is planned. Private interment will be at the Shrine of Remembrance Rose Gardens. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Everett L. "Ben" Benzel Scholarship Fund at the Air Force Academy Chapter of the NCOA, PO Box 215, USAFA, CO 80840.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT **PIKES PEAK CORVAIR CLUB**

March 9, 2008

In early March the Club Secretary high tailed it out of town to spend a few days with the Dripline Editor's sisters in Wichita. This left the Dripline Editor alone at the March PPCC Club meeting to both edit and take notes for the Secretary. If this report is sketchy or inaccurate, what do you expect from a Dripline Editor???

John Koll was not at the meeting, but we think the club is still solvent to the tune of \$1,000 or so.

Darren Darnell graciously "stepped up to the plate" and offered to begin picking up the mail, keeping track of dues collected and make regular trips to The PPCC post office box to keep the Dripline Editor well stocked in Corvair newsletters from other clubs for the purpose of stealing interesting articles.

Chris Woodard was a guest of Darrin Darnell. He's looking for a good late model Corvair coupe or convertible. Don't forget the Tri State Preview outing is Sunday, April 20. Details in Dripline. President Steve Goodman reminded members to make reservations to the Tri-State Meeting in Pagosa Springs. Rates are lowest if you call in before April 1. Details in Dripline. Steve thanked all who responded to the Corsa Survey. Membership in Corsa has been on the decline and they need our support because Corsa is the national lifeline to Corvair owners. RMC is taking a drive to the Cracker Barrel in Loveland on Sunday, March 30. Interested? Get more details from Steve.

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"A cookie store is a bad idea. Besides, the market research reports say America likes crispy cookies, not soft and chewy cookies like you make," -- Response to Debbi Fields' idea of starting Mrs. Fields' Cookies.

"We don't like their sound, and guitar music is on the way out," -- Decca Recording Co. rejecting the Beatles, 1962.

"Heavier-than-air flying machines are impossible," -- Lord Kelvin, president, Royal Society, 1895.



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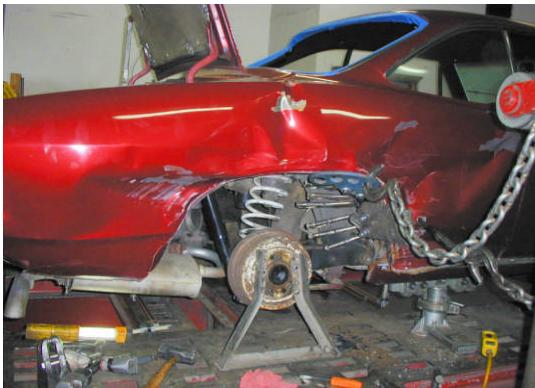
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**From Beast to Stunning Beauty in Less Than a Year!
Way to Go, Bud and Pon!**



I Just Can't Stop Fixin' Em!

By Bud Edwards

Last July, I had sold my '65 Corsa to a CORSA member from Kansas City. I had decided, at my age, to begin disposing of my Corvairs and parts. He came to pick the car up on a Saturday morning. That afternoon, my wife and I were riding around when I decided to stop by and see one I had seen advertised. Absolutely no intention of buying, just curious. Well, we both fell for it at first glance even though it had been wrecked. The lady owner had been hit very hard in the right quarter panel. After much consideration, I made an offer which was accepted.

Funny note...when we returned home, my neighbor lady came out and said she had seen my buyer drive off and questioned me as to when I was getting my next one. (She knew I was getting out) I told her the tow truck would be here in about a hour. She cracked up!

Anyway, the car appears to have been set up for some sort of racing, probably motocross.

Special suspension and steering, front and rear sway bars, oil pan and pump, etc. But it was the interior that really set it off. Combination of red and black. and perfect. Paint was pretty good too.

After getting it home, I found the wheels were not damaged but the right rear suspension had quite a bit of dam-

age. Transmission and differential had me worried because of the impact they had taken. Transmission wouldn't shift right but, after adjustments to the shift linkage, it fell into place. After repairs and replacement of most of the right suspension, it went to the frame shop for repairs to the body and pan. A few days there and onto the body shop.

Robert's Auto Body did the body work and paint job. Of course, I was impatient and he was very slow. But I couldn't complain. He was personally doing the work instead of turning it over to employees. Years ago, I worked for his dad as an appraiser in his body shop. I made a nuisance of myself, I'm sure, by stopping in every day or so to check on the progress. It turned out even better than I was expecting. I still have a few minor things to do to it but it should be completed in time for the car show this summer.

This is basically what's been done: replaced lower control arm, right drive shaft, both left and right rear wheel bearing assemblies (rebuilt units). replaced right quarter panel and right door. New clutch assembly (complete), new U-joints, complete paint job and built console under dash for after market stereo and speakers. Aside of repairs to body, Robert repaired every little parking lot dent, hail dents and normal nicks and dings on the complete unit. **See page 4.**

Welcome New Members
**Chris Woodard
 And Family**



Coming Events

PPCC Picnic
 Sunday, June 8
 Car Show
 Sportsman's Warehouse
 (Citadel)
 Saturday, July 12
 PPCC Road Rally
 July or August
 Stay Tuned for Details

Bud Edwards from page 3

As an old auto damage appraiser, I knew I was going to invest more than I really wanted to. I did. But, THIS IS MY LAST ONE! Number 16 is the final one. When I left the appraising business, a complete paint job on this would have been about the price of paint and materials alone now.

Ironically, the only local mechanic who I trusted on Corvairs has just closed his shop. Now I'm lost if it isn't something minor. I've tried to convince Steve Goodman to move to the Springs and take care of us. No luck .

Editor's Note: Looks like Bud's turned this beast into a beauty. I think this is the same car that Linda Miller had for sale in Dripline a year or two ago.

MORE Famous Predictions

"I'm just glad it'll be Clark Gable who's falling on his face and not Gary Cooper," -- Gary Cooper on his decision not to take the leading role in "Gone With The Wind."

"A cookie store is a bad idea. Besides, the market research reports say America likes crispy cookies, not soft and chewy cookies like you make," -- Response to Debbi Fields' idea of starting Mrs. Fields' Cookies.

"We don't like their sound, and guitar music is on the way out," -- Decca Recording Co. rejecting the Beatles, 1962.

"Heavier-than-air flying machines are impossible," -- Lord Kelvin, president, Royal Society, 1895.

"If I had thought about it, I wouldn't have done the experiment. The literature was full of examples that said you can't do this," - - Spencer Silver on the work that led to the unique adhesives for 3-M Post It note pads.

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By Steve Goodman

Hello fellow PPCC members: Weather is funny, huh? Sunday it was a nice drive day to the meeting, by Tuesday it was 75 degrees and tonight (Wed) it has been snowing for several hours. Luckily by Sunday which is test 'n tune day at Eric Schakels' home in Sedalia it is to be 75 degrees again. Of course by the time you read this the day will be over with, I hope we have a good representation from C/Springs.

It was nice to see Betti Jo Benzel at the brunch too, please remember to take a minute and call Betti Jo once in a while for a visit and to check on her. She will enjoy the conversation. Garrie and Patricia Fox did a nice turn by presenting the photo collage of Ben to her, thank you both.

