



The Drip Line



The Next Meeting of the Pikes Peak Corvair Club is also our Annual Christmas Party on December 10th @ 1:00pm at The Edelweiss Restaurant in Colorado Springs

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On The Cover: *On September 17th, more than thirty current, and former members of the Pikes Peak Corvair Club gathered at Biaggi's Italian Restaurant in Colorado Springs to celebrate the Club's 40th Anniversary! An invitation only event, it was very well attended and will go down as one of the Club's premier events of the year! Thank you all for everything you do to make this Club great!!!*

PRESIDENT'S NOTES By Chris Kimberly
Club President

WOW! 2017 flew by and now we find ourselves at the end of the year to reminisce about all the fun and exciting events and activities we all participated in as a Club.

Last January we were looking for a location for our monthly meetings and tried a few locations before finding a good fit with the Valley Hi Golf Course Clubhouse. With a



good-size parking lot, and out of the way of the 'wild golf balls,' we could also gather and visit around the cars, admiring and trouble-shooting small issues in member's cars.

Our Club Tech Team deserves a big recognition! They have done trouble-shooting/repairs at club meetings, at car shows, in new member garages, as well as in their own garages. From radio installs, alternators, engine teardowns, seals, carbs, stopping oil leaks, tune-ups, to replacing floor pans, providing car parts, and installing carpet & interiors, our members are willing to help get each other's cars up, running, and out on the road to enjoy.

Celebrating our Club member, and former Club president, Steve Goodman, for 50 years of operating Rear Engine Specialist, along with Rocky Mountain Corsa, was certainly a special

day! It was a surprise luncheon that both clubs were actually able to keep secret from Steve until he arrived and saw MANY Corvairs in one of his favorite restaurant parking lots. Thank you to Steve for 'knowing' each of our cars and keeping them on the road!

Some of our memorable day tours included visits to the Penrose Heritage Museum, the Vintage Precision Car School at the Pikes Peak Raceway, the National Museum of WWII, the Bailey Saddle Shop & Museum, the Fall Tour with the Rocky Mountain Corsa Club to Buena Vista, and even the Olympic Training Center. All included socializing over lunches from pubs, to airplanes, to family owned diners!

Car shows at the E-Days School of Mines in Golden, the Western Museum of Mining & Industry, the Town of Florence, where Ed Halpin's '67 Sport Sedan was a featured car on display on Main St., Wheels for Wildlife at the Wild Animal Sanctuary, and hosting the First Saturday Car Show in Colorado Springs, were just a few of the day long car shows that members attended and proudly shared our love of Corvairs with others.

Long trips included our PPCC members traveling to the Tri-State in Taos, NM, the National Convention in Missouri, the Great Western Fan Belt Toss in Palm Springs, and the Great Plains Car Show in Oklahoma City.

Our club members brought back recognitions, awards, and wonderful memories, but best of all,



PRESIDENT'S NOTES (cont.)

we had our cars out and shared our stories, as well as listened to others who had Corvair stories from their past. Over the past three years, we've more than doubled our club size!

We certainly can't forget that this is our 40th year of being a CORSA sanctioned club and the wonderful luncheon at Biaggi's Italian Restaurant where current members, charter members, past presidents, former members, and guests gathered to share stories, club memorabilia, laughter, and fellowship over the car we all love.

I want to thank each club member for the honor of being able to serve as the PPCC President this past year. Thank you also to the board members and various committee members who helped the activities and events run smoothly. Our Club is active and vibrates with the type of energy others want to be a part of. Our Club wouldn't be what it is today without the dedication, and support each of you bring to the club!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you, & I wish you all the best of blessings in 2018!

Chris

MEETING MINUTES - 11/19/2017 **Valley Hi Golf Course, Colorado Springs, CO**

By Mary Ellen Feasel
Club Secretary

Called to order at 9:35 a.m. Chris Kimberly presiding.

- 50/50 raffle. \$1 for 1, \$5 for 6.
- Ed Halpin-New members present are Ray and Jackie Fleisleber. Received membership applications from Paul Motz of Alamosa, and Duane Hayes of Peyton (Duane is a founding member of the CCCC), and Daniel Teschner. Forty three members on the roster.
- Wayne Russert-\$3099 in the bank.
- October meeting minutes were approved.
- Ed on the CCCC. No significant issues statewide or nationally.
- Mail-membership applications from Motz and Hayes.

