

The DripLine

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Happy winners at Cripple Creek. Top left are Diane Tweedy-Lawler and Tony Lawler and their People's Choice winning Ramp-side; Lower right are Jeff Adams and Tonya Boudreau with their Judge's Choice winning Lakewood. Congratulations!!



The next meeting of the Pike's Peak Corvair Club will be held August 21, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. at Valley Hi Golf Club, 610 S. Chelton Rd., Colorado Springs and via Zoom.



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PRESIDENT'S PONDERINGS

By Mike Piper
PPCC President

Hi all!

Still busy at work, now with some projects that are somewhat start and stop or with random changes in direction which can cause moments of confusion... I'm on the verge of finishing up with the last few minor trim issues in the house. I'm down to the stuff that takes 30-45 minutes of prep for a 5-minute task. Sometimes work on our cars goes like this.

In about 5 hours, Kyle and I will, in theory, be departing for Cripple Creek. Before that I have to go with my daughter to the mini storage so she can retrieve her house stuff and so I can get the car. In the past, if Kyle and I did not start early enough, we ended up enjoying 5 MPH traffic during rush hour through Denver and on the way to Colorado Springs, followed by slow traffic in Colorado Springs and construction on westbound highway 24. Based on my latest trip to Colorado Springs, the major road work with the I-25 HOV lanes is about done so the road is much smoother, and the perceived unlimited speed limit HOV lane is open for the most impatient drivers. I'll look forward to not losing hardware from my dash-



board due to the bumps. Last year we drove through a lot of rain. Hopefully that will be better this year. The prep work on the cars is done but I'm going to make Kyle wash and vacuum the '66 Monza. It was placed in the mini storage after coming home from Albuquerque so the insect entrails on the car have had a lot of time to cure.



More quick unexpected Corvair stories... My boss' wife was a high school counselor. She has stayed in touch with one of her students. I was talking to her at a team gathering recently and she mentioned a former student. It turns out he has multiple posts about his 1968 Corvair. It looks like a very nice car, in good condition. I'm not clear if Steve Goodman knows him but he is a local guy, and his parents have a

local business. He works at a detail shop at the moment. I'll see if I can recruit him for one of the clubs.

The other story is I was at a retirement event for one of the leaders of the rescue team I've been affiliated with. A lesson from that is time passes for all of us and when you haven't seen someone for a while you are reminded of that. The Corvair part is our logistics manager had a '64 Corvair which he told me he regretted selling when he was 21. He asked me if I knew Steve Goodman because he used to buy parts from Steve. A moment of small world.

I told him if he wants a car we could probably find him one. It turns out his mom also had a red late model when she was a student at CSU, but she would have been about 4 years ahead of me. She was not the owner of the white convertible with a black top and Ansen sprint wheels that caused me to want a white late model convertible with a black top. I don't recall the girl, just the car which might strike some as odd for a 19-year-old male... In any case it was not his mom because her car was red, and I think he was somewhat relieved.

PRESIDENT'S PONDERINGS

Submitted by
Mike Piper

Maybe I can recruit him for a club membership too.

Elsewhere in the newsletter Jerry Peevyhouse and I tag teamed for an article about the Rosemont Museum trip and my two interesting encounters with the public during that trip. I was surprised overall about the experience. I did not have low expectations, but the trip still exceeded them. There were no awards which was fine, and I certainly know how the Greens felt with their issue.



So, I've managed to ramble on for a while and not say much of use. I can point out that for those of us without AC in our cars the hot weather has been a stark reminder of how things were in the '60s. It was of course common to drive on hot days with all the windows open, the wind wings aimed at our parent's faces and try not to stop. I lived in St. George Utah in 1965 and I recall the scramble to try to find the little dab of shade when parking. I'll still make these trips it, but I'll bring more water in the future. The trip

home from Pueblo about roasted me.

My next event on my radar is the racing at High Plains raceway out on Highway 36. One tip if you're headed out there, when you leave Byers you won't see much. Once you think you've driven too far, about the next hill you drive over you will see it. It is a bit hidden. If you make it to Anton, you have gone too far... Sounds like that should be a fun event.



Another event is the CCCC car show and swap meet at the airport formerly known as Jeffco airport near Wadsworth and US 36. It appears I won't be able to make it due to a work commitment, but the goal is for both clubs to get enough cars there with other air-cooled cars (VW) to fill our own little show area.



Rick Beets (RMC) is leading this effort. John Green is our rep to CCCC as well. In the past this has

been a fun event with lots of cars. Last year had so much smoke from fires you could not see the foothills, but it was still fun, and we'll hope for better this year. There are more details in the events section below.