Thank you all for attending the meeting Sunday. Darren received the paperwork stack that Ben Benzel had worked from as the membership chairman and now Darren gets to figure out what is entailed in the position. I hope he still is smiling next month. Please give Darren your best cooperation when he comes calling for money. Thank you Darren for jumping into the club activities while still one of the newer members,

it is nice to see that new members are wanting to take an interest.

Talking about new members, Chris Woodward attended his first club meeting last month; this month he already has his project car and is started working on it. Again, it makes me happy to see some new interest in our club and thank you Chris for being a part of it. I might add that Chris is not a stranger to Corvairs, he worked for some time for Mel and MJ Vair Mart in Calif. Thanks for joining and I hope the club continues to hold your interest.

Thank you Paul for doing such a good job on our newsletter and also to Jon Anderson for taking care of the door prize drawing at each meeting and finding good door prizes and also to Ruth Goodman for finding some door prizes too. What the heck, I might as well say THANKS to Pat Campbell for keeping the meeting records and to John Koll for watching our money.

Please remember that the May meeting will be moved ahead a week, it will be May 4 at the Country Buffet at 1000hrs. Next on the agenda then will be the TRI-STATE in Pagosa Springs. I hope to see everyone there and at the meeting too.

Dale Wilshire

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Secretary's Report April 13, 2008

The April meeting started a little late due to my poorly planned pit stop. OOPS!! Won't happen again!

- Steve welcomed new member Bill Kerwin.
- The minutes from the March meeting were approved as written.
- The Treasury is at \$949.00 and slowly depleting. We may have to consider an increase in dues in the future.
- Ruth Goodman will be making a multi-color afghan to be raffled off at the Tri State.
- Garrie Fox presented Betty Jo Benzel with a great framed collage of pictures of Ben with friends and Corvairs.
- Darren Darnell is our new membership chair. Remember to make his job easy by checking your membership date in the Dripline and paying your dues on time.
- The club picnic at the Air Force Academy will be June 8th. We need some volunteers to pick up and bring ice chests, beverages, food and other supplies. Let us hear from you.
- It was suggested we should try to make it a Corvair day at the weekly "show and shine" Saturday at the old Grocery Warehouse on Powers and Constitution. They start at about 2PM. Let's consider a date.
- There will be a car show at Sportsmen's Warehouse on Saturday, July 12 for those interested.
- Remember the next meeting will be at Country Buffet on May 4th because of Mother's Day.

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Ben Fulcher
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Kermit Shields
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Colorado Sunshine. It's earlier
this year so we shouldn't have to
worry about snow.





President's Notes

By Steve Goodman

Hello fellow PPCC members. First I would like to thank all who attended the May meeting. The attendance was a bit light but considering the date change and all of the different activities we are all facing since the weather turned nicer, it was still a good group.

Remember the picnic on June 8 at the FAM-CAMP. Food usually starts around 1100hrs but many tend to show up early to take advantage of the time to visit and look at the cars. This year there will be added conversation about the TRI-STATE too.

Notice how I led nicely into the meet in Pagosa Springs? There were 95 members and families at the banquet. RMC and hostess Laura Wilshire did a fine job of coordinating the activities. RMC also kept the attendance trophy for another year but PPCC did a great job too and I won't complain about the fact our count came up second. I want to thank all PPCC members who showed up and I know we all had a good time.

Congratulations are in order to Darren Darnell, he won the 'late open' class with his great looking 66 blue convertible. He also deserves a lot of credit since he just finished rebuilding the engine and this trip was the maiden voyage for the car. He got great fuel mileage too and the car is beautiful and sounds good too.

Ruth left the banquet early, the heat and lack of moving air started bothering her badly. That is why I finished her drawing for the afghan. When PPCC or RMC is the host club, Ruth makes an afghan and raffles it off. She donates the entire amount to the host club. When I returned to the room after the meeting the first words from her were 'who won the afghan?'. When I told her 'Pat Campbell' she said 'GREAT'. Ruth certainly hopes that Pat will use and enjoy the afghan.

Paul Campbell and John Koll are working on a nice rally/tour for us later in the summer. I always enjoy driving my cars and I hope they get have a lot of interest in their tour. The end spot will be great and I am looking forward to driving on the rally. Thank you Paul and John for spending your time on this.

Thank you all, remember the picnic on June 8 and hopefully will see you all there.



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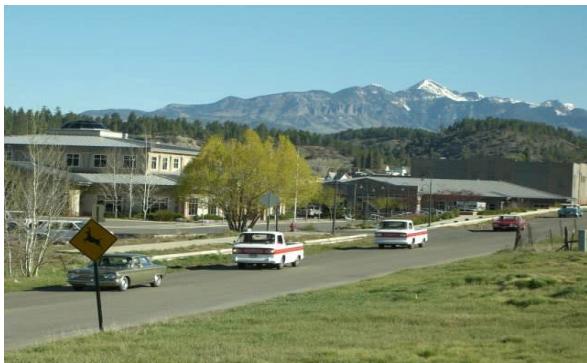
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President's Notes

By Steve Goodman

Hello fellow PPCC members. First I would like to thank the brave and hardy souls who scoffed at the weatherman and attended the picnic last Sunday. I couldn't believe our luck when I got up about 0500hrs and it was pouring rain here in Denver which meant at least cool winds blowing on the AFA grounds. However on the bright side, 45 members and families gather (huddled actually) and I think everyone had a good time anyway.

Another good addition for the day was NEW MEMBERS. Wes and Shanna came to the picnic and providing they don't think we are all crazy for standing around in the cold eating hot dogs and hamburgers they will become good members to our club.

It will take a long time for us to find all of the ways we will miss Ben Benzel. Ben did so much behind the scenes work for PPCC, probably more than we will ever know about. The picnic is a good example; Ben handled the food and drinks and the facility and getting the fire going and just about everything. This year it took Michael and Jennifer Wiltrot, Garrie and Patricia Fox, Betti Jo Benzel and Paul and Pat Campbell to do the work. THANK YOU ALL for making the picnic a success.

You will also notice that the DRIPLINE is increasing in quality. Not necessarily the color this month, that was an error by the printer and they didn't charge for it; I mean the nice layout and easy to read manner that Paul finishes it each month. We are fortunate to have Paul doing the newsletter, please tell him how much you enjoy it. Also remember that if you have something of interest please submit it to Paul. If you need some help writing it either ask Paul or

I will offer to help you also. Several of our members have car projects going, let's hear from you.

A few words about the Tri-State in Pagosa Springs: Even though RMC beat us on attendance I am proud to be a part of PPCC, we had a good showing and considering the price of fuel etc I felt that we upheld our honor very well.

Congratulations to Darren Darnell for winning 'Best Late Open' with his blue 66 convertible. He just finished rebuilding the engine before the trip and the car ran flawlessly and got good fuel mileage too. Good job Darren. One other person, Laura Wilshire needs to be mentioned too. Her and her mother Joan belong to PPCC as well as RMC. In fact Joan is the recording secretary for RMC and Laura is the activities director. Laura was the chairperson of this years' Tri-state and she deserves a round of applause for her efforts as well as all of RMC. (Everyone realizes that I belong to RMC too but as president of PPCC, my loyalty is with C/Springs)

Lastly, I touched gently on a bad subject Sunday, dues. PPCC is not doing badly but we should think about a small dues increase in the near future instead of waiting until the money starts dwindling and we need a large increase. RMC uses a method of automatically increasing the dues every other year. This way, the dues kinda keeps up with inflation and again makes it easier on everyone by not getting hit by big increases out of the blue. Postage and printing have increased several times since our last dues increase. I would like to ask for some input from our members at the July meeting. CORSA is having the same issue. In most cases the loss of membership numbers does NOT decrease the costs and in some cases actually make them higher. Paul tells me that some postage and printing costs are being saved by sending the DRIPLINE by pdf too. Any-one who wants to receive their issues over the internet should tell Paul.