Old Business

- Fortieth Anniversary T-shirt order form was circulated.
- See Randy Karl for a CD of Anniversary party.
- Cut-Away car - Dave W, in Arizona, would like history of the Cut-Away car. He is anxious for the PPCC to get the car back. Glusicks are looking for the title on the car. Dave is looking for donation from Clark's of carpet for the car. Dave will personally turn the car over to PPCC at Crested Butte.
- AZ Dave has demonstrated good intention to get the car back to PPCC.
- Tony Lawler reported on the GWFBT&SM in Palm Springs. Three from Denver club attended. Headlights on Tony's car died while on the road. Dimmer switch was bad.
- Kathy Green reported on how fun the tour of the Olympic Training Center. The Feasels and Greens got behind the scenes of a lot of the Center. An international wrestling tournament was being held and there was a lot of athletes about from many nations.
- Christmas Party on Dec 10 at the Edelweiss at 1:00 pm. Pat Carty said Russ Miller, area rep for Toys for Tots, will be attending the luncheon to accept our donation to the organization.



MEETING MINUTES - 11/19/2017 (cont.)

New Business

- In 2018 Ed Halpin will take over as webmaster. Newsletter editor is still needed.
- Ballots for 2018 Board nominations were circulated.
- Title of the Cut-Away car discussion. Wayne's research determined that in Colorado the Cut-Away car is not a car, and doesn't need to be titled. Further discussion regarding the Corvair Preservation museum. A donated car needs a title for the museum to accept it. A statement of fact from Colorado that the car is not road worthy should be acceptable, so no title is required.
- The Glusicks have pictures of the building of the Cut-Away car.
- Wayne stated that if Glusicks find the title, the car serial number will be referenced in all future correspondence.
- Dave Feasel communicated his proposal to the board, that when the car is back in the PPCC possession, to use the Cut-Away car as an education piece in the Springs area technical schools.

Open to Group

- Discussed ways for club to recoup the \$1000 spent for the Cut-Away car. Donations accepted as well as funds from 50/50 will help. Turntable will stay in AZ.
- Daniel gave an overview on his '68.
- All had a laugh at the "Hot Mascot" TV ad.
- Dave Feasel updated group on progress on Dave McGill's car. It is minutes of being fired up. Randy Karl assembled the dash, Daniel, Ed, Allen, and Ray also helped in other areas.
- Tech session will be held to get the Greens floorboard installed.
- Dave Feasel thanked the group for their help on the Green and McGill cars.
- Ray Fleisleber has a new car coming from Arvada.
- Kathy Green thanked all who have helped get their Lakewood back on the road.
- Discussed John Koll's library. Motion to keep as a rentable library approved. Motion to have manuals kept at the Feasel's was approved, since all car work will be done there. Ray F. suggested that a list of library contents be put on website. Library open to club members only.
- Rick Betts updated group on the Tri-State at Crested Butte.
- 50/50 winner of \$35 was Dave McGill.

Adjourned at 11:16 a.m.

** To review the previous Meeting's Minutes, please refer to the earlier emails sent out by the Club Secretary via the internal PPCC List email distribution.*

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PPCC Christmas Party - December 10th, 2017 @ 1pm



Annual PPCC Christmas Party!!



Sunday, December 10th,
1:00 pm at the Edelweiss Restaurant,
34 E Ramona Ave, Colorado Springs, CO

Bring a Gift for the Annual
Yankee Gift Exchange!

If you've never participated in a Yankee Gift Exchange, it's easy and a lot of fun. Each person is asked to bring a WRAPPED gift, in the \$15 range, with the gender noted on the tag (Guy/Gal/Either/Kiddo).

After the lunch meal, each person will draw a number at random. Numbers will be called in order. The first person called picks a gift from the table. The next person gets to pick a wrapped gift but, they also have the option of "stealing" the first person's gift if they like it better. This goes on until every person has opened or "stolen" a holiday gift.

Even if you don't plan to participate in the gift exchange, please come anyway for the meal and conversation. We'd love to see every available member attend this party.





TOYS FOR TOTS!! - PPCC Community Support Project

As part of our holiday festivities this year, the PPCC will be sponsoring a 'Toys for Tots' collection box, which will be set up inside the Edelweiss Restaurant. Club member Pat Carty, has been deeply involved with this annual charity drive for years, and provides the below info for us to better understand the local impacts of the awesome and worthwhile program.