Last thing making its way to the surface, the club did have a discussion about the future of the cutaway car (See More) and there is another potential option in the not-too distant future, so we have tabled any immediate decision. Presently the car is in the trailer in a safe place and taking it to events will be considered on a case-by-case basis if we can find transport.

Happy and safe travels!

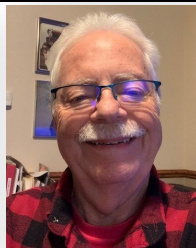
Mike



VP VOLTAGE—CHARACTER

Submitted by
Jerry Peevyhouse

Greetings again. Hope your summer is going well. My wife and I were recently on vacation after the Tri-State in May, and I didn't get to write last month about a conversation I overheard during registration that prompted this article. It's funny how sometimes you hear something that makes you realize how interesting our language is and how many words have several meanings and connotations. As I was passing through the lobby on my way outside, I overheard one of the club members say to a male member "I remember you from the last Tri-State, you are such a character". Now the word "character" has several meanings and usages, and in this case the lady who said this was paying a compliment to the recipient (names not necessary) in that she remembered him as a funny and personable person. It got me thinking about how this particular phrase "you're such a character" is not used much anymore, but I'm old enough to remember it being said about others and even to me a few times in my



younger days.

It also got me thinking about some of the other meanings of the word character. Someone could be a *character* in a movie, as in Hans Solo is my favorite Star Wars *character*, or that someone who is acting in accord with their usual qualities or traits would be behaving *in character*, or someone not in accord with their usual qualities or traits would be acting *out of character*. It could also be the sum of mental and ethical traits, such as the *character* of the American people. In addition, a *character* is a specific symbol or image used in writing – the words you are reading are letters (characters) that make up the alphabet. We even have to use special *characters* like a ! or # or \$ when creating passwords. Heck, even houses have *character*. *Character* can also refer to a person's moral or ethical quality. If you are a

person of good *character*, you are trustworthy and reliable. Someone has said that *character* is what you do or who you are when no one is around. That is an important trait to have.

So, what does this have to do with Corvair's? Not too much, except for *their characteristics*, which it seems everyone I meet at the gas station, or grocery store or car show comments on how they enjoy the characteristics of them and then invariably provide their "Corvair story". It really is a good reminder of how important Corvair's are in the history of transportation, and in telling the story of car development. Being unique is good sometimes 😊.

Hope you are getting out and driving your cars around town. Now that we're back in the groove of things again, I'm enjoying getting mine out. Even got to go to my first car show recently at the RoseMount car show in Pueblo. More on the show later in the DripLine.

Enjoy the journey,
Jerry

MEETING MINUTES- JULY 17, 2022

Valley Hi Golf Club

Submitted By

Kathy Green

PPCC Meeting Minutes

July 17, 2022

Valley Hi Golf Club

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Meeting called to order at 9:41 – 14 members were present. Mike had his computer setup on time and Zoom was up. No one joined us via Zoom. New members Kristal and Rex Harrison were introduced and welcomed. 6 Corvairs were at the meeting (4 convertibles ☺).

50/50

Tony distributed 50/50 tickets.

Minutes

June meeting minutes were discussed, approved and seconded. Motion to approve by John Green, second by Rick Beets.

Treasurers Report

The Treasurer's Report is available to all members on request. Please contact Randy Karl if you wish to receive a copy.

Mail

There was no mail this month.

Membership

We have two new members (joined today), Kristal and Rex Harrison, who own a '62 convertible they purchased in March.

Rosemount Museum Report

Mike, Jerry and KeithAnn were the only cars that made it to Rosemount. Green's had started that way when their Lakewood began smoking just north of Colorado Springs. Their son was driving their coupe and Jerry and KeithAnn were following. They pulled off and found oil coming out of the car, moved up to the next exit, and waited for a tow truck. So, the Green's trip south was called off, and the Lakewood is parked until Steve is available to work on it.

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Jerry and KeithAnn went on south to Pueblo where they enjoyed a wonderful show at the Rosemount Museum with Mike. They had a great spot under big shade trees. There was a large variety of cars. They were able to tour the house that is the museum, and really enjoyed the day. Details on the trip will be shared in The Drip Line. Mike and Jerry both recommend we consider this show again next year.

SeeMore

We currently don't have a driver. Options have been discussed by the board.

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The Glusick's have offered to store trailer with car inside at their place. They live in Penrose, so this location might be difficult. Consensus was that leaving SeeMore at Duane's still makes sense. The larger issue is getting SeeMore to and from events.

