

# The Drip Line



The next meeting of the Pike's Peak Corvair Club will be held Sunday, January 17 at 9:30 a.m. via Zoom. Watch your email for a Zoom link. We'll 'meet' our 2021 officers, so please plan to attend!

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**PRESIDENT'S GLOVEBOX**

By John Green  
PPCC President

Hello Again, I'm back!!

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! I'm not going to say much about the last year, what is there to say...



I do want to say a great big THANK YOU to Mike Piper for being President in such a strange year. He kept the club together with the few in-person meetings we could do at various locations, and filled in the rest with Zoom meetings. While we can't be together, at least on Zoom we can see faces not behind masks. Also, thanks to Chris Kimberly for having a whole years worth of activities planned.

We did get to do the very nice Cripple Creek show and do a fall tour. Hopefully, we will be able to use most of her activities this coming year. The times we did get together for the few activities, it was great to see everyone and get caught up on things.

We had one of our largest Zoom meetings in December for our officer voting. Thanks to all who attended. Our leadership changed somewhat from 2020 to 2021, with several Board members changing positions.

I'd like to say thank you to Ken for being VP the last couple years and now transitioning to Mem-

ber at Large. He will continue to head the SeeMore committee as well. I'd like to thank Randy for staying on as Treasurer, and many thanks to Mary Ellen for taking notes and keeping us up to date on everything. Thanks to Jerry for serving as the member-at-large last year, and for moving into the VP role this year.

Tony has agreed to continue as membership chair, Chris will continue to handle activities, Patricia will still take care of our Facebook presence, and Kathy will remain in the newsletter Editor position. Doing double duty, Randy will continue to be our Web Master. Thanks to all whose volunteer efforts keep our club afloat!

Please remember that it's time to pay your annual dues. Make sure you get your dues in during January so Tony can update the membership roster and Randy can keep the bookkeeping up to date.

We'll keep holding zoom meetings until we can all get together safely again. Hopefully by summer we can have some outside meetings or shows can start happening. Be sure to watch the Drip Line, the website and emails for updates.

See you soon. Get those cars out on those nice days!

John



## V.P. MESSAGE: HELLO THERE!

By Jerry Peevyhouse  
PPCC Vice President

As a relatively new PPCC member (joined in Aug. 2018), it seems appropriate to give a bit of an introduction to how I've arrived at this point in time, since it's taken me 73 years to arrive here. ☺ I know, you're saying "he doesn't look that old" but my body many times tells me "yes, you are". But since retiring in June of 2018, a couple of things that I've done to keep active is to join PPCC and working on the restoration of the blue '65 coupe I bought shortly after retiring.



We know everyone has their "Corvair Story", and mine began in 1968 while I was a "young kid" stationed in the Air Force at Hickam AFB in Hawaii. Shortly after arriving, I ran across a guy who was rotating back to the mainland and had this white 1962 Powerglide 4 door Corvair for sale for \$100. It was cheap, I needed wheels, so the deal was done. It was an "island car", meaning it was originally registered on the island so it didn't have a ton of miles on it (hey, road trips are short there). I really enjoyed driving it, and it served me well, so 3 years later when it was time to rotate off the island, I sold it for..... you guessed it, \$100. But as they say, the memories were priceless.

Fast forward through a LOT of years of life - college, marriage (Keithann), 2 adult kids (Krista and Jason), 3 grandkids, career in the Bay Area, move to Colorado 15 years ago, but alas, no more Corvairs. ☹ But I always had that fond memory of the fun times in my island Corvair, so I was glad when a "cosmic alignment" arrived the month after I retired. My private aircraft pilot brother-in-law invited me to a meeting of the Experimental Aviation Association club he was a member of in which a Corvair powered Pietenpol aircraft was featured. In 1929, Bernard Pietenpol designed and built a two-seat open cockpit airplane powered by a Ford Model A engine. Back in the 1930s, the Model A Ford Engine was the



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PPCC Vice President

engine of choice. It was cheap and plentiful. In the 60s, the Corvair automobile came along and its air-cooled engine was also well suited for the Pietenpol.

Also featured was our SeeMore cut-away car, brought there by Grumpy and Mary Ellen, along with some other PPCC members (you know who you are, sorry, I didn't get all the names).



Grumpy and the gang really made me feel welcome and it got me hooked again on getting a project car and in joining the PPCC to get some help in the restoration process. So, I joined the club at the August Old Colorado City car show/club meeting, and the rest is history as they say.

I bought my project car, a '65 500 "blue bomb" 4-speed Coupe from a guy in the Denver area and began the complete restoration of the interior and a lot of work on trying to fix the kluge things the guy had done to the car. I probably rushed into the purchase without fully checking it out, but, hey, do we always do things the right way? Not always.

But I've learned a ton by the "just do it" philosophy of life, with a lot of help from club members along the way. The inside is done, now the next thing is the body work and

painting sometime down the road. I've had fun driving it around locally this summer, but, alas, it's tucked away in the garage for at least part of the winter. I've recently had right shoulder rotator cuff surgery, and a stick shift is not my friend for now. ☹ I will, however, take our club member's sage advice to at least start it periodically during the winter.



So, all this to say that I'm looking forward to putting 2020 "hindsight" behind us and moving forward into hopefully a better year in 2021. I think Keithann and I are getting together with a few friends (oops, can I say that?) on New Years Eve and have a calendar burning party to extinguish 2020.

Let's continue to support whatever club events we're going to be able to have next year, and be ready for opportunities to tell others about the club. It took a "cosmic alignment" for me to find the club, so let's work to find the next new member that wants to rekindle the Corvair flame.



## MEETING MINUTES- December 13, 2020

Held via Zoom

Submitted By  
Mary Ellen Feasel, PPCC Secretary

Called to order at 9:37 a.m. via Zoom. Fifteen members present, WOOHOO!!!! Great response!

No 50/50 raffle

**M****Minutes of last months (November) meeting approved.****E****Treasurers report:** The treasurer's report is available to all members via our email list serv.**E****Mail:** Several dues payments received. Mary Ellen stated she has sent condolence cards to the Russert's and the family of former PPCC member Dennis Pleau. Rick informed the group that long time RMC member Bud Duncan, known by many PPCC members, had passed away. He forwarded their address to Mary Ellen for a card to be sent.**T****Membership:** No updates**I****SeeMore:** No new updates. SeeMore is in hibernation. Is in good shape for future shows. Discussed the battery on board the trailer. New tires may be in order for any upcoming long distance trips.**N**

Info regarding the National Convention in San Diego is up and down. The Tri State, hosted by CNM, may be moved back to mid-October 2021.

**G**

No new events coming up.

**2021 PPCC Board Election** nominations, all board nominations were unopposed.

President-John Green; Vice President-Jerry Peevyhouse; Treasurer-Randy Karl; Secretary-Mary Ellen Feasel; Member at Large-Ken Schiffner; Past President-Mike Piper

**M**

Voting was held by raise of hands. New Board was elected.

**O**

On to other stuff:

The Green's, Rick Beets and Mike Piper attended the impromptu BBQ lunch arranged by Eric of RMC earlier this month.

**N**

Ken has suggested a column in the newsletter that focuses on the persons in the Corvair hobby. Questions like how you got into the hobby, stories from their involvement in the hobby, or just about the person outside the Corvair hobby.

**U**

Discussed the membership dilemma in the Corvair hobby, both at the national and local level. A tri-fold brochure from the past was discussed for membership recruitment. Someone in the group has one. May get it reproduced and circulate it at hotels, museums, and other venues with each clubs information stamped on it with contact information.

**T****E****S**

## MINUTES, Cont.

Submitted by  
Mary Ellen Feasel

**Tech session**, not covered in previous discussions.

Care for batteries in cold weather was discussed.

The Green's coupe and Lakewood have been under the weather. Was determined on the coupe that the cable was poorly spliced. One of the carburetors on the Lakewood had a clogged tube.

Mike's red car was so full of wire nuts he replaced all the wiring harnesses when he restored it.

Randy's car is running good. Has an oil leak he can't find and will check it out before he returns the engine lift.

In closing John Neal, and the group joined in, thanked Mike for his year as President. We all agreed it was an unusual year to be PPCC President.

Next meeting is January 17, 2021

Adjourned 10:42 a.m.



## TECH TIP: LAST MONTH'S COVER PHOTO

Submitted By  
Steve Goodman

This month is a quick journey back in time. In 1961 a rally series was started across Canada sponsored by Shell. It was aptly named Shell 4000. The interest for sports cars was instant and teams from Volvo/Jaguar/Porsche/M-B/Peugot/Saab and even Studebaker Lark and Ford Falcon appeared.

There was one more team involved here too: Chevrolet Corvair. David E. Davis Jr was editor of C&D. He talked Ed Cole into a 3 car rally effort. Now two factors come into play here. First was a general agreement that little racing would be done by the big 3. The other was complaining by Zora Arkus-Duntov. Duntov was the recognized father of the Corvette and he absolutely despised Corvairs. Be that as it may DED Jr won out and for 1961 the team participated. Head driver was famous rally and road racer Denise McCluggage. According to DED Jr accounts she was a bit head strong and could be difficult but she still was a great driver when it counted.

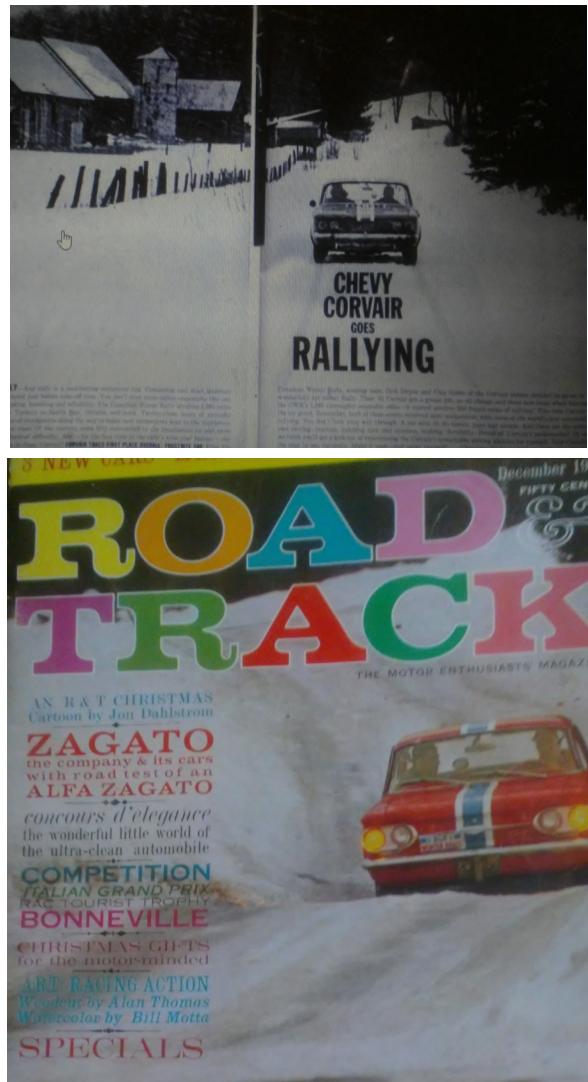
The cars fared decently in 1961 and the Corvair used by Denise was designated 'Corvair sedan' in the entry list. The initial entry was damaged in a parking lot accident according to stories.

Several other rallies around the states used Corvairs and the team rejoined for the 1962 Shell 4000 and again with decent results. This time the designation was "Corvair Turbocharged".

Now we get to the cover photo Kathy used last month. It showed an early coupe driving away from the camera on a snow cov-

ered rural road. Note that you can see the 'rally' stripes easily in the pic.

Below is the complete picture, a two page spread of advertising by GM titled "Chevy Corvair goes Rallying". The small text extolls the virtues of rear engine/turbocharging/etc. Also included here is the color cover of R&T December 1961 with our beloved car in color glory.



Ah, those were the days.....

**BANTER**

Submitted By

Ken Schiffner, Member at Large

Hi!

I'm your old VP and your new Member at Large! You know me, Ken. About 5'-5", bald? OK, No? How 'bout yellow '64 convertible? Now you know...



Given my new extremely powerful position, I thought I could submit things to both Kathy at PPCC and Paul at RMC that might be of interest to both clubs. For many of us, the clubs are really "sister" clubs that live under the CORSA umbrella. There are bound to be things of common interest. The year 2021 certainly will not be a wasteland of topics, both specific and general. I hope to find some and share.

Let's start by going very general. One of the things that I miss from group gatherings in-person is the banter. The banter may be member to member or openly shared. The banter could be questions, jokes, memories, or just idle BS. No matter. The banter makes the meeting at least for me.

I was once at a party wherein I overheard one "banter" that stuck with me. There was a woman there (very attractive) who I was told used to be in TV commercials. A fellow came by to attempt to "talk" with her, was rejected, didn't give up and eventually the conversation I heard finally started.

The majority of the content is neither memorable nor worth reporting here but at one point he asked her "How did you become you?".

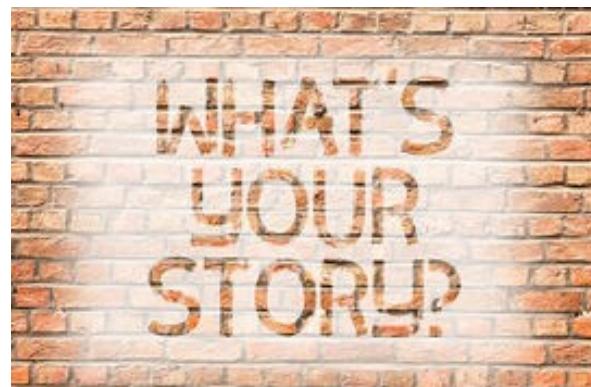
"How did you become you?". Interesting question. How DO we become who we are? And isn't that something that may be of interest to others? They see who we are but what

about the path to get there?

Other CORSA clubs encourage members to talk about how they got involved with Corvairs. All well and good. But why not tell us more?

Example. I know of a CORSA member who received instrumentation training in the military, became an emergency room tech person, got into Corvairs and later repaired Corvair speedometers. Another person was an announcer at dirt track events. And we all know a guy who used to work on helicopters before his Corvair career. Another CORSA member was a ghost writer for automotive publications.

How DID you become you? What things affected your life path? What was and perhaps still are important? And yes, how did those things influence your connection to the Corvair?



Please drop a note to me with "banter" you are willing to share. I'm sure your fellow Corvair club members will be interested. Have a Happy New Year!

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL—DO WOP A DUES, DUES, DUES!

Dues are due! Please consider renewing your membership in the Pikes Peak Corvair Club. Dues are \$25 per year. Club dues are due in January and we'd love it if you could renew soon to help with paperwork.

We don't take your membership in this Club for granted, and are deeply appreciative of the support every member provides in being able to keep the Corvair out in front of the public to enjoy. We're looking forward to a new year, hopefully full of great activities to continue to maintain the highly regarded reputation our club has in southern Colorado. So, thank you all, now go get that checkbook and renew today!

To help our Treasurer, Mr. Randy Karl, manage the books effectively, we would ask that everyone **please send their dues renewal check in no later than 15 January, 2021** to the following address: PPCC, ATTN: Treasurer-2020 Dues, P.O. Box 15034, Colorado Springs, CO 80935. We'd like to close the books on the 2021 Membership Drive by the end of February, and your support in meeting that goal would be greatly appreciated.



A reminder that while membership in CORSA is not a prerequisite for new membership, or renewal in the PPCC, we do strongly encourage support of the national organization, which works to support our local efforts through an event liability insurance policy, and free hosting of our Chapter website.

In addition, all CORSA members receive a subscription to the CORSA Communiqué magazine and the right to post their own classified ads both online and in print. You'll receive a membership roster with contact information in case you get stuck on the road, and leads to reputable Corvair vendors all across the country. Membership also grants access to all the pages on the CORSA website, and access to our bookstore where you can purchase CORSA Tech Guides written by real Corvair experts. And you'll have the satisfaction of knowing that CORSA covers local chapters with liability insurance, making it possible for all of us to enjoy chapter meetings, car shows and other events without legal hassles.

***And if that's not enough, please remember - anybody who has never been a member before also receives a copy of Corvair Basics, gratis.***



## RMC / PPCC Gathering

Submitted by  
Kathy Green

On a beautiful December Saturday (December 5), twenty RMC and PPCC members, with 6 Corvair's including Eric Shakel's Yenko Stinger, made their way to B-Man's Barbeque in Sedalia for an impromptu gathering to support this small, local business. We had a wonderful, safe time sharing GREAT food and long overdue conversations with folks from whom we've been separated for far too long. Many thanks to Eric Shakel for organizing this event!

Members present included: Rick & Charlie Beets (RMC/PPCC), John & Kathy Green with Coda (RMC/PPCC), Mike Piper (RMC/PPCC), Christine Kimberly (RMC/PPCC), Larry & Cheryl Schubert (RMC), Chuck & Carolyn Riblett (RMC), Rob Brereton (RMC), Melissa (Rob's daughter) and her husband, Dale Nielsen (RMC), Jeff & Lisa Romeo (RMC), Paul Seyforth (RMC), Eric & Linae Shakel (RMC), and John Whitley (RMC).

Everyone seemed to enjoy our time together, and no one seemed overly eager to leave. If you have a local business that could use a group of rear engine visitor's, let us know and we'll see if we can make it happen. Please enjoy these pictures from the day!



## WINTERTIME ODORS

Submitted by  
Kathy Green

This is a shortened and edited version of Mike Dawson's original article in the November issue of The Flat Six, the newsletter of the Prairie Capital Corvair Association, reprinted in the November 2020 issue of the Group Corvair Comments newsletter.) As we're moving into winter, the timing seemed appropriate.

### **Wintertime Corvair Heater Odors.**

Mike Dawson notes that when he first picked up his brand new '65 Corsa Coupe in February 1965, he noted the heater had a distinctive sent of hot paint and hot metal that he grew to love. But if your heater doesn't smell like that, here are his five things to check:

**Raw Gas Smell:** It's possible to get a brief startup smell of gasoline, but if it persists during driving and at a stop, this is a warning. Check immediately for a leak – carburetor inlet nut, fuel pump, and rubber hoses are all likely suspects. Find the leak and fix it; there are plenty of ignition sources in the engine compartment. Note also that you might get a gasoline smell from spilled gasoline in the filler compartment or a leaky fuel tank filler neck hose.

**Burned Oil Smell:** This is usually the smell of oil leaking from the push rod tube seals that are just above the exhaust manifolds. Other possibilities are from the engine top cover or a flywheel end main seal on an automatic equipped car. An early sign of a leak from these sources might be an oily haze on the windshield.

**Leaking Crankcase Vapors:** Mike points out that these are particularly annoying smells, worse than the burned oil smell above. This vapor, from ring blowby and hot oil in the crankcase, can get into the heater very easily because the entire engine vent system is in the heater air intake path. Check for plugged PCV vents, broken grommets, brittle hoses, and loose vent attachments.

**Exhaust Gas:** Not only nasty smelling while the chokes are on, but it is also dangerous because of the Carbon Monoxide (CO) from the combustion chamber. Sometimes the smell goes away as the chokes come off and the intake mixture becomes less rich, but the CO continues! Check the entire exhaust system, particularly the six exhaust packings between the heads and the exhaust "logs". One way to find the leaks is with a stethoscope or rubber hose to your ear and listen to each packing with the engine running and the fan belt removed. Fix these leaks immediately; your life depends upon it.

**Leaking Head Gaskets:** Mike believes these are the worst smell of the bunch. It has a high content of unburned hydrocarbons that will make your eyes water. And, yes, it has plenty of CO as well. A burnt head gasket will have a "spit, spit, spit" sound while a loose head will make more of a "squeak, squeak, squeak" sound most noticeable as you accelerate. Both are the sounds of combustion gases escaping and making the head gasket act as a reed valve.

There are other possible smells – burning mouse nests, acid from an overcharging battery, and other mysterious matter kicked up from the road.

## **DRIP QUIPS**

**As shared by Jerry Peevyhouse...it's all so 2020**

**I was afraid this  
would happen...**



*If you have a fun, amusing, touching or interesting story or picture you think can bring a smile, an 'aaaaah' or an 'eeek', please send your submission to [karmknecht@msn.com](mailto:karmknecht@msn.com), attention: Drip Quips.*

## 2021 PPCC Activities Calendar

All club events will be noted on the Club's interactive calendar, located on our website, <https://pikespeakcorvairclub.wixsite.com/ppcc/calendar>

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### **Recurring Local Events:**

**Second Saturdays of the Month, Year-Round, 12pm–3pm:** "Littleton Cruise", 1500 W Littleton Blvd, Littleton, CO. Hot rods and muscle cars. Convertibles and hard tops. Oversized tires and custom-painted flames. Join us year round as we cruise Littleton Boulevard every second Saturday of the month at the Woodlawn Shopping Center located in the heart of Littleton, Colorado. For more info on the cruise, check out their website @ <https://littletoncruise.weebly.com/>



Icon indicates regularly scheduled PPCC meeting



Icon indicates show or event which may be of interest to members



Icon indicates show or event in which we have committed PPCC representation, or for which PPCC will provide support or sponsorship

## Corvair Partners & Local Businesses Which PPCC Members Have Frequented with Positive Results

With so many new members joining the Club, we felt it might be a good time to (re)educate folks on where they can obtain reliable parts and service for their Corvairs, both near and far.

Here are just a few of the companies our members have had good luck with in the past.

*NOTE: These are only recommendations only, as we do not solicit sponsors for the Club, or the newsletter. So, do your own research as well.*

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Joan & Cal Clark 14,000 Item Catalog \$6.00  
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"Specializing in Electro-Static Applied Custom Powder Coating"  
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COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 80907  
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Yes, I'm sure they get lots comments on the name, but they do quality powder coating at a reasonable price.

Locally owned and operated!


**PPCC  
Admin**

**Monthly Meetings:** The PPCC meets at 9:30am on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month at various locations within the Colorado Springs area. Check the Club's website for the most current meet-up info.

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**Welcoming the 1961 Corvair Lakewood**  
(I like wagons!)

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**On The Cover:** As a BIG fan of wagons (and '61 Lakewood's in particular), I loved this cover shot from the Group Corvair Comments January newsletter. Happy 60th birthday to the little wagons that could and still DO!

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**PRESIDENT'S GLOVEBOX**

By John Green  
PPCC President

Hello Corvair Club,

I Hope everyone is staying safe. We have pretty much been staying home, especially since



Kathy had to stay Covid free for her surgery last Thursday. Hopefully, she will be able to drive the Lakewood this summer with her repaired shoulder. It has not been easy for her the last couple of years. Luckily, both of our cars are automatics and she doesn't have to shift, unlike Jerry who just had shoulder surgery, but has a 4-speed. He is going to have to get the shoulder working before he can get his car out.

It is that time of year when the club dues are due. We like to wrap it up by the end of January, so we can update and get the new roster out to members in July. We are only a little over 50% at the time of our club meeting. So, a warning to those that we do not have dues from yet, you will be seeing a friendly reminder email from me soon (and you know how scary I can be!).

Steve has an article later in the Drip Line about CORSA. Besides all the good and useful things he points out, if you are in CORSA, you can purchase

a Standard Bidder registration for the Mecum auction coming to Denver in April for 1/2 price (\$100 instead of \$200).

Perks of CORSA and also CCCC (Collector Car Council of Colorado) membership (which PPCC is part of), include nice discounts and good coverage on many things. I send out the minutes from CCCC meetings so you can see what they are up to. If you are in CORSA you should receive emails to log into their meetings to see what is going on nationally with Corvairs.

Chris Kimberly has a lot of good ideas started for this year as far as activities. We will have to wait to see how Covid is doing before confirming dates and times. It should be a fun year if we get back to doing things and seeing each other. Chris sent out a list and if you have any other ideas, feel free to reach out to her. She is going to need some help with following through on securing dates and places, so if you have a little time to help, that would be great.

We had a good turnout at this months zoom meeting. I hope to see more at future meetings and lots of Corvairs out on the road.

Live and Drive Safe, John

## V.P. MESSAGE: PT

By Jerry Peevyhouse  
PPCC Vice President

Acronyms. Cozying up with a good book, fine wine, some pithy acronyms, hey, what could be better. Love them or hate them, acronyms are a big part of our vocabulary, especially if you've been in the military or the government. Boy, do *they* go overboard. So much so that you need a magic decoder ring for most of them. ☺



Here we are at the beginning of a new year following a year like no other. One thing I've noticed is how many new acronyms popped up last year. Quick quiz, did you know what PPE was BC (Before Covid)? It was one of the most googled terms last year, and before that it certainly wasn't part of my daily vocabulary.

But we learned what Personal Protective Equipment was, and it became a household term.

This brings me to the meaning of PT. What comes to your mind with that acronym? Could be Pacific Time, how about Part Time or, if you've been in the military, Physical Training. Because a little over 2 months ago I had rotator cuff surgery on my right shoulder, for me PT means Physical Therapy (aka Physical Torture ☺). In all fairness, it actually is valuable and necessary to help the shoulder recover and heal. Plus, in these days of COVID, it is my adventure out of the house once a week. A

chance to converse from behind a mask with a fellow masked human being, and have him show me some ninja like moves. Well, maybe not ninja moves, but just raising my right hand above my head is grounds for major celebration around my house! I know many of you have had this same surgery so I'm sure you can relate. There's also the mental part of this too. For the first month and a half I felt like I was way behind the curve in recovery and I'd never heal. Watching the plethora of YouTube videos on rotator cuff surgery recovery (there literally are hundreds) didn't help. Some guys said they were up and chopping a cord of wood in a few months (a lie) and some saying it was over a year before they could comb their hair (a lie).

Recovery is a process, so I'm learning to do my PT religiously and be patient for the process to work itself out. That's going to have to be the theme for things going forward this year too. We hope that the process of COVID recovery works itself out and we can once again meet in person and get on with some club activities this year. Just as I'm having to work at exercising my shoulder to get strength back, we need to keep working as a club to stay engaged and strengthen each other this year.

Learn a new acronym, read a good book, stay safe and happy driving.

Jerry

### Upcoming Meeting Dates

#### Upcoming Meetings

**Sunday, February 21, PPCC Club Meeting:** 9:30 a.m. via Zoom.

**Sunday, March 21, PPCC Club Meeting:** 9:30 a.m. via Zoom.

**Sunday, April 18, PPCC Club Meeting:** 9:30 a.m., location TBA.

**MEETING MINUTES- January 17, 2021****Held via Zoom**

Submitted By

Mary Ellen Feasel, PPCC Secretary

Called to order 9:36 a.m. by President John Green via zoom. Twelve members present.

**M**

Motion to approve last months (December) meeting minutes. Approved.

**E**

Mailbox has been checked a couple of times since last meeting. Have received a number of dues payments, a membership application and invoice for the mailbox renewal. All forwarded to Treasurer.

**E**

Treasurers report available to members on request. 24 paid members for 2021, 4 lifetime members. Over 50% of membership has renewed. Daniel Turner of Cotopaxi is our new member. He has been added to roster. John Green will contact members who have yet to renew.

**T**

CCCC-Members present voted to continue the clubs membership in the CCCC. The dues this year is \$95, which includes \$1 for each of the 45 members in PPCC. That is down from \$4 per person last year.

**I**

SeeMore-discussed concerns over battery charging. May add solar to provide a little power. Tires for trailer may be needed before any long trips. That expense will be paid from the SeeMore fund.

**N**

Activities-Chris sent a list of proposed activities to the membership. Discussed a few possibilities. Chris would like some help on the Activities Committee this year.

**M**

CCCC will hold their car show and swap meet at the Rocky Mountain Airport on August 14.

**I**

Havana Cruise is canceled.

**N**

April 23 & 24 Mecum will be holding an auction at the Denver Convention Center. Cost for the right to bid is \$100 for Corsa members. Drivers for the cars are needed. More info to come.

**U**

Reminder that the Forney Museum is open. Pontiacs and Model T groups are coming up.

**T**

Randy has the stuff for a poker run, if that activity is decided on for this year. Palmer Lake car show is June 20. Wayne Russert is the contact. Tri-State is October 15-17 at

**E****S**

## MINUTES, Cont.

Submitted by  
Mary Ellen Feasel

the Marriott in Albuquerque. National Convention in San Diego is still a go, however the hotel is not taking reservations quite yet.

E-Days event is up in the air this year. The Stockers Club and Ace Productions have yet to post their events calendar.

On to Tech stuff, of which the secretary had a hard time keeping up with. Jon Anderson has a broken clutch cable and control arm repair to be done. Chris Newman, who we haven't seen in ages, has a 63 Spyder, a one family car. The engine has been rebuilt and he will be putting it back in the car soon? Garrie Fox has his daily driver back on the road. The Goodman engine heads are working well with 1347 miles on them...so far. Typical Corvair engine compression is 135 psi he stated. With the Total Seal piston rings from Chris Langley, the compression is now 155-160 psi. Garrie also mentioned that there is an NOS 4-speed transmission with a 3:55 differential in the club parts stash that is available to club members for their personal Corvair. Randy has a 110 power glide w/torque converter available. Garrie and Randy discussed tires.



Eligi-  
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of

COVID shots were discussed.

Adjourned 10:15 a.m.

## ACTIVITIES CO-CHAIR NEEDED

Submitted By  
Chris Kimberly, Activities Chair

To My PPCC friends,

We have all just finished a most difficult year in 2020 and are looking forward to a brighter 2021. A very few members know what I've been going through the past several months and I would like to share the final information with you.

Last fall, my audiologist found that I had a hearing discrepancy which was too great between the left and right side, so I was referred to an ENT, who referred me for an MRI. They were looking for benign tumors on the nerve that runs from the inner ear to the brain. The results were negative, which was good, but something else was found. I was then referred to a neurologist. After some cognitive tests, I

have been diagnosed with early phase dementia. I have to look at this as a blessing in disguise, because many folks don't know they have this issue until middle or late stages, and then one's quality of life is so much more compromised. Being in an early stage, I am able to take and have begun taking a prescription to slow the progression.

All this being said, as the activities chair this year, I want you to know that I need help doing this successfully. I would like another member to step up to co-chair this responsibility with me. Please let John or a board member know if you would help co-chair.

Thanks, and Keep Vairing!

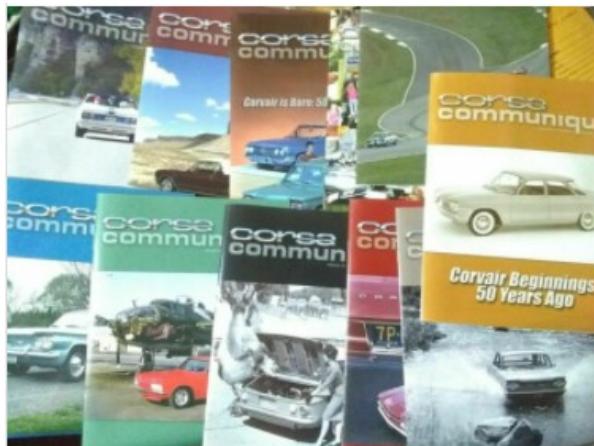
Chris



## TECH TIP: CORSA—SHOULD YOU BELONG OR NOT?

Submitted By  
Steve Goodman

CORSA was the brainchild of Richard Langworthy in 1969. He immediately advertised in car magazines of the day (Road & Track/Car & Driver/Sports Car Graphic and more) and membership climbed quickly. Initially the magazine was named THE WINDMILL but changed to COMMUNIQUES then later the s was dropped. In regard to publications: the newsletter was just that and monthly. A color magazine was also developed as interest grew called CORSA QUARTERLY. Another step at the same time was getting the Corvair community across the country involved with their own local clubs. In 1978 the COMMUNIQUE listed 86 local clubs and 4 out of the USA.



In those 'old days' the publications were our only connection to everyone else. Pictures of cars and monthly events and tech tips plus pages of 'for sale' and wanted' made most members anxious for the lettercarrier every month. Same applied for each local club newsletter and it served as a reminder of upcoming meeting too.

CORSA served as the center for all of this. Even merchandise including badges/belt buckles and lapel pins and decals were sold by CORSA. CORSA was the background support as well as money for the national conventions

each year. The home office could apply leverage for hotels/tracks and parking lots to allow us the participants better rates and nice areas to spend the week.

Because of CORSA involvement in the national convention insurance coverage was necessary. The early company was K&K and they were involved with many automotive ventures. (They even sponsored a grand national stock car) The insurance went a step further too, it covered events held by each local club and even meeting locations. *Briefly this insurance did NOT cover a members car. It covered the club against liability if property was damaged by the event. If a parking lot was damaged by an autox the local club did not have to defend itself OR pay for damages.*

Up to 1978 CORSA was a volunteer run operation. That changed at the San Diego convention when a management company was hired to oversee the CORSA daily business. Shortly after that K&K realized that the local club membership numbers were far greater than CORSA members. They requested/demanded every local club member also belong to CORSA. (actually it makes sense, car insurance demands each car in use be paid for).

When *mandatory* membership was first announced in the COMMUNIQUE there was an uprising. Countless letters to the editor were printed each month with a large number being on the side of "I refuse to be told I have to do anything". Many local clubs devised ways around the issue by having 'associate' members etc. RMC chose another path and changed the by-laws to read that CORSA membership was part of belonging to RMC. RMC was doing a lot of autox and rallies in

**TECH TIP: CORSA? - cont.**Submitted By  
Steve Goodman

those days and we felt the insurance coverage was necessary. Plus finding local insurance was difficult and expensive. After the initial battle with a few local members it was just accepted that joining RMC and CORSA was the rule. ALSO the conventions each year attracted many from RMC as well as RMC hosting first in 1981 and again in 2011.

PPCC also had mandatory membership for a few years due to the efforts of the late Ben Benzel. When he passed away the rule was removed. PPCC members attended early conventions and both clubs travelled often to the fan belt toss and mini-conventions in Phoenix. PPCC also had shows/rallies/and at least one gymkhana.

After the initial battle with many of the clubs CORSA was concerned over membership loss plus damage to local clubs numbers and a new deal was worked out with the insurance company. Instead of membership dues from everyone, CORSA and the insurance company chose to penalize/fine clubs with non-CORSA members. Many clubs immediately dropped the mandatory CORSA membership but RMC remained until the rule was removed a couple of years ago.

So this brings us to today January 2021. The question of being a CORSA member remains. The membership count is dropping. Yes it is difficult to interest younger folks in our old cars. Yes we are losing members due to aging. Yes it is difficult just to interest new owners in joining our clubs. How many RMC members still belong to CORSA at the beginning of this year? How many PPCC members are still CORSA members?

Everything has changed anyway. The internet brings us local event news from around the country and the forums provide constant tech help and news. CORSA can be joined cheaper as a 'virtual' member and the COMMUNIQUE shows up on your PC. Both RMC and PPCC don't even use the delivery of the newsletters each month as a meeting reminder.

The only things left for reasons to support the parent organization is for their ties to the conventions and a centering point for everything Corvair and the continued publication of the COMMUNIQUE and lastly their insurance coverage.

Can anyone guess at the insurance costs involved when RMC hosted the 2011 national convention? How would that cost have affected the registration fees? Does both RMC and PPCC want to find insurance for our turns at the Tri-state? Imagine how much additional charge to register now!! How about the occasional autox or even show n shine at a park? Again think of additional entrance fee with insurance costs to an autox!! Maybe not much with 100 entrants but a lot for 20 or less!!

Last words: JOIN CORSA and support our hobby.



**BANTER**

Submitted By

Ken Schiffner, Member at Large

In a previous issue, the idea of exchanging “banter” was suggested.

OK, here is one for you....

In my senior year of New Jersey high school (1966)

my parents said they would buy me a vehicle. I could use it to drive to high school, cool! The budget? About \$500. Fine print. I'd have to pay for gas and maintenance. But I didn't have a job.

Then the local paper had an ad for the NY International Auto Show. This was an annual event for my Dad and I. We went.

I saw the latest (indeed pre-latest or future) vehicles on display. I loved what we now call the “late models”. In about a year I'd was going into engineering college (then called Newark College of Engineering but now called New Jersey Institute of Technology). I was fascinated by the rear suspension of the Corvair. And, the Corvair in general. It was unique.

I got home and started to think about a Corvair.

Three (3) problems. One was I had a budget of \$500. Second was I just got my license and the insurance costs were staggering. Third, I didn't have a job.

Only three problems? No biggie. I got a job in a local bakery to work on weekends (I made hard rolls, butter crème frosting, and scraped the wooden floor with whatever the real bakers dropped).

My Dad found a 1961 Corvair Coupe (faded silver) with reversed somewhat chromed wheels that was within the budget (I think it was bit more). He bought it. I paid gas. I put a wrap on the steering wheel “glove” from J.C. Whitney. Eventually, dual exhausts were added.

Regarding the mechanicals, I was blessed. My backdoor neighbor, “Red” Topping (real name Ernest but to me was Uncle Red), was previously a



mechanic. His other more recent profession was working for a firm that emptied septic tanks. You didn't want to talk to Uncle Red after he came home from work. He also later scavenged for scrap that included aluminum from Corvairs. With Uncle Red, I learned the importance of listening, of not being afraid to try.

Anyway, Uncle Red helped me tune up the '61. I found it interesting. It gave me confidence to do not only mechanical work but just to have the courage to take on new challenges.

My Dad, as part of a labor union that went out on strike, took me aside one day and said he had to sell the Corvair. I had driven it to high school and gotten a lot of enjoyment from it. He sold it. I went on to college. My Dad fell ill of cancer. In talking with him one day a month or two before he died, he suddenly asked “Do you remember the Corvair?” He confessed that he really did not want to sell it. I told him I understood. I liked that car. Doing so I was eventually committed to buying a Corvair. I did. I joined CORSA. I joined the local clubs when I moved.

How did I become “me”? Parents, Auto Shows, Red Topping, my Dad, the '61 Corvair, and confidence.

I also learned the importance of sharing stories... the “banter”.

Do you have a story to share?



## MEMBERSHIP DUES PAST DUE

Dues are due! If you haven't already renewed your membership in the Pikes Peak Corvair Club, dues are \$25 per year. Club dues were due in January and we'd love it if you could renew soon to help with paperwork.

We don't take your membership in this Club for granted, and are deeply appreciative of the support every member provides in being able to keep the Corvair out in front of the public to enjoy. We're looking forward to 2021, hopefully full of great activities to continue to maintain the highly regarded reputation our club has in southern Colorado. So, thank you all, now go get that checkbook and renew today!

To help our Treasurer, Mr. Randy Karl, manage the books effectively, we would ask that everyone **please send their dues renewal check ASAP** to the following address: PPCC, ATTN: Treasurer-2020 Dues, P.O. Box 15034, Colorado Springs, CO 80935. We'd like to close the books on the 2021 Membership Drive by the end of February, and your support in meeting that goal would be greatly appreciated. Those members who have not yet renewed will receive individual communication from a Board member soon.

A reminder that while membership in CORSA is not a prerequisite for new membership, or renewal in the PPCC, we do strongly encourage support of the national organization, which works to support our local efforts through an event liability insurance policy, and free hosting of our Chapter website.

In addition, all CORSA members receive a subscription to the CORSA Communique magazine and the right to post their own classified ads both online and in print. You'll receive a membership roster with contact information in case you get stuck on the road, and leads to reputable Corvair vendors all across the country. Membership also grants access to all the pages on the CORSA website, and access to our bookstore where you can purchase CORSA Tech Guides written by real Corvair experts. And you'll have the satisfaction of knowing that CORSA covers local chapters with liability insurance, making it possible for all of us to enjoy chapter meetings, car shows and other events without legal hassles.

*And if that's not enough, please remember - anybody who has never been a member before also receives a copy of Corvair Basics, gratis.*



## UNSAFE

Submitted by  
Kathy Green

As published at: <https://www.motorious.com/articles/news/chevy-corvair-handling-footage/>. As we are hoping for an active show season this year, I thought this short and concise look at the safety of Corvair might be nice to have handy for those unbelievers...

### Is the Corvair really unsafe at any speed?

For many Americans and even those living abroad, the Chevrolet Corvair still represents a dangerous, irresponsible vehicle that hangs out in dark alleyways and sells stolen watches. Yes, the **unique** rear-engine, rear-wheel-drive car that hails from the US of A has been thoroughly vilainized and many blame Ralph Nader's book *Unsafe At Any Speed* for what they **claim is a mischaracterization**. That's what makes the video attached to this article so interesting, because it shows GM testing out the Corvair's handling in the early 60s.



Photo Credit: GM

Many people still believe the Chevy Corvair **is a death trap**. It's like they think General Motors didn't bother testing the car out at all before unleashing it on an unsuspecting public. The belief is that the fundamental design of the Corvair is faulty, even though GM purposely patterned it after European competitors in a bid to woo shoppers who might consider something German or British instead of an American car.

**UNSAFE**Submitted by  
Kathy Green

Almost nobody seems to know that in 1972 the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration concluded after an investigation that the rear suspension on 1960-1963 Chevrolet Corvairs didn't substantially lead to a loss of control for drivers, even though the claim was that it did.



Photo Credit: GM

The other big tale about the Corvair was that it was more likely to roll than other vehicles during emergency maneuvering. You can see this tested out by GM in the video well in advance before the claims and come to your own conclusions. However, NHTSA's investigation found the rollover risk in the Corvair was no greater than in other cars.

For Corvair enthusiasts, the fact their beloved car has been unrightfully demonized is just too much. That's why they organized a Corvair Vindication Day, which seemingly didn't happen in July of this year because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The gathering of Corvair enthusiasts and supporters was supposed to take place at the American Museum of Tort Law in Winsted, Connecticut.

To watch the video of GM testing the Corvair, follow this link:  
<https://youtu.be/W6sMXCEgAJg>

## **DRIP QUIPS**

**Seen in Colorado Springs this month by Randy Karl...**

**Is it a Buick or Batmobile?**



*If you have a fun, amusing, touching or interesting story or picture you think can bring a smile, an 'aaaaah' or an 'eeek', please send your submission to [karmknecht@msn.com](mailto:karmknecht@msn.com), attention: Drip Quips.*

## WORD SEARCH FUN

**WPCC Word Search Puzzle**

This little word puzzle is provided by Jim Weppelman of the Western Pennsylvania Corvair Club (WPCC).

Here are the words.  
Now go find them!

Aircooled

Boxer

Chevrolet

Cole

Convertible

Corvan

Greenbrier

Lakewood

Rearengine

Spyder

Stinger

LVCC

Yenko

C X Y N L K R G C D B Z M R S
D O V H M G O R R O W V Q U P
P R N T G S I E X O R N U C Y
O T J V E C C E H W R V B H D
T K W E E L R N P E C K A B E
E U N F C R P B A K C M Z N R
L Q K E E H T R M A A Z N O M
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P P Z I M X S S C V E C I C D
M E N D E L O O C R I A P B C
J E F A B F X N A L G W S E Z
U V S W T K V G Z Z U O K U B
R L K C F W S S D A Q S Z F A

*The answer key is at the end of The Drip Line—have fun!!!*

## 2021 PPCC Activities Calendar

All club events will be noted on the Club's interactive calendar, located on our website, <https://pikespeakcorvairclub.wixsite.com/ppcc/calendar> It is our sincere hope that 2021 provides more opportunities to get our cars out in the public eye. As events are scheduled, you will be notified, and the activities calendar will be updated.

- M **Sunday, February 21, PPCC Club Meeting:** 9:30 a.m., via Zoom.
- M **Sunday, March 21, PPCC Club Meeting:** 9:30 a.m., via Zoom.
- M **Sunday, April 18, PPCC Club Meeting:** 9:30 a.m., location TBA.
- A **April 23 & 24, Mecum Auction:** Colorado Convention Center. Corsa members receive standard registration (one bidder badge and one guest badge) for \$100 per auction (the normal price is \$200). Interested participants must register online to receive the discounted price. Details on the Denver Auction available [here](#).
- M **Sunday, May 16, PPCC Club Meeting:** 9:30 a.m., location TBA.
- M/C/A **Sunday, June 20, PPCC Club Meeting and Show:** Father's Day Pie & Ice Cream Social and Car Show in Palmer Lake. Details to follow.
- M **Sunday, July 18, PPCC Club Meeting:** 9:30 a.m., location TBA.
- C/A **July 27—July 31 2021 CORSA International Convention San Diego:** Information available [here](#)
- C **Saturday, August 14, CCCC Rocky Mountain Airport Car Show and Swap Meet:** Time, TBA, location Rocky Mountain Airport.
- M **Sunday, August 15, PPCC Club Meeting:** 9:30 a.m., location TBA.
- M **Sunday, September 19, PPCC Club Meeting:** 9:30 a.m., location TBA.
- M **Sunday, October 17, PPCC Club Meeting:** 9:30 a.m., location TBA.
- C/A **Friday—Sunday, October 15-17, Tri-State Meet:** Information coming soon
- M **Sunday, November 21, PPCC Club Meeting:** 9:30 a.m., location TBA.
- M **Sunday, December 19, PPCC Club Meeting:** 9:30 a.m., location TBA.