"Our Toys for Tots team has been out at various locations, throughout Colorado Springs, on a daily basis, working late each day to solicit and collect toys for our less fortunate children. I look forward to seeing you all at the upcoming party on the 10th. Thank you, and the Club for wanting to participate." **Pat Carty**

U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program

MISSION: The mission of the U. S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program is to collect new, unwrapped toys during October, November, and December each year, and distribute those toys as Christmas gifts to less fortunate children in the community in which the campaign is conducted.

GOAL: The primary goal of Toys for Tots is to deliver, through a new toy at Christmas, a message of hope to less fortunate youngsters that will assist them in becoming responsible, productive, patriotic citizens.

OBJECTIVES: The objectives of Toys for Tots are to help less fortunate children throughout the United States experience the joy of Christmas; to play an active role in the development of one of our nation's most valuable resources – our children; to unite all members of local communities in a common cause for three months each year during the annual toy collection and distribution campaign; and to contribute to better communities in the future.

**** Last Year we delivered toys to almost 18,000 children in a 5 county area of Southern Colorado, including El Paso County.**





2017 - THE YEAR IN REVIEW!!

By Ed Halpin
Newsletter Editor

2017 was quite a year for the Pikes Peak Corvair Club. Staying true to our mission, as stated in the Club by-laws; **“The purpose of the PPCC is to promote the acquisition, preservation, restoration, exhibition, and enjoyment of Corvairs; encourage the preservation and distribution of technical information pertaining thereto; promote sociability among members of the organization.”** Well, we lived up to that mission statement this past year, and then some!

For those of you who were able to come out on a Saturday or Sunday and join in on the fun, I hope you all enjoyed yourself and took advantage of the opportunity to make some new friends. For those of you who remained on the sidelines, for a variety of reasons, I would encourage you to find one or two events in 2018, and just make them your own. This Club is full of great folks who just want to have a good time, so come on out!

For your reading pleasure, **“The PPCC Year in Review”** (With so many things going on, I’ll apologize in advance if I forgot to mention someone in attendance):



January 15th - Corvairs on Display at the Vehicle Vault in Parker, CO - In early January, member Ed Halpin was invited to showcase his two Corvairs as part of a high-end display with the Vintage Car Club of Castle Rock. Ed took his ‘60 Monza Coupe and ‘67 Sport Sedan out for the 2-week long show. Lots of positive comments on the Vairs!

February 25th - Tech Session: Corvair Radio Installation and Aftermarket Upgrades - It had snowed the night before, which may have scared some folks off from the drive, but not Ed Halpin or Chris Kimberly who drove their “Earlies” over to Wayne’s workshop and got an in depth understanding of radio history and how the Corvair radios operated. Replacement radios and considerations for aftermarket stereo systems were also part of the discussion. Thanks for pulling the session together, Wayne!!



March 11th - Penrose Heritage Museum Tour, Colorado Springs - As our first organized event of the year, we had six members enjoy a personalized tour of the impressive Penrose Museum. Located right next to the Broadmoor Hotel, this is a must see, even if only for a better understanding of local Colorado Springs history. After the tour the group ate at the authentic English Pub, “The Golden Bee”. PPCC Attendees: Wayne & Bonni Russert, Randy Karl, Dave & Mary Ellen Feasel, and Ed Halpin.





2017 - THE YEAR IN REVIEW!! (cont.)

April 1st - Steve Goodman's 50th Anniversary Party - This was a great event, put together by the RMC, to honor our dear friend and lifetime member, Steve Goodman. Check out the 2nd Qtr Drip Line for all the details on this shindig. PPCC Attendees: The Feasels, The Andersons, The Halpins, Dusty Dodge, Rick and Charlie Beets, The Lawlers, The Pipers, Ken Schiffner, Chris Kimberly, The Karls, The Russerts, The Greens, The Dinsdales, and The Shortles.



April 22nd - E-Days Car Show in Golden, CO - Snow was in the forecast for this year's E-Days Car Show, and while the snow never did materialize in the Golden area, it unfortunately did hit the folks in Castle Rock and south to the Springs, which resulted in a sparse showing of PPCC cars. However, we did have a couple hearty folks from up north represent the Club, since it just turned out to be a cold drizzly day. Thanks Mike Piper and Steve Goodman for showing that hardcore Corvair spirit!!