Is it time to find SeeMore a new home? Chris Kimberly recommended that we 'sit on it' at Duane's to see what the future might hold and if we have new options for a tow vehicle or storage. Renting a

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MEETING MINUTES- JULY 17, 2022**Valley Hi Golf Club**

Submitted By

Kathy Green

truck could still be an option, which is something we could look at in the future – Garrie Fox mentioned that on occasion he might be willing to drive a truck hauling SeeMore. Consensus was that waiting at this time makes sense. However, this will be an ongoing discussion as no one at this point has volunteered to consistently drive SeeMore to events.

Tony noted that he has already committed to getting SeeMore to the Rocky Mountain Car Show and Swap Meet, so his truck will be available.

Old Business

Rick discussed the Rocky Mountain Car Show and Swap Meet, August 6 in Broomfield. Show runs from 10-2. He is really asking for people to come out with their cars as there is a special location for air cooled cars. He is counting on more Corvair's than VW's at this show. There is a swap meet location for those who wish to sell parts. Discussion was that RMC and PPCC could get a table for anyone who wants to sell parts, however no one has any parts to sell, so we won't be doing this.

Coming Events

Up next is the Cripple Creek all Corvair car show (July 23) open to all Corvairs. Please come!

Rocky Mountain Car Show and Swap meet is August 6.

August 13 is the Wilshire Memorial picnic (near Bandimere Speedway).

August 20 is the road trip to the Orphan Car Museum in Yuma, Colorado. They are offering a catered lunch to attendees for \$10 per person. Chris will need to know how many are attending by August 12. Show of hands indicated that currently there is not a lot of interest due to the distance to Yuma.

October 2 Pueblo Kiwanis Classic Car Poker Run from 10:00 – 3:00. This is a 130 mile trek from Pueblo City Park through Westcliffe, Canon City and ending in Pueblo West.

Colorado City (near Walsenberg) Lion's club is having an Autumn Spectacular car show on October 8.

Chris will have more information on the fall tour at the next meeting.

Old Business

We still need a club secretary!!!

Tech/Parts Needed

There were discussions throughout the meeting on various items members are working on.

Rick needs a YH carburetor for his Turbo.

Jeff needs a fan for his alternator.

Mark is looking for a fuse block wire harness for any year Spider. Rick and Tony both mentioned that they may have what he needs.

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Valley Hi Golf Club

Submitted By

Kathy Green

50/50

50/50 was won by Kristal Harrison (\$15 to Kristal and \$15 to General Fund).

Meeting adjourned at 11:02.**DRIP LINE EDITOR NEEDED**

Submitted By

Kathy Green

PPCC is in need of a newsletter editor who will be willing to take over the reigns of The Drip Line starting January, 2023. I have served as editor since 2019, quite honestly because no one else was willing to step up. Given health concerns, this isn't something that I will be able to continue to do.

Some have indicated that it is 'too much' to take on. When I took over after Ed Halpin stepped down, I too felt it was a lot. However, while it can be time consuming, it isn't difficult. It depends on how much you choose to put into it. That said, there are truly only a few things that are 'required' in our monthly newsletter. Those include:

- Information on our next meeting
- Club minutes
- Leadership Contact information



Everything else you receive on a monthly basis is in hopes of making The Drip Line a vital communication tool and an enjoyable read for the club.

Please consider stepping up. I'm more than happy to discuss my process, the software I use, and any other questions you might have. Please contact me at karmknecht@msn.com if you believe this could be a way you can serve the club.

Thank you!

TECH TIP: CAPITALIZE ON THE ATTENTION OUR CARS DRAW PT. 2Submitted By
Steve Goodman

Last month I wrote about how much attention our cars draw in car displays and on the street and parking lots. That article focused on those who had memories from the past of their own/family members and friends and neighbors who owned Corvairs. I need to say also that very seldom are there negative comments from this group. They might remember fan belt issues or oil leaks and smelly heaters, but I don't recall ever hearing 'hate' language about the Corvair.

There is another group out there with a different attitude and understanding about our cars. This group have never owned one and only know what they read/heard on the news or general gossip. It can be interesting to visit with someone from this group and the approach to having a conversation with them can vary.

The usual 'statement' almost always includes something about the car that made Nader famous or that he had written a book about how dangerous etc. I had one fellow tell me that Nader went to the president of the USA and forced him to outlaw the cars in 1964. He had a blank look when I told him my car was a 1968.

I have a 'pat' response developed through the years to dispel rumors that Nader was the sole reason the Corvair died. I start out by tell them that the Corvair chapter was only one small part of his book "Unsafe at Any Speed". I also say that Nader found fault with any rear engine car due to no protection in the front from crashes. This included VW and Porsche/Renault/Fiat but Nader singled out GM due to the fact that GM was a very large corporation.