I hope to see you all on July 13 at the Country Buffet, drive your Corvairs to the meeting.

NOT THE GREATEST WEATHER FOR A PICNIC

Bad weather just seems to follow our "summer" picnics. After drizzling and slightly freezing at the picnics in September of '05, '06, and '07, it was quite correctly presumed that we would beat the cold weather by moving our picnic from September to June. I thought it was a good idea... heck, we all thought it was a good idea. So with a great deal of optimism, we all headed to the Air Force Academy late Sunday morning, June 8 to enjoy what just HAD to be a beautiful summer's Day.

WRONG!! Maybe it's not the season at all, maybe the "rain gods" just don't like Corvairs or Corvair owners.

But, even with the lousy weather, I think we all had a fun, chilly day with great burgers, brats, hot dogs and, ya just gotta love the dishes that everybody brings to share. I didn't get any exercise that Sunday, but when I got home all I wanted to do was "hibernate" after all that great food. I can't wait 'til next year!

Thanks to Patricia Fox for Photo Collage



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Food and Drink?

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Corvairs in South Africa II

Michael Brittan, RMC Editor-At-Large

In my previous article on this subject (*Denvair News*, December 2007, p 6), I highlighted a 1965 Corvair Monza that I had come across on a trip to South Africa in September 2007. This car is a rarity in South Africa, and naturally aroused my curiosity. The subject of Corvairs in South Africa also caught the attention of Mike McGowan, Executive Editor of the *Corsa Communique*. Through a lead he provided, followed by a little bit of sleuthing, I managed to track down the owner of the Corvair. He is Brian Sparrow of Germiston, South Africa. Brian, it so happens, is an avowed Corvair fan.



Fig. 1. One of the original Corvairs imported to South Africa by General Motors in 1960, photographed by then owner, Brian Sparrow during a freak snow storm in July 1964.

For those with more than a passing interest in geography, Germiston is a city just to the southeast of Johannesburg. Johannesburg, in turn, is the largest city in South Africa and has many similarities with Denver, being situated astride the southern African continental divide and located at an altitude of nearly 6,000'. Like Denver, it is also a large city not sited on any major river (unusual as large cities go), and has a history steeped in gold mining.

Germiston was established during the late-nineteenth century South African gold rush soon after a Scottish prospector struck paydirt. The town that sprung up next to his claim was named Germiston after his farm near Glasgow. Fast forward to 1947 when the British Royal Family paid an official visit to South Africa. I have a strong memory of being taken to Germiston as a child



Fig. 2. 1963 Corvair coupe owned by Corvair fan Brian Sparrow. Car originally came to South Africa by way of Zambia in Central Africa.

to see the passing royal motorcade. My grandfather owned a service station on the motorcade route, and I recall standing on a 44 gal drum (South Africa used the imperial gallon before metrication in 1960) to get a grandstand view of the royal Daimlers as King George VI, Queen Elizabeth (the late queen mother) and the two princesses (Elizabeth, now Queen Elizabeth II, and Margaret) waved regally to the crowds of lesser mortals.

But I digress - Brian Sparrow's long acquaintance with Corvairs dates to the origin of the marque. It turns out that he was turned on by Corvairs when they first appeared in South Africa in 1960. He acquired his first Corvair in 1962, a used 1960 model 700 4-door automatic, from a Chevrolet dealer in Pretoria. This would have been one of the original models that came to South Africa in 1960, the only year that General Motors South African imported Corvairs. Brian no longer owns this car but he provided me with a unique photograph of the car taken in July (midwinter in the southern hemisphere) 1964 during a freak snow storm in the Johannesburg area (Figure 1). Trust me, it never snows in Johannesburg.

Brian's next Corvair acquisition was a silver 1963 coupe (Figure 2). This car was a private special import which had come to South Africa from Zambia in central Africa. Brian painted the car yellow, but it then languished for nine years until he refurbished it and returned it to its silver color.

The 1965 Monza was first spotted by Brian at a car meet twelve years ago. He badgered the owner for some four years until a deal was done, with the Corvair traded for a Jaguar XJ6! The car had come to South Africa from Zimbabwe, also as a special import. It was first registered by the original owner, mistakenly, as a "Chevair" (Chevair was at one time an exclusive GM South African model name for locally assembled, badge-engineered Vauxhalls). The registration was corrected when Brian took ownership. The Monza was originally white, and was painted red when Brian undertook an extensive restoration of the car.

In the best tradition of the Wilshire family, Brian has a daughter who is also a dedicated car fan. Figure 3 shows Brian's Monza graced with his daughter. This photograph was taken at the same club meet where I first encountered the car - a fitting tribute to a Corvair enthusiast at the southern tip of Africa.

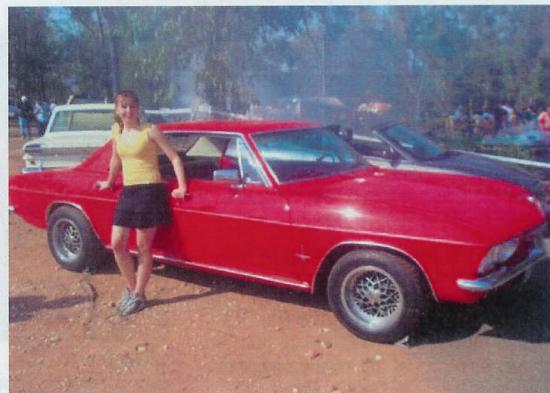


Fig. 3. Two of Brian Sparrow's treasures, his 1965 Monza and his daughter. This car was also a private import to South Africa, via Zimbabwe.

The above article was shamelessly "ripped off" from Michael Brittan, Rocky Mountain Corsa Editor at Large. It was originally published in *Denvair News*, May 2008. Michael, I hope you don't mind, but if I've offended you or anyone at RMC, I sincerely apologize. Ed.



Changing Oil Isn't All That Simple

By Steve Goodman

Changing oil is a small routine right? Well let's examine the procedure and see what all is involved. Obviously getting the rear of the car in the air is the first step. Well actually the first step is get the engine to operating temp or close to it. It makes the oil easier to drain as well as floating away some of the debris and particles that are mixed with the oil.

Whether using ramps or jacks (and stands) the engine needs enough ground clearance for the drain pan and to reach the plug. Trying to use an open end wrench usually ends in failure, the easiest tool by far is the correct size socket and ratchet. Needless to say having a shop rag in your hand helps when the hot oil starts running down the ratchet handle.

After the dirty oil has settled into a drip from the engine, the next obstacle faced is how to remove the filter (which is still full) without dripping all over the rear of the engine. Also the task of trying to remove some of the oil from the cooler is present and both problems can be fixed at the same time. Remove the coil wire from the distributor cap so the engine won't start and run. Next just use your ignition key to turn the engine over 2 or 3 times about 10 seconds each time. This action pumps much of the oil from the cooler as well as the filter. Now to be on the safe side you can wrap the filter with a plastic baggie and then unscrew the bolt and remove the filter. I might add that using the baggie is essential if the engine has A/C or smog and I will add one more

suggestion for those filters. I use a long 3/8" extension and a U-joint socket and go from the coil side of the engine behind the crank pulley and remove that filter bolt. I never remove the bolt on top that holds the adapter to the engine. Lastly check to ensure that the old O-ring/gasket seal has been removed with the old oil filter.