May 12th - Pikes Peak Antique Machinery Days at the Western Museum of Mining & Industry in Colorado Springs - Thanks to Wayne Russert's contacts, the Club was able to host a small Corvair show, in conjunction with the larger event. We had 6 very nice cars on display and met two of our newest members there, Ray & Jackie Fleisleber. PPCC Attendees: Dave & Mary Ellen Feasel, Ray & Jackie Fleishleber, Ed Halpin, Chris Kimberly, John Neal, Rick Beets, Ray Schick & Betty West, Tony Lawler, David McGill, Wayne & Bonni Russert, and Garrie & Patricia Fox.





2017 - THE YEAR IN REVIEW!! (cont.)

May 21st - Florence Car Show - This local area show has grown over the years, and remains a constant on our Events Calendar. This year, Ed Halpin won the right to have his '67 Sport Sedan on the back of the event t-shirt, and a special display location right in front of the main staging area. Well, 2018 will be another year for the Corvair as Chris Kimberly's '64 Convertible will be on the FRONT of the shirt and will take honors on center stage. Congrats Chris! John and Dee Glusick kicked tail in the Valve Cover races, with John taking a trophy home for the second year. Six Corvairs were on display, with five of them coming from the PPCC.!! Thanks for coming out everyone!! PPCC Attendees: The Halpins, The Greens, Chris Kimberly, Tony Lawler, The Glusicks, Ray Schick, and Betty West.



June 6th - Tri-State in Taos, NM - The Corvairs of New Mexico Club put on a fun and eventful gathering this year, in the historic town of Taos. There was lots to do, and lots to see, and we had a great showing of PPCC members and their cars. Too many folks to mention here, and I'm sure I'd forget someone, so lets just say 98% of the Club showed up, and we still didn't win the Attendance Trophy!!! How does that work? Ok, maybe we didn't have 98% in attendance, but we really need to do something to standardize the criteria around that traveling trophy, just sayin' ☺ Next year, we're meeting up in Crested Butte, CO, so get your reservations made, if you haven't already done so. See you in the mountains in 2018!!





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June 17th - Castle Rock Cruise In, Castle Rock, CO - We had a pretty good showing at this local show, which too has grown over the years into now a 300+ car event. The only Corvairs we saw on display were the seven cars brought by the PPCC. A solid representation of the lineup indeed; an early Coupe, a Lakewood wagon, a couple late Convertibles, an early Convertible, a late Coupe and Sport Sedan. Congrats to the Greens for bringing home a best in class trophy!! PPCC Attendees: The Greens, Rick Beets, David McGill, The Feasels, Tony Lawler, and The Halpins.



June 24th - Tour of The National Museum of World War II Aviation, Colorado Springs - We had visited the museum a couple years ago, so this was an opportunity to catch up on the progress of several WWII aviation restorations in progress. The group had a nice lunch at The Airplane Restaurant, prior to the tour. Great time for everyone!! PPCC Attendees: David McGill, Randy Karl, Ed & Mike Halpin, Lew Williams, Tony Lawler, Rick Beets, and Wayne & Bonni Russert.

June 27th - CORSA Convention, MO - This annual CORSA event is an international draw for Corvair folks around the world. This year, it was close enough to Colorado for several of our members to drive out to and participate in the competitive events. Ed & Kelina Halpin did all of the Cole Events, bringing home awards in the Concourse and the Econo Run, as well as website and newsletter recognitions. Mike Piper received an People's Choice award for his very nice late model during the car show event. PPCC Attendees: Mike Piper, Ken Schiffner, Mike & Billie Kelley, Tim Shortle, Ed & Kelina Halpin.





2017 - THE YEAR IN REVIEW!! (cont.)

July 22nd - Wheels for Wildlife Car Show at the Wildlife Sanctuary in Keenesburg, CO - This first time car show was a fundraising event for the Wildlife Sanctuary in northern Colorado. Four cars made the long trek north to show support this great cause. Expect to see this event on the 2018 Events Calendar! PPCC Attendees: Jon, Debbie, & Jamie Anderson, Ed & Shelley Halpin, Chris Kimberly, David McGill, Dave & Mary Ellen Feasel, Tony Lawler, and John & Debbie Dinsdale.