After a breath I state that the blame for the demise of the Corvair was largely due to

the Mustang and GM itself. I ask if they remember the advertisements in car magazines and even Life magazine in 65-66. The ads for the Mustang depicted a convertible on the beach with a young couple nearby. Also a coupe or fastback at a ski lodge with again a young couple at the car, and last a Mustang on the race track. Ford showed off the car as a younger generation car plus a performance car. At the same time most (not all) of the Corvair ads showed husband/wife and 2.3 kids and a dog; in other words a family car. Yes there was the occasional ad for Corvair with a very small pic of a Corvette at a bottom corner of the page.

I finish my dissertation with a short reminder that GM had the Camaro on the drawing boards, and it was more competitive against the Mustang so GM made their choice. I also add that GM had plans to stop Corvair after the end of 1966, but felt that appeared to many that GM was 'caving in' to the public demands, so the Corvair continued through 1969 even with the added costs of the safety regulation changes and the emission controls added.

Now whether I have ever educated anyone about the Corvair is hard to say but I certainly try and if nothing else they walk away knowing they met a friendly Corvair owner who believes in the car.

Also if any of the readers here prefer to just call the unknowing person a name and walk away I darn sure wouldn't blame you.



ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS FOR AUGUST

Submitted By
Christine Kimberly

First of all, congratulations to Diane and Tony Lawler for receiving the Peoples Choice award up at Cripple Creek for their Rumpy, and to Tanya Boudreau and Jeff Addams for receiving the Judges Award on their '61 wagon!

Hi Everyone! There are several events and activities to look forward to in August. The first one is **August 6th**: CCCC sponsored **Rocky Mountain car/airshow and swap meet**. The cost for admission with your car is \$10.00. There will be a special area set up for Corvairs, so it would be great to have as many cars there as possible. See the flyer in the Drip line for more info.



The next event is a **day trip and tour on August 20 to Yuma, CO., to the Orphanage Car Museum**. This museum is affiliated with Forney Museum in Denver. (they currently have an American Bantam Woody on display from Forney.) They specialize in cars that are no longer in production. They also have an extensive collection of radiator caps and hood ornaments from 1900's to the 1990s, until the end of August.

The museum will cater a fried chicken luncheon with sides, dessert, and beverage for \$10.00 per person. **Since they are preparing lunch, we need to give them a number count of folks who will be there by August 11.**

Please let me know if you will be attending this trip and how many in your group by this

date. Since we live all over the Springs and areas north, we will meet at the Limon exit (Interstate 70) at the Pilot Travel Center, at 9:30 am. Then we can caravan from there to Yuma. If you're coming from Denver, you can meet in Limon or get there on Interstate 76. This should be a really fun day drive, no mountain passes (LOL), to a car museum we've never visited before.



Any questions, let me know and keep Vairin'!

Chris Kimberly



JERRY & MIKE'S ROSEMOUNT ADVENTURESubmitted By
Jerry Peevyhouse and Mike Piper

OR 'Rumble at the Rosemount' car show

"It was a hot and sultry day", as the line goes, in Pueblo this past July 9th at the 8th annual Rumble at the Rosemount car show. The event was held at the Rosemount Museum (more on that later) and was very well attended by a variety of antique, classic, custom, street rods, muscle, cruisers, and of course a couple of Corvairs. The plans were for more Corvairs to attend, but it ended up only Jerry and Keithann Peevyhouse in their 65 Red Convertible and Mike Piper in his 65 Red Convertible actually made it down there. As you can see from the picture, we had fraternal twins there, not identical twins ☺.



The day started out as a caravan that started in Castle Rock with John and Kathy driving their Lakewood and their son Douglas and his wife Cassie driving the 68 red coupe, and picking up Jerry and Keithann in Monument on their way south. The plan was executed perfectly until we got down close to Colorado Springs when the Lakewood began to smoke and we pulled off to investigate. A quick look under the car showed there was a pretty healthy leak of oil apparently dripping onto the muffler crossover pipe and causing the smoking. Car was running fine, just leaking oil. Not able to confirm the exact cause of the leak, but after a conversation with Mike (already down in Pueblo) it was determined that it was probably best not to drive the car down to the car show. So, unfortunately, John called for a tow truck and both sets of cars returned to Castle Rock. ☹ They were missed, not the outcome they were expecting.