### *Recurring Local Events:*

**Second Saturdays of the Month, Year-Round, 12pm–3pm:** “Littleton Cruise”, 1500 W Littleton Blvd, Littleton, CO. Hot rods and muscle cars. Convertibles and hard tops. Oversized tires and custom-painted flames. Join us year round as we cruise Littleton Boulevard every second Saturday of the month at the Woodlawn Shopping Center located in the heart of Littleton, Colorado. For more info on the cruise, check out their website [here](#).

**First and Second Saturday Car Shows:** At this time information on the First and Second Saturday car shows is not available.

**Key: M—Meeting; C—Car Show; A—Activity**

## Corvair Partners & Local Businesses Which PPCC Members Have Frequented with Positive Results

With so many new members joining the Club, we felt it might be a good time to (re)educate folks on where they can obtain reliable parts and service for their Corvairs, both near and far.

Here are just a few of the companies our members have had good luck with in the past.

*NOTE: These are only recommendations only, as we do not solicit sponsors for the Club, or the newsletter. So, do your own research as well.*

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

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

**Blast-Tech, Inc.**  
"Automotive Paint Removal Specialist"  
Plastic Media (Bead Blast)  
Baking Soda  
Various types of Sand  
In-house blasting of Steel, Aluminum, Fiberglass, Glass, Wood, etc.  
Gary Nardi  
(303) 806-9992 3775 So. Kalamath St.  
Fax (303) 806-9985 Englewood, CO 80110

If you need your Corvair blasted, or just need the paint or rust removed from parts, Blast-Tech provides a great service for a fair price. Locally owned and operated!!

**RIAN SNOWBARGER**  
OWNER  
719-419-8826  
SnowGlass.net  
SnowAutoGlass@gmail.com  
20430 Indie Dr. Monument, CO 80132  
FREE MOBILE SERVICE

Recommended by members who were pleased with the service and quality of the glass. Fair price for a new windshield. Located in Monument for those coming from the North or the South. Locally owned and operated!

**Clark's Corvair Parts, Inc.**  
400 Mohawk Trail (Rte. 2), Shelburne Falls, Ma.01370  
413-625-9776  
Joan & Cal Clark 14,000 Item Catalog \$6.00  
Mail or Phone Order Only Many Reproduced Parts

Clarks Corvair Parts - Nuff said!!

**PLATTE AVENUE**  
TIRE  
AND  
AUTOMOTIVE  
SERVICE  
Over 30 Years Experience  
PLATTETIRE COM (719) 633-8799  
ACDelco 2701 E. PLATTE  
COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 80909

An old school alignment shop with all of the Corvair specs, early and late. Ask for Dave! Locally owned and operated!

**TAINT PAINT**  
"Specializing in Electro-Static Applied Custom Powder Coating"  
3368 ADOBE COURT  
COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 80907  
ROGER NEWMAN  
800-733-8374 719-447-9552

Yes, I'm sure they get lots comments on the name, but they do quality powder coating at a reasonable price.

Locally owned and operated!


**PPCC  
Admin**

**Monthly Meetings:** The PPCC meets at 9:30am on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month at various locations within the Colorado Springs area. Check the Club's website for the most current meet-up info.

**Membership & Dues:** PPCC dues are \$25 per year, payable each January for the coming year. Membership in CORSA is encouraged, but is not a prerequisite for membership in the PPCC. Please refer to the Club's website below to obtain a copy of the current membership application and guidance for submission. Checks for dues should be made payable to "PPCC" and mailed to: PPCC, ATTN: Treasurer, P.O. Box 15034, Colorado Springs, CO 80935. <http://www.corvair.org/chapters/chapter809>

**Editorial Contributions:** Please send your stories, suggestions, recipes, jokes, and/or photos directly to karmknecht@msn.com, or mail them to PPCC, ATTN: Newsletter Editor, P.O. Box 15034, Colorado Springs, CO 80935. Preferred format for electronic submission of documents is MS Word, and format for pictures would be JPEG. Deadline for submitting information to The Drip Line is the 24th of the month for the next month's publication.

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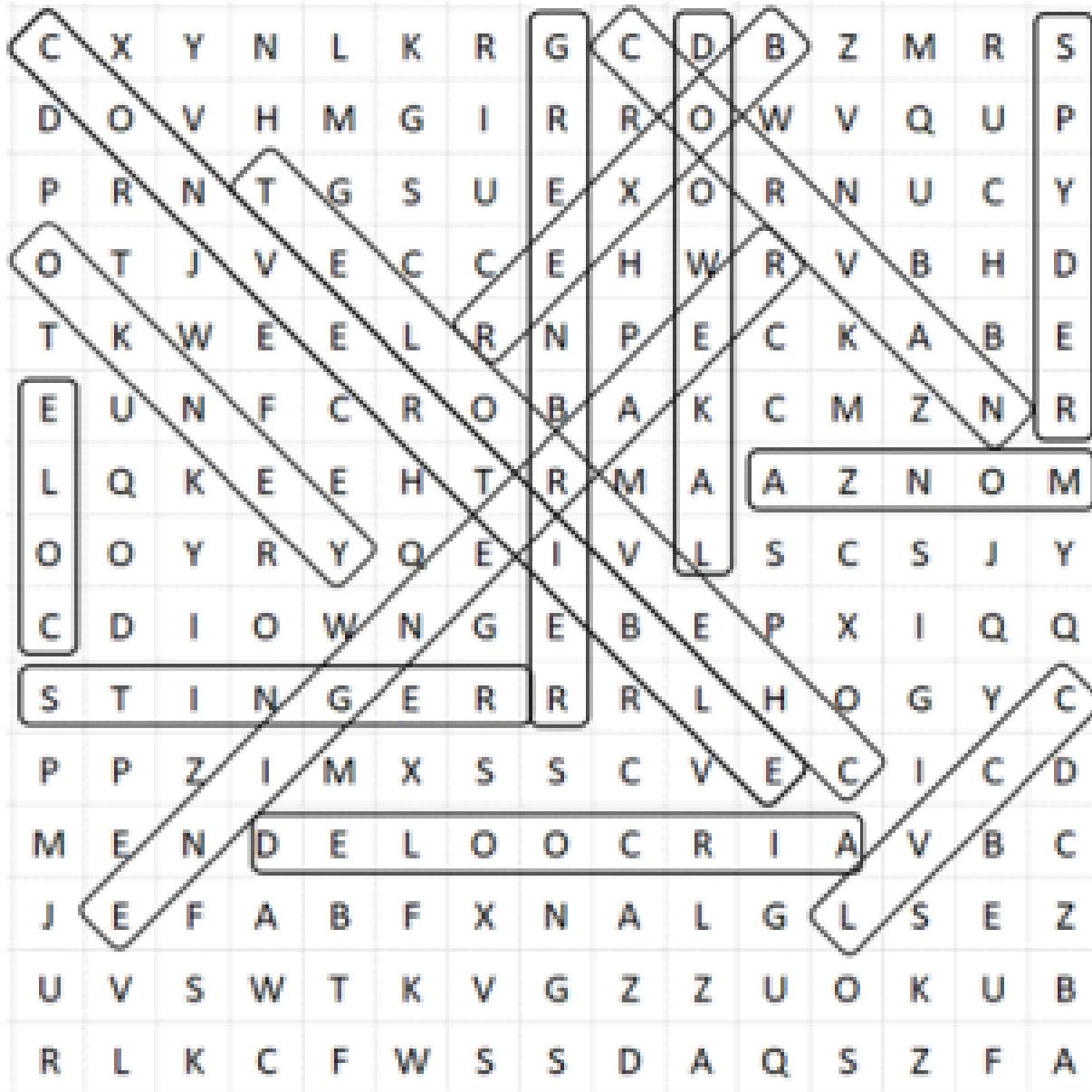
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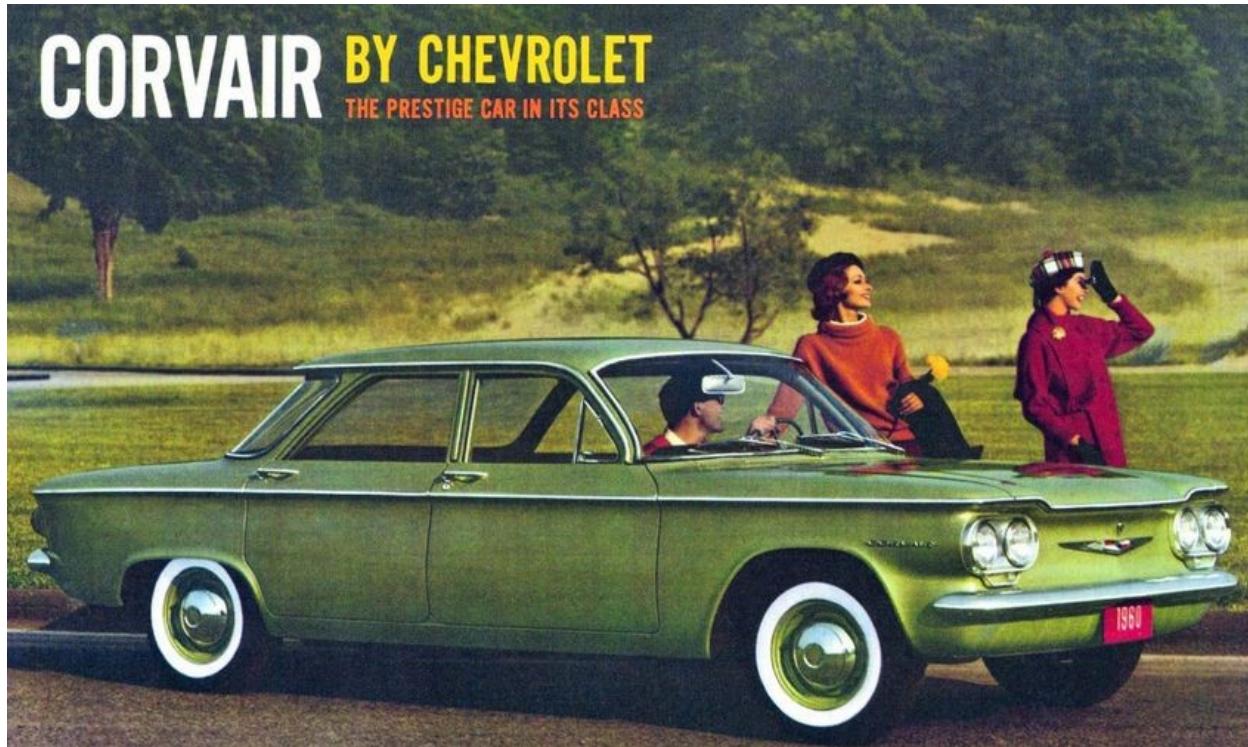
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## WORD SEARCH PUZZLE SOLUTION

***This Month's Puzzle Solution***

# The Drip-Line



The next meeting of the Pike's Peak Corvair Club will be held Sunday, March 21 at 9:30 a.m. via Zoom. Watch your email for a Zoom link.

*Come On,*

*Like us on Facebook!*



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**On The Cover:** A beautiful 1960 Green sedan (in honor of St. Patrick's Day). Part of a Chevy ad from 1960, this was included in a Hemming's article on the value of Corvair's from 1960—2010, available at [1960-'63 Corvair 700 Sedan | Hemmings](#)

**PRESIDENT'S GLOVEBOX**

By John Green  
PPCC President

Hello all,

Our last club meeting was well attended and we had a guest from the western division of CORSA, Vince Petrie. He talked about what CORSA does for members and clubs, along with taking suggestions from us on how we think they might better help clubs, and how we might attract new members. He seemed very open to all we were doing. Vince had not heard of SeeMore, so we briefly informed him of the background and how we have used SeeMore to educate the general public at shows. He also pointed out that you can see CORSA video's on the Corsa YouTube channel ([Corvair Society of America - YouTube](#)). If you subscribe, you can receive notifications when new videos are posted.



People are slowly getting vaccinated. That will help in getting together as a club and at car shows. Even though the national convention has been cancelled, several events are starting to be planned. The mini convention in Illinois has been expanded a little to compensate for the

national. Several club members have stated they will be attending, along with SeeMore.

We are starting to plan a few events around here. Chris is hoping to get a group to visit the Penrose Heritage Museum at the Broadmoor in March, along with a lunch. She still needs help planning this and other events for this summer. Please let her know, or any board member, if you can help.

We will be sending out the new membership roster as soon as we have the last few stragglers sending in their dues. If you haven't, yet, please do so so you can keep getting the Drip Line and email blasts about club activities.

Now is the time to start making sure your cars are ready to hit the road.

See you soon,  
John



## V.P. MESSAGE: MEMORIES

By Jerry Peevyhouse  
PPCC Vice President

So, do you remember your first-grade teacher (bonus points if you remember his/her name), or when Neil Armstrong first stepped on the moon? How about the house you grew up in, or better still, your first car?

For most of us, it probably was a hand-me down we “inherited” from our older sibling, or from some relative. Maybe you won the “lottery” and your first car was a brand-new car. Not me, mine was a Turquoise '56 2 door Chevy Bel Air I inherited from my older sister after she bought a brand new '66 Mustang when she got a well-paying nursing job in San Jose, CA.



So, who got the better end of that deal? Most would think my sister, but I think it was me since I had a blast learning how to work on it and modifying it with a reverb/delay sound system that for its day was pretty snazzy. This was the old coiled wire system that delayed the rear speaker sound just enough to give that cool “echo” sound to the stereo system I had. None of that electronic stuff back in those days.

It's funny about those little things we remember from our past that we enjoy reminiscing about, and how those things added to our “knowledge base” that we draw on as we move forward. I wish I could re-

member more, but I am also longing for the day when we can put this COVID thing behind us as a bad memory. We need to get back together and swap stories again in person.

It would be interesting to know if your first car was a Corvair (I'm guessing there are some). Maybe you could do a short Drip Line article about it. We'd also love to hear some “first car” stories.

Not sure if anyone is a Streisand fan, but one of the lines from her song “Memory” (yes, you remember it – I'll sing it to you when we meet again ☺) is a good reminder for us to remember the past, but always look ahead to the future.

When the dawn comes  
Tonight, will be a memory too  
And a new day will begin

Happy driving and remember to smile (even though no one can see it through your mask).



### Upcoming Meeting Dates

#### Upcoming Meetings

- Sunday, March 21, PPCC Club Meeting: 9:30 a.m. via Zoom.
- Sunday, April 18, PPCC Club Meeting: 9:30 a.m. via Zoom.
- Sunday, May 16, PPCC Club Meeting: 9:30 a.m. via Zoom.

**MEETING MINUTES- February 21, 2021****Held via Zoom**

Submitted By

Mary Ellen Feasel, PPCC Secretary

9:35 a.m. Called to order by John Green, President via zoom.

Fourteen members present w/guest Vince Petrie, Western Division Chair for CORSA.

**M****E****E****T****I****N****G**

Meeting Minutes for January were approved.

Treasurer's report- Treasurers report available to members on request.

**M**

Mail-Several dues payments collected since last meeting. Secretary hasn't checked the mail box for about 10 days. Will do so this week.

**M**

Got started on Events, until we were able to access Vince's presentation.

- The San Diego National Convention in July has been cancelled. Host hotel has not re-opened, and organizers cannot find another venue that can accommodate the event. Next years convention will be in Georgia.
- The mini-convention in Springfield, IL (May 19-23) will be a full convention. Host hotel is the Crowne Plaza. The host club, Prairie Capital Corvair Association (PCCA) is still working on details. Wait for updates.
- With SeeMore not going to San Diego, Ken will reach out to PCCA to see if they would like SeeMore at their event. The Board will be involved in this decision.

**N**

Vince Petrie, Western Division Chairman of Corsa talked to the group. CORSA regional directors were asked to communicate with the chapters in their area. CORSA membership needs new members to survive. They are focused on expanding membership by a) retaining current members and b) attracting younger members.

**M**

PPCC members were solicited to state what does CORSA do for our club. Answers included: Insurance for our events, local resources for Corvair owners, offers other venues for support, common thread between chapters, Communique tips and articles, tech tips.

**I****N****U****T****E****S**

## MINUTES, Cont.

Submitted by  
Mary Ellen Feasel

Members stated that in our area often times Corvairs outnumber other car styles, PPCC provides literature and membership opportunities at our events.

Vince went on to say that CORSA is trying to create You Tube tech videos and is reaching out to all chapters to participate in these videos.

Other discussion was what the feeling is about the cost of membership in CORSA.

Vince asked what recommendations we had for CORSA.

Answers included: Promote awards for Newsletters, to promote all Corvairs whether stock or modified and, although not applicable for the National Conventions, consider mixing events with all air cooled autos at the local level.

Vince showed us on the CORSA website some of the videos that are up and running including his video on how to value your Corvair.

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Back to Events....

–E-Days will be April 16-18. More updates to come about the car show.

–Florence Car Show-no information on it at this time.

–Palmer Lake Father's Day, June 20, Car Show and Ice Cream Social with the Model A club is still on.

–Rocky Mountain Airport event is August 7. Car show and swap meet only. Plan is to take SeeMore.

–Cripple Creek car show arrangements are in the works. Would love to have more cars. Will try to reach out to surrounding states clubs and invite to participate. Hoping for a late July date.

–Planning a March activity to Penrose Heritage Museum at the Broadmoor. Maybe lunch at the Golden Bee Pub. Tentative date is March 27. Reservations are required with a max of 10 people. All social distancing guidelines will be in place. More details to come via E-mail blast to the club.

–Mecum Auction for 2021 is cancelled.

Tech stuff- Chris' is soliciting help with her turn signals. Rick to help her out on this matter. Garrie had some suggestions too on how to fix the issue.

Adjourned 11:02 a.m.

**TECH TIP: IS YOUR CORVAIR READY FOR SUMMER?**Submitted By  
Steve Goodman

March is near and soon we will actually see and feel warmer temps and want to drive our cars more. Even if the club events are minimal we need to drive our cars for fun/showing off to the motoring public and being a part of the few weekend fun times Christine and others have ready for us.

So first question is, how many of you took my suggestion to heart and drove your Corvair(s) through the gloomy winter months?? Me, me, me. I used Christmas day to drive all three of my garage cars, but I imagine most were busy opening presents that day. Sadly the weekends this winter have not been the nicest to get the cars out either. I am guilty of only about once each month exercising mine. Well, except for the 67 cpe, which gets driven every day.

Do you keep a maintenance log of each of your cars? If yes, when was last time for (in no particular order):

- ◆ Oil and filter
- ◆ Grease front suspension/trans/diff grease levels /
- ◆ Front wheel bearings
- ◆ Check tire tread and air pressure in all 5 tires
- ◆ Look at battery terminal ends
- ◆ Check master cylinder level
- ◆ Check all lights on both ends of car
- ◆ Check / replace wiper blades
- ◆ Look at engine on top and underneath for oil leaks
- ◆ Check fan belt condition and tension

Maybe a little deeper than the above, how about an inspection of all rubber suspension bushings? You can do that while the car is up for oil etc. and lube. How about rear wheel bearings? NO alarm here but the rears either early or late need attention or at least checking every 30-40K miles. Many live much longer than that but some do not. It depends too upon how far you venture from home.

How about just standing back from the car and look at the way it is sitting on the driveway. It also gives you the chance to admire the color/lines/visual appeal of your car. No matter the condition of the paint we are driving one of the most eye appealing automobiles ever seen on the roads. The real reason I am suggesting you gaze upon both sides and front and rear is just a minds eye comparison of how the car looks now compared to last year.

Also along that thought line is just driving the car. Most of you have new cars and there is not anything equal between your new car and your Corvair. Brakes/steering/noise level are completely different between the two. It may take a few miles to reacquaint yourself with the feel of brakes and steering. Oh, almost forgot when you make that first drive put enough miles on it that filling the fuel tank is necessary. Even if you took the car out through the winter months, I hope enough miles were added that refueling was necessary then too. Of course if you drove the car through the entire year then the swapping back and forth should not be a bother to you.

**TECH TIP, cont.**Submitted By  
Steve Goodman

BACK TO YOUR LOG BOOK: look at fuel mileage and also note everything you check and condition. It is easy to forget that something looked worn.

One final paragraph: DO NOT feel that your Corvair cannot leave town. If properly maintained and in good condition your 1960s car will serve you just fine going to another state/trips etc. A good example is the PPCC members who go to the meets in Oklahoma/Kansas as well as those of us who drive to Palm Springs or the national conventions year after year.

HAPPY CORVAIRING

**ACTIVITIES UPDATE**Submitted By  
Chris Kimberly

The complete activities calendar is located later in The Drip Line. Here are a few updates from Chris for coming events:

- ◆ CORSA convention in San Diego has been cancelled. Thank you to everyone in the San Diego Club for their hard work the past 2 years in trying to put the convention together. Next year's convention will be in Georgia.
- ◆ This year's Mini Convention in Springfield IL, May 19-23 will be expanded to allow additional activities, and provide an opportunity for people to attend a regional

**ACTIVITIES, cont.**Submitted By  
Chris Kimberly

event. This will be hosted by the Prairie Capital Corvair Association, (PCCA). All proceeds after expenses are covered, will be donated to CPF and the Corvair Museum. CORSA plans to expand this to be a full convention and is working with PCCA on this. Plans include a concours, rally, funkana, cruise in, drive in night, self guided tours to Lincoln, evening RT. 66 sites events, with more to be announced. The host hotel is the Crowne Plaza in Springfield IL. Online reservations can be made at

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- ◆ Florence Merchants Car Show---no information on it yet.
- ◆ E-Days in Golden is being planned for this year. No information yet on the car show segment of E-Days.
- ◆ The June 20<sup>th</sup> Palmer Lake Car Show & Ice Cream Social with the Model A Club is still on schedule. Mark your calendar for this....it's a great Father's Day event.
- ◆ The March activity being planned is a visit to the Penrose Heritage Museum at the Broadmoor. A tentative date is March 27<sup>th</sup>. Reservations will be required with a maximum of 10 people. All social distancing guidelines will be in place. Tour to be followed by lunch.....possibly the Golden Bee Pub at the Broadmoor. More details to follow from Chris in an email blast to the club.
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## BANTER- POOR MAN'S PORSCHE

Submitted By

Ken Schiffner, Member at Large

"Poor Man's Porsche" was what some called the Corvair. Rear mounted, air cooled motor, low center of gravity, fun to drive. Waaaay cheaper than the German counterpart. A "Poor Man" owner of a Corvair could at least enjoy some of the driving sensations (such as the oversteer) of a Porsche. Many did. Still do.



There was another vehicle to which the same moniker was applied. It was actually a real "Porsche", or was it?

It was the 914. In my early family days, I owned one. It was a 1974 1.8 model. Ownership ended shortly after the birth of my second daughter. The original 1.7-liter engine in earlier models was actually more powerful than the 1.8-liter version so I got a pretty good deal.

I have as a memory of that vehicle a diecast model (below) that I have gathering dust on a shelf. In some manner, my 1964 Corvair Convertible was better, however.



Driver's Side View

I bought my 914 new from a dealership in Rockland County, NY when I lived in NJ. About a week later, I drove it on one tank of gas to Charlotte, NC to visit my sister and her family. I remember driving down the highway looking horizontally at the lug nuts of 18-wheel trucks. I remember shifting into 5<sup>th</sup> gear and cruising along using all of about 75 horsepower. I remember the wonderful (usually) cornering. The rapid response of the steering. The open air when the top was removed and stored in the rear trunk.

I also remember the tendency of the 914 to spin in any direction. With its mid-ship engine location, it neither understeered nor oversteered. One time, driving in snow, I started to negotiate a corner at low speed and the 914 couldn't decide which end should go around so it simply slid sideways, with the steering unresponsive. Not with my Corvair. You could bet that the rear end would come around. (I fixed the 914 by placing a heavy iron bar in the front trunk).

The transaxle on the 914 was behind the engine. That meant that the gear shift linkage had to go around the engine. The shift pattern was therefore vague (until Porsche improved it). I improved mine by clamping a counterweight to the shift linkage. My '64 shifts better than the 914.

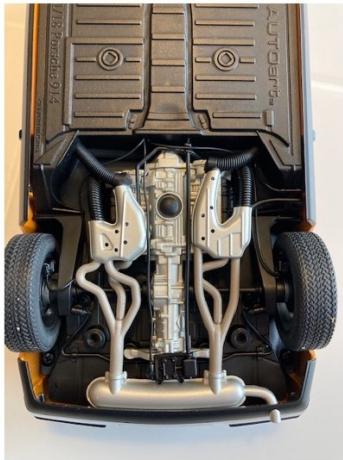


To "true" Porsche fans, my vehicle was not a Porsche though it was sold in the US as one. In Europe, the 914 was sold as a VW. As a member of the PCA (Porsche Club of America) at the time, I was (too) often reminded by PCA members that my 914 wasn't really a Porsche. I'd be asked why I didn't own a REAL Porsche like a 911 or even a 912. My honest response was that I couldn't afford either of those. I felt I didn't belong in PCA. With the Corvair, I feel I belong both in CORSA and the local clubs.

**BANTER- POOR MAN'S PORSCHE**

Submitted By

Ken Schiffner, Member at Large



Drive train view

(Yes, those are heater boxes. I had to replace them with ones made from stainless steel).

And the removable hard top. The 914 top had rubber pads, one on each side connected to the top to where the top landed on the roof support (and I guess roll bar) and was clamped at that point. This places the rubber pad at a point near the driver's ear. How do you say "squeak" in German?. Annoying. I fixed that by cutting some slots in the rubber pad using a razor saw to let the pad "shimmy" a bit. No more squeaks. My Corvair top flaps a bit but doesn't squeak.

The electronic fuel injection of the 914 ran very well but I was almost sitting on the engine. Noise. With my Corvair, the engine is in the back and is quieter. Also, with the 914, if I didn't tighten the oil filler cap, the engine wouldn't run. The computer monitored, among other things, the crankcase pressure. (I used loosening the cap as an anti-theft device). The Corvair doesn't monitor the crankcase pressure. It just leaks. With my Corvair, I'd simply take the key and hope for the best. If the Corvair is stolen, the leaks would at least show where the Corvair was parked.

Tailgating. For some reason, people liked to tailgate the 914. One day, it was rear ended by a young driver whose thick shake on his passenger seat spilled when he failed to gauge the stopping distance. He was dis-

tracted by the shake instead of concentrating on the 914 fully stopped at a traffic light. Crunch. About \$1500 to fix.

It gets worse. After leaving the repair shop a few weeks later, the 914 was hit in the rear again this time while I was going about 50 mph and a yahoo tried to pass as I was going up a hill. A truck coming the other direction "encouraged" the yahoo to try to duck in behind the 914. Not enough room. I accelerated to gain separation, but it was too late. Crunch. I forgot what the insurance bill was for that.

I sold the 914 to a young neighbor when I lived in CT. He loved it and washed it often. He brought it to a Porsche event held at Lime Rock and I'm told won a trophy. Though not a member of PCA, I was told later that he was allowed to park with the "real" Porsches. One reportedly said to him, "Nice VW". I hope he responded, "Couldn't afford a 911". "Poor Man's Porsche", indeed.

**NEWS FROM CORSA**

Submitted By

Ken Schiffner

## BIG NEWS FROM CORSA!

Just got off an NJACE Zoom meeting in which Allan Lacki reported that CORSA will be offering a Tech Guide 4th Edition in CD and paper format soon (likely within a few months). Also, a CD version of the Tech Guides 1-4 inclusive will be offered (too large and heavy to produce and mail the paper version).

Also, the Communiqué website now has an updated link for Tech Searching by CORSA members.

Mike McGowan was instrumental in the production of Tech Guide updates and Bob Marlow of NJACE did the proof reading.

These should be a "must have" for new members or to replace worn out old versions.

Be safe!

Ken Schiffner

## SUPER SPIDER

Submitted by  
Kathy Green

As published in the January 2021 edition of 'The Connecting Rod', the newsletter of Corvair Atlanta, Inc., and posted at [1962 Chevrolet Corvair Super Spyder \(chevroletcorvairspyder.com\)](http://1962ChevroletCorvairSuperSpyder.chevroletcorvairspyder.com)

## 1962 Chevrolet Corvair Super Spyder



Another experimental Corvair, the XP-785 Super Spyder, was the first car ever to win the Automobile Quarterly Award for Design Excellence. The stunning Paxton supercharged roadster has thankfully been preserved by General Motors.

The concept car was created by GM Design Studios, then under the direction of Bill Mitchell.

The XP-785 was based on a 1962 convertible body shell. Its overall

length of 171 inches and its 93-inch wheelbase are both shorter than the stock 180 and 108-inch dimensions. The differences stem from increased front and rear body overhang and the removal of a 15-inch section of the body between the doors and rear wheel arches.

Many styling elements set the Super Spyder apart: a racing-style windscreen, low-drag sport mirrors, and the aerodynamic driver's headrest built into the long, fiberglass rear deck cover. Then there are the exotic exhaust pipes, Stingray taillights, split bumpers, triple louvers in the quarter panels ahead of the rear wheels, alloy wheels with knock-off centers, Spyder instrumentation, wood-rimmed steering wheel, and the bold racing stripe! I'm drooling again.



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Content: David Newell -  
[www.corvaircorsa.com/monzapr8.html](http://www.corvaircorsa.com/monzapr8.html)

## DRIP QUIPS

**As shared by Doug Vinton...**

Crosby Stills and Nash.



*If you have a fun, amusing, touching or interesting story or picture you think can bring a smile, an 'aaaaah' or an 'eek', please send your submission to [karmknecht@msn.com](mailto:karmknecht@msn.com), attention: Drip Quips.*

## 2021 PPCC Activities Calendar

All club events will be noted on the Club's interactive calendar, located on our website, <https://pikespeakcorvairclub.wixsite.com/ppcc/calendar>. It is our sincere hope that 2021 provides more opportunities to get our cars out in the public eye. As events are scheduled, you will be notified, and the activities calendar will be updated.

- M Sunday, March 21, PPCC Club Meeting:** 9:30 a.m., via Zoom.
- M Sunday, April 18, PPCC Club Meeting:** 9:30 a.m., location TBA.
- A April 23 & 24, Mecum Auction:** *Postponed to 2022*
- M Sunday, May 16, PPCC Club Meeting:** 9:30 a.m., location TBA.
- C/A Wednesday—Sunday, May 19—23:** Mini Convention in Springfield IL. Information on the expanded Mini Convention, including registration and hotel details, can be found [here](#)
- A June 12-13, Tristate Swap Meet:** 8:00—5:00 Saturday, 8:00—2:00 Sunday, National Western Complex . Information available [here](#)
- M/C/A Sunday, June 20, PPCC Club Meeting and Show:** Father's Day Pie & Ice Cream Social and Car Show in Palmer Lake. Details to follow.
- M Sunday, July 18, PPCC Club Meeting:** 9:30 a.m., location TBA.
- C/A July 27—July 31 2021 CORSA International Convention San Diego:** *Cancelled*
- C Saturday, August 14, CCCC Rocky Mountain Airport Car Show and Swap Meet:** Time, TBA, location Rocky Mountain Airport.
- M Sunday, August 15, PPCC Club Meeting:** 9:30 a.m., location TBA.
- C/A Friday—Sunday, August 27-29:** Hot Rod Rock & Rumble, Pikes Peak International Raceway—Fountain, Colorado. Information available [here](#).
- M Sunday, September 19, PPCC Club Meeting:** 9:30 a.m., location TBA.
- M Sunday, October 17, PPCC Club Meeting:** 9:30 a.m., location TBA.
- C/A Friday—Sunday, October 15-17, Tri-State Meet:** Information coming soon
- M Sunday, November 21, PPCC Club Meeting:** 9:30 a.m., location TBA.
- M Sunday, December 19, PPCC Club Meeting:** 9:30 a.m., location TBA.

**Key:** *M—Meeting; C—Car Show; A—Activity*

## 2021 PPCC Activities Calendar

### *Recurring Local Events:*

**Second Saturdays of the Month, Year-Round, 12pm–3pm:** “Littleton Cruise”, 1500 W Littleton Blvd, Littleton, CO. Hot rods and muscle cars. Convertibles and hard tops. Oversized tires and custom-painted flames. Join us year round as we cruise Littleton Boulevard every second Saturday of the month at the Woodlawn Shopping Center located in the heart of Littleton, Colorado. For more info on the cruise, check out their website [here](#).

**First and Second Saturday Car Shows:** At this time information on the First and Second Saturday car shows is not available.

**Key:** *M—Meeting; C—Car Show; A—Activity*



## Corvair Partners & Local Businesses Which PPCC Members Have Frequented with Positive Results

With so many new members joining the Club, we felt it might be a good time to (re)educate folks on where they can obtain reliable parts and service for their Corvairs, both near and far.

Here are just a few of the companies our members have had good luck with in the past.

*NOTE: These are only recommendations only, as we do not solicit sponsors for the Club, or the newsletter. So, do your own research as well.*

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

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Locally owned and operated!


**PPCC  
Admin**

**Monthly Meetings:** The PPCC meets at 9:30am on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month at various locations within the Colorado Springs area. Check the Club's website for the most current meet-up info.

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# The Drip Line



The next meeting of the Pike's Peak Corvair Club will be held Sunday, April 18 at 9:30 a.m. at Valley Hi Golf Club, 610 Shelton Road, Colorado Springs (also available via Zoom).

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**On The Cover:** From the cover of the March, 1981 Corsa Communiqué.

Chesapeake Corvair Club members caused a stir when they loaded up on a car transporter at the Anchor Motor Freight Baltimore terminal.

See full story on page 10.

By John Green  
PPCC President

## PRESIDENT'S GLOVEBOX

Happy Spring  
Corvair Own-  
ers,

We had a good turn out for the zoom meeting on Sunday. We discussed and agreed that we should try to meet in person for the next meeting. It will be at Valley Hi golf course at 9:30am. If you don't want to come, we will also be offering the Zoom option. If you want to order breakfast, try to be there around 9am, so we can start the meeting on time. Those that will be Zooming with us, you'll have to cook your own breakfast!



Since it is spring, we talked about lots of events coming up. The first is this Saturday at the Penrose Heritage Museum. Hopefully, you already let me know you were coming as we had to make reservations. You are welcome to meet us at lunch afterwards as there is no limit at Thunder & Buttons in Old Colorado City. We should be there around 12:20pm.

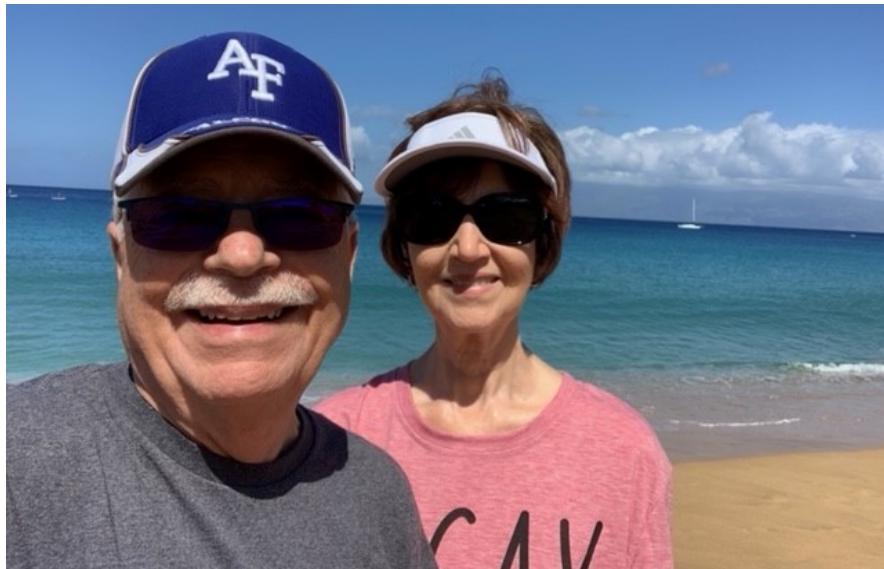
There is a lot of planning for other events in the works. Look at the calendar below for specific dates and times. Some are still in the process of planning, so we might not have complete details yet. Coming very soon is E-Days in Golden on April 17th. Registration is at 9am and the car show at 10. Nothing is online yet, so we will have to do registration there. The following months each have a couple events besides meetings. We would love to see as many cars and members as possible.

We also finalized the 2021 Membership Roster and sent it out. If you did not receive it, for those reading this on the website or Facebook, we have not received this year's dues from you. Please get that to us and we'll get you back on the roster.

Get those cars ready to roll,  
See you soon,  
John

**A NOTE FROM YOUR EDITOR**Submitted by  
Kathy Green

I contacted Jerry to see if he would have and article this month, and received this picture of he and KeithAnn on a beautiful beach in Hawaii (so, the answer was no...). Good for you guys!!! I'm only a little bit jealous!



So, since Jerry didn't have an article, I thought I'd take a short look at this past, challenging year. The cover page for the May, 2020 Drip Line showed three cars socially distanced in a parking lot. At the time it seemed funny....I certainly had no idea we'd still be distancing, staying home, and wearing masks today.

So, when the world stopped, what did we do? Despite having parades, Tri-State, the National Convention and numerous car shows cancelled, we still had our cars out a different celebrations. Corvairs participated in Birthday Drive Bys, Care Home Parades, Graduation Convoys, the Trolley Museum, the Cripple Creek Corvair show, our annual Fall Drive and multiple outdoor, in-person, masked up meetings. We were still active in our communities!!!

As Covid numbers begin to decline, more of us have had the opportunity to 'sleeve up', and lock downs are beginning to relax, let's stay vigilant, but optimistic about 2021. Please make an effort to participant in any and all events at which you will feel comfortable. We are resili-ent, and 2021 promises to hold many enjoyable opportunities to gather. Hang in there!!



## Upcoming Meeting Dates

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**Sunday, April 18, PPCC Club Meeting:** 9:30 a.m. Valley Hi Golf Club, 610 Shelton Road, Colorado Springs (also available via Zoom).

**Sunday, May 16, PPCC Club Meeting:** 9:30 a.m. Valley Hi Golf Club, 610 Shelton Road, Colorado Springs (also available via Zoom).

**Sunday, June 20, PPCC Club Meeting:** We will meet at the Father's Day Ice Cream Social and Car Show in Palmer Lake.

**MEETING MINUTES- March 21, 2021****Held via Zoom**Submitted By  
Mary Ellen Feasel, PPCC Secretary

Called to order 9:35 a.m. via Zoom. Nine members present.

**M**

Last month's(April) meeting minutes were approved.

**E**

Treasurer's report-Treasurer's report is available to all PPCC members on request.. Corsa chapter dues is upcoming. CCCC dues have been paid, as has the P.O. Box rental.

**E**

Mailbox-Continue to receive dues payments.

**T**

Membership-to date is at 42 members.

**I**

SeeMore-is scheduled to go to Springfield, IL in May.

**N****Events-**

March 27-Tour of Penrose Heritage Museum near the Broadmoor. Six members are confirmed for the museum tour. Lunch scheduled at Thunder &amp; Button in Old Colorado City at 12:15 p.m. Club will cover the lunch bill.

**G**

E-Days car show is April 17. No online registration at this time. Info available at this time is registration is at 9:00 a.m., and the car show starts at 10:00 a.m. More info to come on the location of the car show.

**M**

April 25-A drive your car get together at Rock House Ice Cream store in Palmer Lake. Have lunch and ice cream. Meet there at 1:00 p.m. Outdoor seating is available.

**M**

The drive to Pueblo and tour of the museum Memorial weekend has been postponed. A later date in the summer will be announced.

**I**

June 20 (Father's Day) Car show with Model A club and ice cream social at Palmer Lake. Club meeting will be held at the site prior to car show.

**N**

July 24-Cripple Creek All Corvair Car Show. See newsletter for new information.

**N**

August 7-Airport Car Show and Swap Meet in Broomfield.

**U**

August 22-Exploration of Flight Museum. Also have scheduled lunch at the Perfect Landing after the tour. Main event is 12-2 p.m. Organizers plan to have the Corvairs park inside the fencing on the airport apron. A food truck will be available. Admission to the museum applies, and masks are required.

**T****Meetings-**

April 18 meeting will be zoom and in person at Valley High Golf Club. 9:00 a.m. for breakfast, 9:30 a.m. meeting. Masks are recommended.

**E**

May 16 meeting will also be in person and zoom. This is the Sunday prior to the Springfield Mini Convention.

**S**

## MINUTES, Cont.

Submitted by  
Mary Ellen Feasel

Tech stuff-

Chris has had her turn signal issue fixed. Thank you Rick.

She has discovered, after driving in the rain, that her windshield leaks in a number of places. Rick thinks it needs more sealant. Ken and Rick will research what would work best and get back with her.

Randy asked the group what they recommend for replacing springs and shocks on his car. He received several different opinions that made him realize he needs to do some more research.

Adjourned 10:31 a.m.



## TECH TIP: CARBURETOR BALANCING

Submitted By  
Ken Schiffner

This month our tech tip come from Ken Schiffner, giving Steve a well deserved break! Thank you Ken!!!

### Carburetor Balancing Redux

There have been many articles about “balancing” Corvair carburetors. For the Corvair engine to operate at its highest efficiency, the carburetors must be balanced. What is sometimes overlooked is that “balancing” and “synchronizing” are not the same thing. For success, the adjustment process is iterative\*. Thus, this article.

#### Balancing:

“Balancing” is typically conducted at idle speed. It is both the first step and the last step in “synchronizing”.

The Corvair engine is essentially two (2) three (3) cylinder opposed “engines” sharing a common crankshaft. Remove the carburetors and crank the engine with the starter and for one part of the four (4) engine cycles, the engine is an air compressor. Atmospheric air enters, is compressed and is exhausted.

Now add the carburetors. That “air” mixture becomes a “fuel/air” mixture. The gas mixture characteristics change. The gas density changes given the resulting “carbureted” fuel vapor and emulsion. The temperature may even change as the fuel evaporates.

To truly balance carburetors, the resulting air/fuel characteristics of each “engine” must be the same. Some balancing techniques measure the **intake air flow**. Others measure the **intake manifold pressure**. Yet others measure the **head temperature** assuming balanced combustion equals balanced temperatures.

These methods assume the engine displacement on the right or left heads are identical and that the carburetors have the same air flow and fuel characteristics. They also assume that the connecting linkage responds in the same manner to each carburetor.

Balancing using the **intake air flow** relies on the characteristics of the intake atmospheric air and not the impact of the fuel on the mixture. The intake air is a surrogate to determine balance if both carburetors are identical in flow characteristics. The measurement is obtained by removing the air cleaner and intake plenum and using an air flow measuring device like the “Snail” (Pro-Sync Carburetor Synchronizer Tool, or equal). If the Snail is applied to each carburetor and the

same reading is obtained, then the carburetors are considered “balanced”. The Uni-Syn (Uni-Syn Carburetor Synchronizer) operates using a venturi through which the incoming air must pass. The higher the air speed the lower the pressure reading. If the carburetors themselves are identical, each “three-cylinder engine” is therefore balanced.



“Snail” Type Air Flow Measuring Device  
(Various suppliers)

And the Uni-Syn.... (also, Various Suppliers) .....



Uni-Syn Air Flow Measurement Device

Using the **intake manifold pressure**, a reading of the combined air AND fuel flow characteristics are measured. The sensing port is the one used for the choke pull-off, therefore the port location is after the fuel delivery portion of the carburetor. GM made this measurement using mercury filled manometers. If the height of the mercury column is the same for each cylinder head, the mixture flow is balanced. If one wants to favor the flow to the head using the manifold reading that controls the vacuum advance as suggested by GM, the carburetors can be adjusted to favor the flow to that cylinder head. The null reading Dwyer (Dwyer Instruments) gauge performs the same task but without the mercury. The Dwyer does have a diaphragm material that is less resistant to gasoline vapors, so the gauge

## TECH TIP, CARBURETOR BALANCING, cont.

Submitted By  
Ken Schiffner

is used for short durations but there is no need to remove the air cleaner, etc.