August 22nd - Well Springs Fundraiser in Castle Rock, CO - In August, PPCC members John & Kathy Green took their '68 Coupe out for a fundraising show in Castle Rock. Well Springs is an organization which provides training for developmentally disabled teens and adults. A fun show, for a great cause. In yet another display of community support, John & Kathy took their other car, a '61 Lakewood, to a local Senior Center which was sponsoring a small car show for their residents. As with other classic cars, the Corvair evokes memories in folks of good times past, and can transport you back in time, with just with the smell of interior or an engine bay. The car definitely made and impact on the folks in attendance. Thank you John & Kathy for allowing folks to take a trip down memory lane, right from the parking lot!!





2017 - THE YEAR IN REVIEW!! (cont.)

September 2nd - 1st Saturday Car Show in Colorado Springs - After three years of trying, the PPCC finally got their opportunity to host one of the local car shows!! We had an awesome morning in Colorado Springs with 21 Corvairs in attendance, 13 late models and 8 earlys. A great big round of applause to the following PPCC members and families who got up as early as 4am to support the club's efforts: Chris Kimberly, Tony Lawler, Rick Beets, Mike Piper, Ed, Cheryl & Kelina Halpin, John & Kathy Green, Ken Schiffner, Ray Schick, Allen Amrine, Pat Carty, Peter Frantz, John Neal, Jon & Debbie Anderson & Family, Dusty Dodge David McGill, and Dave & Mary Ellen Feasel. We were also joined by several members of the RMC who made a looong drive down from the Denver area to support the PPCC, including, Jon Whiteley, and Kory & Gail Levin. We will be working to secure another host opportunity in 2018, so let's shoot for 30 Corvairs out there next time!! Thank you all very much for the support!!



September 17th - PPCC 40th Anniversary Party - More than 30 current and former members gathered at the Biaggi's Italian Restaurant in Colorado Springs for an invitation only gala, celebrating the Club's 40th Anniversary. It was back in 1977 when the current Club reformed in it's current state, but we can trace our Corvair lineage back to 1960 when Don Green a car salesman at Daniels Chevrolet started the very first Corvair Club in the world, right here in Colorado Springs!! As part of the celebration, we were honored to have many of our past Presidents on hand, including Jim Woods, who was the Club's very first VP, and later President. Thank you all for coming out and celebrating our first 40 years of Corvair fun!!

September 9th - Castle Rock Chili Fest Car Show, Castle Rock, CO - The PPCC is all about supporting the local community, so when we were informed that the "ChiliFest" in Castle Rock was one the largest fundraisers for our local Scouts, we had to send a couple cars over. Mike Piper and Ed Halpin brought their late models over for everyone to enjoy. Ed even wound up winning an award for "Best Paint Job"! Thanks for bringing the cars out guys!!





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September 24th - Fall Tour Drive to Buena Vista, CO - This annual trek through the Colorado countryside is a favorite for the Club. We pick a far off destination which allows for a nice, scenic drive through the changing Aspens and other Fall foliage. This year, we headed out to Buena Vista to meet up with members of the RMC for lunch at “Jan’s Restaurant”. The trees were in transition, the cars ran great, the food was yummy, and the company was enjoyable. A great big THANKS goes out to Chris Kimberly and Steve Goodman for setting this event up for everyone to enjoy!! PPCC Attendees: David McGill, Steve Goodman, Jon & Debbie Anderson, David & Mary Ellen Feasel, Ed Halpin & Gabe Cooper, Chris Kimberly and Sister Linda, Tony & Diane Lawler, Ray Schick & Betty West, Rick Beets, Wayne & Bonni Russert, and Mike & Karen Piper.

September 29th - Great Plains Round-Up, Oklahoma City, OK - Several members of the PPCC attended the Great Plains Roundup in Oklahoma City from September 29 - October 1. John & Kathy Green and Dave & Mary Ellen Feasel drove interstate 70 and 35, while Chris Kimberly and Mike Piper drove interstate 25 south to route 40. Tim Shortle came in from Durango. The festivities took place at the Embassy Suites, with over 80 Corvairs at the car show. Clubs came from Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri, Arkansas, South Carolina, Nebraska, New Mexico, Colorado, and Texas!! One highlight for us was meeting up with Ken Brown, one of the past presidents of the PPCC. He is now living in Kansas. Lots of car chatter, buying parts, racing valve cover racers, and 'kickin' tires, ended with a wonderful banquet and awards ceremony. The Central Oklahoma Corvair Association hosted a wonderful weekend of all things Corvair!! Thanks, COCA!!