I take a couple of steps before starting to pour oil into the engine. The first is to ensure that the drain plug is back in place with a good gasket and correctly tightened. NEVER walk away from the engine before ensuring the plug is tight.

Next ensure that the fresh gasket is under the filter bolt. I pour oil into the filter on all engines without the 90 degree fittings. Whether I fill or not, I lube the outer gasket with oil and then tighten the filter bolt to spec. I also lay out the amount of oil I need so I don't lose track of how many quarts I have already dumped into the engine. This is aimed at the oversized oil pans too, it is easy to forget how many more quarts are needed if you are tossing the empty bottles into the trash basket. Lastly twist the oil cap in place and start the engine and let it idle. While it is idling go back and look carefully and at length around the oil filter for leakage. Watch the gasket under the bolt too. Let the engine idle for several minutes before getting the car on the ground and ready to drive away. Be sure to write your milage down so you know when to have all this fun the next time.

No Secretary's Report this month, either.

Last month, it was my fault because I forgot to print Jennifer Wiltrot's report when she subbed for Pat. This month no report because last meeting was mostly just a picnic. No excuses next month.

MEMBERSHIP DUES NOW DUE

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Friday, July 11. Cruise Night, Canon City. Call John or Dee Glusick for details. 719-372-3766.

Saturday, July 12 Sportsman's Warehouse at the Citadel. Hogs & Hot Rods Show. Registration \$12 arrive 7:30 am. For info call Darrin McDaniel, 597-9200

Saturday, July 12. Summer Cruise Night at Garden of Gods Visitor Center. Call Karen 227-9959 days or www.stockerscarclub.com

Friday, July 18 7pm Sock Hop & BBQ

Saturday, July 19 9am-4pm 5th Annual Thunder Valley Car Show. Fountain, CO. Call 447-8637 or 382-8823

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Hello fellow PPCC members: Thanks to those who attended the July meeting, it was a bit sparse but probably some were on vacation or simply hiding from the heat. Hopefully all of us are driving our Corvairs, that is a sure case that no radiator will be boiling over.

I have touched briefly twice now about raising the club dues, doing it now instead of waiting until the treasury has diminished and the club is in crisis. I talked about it WAY TOO LONG at the July meeting and I apologize to the members in attendance for my ramblings. Quickly what my suggestion was is to raise the dues \$5.00 per year; that brings the dues to \$25.00 per year. I used the example that \$5.00 is barely more than a gallon of gasoline.

We need to keep in mind that in 2010 we are hosting the TRI-STATE CORVAIR MEET again, this incurs some spending with trophies and T-shirts. Normally all of the money is made back and then some, Ruth has made and sold an afghan every year and donates all of the proceeds back to the club and we have had the 50/50 which earns us some money, too.

The T-shirt sales come out 'to the good' because orders are taken beforehand and there are very few if any leftovers. Usually the remaining inventory ends up being the 'profit' but the ladies have figured out a way to eliminate extras. Even at that however some of the expenses must be paid before the event and it wouldn't do to have the treasury nearly empty.

Keeping with the Tri-state, if someone would like to volunteer to do the meet they should speak up now. All of the ones I have done for either club started in the fall of the year before the announcement was to be made. Tradition says the announcement of the following year be done at this years' meet, so next year (2009) which CNM hosts will be up to PPCC to announce the 2010 location.

I have always picked a town, visited over the phone with the CofC folks to get an idea of a motel and banquet facility. Then I have driven over to make the arrangements and set prices and just visit for a bit. It is important to square away the city grounds for the car show and make certain the drives don't obstruct or interfere with normal traffic in the town also.

Also it gives an opportunity to see what the location has to offer for enjoyment during the weekend. Then it is the matter of constantly following up with the principals, things change quickly and if left undone can be a bit of a pain on the weekend of the meet. I always drive over a couple of weeks before the meet too, just to make sure everything is in place. SO, if anyone wants to take this one let's hear about it at the August meeting.

One last thing, please plan on attending the gimmick rally on August 24. Paul Campbell, John Koll and Warren Ehrmann have spent considerable effort and time to make this a great drive day. Gimmick rallies are fun and the food at the end will be great. Let's not disappoint them with a poor attendance.

I always close by saying 'drive your Corvair to the meeting' and last month my wife needed A/C so we drove a brand X. In August I will be in a Corvair, hope to see all of you in one too.



From Dream to Nightmare To Reality in Just Eight Short Years

To celebrate the 4th of July 2000, Jon Anderson bought himself the present of a very rough 1965 Corvair convertible.

What started out as a labor of love undoubtedly, at times, turned into a labor of frustration and expense that tested his patience over and over. But, a mere eight years later, on the 4th of July 2008, Jon's persistence has been rewarded with a nearly restored convertible that any Corvair enthusiast would be proud to be seen in. I say "nearly restored" because are any of us ever truly "done" with our project cars?

Jon started working on the car as soon as he bought it. It ran, but was rough and needed a great deal of TLC. The car started life as a 140 with Powerglide, but the prior owner had blown the engine and replaced with a 95 hp Powerglide. Jon has always liked having a little "power to spare" so he took out the 95 hp and replaced it with a junk 140 that he had in his back yard and converted from Powerglide to a 4 speed.

Over eight years' time, Jon helped increase the profit margins of Clark's, The Corvair Underground and Larry's. Club President Steve Goodman did much of the part rebuilding.

Looking back, Jon says the car has been a fun project, but like all of us, he also knows that such projects take more time and money than expected. Jon mentioned that tearing open a Corvair is kind of like opening a "Pandora's Box". What's going to break next and how much is it going to cost?

Next time you see Jon at a meeting, be sure to ask Jon about his project and take a good look at it! That's what it's all about!

COMING EVENTS

Friday, August 1
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Saturday, Aug 9-Sunday, Aug 10
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Royal Gorge Show
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One day, while a blonde was out driving her car, she ran into a truck. The truck's driver made her pull over into a parking lot and get out of the car. He took a piece of chalk and drew a circle on the pavement. He told her to stand in the middle and not leave the circle. Furious, he went over to her car and slashed the tires. The blonde started laughing. This made the man angrier so he smashed her windshield. This time the blonde laughed even harder. Livid, the man broke all her windows and keyed her car. The blonde is now laughing hysterically, so the truck driver asks her what's so funny. The blonde giggles and replies, "When you weren't looking, I stepped out of the circle three times!"

Secretary's Report

July 13, 2008

July 13, 2008 meeting had only 19 members in attendance. No minutes or treasurers report were submitted.

Steve thanked all those who helped with this year's picnic. It took quite a few of us to try to fill Ben's shoes. If you have any input on the place, menu, activities or other picnic items please bring it up at the August 10th meeting.

There will be a Rally put on by our club on August 24th. Please e-mail or call Paul Campbell to sign up (pdtcamp@yahoo.com) or 633-8708.

RMC's picnic will be held August 17th @ Christy Barton's house in Boulder. There will be a parts exchange.