This is the first time for PPCC attending this car show, but maybe it's one we might consider doing again as it was very well run and with no entry fee was very affordable. There was plenty of big trees around the museum that provided great shade in the morning, not so much in the afternoon. As you can see from the pictures, there were a good variety of car types there, which made it interesting for everyone attending. Mike and I had a great location that drew a lot of foot traffic by our cars. In addition to all the car related stuff, they even had shaved ice for the kids (adult kids too) which was a big hit on such a hot day.

Originally, SeeMore was scheduled to appear, but we couldn't find a way to transport the car down there. One of the organizers of the show mentioned how disappointed they were that SeeMore wasn't there.

The other interesting thing they did was having a noon "rumble" where everyone started up their cars and made some noise. Obviously, the hot rods blasted us out of the water, but it was fun to do.



JERRY & MIKE'S ROSEMOUNT ADVENTURE

Submitted By
Jerry Peevyhouse and Mike Piper



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As part of the admission registration for the show, there was free admission to the Rosemount Museum, which was the home of the John and Margaret Thatcher family who built the 37-room mansion in 1893. Over 85% of all the furniture and items in the mansion are original to the family. At Christmas they put up 37 Christmas trees inside the mansion and decorate it for the holidays.

Since this is a combined article, the following are thoughts from Mike's perspective of the car show and travels to it.

I've determined I'm not great about getting up early for an extended drive to a car show so I decided to stay overnight in Pueblo near the venue. We had a kids movie night at our office in a drive -in format so I went there first, then left at about 21:00 hrs (9:00 PM) to drive to Pueblo. In the process, the father of one of my co-workers, and a former Corvair owner said I should put my top down. I did and it started raining in about 10 minutes. I put the top back up and it quit. The handy thing was my seats and car were wet so in the process of drying them off I cleaned up a bunch of dust.

Away I go. The car has run fine since all of the hassles during the tri-state weekend, so I made good time to just north of Tomah Road on I-25. 75+ MPH to full stop. I spent the next 30-40 minutes at less than 9 MPH trying not to abuse my clutch. I assumed a multi-car accident which turned out to be a paving operation to almost where the old rest stop was south of the Larkspur exit. Off we go again. I'm looking at a lot of lightning that looked south of Colorado Springs, headed east. I thought the messing around not moving would help me miss the storm, but nope. I was into some pretty serious splash back by the time I got to the eastbound highway 24 exit. I was muddling along in rain and road construction until almost Fountain. Then I got into intermittent rain and sprinkles. Some of the northbound folks were driving so fast that when they hit a water puddle, they either had their tires go smack into the water or they threw a wave up over the wall. Fortunately, the waves missed me since my windows were wide open, but I worry about hydroplaning in Corvairs when going fast with water puddles around.

I'd slowed down to about 65 and it was pretty boring until a tired looking Honda came up and hung out in my blind spot for a while. Then he pulled up ahead of me with his interior light on and was waving. I was puzzled at least but I kept going and dropped in behind a couple of cars going about the same speed, and he went ahead. I was staying at a Hampton Inn on the south end of Pueblo, and I pulled in at about midnight. I was getting out of

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the car and the guy following me came up and asked me where I got my parts and complimented me on my car. It turns out he has two Corvairs, a '65 and a '66, one of which is a convertible. One runs and the other is a box of parts. We talked until about 1:00 hrs (1:00 AM) and another guest even commented on how long we talked. He knows of Steve Goodman, he tried getting parts from Corvair Ranch, but they were rusty, he knows of Clarks... I suggested some other sources but truthfully, I was not at my sharpest. He lived in Pueblo and commutes to work in the Springs. I invited him to join PPCC and he took a photo of my decals as a reminder.

My return home was also somewhat interesting. We spent the day in the shade, but it was hot. I needed fuel and went to a Shell station. I think I pulled up to the store to use the restroom but as I parked the young attendant (maybe early 20's) came out to ask me what kind of car that was, and so on. We probably spent 15 minutes. It turns out he likes old cars, and he has a friend that works in an upholstery shop. He really liked the car and said his friend would like working on one. I suggested PPCC again and had him take a photo of my front emblem, so he'd have a reminder of the type of car. He took several other photos too. He was very diligent because every time a customer entered the store, he left me and took care of them. A very nice guy.

Aside from my eyeballs feeling like baked eggs, it was otherwise a dull trip home. I did stop off at the Palmer Lake ice cream shop to get my ice cream a day early and to cool off. I will definitely try to go next year. The car owners there were different from some of the other shows as were their cars, which I think were mostly local. Their tee shirts for sale were very nice and the dash plaques were quite the works of art too.

As they say, "this one's a keeper" and so as we plan next year's events, this is one to put on the calendar again.