October 1st - Rambler Ranch, Elizabeth, CO - Ed Halpin had a chance to join up with another local car club for a trip out to Rambler Ranch with grandson Gabe, driving his '67 Sedan. Terry, the owner, has added several more Corvairs to his collection of more than 350 cars. Always a fun trip, and the Corvair got lots of attention.



2017 - THE YEAR IN REVIEW!! (cont.)

October 7th - Bailey Saddle Shop and Saddleland Museum in Simla, CO - A new event for the Club, recommended by Wayne Russert, a sizable group of members and their cars made a fun trip out to the eastern plains of Colorado. PPCC Attendees: Wayne & Bonni Russert, Chris Kimberly, John & Debbie Dinsdale, Tony Gellerman, Dave & Mary Ellen Feasel, Ray Schick & Betty West, and David McGill.



October 20th - Great Western Fan Belt Toss, Palm Springs, CA - Members Tony & Diane Lawler headed west in October to participate in the annual Great Western Fanbelt Toss and Swap Meet, held out in Palm Springs, CA. It was a chance for them to visit family that lives in the area, check out some different cars, and road trip their new '66 Convertible. PPCC member and Toss regular, Tim Shortle was also in attendance. While Tony experienced some headlight issues on the road, everyone made it back home safe and sound! Road Trip again next year!!



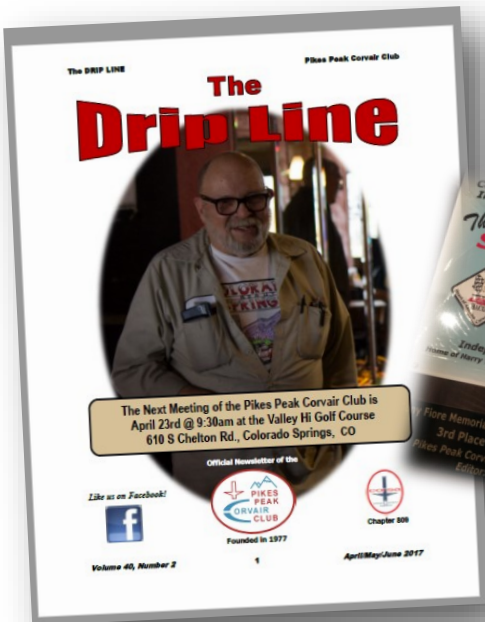
November 4th - Olympic Training Center Tour - This was a brand new event for the Club, this year, and while attendance was pretty sparse, with only four members attending, all folks who did participate said they had a great time, and got to see a lot of the behind the scenes efforts that go into supporting a world class athlete. We'll try this one again next year! PPCC Attendees included: John & Kathy Green and Dave & Mary Ellen Feasel.





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International Recognition of the Pikes Peak Corvair Club Website - For the third straight year, the Club's website was recognized as one of the top three best within all of CORSA, taking 3rd Place in this year's competition. Our Webmaster, Kelina Halpin, consistently maintained a relevant, active, and engaging website throughout 2017, which was entertaining, professional, and had a huge impact in our ability to attract new members. While Kelina will not be maintaining our site going into 2018, we owe her a great big thank you for all the work she has done to get us this far in our communications efforts. Thanks Kelina, Great Job!!



International Recognition for our Club Newsletter, "The Drip Line" - Also, for the third straight year, the Club's newsletter and Editor, Ed Halpin, was recognized as one of the top three best newsletters in CORSA. After taking 1st Place trophies home in 2015 and 2016, we placed 3rd this year. With all of the great newsletters out there, it is a huge honor, and we're all very proud of the accomplishment. Congratulations, again, Ed!



While CORSA does not yet have a Social Media category to recognize the various communication platforms of Facebook, Twitter, Pintrest, etc., our Pikes Peak Corvair Club Facebook group would be right up there with the best of them. The group now boasts more than 175 members, and continues to grow every month. Since its inception in 2010, Patricia Fox has administered the site for the Club, sharing pictures, stories, and bringing Corvairs folks together. Thank you for the continued support and proactive engagement, Patricia!!





NEW PPCC MEMBERS AND NEW RIDES!

The year 2017 was a good one for the Club, as we welcomed 23 new members to the group. Because you just can't have one Corvair, we also had a number of PPCC folks also pick up new rides along the way. Welcome to the Club and Congratulations on the New Rides!!!