The dues issue was brought up again. With mailing costs increasing and our Tri-State turn coming up in 2010 it might be a good idea to increase dues. It might be possible to add an automatic increase of \$1 per year every other year and/or an annual increase to \$24 or \$25 per year. Please bring **your** ideas/suggestions to the August 10th meeting.

It was suggested the club may want to visit the Rambler Ranch again in '09. There have been some great changes to the Ranch since we were last there.

Meeting adjourned.

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Dear Walter: I hope you can help me here. The other day, I set off for work leaving my husband in the house watching the TV as usual. I hadn't gone more than a mile down the road when my engine conked out and the car shuddered to a halt. I walked back home to get my husband's help. When I got home I couldn't believe my eyes. He was in our bedroom with the neighbor lady. I am 32, my husband is 34, and we have been married for twelve years.

When I confronted him, he broke down and admitted that they had been having an affair for the past six months. I told him to stop or I would leave him. He was let go from his job six months ago and he says he has been feeling increasingly depressed and worthless. I love him very much, but ever since I gave him the ultimatum he has become increasingly distant. He won't go to counseling and I'm afraid I can't get through to him anymore. Can you please help?

Sincerely, Sheila

Dear Sheila: A car stalling after being driven a short distance can be caused by a variety of faults with the engine. Start by checking that there is no debris in the fuel line. If it is clear, check the vacuum pipes and hoses on the intake manifold and also check all grounding wires. If none of these approaches solves the problem, it could be that the fuel pump itself is faulty, causing low delivery pressure to the carburetor float chamber.

I hope this helps.
-Walter

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President Steve Goodman and Co-Rally Master Warren Ehrmann checking out what would become the winning Corvair of the "Cruise to Cripple Creek". John Neal won the spirited competition with his wife and Larry as Co-Navigators. More pictures from John Neal and Patricia Fox Inside.

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President's Notes

By Steve Goodman

Hello fellow PPCC members and I hope all of you have a safe and enjoyable Labor Day weekend. Let me start by saying how great was the rally. Paul Campbell and John Koll and Warren Erhmann deserve a tremendous credit. All of you who missed that Sunday missed a wonderful day. Larry Yoder (president of RMC) and his wife Lynn drove down from Denver to participate. I was hoping for other RMC members but I think the length of the drive kept some at home. Thanks Larry and Lynn. Paul hinted that another one may be in works for next year and he said it would be more difficult, apparently he thought we breezed through this one too easily. Thank you rallymasters for a perfect day.

Another nice settled issue is that Kermit Shields has offered to chair the 2010 Tri-State. Thank you Kermit and you know of course that help from all PPCC members is there for the asking.

Notice too the dues increase starting this month, I think I lobbied too hard for the \$5.00/year increase. On one hand it pained me to talk of raising the dues and on the other I felt if we started now the treasury wouldn't dip too low and I want to say THANK YOU to the members for not throwing things at me at the meeting. The \$25.00 per year should be good for three to four years I hope.

Lastly don't forget the fall foliage tour, scheduled for September 28. This is a drive to Buena Vista and meet with RMC at Jan's Restaurant. We have been to Jan's before and the food and service has always been great. The two clubs leave at the same time and arrive pretty close together. There are photo opps along the way and a nice drive in the mountains. PPCC members meet at the pottery place on US 24 and we all leave at 1100hrs or close to that. We arrive at Jan's at about 1330hrs. I hope to see you all there but don't forget the meeting on September 14 too. It is the usual place, the Country Buffet at 1000hrs.

August 10, 2008 PPCC meeting Minutes:

John Koll reported about \$1,000 in the treasury.

Steve Goodman reminded us of some upcoming events.

RMC picnic swap meet and cars show in Boulder on August 16.

Cruise to Cripple Creek will be on August 24th. Y'all come.

Fall tour on September 28th. We'll drive to Buena Vista and enjoy the scenery and a nice lunch.

We voted to increase annual dues to \$25 per year

The cut-away Corvair is stored at John and Dee Glusick's.

There may be a need to find a new place to store it in the near future.

Steve offered to do a turbocharger demo at a future meeting.

Cruise to Cripple Creek

More than a year ago, the Club agreed that it would be a good idea to put on a low pressure "Road Rally" for the PPCC Members. As soon as the decision was made, John Koll and Warren Ehrmann stepped forward to co-chair the event with "yours truly".

It took a long time to agree on a date that would work for the "rallymasters" while bringing the greatest number of participants, but after four "test drives" and a lot of planning, the event finally came together on August 24 on an absolutely perfect day for a late summer drive to the mountains.

The participants gathered at the Chapel Hills parking lot around 9am on Sunday morning and, by 10 am, the first of 10 cars with perhaps 25 people in them headed out of the parking lot for a roundabout drive to Cripple Creek that wound through Rockrimmon, Manitou Springs, the Pikes Peak Highway, Woodland Park, Green Mountain Falls, Florissant and eventually to the Wild Horse in Cripple Creek.

After the last car left the parking lot, John, Warren and I headed to the Donut Mill in Woodland Park to congratulate ourselves on the rally's smooth start. Our euphoria was interrupted when we saw the first Corvair drive by the restaurant window as we sipped our coffee.

So, we jumped back in our cars, and

because I "jumped the gun", the rallymasters became separated from each other on their journey to Cripple Creek. I was ahead of them, but they turned back to look for me thinking I was behind them. I pulled over in Divide to wait for them, but turned back because they hadn't caught up. As I headed back to Woodland Park, I saw them coming the other way heading toward Divide. So...I turned around to catch up with them, but found both of them had been pulled over by a "County Mountie" for some minor traffic infraction (not a speeding ticket). Brave soldier that I am, I drove by them as I thought I didn't know either of them. The three of us didn't catch up with each other until we got to Cripple Creek by which time all the contestants had finished the rally and headed to the restaurant at Wild Horse.

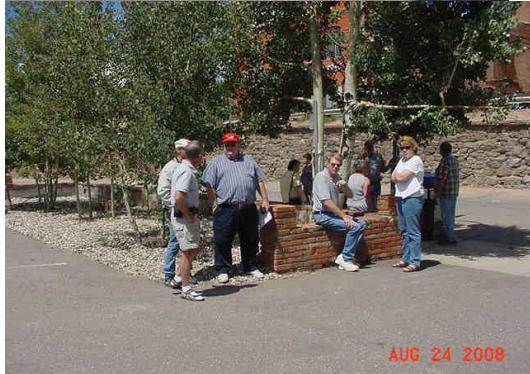
There were no prizes of importance, but the Neals finished in first place, the Frantz's ended up in second. Mark King came in last but couldn't be expected to do better because he had no navigator to look for answers to the questions posed on the rally.

The rallymasters especially want to thank the Wild Horse Casino for providing every car with a \$10 restaurant discount and a \$5.00 cash coupon for the slot machines. We hope everyone that participated had a great time! John, Warren and I had fun putting it together for you.

Cruise to Cripple Creek



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Seeing is Believing!

By Garrie Fox



Ben's Car on Dinosaur juice

Hopefully the difference in internal engine contamination, deposits and cleanliness in these two pictures will be a Blinding Glimpse of the Obvious.

These two opposite findings have been observed over and over as I have put resurrected Corvair engines and VW air cooled engines back into service over the last 32 years. Yes, I started using synthetic engine oils in 1970s.