SECRETARY NEEDED

PPCC is still seeking an individual who will step into the role of club secretary. Currently we have a 'platoon' of people handling the secretary responsibilities in addition to their other club duties. Please consider volunteering for this important position. The club secretary is responsible for taking minutes at Board and General Club meeting, sending cards of encouragement, picking up the mail and distributing it as appropriate to club officers.



The duties are not extraordinarily time consuming, but extremely important to the club. If you enjoy your membership in PPCC, and believe serving is an important part of that membership, please consider stepping up. PPCC can only remain a vibrant and active club if our members are willing to volunteer for leadership opportunities. You may have said to yourself 'someday, maybe...' Please consider letting 'someday' be today!!

As noted previously, with the introduction of Zoom meeting opportunities, the secretary does not need to be physically present on the front range to serve (we have other members who can pick up the mail ☺). Contact any Board Member to express your interest.

CRIPPLE CREEKSubmitted By
Kathy Green

This year's All Corvair Car Show in Cripple Creek did not disappoint!! I'd like to begin by thanking Chris Kimberly for her tireless efforts to provide wonderful opportunities for us to gather and share our cars. While it may seem easy to put together an event like Cripple Creek, behind the scenes Chris is contacting local representatives of the Museum, making connections with the Hotel, printing People's Choice ballots and car placards, and countless other things to assure a successful event. This year was no exception. Also, special thanks to Tony Lawler and Diane Tweedy Lawler for bringing a canopy, table and chairs to not only provide respite from the heat, but also a comfortable place to shoot the breeze with participants and guests alike. They also made sure every young guest received a coloring sheet, and took care of emptying the ballot box multiple times and assisting with the counting of award ballots. Thank you, thank you, thank you!! And, to everyone who came out with or without a car and spent time in Cripple Creek, setting up feather flags, educating guests and just generally being wonderful, thank you as well!

Thank You!!

Present at this year's show were: Jeff Addams and Tonya Beaudreau, Rick Beet, Garrie and Patricia Fox, John and Kathy Green along with their son, Douglas and daughter-in-law Cassandra, former member Joe Hoeschen, Randy Karl, Chris Kimberly, Diane Tweedy Lawler and Tony Lawler, Mike and Kyle Piper, and a gentleman who lives in Cripple Creek. While this show doesn't include a 'Hard Luck' award, if it had been offered it would have gone to Chris Kimberly, whose beautiful baby blue convertible had shifting problems in Colorado Springs, and after multiple phone calls and emails to club members, was towed back to Castle Rock. The verdict on it's diagnosis is still unknown at this time. Ever the trooper, Chris climbed into her 'truck' and headed back to Cripple Creek.

Several attendees came in on Friday, while the rest drove in on Saturday. Car parking began shortly before 8:00 a.m. on a one of those amazing crystal clear days you only see in the Colorado mountains. The sky was brilliant blue, and throughout the day puffy white (then gray) clouds offered welcome relief from the sun. Though it was warm, it certainly was not as hot as it had been the previous few weeks, and attendees and participants seemed to enjoy the day. All show car owners and their guests were given free admission to the museum and several took the opportunity to check out the variety of historical items on display.

CRIPPLE CREEK

Submitted By
Kathy Green

With feather flags flying and the Cripple Creek to Victor train puffing out clouds of smoke the show began at 9:00 a.m.. There was a Kettle Korn vendor setup in the parking lot with the cars, and I noticed quite a few bags being enjoyed by club members! Throughout the day we were greeted by a steady stream of guests enjoying the cars and voting for their favorite car. Chris even got a few 'mercy votes' (her words 😊) by sharing the show poster, pointing out her lovely car, and explaining why it wasn't there!

Shortly after 2:00 the ballots were counted and Diane Tweedy Lawler and Tony Lawler took home the trophy for People's Choice for their Rampside pickup. The Judge's Choice award was presented to Tonya Beaudreau and Jeff Addams for their Lakewood station wagon. The museum curator explained that their decision was based on the fact that they really liked 'old and original'! Congratulations to our big winners.

It should be noted that every vehicle that was shown received some votes for People's Choice—so don't forget that beauty truly is in the eye of the beholder! Each of our cars will 'speak' to someone in a unique way.

The show was scheduled to run until 4:00 p.m. However, at 3:00 p.m. huge gusts of wind filled with dust and soot from the train knocked over feather flags and threatened to uproot the canopies over the club tables and Kettle Korn vendor. In addition, lighting was popping all around, so discretion being the better part of valor, everyone packed up and headed home. All in all this was a wonderful, successful day.

Let's all plan to attend next year! Show pictures are on the following pages.