New Members in 2017

- Rick Beets
- Pat & Judy Carty
- Dusty & Chris Dodge
- Ray & Jackie Fleisleber
- Tony & Julie Gellerman
- Tim & Karen Hackworth
- Duane Hayes
- Lube Lubert
- Paul & Marianne Motz
- Mike & Karen Piper
- Jim & Heula Pittman
- Ken Schiffner
- Daniel Teschner
- Lew & Robbin Williams





PPCC "TECH TEAM" UPDATES!!

As most of you know, the Pikes Peak Corvair Club has had a "Tech Team" for several years now. The core group consists of a handful of folks; Dave Feasel, Ed Halpin, Ray Schick, and Randy Karl, who have volunteered to share their general Corvair knowledge and mechanical expertise with Club members who find themselves caught in a variety of "challenging" situations ☺. They are joined monthly by other enthusiastic Club members, who rotate in and out on the various projects, to lend a hand when they can, sharing their mechanical skills, and also learning along the way.

Throughout 2017, the team has been active and engaged, helping folks navigate through some unique opportunities, and answering questions. Here's just a few of those situations to share:

The Gellerman Files - Early in the year we received a call from a prospective member, Mr. Tony Gellerman. With the help of his Corvair buddy in OK, Tony had just purchased a very nice, late model, red coupe, and wanted to better understand what would be needed to get the car in reliable driving condition. The team stopped over to Tony's place in Elbert, did a mechanical assessment of the car, and shared some thoughts on what might need to be done to spruce it up for miles of smiles with the family. We had a chance to meet Tony's family, while we were there, and they joined up with the Club soon after.



Tony and his 1965 Monza Coupe

The Flintstone Mobile of Castle Rock - After purchasing a nice '68 coupe in 2016, members John & Kathy Green decided they wanted to expand the stable and find a road ready Lakewood for Kathy to drive to car shows and enjoy

as her own. They found what they believed to be a turn-key '61 wagon out in Arizona, and after some negotiations, they brought it back here to Colorado, just in time for the cold weather to settle in. It was only then that they found the car had no lower engine shrouds or heating system, among other things, which were not readily disclosed by the previous owner. So, after a couple weeks of work up at Rear Engine Specialists in Golden (Steve Goodman), they had heat, and began enjoying the car.

Springtime came around, and they got the itch to redo the interior; new door panels, arm rests, seats reupholstered, and of course, new carpet. All went well, until the carpet was removed. It was only then that they realized that they had no floor in the car! There were remnants of what used to be a floor, i.e., a couple places to mounts seats, but everything else was rotted and rusted away, covered up and held together by massive amounts of riveted sheet metal and fiberglass.

What really brought the car to the team's attention was that whoever had done that work on the floor had taken the liberty of cutting out almost all of the structural integrity of the car. John made jokes about going over bumps and bouncing in the seat; but it wasn't the springs in the seat giving him that bounce, it was the bouncing of the floor since it had no support bracing!

Having the car repaired by a body shop would have been pretty pricey, so Dave Feasel opened up his shop in Peyton for the team to get engaged.

Lots of work went into this project, and we'll recap the entire effort in an upcoming newsletter, with proper credit given to everyone who helped out. For now, a great big thank you to everyone who helped on this project.



John Green installing sound deadening material on his new '61 Lakewood floor!



PPCC "TECH TEAM" UPDATES!! (cont.)

Mr. McGill Has A Complete Car – PPCC member David McGill joined up with the Club several years back, but his relationship with Corvairs goes back a bit further. In 1965, David had purchased a new CORSA convertible, which he later had to sell. He sold it to a friend, only to buy it back again after the new owner wrecked the car, pretty severely. Over the years, David worked on putting the car back together, having the suspension pieces powder coated, collecting new parts, and readying everything for installation. As it happens with many of us, health issues caused David to put off that final assembly. In the interim, you could see David driving one of his other classic cars to the PPCC events, either an '82 Mercedes or his big blue '65 Oldsmobile, but the Corvair was always there, on his mind, but pieces sitting on his garage floor.

Enter the Tech Team! Dave Feasel jump started the process by having David collect all of the pieces into boxes, which they then transported over to his shop in Peyton, along with the shell of a car. Assembly began almost immediately, with several members of the Club taking specific assembly assignments, and bringing the car back to life after 11 years. We'll do a full recap of this project in an upcoming newsletter as well, calling out all of the folks who helped to make it happen for David. Thanks to all, another happy customer!!