They represent pictorial evidence for the scrubbing action of synthetic engine lubricants. The synthetic lubricant cleans the inside, all surfaces, including oil passages etc.. like EDTA cleans heavy metals and plaque out of our human blood circulatory systems.

Removing the oil pans of these two Corvair engines for photo taking, shows the one using conventional petroleum based engine oil to have heavy dark sludge type deposits coating most internal engine components. The cleaner of the two used only synthetic engine lubricants since I first received, serviced, and placed this Corvair engine



Garrie Fox's on Mobil 1 15w50

back into service..

I like to pull the oil pan, oil filter and valve covers when I convert a Corvair Engine to synthetic lubricant.

This lets me to rotate the engine allowing the oil pump to purge a bit more oil from it and passages. Guess I am really old fashioned as I then leave the pan and covers off overnight to allow as much of the previous engine oil to drain.

Not all synthetic engine oils have the ZDDP (Nominal & Relative Phos. Level) in sufficient amounts for our Corvair engines, so if you do change to synthetic engine lubricants, please consider using products that are rated as adequate for our flat tappet valve train. There are several companies that produce synthetics that would provide much improved lubrication over conventional motor oils, but having tested Mobil 1's 15 W 50 in the 1960s, I still use it and it turns out to be spot on for ZDDP levels for our Corvairs.



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By Steve Goodman

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Those driving from PPCC included: Jon/Deb Anderson and young ladies (65 Monza coupe), Garrie/Patricia Fox (65 Crown coupe), Kermit Shields (68 Monza convert), Bill/Bev Mattics (66 Monza convert). (I can't include Ruth and I since we drove in with the Denver group) I hope no one objects, I just couldn't see driving to the pottery store and then driving back the other way although the total milage might not be that much different, just time on the road.

THANKS TO ALL WHO ATTENDED THE DRIVE, the scenery was perfect and the drive was great. RMC fell into line behind PPCC as we all met at

285 and 24, a great sight and perfect timing.

At the September meeting I reminded everyone of upcoming elections. If anyone wants to be an elected official (better here than in Washington these days!!) just speak up at the October meeting or notify any of the officers. John Koll offered to continue watching our money and we should let him do just that. The newsletter editor job is actually a volunteer affair.

Since I mentioned the DRILINE staff we all are fortunate that Paul and all of his editorial staff, writers and publishing laborforce make a constant effort to provide PPCC members with a great newsletter, thank you Paul.

Even though it seems early, the Christmas party is scheduled for December 21 at the O-club. Details for registering will follow next month.

If someone has an idea for an event in October, bring it to the meeting please.

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Your humble editor and club secretary couldn't join you on the Fall Tour because we were on vacation in Steamboat Springs and Grand Junction. We didn't see any Corvairs, but we did see plenty of fall colors and this most unusual automobile in Steamboat. I think it may have started life as a Honda CRX.



A Tale of A Canary Colored Corvair Convertible

By Kermit Shields

When I was ten years old, Uncle Elmer moved in with us after the Army with his brand new 1949 yellow Dodge convertible. He worked nights and we had the car everyday to go anywhere and everywhere. That summer provided memories that prompted me fifty years later to search for a fun car to carry grandkids around.

Having owned an excessive number of vehicles during my life and having a curiosity about Corvairs, the decision was made. Being an impulse buyer with a need for immediate gratification, the use of the internet for a nation-wide search could not be denied. Sure enough, there was an ad from a Jack Webb in Alberta Canada describing a low mileage 2-owner Butternut Yellow convertible with a power top option. Yessir, this was exactly the car that met my needs, the right color and waiting to be sent to me.

Pictures showed a pretty little car with wire hubcaps, 78,000 miles, new paint, and with the original top and interior. Then the sales pitch began: the original 95 horsepower engine had just been replaced with a '66 110 engine that was rebuilt with Clark parts, and receipts for everything were included. It was the perfect car

that would never need repair, the ultimate discovery. My negotiation style, "Oh yes, I'll take it, please sell it to me, please, please, please," was successful and the car would soon have a new home.

Well, there were a few details to work out, like a Canadian auto-export firm to deal with customs and an auto-transport company to bring the car to the USofA. Phone calls eventually led to identifying people willing to take my money and perform the magic that lead to the unloading of the car four weeks later right here in Motor City. It was actually on top of the truck rather than on the trailer.

After the State Patrol inspected the car, the county title employee pointed out that the Canadian title in my hand was only ½ of the original. A picture of the official one showed that Jack Webb had sent half. A quick phone call verified that he had the other half and would send it to me. Jack never explained why he cut the title.

The Corvair was finally mine in November 1999.

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Old Business
Everyone who attended the Cruise to Cripple Creek had a great time.
Next Event will be the Fall Tour to Buena Vista on September 28

New Business
Elections are coming up soon for Pikes Peak Corvair Club officers. Here's your chance to help the club grow stronger. Pikes Peak Corvair Club will host the 2010 Tri-State which will be held in Canon City. Kermit Shields is going to be primary coordinator, but he'll need everyone's help.

The Christmas Party will be held on Sunday, December 21 at the Officers' Club on the Air Force Academy grounds. More details coming soon.

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President's Notes

By Steve Goodman

Thanks to all who attended the meeting in October. Happily the weather was better in the Springs than what it was when Ruth and I left Denver.

The Christmas party is on with everything in place. Ben Benzel had re-served the O-club last year (for this year). There were a couple of changes in staff apparently just in the last few weeks but all is well. The date is December 21 at 1000hrs. The price per person is the club member rate of \$18.95 each including tax. NOTE that tip is NOT included. (I am not certain what the 'non-club member amount is but usually \$4.00 more.)

After eating the usual gift exchange/swap will be conducted. Gifts typically in the \$10 range boxes marked either 'boy' or 'girl' or 'either'. After the gift is opened there is an opportunity for someone else to steal the gift making the original person go back again. It is an enjoyable way to spend some time and gifts such as car models and tools as well as stuffed animals that make noise seem to be the most popular although certain foods such as nut assortments and chocolate run a close second. The brunch is very good with excellent food and a large vari-

ety too and hopefully the attendance will be as good as it has been the last couple of years. The upcoming event will be discussed at the November 9 meeting.

Don't forget that elections are coming in November, if you would like to serve the club or nominate someone else to one of the positions just hold up your hand at a meeting or get in touch with one of the officers. John Koll will continue to be the treasurer, all other positions are open for nominations.

I can't believe the year has gone so quickly that already there is talk of the New Years' Day drive to Estes Park hosted by RMC (Denver). If anyone from PPCC would like to attend please let me know or give Laura Wilshire a call or an email please. Ruth and I have started every year since 1973 with a drive into the mountains in a Corvair, I can't think of a better way to start a year.

One of the best aspects of the club is the fellow PPCC members: helping others, I heard that Kermit Shields gave Paul Campbell a hand with his carbs a month or so ago and that Chris Woodard and Chris Klapp both received some help from other club members, thanks to all who offer help; it is what makes the club scene so great. See you on November 9th at the Country Buffet at 1000hrs.

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Chris Klapp's New "Baby" is Coming Along Very Nicely!