Magnehelic Null Reading Gauge (Dwyer Instruments)

Using **head temperature**, a non-contact temperature gauge is used to measure the head temperature at a common point below the carburetor insulator/gasket pack. This reading assumes that uniform head temperature means the combustion is the same thus is balanced. Some Corvair mechanics can sense whether dual exhaust Corvair engines are balanced by "feeling" the exhaust temperature at each exhaust pipe. Same temperature, balanced.



Non-Contact Temperature Reading Device  
(Various Suppliers)

### Synchronizing:

Being balanced doesn't necessarily mean the carburetors are "synchronized". Synchronized means that the carburetors respond in unison to the accelerator pedal. Thus, "slop" in the control linkage can adversely affect even "balanced" carburetors. Accelerator pump actuation differences can also upset the balance between the right and left "engines".

To synchronize, the linkage is adjusted after balancing at idle. First the linkage slack is removed and then the

linkage is adjusted at an engine speed above idle (about 1000-1200 rpm or so). First, one carburetor is held "fixed" by holding that carburetor open slightly using a wedge (popsicle stick, feeler gauge, rubber band, or the like) between the idle speed screw and the throttle fulcrum at the carburetor. For adjustment, the adjustable linkage has a retainer clip on one "engine" (this can vary at least from my experience), a threaded swivel and a threaded actuating rod connected to the carburetor cross shaft. That clip is released so that the threaded linkage rod can be disengaged and be turned to adjust the carburetor that is not held a bit open.

The threaded linkage allows one full turn in or out to make an adjustment. Crude but good enough. The carburetors are now "balanced" again at this higher rpm by turning the threaded linkage in or out to achieve a balance. The linkage is pulled upward to reduce the tendency of the throttle to open and to remove slop. The link "hook" is then slid into the carburetor cross shaft using the clip to hold the link in place.

The "wedge" or whatever is then removed. The cross shaft main throttle spring will then bring the carburetors to the idle position...but the carburetors may not now be balanced because the idle speed screws have landed on a point on the carburetor fulcrum that is now modified by the linkage adjustment. Most likely only very fine rebalancing may be needed but should be performed.

\*Iterative: repetition of an action in sequence or a cycle of operations to achieve a desired result but that invariably takes longer than just guessing.



## ACTIVITIES UPDATE

Submitted By  
Chris Kimberly

Happy Spring Everyone!

Time to dust off the Corvairs, tune them up and get ready for the 2021 car shows and activities coming up. Please check out the revised calendar of events....all changes and updates are in blue and red. Be sure to mark your calendars with the changes so you don't miss any of the fun events planned.

I want to thank John and Kathy Green for helping set up the March activity on the 27<sup>th</sup>. I'd also like to thank Ken Schiffner for setting up the car show on August 22<sup>nd</sup>, at the Museum of Flight in Centennial. This past month was particularly a tough one for me and I appreciate their help.

Here are just a few activities and shows to look forward to. Be sure to check out the calendar of events for more.

Our March activity is a visit to the Penrose Heritage Museum at the Broadmoor. The date is **March 27<sup>th</sup>**. Reservations will be required with a maximum of 10 people. All social distancing guidelines will be in place. Tour to be followed by lunch at the Thunder and Button Restaurant in Old Colorado City, at 12:15ish. Contact John for reservations.

E-Days in Golden is being planned for **April 17th**. Registration begins at 9 with the show starting at 10. No information yet on costs, but in the past, it's always been \$25. The location wasn't posted, so I'm assuming it will be in the same parking lot as usual.

**April 25<sup>th</sup>**—We thought a club meetup for lunch and ice cream at the Rock House Ice Cream Shop in Palmer Lake would be fun. They have outdoor seating. We will plan to meet there at 1:00 pm.

CORSA is replacing this year's convention with the CORSA Mini Convention in Springfield IL, **May 19-23**. This will be hosted by

the Prairie Capital Corvair Association, (PCCA). All proceeds after expenses are covered, will be donated to CPF and the Corvair Museum. CORSA plans to expand this to be a full convention and is working with PCCA on this. Plans include a concours, rally, funkana, cruise in, drive in night, self guided tours to Lincoln, evening RT. 66 sites events, with more to be announced. The host hotel is the Crowne Plaza in Springfield IL. Online reservations can be made at [HERE](#) OR call 1-800-227-6963. Be sure to mention you are part of Corvair Society of America (code C9S).

The **June 20<sup>th</sup>** Palmer Lake Car Show & Ice Cream Social with the Model A Club is still on schedule. Mark your calendar for this....it's a great Father's Day event for the family with free pie and ice cream.

**July 24<sup>th</sup>—The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Cripple Creek All Corvair Car Show**... This is a free car show for anyone with a Corvair. For hotel reservations at the Double Eagle, call 719-689-5000 and use group number 4350. Even if you *think* you're going, go ahead and make your reservations. It's easier to make and cancel than to miss out!

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Hope to see everyone soon.....

Keep

Vairin'

Chris



**BANTER- FRANKLIN**

Submitted By

Ken Schiffner, Member at Large

I'm sure many of you have attended (or even created) memorable Corvair events. Here is one I remember fondly.



I was a member of what was then the Coyote Corvair Club. Great group of people! We were situated in the Northern part of San Diego county. (Some members however were part of both the San Diego Corvair Club as well as Coyote). Some folks may remember Coyote through their annual participation at the Fan Belt Toss. They met at an Antique Gas Engine and Steam Engine Museum (I believe it was in Vista, CA). The site included a large barn and numerous antique engines (many operational).

Every Spring we fittingly hosted the "Pre-Spring Fling". The site was a nearby field. We'd have a Car Show, some activities, a great Tri-Tip meal, and often some entertainment including banter. Lon Wall (Corvair Underground) often visited and brought parts to sell. The Swap Meet part included items that found new owners.

That field? Usually, it was dry but one year, well, it wasn't. Lots of mud but luckily most mud was localized.

Somehow, the word got out that the Coyote Corvair air-cooled club would be hosting the event. Since I was on the committee, one day a person called. They had an "interesting, air-cooled vehicle" and they would like to attend. "Sure, I said. What vehicle is it?" ( I figured maybe a VW, Fiat 500, BMW Isetta, or the like).

Nope!

It was a 1922 Franklin! And a beautiful one at

that! ( I don't have a picture of it, but it looked like this from Bing images).



When it arrived, it drew a lot of attention. Given the muck from the rain, the only somewhat dry part of the field was where we placed the Franklin.

I learned that day that Franklins had 6-volt electrical systems (and a wooden chassis among other interesting tid-bits). Then I saw the hood up on the vehicle with the owner standing there, hands-on-hips. I sensed something was wrong. It was a dead battery!

I don't recall who solved this problem, but I believe, given that the Museum had old gasoline engines, they also had 6-volt batteries. I do recall hearing the Franklin start up (great sound!) and seeing it being driven away under its own power.

Us "air-cooled" folks like to gather with other "air-cooled" folks and not even wet muddy fields can stop us!



## COVER PHOTO

Submitted by  
Kathy Green

As published in the March, 1981 *Corsa Communiqué* (please excuse the font size—as this is from an old publication, options for inclusion were limited...)

## Hijacked Corvair transporter found?

By Harry Yarnell and Carol Lienhard, Chesapeake Corvair

Imagine the looks on everyone's faces if a car carrier loaded with shiny Corvairs pulled into the parking lot at the annual convention! Suppose the driver stepped out of his cab with his bills of lading in hand and said, "Long time no see, huh? Would anyone want to take delivery on these? I was hijacked to Mexico in 1964 and none of the local dealers will accept this load so late!"

These were some of the humorous thoughts that came to mind when the idea of shipping a load of Corvairs from Maryland to the '78 convention in California was proposed. Because members wanted to take their show Vairs to San Diego, but few wanted to add 6,000 miles to the odometers of their cars, and even fewer had trailers, it was decided then to explore the possibility of renting an automobile transport truck and dividing the cost among those wanting to ship their cars. But when the tab figured out to over \$400 per car (without even transporting the owners) the idea was scrapped and those going to California decided to leave their cars at home, fly to the convention, and look forward to taking their Vairs to Detroit in '79.

But the idea lingered on in the backs of a few minds, and it surfaced again as a suggestion that a

transporter loaded with our treasured Corvairs would make a terrific cover photo for the *Communiqué*. So, members began exploring possibilities again. The Baltimore terminal of Anchor Motor Freight (GM's principal transporter in the East) led us a merry chase through its hierarchy, almost to the top of General Motors before they turned us down for insurance reasons a year ago. But finally last Fall, Stan Hartman, part of our Corvair "family" who works at the Chevette assembly plant in Wilmington, Delaware tossed the idea out to Jerry Hoover, Anchor's terminal manager in Wilmington, and he was happy to cooperate.

Consequently, early on the frigid Saturday morning of November 22, a caravan of Chesapeake Corvairs from Maryland driven by Edna May Klutas, Doug Hanson, Carol Lienhard, Dave and Lila Davis and Harry Yarnell headed out to join up in Newark with our Delaware contingent (consisting of Dan Spry, Joe Wagner, Stan Hartman and Tony Necastro) for the trek to the Boxwood plant yard of Anchor Motor Freight. Terminal manager Hoover had arranged to have one of his transporters dolled up for the occasion, with wheels freshly repainted, and even

the tire sidewalls glistening. But most important, he had selected his Yard Superintendent, Burt Jones, and Driver John Garton to help load our cars on this rig because they are both long-time enthusiasts and he knew they would "baby" our treasures. The icing on the cake was his charge to these two veterans to give us all the help we needed to load the cars, and to take as much time as we needed for photographs.

So, with Burt and John providing expert coaching and attaching the chains, we loaded our cars—quite a scary undertaking for some of us, especially Dan Spry, whose beautiful 1965 Monza convertible was assigned to the head ramp position, hanging precariously over the driver's cab. An Anchor driver is allowed five hours to load ten Chevettes on a rig because of the complexity of the task of loading and securing the vehicles by himself. But, with these two experts handling the hydraulics and chains, and "talking" each driver into his exact position, we accomplished loading (in two different arrangements) and photography in less than three hours, and enjoyed the entire adventure.

That morning, we were the major attraction in the yard which usually loads Chevettes. One driver took a hard look as he slowly drove by and asked, "Are we loading those again?" Several other drivers couldn't tear themselves away and watched the operation with great interest, adding their own special reminiscences about the sporty little cars of a by-gone era. One Chevette plant employee couldn't resist taking a whole roll of pictures of his own, and we got a number of "offers" in case we wanted to sell our cars—NO CHANCE, of course! But it's always fun to get an offer based on admiration of the vehicle!

After the last car was unloaded and the film had been spent from everyone's cameras (including Doug Hanson's ancient box Brownie which yielded some remarkably good shots, in spite of everyone's ribbing), we headed for Dan and Karen Spry's house for pumpkin pie and coffee, thinking about all the fun we had had in recreating a little history.

So, here it is folks, Long Time No See, but the memory of the more than 1.7 million Corvairs which rolled out of GM plants onto transporters in the 60's lingers on. We all wish we could find just one such pristine load that had **really** been hijacked by Rip Van Winkle!



The "Instigators" of the above situation are, from left to right, Tony Necastro, Col. Dave Davis, Joe Wagner, Stan Hartman, Edna Mae Klutas, Douglas Hanson, Carol Lienhard, Lila Davis and Dan Spry. Harry Yarnell is also included, but someone had to shoot the picture!

## DRIP QUIPS

### Life Goals...



If you have a fun, amusing, touching or interesting story or picture you think can bring a smile, an 'aaaaah' or an 'eek', please send your submission to [karmknecht@msn.com](mailto:karmknecht@msn.com), attention: Drip Quips.

## 2021 PPCC Activities Calendar

All club events will be noted on the Club's interactive calendar, located on our website, <https://pikespeakcorvairclub.wixsite.com/ppcc/calendar>. It is our sincere hope that 2021 provides more opportunities to get our cars out in the public eye. As events are scheduled, you will be notified, and the activities calendar will be updated.

- C **Saturday, April 17, E-Days Car Show at The School of Mines, Golden, CO:** Registration 9:00, Car Show at 10:00. In good weather, this show will last until around 2:00. MASKS REQUIRED.
- M **Sunday, April 18, PPCC Club Meeting:** 9:30 a.m., Valley Hi Golf Club, 610 Shelton Road, Colorado Springs (also available via Zoom).
- A **April 23 & 24, Mecum Auction:** *Postponed to 2022*
- A **April 25, Club meetup, lunch and Ice Cream:** 1:00 p.m., Rock House Ice Cream Shop, Palmer Lake, CO. Outdoor seating is available.
- M **Sunday, May 16, PPCC Club Meeting:** 9:30 a.m., Valley Hi Golf Club, 610 Shelton Road, Colorado Springs (also available via Zoom).
- C/A **Wednesday—Sunday, May 19—23:** Mini Convention in Springfield IL. Information on the expanded Mini Convention, including registration and hotel details, can be found [here](#)
- A **June 12-13, Tristate Swap Meet:** 8:00—5:00 Saturday, 8:00—2:00 Sunday, National Western Complex . Information available [here](#)
- M/C/A **Sunday, June 20, PPCC Club Meeting and Show:** Father's Day Pie & Ice Cream Social and Car Show in Palmer Lake. Meeting at 12:30, Car Show at 2:00. This is a fun afternoon to show our cars with the Model A Club and enjoy free pie and ice cream. A great family day.
- M **Sunday, July 18, PPCC Club Meeting:** 9:30 a.m., location TBA.
- C **Saturday, July 24, 2<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL CRIPPLE CREEK ALL CORVAIR CAR SHOW with \*Seemore\*\*:** This show is sponsored by the Cripple Creek Heritage Museum and its sponsors. It is a FREE show for anyone with a Corvair. This is also the weekend of annual bed races in Cripple Creek so it should be lots of fun. **The Double Eagle Resort and Casino will be giving us a discount on room rates.... \$89.95 per night plus tax = \$100.93. This includes free breakfast for each registered guest. For hotel reservations at the Double Eagle, call 719-689-5000 and use group number 4350. Even if you think you're going, go ahead and make your reservations. It's easier to make and cancel than to miss out!** This show is open to anyone with a Corvair, whether or not they are a club member.
- C/A **July 27—July 31 2021 CORSA International Convention San Diego:** *Cancelled*
- C **Saturday, August 7, CCCC Rocky Mountain Airport Car Show and Swap Meet:** Time, TBA, location Rocky Mountain Airport.

**Key: M—Meeting; C—Car Show; A—Activity**

## 2021 PPCC Activities Calendar

M **Sunday, August 15, PPCC Club Meeting:** 9:30 a.m., location TBA.

C/A **Sunday, August 22, Wheels & Wings Show and Lunch, Centennial, CO:** This show will have a variety of vintage cars and airplanes. All Corvairs will be on the apron at the air field. Plan to arrive at 11:00 to get in place, and then the show runs until 2:00 pm. Lunch arrangements have been made at The Perfect Landing Restaurant or you can choose to eat at a food truck which will also be there. Museum tour from 12:00—2:00, lunch at Perfect Landing Restaurant, 2:00. (If you arrive for lunch before 2:00 earlier, just mention 'Corvair Club'.)

C/A **Friday—Sunday, August 27-29:** Hot Rod Rock & Rumble, Pikes Peak International Raceway—Fountain, Colorado. Information available [here](#).

M **Sunday, September 19, PPCC Club Meeting:** 9:30 a.m., location TBA.

M **Sunday, October 17, PPCC Club Meeting:** 9:30 a.m., location TBA.

C/A **Friday—Sunday, October 15-17, Tri-State Meet:** Information coming soon.

M **Sunday, November 21, PPCC Club Meeting:** 9:30 a.m., location TBA.

M **Sunday, December 19, PPCC Club Meeting:** 9:30 a.m., location TBA.

***Recurring Local Events:***

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**Key: M—Meeting; C—Car Show; A—Activity**



## Corvair Partners & Local Businesses Which PPCC Members Have Frequented with Positive Results

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**PPCC  
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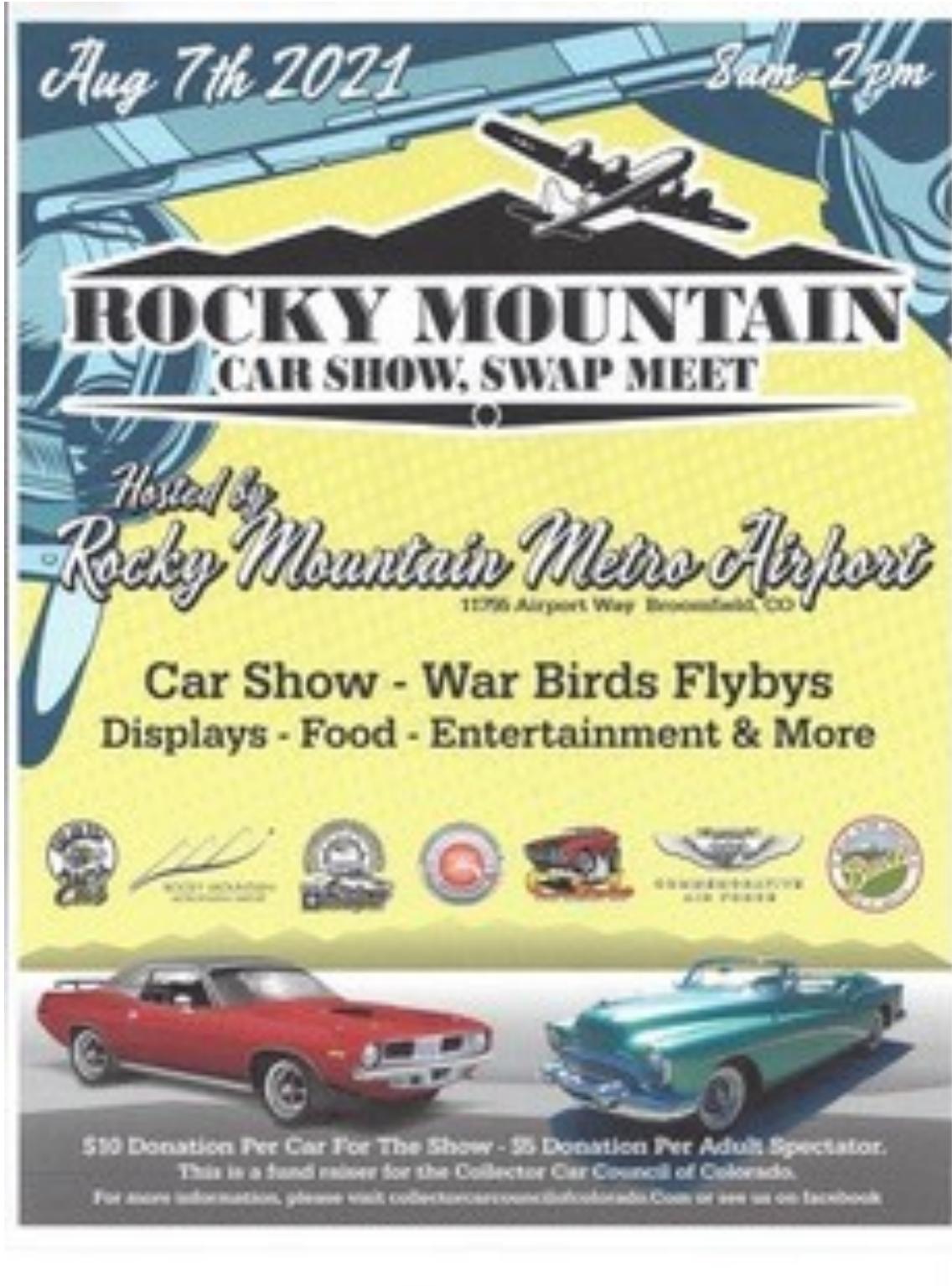
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# The Drip Line



The next meeting of the Pike's Peak Corvair Club will be held  
Sunday, May 16 at 9:30 a.m. at Valley Hi Golf Club, 610 Shel-  
ton Road, Colorado Springs (also available via Zoom).

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**On The Cover:** Welcome to our newest club members, Bruce and Becky Riehl with their beautiful 1964 Monza convertible!

## PRESIDENT'S GLOVEBOX

By John Green  
PPCC President

Hello Drivers,

It was nice to see some live and in-person people at the club meeting. We had a good turn out with 13 “live” members and 2 “zoom”

members (actually, everyone was alive—some were just in person, and other’s were online....). We had 2 visitors at the meeting, who became members before we were done! Welcome to Bruce & Becky Riehl and their ‘64 Monza. Their car rounded out the other 3 Corvairs gracing the parking lot on a beautiful sunny day.

It is getting to be that busy time of year with a lot going on. Mike Piper was the only Corvair and “old” car that showed up to E-Days. He said a lot of the students were very interested in hearing about the engine and his car. We also had a trip to the Penrose Heritage Museum that several of us went to and then had lunch in Old Colorado City, where a few others joined us. Garrie Fox represented at the Stocker’s Car Show in Colorado Springs in April as well.



We have ice cream socials, Corvair only shows and 2 multi-make car shows at airports coming up, among other events. Check out the activities calendar later in The Drip Line for specific details. It would be nice to see a lot of Corvairs at these events. These are also great opportunities to visit with all of the members and drivers, now that it is a little safer out there and the weather is warming up.

Some members are going to the mini convention in Springfield, IL. It will be great to hear back how all the events go out there. SeeMore is even getting to go thanks to Tony and his trailer. I hope everyone at the convention enjoys seeing it and hearing about its history. Safe travels to all of them, and safe driving to us all.

Hope to see you soon,  
John



**VP MESSAGE: OPPORTUNITIES IN PARADISE**Submitted by  
Jerry Peevyhouse

When opportunity knocks. One of those sayings that doesn't make literal sense when you think about it. People can knock, your car can knock, you can tell a million knock-knock jokes but how does opportunity knock? Of course, it just means be ready to act when an opportunity to do something you want to do comes your way. We've all had opportunities come our way over the years, some we've wished we'd taken, some we're glad we passed on. Here's an adventurous new opportunity for you, how about starting up a Corvair club in Hawaii.

Sadly, it's true that CORSA doesn't have any registered chapters in Hawaii. They have chapters in Switzerland, The Netherlands, France, but not in our 50th state. My wife and I recently spent a great couple of weeks in Maui and the Big Island, looking for Corvairs (ok, honestly that wasn't our primary purpose in going) ☺. We enjoyed driving all over and around the islands, at very slow speeds compared to here, but saw no Corvairs anywhere. We did see a lot of other "project cars" along the side roads and houses, here is one of them.



So, the opportunity is knocking for someone to take the challenge of moving to Hawaii with their Corvair(s) and spare parts and starting up a club. I know 47 years ago there was the 62 Powerglide Corvair on Oahu that I was driving while I was there in the Air Force, maybe it's still around giving enjoyment to someone. The nice thing about Hawaii is the great driving weather year-round (no snow!). Let me know who's going, my wife and I just might join you. ☺

If that's not an opportunity for you, maybe you can take advantage of the opportunities to participate in the many club activities planned for this year. Seems like things are opening up more and more this year, which is good, and we're starting up in-person/Zoom monthly meetings to get together again. Happy and safe driving as you travel to those many new opportunities coming up in the future.



## Upcoming Meeting Dates

### Upcoming Meetings

**Sunday, May 16, PPCC Club Meeting:** 9:30 a.m. Valley Hi Golf Club, 610 Shelton Road, Colorado Springs (also available via Zoom).

**Sunday, June 20, PPCC Club Meeting:** We will meet at the Father's Day Ice Cream Social and Car Show in Palmer Lake.

**Sunday, July 18, PPCC Club Meeting:** Time and location TBD.

## MEETING MINUTES- April 18, 2021

Valley Hi Golf Club and via Zoom

Submitted By  
Mary Ellen Feasel, PPCC Secretary

Called to order at 9:33 am by President John Green at Valley High Golf Course, with 13 members present (some via Zoom) and two guests.

**M**

Introduced two guests, Bruce and Becky Riehl. They have a '64 Monza 4-speed they drove today. Bruce saw our meeting date and decided to join us. John and Kathy drove their Lakewood, Mike Piper, Tony Lawler and Garrie Fox drove their cars.

**E**

Last months (March) meeting minutes were approved.

**E**

**Treasurers report:** Treasurer's report available to all members upon request.

**T**

With the new year, approval by the membership is needed for 50% of the 50/50 raffle to be applied to the SeeMore fund. The membership present approved that 50% of 50/50 raffle goes to SeeMore fund.

**I**

**Mail:** Mailbox had been checked several times since last months meeting. Several dues payments were received. Mailbox was checked last Wednesday and there was nothing.

**N**

**Membership:** The club is down five members from last year.

**G**

**SeeMore:** Ken discussed SeeMore's trip to Springfield, IL mini convention and arrangements to get it there. Members that will be caravanning there discussed their itineraries. Was mentioned that Corsa is wanting SeeMore to go to the museum. Overall response from the membership is SeeMore stays with PPCC for the time being.

Other business: John Green had parts that were donated to the club and members checked the items out. Cars of the '60s project from a MaryAnne, a high school student, whose mother contacted John to thank him (Us) for our website. In their research for the project they found our website, and enjoyed it.

**M**

Mike Piper attended E-Days the day before. Was the only Corvair there, and overall number of other cars was down too. The automotive students were very interested in the Corvair so Mike was talking a lot about them. And Mike got first place in the car show.

**I**

A '60 sedan is available in Sedalia. More info. to come.

**N**

Tony's rampside is getting a new paint job. He recently purchased a '63 coupe for parts. Grill is good.

**U**

The club tour of the Penrose Heritage Museum had nine folks in attendance. Lunch in Old Colorado City had 11 attendees.

**T**

Tech guides from Corsa will be available on thumb drives. A limited number will be available. More info to come.

**E**

Activities-

Next Sunday April 25 at 1 pm, a club get together at Rock House Ice Cream in Palmer Park.

**E**

May 15-Car Show in Guffey. 10-4 on Main Street.

**S**

May 16-Florence Car Show. Very modified due to COVID. No valve cover races or food vendors. Show is 9 to 3. Online registration.

## MINUTES, Cont.

Submitted by  
Mary Ellen Feasel

June 20 meeting, Fathers Day, will be held prior to a car show with the Model A club in Palmer Lake. Car show/Pie and ice cream social is 2-4. Time of meeting is 12:30 in the park pavilion.

July 24-Cripple Creek "Only Corvairs" car show. See newsletter for all the info regarding accommodations and registration. This will be the same weekend as Pearl Days and Cripple Creek Pioneer Days. Pearl was a "very well known" person in Cripple Creek history.

August 7-Swap Meet and Car Show in Broomfield. Rocky Mountain Renegades will perform an air display.

August 22-Wheels & Wings at Centennial Airport 12pm-2pm. A food truck will be available or folks can have lunch at Perfect Landing Restaurant.

Second Saturday car show, hosted by the Stockers, are now being held at the Havana Grill on Academy in the Springs.

Other business: Chris Kimberly had a long conversation with Dee Glusick. Dee informed the club, thru Chris, that founding member and former club President Jim Woods wife, Pat, passed away recently. Card will be in the mail soon.

John Glusick is keeping busy. In his mid 80s he has built a scissor lift so he can reach the 2nd floor of his barn.

Meeting adjourned 10:30 am.



## TECH TIP: AIR CLEANER AIDS

Submitted By  
Steve Goodman

Anyone owning a 64-9 Corvair except turbo models probably has loosened the J-bolts holding the air cleaner runner in place on the carb top and dropped one or all of the J-bolts during the 'lifting and setting aside' of the runner. At the same time there is a scurry to find one or all of the round gaskets between the runner and the carb tops because those gaskets will fall off and roll under something..

Easy fix for not having to fight either/both of the problems again: If you remove the nut from the J-bolt and cut a short length of vacuum tubing and slide down the J-bolt then replace the bolt into the runner and start the nut threads again the J-bolt is trapped in place. Pics show how easy this is to do. Also replace the 3/8" head nuts with wing nuts and much easier to remove the runner next time. Thread size is 10/24 which is easy to find at ACE or LOWES.



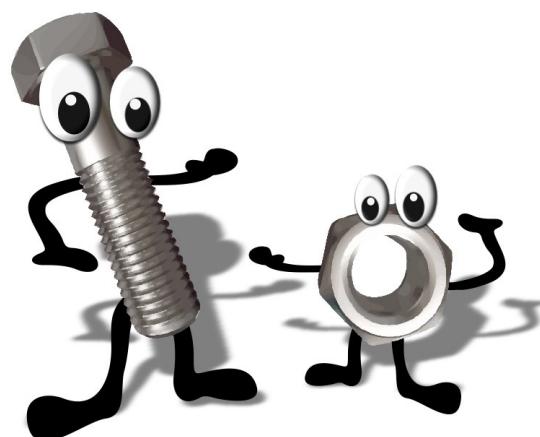
Next is ensuring the air horn gaskets stay in place. A couple of very small dabs of weatherstrip adhesive across from each other will keep the gasket in place and at the same time because of the very small 'dabs' it is easy to remove and replace if needed. NO NEED to glue the entire circumference.



Early model cars/FC with the single air cleaners on each side should have a foam gasket for air cleaner top to carb air horn and generally those will stay with the air cleaner top. If the cork gaskets are used in place of the foam then using the above adhesive technique will work for those too.



After doing the above you never need to worry about chasing those little parts around.



## PAT WOODs PASSING

Submitted By  
Chris Kimberly

I recently spoke with Dee Glusick on the phone and she let me know that the wife of one of our charter members, Jim Woods, passed away suddenly a week ago. Pat Woods was very active along with her husband, Jim, organizing and hosting many early club functions and activities.

The club was fortunate to have both Pat and Jim attend the club's 40th birthday celebration a few years ago. They traveled from Washington and shared their memories of the club with all at the party. Pictured are our charter members at the 40th birthday celebration, Jim and Pat Woods with Dee and John Glusick.

Our sincere condolences to Jim Woods and family. Below is an article from Dee Sharing some memories she and John have of fun times with Pat and Jim.



## JIM AND PAT WOOD

Submitted By  
Dee and John Glusick

When we received the call, telling us about the passing of Pat Wood, we were saddened. We began to remember things about Pat and Jim we would like to share.

We had the greatest times with our friends, Jim and Pat Wood, on tour. You know that Jim was a part of the core group that started the club and Pat helped with Christmas parties and many other little things that made the club fun. You know all about that.

When they got the Ultra Van, John and Jim painted it together and it came out very nice.

Let us tell you about the times we (the four of us) would get into the Ultra Van and go cruising up and down allies to look for cars. Yes, you read it right. We would take off for a day and either go out east of town or to a smaller town and look for cars. One time we decided to go to Trinidad. We spent most of the day, always on the hunt for any kind of car. On our way home, we were talking and laughing about what people must have thought about seeing an Ultra Van cruising around, when we heard a siren behind us. It was a Lady State Patrol. This was during the time you could only do 55 MPH. She pulled us over and told Jim she clocked him at 75 MPH. He proceeded to show her the little Corvair engine and explained that a Corvair Ultra Van could not do 75 MPH. She said she did not believe it either and that is why she checked it three times before she pulled him over. Well, he got a ticket and with it the bragging right that his Ultra Van could go 75 MPH.

Jim and Pat loved traveling in the Ultra Van. They were traveling with their friends, Jim and Bonnie Ford, in the Ultra Van and were going over a mountain pass. They were only doing about 5 MPH. Suddenly Jim Ford jumped out of the Ultra Van, ran back and got into the Corvair they were towing, and started the engine and helped push the Ultra Van over the top. This was the birth of Jim's idea to build a pusher. He took the back end of a Corvair and put a tow bar on it. He made controls that ran from the pusher to the front of the Ultra Van so he could start it from inside. Anytime he needed an extra push, he would fire it up and away they went. He designed a Tri Bike front end that would hook to the pusher, so they could just ride it around.

We missed running around with them when they moved, but always kept in touch.

Story by John and Dee Glusick

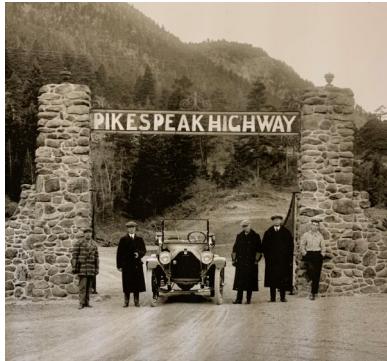
## PENROSE HERITAGE MUSEUM

Submitted By  
Chris Kimberly



The first outing for PPCC members was a trip to visit the Penrose Museum at the Broadmoor Hotel followed by a fun lunch in Old Colorado City. If you've never been to this small museum, you need to make a point of going soon.

The museum was following protocol of limited visitors and masks when we were there. Eight members enjoyed the museum, gathering at 11:00 outside the building, including Ken Schiffner, Garrie Fox, John and Kathy Green, Chris Kimberly, Rick Beets, and Charlie and Jessica Beets. Kudos to Garrie Fox, as he was the lone member to drive a Corvair to the activity (in fairness to everyone else, his 'commute' was very short!!). Pictured here is Garrie's beautiful 1969 Coupe.



The Penrose family was a prominent family in the late 1800's and early 1900's and were major benefactors to the city of Colorado Springs. Spencer Penrose realized there was a tourist potential of folks wanting to visit Pikes Peak and in 1900, so he was instrumental in making sure the first road for carriages to the summit was completed.

In 1915, Penrose decided to bring more visitors and tourists to the Springs and his new hotel, The Broadmoor, by having an automobile race to the mountain's summit. The first Pikes Peak Hill Climb took place in 1916 and was won by Rea Lentz with a time of 20:55.6 minutes. The early races were on a dirt road in all types of weather.

Today, the drivers still deal with all weather conditions but they now drive on a fully paved road, which was finished in 2011. The race route is 12.42 miles with over 150 turns, beginning at 9,390' and finishing at the summit at 14,115'. The best race time to date was set by Romain Dumas in 2018 with a time of 7:57.148. Today, not only do you find race cars competing, there are also trucks, electric cars, and motorcycles in the multi-day event.

## PENROSE HERITAGE MUSEUM, cont.

Submitted By  
Chris Kimberly

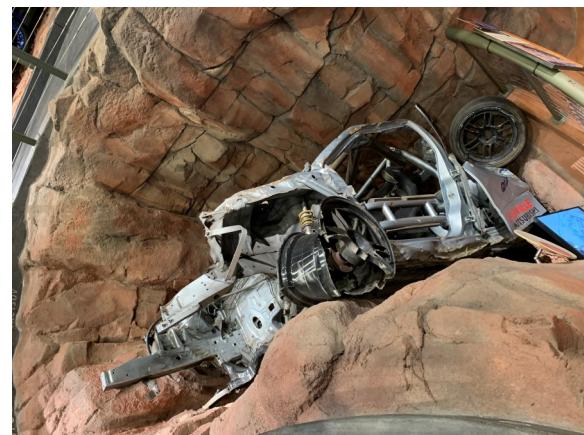
The Penrose personal family collection of carriages and early automobiles are on display on the first floor. The museum's second floor exhibit is all about the history of the Pikes Peak Hill Climb. Actual race cars, historic photos/video clips, trophies, helmets, clothing, are just part of the entire exhibit. They recently added to this exhibit a collection of artifacts from the famous Unser family who are local to the Colorado Springs area. The Unsers have been racing in the hill climb since the 1930's and the most recent Unser family member to win this famous race was Robby Unser in 2004.



Louis Unser's winning race car and race gear in 1934.

Another interesting race car on display is the Mitsubishi driven by Jeremy Foley and Yuri Kouznetsov in 2012 which crashed at the Devil's Playground turn, flipped 14 times and ended up in a ravine. Remarkably, both men walked away, which to me is a miracle after looking at their car. (see photo). They credit modern day safety equipment for their survival.

This is really a great little museum. If you're in Colorado Springs and have an hour available in your day, check them out!

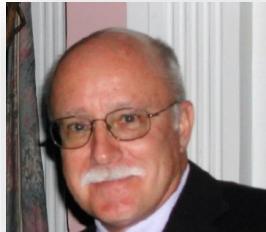


After the museum, everyone drove to Old Colorado City to have lunch at the Thunder and Button where we were joined by Patricia Fox and Dave and Mary Ellen Feasel. Good conversations and yummy food equaled a fun lunchtime with friends. It was a great day to start the 2021 activities for PPCC.

## BANTER- BE PART OF THE VOYAGE

Submitted By  
Ken Schiffner, Member at Large

In near the end of the movie *Moby Dick* there is a scene where the Pequod is shown being captured and consumed by the swirling ocean vortex “sink hole”. Within moments, the ship, its contents, and whatever survivors, “save one” are gone. The lone survivor fortunately for us lives to tell the tale and hopefully pass on its lessons.



What does this have to do with Corvairs? Maybe something important.

The Corvair “hobby” like the Pequod carries us. CORSA and chapter clubs carry us. Active members are the crew. No, we are not hunting for whales (metaphorical “white” or not), but we are indeed on a journey. We are not burdened with a Captain Ahab, however. We elect Directors who set the general path. That path is defined by the persons and events along the way but is largely, like the ocean, beyond our di-

rect control. We can become “becalmed” by a pandemic and be pleased by enduring. But we are not powerless. We can adapt.

CORSA has been warning us that we need to become increasingly engaged in the effort to keep CORSA afloat. We need to stay active on local and national levels to advance the journey for those who follow. We need to attract and retain new members.

When I see that swirling ocean, I think of all of the ideas, suggestions, and knowledge that CORSA members conceal, vanishing forever in the sink hole. Newsletter editors plead for stories, ideas, input, but there is silence from many.

If we don’t heed the warnings, are we content to be the lone survivor? If so, what will be the story we tell of CORSA? Hoist the sail or row. Be part of the voyage.



## E-DAYS AND STOCKERS

Our intrepid members have been out and about with their cars this past month. Garrie Fox had his car out at the Stocker's Show in Colorado Springs on April 11, and Mike Piper represented at the annual E-Days Show in Golden this year. Due to Covid restrictions and questionable weather, Mike was the only intrepid member who brought out his baby at this event. He was rewarded with a first place trophy. Pictures are below.



Garrie's beautiful 1969 Coupe at the Stockers car show.



Mike's '65 convertible in among the Subaru's, and receiving his first place trophy.



## CORVAIR MYTHS

Submitted by  
Kathy Green

As published in the April, 2021 'Leaky Seel'. The monthly newsletter of the Corvair Minnesota club. I knew some of these, but some were new to me—enjoy!

### CORVAIR MYTHS

THERE ARE MANY MYTHS ABOUT THE CORVAIR. EVERYONE SEEMS TO "KNOW" A LOT ABOUT THE CARS, BUT MUCH OF WHAT THEY "KNOW" IS INCORRECT, FOR EXAMPLE:

- **THE CORVAIR WAS KILLED BY RALPH NADER** - Ralph Nader wrote a book entitled "Unsafe at Any Speed" which addressed safety concerns within the automotive industry. Only one chapter of the book mentioned the Corvair. When Nader's book came out in October of 1965, Chevrolet had already decided to cease production. In irony, Nader's book actually helped extend the life of the Corvair since Chevrolet decided to keep the Corvair in production until 1969 so no one would think Nader was right. (In fact, based upon intense research in the mid-60's, the Corvair is the only car to ever be "proven" safe by the Federal Government.) The demise of the Corvair can be attributed to two things: the popularity of the Mustang and Chevrolet's desire to build a car to compete with the Mustang, i.e. the Camaro. The Corvair could not be fitted with a V-8 which of course was the engine of choice in the mid to late 60's.
- **THE CORVAIR WAS ONLY BUILT A FEW YEARS** - Actually the Corvair was produced for 10 model years –1960 to 1969. The body style changed with the 1965 model year.
- **CORVAIRS ROLL OVER** – Lon Wall, owner of Corvair Underground states "in our 27 year history we have parted out over 800 Corvairs. Many were wrecked (as all cars can be) but yet only 2 out of 800 had been rolled. Go into any wrecking yard in the nation and pick out 800 of any other kind of car and I can guarantee that more than 2 will have been rolled (a LOT more than 2). Quite frankly I've come to the conclusion that Corvairs are probably LESS likely to roll over than other cars! ". There is no evidence that Corvairs are more prone to rolling over than any other car.
- **THE CORVAIR WAS DESIGNED BY VOLKSWAGEN (OR PORSCHE)** – General Motors spent millions of dollars in the 1950's as well as many years of development to make this one of the best designed cars ever built in the US. This myth is usually based upon the fact that the Corvair's motor is air-cooled and rear mounted like the VW or Porsche. The Corvair is 100% American designed.
- **CORVAIRS CONSTANTLY THROW FAN BELTS** - Correctly installed belts as well as better designed belts virtually eliminate the "throwing" of fan belts.
- **CORVAIRS ALWAYS LEAK OIL** - In the 1960's, O-ring material was often inadequate for air cooled engines that typically run hot but with the updated material of today, oil leakage is basically a thing of the past.
- **I KNEW SOMEONE WHO HAD A 4 CYLINDER CORVAIR** - All Corvairs were produced with 6 cylinder motors – there was no other engine offered as an option. Engine displacement and horsepower ratings varied over the years and models but the Corvair always used the air-cooled 6 cylinder engine.
- **YOU CAN'T GET PARTS FOR CORVAIRS** – Actually almost every part associated with the Corvair is being reproduced today. There are several Corvair specialty vendors producing and offering parts and the prices are in line with most marquee restoration parts.
- **THERE AREN'T MANY OF THESE AROUND ANY MORE** – Well there aren't as many as there used to be for various reasons but there are many still on the road today and there is a large number of individuals collecting them. In fact, the Corvair Society of America (COSA) has a membership of around 5500 members and most of these members own more than one Corvair.

## DRIP QUIPS

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## 2021 PPCC Activities Calendar

All club events will be noted on the Club's interactive calendar, located on our website, <https://pikespeakcorvairclub.wixsite.com/ppcc/calendar> It is our sincere hope that 2021 provides more opportunities to get our cars out in the public eye. As events are scheduled, you will be notified, and the activities calendar will be updated.

- C **Saturday, May 15, The Guffey Garage and Ryan's Rod Service Annual Car Show:** 10:00—4:00, Main Street, Guffey, Colorado. Additional information available in the flier at the end of The Drip Line and [here](#)
- M **Sunday, May 16, PPCC Club Meeting:** 9:30 a.m., Valley Hi Golf Club, 610 Shelton Road, Colorado Springs (also available via Zoom).
- C **Sunday, May 16, Florence Merchants Car Show:** 9:00 a.m., Registration form available [here](#)
- C/A **Tuesday—Sunday, May 18—23:** Mini Convention in Springfield IL. Information on the expanded Mini Convention, including registration and hotel details, can be found [here](#)
- A **June 12-13, Tristate Swap Meet:** 8:00—5:00 Saturday, 8:00—2:00 Sunday, National Western Complex . Information available [here](#)
- M/C/A **Sunday, June 20, PPCC Club Meeting and Show:** Father's Day Pie & Ice Cream Social and Car Show in Palmer Lake. Meeting at 12:30, Car Show at 2:00. This is a fun afternoon to show our cars with the Model A Club and enjoy free pie and ice cream. A great family day.
- C **Friday—Sunday, July 9—11, Colorado Flatlanders 29th Annual Rod Run in the Park:** Details on this event are listed in a flier at the end of The Drip Line.
- M **Sunday, July 18, PPCC Club Meeting:** 9:30 a.m., location TBA.
- C **Saturday, July 24, 2<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL CRIPPLE CREEK ALL CORVAIR CAR SHOW with \*Seemore\*\*:** This show is sponsored by the Cripple Creek Heritage Museum and its sponsors. It is a FREE show for anyone with a Corvair. This is also the weekend of annual bed races in Cripple Creek so it should be lots of fun. **The Double Eagle Resort and Casino will be giving us a discount on room rates.... \$89.95 per night plus tax = \$100.93. This includes free breakfast for each registered guest. For hotel reservations at the Double Eagle, call 719-689-5000 and use group number 4350. Even if you think you're going, go ahead and make your reservations. It's easier to make and cancel than to miss out!** This show is open to anyone with a Corvair, whether or not they are a club member.
- C/A **July 27—July 31 2021 CORSA International Convention San Diego:** **Cancelled**
- C **Saturday, August 7, CCCC Rocky Mountain Airport Car Show and Swap Meet:** Time, TBA, location Rocky Mountain Airport.
- M **Sunday, August 15, PPCC Club Meeting:** 9:30 a.m., location TBA.