There have been other instances this year where folks on the team have helped others find their dream car, or at least one they can make into the car of their dreams [all it takes is time and money ☺].

Pat Gets Back On The Road!! - We had the pleasure of meeting Pat Carty, and his son, at a meeting early this year, out in Fountain. Pat spoke about the '64 Spyder he had as a young man overseas, and even had a framed photo for us to take a look at. He loved that car. Well, as it happens, life gets in the way, and the years pass, but you look back on those simpler times, and want to recapture some of the magic. A car has a way of doing that, rolling down a back road with the radio on, you can be transported back 30 years to your high school, college, or days in the service. So, Pat was looking for a Corvair.

It took several months for him to find a local project that suited him, but with the help of PPCC member Steve Goodman, Pat landed in another early convertible, and formally joined up with the PPCC. The car needs a little work, but being back in a Corvair puts a smile on Pat's face every time he drives it. Safe travels, Pat!!

And only recently, Club President, Chris Kimberly, was contacted by a prospective member out on the Western Slope, in Olathe. He's currently looking for a running Rampside to get out and have fun with, and also wants to pick up some project Corvairs to fix and sell. PPCC member William Pearce has graciously offered to help this fella out and see if we can't make him an "airhead" in short order. If he's able to find what he's looking for, we'll add yet another member to the roster, and William will have a new friend in the neighborhood ☺.

2018 promises to be even more engaging, as we're looking to host several interesting tech sessions for the Club, including a welding class!

So, if you, or someone you know, has a Corvair related issue, please know that there are folks who are ready, willing, and eager to help. The Tech Team is an extended family of PPCC gearheads with a simple mission;

"Leave No Corvair Behind!"




Just Another Day At The Shop!!

(l-r) John Green, Dave Feasel, Peter Frantz, Randy Karl, David McGill, and Ed Halpin



2017 PPCC Activities Calendar

All planned events will be noted on the Club's interactive calendar, located on our website @ <http://www.corvair.org/chapters/chapter809/calendar/calendar.htm>

 **Sunday, December 10th @ 1:00pm: "PPCC Meeting and Christmas Party"**, Edelweiss Restaurant, 34 E Ramona Ave, Colorado Springs, CO. Put it on your calendars and plan those other holidays events around it. Great Fun every year!!

2018 - The Events Calendar is currently being developed by Chris and the Team. If you have any suggestions of places to visit with the cars, or fun things we can do, please reach out directly to Chris Kimberly via email or phone. The team would love to get as much input as possible, so chime in!



Upcoming Meeting Locations (3 months out)

Sunday, December 10th - 1:00pm, Meeting and Christmas Party, Edelweiss Restaurant, 34 E. Ramona Ave, Colorado Springs, CO.

Sunday, January 21st, 2017 - 9:30am, Valley Hi Golf Course, 610 S. Chelton Rd., Colorado Springs, CO.

Sunday, February 18th, 2017 - 9:30am, Valley Hi Golf Course, 610 S. Chelton Rd., Colorado Springs, CO..



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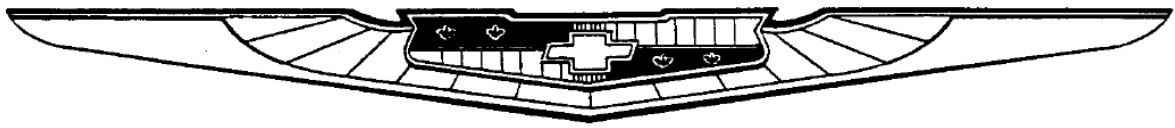
Monthly Meetings: The PPCC meets at 9:30am on the 3rd Sunday of each month at various locations within the Colorado Springs area. Check the Club's website for the most current meet-up info.

Membership & Dues: PPCC dues are \$25 per year. Membership in CORSA is not a prerequisite for membership in PPCC. Please refer to the Club's website below to obtain a copy of the current membership application and guidance for submission. Checks 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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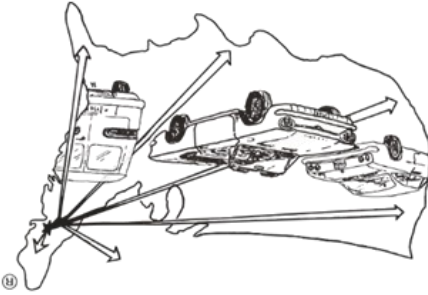
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