Bess Ehrmann



July 23, 1926-October 10, 2008 Bess Ehrmann, age 82, a resident of Colorado Springs since 1978 and formerly of Massachusetts passed away on Friday, October 10, 2008 at the Village at Skyline after a long battle with Alzheimer's disease. She retired as an Administrative Secretary for the Digital Equipment

Corporation. Bess was born on July 23, 1926 in Chicopee Falls, Massachusetts to the late George and Angeline (Ladopoulos) Dulchinos. She was a graduate of Chicopee Falls High School. She married Warren E. Ehrmann on June 1, 1963 in Holyoke, Massachusetts.

Mrs. Ehrmann enjoyed cooking, traveling, skiing and

golf. She was especially interested and active in community events. She is survived by her loving husband, Warren; her daughter: Lisa Kerlin of Colorado Springs and her son: Warren E. Ehrmann, Jr. of Castle Rock, Colorado. She is also survived by her brothers: John Dulchinos of Winchester, Massachusetts; Dan (wife, Ann) Dulchinos of Chicopee Falls; and Peter Dulchinos of Chelmsford, Massachusetts. Also surviving is her sister: Christine (husband, John) Cahalane of Mashpee, Massachusetts. Bess has two grandsons: Chase and Brice Kerlin.

Memorials in Bess's memory may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 2315 Bott Avenue, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80904.

Green Cars

By Chris Woodard



Seafoam Green Chevrolets, my grandfather owned one, a 1961 Corvair Lakewood station wagon. This gem of American engineering got handed from my grandfather to my aunt, who along with my mother nicknamed it the "Green Weenie". The summer of my 17th year, I worked and saved enough to make the Green Weenie my first car. I rebuilt the engine in high school auto shop and drove my friends and me all over California in it. 20 years later, this past spring, I purchased my second green Corvair, this time a 1966 Willow Green Corsa Convertible with a factory turbo; I call it the Green Weenie Version 2 (GWV2).

Jim Reich of Boulder purchased the GWV2 in 1981 and kept it in dry storage for 27 years until he decided to sell it to me in April of 2008 (he owned 9 other Corvairs at the time). Edmund Fenner of Plainfield, N.J. purchased the car on April 13, 1966 from the Dooley Brothers Chevrolet Dealer

on 46 E. Main Street, Sommerville, N.J. Fred Pehnke was the Service Manager.

After purchasing this car, I decided that since it was one of about 500 factory-turbo convertible Corvairs built in 1966, that I would strip it down, repair all the rusty areas, repaint, and restore this rare car.

My family was with me, they pitched in and helped. My kids helped me scrape and remove the engine lid and trunk weather stripping and glue. My wife helped me bag and label bolts, screws, and other small parts; we completely stripped the car in 8 week nights and 2 weekends.

A fellow PPCC member met a paint and body guy in a bar, I hired him to fix the rust and paint the car after he stopped by for a short visit to look at the car. We will talk about how that worked out (or didn't) in the next Dripline.

Secretary's Minutes Sunday, October 12, 2008

Our new member Andy has 2 Corvairs; a '69 convertible and a '65 coupe Corsa. Sorry I didn't get your last name Andy. I'll look forward to meeting you at our next meeting.

John Koll reported the treasury had \$1189 at the beginning of the meeting.

The fall tour was a success. Steve said we are open to other routes and/or destinations for next year's tour. Just check to see that the drive time would be about the same for RMC out of Denver and PPCC.

Kermit Shields has volunteered to be the chairman for the 2010 Tri-State Meet. Thanks, Kermit.

Our Christmas party will be 10am 12/21/08 at the Officers' Club at the Air Force Academy. We'll have the buffet and do our annual "Yankee swap" gift

exchange. If you want to participate bring a wrapped gift marked "male", "female" or "either" and watch the fun. The buffet price is \$18.95 plus tip. Final details at the November 9 meeting.

Chris Klapp reports that his car is coming along. He's rebuilt the engine with Garrie Fox's help and has put in a new interior.

Chris Klapp works at Checker @ Acedamy and Chelton. If you shop when he is there he'll give you a 10% discount.

Eric Schakel from RMC is interested in bringing the CORSA National Convention to Colorado in 2011. He is looking for any volunteers to help in the bid process.

Don't forget to submit any stories, story ideas, project comments, memories and/or articles for the Dripline.





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The purpose of PPCC is to drive your **Corvair** on tours, car shows, parades, plus attend technical sessions & social events: all geared toward the enjoyment of the **CORVAIR** automobile. Monthly meetings are held on the 2nd Sunday of each month at 10:00a.m. in the meeting room of Country Buffet, Citadel Crossing, Colorado Springs, CO.

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How not to injure your spouse.

By Barb & Bill Mattics

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Now, for the rest of the story. The master cylinder went out; no brake fluid. So, all you Corvair friends, check the brake fluid level and the brakes after and do not stand in front of the car to guide your wife in. It took a while but with a new master cylinder and brakes, I'm the designated driver again.

RMC New Years Day Brunch The Otherside Restaurant 11:00 a.m.

It's time to make your reservation for attending the New Years Day Brunch held at the Otherside Restaurant in Estes Park, 900 Moraine Ave, Estes Park! The brunch includes a full buffet, made to order omelets, salads, pastries, desserts, coffee, tea, tax and gratuity all for \$20.00, children 12 & under \$1.00 per year old. To attend send your check to **RMC c/o John Dinsdale, 3240 Billings St, Aurora CO 80011-2231 by 12-20-08** If you haven't attended before, you won't be disappointed in the food or in the beautiful drive to the mountains, after all this is why we live in Colorado. I look forward to seeing you driving your Corvair on the first day of 2009!

Secretary's Report

November 9, 2008

Minutes accepted as "unread". Moved by Garrie Fox and seconded by Jennifer Klapp. Treasury has roughly \$1,000 as reported by John Koll.

Michelle "Shell" Broyles and Theresa Phillips attended the meeting and brought Shell's '65 Corvair. It has a "sad" body, but a good engine. Theresa will be working on the body.

Webmaster Chris Woodard's new and improved website brought Shell and Theresa to our meeting. Chris wants more info on our club history. John Glusick and Betty Jo Benzell should be able to help but if you can contribute please get in touch with him. Chris would like to score one of the three awards Corsa is giving for the best Corvair Club websites.

Club Christmas Party is at the the Air Force Academy Officers' Club on December 21st at 10am. The cost is \$18.95 for adults plus tip (paid separately) and must be paid in advance by December 11th. Make checks payable to Steve Goodman and send to 4020 W. Exposition, Denver, CO 80219. Volunteers encouraged and accepted!

2009's Tri-State is 5/29-30 in Taos, NM. The Kachina Lodge is priced at \$69 per room. Call for reservations at 1-800-575-758-2275.

Chris Klapp reports the Iron Horse Park @ Fort Carson is a possible location for our picnic. A \$5 reservation fee is all it takes.

Chris Woodard thanks Chris Klapp for helping transport his car to Rick Olsen for body restoration.

Bill and Bev Mattics want to acknowledge Mark King's help is getting their Corvair fixed.

Let's be sure to share all our good experiences with mechanics and body shops!

RMC DENVER EVENTS:

- Christmas party is on December 13th at Bastiens.
- New Year's Day drive to Estes Park and meal at The Other Side restaurant.
- Summer picnic at Larry Schubert's property on Toma Road. All are welcome.

Laura Wilshire has info for these events.