CRIPPLE CREEK

Submitted By
Kathy Green

Pictured: Rick's Spyder; Jeff and Tonya's Lakewood; John and Kathy's Coupe; Garrie and Patricia's Coupe; Mike's Convertible; Mike's second Convertible



CRIPPLE CREEK

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Kathy Green

Pictured: Randy's Coupe; Joe's Convertible; Diane and Tony's Rampside; a few 'Artsy shots'.



ITEM OF INTEREST

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300 Corvair fanciers hold their convention despite Ralph Nader

Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Elwood Schwartz, who said that all told, 1,700,126 of the things were manufactured, smiled when someone asked him how many he owned himself.

"Fourteen," he answered, then explained that seven are junks which he cannibalizes for parts, so he really owns only seven that run — seven Chevrolet Corvairs.

Schwartz' Corvair-collection fervor is shared at least to some degree by about 300 persons from all across the United States who converged on the Holiday Inn in Gaithersburg, Md., over the weekend for the second annual convention of the Corvair Society of America.

Corvair, it might be recalled, was the rear-engine economy car manufactured by the Chevrolet Division of General Motors between 1959 and 1969. In its best year, 1961, Corvair sold 317,389 models. In its last year it sold fewer than 3,000.

In 1965 midway between its high point and its end, Corvair was singled out for a special one-chapter attack in consumer advocate Ralph Nader's book, "Unsafe At Any Speed."

Nader alleged that Corvair tended to have rollover problems, that it handled turns badly. General Motors denied the charges, then in 1967 made history by making Corvair the first American economy car to be recalled for modification. The announced cause: possible steering defects.

Later, Consumers Union reported its tests showed that the Corvair heating system had a nasty habit of blowing deadly carbon monoxide into the passenger compartment if defects developed in the exhaust or gasketing systems.

And so it came to pass that

the Corvair was discontinued, its population dwindling, never to rise again. It has joined Packard and Kaiser and Hudson and DeSoto and Falcon.

Schwartz, who organized the convention, and his flock of diehard Corvairaphiles spent much time comparing notes, trading and selling parts and mechanical knowhow, and, inevitably, talking of things past and things that might have been.

"I mean the Corsa was a real thoroughbred," observed one young man. "It had 180 horsepower, it moved well, handled well, it was a real sport car. But instead of pushing it for what it was, Corvair tried to sell itself on the economy angle."

The Corsa, anyone at the convention could tell you, was manufactured only in 1965 and 1966. In other years, the less fancy Monza was at the top of the line.

Schwartz, 30, is campus director of Youth for Christ, a privately sponsored organization promoting Christian revival among youth.

A soft-spoken, earnest young man, he tended to speak guardedly about his objections to Ralph Nader. "Some of (Nader's) arguments bear truth," Schwartz said. "The car must be maintained and it becomes unsafe if it is not properly maintained."

"With proper tires and brakes and shocks, it's a good, easily manageable car. But we're not a platform to berate others. We get together because we dig the car."

Others were not so diplomatic.

"Ralph Nader? We all think he's-----," declared Dennis Verdack, 30, a Toyota salesman who lives in Annandale, Va.

Washington Post
news article:

1972
2nd Annual
CORSA
Convention
Gaithersburg,
MD

As published in the July
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The Connecting Rod,
The Newsletter of Corvair
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DRIP QUIPS

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REALLY???

And just because...



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, attention: Drip Quips.

2022 PPCC ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

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



Rocky Mountain Car Show & Swap Meet, Saturday, August 6: PPCC and RMC attend this annual event. We will be showing SeeMore (if a driver can be secured) and a section of the show will be set aside just for our Corvair's. We would like to see 30 Corvairs or more at this event. Detailed information including registration forms is available [here](#) and in the flier later in The Drip Line.

A Saturday, August 20: Road trip to the Orphan Car Museum in Yuma, Colorado. Check out the museum information at orphanageyuma.com. Contact [Chris Kimberly](#) if interested no later than **August 11**. Museum staff will provide a catered lunch for \$10 per person.

M Sunday, August 21, PPCC Club Meeting: 9:30 a.m., Valley Hi Golf Club, 610 S. Chelton Rd .



Saturday, September 17, Florence Pioneer Days Parade: PPCC will provide details. Current information available [here](#).

M Sunday, September 18, PPCC Club Meeting: 9:30 a.m., location TBA.

A September 24 or 25 OR October 1 or 2, Fall Drive: Date, time and location TBA.