**Key: M—Meeting; C—Car Show; A—Activity**

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**C/A** **Sunday, August 22, Wheels & Wings Show and Lunch, Centennial, CO:** This show will have a variety of vintage cars and airplanes. All Corvairs will be on the apron at the air field. Plan to arrive at 11:00 to get in place, and then the show runs until 2:00 pm. Lunch arrangements have been made at The Perfect Landing Restaurant or you can choose to eat at a food truck which will also be there. Museum tour from 12:00—2:00, lunch at Perfect Landing Restaurant, 2:00. (If you arrive for lunch before 2:00 earlier, just mention 'Corvair Club'.)

**C/A** **Friday—Sunday, August 27-29, Hot Rod Rock & Rumble:** Pikes Peak International Raceway—Fountain, Colorado. Information available [here](#).

**C** **Sunday, September 12, 38th Annual Colorado Concours d'Elegance & Exotic Sports Car Show:** Arapahoe Community College. Registration and details information on this fund raiser event are available [here](#)

**M** **Sunday, September 19, PPCC Club Meeting:** 9:30 a.m., location TBA.

**M** **Sunday, October 17, PPCC Club Meeting:** 9:30 a.m., location TBA.

**C/A** **Friday—Sunday, October 15-17, Tri-State Meet:** Information coming soon.

**M** **Sunday, November 21, PPCC Club Meeting:** 9:30 a.m., location TBA.

**M** **Sunday, December 19, PPCC Club Meeting:** 9:30 a.m., location TBA.

**Recurring Local Events:**

**Stocker's Car Shows:** 10:30—1:00 every second Saturday of the month, May 8, June 12, July 10, August 14, September 11 weather permitting. Event is held at the Havana Grill Authentic Cuban Cuisine, 2165 Academy Place, Colorado Springs (the east side of Academy between Maizeland and Constitution.) Watch the Stocker's Facebook page for updated information, [here](#)

**Second Saturdays of the Month, Year-Round, 12pm—3pm:** "Littleton Cruise", 1500 W Littleton Blvd, Littleton, CO. Hot rods and muscle cars. Convertibles and hard tops. Oversized tires and custom-painted flames. Join us year round as we cruise Littleton Boulevard every second Saturday of the month at the Woodlawn Shopping Center located in the heart of Littleton, Colorado. For more info on the cruise, check out their website [here](#).

**First and Second Saturday Car Shows:** At this time information on the First and Second Saturday car shows is not available.

**Key: M—Meeting; C—Car Show; A—Activity**



## Corvair Partners & Local Businesses Which PPCC Members Have Frequented with Positive Results

With so many new members joining the Club, we felt it might be a good time to (re)educate folks on where they can obtain reliable parts and service for their Corvairs, both near and far.

Here are just a few of the companies our members have had good luck with in the past.

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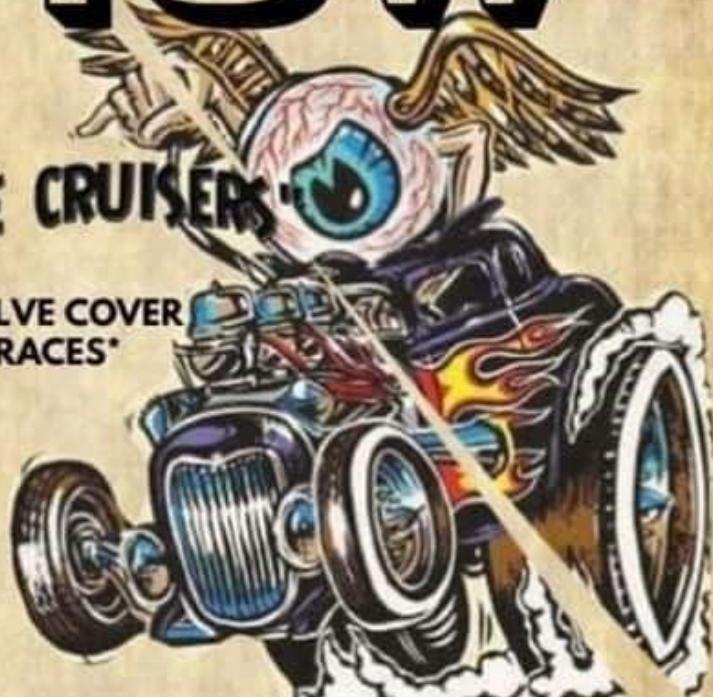
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The next meeting of the Pike's Peak Corvair Club will be held  
Sunday, June 20 at 12:30 p.m. at the annual Father's Day Pie  
and Ice Cream Social / Car Show in Palmer Lake

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**On The Cover:** A treasure trove of Corvair history was given to PPCC recently when a car owner passed away. Pictured are just some of the Corsa Quarterly magazines (which would eventually become the Communiqué) in the collection. These are from Volumes 1 & 2, published in 1971-72.

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**PRESIDENT'S GLOVEBOX**

By John Green  
PPCC President

Hello fellow drivers,

It is getting nice outside, so there is no excuse for not taking the Corvair out for a drive. We had a few cars show up for the club meeting at the golf course, along with 13 members in person and one on zoom. Our next meeting will be at the Palmer Lake museum on Fathers Day, June 20, for Ice Cream and Pie. The club meeting will be at 12:30 so we are done in time for the show with the Model A's from 2 to 4.



I was sorry to hear that only a few members were able to register for the Castle Rock show on June 19th, since I received an email that it is full already this year. You can still come visit those that are showing their Corvairs along with the other 270 cars. Hope to see you there. A few members did make the trip out to the mini convention in Springfield. I only heard of one minor mishap on the way out. More Stories to follow.

Next up as a club we need to be getting ready for the all Corvair show in Cripple Creek on July 24th. There is no cost to participate, and we would really like to have everyone get out for this event.

We recently learned that this years Concours D'elegance is going to be held. It will be on Sept 12 at ACC. There is a \$50 registration fee benefit-

ting the Ability Connection Colorado benefitting the creative options for early childhood education. That will include a club judging of the cars unless you want to be judged with the Elite cars for \$100.

There are also two airport shows. The Rocky Mountain airport is on Aug. 7th from 8 to 2 with a \$10 registration, where they will hold two short air shows. The other is at Centennial Airport on Aug. 22nd from noon to 2. At this show Corvairs will get to park on the apron along with some airplanes. Lunch will be at the Perfect Landing restaurant afterwards, if you don't want to visit the food truck on site.

Those are just a few of the bigger events that we've heard about. There will be many other events your car can visit. Details on opportunities are available in the Calendar of Activities later in The Drip Line.

If you attend an event and you would like to share, please write up a short story with pics for the newsletter. We love seeing and hearing about fellow driver's adventures.

Even if you don't attend any events (though we hope you do), you can just get out and drive around proudly in your unique car.

FYI, I do still have many years of the Communiqué available from 1971 to 2013 and some CORSA binders. Just let me know what you want.

Happy trails, John

## VP MESSAGE: CORSA MINI-CONVENTION

Submitted by  
Jerry Peevyhouse

Last month's article was about opportunities in paradise, this month we talk a bit about opportunities in the Land of Lincoln. Specifically, the opportunity several of our club members had to attend this year's CORSA Mini-Convention in Springfield Illinois, sponsored by the Prairie Capital Corvair Association (PCCA). It just concluded, running from May 18<sup>th</sup> through May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

This was my first CORSA convention, and hopefully not the last. Because the 2021 CORSA National Convention originally scheduled in San Diego in July was cancelled, the PCCA Regional Convention that was scheduled for May was "beefed up" a bit and enlarged into a Mini-convention. Attendees came from all over the country, from Washington to South Carolina. There were 165 registered attendees (265 including all attendees) from over 20 national clubs with 75 Corvairs counted. One of those Corvair's was Chris's baby blue 64 Monza she drove out from Castle Rock, accompanied by Mary Ellen. The caravan started in Castle Rock, where Keithann and I met up with Chris and Mary Ellen. Here we are ready to go, and a shot of Chris and Mary Ellen driving east on 86 heading through the rolling hills of Colorado.



After a short drive to Limon, we met up with Tony and Rick, who were towing the trailer containing SeeMore. Ken had left a day earlier to meet with some CORSA guys and arrange for SeeMore's landing spot. So, after a goofy picture, we left fully caffeinated and feeling good.



## VP MESSAGE: CORSA MINI-CONVENTION, cont.

Submitted by  
Jerry Peevyhouse

The caravan was trucking along great through the Kansas rain until about 3 hours down I70 we had our requisite Corvair breakdown. Chris had to pull off on the freeway when her car backfired and quit. Tony and Rick did some troubleshooting in the rain and found that Chris's distributor cap's center contact was bad and the other contacts were in need of cleaning. We got it started again, but needed a new cap and rotor. We stopped in the next town and got the parts and changed them at the self-service car wash (got us out of the rain).



We made the rest of the trip without incident, spent the night on the road, and got to Springfield in time the next day to get settled in, meet up with Ken, and attend their Welcome Dinner at the Route 66 Motorheads diner. It was great to get together for hot dogs and beer and a parking lot full of Corvairs.



The first full day's events included the Concours d'Elegance judging and showing, and an excellent presentation by Dr. Bill Hubbell on the history and his restoration of the 64 Monza that was originally owned by John Glenn. He bought the car (5<sup>th</sup> owner) in 2002 but finally decided that he wanted to do a restoration to bring it to a condition as close to the original factory condition. His research into every area of the restoration was amazing, even down to finding the exact color formula originally used. He also showed a 15 minute video on John Glenn, who was truly an American hero.

## VP MESSAGE: CORSA MINI-CONVENTION, cont.

Submitted by  
Jerry Peevyhouse

John Glenn's 1964 Monza.

A tech session on stock brakes was given by Mike Dawson giving us good information on how to correct many of the issues we face, such as brakes that pull, sticking wheel cylinder pistons, adjustments, drum turning, and types of cylinder fluids to use. More to follow in other DripLines.

The next day was the Autocross day, always a fun time to see how the drivers drive and avoid the cones. It's a pretty tight course, with many knocking down cones at the turn at the end of the straight away.



Friday was the day we traveled to the Shelby County airport to listen to a presentation by William Wynne, of FlyCorvair, who are dedicated to building experimental aircraft powered by the Corvair engine. The Corvair engine is a popular option in more than 20 different experimental airframes. In addition to the presentation, there was a display of 8 Corvair powered aircraft, as well a line-up of Corvairs on the tarmac.

## VP MESSAGE: CORSA MINI-CONVENTION, cont.

Submitted by  
Jerry Peevyhouse

We followed up the aviation tour that evening with a dinner at the Corvair Museum, followed by a tour of the museum.

There are some really interesting modified Corvair's housed there, including a stretched limousine 65 Monza that started out as a 4 door sedan.



**'Riavroc' sculpture at convention cleverly built from Corvair parts by Thomas Ratliff**

The final day's events were the People Choice car display and banquet, as well as the final day of vendor sales. Someone advised me before I left to bring lots of money, as the parts on sale are

tempting. I think we all picked up something we needed, or just wanted. And it was fun to just look. I think there will be more in-depth discussion of the Mini-Convention in future

## VP MESSAGE: CORSA MINI-CONVENTION, cont.

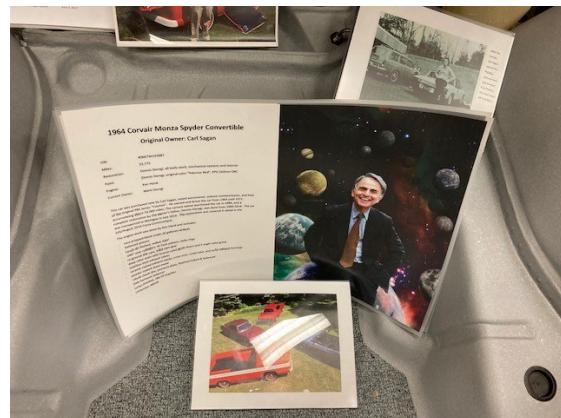
Submitted by  
Jerry Peevyhouse

DripLines, just not time to get all in before the publish deadline.

I think I speak for “the gang” that attended in saying that this was a great opportunity to get out and meet a bunch of great people, see a ton of cool Vairs, and see a bit of new country in the process. Next year’s National Convention is in Atlanta, so start making your plans now to attend. I know I’ll be putting it on the calendar.



Pictured clockwise from upper left: Seemore on display with John Glenn and Carl Sagan’s cars in the background; UltraVan ‘Whale’ in the parking lot with other Vair’s; Documentation on Carl Sagan Corvair; 1964 Monza Spyder originally owned by Carl Sagan



### Upcoming Meeting Dates

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**Sunday, June 20, PPCC Club Meeting:** We will meet at the Father’s Day Ice Cream Social and Car Show in Palmer Lake.

**Sunday, July 18, PPCC Club Meeting:** Time and location TBD.

**Sunday, August 15, PPCC Club Meeting:** Time and location TBD

**MEETING MINUTES- May 16, 2021****Valley Hi Golf Club and via Zoom**Submitted By  
Mary Ellen Feasel, PPCC Secretary

Called to order 9:36 a.m. by John Green. Thirteen present, one via zoom.

**M**Last month's (April) meeting **minutes approved**.**E****Treasurer report** – Available to PPCC members on request. Distributed new decals to membership present who needed some. Discussed coloring sheets to be handed out to children at car shows. Crayon packets have been purchased as well.**E****Mail**—No mail has been received.**T****Membership**—45 members on the roster.**I**

SeeMore is headed to the Springfield, IL convention on Tuesday. The display will also be in Centennial on August 22 for the Wings over the Rockies car show.

**N****New Business**—September 12 is the Concourse d'Elegance at ACC. Standard entry \$50, elite entry \$100. Discussed membership cars that could be entries for judging.**G**

Castle Rock show Saturday June 19. Register online. Entries are limited to 270 cars.

Corvair/Model T car show is Sunday June 20. Club Meeting at 12:30. Car show and pie and ice cream social is 2-4.

All Corvair Car Show in Cripple Creek is July 24. Double Eagle is the host hotel. Some details still being confirmed.

**M**

Rocky Mountain car show and swap meet is August 7 in Broomfield. \$10 registration.

Tri-State in Albuquerque is October 15-17. Can register online. Info in the Dripline.

**I****Open to the group**

Jon Anderson reported that he is redoing the front end on one car and replacing clutch cable on the other.

**N**

Jerry has bought a 110 engine from Dave Feasel

**U**

Garrie Fox has replaced a lower strut arm.

**T**

Chris Kimberly's convertible top motor died, losing hydraulic fluid. Thanks to Rick and Charlie for their help.

**E**

Rick and Charlie have a new project coming up. They have acquired two 8-door vans from Dave Feasel.

**S**

Mike Piper is attending the Castle Rock show and Cripple Creek.

Per Chris, Ed and Cheryl Halpin have closed on a house in Florida near Ed's sister. Will be there for five months to refurbish the house.

Adjourned 10:06 a.m.

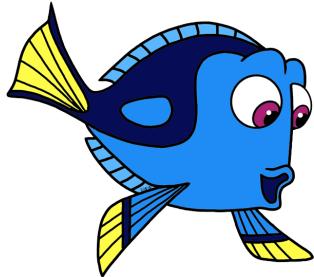
## INTERSTATE HIGHWAY TRAVEL

Submitted By  
Ken Schiffner

To get to the Convention in Springfield, IL, I spent about 13 hours using the Interstate Highway System. I'd like to share what I learned.

Famous quote Number 1: Dwight D Eisenhower, speaking about the highway system he helped create: "More than any single action by the government since the end of the War, this would change the face of America with straightaways, clover leaf turns, bridges, and elongated parkways".

The Interstate Highway System indeed allows us to travel rapidly from Point A to Point B. But what else does it do?



Famous quote Number 2: Dory (from "Finding Nemo"). "Just keep swimming...swimming...swimming".

During the drive, I passed signs announcing all sorts of interesting points and activities that were either at, or accessible from the Interstate. Museums, restaurants, historic buildings, overlooks, and scenery. I glanced at the greenery, farmland, valleys and hills. Photo ops. But I didn't stop. I didn't see anyone who did. But I needed to get to Springfield. Maybe some other time. Just keep swimming.

Years ago, I could have ignored these attractions by "zooming" in the Corvair at about a then legal 55 mph. Now, with new laws and the need to get quickly to Point B, I could now ignore them at about 75 mph.



But wait. Was I passing the scenery and attractions or were they passing me by?

If we just keep "swimming" as Dory suggested, will we ever Find "Nemo"?



## PALMER LAKE ICE CREAM GATHERING

Submitted By  
Kathy Green

We had a great turn out for the Palmer Lake gathering on April 15. 12 Corvairs (including Mike Timmon's 'new' Rampside) made the drive on a blustery but warm day. Members and guests included Chris Kimberly and her sister Linda, Wayne and Bonnie Russert, Doug and Layne Vinton, Steve Goodman, Jerry and KeithAnn Peevyhouse, Bruce and Becky Riehl, Garrie Fox, Randy Karl, Ken Schiffner, Mike and Karen Piper, Diane and Tony Lawler, Mike Timmons, Ed, Cheryl, Shelley and Joclyn Halpin, and Mary Ellen Feasel. Newest members, Bruce and Becky Riehl drove their '64 Impala (but we let them stay anyway!!).



Left top: Wayne, Steve, Jerry and Chris;

Right top: Garrie, Ken, Mike and Karen;

Left Below: Becky and Bruce, Garrie, John and Coda

Right Below: Ken, Mike, Karen, Diane, Mary Ellen and Cheryl



Pictured: Timmon's Rampside, Ken's Convertible, Green's Lakewood;

Riehl's Impala, Halpin's early coupe and 'parade' convertible;

Piper's convertible, Karl's coupe, Fox's coupe



## BANTER- TRAVELING MUSIC

Submitted By

Ken Schiffner, Member at Large

With COVID restrictions finally being relaxed, you may be thinking of traveling with or without your Corvair or taking in some events. Depending upon your mood, music can add some "seasoning" to these activities. Finding the right mix of event and music is key.



### Examples:

If you take in a racing event, how about the Beach Boys "Don't Worry Baby"? If you go on a cruise, "The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald" would be a nay-nay. Also forget about the Theme from "Titanic".

If you sit on a beach on a warm, calm, Summer day, "Eb Tide" by the Righteous Brothers might work. Or maybe Otis Redding's "Sittin' on the Dock of the Bay"? If there are ocean storms pounding the beach, then "Pipeline" by the Ven-

tures may add some spice...or maybe the theme from "Victory at Sea"?

If you just go somewhere to sit quietly and ponder your existence, it's best to not sing or even hum Tom Lehrer's "Poisoning Pigeons in the Park".

If NASA is launching something, the song "Telstar" could be tried. (It helps if you know what Telstar was).

If you are too lazy, too cheap, too tired, etc. to travel, maybe "Africa" by Toto would substitute. (Works best if it is also raining).

Heaven forbid you have to work, no travel, no (or few) enjoyable events on your calendar, can I suggest Sam Cooke's "Working on a Chain Gang"? Add your own "Hooh! -Aah!" "Hooh!-Aah!"

Given the pandemic, travel or no travel, you earned it.

Other/better event/music fits? We are all ears!



**CLASSIC CAR QUIZ**Submitted By  
Kathy Green

I saw this in the May Edition of The Connecting Rod, the newsletter of Corvair Atlanta and thought it was fun! See how much you know...

## ***Do You Know Classic Cars?***

**If you think you know classic cars, here are some fun tests:**  
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## DRIP QUIPS

Found on the Corsa Facebook page [here](#)



If you have a fun, amusing, touching or interesting story or picture you think can bring a smile, an 'aaaaah' or an 'eek', please send your submission to [karmknecht@msn.com](mailto:karmknecht@msn.com), attention: Drip Quips.

## 2021 PPCC Activities Calendar

All club events will be noted on the Club's interactive calendar, located on our website, <https://pikespeakcorvairclub.wixsite.com/ppcc/calendar>. It is our sincere hope that 2021 provides more opportunities to get our cars out in the public eye. As events are scheduled, you will be notified, and the activities calendar will be updated.

- A     June 12-13, Tristate Swap Meet:** 8:00—5:00 Saturday, 8:00—2:00 Sunday, National Western Complex . Information available [here](#)
- C     Saturday, June 19, Classic Rock Cruise In Car Show:** 10:00—3:00, Wilcox Street in Castle Rock. Registration is now closed; schedule details available [here](#)
- M/C/A Sunday, June 20, PPCC Club Meeting and Show:** Father's Day Pie & Ice Cream Social and Car Show in Palmer Lake. Meeting at 12:30, Car Show at 2:00. This is a fun afternoon to show our cars with the Model A Club and enjoy free pie and ice cream. A great family day.
- C     Friday—Sunday, July 9—11, Colorado Flatlanders 29th Annual Rod Run in the Park:** Details on this event are listed in a flier at the end of The Drip Line and [here](#)
- M     Sunday, July 18, PPCC Club Meeting:** 9:30 a.m., location TBA.
- C     Saturday, July 24, 2<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL CRIPPLE CREEK ALL CORVAIR CAR SHOW with \*Seemore\*\*:** This show is sponsored by the Cripple Creek Heritage Museum and its sponsors. It is a FREE show for anyone with a Corvair. This is also the weekend of annual bed races in Cripple Creek so it should be lots of fun. **The Double Eagle Resort and Casino will be giving us a discount on room rates.... \$89.95 per night plus tax = \$100.93.** This includes free breakfast for each registered guest. **For hotel reservations at the Double Eagle, call 719-689-5000 and use group number 4350. Even if you think you're going, go ahead and make your reservations. It's easier to make and cancel than to miss out!** This show is open to anyone with a Corvair, whether or not they are a club member.
- C/A    July 27—July 31 2021 CORSA International Convention San Diego:** **Cancelled**
- C     Saturday, August 7, CCCC Rocky Mountain Airport Car Show and Swap Meet:** 8:00—2:00, Rocky Mountain Metro Airport, 11755 Airport way, Broomfield, Colorado 80021. Information available [here](#)
- M     Sunday, August 15, PPCC Club Meeting:** 9:30 a.m., location TBA.
- C/A    Sunday, August 22, Wheels & Wings Show and Lunch, Centennial, CO:** This show will have a variety of vintage cars and airplanes. All Corvairs will be on the apron at the air field. Plan to arrive at 11:00 to get in place, and then the show runs until 2:00 pm. Lunch arrangements have been made at The Perfect Landing Restaurant or you can choose to eat at a food truck which will also be there. Museum tour from 12:00—2:00, lunch at Perfect Landing Restaurant, 2:00. (If you arrive for lunch before 2:00 earlier, just mention 'Corvair Club'.)
- C/A    Friday—Sunday, August 27-29, Hot Rod Rock & Rumble:** Pikes Peak International Raceway—Fountain, Colorado. Information available [here](#)

**Key: M—Meeting; C—Car Show; A—Activity**

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- C **Sunday, September 12, 38th Annual Colorado Concours d'Elegance & Exotic Sports Car Show:** Arapahoe Community College. Registration and details information on this fund raiser event are available [here](#)
- M **Sunday, September 19, PPCC Club Meeting:** 9:30 a.m., location TBA.
- M **Sunday, October 17, PPCC Club Meeting:** 9:30 a.m., location TBA.
- C/A **Friday—Sunday, October 15-17, Tri-State Meet:** Information coming soon.
- M **Sunday, November 21, PPCC Club Meeting:** 9:30 a.m., location TBA.
- M **Sunday, December 19, PPCC Club Meeting:** 9:30 a.m., location TBA.

### ***Recurring Local Events:***

**Stocker's Car Shows:** 10:30—1:00 every second Saturday of the month, June 12, July 10, August 14, September 11 weather permitting. Event is held at the Havana Grill Authentic Cuban Cuisine, 2165 Academy Place, Colorado Springs (the east side of Academy between Maizeland and Constitution.) Watch the Stocker's Facebook page for updated information [here](#)

**Second Saturdays of the Month, Year-Round, 12pm–3pm:** “Littleton Cruise”, 1500 W Littleton Blvd, Littleton, CO. Hot rods and muscle cars. Convertibles and hard tops. Oversized tires and custom-painted flames. Join us year round as we cruise Littleton Boulevard every second Saturday of the month at the Woodlawn Shopping Center located in the heart of Littleton, Colorado. For more info on the cruise, check out their website [here](#)

**First and Second Saturday Car Shows:** At this time information on the First and Second Saturday car shows is not available.

**Key: M—Meeting; C—Car Show; A—Activity**



## Corvair Partners & Local Businesses Which PPCC Members Have Frequented with Positive Results

With so many new members joining the Club, we felt it might be a good time to (re)educate folks on where they can obtain reliable parts and service for their Corvairs, both near and far.

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**PPCC  
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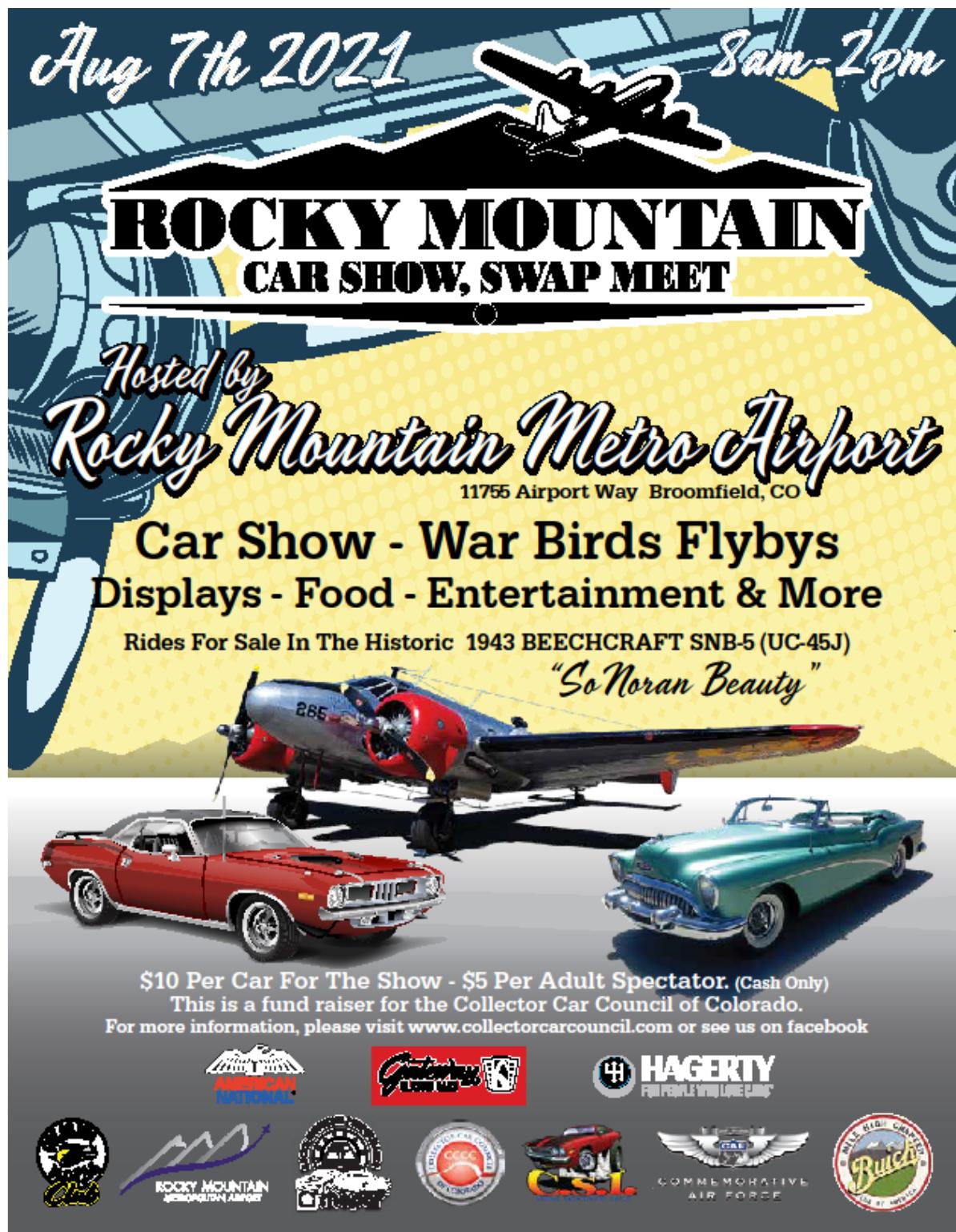
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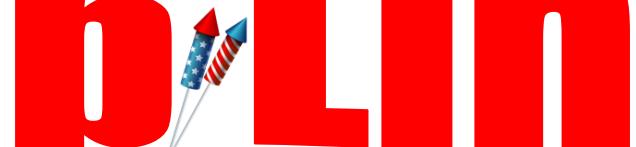
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**On The Cover:** To honor America, pictured in Red, White and Blue are John Green's Red '68 Coupe, Rick Beet's White '64 Monza Spider and Jerry Peevyhouse's Blue '65 Coupe.

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**PRESIDENT'S GLOVEBOX**

By John Green  
PPCC President

Happy Summer!!

It has been great getting out more with the cars after Covid and winter. This month we have had a few events. A couple of members I heard went to the Tristate Swap meet and picked up some much needed parts.



Several members joined the Castle Rock Cruise In. We took both our Lakewood and Monza Coupe, Mike Piper came with his Corsa convertible and Tony and Diane brought their just out of the paint shop Rampside. The Rampside is very nice—hope you get to see it in person soon.



We all got in line at 7am. There were already many cars in front of us, so we sat a while in line until we were allowed in to park.

We ended up off the main street in a parking lot, but that gave us room to set up Tony's tent and spread out. Larry & Sheryl Schubert from RMC also had their Corvair at the show, but were parked in a different location since they came in early as they were helping check people in and Larry was judging cars. We had a lot of people coming through the area we were in and enjoying all the cars. We heard the usual stories of when they had Corvairs, or rode in their parents car, or raced in a friends cars, or... There were only a few comments about our friend Ralph Nader.



## PRESIDENT'S GLOVEBOX, cont.

By John Green

Always prepared, the Lawlers had also brought a table, which was perfect as Kathy had printed out coloring sheets with different cars. The coloring sheets included an early Sedan, Lakewood, Rampside, Greenbrier, early Convertible and a late Coupe. We also had purchased some 4 packs of crayons to pass out. They were a big hit with the kids, we only had 2 left out of the 60 we printed. They had fun looking at our cars and then deciding which one they wanted to color. All the kids wanted crayons, but most of the parents pointed out that they had plenty at home. ☺

It was nice having a tent as it got pretty warm during the middle of the day, but not as hot as past years. At one point Coda even had her cooling vest on. Early afternoon the clouds came up, so it cooled down nicely. By the time they were handing out the trophies, it had started to rain. None of the Corvairs received a trophy. By the time everyone packed up and were leaving, it had stopped raining—you've gotta love Colorado weather! Overall it was a very nice day.

On Sunday, June 20, we held our monthly meeting as part of the Palmer Lake Historical Society free pie & ice cream social at the Palmer Lake Town Hall & Village Green park. As has been the practice for several years, they invited the Model A and Corvair clubs to show cars (thanks to Wayne Russert!) We think there were around 6 Model A's, but by the time we got back to take pictures of all of them, they were already gone.



There were 10 Corvairs making a great showing. Corvairs at the show included the Reihl's convertible, Randy Karl's coupe, Rick Beet's Spyder, Chris Kimberly's convertible, John & Debbie Anderson's coupe, both of Mike and Karen Piper's cars, Tony and Diane's Rampside and their yellow Monza Coupe, and our Lakewood. We had a lot of people come by and look at and enjoy the cars. We had printed out a few more coloring sheets, and they were once again a big hit. Thanks again to Wayne for setting this up for us.



There are MANY more events coming up. Hopefully, we will see all the same cars and many more of the club members cars at future events.

Please don't forget the **All Corvair Show in Cripple Creek** on July 24. This is for any and all Corvairs, whether the owners belong to a club or just own a car they like to share! So, if you know anyone that usually don't meet up with us, let them know. There is no registration to show your car, but if you'd like to stay in Cripple Creek at a special rate, there are details in the Calendar of Events later in The Drip Line.

There are also *two* airport shows this year. The first is the **Rocky Mountain Airport Car Show and Swap Meet** on August 7. The second is the **Wheels & Wings Show and Lunch** in Centennial on August 22. Check out the dates and times below in our Calendar of Events.

Hope to see you soon in your car!

John

## VP MESSAGE: THE FLIGHT OF THE PHOENIX

Submitted by  
Jerry Peevyhouse

One of my favorite old movies (beside the old western classics like Bogart in "The Treasure of Sierra Madre") is "The Flight of the Phoenix". Not the remake knockoff from 2004, I'm talking about the classic original made in 1965, starring one of my favorite actors Jimmy Stewart and a host of other well known actors. Now if you've not seen it, the plot involves the crash of an old transport aircraft with a broken radio in a fierce sand storm in the middle of the Sahara Desert, and the survivors' desperate attempt to save themselves. With zero chance of rescue and a 10 days' supply of water, the group is forced to make a decision. Wait to die or build a flyable airplane using the salvaged parts of the wrecked flying boxcar. One of the passengers is an aeronautical engineer who comes up with the idea of ripping off the undamaged wing and using it as the basis for an airplane they will build to escape. Lots of conflict and human emotion



drama during this process, but in the end, they succeed in flying this makeshift plane to safety and are saved.

What does this old movie have to do with us now? After all it's just a movie based on a novel, not based on a true story. I would offer that it shows that we can work through extreme adversities when we work together as a team toward a common goal. Watch the movie, for the first time, or again. You'll enjoy it.

The tie-in for me is that I'm starting to see good signs that we are coming out of some adverse times with the shutdowns of the past year plus. We've struggled together but the vaccines are working, herd immunity is kicking in. All these are good signs.

A group of us traveled back to Springfield Illinois last month for the Mini-Convention, and it seemed like most of the mask restrictions had been lifted in the states we traveled through. It felt great to see things returning to normalcy, and to see faces again. I missed seeing faces. 😊 Car shows and other club

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**Sunday, September 19, PPCC Club Meeting:** 9:30 a.m. Location TBD.

**VP MESSAGE: THE PHOENIX, cont.**Submitted by  
Jerry Peevyhouse

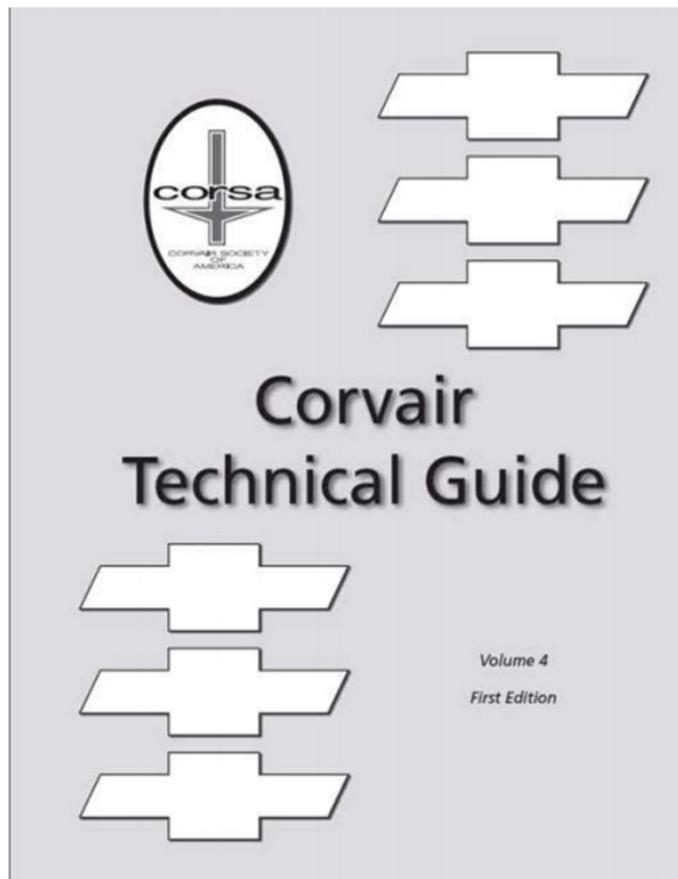
activities are back this year. Summer is officially here, so hopefully we're getting our cars out and enjoying the warm weather, sans masks. ☺

Maybe in a small way we are rising again, like in the movie when they named the reconstructed airplane The Phoenix, symbolizing rising from the ashes (sand) like the mythological Greek bird.

Happy driving.

**A MESSAGE OF THANKS**Submitted by  
Tony Lawler and Diane Tweedy-Lawler

We want to thank Doug Vinton for selling Tony Lawler an engine and transmission at a great price to get Michael Timmons rampside on the road again after sitting for 30+ years. Doug even delivered the engine to Michael's house. He also let us go up to his house after an ice cream social to look at additional car parts. Michael was able to drive the rampside to this event. We are very thankful for all of his help and the knowledge he shared with us about cars. And...both Michael and Tony are jealous of his garage! Thanks Tony Lawler

**CORSA Tech Guide Vol. 4 - Now Available**

Corvair Technical Guide Volume 4 features 221 technical articles published in the CORSA Communique magazine from 2008 through 2018. Topics range from Accessories to Tools and just about everything in between. Volume 4 expands on the contents of Volumes 1 through 3 and is published on 8.5 x 11-inch paper, hole-punched for a three-ring binder. To purchase, visit [www.corvair.org](http://www.corvair.org) and click on the Merchandise & Classified Ad button on the left, and then on the Other Merchandise button. \$25 shipped. And coming soon! Volumes 1, 2, 3 & 4.

## MEETING MINUTES- June 20, 2021

Palmer Lake and via Zoom

Submitted By  
Mary Ellen Feasel, PPCC Secretary

Called to order 12:45 pm by John Green at Palmer Lake Park. Thirteen members present and one via zoom.

**Minutes** of last months meeting were approved.

**Treasurers report** is available to members upon request. Discussed the by-laws in regards to reimbursement of expense of transporting SeeMore at .50 per mile. Tony will be paid \$898 from SeeMore fund for the Springfield trip.

**Mail**-Postcard from CNM with their events and info regarding the Tri-State. Also from Forney Museum requesting the clubs investment in the museum. The cost of investments levels were quite steep. Those present agreed to support the museum with club activities there.

Mary Ellen announced that Bud Edwards, a long time club member, passed away recently. A card was sent.

**Membership**-No new members.

**SeeMore**-trailer registration renewal has been paid. Looking for an alternate storage space for the trailer. Also need a consistant Plan B for hauling SeeMore to shows if Tony can't, or would like to take his own cars to shows. Someone suggested renting a truck.

Springfield trip adventures were exchanged. Those who attended said the COR-SA museum was a very small venue.

Also was suggested that future trips for SeeMore not be any further than the trip to Springfield. If SeeMore is requested to be at certain events that are further the club should request sponsorship to help cover costs.

At Springfield Mike Hall spoke to a club member about a national convention in Colorado. There was a strong response from the membership present. RMC and PPCC could put it on. Proposed that CNM to commit to helping. One comment made was we would have to have the total memberships involvement in such an endeavor, not the handful who participate now.

In Springfield Chris won a plaque for being one of the top three earlies at the show.

Four Corvairs from PPCC and one from RMC participated in the Castle Rock show the day before.

Concours on Sept. 12 in Littleton. Ten cars can be entered. Will be club judging. Will invite RMC folks to enter.

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**MEETING MINUTES- June 20, 2021**

Palmer Lake and via Zoom

Submitted By  
Mary Ellen Feasel, PPCC Secretary

Centennial show is August 22.

Rocky Mountain Airport in Broomfield on Aug 7. Seemore not going to this show. Volunteers needed at the gate and teardown. 100 swapmeet spots available. 50 are all ready reserved.

Cripple Creek July 24. Make your reservation at the hotel.

July and August meeting will be at Valley Hi

Mary Ellen gave an update on Dave.

Adjourned 1:40 pm.



Tony Lawler has done a great job transporting SeeMore to multiple events the past couple of years (and before that, Dave Feasel handled many of the towing duties). **MANY THANKS TO TONY and DAVE.** Currently this often means that Tony's own Corvairs don't make it to events. In addition, there are events scheduled on days when Tony has to work.

PPCC and the SeeMore committee are seeking volunteers to serve as backup drivers for Tony. Ideally these volunteers would have a vehicle capable of pulling SeeMore in its trailer to events. However, if you're willing and have experience towing a trailer, PPCC could potentially rent a vehicle to be used in towing SeeMore.

If interested, please contact Ken Schiffner.

**TECH TIP: TRI-STATE HISTORY**Submitted By  
Steve Goodman

When the 1976 CORSA national convention location was announced it was not necessarily the place of choice for some members and clubs. It was Philadelphia PA in July, 1976. Not only a long hot drive across Kansas and places east, but July 1976 was a birthday year, the bi-centennial celebration of the USA, and Philadelphia was a center point of much of that. That meant costs would be greater for food/lodging etc. too.

Rocky Mountain Corsa/Corvairs of New Mexico and Bonneville Corvair Club in Salt Lake City got together and decided to do a mini-convention for us and anyone else who would rather be in the Rocky Mountain high country in July instead of traveling across country. It was dubbed "Tri-State Corvair Meet". When the insurance request and article for the COMMUNIQUE were submitted to CORSA, the three clubs received a letter of admonishment from CORSA but they did honor the insurance. (CNM member Sylvan Zuecher kept the CNM copy and hopefully it is still in the club archives.)

The location was Montrose, Colorado which was fairly equal distance between the three clubs. It was the typical three day weekend; drive in on Friday and events on Saturday and banquet on Saturday evening, then breakfast and say goodbye to all new found friends and head home on Sunday. The events that year was a drive to Ouray Falls, the Show N Shine on Saturday, and some sightseeing adventures for all. Now remember please, this was intended to be a ONE TIME weekend. Attendance was good and a fun time for all, with lots of Corvairs running around on the streets of Montrose.

Now let's go forward to 1985 and the CORSA convention in Houston. CNM members had hatched a plan to resurrect the event and pass hosting each year between the three states in the same manner as the Fan Belt Toss in Palm Springs. Leroy Rogers and a couple other CNM members caught up with me in Houston and outlined the plan, and I kinda volunteered RMC without asking for club approval. CNM host city choice again was Montrose due to equal driving times. Luckily, when I outlined the CNM plan at the next RMC meeting, everyone thought it was good so no lynching occurred.

The time of year selected was late May due to the fact the tourist season hadn't begun so the town was fairly empty, and the businesses looked forward to having 100 or more visitors. Sadly the Bonneville club showed little interest BUT Pikes Peak Corvair Club in Colorado Springs had formed, and there were numerous PPCC members in attendance. The name 'Tri-State' however was maintained and there were hopes that SLC would come back into the group.

For 1987 RMC took a turn and it was in Ouray, but again no interest from the Bonneville club. PPCC didn't hide however, 1988 they fell into line and the three clubs have

**TECH TIP: Tri-State History**Submitted By  
Steve Goodman

rotated since then. I will say that occasionally Bonneville members have attended but they have never gotten enough interest within their club to host a year.

Normally the locations have always been in Southern Colorado or northern New Mexico. Obviously to keep driving times fairly equal and also most of the host cities have been small mountain towns with scenery and attractions for those who have never been in the mountains before. Also, as stated above the small towns enjoyed the money being brought into their area and it also brought local residents to town to see the cars too. Once the event was held in Grand Junction as a tempting gesture to Bonneville members, and once in the past it was in Albuquerque due to a large car event taking place at the same time. To view every location, look at the CNM website please. Jim Pittman has kept track of every event and has records of attendance and even years and models of all Corvairs registered. Thank you Jim for your dedication.

Through the years Corvairs have regularly shown up from Kansas/Oklahoma/Wyoming/Arizona/Iowa and even California and Washington state. One other short note: Montrose as host city has been a tradition from the beginning on the years ending with a 6. (1976-1986-1996-2006-2016)

The original vision of CNM members such as Sylvan Zuecher/Bill Reider/Francis Boydston was to have a very relaxed weekend with minimal events and lots of time to look at the Corvairs and look at mountain scenery and visit with each other and make new friends, plus chat with the local residents about their Corvair experiences too, because every town has had Corvairs 'back in the day'.

Thanks to CNM for getting through the difficult times of 2020 and hopefully the interest and attendance will be great as always this year.



## BANTER—ELECTRIC VEHICLES

Submitted By

Ken Schiffner, Member at Large

I overheard an interesting question while attending the Mini-Convention. Not really Corvair related. Electric Vehicle (EV) related. Urban living related. Marketing related. Societal related. And even lithium related.