Contact Laura at
lwredcorvair@comcast.net



President's Notes

By Steve Goodman

Hello fellow PPCC members: Thanks to all who attended the November meeting, there were many Corvairs in the parking lot for the un-initiated public to look over too. I know that mall shoppers look over the cars while we are inside, I have visited with several of them through the years.

Let me first remind everyone about the Christmas party/brunch and gift exchange on December 21 at the Officers club on the AFA grounds. It begins at 1000hrs. The prices are: kids under 5 are free--between 5 and 10 years of age the price is \$7.95 and all older is \$18.95. This price includes everything except the tip for the waitress. Please make the check out to me (Steve Goodman) and send it to: 4020 W. Exposition Ave. Denver, Co. 80219 and the cut-off is Dec. 11. Everyone must be pre-paid, I need to give a head count to the club staff and they will have that amount of seating arranged. There will be a 'yankee' gift exchange afterward. Bring a gift marked by gender in the \$10 or less range, lose your gift twice and the third time it is yours to keep. This always adds some entertainment to the morning.

Next is the New Years' Day drive, done every year since 1973 by RMC. Drive to Estes Park and THE OTHER SIDE restaurant. Beginning time is 1100hrs. The food is good, there are always a lot of Corvairs in the parking lot.. You can notify myself or Laura Wilshire, she needs a head count to pass on to the restaurant. Laura's email is: lwredvair@comcast.net

Since we are working the calendar for 2009 now, remember the general meeting of PPCC will be January 11 at the Country Buffet. After the November meeting I made the commitment with the manager for the 2009 year, every second Sunday is reerved except for Mothers' Day. I made certain

that the staff at the buffet know that we are very appreciative of their service and food quality and having the meeting room each month.

Lastly, the PPCC officer elections were very much downplayed compared to other elections in November. None of the offices changed hands, guess that means everyone is enjoying their jobs. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who works hard for the club.

Vice President Jon Anderson takes care of the door prizes each month and it is a bit of job to find goodies that everyone likes, plus Jon is present in case I don't make the drive from Denver. I haven't stood him up yet and probably the only thing that will stop me is the road being closed in wintertime. Thank you for being there just in case.

Secretary Pat Campbell takes the meeting notes and makes them into some interesting reading material. Thank you Pat, I know how difficult it can be take notes and try to concentrate on things going on around you at the same time.

Treasurer John Koll has watched our bank account for many years, thank you John for your hard work. John and Warren Ehrmann also co-worked the rally to Cripple Creek this year, thanks for that. Everyone who attended enjoyed themselves.

Paul Campbell has the hardest job in the club. Doing a new DRIPLINE each month begins to tax the imagination but Paul keeps publishing better newsletters each time. An interesting and informative newsletter is what keeps the entire membership entwined and Paul has done this every month. Please don't get tired of the job too soon, thank you Paul. In addition Paul masterminded the rally to Cripple Creek this summer, one of the most successful driving events in recent memory.

Darren Darnell volunteered to watch the membership rolls after Ben Benzel passed away. Darren is a newer member of PPCC but has kept after the dues collection and roster and mail pickups. Thank you Darren, the membership continues to thrive because of your work. **Continued page 8.**

Green and *Red*

[Green Weenie version 2 project update, continued from the November, 2008 Dripline...]



So the GWv2 headed to the body shop, the owner full of anticipation and excitement. Orders of the day were: rust-be-gone, metal repair, rust-proofing, and new paint inside and out - top and bottom. The body shop guy gave optimistic estimates and promised to "do it right". Well, lesson learned, if one does not carefully check out a contractor before hiring said contractor, the only one to blame when the contractor turns out to be a flake, is the one who did the hiring.

**Scarface says
"Trust Me" - - - - >**



When a body shop guy has a Scarface dollar bill poster with a quote that says "Trust Me", it really should raise a red flag. After delivery, the poor GWv2 sat untouched outside for weeks and weeks waiting on a new rotisserie. Then once the guy (Scarface) began work in a particular area, it would be left unfinished, only to have another area started, and left unfinished. Weeks turned into months, and when something was "completed", the workmanship lacked quality. The owner tried patience, communication, more involvement, renewed cooperation, but nothing changed. Too often, the car sat for weeks neglected, and then a flurry of hastily-done work just generated more disappointment. Adding insult, Scarface continually blamed the customer while spouting other long lists of excuses. When it became obvious Scarface was cutting corners and trying to hide difficult-to-repair areas, the 6-month gig was up.

Benefits of Club Membership:

As the owner shared his tale of woe at a monthly club meeting, PPCC member Chris Klapp spoke up and said, "I can help". Chris, who has done body work himself and has a garage full of tools, offered to help the owner do the work himself, and when that didn't look feasible, introduced the GWv2 to a reputable paint and body man; a guy who has won awards for metal fabrication. Chris even helped get the car wrestled from Scarface's clutches and transported back to the owner's home. Chris Klapp also serves our country as a leader in the United States Army! "Thank you" to Chris Klapp and the Pikes Peak Corvair Club, just for being there.

Back on track:

The GWv2 project car is scheduled to get bodywork back underway in January 2009.

Other Project Progress:

Steve Goodman is nearing completion of a top-end engine rebuild having already completed turbo, carburetor, and rear wheel bearing rebuilds, thanks Steve! The entire underside of the car is coated in POR15, front and rear suspensions are painted and rebuilt with all new parts. Clarks shipped new upholstery and carpet, brake system components, wiring harnesses, gas tank and sender, HD springs, shocks, convertible top, weather-stripping, rubber bumpers, emblems, tail light lenses, heater hoses, hardware, door sills, and available exterior trim. A new windshield is sitting ready.

Moral:

In this holiday season of Green and Red, be careful with your green so you don't end up red (in the face with anger).



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Your Dripline Editor would like to know your birthday and wedding anniversary. Please e-mail me a pdtcamp@yahoo.com Or call me at 633-8708

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From Page 5

Chris Woodard is another fresh member who offered to put the website in order and has done so quickly and with a good professional appearance. In this day of "internet everything", having an up to date and modern looking website is necessary and I think Chris did a great job of fixing ours. Thank you, Chris.

My wife Ruth tends to offer help with things like getting door prizes for Jon or bringing something for one of the members. Ruth always is making crafts and arts and sharing them and she is always good company on the drives. We have had each other around for 46 years now and I can never thank her enough. Plus she is a good cook!!!!

PPCC suffered the loss of three members this year, Ben Benzel, Bess Ehrmann and Dale Wilshire. Ben was PPCC period!! The time and energy he put forth for PPCC will never be equaled. Bess Ehrmann didn't always attend the meetings but she always had a smile and was one of the most pleasant ladies around. Even though Bess was ill, Warren still found time to be of great help on the Cripple Creek rally. Dale Wilshire was the president of RMC as well as a PPCC member. Betti Jo Benzel, Warren and Joan and Laura Wilshire continue to attend PPCC events, a testament to the "family" that the Corvair has created.

Kermit Shields has taken the reins for the 2010 Tri-State and has worked hard so far to ensure it will be another successful event, thank you Kermit for your continued hard work.

Lastly let me thank each of you, the members of Pikes Peak Corvair Club. Thank you for the efforts that all of you make to attend the meetings (and only throwing soft objects at me) and events. Without each of you and our odd little cars, I am not sure what journey my life would take, the Corvair and Corvair people have been my life for many years, thank you all. Have a Happy Holiday Season, the best of everything in 2009!!

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