A September 29-30, Corvair Roundup: St. Joseph MO Sept 29 and 30 Concours News. Don Wagner will be running concours at the Roundup in St. Joseph, MO on Sept. 29 & 30. For people that are going to be in concours they will need to be pre-registered for concours. Unit 6 will be done on Thur. Sep 29 afternoon 1 to 5 with concours to be held on Friday morning Sep. 30 - 8 to noon. For information contact Don Wagner Ph 816-324-4870.

A October 2, Pueblo Kiwanis Classic Car Poker Run: 10:00—3:00. 130 Mile Trek from Pueblo City Park through Westcliffe, Canon City and ending in Pueblo West. Proceeds benefit area youth. Information available [here](#)—see flier at the end of The Drip Line.

A October 8, Colorado City/Rye Lion's Club 7th Annual Autumn Spooktacular Car Show: 10:00—3:00, \$30 registration fee. Rain/Snow/Wind date, October 22, 2022, Greenhorn Meadows Park, Colorado City, CO 81019. See flier and registration form at the end of The Drip Line.

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 December 11 or December 18, PPCC Club Meeting and Christmas Party: More to come!

Recurring Local Events:

Second Saturdays of the Month April—September, 2022, Stockers Car Show: 10:30—1:00, on the corner of Maizeland and Academy.

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

CORVAIR PARTNERS & LOCAL BUSINESSES WHICH PPCC MEMBERS HAVE FREQUENTED WITH POSITIVE RESULTS

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

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, 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.

<https://pikespeakcorvairclub.wixsite.com/ppcc>

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5th ANNUAL



ROCKY MOUNTAIN CAR SHOW, SWAP MEET

Saturday August 6th, 2022
10 am - 2 pm

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COLORADO CITY/RYE LIONS CLUB
7TH ANNUAL AUTUMN-SPOOKTACULAR CAR SHOW
 Greenhorn Meadows Park, Colorado City, CO 81019
 October 8, 2022 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.
 Rain/Snow/Wind Date: October 22, 2022



\$30.00 Registration Free; we are a Nonprofit Corporation. Spectators Free.
 Donations accepted. Proceeds to provide Scholarships for Rye High School students, support for children's eye care, Christmas food baskets and toys for needy in our community. Help for our Community. WE SERVE!

OPEN TO ALL YEARS, MAKES & MODELS OF ANYTHING WITH WHEELS!

Vendors welcome @ \$30 per booth.

Judging by Participants for **TOP 20 CAR PLACQUES**. **People's Choice Award**. Lions Trophy for **BEST OF SHOW**. Door prizes every 30 minutes. 50/50 Raffle. Participants requested to donate bag of candy for Trunk or Treat for children. Adult Halloween costume contest
 Lions Chuckwagon to provide lunch.



A FUN FAMILY EVENT!!

(Registration form on back)

COLORADO CITY/RYE LIONS CLUB 7th ANNUAL AUTUMN CAR SHOW
GREENHORN VALLEY PARK, COLORADO CITY, CO - OCTOBER 8, 2022
Rain/Snow/Wind Date: October 22, 2022

10:00 am to 3:00 pm.
Registration 9:00 am to 10:00 am

\$30.00 Registration Fee – We are a Nonprofit Corporation.
Spectators Admission Free – Donations Accepted.

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All roads lead to the Greenhorn Valley Park where the changing colors of the leaves will be spectacular, the people friendly and the cars HOT!!

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Vendors welcome @\$30.00 per booth – Sorry, no food vendors.

Judging by Participants, Sponsors and Spectators for People's Choice Award. The **Lions Chuckwagon** will be selling lunch.

Lions will be selling raffle tickets for door prizes and tickets for the 50/50 Drawing.

Plaques will be awarded to the TOP 20 CARS with a Trophy for the BEST OF SHOW.

Raffles and Door Prizes every 30 minutes - A family event!

Name: _____ Spouse/Guest _____ Address: _____

Telephone: _____

City/State/Zip: _____ Email: _____

Club Affiliation (if any): _____

Vehicle Information: Year ____ Make: _____ Model: _____ Color: _____

Mail Completed Entry forms to: Donna Walker-Hulben, Secretary, Colorado City/Rye Lions Club, P. O. Box 19112, Colorado City, CO 81019 or bring them with you for registration on the day of the show. CONTACTS: For more information contact Donna Walker-Hulben at 719-251-6097.

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I understand by permission to participate in the Colorado City/Rye Lions Club Autumn Car Show, I assume all risks and indemnify and hold harmless the Colorado City/Rye Lions Club, its coordinators, officers and or members, the City of Colorado City or the County of Pueblo from any responsibility or liability for any physical injury, mishap, accident or complication arising from my participation in this private event.

Signature: _____

Date: _____