Question was, "Where will city dwellers store and charge their EV's, if they even own one?" Suburban residents likely will have garages outfitted with charging devices. But city dwellers? Sure, there are expensive parking garages but what is usually seen are rows upon rows of vehicles parked on the streets. Run extension cords to each one? Just require mass transit? A knotty problem.

I got out my crystal ball and a hazy vision appeared. Maybe people won't even "own" EV's. Instead, maybe they'll be stockholders in a firm that stores, charges, maintains and even recycles the vehicles. In effect, they'll share a piece of the rights to millions of EV's. When they need one, they'll book one, use one, pay for the use, and return it. When the useful life of the battery is reached, the firm will recycle the batteries to conserve as much valuable lithium as possible. If the firm is multinational, the shareholder would have access to an EV anywhere in the World. If the firm rented EV's to non-shareholders, the resulting net income could be dispensed as a dividend.

The "fleet" could include vehicles of every size and purpose. The firm would be responsible for the maintenance. Insurance? Nothing extra, just part of the deal.

No vehicles would be parked on the streets. Once ordered on-line, a self-driving EV would be computer dispatched to the requested address. The well-educated vehicle would recognize the shareholder (maybe even using state-of-the-art constantly upgraded butt-recognition technology), turn the vehicle over to the driver, the driver would use it, and when finished the EV would drop off the driver and then drive to a designated service location. Out for a long ride in the country or cross-country? The EV when needed will locate and drive to a designated charging station. Of course, the whole thing would be billable. Start to finish.

However, some things that are the enjoyable part of individual vehicle ownership would be lost. If you fancy a particular color, you might not get the one you want. If you enjoy working on your own vehicle or making pilgrimages to your local parts store, forget that. Also, you'd need to bring your own fuzzy dice or "Baby On Board" sign. Or your "My child is an honor student at ..." bumper sticker. Perhaps the EV will have a projection type rear window upon which some such messages could be programmed and be displayed. Maybe even a display that states you are a member of CORSA and/or local club?

If these "advances" come to pass, imagine the contrasting enjoyment to be had when you jump

into your Corvair, your butt recognizes the seat instead of vice-versa, turn the key, and you actually drive it all by yourself. Of course, if you can find gasoline. The crystal ball is really foggy on that.



## SPRINGFIELD MINI-CONVENTION

Submitted By  
Chris Kimberly

### Visiting the Land of Lincoln

I had decided to take the trip in my Corvair to the San Diego CORSA Convention, but after it was cancelled, I changed the plans to attend the Mini Convention hosted by the PCCA, in Springfield, IL. A few weeks before the trip, Rick and Charlie Beets and Tony Lawler helped me with a few issues on the car....the main issues being water leaking in on the driver and passenger when it rained. (Yes, the top was up! Lol) Then the motor that runs the hydraulics for the power top quit working. After several 'sessions' with the guys, the car seemed ready for the trip. Mary Ellen Feasel agreed to go with me, along with Jerry and KeithAnn Peevyhouse, and Rick Beets and Tony Lawler trailering Seemore.

Jerry wrote in the newsletter last month about getting to Springfield, the Concours, autocross, the Corvair powered ultra-light airplanes, and the Corvair Museum. SO now its time for the rest of the story.....

While the concours, and autocross were taking place, Mary Ellen, KeithAnn, and I toured around historic downtown Springfield. Springfield is very proud to claim itself as Lincoln's home. Everywhere there are statues, and historic buildings related to President Lincoln. Lincoln's home is in a beautiful, pedestrian only neighborhood. It was nice to walk the several blocks around Lincoln's home imagining what life was like back then. Due to Covid restrictions the homes were not open at the time, so our views were outside only. Then we visited the train depot, where Lincoln departed from for Washington DC, after being elected president. We found a fabulous Italian restaurant (ate there twice), which had been family run since 1948. The guys insisted we take them there since we raved about it so much!



A two-story yellow house with dark green shutters and a porch, identified as Lincoln's home. The house is surrounded by trees and a wooden fence. The text continues from the previous paragraph, describing the neighborhood and the train depot visit.



## SPRINGFIELD MINI-CONVENTION, cont.

Submitted By  
Chris Kimberly

Lincoln's tomb was also very interesting to visit. He, along with Mary Todd,



and two of his sons are also buried there. His third son is buried at Arlington National Cemetery. We also visited the Lincoln Museum, which sectioned off areas to focus on his life from childhood until his assassination. It was an excellent exhibit of his life.



On the Way to the Shelby airport, we made a stop on a 1 1/2 mile stretch of brick road of Route 66. Lots of fun driving on the old brick road and 'getting our kicks' on Route 66.



Saturday was the People's Choice Awards. All the cars attending were shined up and sitting in the respective categories, early open, early closed, FC, late open, late closed and specialty.



## SPRINGFIELD MINI-CONVENTION, cont.

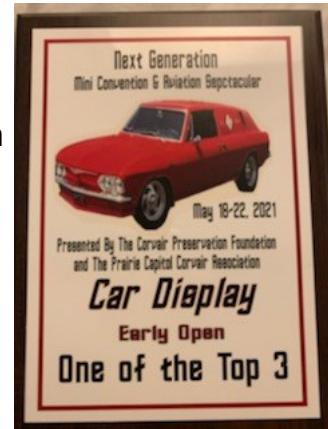
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My baby blue convertible was parked and ready for the votes. On one side was the John Glenn car and the other was a beautiful Black Spyder, with a total of 10 early convertibles. Cars were there from Virginia to Oregon, and it was fun to make new Corvair friends.

That evening at the banquet, William Flynn spoke again about the Corvair powered ultra-light planes while we enjoyed dinner. Awards were given out for the Concours, Autocross, and People's Choice. I was more than surprised when my name was called as a recipient of one of the top three in the early open category of People's Choice.

The next morning, Seemore was loaded up, and we headed back to Colorado, thankful for having the opportunity to attend a wonderful mini convention.



On the way home we stopped in Salina, KS for dinner. Interestingly, Salina is the geographic center of the country. We enjoyed a lovely dinner of burgers at the Cozy Inn.



PCCA hosted a fabulous event and it's certainly one I would attend again in the future.

## WEIRD & WONDERFUL

Submitted By  
Kathy Green

As published at [Weird & Wonderful No 1 – Chevrolet Corvair Futura Concept | Mario the Multipla \(wordpress.com\)](http://Weird & Wonderful No 1 – Chevrolet Corvair Futura Concept | Mario the Multipla (wordpress.com)) and republished in the May, 2021 edition of Prairie Capital Corvair Association Newsletter, The Flat Six

### Weird & Wonderful No 1 – Chevrolet Corvair Futura Concept By Mario the Multipla

Posted on [July 22, 2016](http://July 22, 2016)

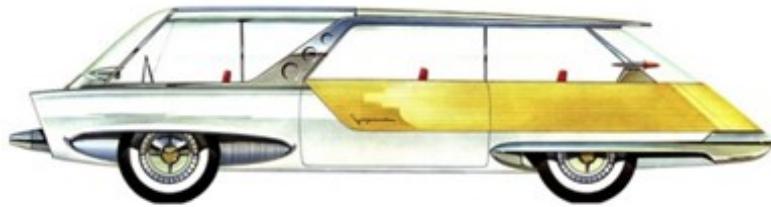
The first in what will hopefully be another little series, featuring the weird, wonderful, unique and just a little wacky...

#### The Chevrolet Corvair Futura Concept



When we first saw pictures of this 'Futura' concept, I thought it looked a bit like an angular Multipla and certainly had the feel of some of the chopped Multipla [Beach Cars](#). However this isn't a carefully preserved concept car designed by the factory but is a one off made by an enthusiast.

Not a great deal seems to be known about it. The design, it would appear is based on some drawings produced for Kaiser Aluminum in the late 50's. To persuade the American Auto Industry to use more aluminium, car designers Frank Hershey and Associates were commissioned to produce a portfolio of aluminium car designs to feature in promotional literature. The designs included a targa -top convertible and a station wagon. The one design that stood out was for The 'Waimea' a sort of van cut down to station wagon height. The design was credited to a Rhys Miller.



**The Waimea (Wy-may-ah) an all-aluminum car**



The Waimea is a Kaiser Aluminum design that incorporates the design advantages of aluminum to achieve maximum safety. Front located aluminum engine, frame, floor aluminum floor, roof and body panels—all aluminum!

And you may be certain that you will be including cars like the Waimea, as components suggested in its design. Every year, more and more aluminum is being designed into America's automobiles.

Harmenswood—source of highest quality aluminum. Harmenswood, West Virginia, is the location of what is perhaps the most quality-minded aluminum plant anywhere—the new Kaiser Aluminum reduction plant and rolling mill. Both by location and by layout, this plant is ideally situated to supply you the highest quality aluminum available today.

Ask us, if you like, this question:



## WEIRD &amp; WONDERFUL

Submitted By  
Kathy Green

So lets jump forward to the mid 90's when a slightly eccentric gentleman called Harry Larson of Minnesota decided that after restoring 5 cars he wanted to create one. He had a file of the Kaiser Ads from the 60's, pulled out the Waimea and set about constructing one. He started with a Corvair Greenbrier Sportswagon from 1960.



The Waimea was designed to give the driver as much vision as possible and so had the driver sitting in the middle with centre steering and a fully enclosed glass front area and glass sunroof. The car turned up at shows in Minnesota in the 90's but then disappeared to be put up for sale on eBay a few years ago. In 2013 it was apparently brought by Wayne Carini from the TV programme Chasing Classic Cars, although it hasn't featured in any of the programmes that I've seen. In 2014 Wayne wrote in an article for Hagerty called Buyer's Remorse...

*“Another car I have mixed feelings about is the Kaiser Aluminum Corvair Futura. It started as a Corvair Greenbrier Sportswagon, but has center steering and an all-new nose with stacked headlamps. When you’re talking about a one-off concept car, there isn’t much you can do with it. They’re rarely fully developed for driving, there are few eligible show classes and they only attract a special kind of buyer. I’m not thrilled about the purchase, because I don’t know what to do with it now that it’s mine.”*



It isn't known if Wayne still owns the car or if he has sold it where it has gone. Despite quite a bit of research this was all the info I could find and the only pictures, which appear to come from the original eBay posting.

## ADEPT AT ADAPTING

Submitted By

Ken Schiffner, Member at Large

Charles Darwin revealed to us in scientific terms how, in order for species to survive they adapt. Those that can't don't. This also applies to institutions and organizations.

The recent pandemic has shown us that some organizations are adept at adapting. We have an example, and a lesson, in the effort CORSA and the Prairie Club made in creating the Springfield "mini" Convention. Given the cancelation of the San Diego convention (which would have been outstanding), the "mini" had to be produced on short notice.

To do this, the lessons learned in the 2016 Convention were used as the backbone for 2021. The same hotel was used. A similar format was used. Experienced teams were reassembled and used. To this, unique events were added (such as Tech and Historic sessions). No time to reinvent the wheel, so, don't.

The lesson?

CORSA, to survive, needs to adapt to the realities that confront us just as we adapted to the pandemic and San Diego cancellation. **CORSA needs to attract new members.**

The reality is gathering of fellow travelers doesn't, necessarily, draw in new members. To draw in new members, one must address those new member needs. One must adapt to those needs.

It is unlikely that new members share the same Corvair memories as the existing members. It is likely, however, that new members want to feel welcome. It is unlikely that new members want to hear "when I was a boy" type stories, no matter how interesting. The new members likely

have their own stories, formed from their own experience or lack thereof. It is unlikely that new members care much about the Corvair "history". That history is well known. It is likely, however, that new members would be interested in making their own history. It is unlikely that new members are interested in "stock" or even in preserving "stock". Indeed, even if they had a relative, friend, or contact who used to own a "stock" Corvair, the vehicle is no longer "stock". The new member, however, likely would enjoy knowing that the creativity they applied to their Corvair is respected and appreciated as part of the "hobby". If they brought their "modified" Corvair to a meeting, would the vehicle be welcomed or scorned? If they just want to show the vehicle (no desire for Concours or awards) would CORSA encourage them? Would there be a place for them?

It is also likely that new members would be interested in how to maintain a Corvair, or where to get parts, or how to modify the Corvair to suit their modern needs. They'd want to know if experienced Corvair repair people are available and the location. They'd also want to know that, if they travel and have trouble, who can they contact. They'd want to know that their "dumb" questions are met with sincere, constructive, answers.

The new members would want to feel that CORSA is focused upon the future (their future) rather than the past.

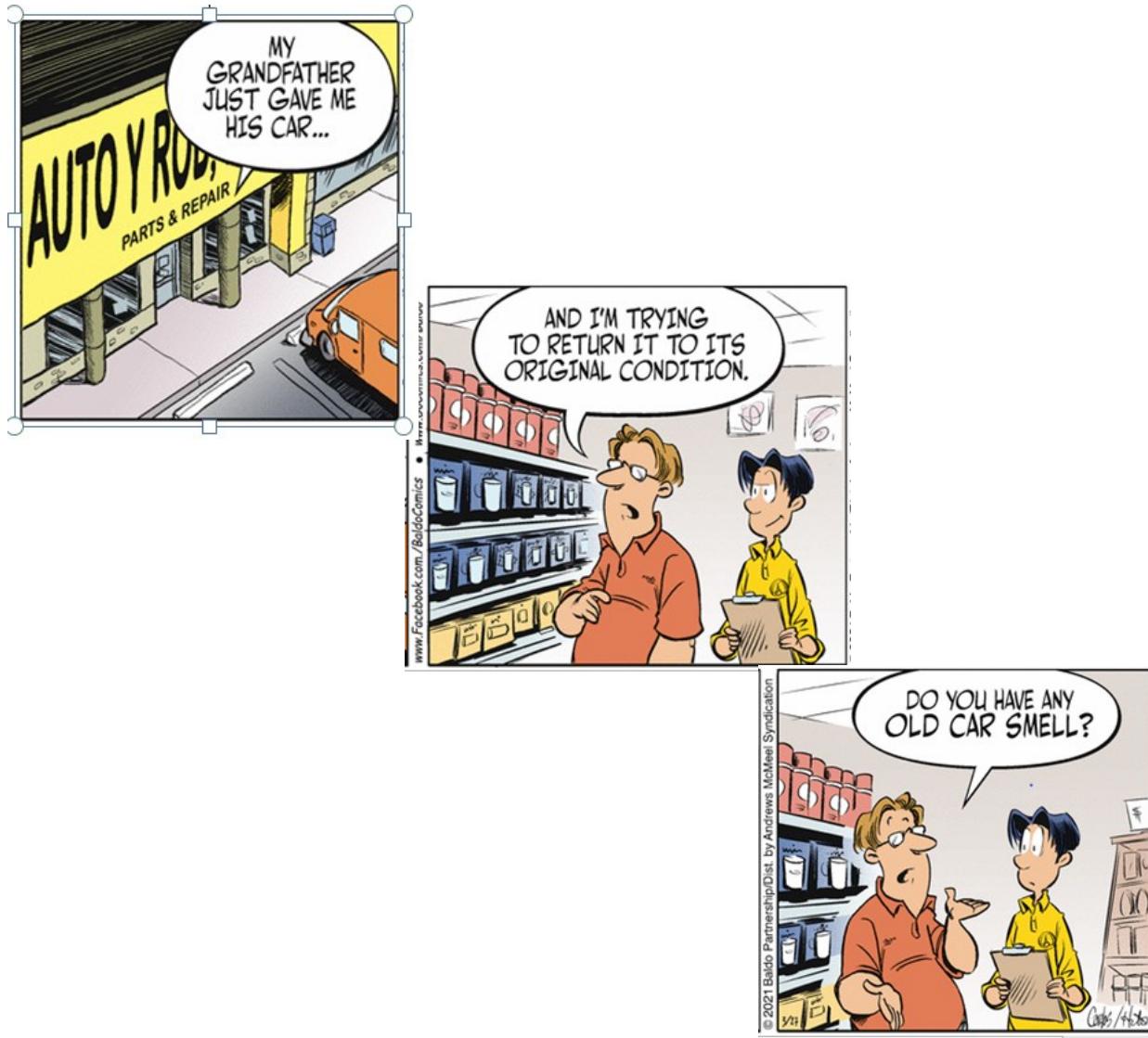
As CORSA has demonstrated, is CORSA adept enough to adapt to the realities needed to attract new members? To survive, it must.



## DRIP QUIPS

As published in the Denver Post, March 27, 2021

## Baldo by Hector D. Cantú and Carlos Castellanos



If you have a fun, amusing, touching or interesting story or picture you think can bring a smile, an 'aaaaah' or an 'eek', please send your submission to [karmknecht@msn.com](mailto:karmknecht@msn.com), attention: Drip Quips.

## 2021 PPCC Activities Calendar

All club events will be noted on the Club's interactive calendar, located on our website, <https://pikespeakcorvairclub.wixsite.com/ppcc/calendar>. It is our sincere hope that 2021 provides more opportunities to get our cars out in the public eye. As events are scheduled, you will be notified, and the activities calendar will be updated.

- C **Friday—Sunday, July 9—11, Colorado Flatlanders 29th Annual Rod Run in the Park:** Details on this event are listed in a flier at the end of The Drip Line and [here](#)
- M **Sunday, July 18, PPCC Club Meeting:** 9:30 a.m., Valley Hi Golf Course, 610 S. Chelton Road, Colorado Springs, CO. Arrive early if you'd like to eat breakfast before / during the meeting.
- C **Saturday, July 24, 2<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL CRIPPLE CREEK ALL CORVAIR CAR SHOW** with \*Seemore\*\*: This show is sponsored by the Cripple Creek Heritage Museum and its sponsors. It is a FREE show for anyone with a Corvair. This is also the weekend of annual bed races in Cripple Creek so it should be lots of fun. **The Double Eagle Resort and Casino will be giving us a discount on room rates.... \$89.95 per night plus tax = \$100.93. This includes free breakfast for each registered guest. For hotel reservations at the Double Eagle, call 719-689-5000 and use group number 4350. Even if you *think* you're going, go ahead and make your reservations. It's easier to make and cancel than to miss out!** This show is open to anyone with a Corvair, whether or not they are a club member. See poster at the end of The Drip Line for additional information.
- C **Sunday, July 25, Rosie's Diner 2021 Car Show:** 9:00—1:00, Rosie's Diner Parking Lot, 411 Hwy 105, Monument, Colorado 80132. Registration Form available [here](#). See poster at the end of The Drip Line for additional information.
- C/A **July 27—July 31 2021 CORSA International Convention San Diego:** *Cancelled*
- C **Saturday, August 7, CCCC Rocky Mountain Airport Car Show and Swap Meet:** 8:00—2:00, Rocky Mountain Metro Airport, 11755 Airport way, Broomfield, Colorado 80021. Information available [here](#)
- M **Sunday, August 15, PPCC Club Meeting:** 9:30 a.m., Valley Hi Golf Course, 610 S. Chelton Road, Colorado Springs, CO. Arrive early if you'd like to eat breakfast before / during the meeting.
- C/A **Sunday, August 22, Wheels & Wings Show and Lunch, Centennial, CO:** This show will have a variety of vintage cars and airplanes. All Corvairs will be on the apron at the air field. Plan to arrive at 11:00 to get in place, and then the show runs until 2:00 pm. Lunch arrangements have been made at The Perfect Landing Restaurant or you can choose to eat at a food truck which will also be there. Museum tour from 12:00—2:00, lunch at Perfect Landing Restaurant, 2:00. (If you arrive for lunch before 2:00 earlier, just mention 'Corvair Club'.)
- C/A **Friday—Sunday, August 27-29, Hot Rod Rock & Rumble:** Pikes Peak International Raceway—Fountain, Colorado. Information available [here](#)

**Key: M—Meeting; C—Car Show; A—Activity**

## 2021 PPCC Activities Calendar

- C **Saturday, August 28, 12:00—4:00, First Annual Car and Motorcycle Show, St. Lukes United Methodist Church :** St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 8817 S. Broadway, Highlands Ranch, CO 80129. Registration and details available [here](#). See flier at the end of The Drip Line.
- C **Sunday, September 12, 38th Annual Colorado Concours d'Elegance & Exotic Sports Car Show:** Arapahoe Community College. Registration and detailed information on this fund raiser event are available [here](#). Please contact John Green if interested in showing your car. We have a limited number of spaces.
- M **Sunday, September 19, PPCC Club Meeting:** 9:30 a.m., location TBA.
- M **Sunday, October 17, PPCC Club Meeting:** 9:30 a.m., location TBA.
- C/A **Friday—Sunday, October 15-17, Tri-State Meet:** Corvairs of New Mexico is pleased to welcome all Corvair enthusiasts to the annual meet on October 15-17, 2021, sponsored by CNM, Rocky Mountain Corsa and Pikes Peak Corvair Clubs. Every year we get together to celebrate the unique automobile that is the Corvair. We show our cars, meet new people, renew acquaintances, exchange tips, and have fun. We have been planning this event for over a year and hope everyone who attends will enjoy the meet itself, as well as the many attractions Albuquerque has to offer. Registration, Schedule and detailed information available [here](#)
- C/A **Friday—Sunday, October 22-24, 2021 Fan Belt Toss:** This event is in the planning stages and is scheduled for OCT 22-24 in Palm Springs. Hopefully, we will be seeing more info on this soon. Vintage Corsa of Orange County, CA is taking the lead on the planning with other SoCal clubs pitching in to help in assigned areas of the Toss.
- M **Sunday, November 21, PPCC Club Meeting:** 9:30 a.m., location TBA.
- M **Sunday, December 19, PPCC Club Meeting:** 9:30 a.m., location TBA.

### *Recurring Local Events:*

**Stocker's Car Shows:** 10:30—1:00 every second Saturday of the month, June 12, July 10, August 14, September 11 weather permitting. Event is held at the Havana Grill Authentic Cuban Cuisine, 2165 Academy Place, Colorado Springs (the east side of Academy between Maizeland and Constitution.) Watch the Stocker's Facebook page for updated information [here](#)

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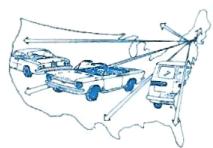
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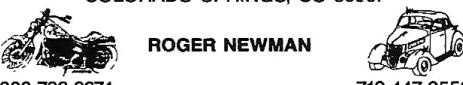


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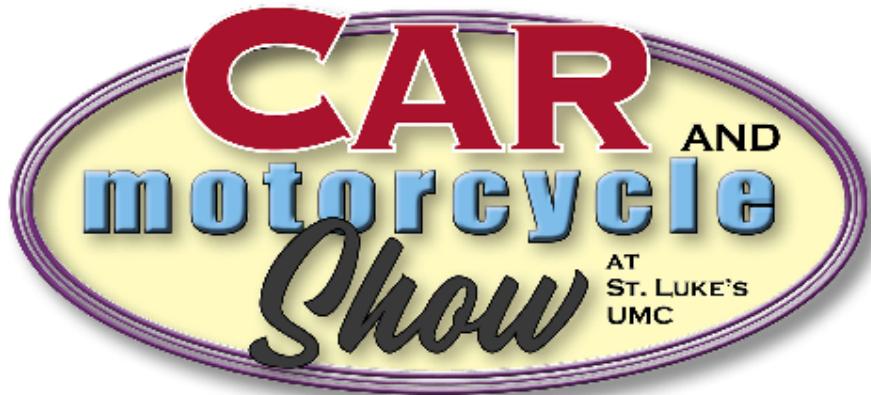
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# The Drip-Line



The next meeting of the Pike's Peak Corvair Club will be August 15, 9:30 a.m. at Valley Hi Golf Course, 610 S. Chelton Road, Colorado Springs—plan to arrive early if you wish to eat before / during the meeting.

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**On The Cover:** The beautiful hood of Chris Kimberly's 1964 convertible in Cripple Creek. Mike Piper won the Sponsor's Award, and Tony and Diane Lawler won People's Choice with their Rampy. Much more about this show will be in the next Drip Line

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**PRESIDENT'S GLOVEBOX**

By John Green  
PPCC President

Hello Corvair Family,

I hope you have been enjoying the nice weather and getting to drive your cars around.



There are a lot of events coming up.

We will have been at the Cripple Creek show this weekend, as you read this. Soon to come are a couple of airport shows in August. Then we have the Concours in September. Tri-state follows quickly in October. Hopefully we will see you at least at one of those events if not more. There will be photos and articles coming from all of those. As always, look at the calendar of events later in The Drip Line for more information on these and other upcoming events.

We, as a club, need to make sure we have a lot of participation by members for all things. We are in need of someone, or many, to volunteer to get SeeMore around. The Feasel's helped when we first got SeeMore. Then Tony has been making sure it gets around for a couple years. Tony has to work on Sundays and would like to bring his own vehicles to shows that aren't on Sundays. If a member hasn't been bringing their Corvair to events, maybe you can help bring SeeMore (we will reimburse mileage). We are also in need of storing SeeMore somewhere soon as the Feasel's lot is getting cleared out of vehicles. It would be too bad if we have to pay storage somewhere and deal with getting it in and out of a lot whenever we need it.

As with every year at the Christmas party, any of the board positions are available if you are interested. Unfortunately we rarely have different members stepping up to help. So, the same few "get" to continue "volunteering". At least one position will be open for sure next year that I know of right now. Mary Ellen has been asking for someone else to step up as secretary with no response. She has indicated that this is her last year. By CORSA club guidelines, we do have to have the minutes out to the club each month, whether by news letter or email. Please be thinking about whether you can help in at least that one area. The secretary position is very important for the whole club. So, think "How can I help" the club, now and in the future.

Meeting and event attendance also seems to be also shrinking. Of course, some say that club members are aging out, but that doesn't really seem to be the whole reason. It seems to be the same 15 or so members that end up at events and helping out. If there is a reason you might not be attending gatherings, please contact me or any board member. We can't know there is a problem if you don't share.

So, I'm asking "How can I help" you be more involved? Please let me know.

Hope to see you soon, somewhere, sometime,

Keep Vairing,

John

## THE POWER OF COMMUNITY

Submitted by  
Kathy Green

We often hear the word 'community' in news reports, when talking about small (or large) towns, groups of people, ants, fish, bacteria (wait, not those)...but what does it really mean? The Oxford Dictionary defines community as: '1. a group of people living in the same place or having a particular characteristic in common,' or '2. a feeling of fellowship with others, as a result of sharing common attitudes, interests, and goals.'

PPCC is a community, sharing interest in those little air cooled lovelies. But it's more than that. PPCC is people who can and will help when needed, friends to laugh and cry with, and individuals who will bend over backward to make your day. That's what we are and need to continue to strive to be.

I'd like to share a story of 'community' with you. My father owned a Rampside when I was a very small child. When John and I started talking about getting a Corvair, his first question was 'are you going to get a pickup?'. He LOVED that truck!



Fast forward to 2021. Dad and mom have been living in a retirement community, and have spent most of the past 16 months only going out for appointments. Dad's 91st birthday was July 10, and we wanted to make it special, but how?

Enter Tony and Diane Lawler and their beautiful rampside pickup (if you haven't seen the 'rust bucket' - Diane's name, not mine, lol—it's spectacular!). At the Castle Rock Cruise In show we were talking about how excited my dad would be when he saw the pictures of the final product. And, our friends (community) Tony and Diane asked if he would like to see it! The short version of the story is YES!!! Our wonderful friends took a day out of their *very* busy schedules and drove to Longmont to surprise my dad for his birthday!

While he didn't feel well enough to take a ride, his face lit up when he saw a truck that looked very much like the one he had when I was small.

We are a community—never forget there are those in PPCC who will bend over backward to make someone's day. Thanks Tony and Diane for being those people to us!!

### Upcoming Meeting Dates

#### Upcoming Meetings

**Sunday, August 15, PPCC Club Meeting:** 9:30 a.m. Valley Hi Golf Club, 610 S. Chelton Road, Colorado Springs (also available via Zoom).

**Sunday, September 19, PPCC Club Meeting:** 9:30 a.m. Valley Hi Golf Club, 610 S. Chelton Road, Colorado Springs (and on Zoom)

**Sunday, October 17, PPCC Club Meeting:** 9:30 a.m. Location TBD.

**MEETING MINUTES- July 18, 2021**

Valley Hi Golf Club and via Zoom

Submitted By  
Mary Ellen Feasel, PPCC Secretary

9:42 am-Call to order by John Green. Eleven present at Valley High, one via zoom.

**M**

Minutes of last months meeting approved.

**E**

Copies of the Treasurer's report are available upon request. A donation of \$35 was made to the SeeMore fund by Ken Schiffner after winning the RMC 50/50 drawing.

**E****T**

Mail-Invite from the Glenn Miller Birthplace Museum in Clarinda, IA for our club to take a road trip to their museum.

**I**

Also an invite for a car show on Sat., September 25 "Cruisin' into Fall" in Rocky Ford that benefits Tri-County Family Car Center, Inc. Mary Ellen has the registration form or more info at [www.tricountyfamilycenter.org](http://www.tricountyfamilycenter.org).

**N**

Information also arrived for Aug. 21 event Keystone Place @ LegacyRidge in Westminister. Mary Ellen also mentioned upcoming car show information she shared to the FB page.

**G**

Membership-new roster has been published. Membership is asked to verify their information on the roster. If corrections to individuals info. is needed, let Randy know.

**M****O**

SeeMore is not going to the Concours or Air Show. Alternate storage is needed for SeeMore and the trailer. Also an alternate driver for SeeMore is needed.

**N****U**

Tri-State-Oct. 15-17 in Albequerque. Please register so they know who is coming.

**T****E**

Concours-one Corvair is register. August 1 is deadline for your name in the program book, deadline to register for the show is August 18. Mike Dawson is the 2nd club judge. Have 12 spots for Corvairs.

**S**

**MEETING MINUTES- July 18, 2021**

Valley Hi Golf Club and via Zoom

Submitted By

Mary Ellen Feasel, PPCC Secretary

Cripple Creek is August 24. Parking the cars at 8 am, show is at 9 am.

Rocky Mountain Airport show in Broomfield. Move in is at 7am. Waiting for other times. Have reserved spaces for CCCC members.

Airport Show in Centennial on August 22. Cars for show should arrive by 11 am. Show is noon to 2. Must pay to attend Museum. Lunch trucks will be there, also can eat at local restaurant.

Next meeting will be at Valley High.

**New Business**

Upcoming possible national convention in Denver area discussed. RMC response to participating is 50/50. Ken is heading it up the discussion. 2024 would be the year. Still time to decide. Rick would like PPCC to take the lead. There will be some support from CORSA, but don't know the level, locals will need to do the preliminary arrangements. Survey to both clubs member to see who would like to participate. Unsure if we will have the manpower to put on the event. The boards of RMC and PPCC have to be on the same page. Need more info before the clubs can make a decision. Boards will meet to discuss. The matter is still in the talking stages. Need a checklist of what needs to be done.

2500 followers on Facebook.

From the membership-Doug Vinton's car is for sale.

Allen Amrine has a '63 van with windows for sale.

Rick Beets has heavy duty springs available.

50/50 raffle. Rick won and donated his half to SeeMore fund.

Adjourned 10:35 am.

**TECH TIP: THE IMPORTANCE OF RECORD KEEPING**Submitted By  
Steve Goodman

How many of us have a small notebook or similar in the glove box with milage history of that car. Included are oil changes/repairs including tune-ups/battery/wheel bearing service (both front and rear) and every other part replaced right down to tires and wiper blades and bulbs? Also every fuel stop?

I have cars come here on both sides of that question. Some know to the day and milage when oil/filter was last done as well as other service BUT there are also some who *think* the oil was changed a year or two ago. Usually those owners don't put many miles on their cars so it isn't a case of tons of miles on the oil but it is easy to lose track too.

If the tank is filled every time and milage noted; that record can be helpful deciding when the next tuneup is needed too. Noticing a drop in miles per gallon is a good indication of spark plug life 'on the edge'. Sudden difficulty in starting is also a good reason to check for last tune up and maybe age of battery. Lastly noticing a gap in fueling dates will indicate that the car took a long nap so carbs may need attention and fresh fuel needed. Todays' gasoline seems to have short shelf life. One more comment about filling the tank each time is because a full tank has less chance of corrosion and leakage of filler neck noses than a tank left near empty. (of course in a perfect world you are exercising your Corvair every couple weeks or at least some miles once a month).

Now let's go deeper into keeping 'papers' of your Corvair or other collector cars. Having a file or maybe a box of past paperwork of the car can be interesting to share with others or just dig out on a cold winter night and look back through everything for the memories.

A copy of title from previous owner and maybe service records from past owners is nice to have and will work in your favor if/when you decide to sell the car. Perspective buyers always are impressed with knowing the past history of what they are interested in. From a personal note I often have had Corvairs come in the shop that I had lost track of and then suddenly it pops back up. The new owner discovers history of the car from me.

Let's add some more to that box now. How about the glove box owners manual? Each year was different but having one is just one more 'history' piece. Have you saved the past registrations and insurance cards? How about those of us who went through the emission testing here on the front range? We got a copy of emission test



**TECH TIP: THE IMPORTANCE OF RECORD KEEPING**Submitted By  
Steve Goodman

for our records and supposedly always kept in a safe place similar to the "do not remove" tag from your mattress.



Lastly magazines from 'back in the day' of your particular car including introduction of each new model/year etc. The car magazines in the 60s had articles about Corvairs in almost every issue from 1959 to 1970. Comparisons between the compact cars were common for each year and in a different magazine every month. ALSO any copy of the COMMUNIQUE or local club newsletter that featured your car PLUS snap shots from long ago when pictures were printed on paper of your car in club events.

Now all that is needed is a place to keep the box. Enjoy your Corvair.

**PPCC NEEDS YOU!!**Submitted By  
The SeeMore Committee

Tony Lawler has done a great job transporting SeeMore to multiple events the past couple of years (and before that, Dave Feasel handled many of the towing duties).

MANY THANKS TO TONY and DAVE. This often means that Tony's own beautiful Corvairs don't make it to events without jumping through multiple hoops to get them there. In addition, there are events scheduled on days when Tony has to work.

PPCC and the SeeMore committee are seeking volunteers to serve as backup drivers for Tony. Ideally these volunteers would have a vehicle capable of pulling SeeMore in its trailer to events (mileage to and from events will be reimbursed). However, if you're willing and have experience towing a trailer, PPCC could potentially rent a vehicle to be used in towing SeeMore.

In addition, Dave and Mary Ellen Feasel have provided a 'home' to SeeMore since it came back to PPCC. It's time someone else step up. If you have space to store SeeMore in its trailer over the winter, please let us know.

If you would be willing to step up to help with either of these service opportunities, please contact Ken Schiffner.



## CORSA MEMBERSHIP OFFER

### CORSA MEMBERSHIP

Some exciting news. Members of your chapter who are interested in joining CORSA will want to take advantage of this new limited time offer. \*CORSA is now offering 12-Month Virtual Memberships for just \$25\*\* instead of the usual price of \$37\*. Come and "take a test drive with CORSA" by signing up for a 12-Month Virtual Membership.

Virtual Membership provides on-line access to the CORSA Communique magazine, member-only events, technical information and more- all for about \$2 a month! It's a great deal for everyone- \*new and existing\* members.

What's a "Virtual Membership?" you may ask? The only difference is that Full Members of CORSA receive copies of the CORSA Communique magazine both online and through US Postal, whereas Virtual Members get online access only. Everything else is the same.

Here are the details:

- Price: \$25 for twelve months instead of the usual \$37.
- Eligibility: All new and existing CORSA members.
- Offer Period: Now to December 31, 2021.
- Effective date for new members: Membership will begin on the date payment is received- register on line.
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Important information about the offer:

- One-Time Only: Offer good for 1 sign up or renewal. Individuals can take advantage of the offer one time only. Renewals at this price for one year only.
- Corvair Basics Book: No matter which level of membership is chosen, brand new CORSA members ordinarily receive a free copy of the Corvair Basics book. However, due to the expense, we cannot extend this to persons opting for the \$25 offer.
- Attention Full Members: Full Members who apply for any level of Virtual Membership (including the \$25 offer) will immediately stop receiving copies of the CORSA Communique magazine in the mail. (This has always been the case but we mention it here to make sure there is no misunderstanding).
- No Refunds to Facilitate Transition: We cannot issue refunds of dues paid by Full Members to facilitate transitions from Full to any level of Virtual Membership (including the Offer).
- Offer is only good during this time period. No refunds for prior purchase of membership.

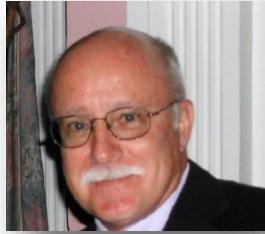


## BANTER: SPRITZ VS. SHEAR

Submitted By

Ken Schiffner, Member at Large

When it comes to distributing fuel into an internal combustion engine, the popular choices are “spritz” (fuel injection spray) or “shear”, (carburation). With spritz, the fuel is pressurized using a pump and is then sprayed into the intake manifold (or cylinder) while with shear, the intake air is accelerated to “shear” the fuel into combustible vapors and droplets.



With the Corvair engine, either method has shown to be effective.

Recently, at a recent event our own Garrie Fox entertained listeners about the interesting (and effective) spritz installation on one of his Corvairs. The conversion from shear to spritz is one of the ones that Milt Binion conceived and was described in depth in the first nine pages of the CORSA Technical Guide (Performance Section) and other articles. The configuration essentially adapted the fuel injection system from a 1979 Datsun 280ZX car (non-turbo) whose engine was of similar displacement as the Corvair. Seems straight forward however certain basics that relate to fuel injection or carburation must be followed.



### Spritz Set Up, Binion Style

Basic conundrum: Combustion is “**mass**” related (lbs./lb. kg/kg. etc.) but air flow through the engine is “**volume**” related (cubic inches, cubic feet, etc.). The “mass” part is dictated by the combustion process. To combust gasoline a certain ratio of the mass of the fuel to air must be maintained otherwise inefficient release of the fuel energy can

occur. In an internal combustion engine, every rotation on the crankshaft moves a specific amount of air or air/fuel mixture (assuming the piston rings are doing their sealing job). In effect, the engine is a positive displacement air pumping device. Spritz or shear designs deal with this conundrum in different ways but seek the same result, proper, controlled combustion.

Carburetors don’t really meter the mass; they primarily meter the volume. A fixed diameter venturi throat is used that provides the boundaries of the gas velocity used to do the fuel shearing. From the volume and the speed at which that volume passes through the carburetor, the *fuel mass* is metered using fixed orifice “jets” to *approximate* the proper ratio of air to fuel under varying engine operating conditions. Compromises result since the characteristics of the air entering the carburetor vary with the ambient conditions and the engine demand. Fuel injection, in contrast, meters and controls the air/fuel mass by first carefully determining the various parameters that define the mass of both the fuel and air entering the engine. The air pressure, density, and temperature define the air mass. The fuel rate and pressure determine the fuel mass rate. A computer is used to adjust the fuel rate to the defined air mass rate.

Purely mechanical fuel injection systems do not rely on a “feedback” loop that monitors the combustion products (oxygen as a surrogate) whereas electronic fuel injection systems do incorporate the feedback aspect. The oxygen quantity in the exhaust tells the computer whether the combustion process is being conducted at a point of controlled emissions. With mechanical fuel injection, monitoring the intake air mass flow rate versus a regulated fuel pressure and flow is considered close enough.

The Binion type system predicated the expansion of fuel injection controls to use oxygen sensing feedback. Oxygen sensing could be added “for

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Submitted By  
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California cars" but was deemed impractical at the time for a Corvair engine. The close proximity of the exhaust to the engine, the "boxer" layout of the engine and other factors complicate the addition of oxygen sensing. Garrie's engine thus is not equipped with such feedback signals.

What the engine uses is a combination of engine inlet sensors that measure the intake air temperature, flow and pressure from which the computer calculates the real-time air flow mass. (The air flow sensor is shown at the top right portion of the photo). Another sensor monitors the throttle position and the computer varies the "ON" duration of the injectors for conditions requiring richer mixtures. The fuel pressure is regulated by a pressure control valve. The fuel injectors are in effect solenoid valves (on/off) that are mounted in the intake manifolds and given an engine rpm signal from the coil, all six (6) injectors are electrically triggered simultaneously based upon engine rpm. The stabilized fuel pressure affects the spritz amount and spray pattern for the injectors. The injectors are not individually timed thus when "open" all of the injectors (should if identical) demonstrate the same spray pattern and droplet size.

Given the injector locations, the cylinders get identical fuel mass flow rates. Given the intake air measurement for pressure (altitude) and temperature, the air mass rate (with the help of the computer) is known. Well controlled "spritz" provides more efficient combustion than less accurately controlled "shear".

Many thanks to Garrie for showing one of his "spritz" modified Corvairs!

**Additional note:** There is an interesting video shared by Matt Nall via Virtual Vairs, from a gentleman who makes a clear carburetor and then films it in operation with a High-Speed Camera. If you'd like to see this process, the video is available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=toVfvRhWbj8>

## 5 REASONS

Submitted By  
Kathy Green

I recently saw this article thought it was interesting and wanted to share. The original article is available at: [5 reasons not to buy a classic car | ClassicCars.com Journal](https://www.classiccars.com/journal/2016/02/16/5-reasons-not-to-buy-a-classic-car/)

### 5 Reasons Not to Buy a Classic Car

**By Andy Reid, The Journal, Classic Cars.com, February 16 2016**

#### Gorgeous Classic cars can complicate your life.

The classic car market is hotter than ever and, as a result, many people are looking at classic cars as a great way to invest their money. While that might seem like a great idea, there are also many potential pitfalls of classic car ownership, and just as many reasons for not buying a classic car.

We went through our list and broke it down into five reasons not to buy a classic car:

#### 1. A friend of mine said I should buy a classic car.

Say you have a modern Porsche 911 or Dodge Challenger and your friends think you should buy an old one to go with it. You envision yourself as part of the hardcore, cool-guy crew. This is a dangerous mindset, especially if you've come to expect such things as satellite navigation, Bluetooth connectivity and a good, working A/C, which are nice-ties generally not available on classic cars. And remember, a classic car will be less reliable and require more maintenance than its modern equivalent.

You should only buy a classic car because you want a classic car, not to be part of the cool crowd. We really aren't as cool as we think we are.

## 5 REASONS NOT TO BUY A CLASSIC CAR

### 2. I have been thinking of buying a classic car but I do not like working on mechanical things.

Not having experience with working on old cars is not a prerequisite, but you should be willing to learn about making some mechanical repairs. No matter how many mechanics you hire, at some point you are going to have to fix something yourself. Classic car people tend to forget that they spend a considerable amount of time fixing things, often more time than they spend actually driving their classics. They forget this because they enjoy the process of working on and sorting out the issues that come up with their old cars. Even the best of classics break from time to time. Ideally, you should consider this tinkering to be part of the fun of the classic car experience. If not, think twice about making a classic car purchase.

### 3. I can afford a classic car but it needs to be perfect because I have just enough money to buy the car.

No classic car is perfect. We are not aware of a single person who has bought any classic car that did not require some amount of money to be spent on it immediately. It is best to budget somewhere between \$1,500-\$5,000 for maintenance in addition to the price you're paying for any new classic car purchase, the added cost dependent on the price level of the classic. However, if you're buying a classic Ferrari, most experts say to budget as much as \$20,000 more. If you cannot afford to pay for the inevitable initial repairs, then you are going to have trouble with classic car ownership from the start.

### 4. Classic cars make a great investment and I like a sure thing.

There are no sure investments, with the possibly exception of the big-time fine-art world. The classic car market has its ups and downs just like every other market. Buying a car only as an investment is a big mistake. Old cars take care and attention, making them very different from other appreciating assets. Buy a classic car only if you really love and want that car, and only buy a make and model that you love and not purely because you foresee upside potential. Then, no matter what happens with classic car market values, you will still have that car you always wanted.

### 5. I want to buy a car on TV at an auction, like the big shots.

This has got to be the worst reason to buy a classic car, and every year more people buy cars because they want to be seen on television winning a bidding war. This behavior always astounds us, but we have heard so many people boast about having the opportunity to pay too much for a car on TV. If you want to be on TV that badly, figure out another way, possibly by starting a cooking show or applying for a spot on Survivor or Shark Tank.

**If you still decide to buy a classic car,** take a look at these guidelines and make sure none of them apply to you, in which case you probably should decide not to buy.

Always buy a classic car that you love because you want to own it and to drive it, and you should have a terrific experience.

## DID THE CHEVY VEGA DEVELOP FROM THE CORVAIR?

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<https://www.hemmings.com/stories/2021/05/26/did-the-chevrolet-vega-develop-out-of-stalled-plans-for-a-third-generation-corvair>

### Did the Chevrolet Vega develop out of stalled plans for a third-generation Corvair?

*Ask a Hemmings Editor*

By Daniel Strohl on May 26th, 2021 at 8:15 am



1971 Chevrolet Vega 2300 Hatchback Coupe. GM Media photo.

Despite a few commonalities (Ed Cole, aluminum-intensive engines, and maybe a nut and bolt here and there), the Chevrolet Corvair and the Chevrolet Vega were two separate and distinct vehicles. Even though GM employed both in its efforts to push back the tide of imports and to compete in the compact class and one followed more or less right after the other, it's even difficult to say the two shared a predecessor-successor relationship. But could the development of the latter have actually stemmed from the last vestiges of the former?

It's an interesting question, apparently one that H-body fans have often pondered, as David Kelly recently posited in a comment:

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*If Chevy had only put the turbo Corvair drivetrain in (the Vega) as they had originally planned it would have been something.*

We followed up with David, who attributed his comment to two sources. First, he cited the louvers stamped into the decklids of the coupes and on the rear quarters of the station wagons - louvers that he and other Vega fans have occasionally attributed to canceled plans for a rear-engine Vega.



Indeed, the first-generation Corvair coupe and sedan had a louvered decklid, the Corvair station wagon had louvers on its quarter panels, and the second-generation Corvair had openings punched into the panel between the backlite and the decklid. Even the Greenbrier and the other Corvan variants had inlets breaking up their long swaths of sheetmetal.



When it debuted for the 1971 model year, the Vega also had openings stamped into its rear end. The hatchback had them on the hatch aft of the glass, the notchback had them on the decklid, and the wagon had them pretty much where the Corvair wagon had them.

But there's a few holes to poke in this theory that the Vega's poked holes were intended for an air-cooled rear-engine setup. First, how would an engine air inlet have even worked on the hatchback? Second, were the vents actually vestiges of an air-cooled, rear-engine design, that would have meant Chevrolet got as far as tooling up the sheetmetal for a vehicle with that layout, yet none of the Vega's sheetmetal has the proportions for a rear-engine vehicle (not to mention the near-impossibility of making such severe changes as engine location so late in a car's development process within GM).

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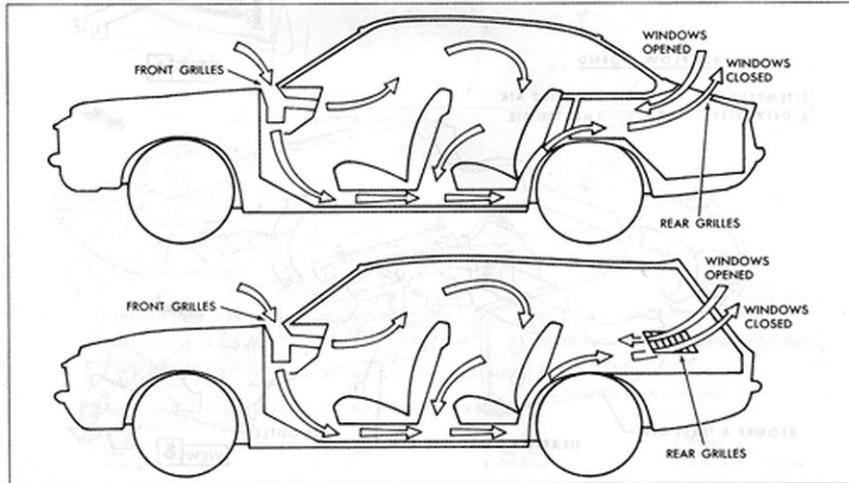


Fig. 2—Air Vent Outlet Grilles

Third, the theory completely ignores that those vents do have a purpose. They were part of the Vega's flow-through ventilation system. Similar vents for the same purpose appeared on 1971 Chevrolet Impalas and full-size cars.

Don Homuth, our resident Corvair expert who has also owned a few Vegas, said that some people do occasionally make the connection between Corvair and Vega due to the aluminum engine blocks in both cars. But as he noted, the Corvair engine "was never intended to be used in any other GM vehicle. It had essentially no parts interchangeability and there was no Vega configuration that would/could have used it."

Don gave us "a definitive no" to answer the question, but David also cited an intriguing second source: [Bob Spinello's Vega history](#), in which Spinello claims that the "earliest Vega proposals dating from 1967 featured a rear engine, which was shelved for fear of association with the troubled Corvair."



XP-887. GM Media image.

## DID THE CHEVY VEGA DEVELOP FROM THE CORVAIR?

Pretty much every history of the Vega's development begins with GM chairman James Roche's announcement of the XP-887 small-car project in October 1968. By that time, as John DeLorean noted in "[On a Clear Day You Can See General Motors](#)," Ed Cole, who was working on his own small-car project using the corporate engineering and design staffs, got GM to approve his project over small-car projects that Chevrolet and Pontiac divisional staff were working on (possibly John Sawruk's mid-engine radial-engine design for Pontiac?).

*The new mini-car was Cole's baby, and it was to be given to Chevrolet to sell. When Roche announced the car, his information came from statistical abstractions. Not one prototype had been built or tested.*

It could very well be that Cole, who was behind the development of the Corvair, initially proposed a similar layout for the pending small-car project. Spinello's history offers no further detail, but if we look at what GM was doing with the Corvair circa 1967, we might find a little more detail.



*Versions of XP-849.*

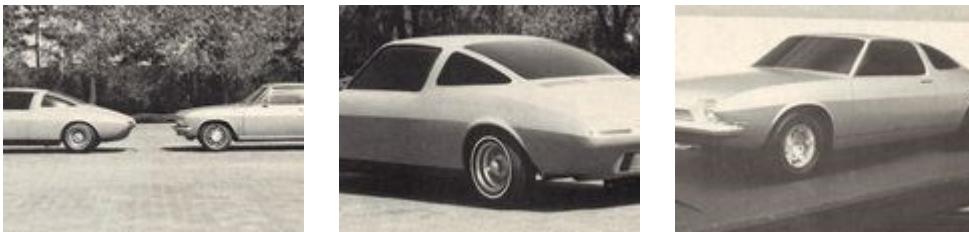
True, by that time GM's brass had killed off the Corvair - not because of anything Ralph Nader had written, but because it couldn't compete on a cost-effective basis against the Ford Mustang. Chevrolet could wring greater profit from the Nova and Camaro and would thus focus its efforts on those cars. But as noted in an April 1982 issue of *Special Interest Autos*, Corvair development actually did continue after the summer 1965 decision to axe the Corvair.



*Versions of XP-873.*

## DID THE CHEVY VEGA DEVELOP FROM THE CORVAIR?

That development continued in the form of three XP cars: XP-849, XP-873, and XP-892. The first, also known as Corvair II and the 197x Corvair, continued to use a rear-engine layout in combination with a fastback body style; first proposed in May 1965, its development continued until June of 1967. The second, a front-engine fastback, was positioned against Volkswagen's sportier vehicles; its development lasted from January 1967 through August 1967. The third, definitely rear-engine and possibly to be powered by a Chevy II 153-cu.in. four-cylinder engine (not the Iron Duke), had a development lifespan of March 1968 through June 1968 and probably gave us the earliest glimpse at the colonnade body style of the Seventies.



*Versions of XP-892.*

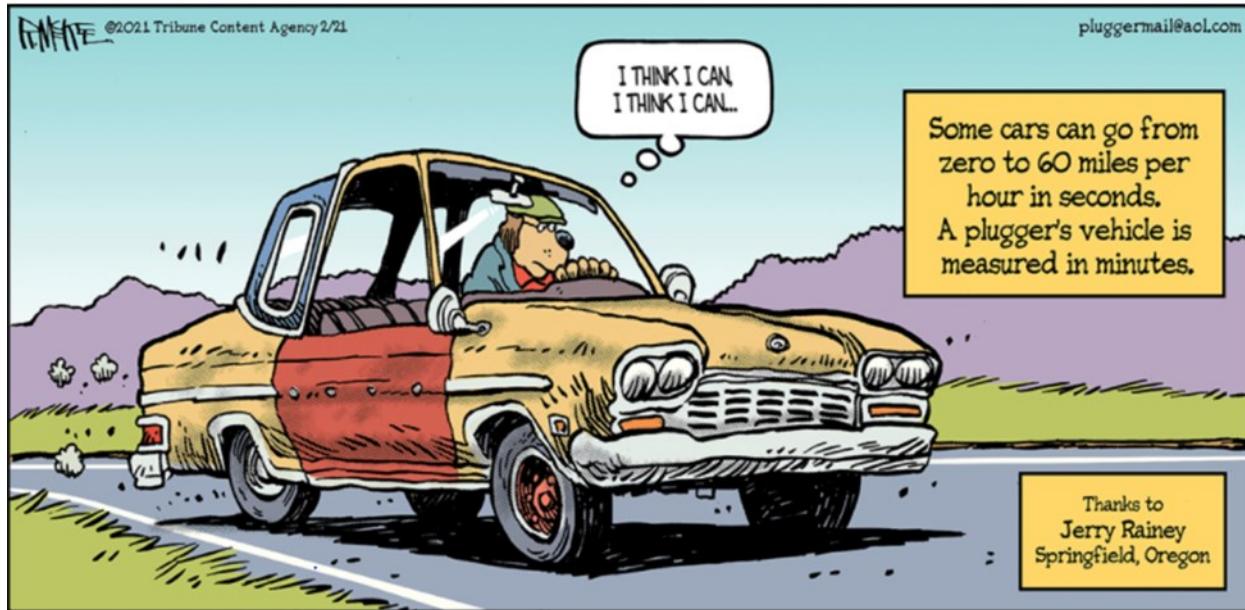
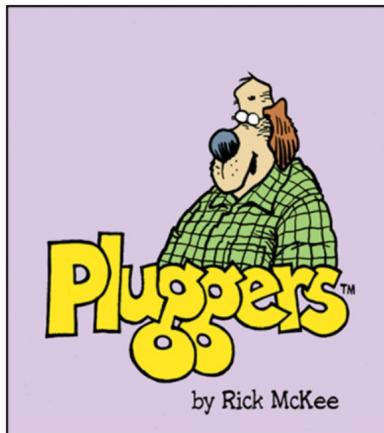
We've noted before that GM's XP numbers generally progressed chronologically, but often skipped around, so the fact that the XP-887 Vega development project falls right among those three third-generation Corvair proposals doesn't necessarily indicate their development overlapped. The timelines, however, do indicate that all three were under development either while Cole was working on his small-car proposal or while GM staff under Jim Musser were developing the XP-887 Vega.

Still not a smoking gun, of course. In a corporation as large as GM, dozens if not hundreds of projects go on simultaneously and in parallel. Even if there were a connection, it doesn't tell us exactly how any of those third-generation Corvair proposals became the Vega. It's possible Cole had a hand in one of those XP projects or used one as his inspiration for the XP-887, but without further proof, we can't definitively make that connection.



**DRIP QUIPS**

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If you have a fun, amusing, touching or interesting story or picture you think can bring a smile, an 'aaaaah' or an 'eek', please send your submission to [karmknecht@msn.com](mailto:karmknecht@msn.com), attention: Drip Quips.

## 2021 PPCC Activities Calendar

All club events will be noted on the Club's interactive calendar, located on our website, <https://pikespeakcorvairclub.wixsite.com/ppcc/calendar>. It is our sincere hope that 2021 provides more opportunities to get our cars out in the public eye. As events are scheduled, you will be notified, and the activities calendar will be updated.

- C Saturday, August 7, CCCC Rocky Mountain Airport Car Show and Swap Meet:** 8:00—2:00, Rocky Mountain Metro Airport, 11755 Airport way, Broomfield, Colorado 80021. Information available [here](#)
- M Sunday, August 15, PPCC Club Meeting:** 9:30 a.m., Valley Hi Golf Course, 610 S. Chelton Road, Colorado Springs, CO and via Zoom. Arrive early if you'd like to eat breakfast before / during the meeting.
- C Saturday, August 21, Holy Rollers Car Show:** 9:00—2:00, Broomfield, Colorado. Registration form and additional information available [here](#)
- C/A Sunday, August 22, Wheels & Wings Show and Lunch, Centennial, CO:** This show will have a variety of vintage cars and airplanes. All Corvairs will be on the apron at the air field. Plan to arrive at 11:00 to get in place, and then the show runs until 2:00 pm. Lunch arrangements have been made at The Perfect Landing Restaurant or you can choose to eat at a food truck which will also be there. Museum tour from 12:00—2:00, lunch at Perfect Landing Restaurant, 2:00. (If you arrive for lunch before 2:00 earlier, just mention 'Corvair Club'.)
- C/A Friday—Sunday, August 27-29, Hot Rod Rock & Rumble:** Pikes Peak International Raceway—Fountain, Colorado. Information available [here](#)
- C Saturday, August 28, 12:00—4:00, First Annual Car and Motorcycle Show, St. Lukes United Methodist Church :** St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 8817 S. Broadway, Highlands Ranch, CO 80129. Registration and details available [here](#). See flier at the end of The Drip Line.
- C Saturday, September 11, Woodland Park.** More information available soon [here](#).
- C Sunday, September 12, 38th Annual Colorado Concours d'Elegance & Exotic Sports Car Show:** Arapahoe Community College. Registration and detailed information on this fund raiser event are available [here](#). Please contact John Green if interested in showing your car. We have a limited number of spaces.
- M Sunday, September 19, PPCC Club Meeting:** 9:30 a.m., Valley Hi Golf Course, 610 S. Chelton Road, Colorado Springs, CO and via Zoom. Arrive early if you'd like to eat breakfast before / during the meeting.
- C Saturday, September 25: "The Crusin' Into Fall" Harvest Festival,** 10:00—5:00, Arkansas Valley Fair Grounds, 800 N 9th St, Rocky Ford, CO. This show will benefit Tri-County Family Care Center, Inc. Entry is \$20 per car. Detailed contact information is available [here](#).
- M Sunday, October 17, PPCC Club Meeting:** 9:30 a.m., location TBA.

**Key: M—Meeting; C—Car Show; A—Activity**

## 2021 PPCC Activities Calendar

**C/A Friday—Sunday, October 15-17, Tri-State Meet:** Corvairs of New Mexico is pleased to welcome all Corvair enthusiasts to the annual meet on October 15-17, 2021, sponsored by Corvairs New Mexico, Rocky Mountain Corsa and Pikes Peak Corvair Clubs. Every year we get together to celebrate the unique automobile that is the Corvair. We show our cars, meet new people, renew acquaintances, exchange tips, and have fun. We have been planning this event for over a year and hope everyone who attends will enjoy the meet itself, as well as the many attractions Albuquerque has to offer. Registration, Schedule and detailed information available [here](#)

**C/A Friday—Sunday, October 22-24, 2021 Fan Belt Toss:** This event is in the planning stages and is scheduled for OCT 22-24 in Palm Springs. Hopefully, we will be seeing more info on this soon. Vintage Corsa of Orange County, CA is taking the lead on the planning with other SoCal clubs pitching in to help in assigned areas of the Toss.

**M Sunday, November 21, PPCC Club Meeting:** 9:30 a.m., location TBA.

**M Sunday, December 19, PPCC Club Meeting:** 9:30 a.m., location TBA.

### *Recurring Local Events:*

**Stocker's Car Shows:** 10:30—1:00 every second Saturday of the month, June 12, July 10, August 14, September 11 weather permitting. Event is held at the Havana Grill Authentic Cuban Cuisine, 2165 Academy Place, Colorado Springs (the east side of Academy between Maizeland and Constitution.) Watch the Stocker's Facebook page for updated information [here](#)

**Second Saturdays of the Month, Year-Round, 12pm—3pm: "Littleton Cruise",** 1500 W Littleton Blvd, Littleton, CO. Hot rods and muscle cars. Convertibles and hard tops. Oversized tires and custom-painted flames. Join us year round as we cruise Littleton Boulevard every second Saturday of the month at the Woodlawn Shopping Center located in the heart of Littleton, Colorado. For more info on the cruise, check out their website [here](#)

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## Corvair Partners & Local Businesses Which PPCC Members Have Frequented with Positive Results

With so many new members joining the Club, we felt it might be a good time to (re)educate folks on where they can obtain reliable parts and service for their Corvairs, both near and far.

Here are just a few of the companies our members have had good luck with in the past.

*NOTE: These are only recommendations only, as we do not solicit sponsors for the Club, or the newsletter. So, do your own research as well.*





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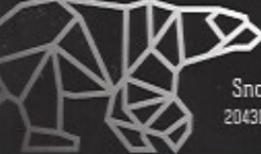



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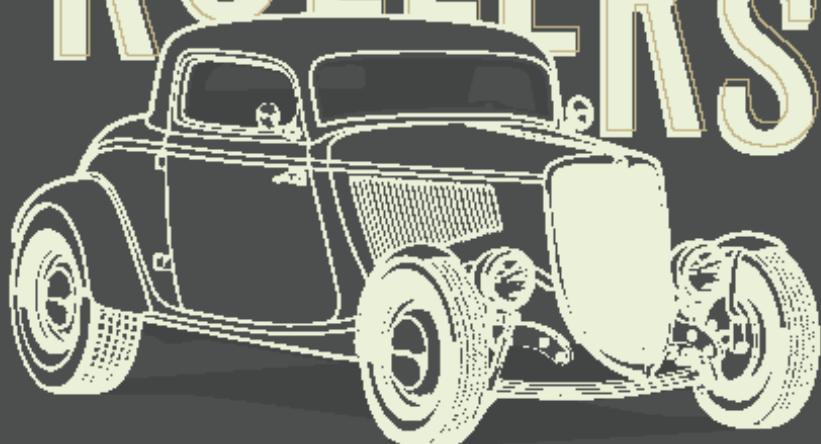


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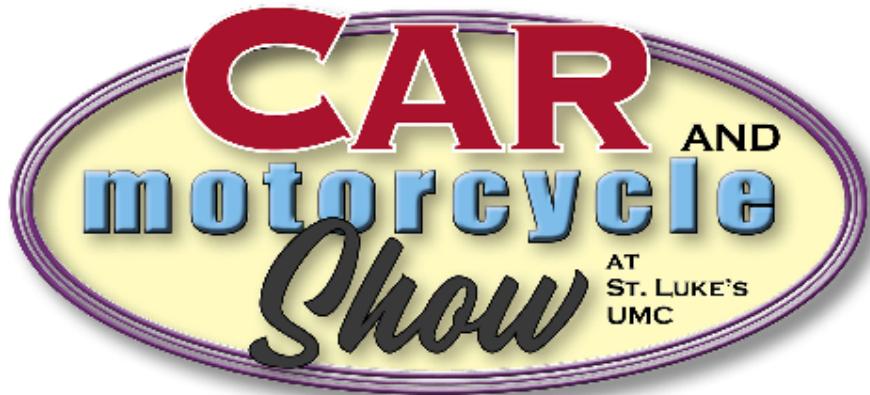
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# The Drip Line



The next meeting of the Pike's Peak Corvair Club will be September 19, 9:30 a.m. at Valley Hi Golf Course, 610 S. Chelton Road, Colorado Springs—plan to arrive early if you wish to eat before / during the meeting.

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**PAST PRESIDENT'S GLOVEBOX**

By John Green  
PPCC Past President

Hello all,

If you have not heard, due to some unfortunate circumstances, as of Aug 18th, 2021 I have stepped down as your club president.



Your board moving forward is fully capable of representing you. As always, every October people can step up and nominate themselves or others (with their permission) to be on the board. All positions are always open, while some current members indicate they will step up if no one volunteers. It is essential that club members consider taking on a leadership position. Our club cannot continue if members do not step up to serve. As of now, we will need a Secretary for certain. And, while not a board position, we will be in need of a newsletter editor after the December issue is published. I can't speak to the other positions, but I am certain that current board members will welcome anyone interested in serving!

There are many fun events coming up. PPCC is dedicated to work as a club to continue with our purpose to promote the acquisition, preservation, restoration, exhibition, and enjoyment of Corvairs. Check the activities calendar below and join in to help accomplish this purpose!

Please let a board representative, or Chris as the Activities Chair, know if you are interested in any upcoming events. That way they can make appropriate notifications and registrations.

It has been my honor to have served as your club president this year, and in 2019. I will continue enjoying the Corvair life and hopefully will see you at events.

John



**ACTING PRESIDENT MESSAGE: ALWAYS LEARNING**Submitted by  
Jerry Peevyhouse

Happy back to school days! It seems like summer is sorta winding down now that the kiddos are returning to school (seems like it's earlier and earlier every year, what's up with that?) Anyway, it's still nice out there and will hopefully stay that way for the remaining events on the schedule, certainly nice now to just get out and drive your Corvair around.



Even for those of us not returning to school (dare say all of us ☺), we are always learning new things and having new experiences. Since I've retired and began my Corvair restore, it seems like every day I learn something new about how to work on, repair, improve, or correct something on my car. It's far from over and complete, but that is the way it should be. We improve, but not perfect. We modify to make it better, but still there is always something more that could be done. I think for most of us there is this pesky limitation of money. Darn that checkbook ☺.

Sometimes there are some really new and inventive things that are done to shake things up a bit. One of those inventive and creative

things I learned about recently involves a cool modification to an RV-6A aircraft, a kit-build aircraft from Vans Aircraft. My brother-in-law (a small aircraft pilot) recently returned from the Oshkosh Fly-in this year in Oshkosh and shared a story of a couple who converted their single engine experimental kit RV-6 aircraft into a twin-engine RV-6, and flew it to Oshkosh. Photos of the before and after.




## Upcoming Meeting Dates

### Upcoming Meetings

**Sunday, September 19, PPCC Club Meeting:** 9:30 a.m. Valley Hi Golf Club, 610 S. Chelton Road, Colorado Springs (and on Zoom)

**Sunday, October 17, PPCC Club Meeting:** 9:30 a.m. Location TBD.

**Sunday, November 21, PPCC Club Meeting:** 9:30 a.m. Location TBD.

**ACTING PRESIDENT MESSAGE: ALWAYS LEARNING**Submitted by  
Jerry Peevyhouse

Interesting, but the real story is the engines, both are corvair engines, rebuilt with aviation-grade parts, including new crankshafts making them viable for flight. Not sure of the engine displacement, but they easily can get 175mp cruising speed from these engines. Each engine feeds from its own gas tank with no tank transfer between the two. He didn't want fuel going through the cabin. Good choice keeping the systems simple.

So even though we are not in "school", it is important to learn just one new thing each day. That keeps the brain juices flowing and for me makes retirement from "work" not retirement from learning. Almost better than the "apple a day keeps the doctor away" adage is "one new fact a day helps the brain to stay". Humm, that may be lame, sorry ☺.

Hope to see you guys at events and club meetings, where we can share tidbits of things learned. Tell me one new thing you learned when we get together.

Happy Driving,

Jerry



Every Corvair owner needs their own Reserved parking sign. Pictured are Jerry and KeithAnn Peevyhouse at the August club meeting at Valley Hi Golf club.

## MEETING MINUTES- August 15, 2021

Valley Hi Golf Club and via Zoom

Submitted By  
Mary Ellen Feasel, PPCC Secretary

Called to order 9:35 am by John Green. Thirteen members present, 12 in person, 1 via zoom.

M

Introduced new members Jeff and Tanya. Jeff gave an overview on the cars they have.

E

Minutes approved from last meeting.

E

Treasurers report-Copies of the Treasurer's report are available upon request. Received dues payment at meeting, and expecting a membership remittance.

T

Mail-all that was received was a flyer for a car show in Limon on August 28. John Green has the flyer if you want more info.

I

N

Wilshire picnic is today.

G

The Rocky Mountain Airport event had 2000 people in attendance. An airshow took place. Five Corvairs were on display. Lots of other cars. Mike Piper, Ken Schiftner and Dusty Dodge were in attendance as were Jim Reich and Marcus Miller from RMC.

Castle Pines car show in Castle Rock had 98 cars there, mostly vintage.

Centennial Airport car show next Sunday, August 22. Show up at 11:00 a.m., show is 12-2. Corvair owner plus one guest gets into the museum free. Lunch at Perfect Landing following shows. Car Show is on the apron. Vintage planes are expected to attend as well. Ken needs the number of cars that will be attending by May 20.

M

I

Prospects of a National Convention in Colorado Springs were discussed.

N

Mike Hall, CORSA president, has communicated that CORSA would like a National Convention in Colorado in 2024. The Springs is the favored site vs. Denver.

U

Search is on for a host hotel.

T

Would need Chairman's for various aspects of the event. Concourse will be run by a Chair, Awards, Moving Rallies, Printer. No upfront money needed.

E

Publicity, thru the local car clubs and the Communiqué, is needed to keep it in the spotlight after the 2023 National.

S

CORSA will negotiate the hotel rates. Let hotel arrange the tours.

RMC has experience with a National Convention, possibly those members can mentor PPCC members in the arranging.

The survey Ken put out earlier had 15 responses, 14 yes, 1 no. Help is there, we think. Handbook exists for setting up a convention thru CORSA. It's online. Hospitality area at hotel will need bodies to man.

**MEETING MINUTES- August 15, 2021****Valley Hi Golf Club and via Zoom**

Submitted By

Mary Ellen Feasel, PPCC Secretary

If the prospective host hotel is sold while under contract with CORSA, they are obligated to find another venue for this event.

Need bid to CORSA ASAP with dates. Eric of RMC has the details of what needs to be done.

From those present there is interest, now that they have more information.

Another survey will go out with information on what help will be needed, and asking who would be interested in volunteering, as chairmen or as support staff.

PPCC board needs to propose to club membership if we should go forward and commit to the Convention.

On to new business....

Christmas party will be at Biaggi's on December 12 at 1 p.m. Appetizers and non-alcoholic drinks will be covered by club. Menu is still being discussed. More info to come.

Centennial airport event next Sunday. Info above.

Concourse is Sept. 12. So far eleven Corvairs will be there. Event benefits Ability Connection.

Florence Pioneer Days parade is Sept. 18. Theme for parade is "The Way They Played." See John's email for details.

Car Show in Parker on Sept. 18 at the MorningStar Living Center 8:30-12:30 am.

Old Colorado Springs car show is Sept. 19 9am-3pm.

Discussed Fall drive and where to go. Eleven Mile Reservoir route, Alma, Fairplay and Buena Vista were suggested. Based on the beautiful trip last year to Victor it was decided to do that route again. Mark your calendars for Sept. 25.

Tri-State in October. Only a few present were going. Green's stayed at host hotel last month and said it was a nice place.

Proposed a road trip to Pueblo and the visit the aircraft museum ?????? in early November. More to come on that.

Tech stuff-John has sent out emails about cars for sale by various people.

Fuel pump from the club stash at the Feasels was offered to the group. Jerry snagged it.

Adjourned 11:00 am.

## TECH TIP: KEEPING THINGS CLEAN

Submitted By  
Steve Goodman

Keeping your car clean is sort of a 'gimme' because we all want the outside shiny and the carpet vacuumed and glass clear.

How about the engine? Many owners will wash/wax/vacuum and even use vinyl protection on dash pad but tend to shy away from washing the engine. Granted having the ignition get wet at a car wash will ruin a few minutes BUT if the engine is warm the water will evaporate quickly. Also carrying a screwdriver and towel will easily wipe inside of distributor cap.

Keeping the engine clean on top and underneath helps it run cooler. The oil/dirt acts as an insulation on the cooling tin.

Plus onlookers and the curious want to see the engine so the top needs to be fairly clean. While washing the car crouch down while the hot/soapy water is on and point upwards to bottom of engine/oil pan area. Any road residue or maybe a mild oil leak will vanish and if you really have an oil leak it will easily show now and you know which seal/gasket to replace. NO NEED for extra pressure, just let the hot soapy water work. (no need to rinse either)

One other place that needs periodical (for most drivers today only once at springtime each year) cleaning is the oil cooler. The oil cooler is the air cooled engine radiator. It is under the generator or alternator. The cover needs to be removed. It is held in place typically by 2 5/16" head sheet metal screws. Remove the screws and lift the lid. Of course you are doing this with the engine off and you should also include some kind of small brush in your tool kit to clear any debris from the top of oil cooler fins. Leave the top off while washing the engine and direct the nozzle downward so hot/soapy water is pushed through the fins (again NO need for extra water pressure or rinse). Remind yourself to keep the cover and screws in a safe place while washing the engine. The time spraying through the oil cooler only needs to be 15-30 seconds.

After you have finished drying the car and cleaning water droplets from glass the engine will be cool enough to re-install the oil cooler cover. If by chance the engine is still too hot to be around just wait until engine has cooled in your garage and install cover. You can get away with a few miles of driving with the cover off at slower speeds. In fact the car should be driven for several miles to ensure it is dry in the corners etc before parking for the night or longer.

OH, the small suggestion I saved until last: I wash many customers engines and by the time I have driven to the car wash the engine is warm BUT I let it idle when I am washing the car. That way the engine has the heat working to make water dry quickly if I get the distributor cap wet or the wiring plugs/connections wet. I still carry screwdriver and paper towel as a precaution. ENJOY YOUR CORVAIR



## ROCKY MOUNTAIN AIR SHOW

Submitted By  
Mike Piper

On Saturday, August 7, 2021 the Collector Car Council of Colorado sponsored a show at the Rocky Mountain Metropolitan Airport.

The weather was bordering on hot and it was one of the worst pollution days in the world that day. We couldn't see the mountains due to all the forest fire smoke blowing in.



The Corvair cars were a white Corvair Spyder convertible owned by Rick Beets, a yellow Monza convertible owned by Ken Schiffner, a mist blue '65 Monza sedan owned by Dusty Dodge, a blue green '64 Monza convertible owned by Marcus Miller, a blue and white (rare) Corvair 8-door Greenbriar van owned by Jim Reich and a red and white, '65 Corsa Convertible owned by Mike & Karen Piper.

There was a large variety of cars, some static model airplanes and some live flyovers and a few stunt performances by aircraft. Smoke and weather aside, a great time was had by all!

## CRIPPLE CREEK

Submitted By  
Christine Kimberly

This year the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Cripple Creek All Corvair Car Show took place on July 24<sup>th</sup>, sponsored by the Cripple Creek Historical Mining Museum. This particular weekend was also Pioneer Days and Pearl DeVere Days. A total of thirteen Corvairs lined up in the Museum parking lot early Saturday morning.



Those attending included Jon & Debbie Anderson, PPCC, with their '65 500; Mike & Karen Piper, PPCC and RMC, with their '65 140 Corsa Convertible; Kory & Gail Levin, PPCC & RMC, with their '66 Monza; Randy Karl, PPCC, with his '68 Monza; Chris Kimberly, PPCC & RMC, with her '64 Monza Convertible; Tony & Diane Lawler, PPCC & RMC, with their '63 Rampside and their '66 Corsa; Rick Beets, Charlie & Jessica Beets, PPCC & RMC, with his '63 150 Turbo Spyder Convertible; Gary & Patricia Fox, PPCC & RMC, with their '69 Monza; Jeff Addams & Tanya Boudreau, PPCC, with their '61 Lakewood; John & Kathy Green (their son and daughter-in-law), PPCC & RMC, with their '61 Lakewood & their '68 Monza; and John & Larry Neal, PPCC, with his '64 Spyder Convertible.

The day was full of energy on the ground....visitors and Corvair owners chatting up the cars, with the occasional drizzling rain falling from the sky

**CRIPPLE CREEK**Submitted By  
Christine Kimberly

with a bit of sunshine in-between. Everyone was invited to vote for their favorite car and drop their vote in the sealed ballot box. It was quickly apparent that the Lawler's Rampy was the center of attention and votes! It had been placed front and center in the parking lot and no one could miss its beautiful restoration done to perfection.

Late in the morning, some of us walked a block over to watch the annual Pearl DeVere Bed Races. That was quite entertaining. Yummy BBQ was available for a reasonable price with chips and a drink. Delicious BBQ.

Around 3:00, a huge gray cloud came through, cutting the show short with its lightning, and rumbling thunder. All the cars were quickly driven to be safe and dry in the parking garage just before the heavy rain let loose!

The ballots were tallied, and the winner of the People's Choice Trophy was Tony and Diane Lawler for their beautiful '63 Rampside. The merchant sponsors also gave a Sponsors Award and it was awarded to Mike and Karen Piper for their stunning '65 140 Corsa Convertible. Congratulations to both the Lawlers and Pipers!!



Thank you to everyone for coming out for this fun show and hope to see more folks out next year!

## WINGS AND WHEELS EVENT

Submitted By  
Kathy Green

We had a nice showing of car at the Wings and Wheels event at the Exploration of Flight museum at Centennial airport. While it was a warm day, we were pleased and surprised that we were invited to park our vehicles inside the display hangar. The air conditioning was appreciated. 11 Corvair's were shown, representing sedans, coupes, convertibles, wagons and rampsides. We also had a nice mixture of early and late models.

Present at the event were: Rick Beets, guests Becky & Rod Begger, Rob Brereton, John Dawson (RMC), Steve Goodman, John & Kathy Green, Christine Kimberly, Korey Levin, Chris & Denise Newnan, Jerry & KeithAnn Peevyhouse and Ken Schiffner (who spearheaded the event), and Jon Whiteley (RMC).

The staff at the museum were extremely gracious. They welcomed us enthusiastically, helped us get settled in, 'toured' all of the cars, and even provided coupons to each driver for a free lunch! The museum has a number of interesting displays. Of particular popularity was the flight simulator. One of the staff at the museum was a flight instructor. It was interesting to watch our illustrious acting President, Jerry, land with a five mile cross wind. We all agreed we preferred him with both feet on the ground!

We had numerous museum visitors come and see our cars. There was a wonderful amount of happy conversation, and the usual 'my \_\_\_\_\_ (insert dad, mom, uncle, grandma, buddy, etc.) used to have a Corvair and we \_\_\_\_\_ (insert happy adventures and memories)'. Steve Goodman noted that there were many Corvair owners and past owners and a couple of wannabe owners that he talked to. Steve saw several current customers and a couple of owners who got inspired to get back to work on their cars. There were also a couple of past club members from 80's who visited the display.



Lunch followed at The Perfect Landing Restaurant for those who wanted the adventure to continue. A great time was had by all!!

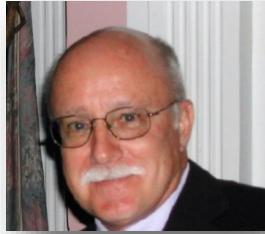
**Left:** Corvairs on Display  
**Below:** Jerry, doing his best World War I Flying Ace impersonation



## BANTER: A TOAST TO WRENCH TURNERS!

Submitted By  
Ken Schiffner

Back in college, I used to read Mad Magazine. Doing so was like a lozenge to sooth the sore throat of too much studying.



Mad Magazine had off beat articles, intended to be satirical, clever, and/or funny, that stood in contrast to day to day thought and activities. I sometimes identified with Alfred E. Neuman, the "What Me Worry" guy. Other readers must have enjoyed the same "release" since the magazine was popular.

I recall one article. I believe the article had as its basis a travelogue for a trip in Russia. A portion mentioned a statue erected for a comrade at a tractor factory. The comrade, a "wrench turner", had set a single day record of diligently applying thousands of nuts to thousands of bolts. The Russian government rewarded the achievement with the statue.

But the statue didn't show the worker. Nope. Above the concrete base, high above it simply showed....a nut.



The caption read that the statue wasn't erected for the wrench turning achievement but for the worker's mental condition.

Now, among the Corvair "comrades" we have wrench turners and some who would rather not. The wrench turners get their enjoyment from loosening, tightening the nuts that hold the Corvair together. Some do this to race their vehicles. Some do this to drive and show their vehicles. Some do it to just escape from day-to-day activities. Like a lozenge.

But there are no statues for Corvair wrench turners. If there were, I think the statue wouldn't have the "nut". The base might be carved to depict and

honor the Tech Guides. Above it might show two tools the Corvair wrench turners commonly use...

A 9/16" and 1/2" wrench.



## PPCC NEEDS YOU!!



PPCC and the SeeMore committee are seeking volunteers to serve as backup drivers for Tony Lawler for transporting SeeMore to events. Ideally these volunteers would have a vehicle capable of pulling SeeMore in its trailer to events (mileage to and from events will be reimbursed). However, if you're willing and have experience towing a trailer, PPCC could potentially rent a vehicle to be used in towing SeeMore.

We are also seeking volunteer(s) who would be willing to provide storage space for SeeMore in its trailer over the winter. If you would be willing to step up to help with either of these service opportunities, please contact a Board member.

**TRI-STATE**Submitted By  
Kathy Green

Corvairs of New Mexico is pleased to welcome all Corvair enthusiasts to the annual meet on October 15-17, 2021, sponsored by CNM, Rocky Mountain Corsa and Pikes Peak Corvair Clubs. Every year we get together to celebrate the unique automobile that is the Corvair. We show our cars, meet new people, renew acquaintances, exchange tips, and have fun. We have been planning this event for over a year and hope everyone who attends will enjoy the meet itself, as well as the many attractions Albuquerque has to offer. Registration and detailed schedule information are available [here](#).

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**Tri-State 2021 Featured Speaker: Harrison Schmitt**

Harrison Hagan Schmitt is a native New Mexican born in the small village of Santa Rita in southwestern New Mexico. He is best known as one of the small group of men who have walked on the Moon as a NASA astronaut. He was the first NASA scientist-astronaut and only geologist to enter space and walk on the Moon in December 1972, as the Lunar Module Pilot of Apollo 17. He was the 12<sup>th</sup> and most recent astronaut to step on the Moon. Harrison Schmitt also served as an instructor in geology and navigation for other Apollo astronauts, and he continues to play an active role in documenting the geologic finds from the Apollo program.

In 1975, Harrison Schmitt resigned from NASA and was elected to the U.S. Senate, serving New Mexico until 1983. Among his other duties during his Senate tenure, he was Chairman of the Science, Technology & Space Subcommittee. Since leaving the Senate, Harrison Schmitt has consulted in business, geology, aerospace and public policy. He also is an Associate Fellow and former adjunct professor of engineering physics at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, chaired the NASA Advisory Council, was a long-time Director of Orbital ATK Corporation, and currently serves on the User Advisor Group of the Vice-President's National Space Council.

**Mecum auction Corvairs sold from collection of Rueban Ezekial of Miami**  
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1967 Chevrolet Corvair 500 Sport Coupe  
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LOT T177  
1961 Chevrolet Corvair Lakewood 700 Station Wagon  
85 HP, Automatic

LOT T178  
1960 Chevrolet Corvair 700 Deluxe Sedan  
140/80 HP, Automatic

LOT T179  
1965 Chevrolet Corvair Sport Coupe  
164/110 HP, Automatic

LOT T180  
1961 Chevrolet Corvair Rampside  
110 HP, Automatic

LOT T181  
1960 Chevrolet Corvair 700 Sedan  
2.3L, Automatic

LOT T182  
1964 Chevrolet Corvair 500 Club Coupe  
164/95 HP, 3-Speed

LOT T183  
1965 Chevrolet Corvair Corsa Convertible  
140 HP, 4-Speed

LOT T184  
1966 Chevrolet Corvair Sport Sedan  
2.7L/110 HP, Automatic

LOT T185  
1962 Chevrolet Corvair 95 Panel Van  
145/80 HP, Automatic

LOT T186  
1969 Chevrolet Corvair Monza 2.7L, Automatic

LOT T187  
1964 Chevrolet Corvair Monza Sedan  
164/95 HP, 4-Speed

LOT T188  
1963 Chevrolet Corvair Deluxe Rampside  
80 HP, 4-Speed

LOT T189  
1968 Chevrolet Corvair 500 Sport Coupe  
164/110 HP, Automatic

## DRIP QUIPS

I love that the car is described as 'frisky'!

If you have a fun, amusing, touching or interesting story or picture you think can bring a smile, an 'aaaaah' or an 'eek', please send your submission to [karmknecht@msn.com](mailto:karmknecht@msn.com), attention: Drip Quips.

## 2021 PPCC Activities Calendar

All club events will be noted on the Club's interactive calendar, located on our website, <https://pikespeakcorvairclub.wixsite.com/ppcc/calendar>. It is our sincere hope that 2021 provides more opportunities to get our cars out in the public eye. As events are scheduled, you will be notified, and the activities calendar will be updated.



**Saturday, September 11, Woodland Park.** More information available soon [here](#).



**Sunday, September 12, 38th Annual Colorado Concours d'Elegance & Exotic Sports Car Show:** Arapahoe Community College. Registration and detailed information on this fund raiser event are available [here](#).



**Saturday, September 18, Florence Pioneer Days Parade:** Parade begins at 10:00 a.m. Car owners are invited to show their cars in the park after the parade. The parade theme this year is "The Way They Played", showcasing entertainment of the past. More information is available [here](#).

**M**

**Sunday, September 19, PPCC Club Meeting:** 9:30 a.m., Valley Hi Golf Course, 610 S. Chelton Road, Colorado Springs, CO and via Zoom. Arrive early if you'd like to eat breakfast before / during the meeting.



**Sunday, September 19, Old Colorado City Car Show:** Information coming soon. Watch for details [here](#)

**A**

**Saturday, September 25, Annual Fall Drive:** We're planning to head back to Victor this year. Details on time, lunch options, meet up location, etc. coming soon!



**Saturday, September 25: "The Crusin' Into Fall" Harvest Festival,** 10:00—5:00, Arkansas Valley Fair Grounds, 800 N 9th St, Rocky Ford, CO. This show will benefit Tri-County Family Care Center, Inc. Entry is \$20 per car. Detailed contact information is available [here](#).

**M**

**Sunday, October 17, PPCC Club Meeting:** 9:30 a.m., location TBA.



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**Friday—Sunday, October 22-24, 2021 Fan Belt Toss:** This event is in the planning stages and is scheduled for OCT 22-24 in Palm Springs. Hopefully, we will be seeing more info on this

**Key: M—Meeting; —Car Show; A—Activity**

## 2021 PPCC Activities Calendar

soon. Vintage Corsa of Orange County, CA is taking the lead on the planning with other SoCal clubs pitching in to help in assigned areas of the Toss.

- M **Sunday, November 21, PPCC Club Meeting:** 9:30 a.m., location TBA.
- A **Sunday, December 12, PPCC Holiday Party:** 1:00 p.m., Biaggi's Italian Ristorante, 1805 Briar-gate Parkway, Colorado Springs, CO. We'll hold our traditional Yankee Gift Exchange, receive donations for Toys for Tots, and hold our officer election for the 2022 calendar year. Please plan to join us. Details on reservations and cost coming soon!
- M **Sunday, December 19, PPCC Club Meeting:** 9:30 a.m., location TBA.

***Recurring Local Events:***

**Stocker's Car Shows:** 10:30—1:00 every second Saturday of the month, June 12, July 10, August 14, September 11 weather permitting. Event is held at the Havana Grill Authentic Cuban Cuisine, 2165 Academy Place, Colorado Springs (the east side of Academy between Maizeland and Constitution.) Watch the Stocker's Facebook page for updated information [here](#)

**Second Saturdays of the Month, Year-Round, 12pm–3pm:** “Littleton Cruise”, 1500 W Littleton Blvd, Littleton, CO. Hot rods and muscle cars. Convertibles and hard tops. Oversized tires and custom-painted flames. Join us year round as we cruise Littleton Boulevard every second Saturday of the month at the Woodlawn Shopping Center located in the heart of Littleton, Colorado. For more info on the cruise, check out their website [here](#)

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## Corvair Partners & Local Businesses Which PPCC Members Have Frequented with Positive Results

With so many new members joining the Club, we felt it might be a good time to (re)educate folks on where they can obtain reliable parts and service for their Corvairs, both near and far.

Here are just a few of the companies our members have had good luck with in the past.

*NOTE: These are only recommendations only, as we do not solicit sponsors for the Club, or the newsletter. So, do your own research as well.*

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**PPCC  
Admin**

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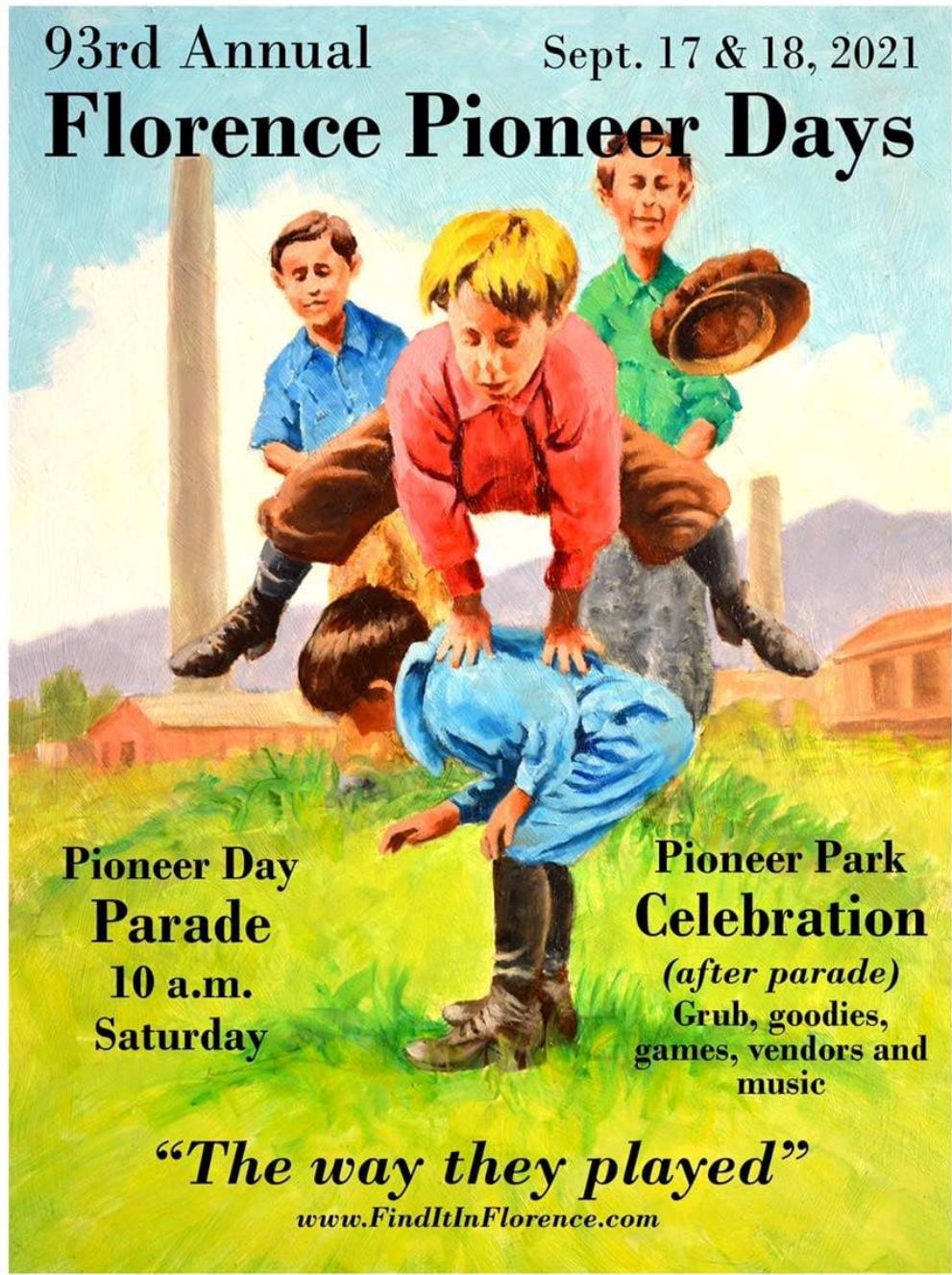
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October 15-17, 2021



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The raffle runs through June 4, 2022 with the drawing taking place on June 5, 2022. You don't need to be present for the drawing.

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# The Drip Line



The next meeting of the Pike's Peak Corvair Club will be Sunday, October 17 at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom for those not attending Tri-State. Please note the 9:00 start time. Zoom information will be sent out prior to the meeting.



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**On The Cover:** Some of the beautiful Corvair's on display at the 38th Annual Colorado Concours D'Elegance & Exotic Sports car show on September 12, 2021. Information on participants and awards follow in *The Drip Line*.

**ACTING PRESIDENT'S GLOVEBOX**

By Jerry Peevyhouse  
Acting President

Happy Fall to all,

Yes, it's officially fall, with the Autumn Equinox just happening on Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1:21pm. Not sure anyone noticed the equal day and night that day, but I think we all are noticing the days are getting shorter, the air is crisper in the evenings, and even some of the leaves are beginning to turn. Great time to get some more Corvair driving in before some of us winter our cars. The club's Fall Drive to Victor and beyond is happening on Sat. the 25<sup>th</sup>, so a number of club members will chase down (hopefully) some fall color change and get some fun driving time in the mountains.

We've had a number of car show events this summer, including the recent Concours D'Elegance car show in Littleton where we had a good turnout of cars and some great weather. More on the show in the newsletter article, but just a note that this was my first Concours show and we had a great time meeting



lots of folks who had (of course) their own Corvair stories. Sadly, the Old Colorado City car show was cancelled again this year, but hopefully next year we'll be rid of this Covid thing and we'll be back to having all the regular cars shows. Thankfully, the Tri-State in Albuquerque coming up next month is still on and a number of club members will be traveling there for some great car show events and some great Chili Relleno's and Sopapillas ☺. Because the last day of the show is on Sunday the 17<sup>th</sup> of Oct., our normal club meeting day, we will have the club meeting there at 9:00 am with the attendees, and set up a Zoom meeting for all others to join in on the meeting.

Looking ahead, our PPCC Holiday Party is set for Sunday Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00pm at Biaggi's in the Briargate Shopping Center. More details will follow later, including reservation details and cost, just place it on your calendar for now. This is an important meeting, as this is the meeting where we elect our club officers for 2022, as well as having

## GLOVEBOX, cont.

Submitted by  
Jerry Peevyhouse

some fun with Yankee gift exchange and bringing toys for the Toys for Tots campaign.

On the subject of election of next year's officers, please consider volunteering for one of the positions, as any of the positions are open for nominations. Positions for sure that will be vacant for next year are Secretary and Vice President. Randy indicated he would remain as Treasurer. If you want to nominate someone else, please talk with them first, but if you want to nominate yourself, just talk to yourself (that's ok 😊). Talk to current board members if you want to find out what's involved. Speaking as a relatively new member, I have enjoyed making new friends, stretching myself a bit, and learning through doing.

It's not too early to be thinking about membership renewals coming up after the first of the year, and in inviting new members to join. We've had several recent

new members and it seems that a big factor in attracting new members is people attending the car shows and finding out about us. Are there other opportunities we are missing?

Lastly, speaking of opportunities, we are still in need of someone else besides Tony who can haul SeeMore around next year to some of the events and shows we'll be taking him to. He is trailered in a 22' trailer, with electric brakes. We really need this alternate transportation source since Tony is not always free to take SeeMore to each event, and he has his own car he would like to take to events sometimes. This is a priority for the club, so please let one of the board members know if you have any interest, we can help with getting the electric brake setup if you don't have one on your truck. I don't have a truck or I'd be the first to volunteer.

Hope to see you at the club meetings, or on the road, or for those who live outside of the area, maybe through a Zoom club meeting. It's a great time to be 'Vairing.

Jerry



## Upcoming Meeting Dates

### Upcoming Meetings

**Sunday, October 17, PPCC Club Meeting:** 9:00 a.m. at the Tri-State Meet, and via Zoom for those not attending Tri-State

**Sunday, November 21, PPCC Club Meeting:** 9:30 a.m. Location TBD.

**Saturday, December 12, PPCC Club Meeting:** 1:00 p.m. at Biaggi's restaurant in conjunction with our holiday party. Officer elections will be held at the meeting.

**MEETING MINUTES- SEPTEMBER 19, 2021****Valley Hi Golf Club and via Zoom**Submitted By  
KeithAnn Peevyhouse

Submitted by KeithAnn Peevyhouse on behalf of Mary Ellen, secretary

**M**

Meeting called to order 9:40 AM by Jerry Peevyhouse. 13 members present, 12 in person, 1 via Zoom.

**E****Minutes:** Motion by Kathy, to approve Minutes from August 15, 2021; seconded by Randy, minutes approved.**E****Treasurer's Report:** Randy reported the balances for accounts. Copies of the report are available upon request.**T****No mail to report:** Randy will check again on his way home today.**I****Membership:** One new member, Rod Begger. Phil and Meagan deGroot need membership badges– there are others who also need a badge. Randy will order badges.**N****SeeMore:** We will not take SeeMore to Tri-State in Albuquerque this year. Plan is to take to national convention in San Diego in 2024.**G****Old Business:**

Bid for 2024 national convention: Rick reported that RMC decided that since San Diego is putting in a bid, RMC would not. They plan to look into prospects to have the convention here at some point; however, they need more time to review and plan.

**M****New Business:**

Request by Tony to do more car events, realizing that events were on pause due to Covid, he would like to see the club get involved in more car events. Rick and John added that RMC and PPCC worked hard to keep the clubs going and stay active while other clubs were completely paused. Noted that we are here to promote Corvairs and we will continue to promote events.

**I**

Jerry stated that we need to begin to recruit new board members for 2022. All positions are open for nomination. Jerry feels best approach is to personally contact a member and ask if they would consider serving in a specific position. Noted that the Board meets by Zoom so no need to drive distances for the board meetings, and many positions are not very involved or time consuming.

**N****Back to SeeMore:** Club is still considering storage facilities for SeeMore in Monument. We need to check on insurance coverage of storage facilities.**U**

Discussion: Board will consider Duane's offer to store SeeMore (SM) at his place. Tanya added we may want to consider the Pueblo weapons depot storage bunker as an option if we have any active or retired military members. Tony volunteered to move SM with his truck when it is moved from Rick's property.

**T****E****S**

## MEETING MINUTES- September 19, 2021

Valley Hi Golf Club and via Zoom

Submitted By  
KeithAnn Peevyhouse

Rick suggested that now may be the time to discuss what we do with SM long term. We need to discuss SM's future based on fewer viewing requests, and it may be time to donate SM to Corvair Museum or whatever as previously discussed. Tony added there is potential for showing SM at CSI show next year – need at least 20 cars in order to participate in the event. Tony stated that he is happy to take SM wherever with his truck, but would like help driving his cars to the events to show them as well. Randy proposed that in January or February we re-review the list of potential shows for the year with Tony to determine his schedule and plan out the 2022 season. Tanya advocated that we keep the education component for SM's schedule as it is a good tool for tech schools. Agreed that SM is a good tool and we need more participation in process of showings.

**Back to New Business:**

Fall Drive – September 25 meet at Rudy's on Hwy 24 at 9:00. Potentially 6-7 cars attending.

Tri State – October 15-17 Albuquerque NM. Need to get reservations in ASAP as deadline has passed. At least 9-12 planning to attend. Rick advised contact [www.tristatecovairs.com](http://www.tristatecovairs.com) for more info.

Christmas Party – December 12, 1:00 PM at Biaggi's in Colorado Springs. Chris related that we usually have a box for Toys for Tots and all donations we make stay in Colorado Springs. She stated we also do a "yankee gift exchange," and gifts should be \$25 or under and labeled "his, hers, or either." Details upcoming in the November Drip Line.

Tony informed that the VW Club does a Toys for Tots run with Christmas lights on cars each year. He knows the club president and they invited us to join them at this year's event. Last year the event appeared on TV. This year's event is being sponsored by Denver Broncos player's wife. He will get the details for our next meeting.

Chris recounted that PPCC & RMC had 11 Corvairs at Concours last week. The cars were club-judged. Many thanks to Mike and John D. for judging at this event. The list of awards presented will be upcoming in the next issue of The Drip Line. The clubs had a good location at the event and a good time.

**50/50:** Jerry won the 50/50 raffle and donated his half of the winnings to SeeMore fund.

**Tech Issues:** Randy's welding getting done. Club is keeping Clark's in business buying parts. Jerry is still restoring his 110 engine. He asked advice on his valve lifters regarding taking them out to clean or leave them alone. Consensus of the group was to leave them alone and make sure they spin, if not, take them out to clean them.

**October Meeting:** Discussion on whether to meet since many attending Tri-State at that date and time. Mike suggested meeting at Tri-State with those not attending Tri-State attending by Zoom. He offered to set it up. Consensus to meet on Sunday, October 17 at 9:00 AM at Tri-State. John G. will inform the Golf Course along with November and December meeting schedules.

Motion to adjourn by Chris, seconded by Kathy. Meeting adjourned.

## TECH TIP: GETTING READY FOR A TRIP?

Submitted By  
Steve Goodman

Is your car ready for a road trip? A number of Corvairs will be heading for Albuquerque in October. A short checklist follows and some of these 'checks' depend upon how often your Corvair is in use (and has been over the period of 2019-2021).



The most obvious is fresh oil/filter and a check of your diff and trans levels. Along with this is grease to front suspension parts and checking your past records for wheel bearing service both front and rear. Also check tires including spare for proper air pressures as well as tread quality and bounce car on each corner as shock absorber test. Next is lights to ensure all work in case driving times are extended into darkness as well as safety of brake and turn signal lamps. Wiper blades as well as washers and fluid in bottle are on the list. While your head is in the trunk check master cylinder fluid level. Hopefully each of us are aware of quality of brake shoes and braking ability of their car.

Since this will be October driving everyone should make sure heater motor/blower is working. Hopefully your engine is in good tune and both ignition and fuel systems are functioning as they should.

Does your Corvair **mark it's spot?** Of course it does because leaving a couple of spots the size of a dime while parked is normal. Now if you have a real puddle under the car it should be addressed. Running engine or gearbox (transaxle) low on lubricants makes for quick wear and more so at highway speeds.

Last just walk around your car and look at it from top to the ground. Is everything normal or is there an 'oh oh'? Also if you have not driven your car for a while then take a 10-15 mile drive out on the highway to remember how it felt at speed and also listen for noises or something that simply doesn't seem normal.

How about a few parts and tools? Of course an extra fan belt and tools to change it. A good jack and lug wrench plus a screwdriver to remove a wheel cover. Also a short 2x4 to place under the jack in case the ground is

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soft. Luxury would be a 12V air compressor. A basic tool kit of end wrenches/screwdrivers/pliers and socket sets can come in handy but it is hard to know when to quit adding tools.

Parts might include a roll of electrical tape and a bulb assortment for everything except headlights. You can add short length of wire in a couple of gauges and fuel line and a couple of clamps too. If you have any of the electronic ignition systems in your distributor you should heed the manufacturers warning and carry along the old point plate and points/condenser/lead wire. Also again since this drive will be in October remember a snow brush and ice scraper (just in case).

OR simply substitute your cell phone and AAA card and have more room in the front of the car.

Safe travels and hopefully everyone will have an uneventful drive to the Tri-state and back home.



***Note from the editor: Special thanks to Steve Goodman for his faithfulness in providing monthly tech tips. I know Steve's expertise is appreciated by all members—thanks Steve!!***

**LAKEWOOD TO THE RESCUE!**Submitted By  
Kathy Green

Several individuals have mentioned the heavily modified Lakewood that was being turned into a rescue vehicle. Well folks, it's done! Learn about this very special Corvair, known as MORRVAIR at [That Lifted Chevy Corvair Wagon Built for Off-Road Recoveries Is Finally Finished \(thedrive.com\)](https://www.thedrive.com/cars/2021/07/this-lifted-chevy-corvair-wagon-built-for-off-road-recoveries-is-finally-finished)



**TRI-STATE**Submitted By  
Kathy Green

Corvairs of New Mexico is pleased to welcome all Corvair enthusiasts to the annual meet on October 15-17, 2021, sponsored by CNM, Rocky Mountain Corsa and Pikes Peak Corvair Clubs. Every year we get together to celebrate the unique automobile that is the Corvair. We show our cars, meet new people, renew acquaintances, exchange tips, and have fun. We have been planning this event for over a year and hope everyone who attends will enjoy the meet itself, as well as the many attractions Albuquerque has to offer. Registration and detailed schedule information are available [here](#).

**Albuquerque Marriott Pyramid North**

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To secure the club rate let them know you're with the Tri-State Corvair meet.

**Tri-State 2021 Featured Speaker: Harrison Schmitt**

Harrison Hagan Schmitt is a native New Mexican born in the small village of Santa Rita in southwestern New Mexico. He is best known as one of the small group of men who have walked on the Moon as a NASA astronaut. He was the first NASA scientist-astronaut and only geologist to enter space and walk on the Moon in December 1972, as the Lunar Module Pilot of Apollo 17. He was the 12<sup>th</sup> and most recent astronaut to step on the Moon. Harrison Schmitt also served as an instructor in geology and navigation for other Apollo astronauts, and he continues to play an active role in documenting the geologic finds from the Apollo program.

In 1975, Harrison Schmitt resigned from NASA and was elected to the U.S. Senate, serving New Mexico until 1983. Among his other duties during his Senate tenure, he was Chairman of the Science, Technology & Space Subcommittee. Since leaving the Senate, Harrison Schmitt has consulted in business, geology, aerospace and public policy. He also is an Associate Fellow and former adjunct professor of engineering physics at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, chaired the NASA Advisory Council, was a long-time Director of Orbital ATK Corporation, and currently serves on the User Advisor Group of the Vice-President's National Space Council.

## COLORADO CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE

Submitted By  
Kathy Green

On Sunday, September 12, 2021, eleven Corvair's were on display amid the many exotic cars that were part of the show. This year (the 38th of the show's history) was once again presented to benefit the Early Childhood Education Programs of Ability Connection Colorado. PPCC and RMC are honored to be hosts of this show, in conjunction with 17 other local car clubs and CCCC.

This year we were happy to present a wide variety of Corvair makes and models. Included in the show were: Rick Beets and his '63 Monza convertible; John Dawson and his '66 Monza; Phil deGroot with his '62 Monza 4-door sedan; John and Kathy Green with their '68 Monza coupe and '61 Lakewood wagon; Michael Hurst and his daughter who presented the '63 Greenbrier van that was restored by TACT students, and currently serves as a school bus for the kids; Tony Lawler's '63 Rampside pickup and '66 Corsa convertible, shown by Charlie Beets; Chris Kimberly with her '64 Monza convertible; Mike Piper and his '65 Corsa Convertible; and Ken Schiffner and his '64 Monza convertible.

As you can see, we were able to present a wide range of makes and models. Many of the visitors to the show lingered in 'Corvair land' fascinated with the variety Chevy made available in these little rear engine wonders. Most of the other vehicle models on display were very similar, so the Corvair display really made an impact.

Club judging was done by John Dawson and Mike Piper (they wanted to make sure we shared that they did not judge their own cars 😊). Many thanks to these two gentlemen for taking on this responsibility! Awards were presented as follows:

**Early Open:** 1st place, Ken Schiffner's '64 Monza; 2nd place, Chris Kimberly's '64 Monza; 3rd place, Rick Beets' '63 Monza

**Early Closed:** 1st place, Phil deGroot's '62 Monza 4-door sedan; 2nd place, Kathy Green's '61 Lakewood wagon

**Late Open:** 1st place, Mike Piper's '65 Corsa; 2nd place, Tony Lawler's '66 Corsa

**Late Closed:** 1st place, John Green's '68 Monza; 2nd place, John Dawson's '66 Monza

**Forward Control:** 1st place, the TACT van shown by Michael Hurst; 2nd place, Tony Lawler's '63 Rampside

**Total Points:** With a score of 237.5 out of a possible 240 points, Mike Piper's '65 Corsa

A special shout out to Phil deGroot! Phil left home in Grand Junction at 1:00 a.m. to arrive in time to park and show his car. Also, a shout out to Tony Lawler for making arrangements for Rick and Charlie Beets to get his vehicles to the show even though he had to work. Tony also arrived late to work, after taking time to help Charlie get the Rampside to behave so it could be shown. Also, thanks to John Green for the time he spent making sure we had a great showing of vehicles and that everyone had a good time!



## MEET THE MAKERS, by Eva "Corvair Lady" McGuire

*Editor's note: The following article is from the September 2021 issue of "The Flat Six", the official monthly newsletter of the Prairie Capital Corvair.*

Most folks know the official date of Corvair production began on July 7, 1959, at Willow Run. However, not many know that the first Corvair body by Fisher was made on May 15, 1959.

This first body shell was shipped to the Chevrolet Division next door by an overhead over-the-roadway conveyor system on May 18, 1959.

On May 20, 1959, Willow Run employee, Cecil Cole; who began working at the plant in 1955 building trucks, was issued a special "Production Pilot Line" special pass name badge, and was selected to hand assemble (by himself) the first Corvair without the use of power tools in the top secret "Green Room" (later called the Pilot Room).

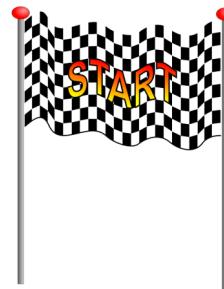
Once Mr. Cole put together (and took apart several times) this first Corvair and figured out how everything worked, Cecil helped to train employees for assembly line production.

The official start of Corvair production is marked as July 7, 1959.

Mr. Linus (Pete) Rausch was appointed as Plant Manager for the Chevrolet Division.

Mr. J.C. Owens was the Plant Manager for Fisher Body of the Willow Run operations.

Other Willow Run fun facts and some miscellaneous datelines during Corvair production that I thought might be of interest include:



July 1, 1958 - Work begins to build an addition to the Chevrolet Division Plant at Willow Run. It was completed in 1959.

Next door Fisher Body plant, which had already been acquired by GM from Kaiser-Frazer in June 1954, assembled trucks during 1956-1957. Then, in 1958, truck assembly was moved to other locations and the Fisher Body plant was closed to make preparations for Corvair body production.

May 15, 1959 - First Corvair body by Fisher produced at Willow Run.

May 18, 1959 - First Fisher Corvair body shell delivered to Chevrolet Division (Willow Run May 20, 1959 - Willow Run employee, Cecil Cole, begins hand assembling first Corvair at Chevrolet in top secret "Green Room".

July 7, 1959 - Official start date of Corvair production with first car officially driven off assembly line by Pete Rausch, Plant Manager.

July 15, 1959 - Steel strike begins and lasts until November 7th, 1959, but Corvair production continues for a while before shutting down.

August 6, 1959 - Chevrolet registers the Corvair name.

October 1, 1959 – 1960 - Corvair makes its first official debut at the Paris Auto Show (one day before the U.S. public introduction).

October 2, 1959 - Corvair is introduced to the general public. The Ypsilanti Daily Press purchases the first made Corvair. Not sure of exact date the newspaper bought the first Corvair (could have been sooner). Its current whereabouts is unknown.

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April 1960 - Ed Cole (known as the "Father of the Corvair") and Chevrolet's Vice President and General Manager is presented with Motor Trend Award for the 1960 Corvair for its "Engineering Progress," and they also named Corvair "Car of the Year".

April 26, 1960 - Corvair Monza 900 coupe is announced to be in production by Chevrolet.

By May 16, 1960, Chevrolet Motor Division employs 1,000 and Fisher Body employs 2,000. Fisher Body encompasses 823,400 sq. ft. on a 38-acre site; while Chevrolet Motor will have 446,500 sq. ft. on an 88-acre site. (Willow Run)

May 18, 1960 - a formal dedication takes place at Willow Run with 145,000 Corvairs made to date, building 60 cars per hour and at 60% of the Corvairs being built nationwide.

June 23, 1960 - Bill Mitchell receives Industrial Designers Institute award for the 1960 Corvair.

On December 7, 1960, four door station wagons added to the Corvair line.



In Sept 1961, the Chevy II is along with the Corvair line for 1962 model production.

November 6, 1961 - Ed Cole is moved up to Executive Vice President of General Motors Car & Truck Group.

March 27, 1962 - Turbo charged version of Corvair is introduced.

April 30, 1962 - Willow Run builds Chevrolet Motor Division's 47th million vehicle - a 1962 Corvair.

March 17, 1964 - One millionth Willow Run built Corvair produced (4 years and 8 months after production began).



Oct. 21, 1968 - Willow Run adds females to production workforce.

Mid November 1968 - Corvairs taken off the main assembly line due to heavy demand for Novas. A Corvair Room was made where the remaining 1969 Corvairs were hand assembled. Time difference in production went from one car being made per minute on the main line to one car being hand assembled every 1-1/3 hour.

November 15, 1968 - First hand assembled 1969 Corvair built (car #2195) in Corvair Room.

May 14, 1969 - Willow Run builds its last Corvair (car #6000), an Olympic Gold, 2 door hardtop. Its whereabouts is unknown.

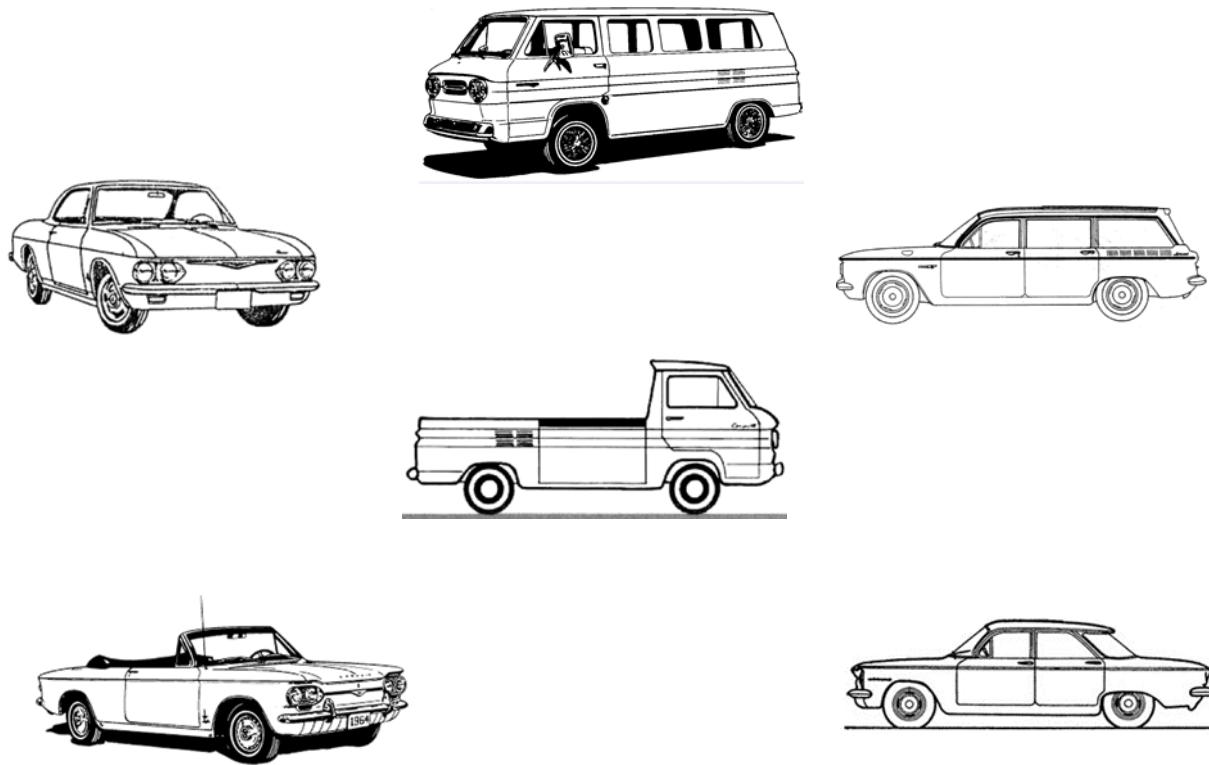
## MEET THE MAKERS, by Eva "Corvair Lady" McGuire

April 22, 1983 - Willow Run's special Corvair Project Build is completed in conjunction with GM's 75th anniversary when they took a 1964 Corvair (originally built in Sept. 1963) and ran it through the assembly line again. This project was spearheaded by Plant Manager, Harvey Williams, and was a joint effort of UAW Local 1776 and GM officials.

The project took six months to complete and the finished Corvair was placed on display in the Rotunda (Fishbowl) building at the Chevrolet Division at Willow Run. Its current whereabouts is unknown, but I'm working with someone on a good lead.

July 1993 - Willow Run Assembly Plant closes, and operations are transferred to the Arlington Assembly Plant in Texas.

Willow Run built the vast majority of Corvairs producing 1,397,698 cars from 1960 to 1969 (out of an approximate total 1.8 million vehicles made).



## DRIP QUIPS

Submitted by John Neal—thanks John!!

We've all heard this before...maybe even said it. But this best describes it.

**Not for sale. I'm gonna fix it up one day.**



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## 2021 PPCC Activities Calendar

All club events will be noted on the Club's interactive calendar, located on our website, <https://pikespeakcorvairclub.wixsite.com/ppcc/calendar>. It is our sincere hope that 2021 provides more opportunities to get our cars out in the public eye. As events are scheduled, you will be notified, and the activities calendar will be updated.

**M Sunday, October 17, PPCC Club Meeting: 9:00 a.m.** The meeting will be held at the Tri-State meet for those attending, and available via Zoom for those who cannot attend. Please note the 9:00 start time.



**Friday—Sunday, October 15-17, Tri-State Meet:** Corvairs of New Mexico is pleased to welcome all Corvair enthusiasts to the annual meet on October 15-17, 2021, sponsored by Corvairs New Mexico, Rocky Mountain Corsa and Pikes Peak Corvair Clubs. Every year we get together to celebrate the unique automobile that is the Corvair. We show our cars, meet new people, renew acquaintances, exchange tips, and have fun. We have been planning this event for over a year and hope everyone who attends will enjoy the meet itself, as well as the many attractions Albuquerque has to offer. Registration, Schedule and detailed information available [here](#)



**Friday—Sunday, October 22-24, 43rd Annual Great Western Fan Belt Toss:** Host hotel, Vagabond Inn (reservations NOW available). Welcome Party: Friday 10/22, at Vagabond Poolside; Car Show and Swap Meet: Saturday, 10/23, at Sunrise Park; Banquet and Buffet: Saturday Night, 10/23, at Indian Canyon Golf Resort; Packing up and Last Minute Sales: Sunday, 10/24, at Sunrise Park. Details available [here](#). You can now download a registration form at <https://tinyurl.com/r4j3y6kn>

**M Sunday, November 21, PPCC Club Meeting:** 9:30 a.m., location TBA.

**A Sunday, December 12, PPCC Holiday Party:** 1:00 p.m., Biaggi's Italian Ristorante, 1805 Briargate Parkway, Colorado Springs, CO. We'll hold our traditional Yankee Gift Exchange, receive donations for Toys for Tots, and hold our officer election for the 2022 calendar year. Please plan to join us. Details on reservations and cost coming soon! This will be our December meeting, so please plan to join us.

### Recurring Local Events:



**Second Saturdays of the Month, Year-Round, 12pm–3pm: "Littleton Cruise",** 1500 W Littleton Blvd, Littleton, CO. Hot rods and muscle cars. Convertibles and hard tops. Oversized tires and custom-painted flames. Join us year round as we cruise Littleton Boulevard every second Saturday of the month at the Woodlawn Shopping Center located in the heart of Littleton, Colorado. For more info on the cruise, check out their website [here](#)

**Key:** M—Meeting; —Car Show; A—Activity

## Corvair Partners & Local Businesses Which PPCC Members Have Frequented with Positive Results

With so many new members joining the Club, we felt it might be a good time to (re)educate folks on where they can obtain reliable parts and service for their Corvairs, both near and far.

Here are just a few of the companies our members have had good luck with in the past.

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**PPCC  
Admin**

**Monthly Meetings:** The PPCC meets at 9:30am on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month at various locations within the Colorado Springs area. Check the Club's website for the most current meet-up info.

**Membership & Dues:** PPCC dues are \$25 per year, payable each January for the coming year. Membership in CORSA is encouraged, but is not a prerequisite for membership in the PPCC. Please refer to the Club's website below to obtain a copy of the current membership application and guidance for submission. Checks for dues should be made payable to "PPCC" and mailed to: PPCC, ATTN: Treasurer, P.O. Box 15034, Colorado Springs, CO 80935. <http://www.corvair.org/chapters/chapter809>

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October 15-17, 2021



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*The Great Western Fan Belt Toss and Swap Meet will be held at Sunrise Park,  
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Host Hotel: Vagabond Inn, 1699 S. Palm Canyon Dr. Palm Springs, CA

Reservations: (760) 325-7211. Mention "CORVAIR EVENT" until Oct 1, 2021 for special rates.  
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Mention "CORVAIR EVENT" for special rates. Hotel check-in begins Noon Friday, Oct. 22nd.

*The Welcome Party will start at 7:00 PM Friday at the Host Hotel.*

*The carshow, swap meet, raffles, food, & games are at Sunrise Park, Sat. Oct 23rd*

*Banquet: Saturday evening 6-10:30PM at Indian Canyon Golf Resort,  
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The raffle runs through June 4, 2022 with the drawing taking place on June 5, 2022. You don't need to be present for the drawing.

To buy tickets, go to the CORSA / CPF website at [www.corvair.org](http://www.corvair.org) or call Paul Bergstrom at (630) 403-5010.

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# The Drip Line



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**On The Cover:** Corvair's all in a row on our Annual Fall Drive. Pictured left to right: John and Kathy Green's '68 Monza Coupe; Mike Piper's '65 Monza Convertible; Jeff Addam's '68 Coupe Corsa Clone; Joe and Linda Hoeschen's '62 Monza Convertible.

See more information on the Fall Drive and a wrap of this year's Tri-State later in *The Drip Line!*

**ACTING PRESIDENT'S GLOVEBOX**

By Jerry Peevyhouse  
Acting President

Greetings to all,



Well, another first for me. Seems like I've had my share of "firsts" this year (not a bad thing I think), but this recent weekend at the Tri-State meet in Albuquerque was a really fun first for me and my wife. Besides the obvious fun of just getting away to go somewhere (you know, the Covid thing), it was a chance to meet a great bunch of people from the New Mexico and Rocky Mountain Corsa clubs. Not knowing what to expect when we got there, it was nice to have some "veteran" Tri-Staters from PPCC to hang around with and show us the ropes. Plus, they are a great group to go to breakfast and dinner with. And the bonus for all of us was the great weather (and sopapillas) we had in Albuquerque. There's a full article and pictures later in this DripLine on the Tri-State meet, so check it out. Next year RMC is hosting the Tri-State in Glenwood Springs the weekend of May 20-22, so I'm putting it on my calendar now. I think they will be a great host club and I'm looking forward to the hot springs there.

So, as I said, this was my first Tri-State, but one of our PPCC members, Steve Goodman, has been to all 36 Tri-State gatherings.

That's dedication and determination. Didn't ask him which one was his favorite, maybe you can ask him ☺. For Steve, he just doesn't do 4 days away from the shop, except when it comes to the Tri-State meets. He received a plaque from CNM recognizing his perfect attendance. Congratulations Steve, you are a Corvair treasure.



As we move toward the end of 2021, we

look forward to hopefully a more normal 2022. The club has participated in many events this year, but still several of our regular events were cancelled this year. We look forward to being able to participate in many more events next year, and getting a schedule together for showing SeeMore to more car shows next year.

## GLOVEBOX, cont.

Submitted by  
Jerry Peevyhouse

Our PPCC Holiday Party is set for Sunday Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00pm at Biaggi's in Colorado Springs. The meal will be family style, with the menu items still being arranged. More specifics on cost, etc. will be coming later. Please put it on your calendar now, and reply to Mary Ellen's email if you haven't already. We are looking forward to a good turn-out and need to have a head count to give to the restaurant, so please don't delay. A Toys for Tots donation bin will be there for toy donations, so please bring a toy for the bin. Also, don't forget a gift for the Yankee gift exchange. We typically have someone who loves to "steal" from others, so we have a good time with that.

After the party, we'll have our December monthly club meeting to elect new officers. Please consider volunteering for one of the positions, as any of the positions are open (Randy indicated he would like to remain as Treasurer). Our pressing open positions are President, Vice President, Secretary and Member at Large. There is an article later in the DripLine with a description of officer duties.

While not a Board position, we are also looking for a new DripLine editor.

Since we are a volunteer organization, please spread the word to other potential members. I believe we are all in this club because we love Corvairs and their preservation, plus it is always good to have club members as resources and support. This is a great club, and I'm glad to be part of it. Seems most of my "firsts" this year have been related to working on my car and club related activities. I'm looking forward to many more "firsts" in the future. Opportunities abound, let's look for them (hint, person to help haul SeeMore trailer around is one).

Hope you have a great November and see you at the next club meeting either in person or Zoom for those who can. For those who are remote members and can't attend, we do appreciate your support of the club in whatever way you can.

Happy 'Vairing.  
Jerry



## Upcoming Meeting Dates

### Upcoming Meetings

**Sunday, November 21, PPCC Club Meeting:** 9:30 a.m., Valley Hi Gold Club, 610 S. Chelton Road, Colorado Springs

**Saturday, December 12, PPCC Club Meeting:** 1:00 p.m. at Biaggi's restaurant in conjunction with our holiday party. Officer elections will be held at the meeting.

**Sunday, January 16, PPCC Club Meeting:** 9:30 a.m., Location TBD.

**MEETING MINUTES- OCTOBER 17, 2021****Tri-State Location and via Zoom**Submitted By  
Mary Ellen Feasel

Called to order 9:03 a.m. Twelve members present in person in Albuquerque, two via zoom.

**M**

Move to approve last months minutes. Minutes approved.

**E**

Treasurers report is available to all PPCC members in distributed minutes and by request.

**E**

Membership-no new members

**T**

SeeMore-in a week or so SeeMore and the trailer will be moved to its winter home at Duane Hayes in Peyton. Show season? Where will SeeMore go? Those plans are in the works.

**I**

The Peevyhouse's are buying the Feasel's convertible.

**N**

No Old Business

**G**

New Business-Update on Christmas Party. Meal will be family-style. Still working on the details of the meal. Making arrangements for Toys for Tots bins. RSVPs are coming in.

A short meeting will be held at Christmas party for Board elections. Need nominations to Jerry. If anyone has someone to nominate, check with them first, to see if they will accept the nomination and be willing to fill the responsibilities of the position if elected.

**M**

Secretary position is open for next year.

**I**

RMC will be hosting the 2022 Tri-State. They have selected Glenwood Springs, CO May 20-22, 2022. Host hotel is the Best Western. Banquet will be at Hotel Colorado. Was a discussion on concern for the weather that time of year at that location. PPCC is hosting the 2023 Tri-State, which will need to be announced at RMC's Tri-State. Need to get the ball rolling. Salida, Manitou Springs, Colorado Springs were suggested. Need a chairperson first. Rick mentioned that CNM had a website set up for their Tri-State. It was used for registration, banquet reservations, etc. CNM is willing to share that website with RMC and PPCC for their Tri-States.

**M**

Tri-State door prizes and awards for PPCC members.

**N**

The Green's and Pearce's won a one-night stay at the host hotel.

**N**

The Anderson's won a PU model.

**U**

The Peevyhouse's won chocolate.

**T**

Rick Beets and Phil DeGroot won baskets of little cars.

**E**

Guest speaker, Harrison Schmitt, a former NASA astronaut who walked on the moon, tossed trinkets to the crowded. Keithann caught one.

**S**

Car Show winners from PPCC

The Lawler's-Peoples Choice for FC

Phil DeGroot-Peoples Choice closed early

Chris Kimberly-Peoples Choice open early

William Pearce-Peoples Choice Station Wagon

Tim Shortle was inducted into the Sombrero club.

Adjourned 9:41 a.m.

## TECH TIP: WINTERTIME CORVAIR HEATER ODORS

Submitted By  
Kathy Green

I saw this article in the Prairie Capital Corvair Association The Flat Six, December 2019, reprinted by The Central Pennsylvania Corvair Club The Four Wheel Independent, October 2021. To give Steve a well deserved month off, we decided the timing was just right!

### The Preventive Maintenance Series Wintertime Corvair Heater Odors

Author: Mike Dawson  
*Special "Thank You" to Mike for his articles.*

TECH TIPS I still remember picking up my brand new 1965 Corsa coupe in February of '65 and turning on the heater while on my way home from Van Chevrolet. There was a distinct smell to the heater, not unpleasant and different from my aging '61 Monza with its smelly heater that I had traded in. The new Corsa heater had a combination of hot paint smell and hot metal which I grew to love each fall when the heater was turned on the first time. I still get that today from our cars and my wife says the same; it is a familiar smell that leaves us satisfied that all is well maintenance wise. If an engine issue would cause a change in the heater we would know it instantly. When Sandy was driving my Corsa to work at Hick's Brothers Chevrolet around 1970 with 100K miles on the car I noticed a burned oil smell in her hair when she came home one night: push rod tube seals.

Due to the nature of an air cooled engine operating at a higher temperature, the fact that the exhaust pipe exit is just outside the engine compartment and with all inside heated air coming from the engine compartment (Corvair heaters have no recirculation feature), the opportunity for one of the five different odors listed below to show up is significant. Maintenance of critical areas is obviously the key to a great heater. Keep in mind that on initial startup in a garage or with a car parked next to you there is the opportunity for exhaust gas to curl up and be sucked in the engine air intake. That effect can also come from a neighboring car's exhaust at a traffic light.

If you are experiencing something other than mild hot paint and hot metal in your heater during normal driving, the following may be useful. These are each a unique smell that longtime Corvair folks should be quick to recognize.

**Raw Gasoline Smell.** An initial brief startup smell is possible but if it persists during driving and at a stop this is a warning. Check immediately for things like carburetor inlet nut leaks, fuel pump leaks, and rubber fuel line hose at the starter and heater hose. Engine compartment sparks are produced by starter brushes, point system distributors, generator brushes, leaking plug wires, and static electricity at the balancer. Any of which can ignite gasoline fumes from a hot engine. A leaking gas tank filler neck hose will also get into the interior, but only for a short time after fill-up. Also remember that since Corvair carburetors are vented to atmosphere, the fuel will evaporate into your garage from a hot engine after it has been turned off.



## TECH TIP: WINTERTIME CORVAIR HEATER ODORS

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**Burned Oil Smell.** This is usually the smell caused by leaking push rod tube seals that are just above the exhaust manifold, although a leaking front main seal on automatics can end up on the exhaust system and into the engine compartment if you have less than perfect perimeter seals and grommets. A haze on the inside of your windshield is an early indication of tube seal leaks (unless you over Armorall your padded dash).

**Leaking Crankcase Vapors.** This is a pretty annoying smell, a step worse than burned oil. The vapor (ring blow-by and hot oil) can get into the heater very easily because the entire vent system is in the heater air intake, both under and above the top shroud. Plugged vents, leaking o-rings, broken grommets, brittle hoses or loose attachments are the culprits.



**Exhaust Gas.** Not only nasty smelling with the chokes on, it is dangerous because of CO even if the smell seems to go away warmed up. If you suspect a leak, check the six exhaust packing with a hose to your ear (engine running, belt off). Also check the two manifold to pipe packings and the exhaust 7 system parts and connections. A stethoscope with the metal tip removed works great for pinpointing a small leak. Even a leak outside the engine compartment can get back in to the heater if you do not have perfect perimeter seals as noted above. If you have a Greenbrier, there is a distinct possibility that exhaust gas can enter the rear through leaking door seals; most noticeably when decelerating.

**Leaking Head Gaskets.** This is the worst smell of the bunch to me. This gas has much more unburned hydrocarbons which make your eyes burn and clothes smell terrible. It will be worse at startup and diminish as you drive; although it will still be dangerous because of the CO you cannot smell. Early models came with copper head gaskets that would burn through and emit a spit, spit, spit sound as it tried to asphyxiate you. A loose head on any model will do the same thing except it will make a squeak, squeak, squeak noise as you accelerate. The noise is the combustion gas escaping and making the gasket act like a reed valve.

There are other possibilities; mouse nests (and cooked mice) give off a distinctive urine smell, leaks in lower shrouds let in splashed puddles containing mystery stuff that hits the manifolds, overcharging batteries, and loose belts all can get in your heater.

With all of the above issues a very real possibility as Corvairs aged, I wonder how the bean counters managed to convince management to drop the gas heater. I still have a letter I received from GM in the early '70's warning of exhaust leaks in my heater. Mr. Nader should have devoted a couple of pages to this – but then he was not really interested in issues that were not headline producers with his name on it.

And finally; how many times over the years have you seen air fresheners hanging from Corvair mirrors or heater outlets?



## FALL DRIVE

Submitted By  
Kathy Green

On Saturday, September 25, 2021, we held our annual Fall Drive. The day was crisp and clear, and the weather was perfect for lunch in the park.

Unfortunately we had a *very* light turnout for this year's drive. John and I met Jeff Addams and Mike Piper at Rudy's in Colorado Springs. Mike in his '65 convertible, Jeff in his '68 coupe Corsa clone, and John and I in our '68 coupe headed toward Victor. Traffic was unusually light through Woodland Park, and we stopped in Divide where we met up with Joe and Linda Hoeschen in their beautiful blue '62 Monza convertible. Jeff's day was very full, so he headed back to Colorado Spring and the rest of us headed up to Victor.

On the trip up we saw many Aspen getting ready to turn for fall, in addition to hillsides full of gold, yellow, red and green trees nestled among the evergreens. It was beautiful.

When we arrived in Victor, we settled in at the park, where we were treated to a bike race coming through town. We all got a kick out of the race volunteers cheering on the racers, telling them they were 'almost there', then following up with 'only 32 more miles!' (apparently Victor was just under half way!!!).

After lunch in the park, and great conversation, we all drove on to Cripple Creek, where Joe and Linda left us to participate in some wagers at the local establishments. Mike and John and I headed back down, as the wind was just beginning to pick a bit.

Let's plan to set our fall drive date early in 2022, so that everyone can make an effort to add the date to their fall activities!



**Above:** Corvairs ready to roll; **Left:** Linda and Joe, John and Coda, Mike. **Right:** Colors on display; **Below:** Curious by-standers, Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep



## TRI-STATE

Submitted By  
John Green

We finally got to have our 2020 Tri-state in October of 2021. Fun was had by all. Corvairs of New Mexico had a well planned and executed weekend for us all, hosted at the Albuquerque Pyramid Marriott in Albuquerque, NM.

We headed out Thursday morning with Chris Kimberly and picked up Jerry and KeithAnn Peevyhouse in Monument. As we were getting back on the highway we saw Steve Goodman zoom by, but he didn't see us as we were still on the ramp. On down the road Mike and Karen Piper caught up to us. We had an uneventful drive on down I-25 over Raton Pass to Albuquerque. Once we checked into the hotel, we went over to El Pinto for dinner with a bunch of CNM members and others who had come early. When we were about done Tony Lawler and Diane Tweedy-Lawler, along with Rick and Charlie Beets who had all been traveling together, joined us. Good food and conversations were had by all.



**Above:** Getting ready to hit the road  
**Right:** Cars on Parade, from front to back, Green's Lakewood, Chris's convertible; Piper's convertible; Peevyhouse's 'chase car'



**Above:** PPCC members who arrived on Thursday enjoying dinner at El Pinto restaurant.

Friday morning all of the PPCC that were there went to breakfast at Vic's Daily Cafe that Kathy and I had discovered a couple months before. Everyone seemed to really like the food as most of the group went back all three days for breakfast!

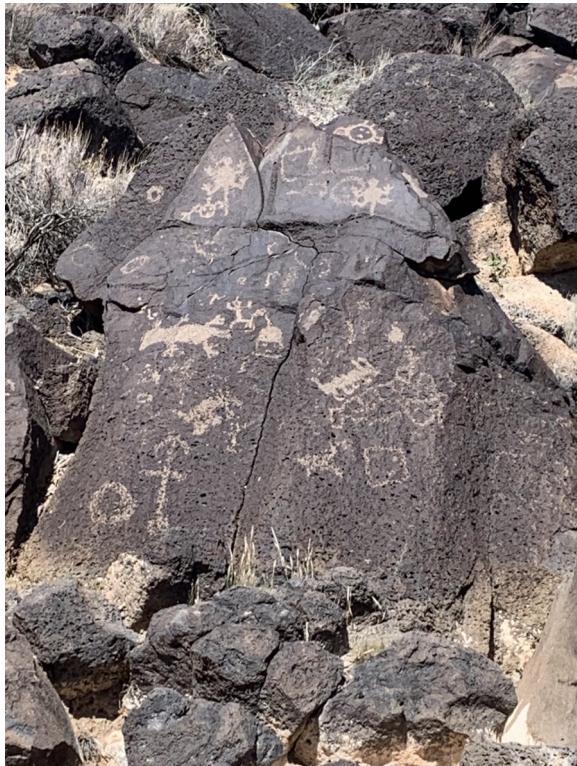


**Right:** Breakfast at Vic's Daily Café—yum!!

## TRI-STATE

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John Green

After breakfast folks broke up to do their own things. We departed with the Peevyhouse's to the Petroglyph National Monument and went for a hike looking at the prehistoric images carved by the Ancestral Pueblo peoples and early Spanish settlers 400 to 700 years ago. Ancient Petroglyph experts that we are, we made up many stories about the drawings that we saw!



**Above:** Ancient Petroglyphs covered the rocks along the trails. There were probably NOT pictures of alien spaceships, but we had a great time making up our own interpretations! If you enjoy ancient drawings, this National Monument is worth a visit!

Friday afternoon more cars were showing up from all the clubs. I heard there were cars from Oregon, Indiana, Washington and Nevada. Members were checking in at the hostess room, getting their registrations, buying raffle and 50/50 tickets, bidding on the silent auction prizes and washing their cars. Everyone had dinner on their own. We went to another fine Mexican restaurant with the Jerry and KeithAnn.

Saturday morning members were out early to finish cleaning their cars, setting up the parking area and putting up their displays. I counted a total of 44 Corvairs at one point. From PPCC we had John and Debbie Anderson with their '65 coupe. Rick Beets drove his '63 Spyder convertible. Phil deGroot and his dad Arie drove Phil's '62 Sedan. Steve Goodman came in his '68 coupe. Chris Kimberly drove her '64 convertible. Tony and Diane had their '63 Rampside as well as their '66 Corsa Convertible—Charlie Beets helped drive the two vehicles out. William and Trezjna Pearce had their '61 Lakewood. Mike and Karen Piper had their '65 Corsa convertible as well as their '65 white Monza convertible, driven by Kyle. Tim Shortle drove his '69 Monza, and Green's had our 61 Lakewood. Jerry & KeithAnn drove their Subaru chase car.

**TRI-STATE**Submitted By  
John Green

**Clockwise from top left:** Green's Lakewood, Tony's Rampside and Corsa, Rick's convertible, a lovely red coupe, and Pearce's Lakewood;

A CNM early, Chris's convertible, and CNM coupe, Green's Lakewood, Tony's Rampside and Corsa, Rick's convertible;

Pearce's spectacular Lakewood

A Drone pic taken by Phil's dad, Arie, of a number of displayed cars.



**Above Right:** A motley crew. From left: John Green with Coda, Marcus Miller and his wife (RMC members), Tim Shortel and Phil deGroot (back row), Kathy Green, Rick Beets, KeithAnn and Jerry Peevyhouse, John and Debbie Anderson, Chris Kimberly, Tony Lawler (back row), Diane Tweedy-Lawler, Mike and Karen Piper and Steve Goodman. Unfortunately absent from the picture are William and Trezjna Pearce (we couldn't find them!!)

## TRI-STATE

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John Green

Saturday afternoon was free time. Several took a driving tour to the Tinkertown Museum. It is collection of miniature wood-carved figures with animation that had western towns, tiny villages, farms and a circus. Visitors could put in quarters to see different displays move and play music. It was very interesting. Several members went on up the Turquoise Trail National Scenic Byway to the top of Sandia Peak.



**Left:** Tinker Town entry way; **Above:** Corvair's all in a row across from the Tinker Town entrance.



The banquet was held at the Marriott, where car awards were presented. PPCC did well with People's Choice awards this year. The 'trophies' were hand made by Kay Stutt of CNM, making a nice addition to individual trophy cases.

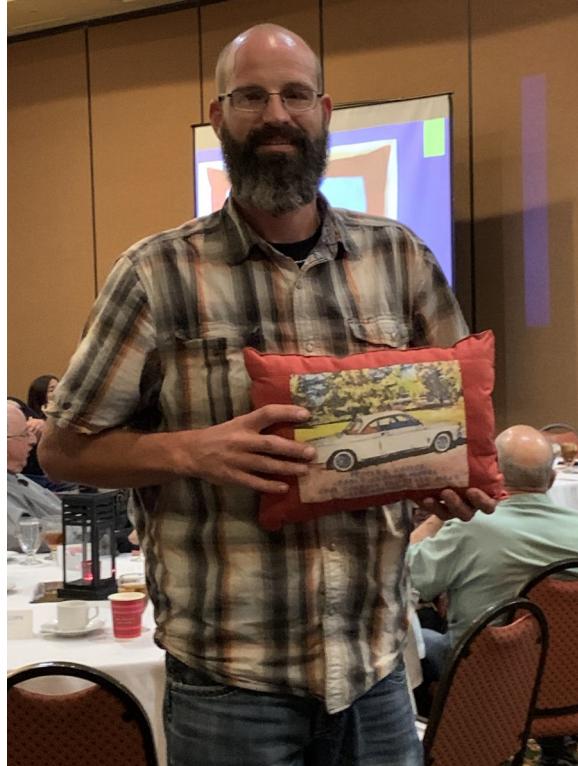
**Left:** William Pearce, People's Choice, Best Wagon

## TRI-STATE

Submitted By  
John Green



**Left:** Chris Kimberly, People's Choice, Early Open  
**Below:** Phil deGroot, People's Choice, Early Closed



**Below Left:** Diane Tweedy-Lawler, People's Choice, Forward Control  
**Below Right:** Tim Shortle, the latest member of 'The Tijuana Club'

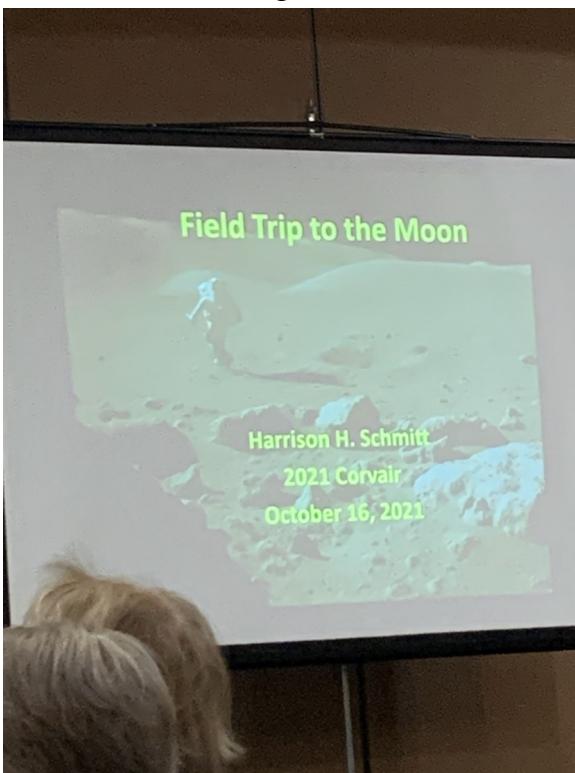


**TRI-STATE**

Submitted By

Several raffles were also won by PPCC. Pearce's and Green's each won a one night stay at the host hotel as a door prize. Anderson's and Piper's bid on model cars and won. Chris bid on a custom made lamp created from car parts which she happily took home. Rick and Phil each won raffle items containing baskets of matchbox/hot wheels cars, and Peevyhouse's won a basket of chocolate.

The banquet on Saturday night was very nice. The three course meal was very good. The CNM MC kept the evening moving along nicely. The guest speaker was Harrison H. Schmitt. He was the science Astronaut on Apollo 17 in 1972. He got to walk on the moon and collect 240 pounds of moon rocks and dirt to bring back to study. He was also the lunar module pilot. He had many photos of where they landed, the lunar module, the valley and the rover they drove on the moon along with stories about his experience. He was a very interesting and engaging speaker. His stories were spellbinding, and the time was over far too soon. As Dr. Schmitt began his presentation, he tossed out rubber "moons", "rocks" and "astronauts", one of which KeithAnn caught and Dr. Schmitt initialed for her.



**Above:** The cover slide for Harrison Schmitt's presentation—that's one field trip I would go on!

**Above Right:** Dr. Schmitt tossing out a "moon" to the crowd.

**Right:** KeithAnn with her autographed astronaut.



## TRI-STATE

Submitted By  
John Green

Sunday morning we held our club meeting in one of Marriott meeting rooms. Twelve of us stayed around for the meeting with two zooming in (thanks Mary Ellen for taking minutes remotely, and Garrie for calling in).

Right after the meeting we hit the road to come home. We had a caravan of six Corvairs and Peevyhouse's 'chase' car.. We went thru Santa Fe, Taos and Walsenburg getting gas a couple times and a quick lunch.

We had two minor problems on the way home. Tony's Corsa hit a bump and broke his glass fuel filter. Everyone pulled over quickly. Charlie jacked up and climbed under the car and with guidance from lots of "helpers" put a new one on that Tony happened to have. Along with some more hose and zip ties, he got it repaired enough to make it home. Also, climbing La Vitta Pass, Chris had two of her spark plug wires pop off and she lost power. With all the well informed mechanics, she got back on the road quickly. On the plus side, we saw some wild horses outside of Taos—that's a traffic jam I'll take any time!



Clockwise from left: Caravan outside of Taos; Repairs on Tony's Corsa; 'Traffic jam'; Repairs on Chris's convertible.

As far as I know when writing this, everyone got home safely. We were very tired from the long drive, but are now looking forward to next year with RMC hosting in Glenwood Springs in May.

## PPCC OFFICER ELECTIONS—CONSIDER STEPPING UP!

As is our tradition, officer elections for next year will be held at our annual Christmas gathering on December 12. We need you!!! All officer positions are always available at election time, but this year we are asking for volunteers to fill the President, VP, Secretary and Member At Large position(s). Several people have asked for information on what the board position duties entail, so here's a description of each elected position, as outlined in our club By-Laws:



### **President:**

- 1) Shall preside over all meetings of the members and of the Board of Directors, and shall perform the duties usually charged to such office.
- 2) Shall verify all votes, either show of hands or ballot, as correct and accurate and that the votes cast were club members authorized to use a ballot.
- 3) The President or designated person will be responsible for representing Pikes Peak Corvair Club in any external affair.
- 4) Has the authority to appoint such committees and chairpersons as he/she deems necessary and will outline the specific duties and responsibilities.
- 5) Shall appoint a Membership Chair, Activities Chair, Newsletter Editor, and Webmaster.
- 6) Shall act as equipment custodian for club property (banners, merchandise, etc.).
- 7) Shall not have the privilege of voting on Board matters except to break a tie vote.

### **Vice President (VP):**

- 1) Shall act for President in his/her absence.
- 2) Shall coordinate with the Activities Chair to ensure that the proper "Request for Certificate of Insurance" has been made to CORSA, within the stated time frames, and that scheduling is arranged for each applicable event.
- 3) Shall have responsibility for quality control and accuracy of the PPCC web site.
- 4) Shall proofread the final draft Drip Line newsletter, prior to publication by the Newsletter Editor.

### **Secretary:**

- 1) Shall keep the minutes of the membership and board meetings.
- 2) Shall provide the minutes of meeting to the President and VP for review and concurrence.
- 3) Shall submit reviewed minutes to the Newsletter Editor for publication in the next newsletter.
- 4) Shall conduct the official correspondence of the Club and be responsible for checking the club's P.O. Box before each regular meeting.

### **Treasurer:**

- 1) Responsible for conducting all financial affairs of the Club.
- 2) Provide a report of all membership meetings on the financial condition of the club.
- 3) Shall be authorized to write checks on the club checking account and be authorized to use the club credit/debit card.
- 4) Shall collect and account for all moneys paid to the club, whether for membership dues, advertising, or otherwise.
- 5) Shall fill with the Executive Secretary of CORSA, by March 1st of each calendar year, a Chapter membership roster, a list of Chapter officers, name and address of the primary PPCC CORSA contact person, a current website address, and time and location of meetings.
- 6) Shall pay the annual CORSA Chapter Administrative Fee, as determined by the CORSA Board.

## ELECTIONS

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

7) Shall file the Periodic Report for the PPCC with the Colorado Secretary of State, prior to January 31st of each year. This will be accomplished on-line through the Secretary of State's website.

The Board also includes the past club President as well as a Member at Large selected by the club during the annual elections.

**We NEED you.  
Can you HELP?**

As you can see, these positions, while they have a lot of 'bullet points' don't really take up a lot of time. Please consider nominating yourself or someone you believe would be a good match (ask them first...) for the position(s) before our Christmas party. You don't have to be on the front range to hold an officer position. Since meetings can be held remotely, we would LOVE to have representation from across the state(s) on the PPCC Board, so please think about volunteering.



# MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

## *Annual Dues*

It's that time of year again! It's time to start thinking toward the new year, and time to dig deep into your wallet and pull out that \$25 to send in for renewal of your membership in the Pikes Peak Corvair Club. Club dues are due in January, but can be sent in before then (and we'd love it if you could renew early to help with paperwork).

We don't take your membership in this Club for granted, and are deeply appreciative of the support every member provides in being able to keep the Corvair out in front of the public to enjoy. So, thank you all for all you do, and now go get that checkbook and renew today! Don't wait!

To help our Treasurer, Mr. Randy Karl, manage the books effectively, we would ask that everyone **please send their dues renewal check in no later than 15 January, 2022** to the following address: PPCC, ATTN: Treasurer-2022 Dues, P.O. Box 15034, Colorado Springs, CO 80935. Or, you can always pay in person at the November or December meeting. We'd like to close the books on the 2022 Membership Drive by the end of February, and your support in meeting that goal would be greatly appreciated.



\* A reminder that while membership in CORSA is not a prerequisite for new membership, or renewal in the PPCC, we do strongly encourage support of the national organization, which works to support our local efforts through an event liability insurance policy, and free hosting of our Chapter website.

## DRIP QUIPS

What happens at Tri-State...or, how to keep your President under control!



*If you have a fun, amusing, touching or interesting story or picture you think can bring a smile, an 'aaaaah' or an 'eeek', please send your submission to [karmknecht@msn.com](mailto:karmknecht@msn.com), attention: Drip Quips.*

## 2021/2022 PPCC Activities Calendar

All club events will be noted on the Club's interactive calendar, located on our website, <https://pikespeakcorvairclub.wixsite.com/ppcc/calendar>

- M **Sunday, November 21, PPCC Club Meeting:** 9:30 a.m., Valley Hi Golf Course, 610 S. Chelton Road, Colorado Springs.
- A **Sunday, December 12, PPCC Holiday Party:** 1:00 p.m., Biaggi's Italian Ristorante, 1805 Briar-gate Parkway, Colorado Springs, CO. We'll hold our traditional Yankee Gift Exchange, receive donations for Toys for Tots, and hold our officer election for the 2022 calendar year. Please  plan to join us. Details on reservations and cost coming soon! This will be our December meeting, so please plan to join us.
- M **Sunday, January 16, PPCC Club Meeting:** 9:30 a.m., location TBA.
- M **Sunday, February 20, PPCC Club Meeting:** 9:30 a.m., location TBA.
- M **Sunday, March 20, PPCC Club Meeting:** 9:30 a.m., location TBA.
- M **Sunday, April 10 (April 17 is Easter), PPCC Club Meeting:** 9:30 a.m., location TBA.
- M **Sunday, May 15, PPCC Club Meeting:** 9:30 a.m., location TBA.
- A **Friday—Sunday, May 20-22, Annual Tri-State meet:** Glenwood Springs, CO. More information coming soon—mark your calendars!!
- M **Sunday, June 19, PPCC Club Meeting:** 9:30 a.m., location TBA.
- M **Sunday, July 17, PPCC Club Meeting:** 9:30 a.m., location TBA.
- M **Sunday, August 21, PPCC Club Meeting:** 9:30 a.m., location TBA.
- M **Sunday, September 18, PPCC Club Meeting:** 9:30 a.m., location TBA.
- A **First weekend of October, Fall Drive:** Date, time and location TBA.
- M **Sunday, October 16, PPCC Club Meeting:** 9:30 a.m., location TBA.
- M **Sunday, November 20, PPCC Club Meeting:** 9:30 a.m., location TBA.
- M **PPCC Club Meeting and Christmas Party:** Date, time and location TBA.

### *Recurring Local Events:*

**Second Saturdays of the Month, Year-Round, 12pm–3pm:** “Littleton Cruise”, 1500 W Littleton Blvd, Littleton, CO. Hot rods and muscle cars. Convertibles and hard tops. Oversized tires and custom-painted flames. Join us year round as we cruise Littleton Boulevard every second Saturday of the month at the Woodlawn Shopping Center located in the heart of Littleton, Colorado. For more info on the cruise, check out their website [here](#)

**Key:** M—Meeting;  —Car Show; A—Activity

## Corvair Partners & Local Businesses Which PPCC Members Have Frequented with Positive Results

With so many new members joining the Club, we felt it might be a good time to (re)educate folks on where they can obtain reliable parts and service for their Corvairs, both near and far.

Here are just a few of the companies our members have had good luck with in the past.

*NOTE: These are only recommendations only, as we do not solicit sponsors for the Club, or the newsletter. So, do your own research as well.*

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The raffle runs through June 4, 2022 with the drawing taking place on June 5, 2022. You don't need to be present for the drawing.

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# The Drip Line



The next meeting of the Pike's Peak Corvair Club will be held in conjunction with our annual Christmas Party, Sunday, December 12 at 1:00 p.m. Please join us at Biaggi's Italian Ristorante, 1805 Briargate Parkway, Colorado Springs. RSVP to Mary Ellen.



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**ACTING PRESIDENT'S GLOVEBOX**

By Jerry Peevyhouse  
Acting President

Happy Thanksgiving to all,



Yes, I know this is technically the last DripLine of 2021 and the greeting should involve something about Christmas and the new year, but since this issue “hits the streets” on Thanksgiving day, I wanted to wish all of you a Happy Thanksgiving. I realize that not everyone will actually open up and read this on Thanksgiving day (hey, it might have been a super busy day where you just took a break from emails, news, etc.), but if you’re reading this while eating that second piece of pumpkin pie, I hope you had a great day reflecting on those things that you are thankful for, including that second piece of pie ☺.

It has been an interesting year in a lot of ways. We were finally able this year to participate in many events that were cancelled in 2020, including travel to Springfield, Illinois for the CORSA Mini-Convention and Al-

buquerque for the 2021 Tri-State meet.

Everyone attending the car shows and meets had a good time visiting with each other and helping tell the Corvair story to those passing by and looking at the cars. We are hoping that next year things will continue to open up more to all the car shows that have been cancelled these past two years. As was announced in last month’s DripLine, we are looking forward to next year’s Tri-State meet, hosted by the RMC club, to be held in Glenwood Springs over the weekend of May 20-22, 2022. And yes, it is not too early to be hoping for good weather for that weekend.

Our last meeting of the year will be a short one at our Christmas party to be held on Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> at 1pm at Biaggi’s Italian Ristorante in the Briargate shopping center in Colorado Springs. If you haven’t replied to Mary Ellen yet, please do that as soon as possible. The club pays for the appetizers,

## GLOVEBOX, cont.

Submitted by  
Jerry Peevyhouse

non-alcoholic beverages, and dessert. Each member pays for their family style lunch, in the range of \$15-\$18.

For those who want to participate, there will be a Yankee gift exchange. Please mark your gift as Male, Female, or Either. More details are in Mary Ellen's email and club minutes. Oh, and don't forget to bring your Toys for Tots gift.

At this meeting, we'll also be having elections for your board members for next year. We still are in need of someone to volunteer to fill the open position of Secretary. This is an important position, so please consider volunteering.

Finally, as we roll into another year, it has been great serving these past few months as your acting President. I'm getting ready to celebrate another "first", as I've been writing each month about all the "firsts" happening to me this year. The thing is, I'm not sure what that "first" will be ☺,

but I'll be looking forward to celebrating it and learning from it, just as I've been learning from all those other "firsts" I've had this past year.

Hope to see you at the Christmas party and other club meetings/events. And if you can't attend the meetings in person, just know that we appreciate all of the member's support of the club.

So now it's time to switch to Christmas mode and wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Keep 'Vairing,

Jerry

Happy  
Holidays!



### Upcoming Meetings

**Saturday, December 12, PPCC Club Meeting:** 1:00 p.m. at Biaggi's restaurant in conjunction with our holiday party. Officer elections will be held at the meeting.

**Sunday, January 16, PPCC Club Meeting:** 9:30 a.m., Valley Hi Golf Club, 610 S. Chelton Rd, Colorado Springs, and via Zoom.

**Sunday, February 20, PPCC Club Meeting:** 9:30 a.m., Valley Hi Golf Club, 610 S. Chelton Rd, Colorado Springs, and via Zoom.

## MEETING MINUTES- NOVEMBER 21, 2021

Valley Hi Golf Course and via Zoom

Submitted By  
Mary Ellen Feasel

9:36 a.m. Called to order by acting president Jerry Peevyhouse. Twelve members present in person, one via zoom.

50/50 purchases were made.

**Meeting Minutes** from October were approved.

**Treasurer's report**-Treasurer's report is available to all members on request. Payment to Sec. of State for non-profit in good standing was made. Dues for CCCC coming up. Waiting to see what the \$ per memberpart of dues is gonna be. Mailbox rental coming up.

Board approved purchase of club patches. Order has been submitted, order should be filled in 4-6 weeks.

**Mail**-received new raffle opportunity for a Corvette from Colonel Crawford High School Boosters in Ohio. Info will be in the Dripline. Mary Ellen mentioned that when communicating with Pat Carty about Toys for Tots, wife Judi had a stroke recently. A G.W. card was sent to them.

**SeeMore**-going to try and get SeeMore and the trailer out to Duane's.

**Christmas Party**-menu has been determined. Main dish is Lasagna Bolognese. Price is not confirmed yet, Mary Ellen will send a blast out when that is determined. Reminder of the Toys for Tots drive at the party, as well as a yankee gift exchange for those who wish to participate.

**New Business**-A Corvair and Volkswagen light parade is in December. Date and time needs to be verified. A blast will go out when that info is available.

**Board Election** is coming up. Nominations are still needed. Forward nominations to Jerry. Currently we have nominations as follows:

President - Mike Piper

V.President - Jerry Peevyhouse

Treasurer - Randy Karl

Secretary - open

Member-at-Large - Chris Newnan, Tony Lawler

Suggestion made-Set Fall Drive and Christmas Party dates in January so membership has that info far enough in advance.

**Tech stuff**-Tony got a RPM gauge for his Corsa. Ray needs a cancelling ring for an early.

50/50 raffle was drawn, \$40 pot. John Green won. His portion donated to the general fund.

Adjourned 10:14 am

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## THANK YOU MARY ELLEN!!

Submitted By  
Kathy Green

Now that you're on this page, that means you've just finished reviewing the meeting minutes for November, submitted by our secretary extraordinaire, Mary Ellen Feasel. For those of us who have been around for awhile, and those who are fairly new, we have all grown accustomed to speedy, detailed yet concise coverage of club meetings. During the six years we have been in PPCC, Mary Ellen has been the trusted secretary (with one year exception), mail pickup person, sender of greeting cards, and general glue that holds the club together.

You've probably noticed that the Secretary position is open in the new year. After *many* years of serving PPCC, Mary Ellen is stepping down. While she and Dave aren't immediately vacating the state, we likely won't see as much of this wonderful woman as we've all gotten used to...

We met Mary Ellen at our very first club meeting. She was friendly and welcoming, and I know I felt this was a club I wanted to join, due in great part to Mary Ellen's openness and smile. Before the meeting ended we had all the information we needed to join up, get involved, and registered for our first Tri-State. All with a lovely, friendly manner that helped us feel welcome and included, without feeling pressured to participate.

Not only has Mary Ellen kept us all in the know regarding club business, she has also provided many meals to club members, been the 'hostess with the mostest' when the club has converged on her home for tech sessions, donated multiple quits for club raffles, provided a 'chase' vehicle on club drives, organized the club Christmas parties for several years, kept all of us up to speed on club members we haven't seen for a while...the list is endless. For many years now she has done this without her partner in crime, the grumpy guy ☺, as his health has prevented his involvement in club activities.

Thank you Mary Ellen for showing all of us what it means to be an active club member. You have graciously stepped up and stepped in when others quietly sat on their hands. Our club will be less without you. You will be missed. Please keep us up to date on your future activities. Your stories always make us smile. Best of luck!!!

## CHRISTMAS CRUISES

Submitted By  
Kathy Green

Tony Lawler shared information on an EPDC Toy Drive and cruise(s) sponsored by the Eastern Plains Dub Club. The event(s) will take place December 4 (downtown Broadway 'takeover' cruise), December 11 (mobile light cruise) and December 18 (cruise around to look at Christmas lights). Detailed information, including location(s) and time(s) are available [here](#). Each date will take a different cruise route, and all are accepting toy donations. If you want to get your Vair's out and join our rear engine Volkswagen buddies for one of these events, check out the link above. This sounds like it could be a very fun activity.



**TECH TIP: USING YOUR COVAIRS ON TRIPS**Submitted By  
Steve Goodman

Now that everyone has settled back to a normal routine let's look at the Corvair attendance at Albuquerque Tri-state meet last month. By 'Corvair' I mean the cars in attendance and their ability to be used for longer drives than just to the edge of town.

By my count (several times) 13 Corvairs from either/both Colorado clubs were driven 900miles or more round trip to Albuquerque and back home. In addition a Corvair from Oregon amassed a total of 2600 miles round trip as they hit Tri-state then drove to Palm Springs for fan belt toss and then back to southern Texas for HOT (Heart of Texas) meet then back to Oregon.

There were only mechanical failures on 3 Corvairs in the above car count and all were minor and easily repaired and no one was left stranded or needing a tow truck, etc. One car suffered two plug wires blown off while at RPM. That happens due to either aged wire boots or just the air pressure building up under the fan shroud when the engine is spinning away on the highway. Another Corvair had a failure/breakage of a fuel filter under the car. It was damaged by crummy roads and debris plus a low riding car. Again many of us have scrapped the tunnel cover due to lack of ground clearance. The third and last Corvair developed a kinked area in a rubber fuel line that probably was good in the beginning but age and our fuel chemicals these days decided to act up at higher speeds and restrict the fuel flow.

All of the above were easy fixes; the most difficult was having to raise the car with the fuel filter damage so access underneath was possible. And this is exactly my point; the other cars ran the total distance needing nothing but fuel/maybe a quart of oil or less and a checkover of the car at any gas/restaurant stop. Heck a new brand X should have a quick inspection at a gas stop too even though the computer tells the driver oil is needed or a tire is low.

I think all of the club members from PPCC and RMC should be proud of the fact that their maintenance AND their confidence of their Corvairs was rewarded with easy and enjoyable driving on the highways



## OFFICER ELECTIONS

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

As is our tradition, officer elections for next year will be held at our annual Christmas gathering on December 12. We need you!!! All officer positions are always available at election time. We currently have the following nominations:

**President:**

Mike Piper

**Vice President:**

Jerry Peevyhouse

**Treasurer:**

Randy Karl

**Secretary:**

Open

**Member at Large:**

Tony Lawler

Chris Newnan

Please consider nominating someone you believe would fit well into one of these positions (talk to them first so it isn't a surprise), or nominate yourself. It's been awhile since we actually had more than one person interested in a position—a REAL election would be so very much fun!

As you can see, we have no nominations for the Secretary position. This is one of the most important positions on the Board, so please consider where you can plug in. As noted before, you don't have to be physically located on the front range to hold these positions. With the advent of Zoom meetings, any of these positions can be done from anywhere you have an internet connection. Please step up! Our club is strongest when all of our members are engaged!

# MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

## *Annual Dues*

It's that time of year again! It's time to start thinking toward the new year, and time to dig deep into your wallet and pull out that \$25 to send in for renewal of your membership in the Pikes Peak Corvair Club. Club dues are due in January, but can be sent in before then (and we'd love it if you could renew early to help with paperwork).

We don't take your membership in this Club for granted, and are deeply appreciative of the support every member provides in being able to keep the Corvair out in front of the public to enjoy. So, thank you all for all you do, and now go get that checkbook and renew today! Don't wait!

To help our Treasurer, Mr. Randy Karl, manage the books effectively, we would ask that everyone **please send their dues renewal check in no later than 15 January, 2022** to the following address: PPCC, ATTN: Treasurer-2022 Dues, P.O. Box 15034, Colorado Springs, CO 80935. Or, you can always pay in person at the November or December meeting. We'd like to close the books on the 2022 Membership Drive by the end of February, and your support in meeting that goal would be greatly appreciated.

Just a  
reminder...



\* A reminder that while membership in CORSA is not a prerequisite for new membership, or renewal in the PPCC, we do strongly encourage support of the national organization, which works to support our local efforts through an event liability insurance policy, and free hosting of our Chapter website.

**A BARN FIND—REALLY?**

Written By  
Paul Seyforth

Editor's Note: The following article appeared in the October 2021 issue of the "The Denvair News" the official publication of the Rocky Mountain Corsa Corvair Club, written by Paul Seyforth.

You may have read about the so-called barn finds from time to time; the Corvairs found in a field in Nebraska left over from a car dealership, the derelict French cars found in a barn in France, an old fifties VW van rescued from an Alpine mountain. Most of these cars had really been abandoned, had remained hidden for years and required an infinite amount of work to restore them.

Tony Lawler's recent find of a 1966 Corvair Corsa convertible was in some ways similar to those previous barn finds. It had been locked away for 35 years, but it was never in a barn, it was never abandoned, and it emerged in pristine condition.



The story starts in 1979. Jim Reich was driving to or from work in Longmont, Colorado when he spotted a ragtag Corsa convertible parked on a curb in front of a home. After seeing it had not moved in weeks, he approached the owner with an offer to buy the car. Jim said he paid \$400 for it.



The car had been painted a lime green and the top was badly worn. Jim had the car repainted to the original color, replaced the top and performed the necessary mechanical work to restore the car.

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Paul Seyforth

He drove it the 1981 Denver National Convention. Afterward he drove the car for several years through the early 80's. Then other Corvair interests took over and Jim drove the car less often but he couldn't part with it. He put the car under a cover in his garage and there it sat for 35 years.

Enter Tony Lawler, Corvair buff extraordinaire. Tony joined the Rocky Mountain Corvair club a few years ago and has been very active Corvair collector ever since (*editor's note: Tony is also an active member of PPCC*). He has a 1963 Spyder coupe and just recently restored a 1962 Rampside to like-new condition. Previously he had a very nice 1966 convertible.



Somehow about 3 years ago, he found Jim Reich's garage and saw this beautiful Corsa sitting under a tarp. Tony said it took him 3 years to persuade Jim to sell him this car. Jim has just recently acquired an 8 door Corvair van and Tony convinced him the car needed to be shown. Purchase price is undisclosed.

The car is absolutely gorgeous. The paint is better than new as is the convertible top. The interior is original but in very good condition. The car is heavily optioned with a telescopic steering column and Positraction differential. The engine is the 140 hp 4 carb with the 4-speed transmission. Tony said the car needed the brakes redone and the carbs rebuilt, and a detailing. That's it. Well, maybe the tires really should be replaced.



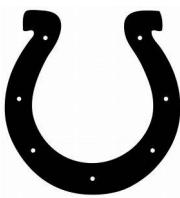
## HORSESHOES AND PISTONS

Written By  
Ken Schiffner

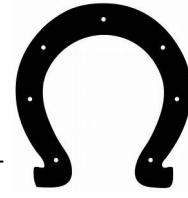
What do horseshoes have to do with the Corvair?

As a child back in the '50's, a Sunday family drive might take us into farm country. My sister and I would play "I spy". Mostly, what we "Spied" were something of unusual color, an interesting building, or a particular vehicle or animal. Sometimes arguments ensued. I liked to spy barns or what was attached to the barn. If the barn had a horseshoe over the barn door, I wondered "why the horse-shoe?" What was the meaning?

My Dad told me that if the open part of the horseshoe faced upwards, it meant good luck. If the open end was facing downwards, it meant bad luck. The barns that were still standing has the open end up so maybe that was true. Superstition. Maybe there was greater meaning, however. Maybe the horse-shoe was nailed there for other reasons.



Could that barn be where Old Dobbins was kept? Perhaps the family was a fan of "Mr. Ed", a talking horse sitcom of the day? The barn was too plain and needed some bling? Maybe the horseshoe was added to mark the day the farmer parked his first automobile in the barn? There could be greater meaning. Perhaps the horseshoe represented the end of an era. That of the horse.



It wasn't too many decades earlier that horses ruled. They were used to plow fields, get the hay to the barns, provide transportation. Horses towed military equipment. Horses helped fire fighters fight fires. Injured were rushed in horse drawn ambulances to hospitals. My grandfather once used a team of horses to cart cobblestones. It wasn't uncommon in town to see a horse with a buggy behind (it).

Then along came the automobile, the tractor, the airplane, the internal combustion engine. And inside the engines were....pistons.

But look around. Now you see more and more electric vehicles (EVs). Cars, trucks. You see "engines" that are electric motors. Like the horse, piston powered engines are fading away. Not dead yet, just fading away.

That produces an opportunity. A way to, like the horseshoe, mark the end of an era. Just like those farmers did.

Why not put pistons above our garage doors? Future generations could see those pistons and remember the old days of the internal combustion engine. If the piston still had the rings attached, it would mean Good Luck. If the rings were missing, Bad Luck. (Superstition is likely to still be around).

Kids of families of the future, bored and being over stimulated in their parent's computer-controlled EV, could play "I Spy" by looking for buildings displaying pistons. Varying degrees of difficulty. 'Example. I Spy an early Corvair piston'. "No, goof ball, that looks like a smog piston from a late". That sort of thing.



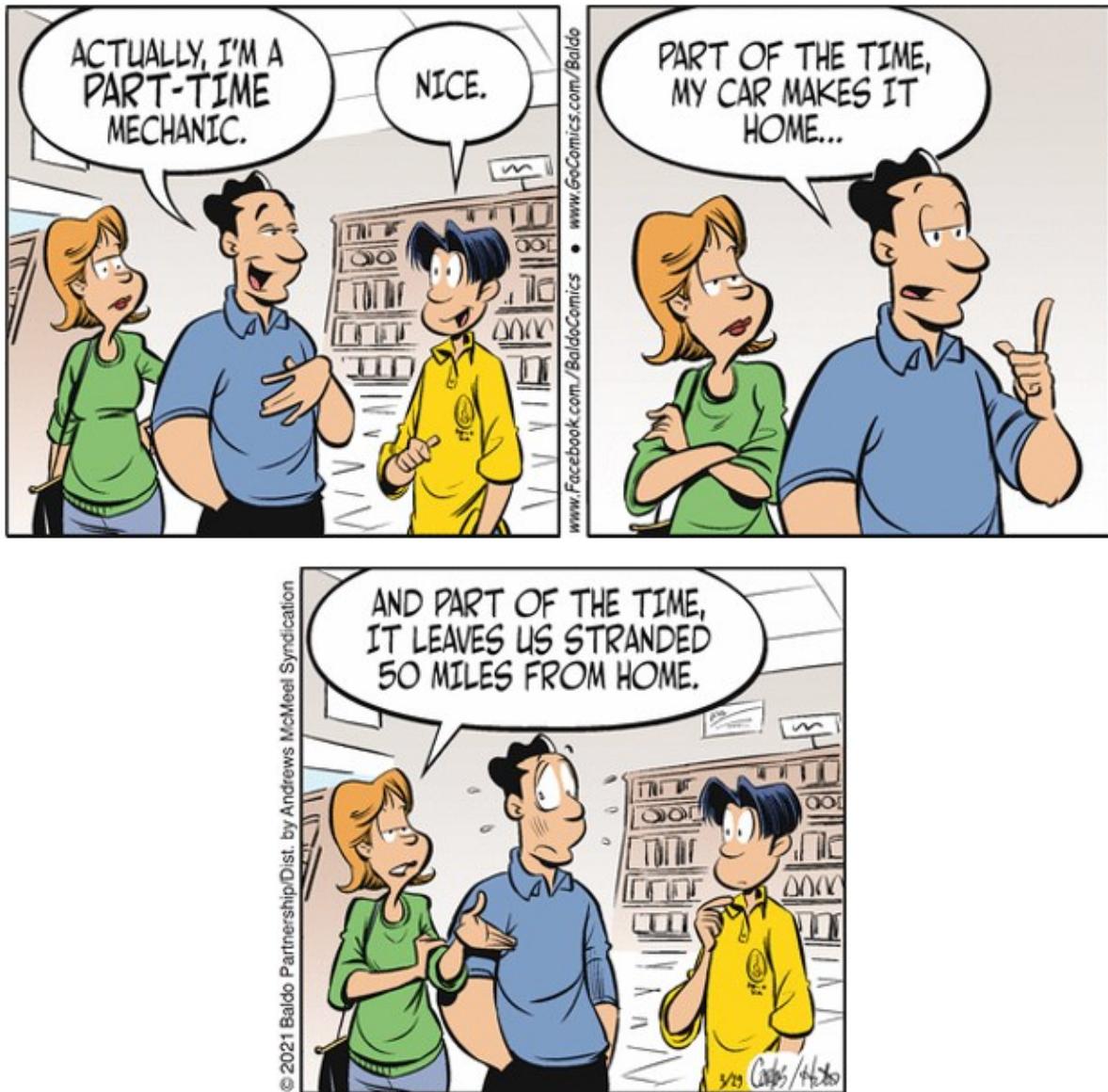
So, save those pistons. Even the ones with a hole (or valve) in them. They may be historic.



## DRIP QUIPS

As published in the Denver Post, March 29, 2021

# Baldo by Hector D. Cantú and Carlos Castellanos



If you have a fun, amusing, touching or interesting story or picture you think can bring a smile, an 'aaaaah' or an 'eeek', please send your submission to [karmknecht@msn.com](mailto:karmknecht@msn.com), attention: Drip Quips.

## 2021- 2022 PPCC Activities Calendar

All club events will be noted on the Club's interactive calendar, located on our website, <https://pikespeakcorvairclub.wixsite.com/ppcc/calendar>

- A **Sunday, December 12, PPCC Holiday Party:** 1:00 p.m., Biaggi's Italian Ristorante, 1805 Briar-gate Parkway, Colorado Springs, CO. We'll hold our traditional Yankee Gift Exchange, receive donations for Toys for Tots, and hold our officer election for the 2022 calendar year. Please plan to join us. Details on reservations and cost coming soon! This will be our December meeting, so please plan to join us.
- M **Sunday, January 16, PPCC Club Meeting:** 9:30 a.m., Valley Hi Golf Club, 610 S. Chelton Rd., Colorado Springs and via Zoom.
- M **Sunday, February 20, PPCC Club Meeting:** 9:30 a.m., Valley Hi Golf Club, 610 S. Chelton Rd., Colorado Springs and via Zoom.
- M **Sunday, March 20, PPCC Club Meeting:** 9:30 a.m., Valley Hi Golf Club, 610 S. Chelton Rd., Colorado Springs and via Zoom.
- M **Sunday, April 10 (April 17 is Easter), PPCC Club Meeting:** 9:30 a.m., location TBA.
- M **Sunday, May 15, PPCC Club Meeting:** 9:30 a.m., location TBA.
- M **Sunday, June 19, PPCC Club Meeting:** 9:30 a.m., location TBA.
- M **Sunday, July 17, PPCC Club Meeting:** 9:30 a.m., location TBA.
- M **Sunday, August 21, PPCC Club Meeting:** 9:30 a.m., location TBA.
- M **Sunday, September 18, PPCC Club Meeting:** 9:30 a.m., location TBA.
- A **October, Fall Drive:** Date, time and location TBA.
- M **Sunday, October 16, PPCC Club Meeting:** 9:30 a.m., location TBA.
- M **Sunday, November 20, PPCC Club Meeting:** 9:30 a.m., location TBA.
- M **PPCC Club Meeting and Christmas Party:** Date, time and location TBA.

### *Recurring Local Events:*

**Second Saturdays of the Month, Year-Round, 12pm-3pm:** "Littleton Cruise", 1500 W Littleton Blvd, Littleton, CO. Hot rods and muscle cars. Convertibles and hard tops. Oversized tires and custom-painted flames. Join us year round as we cruise Littleton Boulevard every second Saturday of the month at the Woodlawn Shopping Center located in the heart of Littleton, Colorado. For more info on the cruise, check out their website [here](#)

**Key:** M—Meeting;  —Car Show; A—Activity

## Corvair Partners & Local Businesses Which PPCC Members Have Frequented with Positive Results

With so many new members joining the Club, we felt it might be a good time to (re)educate folks on where they can obtain reliable parts and service for their Corvairs, both near and far.

Here are just a few of the companies our members have had good luck with in the past.

*NOTE: These are only recommendations only, as we do not solicit sponsors for the Club, or the newsletter. So, do your own research as well.*

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