

The Drip Line

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The next meeting of the Pike's Peak Corvair Club will be held on Sunday February 18 at 9:30am at Serranos Coffee, 625 Highway 105, Monument



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PRESIDENT'S PONDERINGS

Submitted by Rex Harrison
PPCC President

G'day all, and welcome to 2024.

Happy new Year! As the incoming President, I'd like to once again thank the outgoing President for his service to the club. I'm looking forward to working with the board this year to set up a good series of activities for the club, and while I won't be here for a long time, to leave the club in a stronger position going into the future.

I hope everyone had a chance to connect with family over the holiday season and relax – or at least relax as much as the US will let you! For those who haven't heard, in Australia it is summer over Christmas, so about the middle of December the schools close and people start taking leave. It is warm outside and the cricket is on the TV. That gives you about two weeks (or a fortnight in the King's English!) of wind-down and preparation time for Christmas itself. That quiet period last until New Years (where we have another party), and then slowly ramps back up to normal



pace of life by the middle of January. Compared with that, I am surprised that less people don't have heart attacks in the US!

Many thanks to Chris for volunteering once again to be the events coordinator at this month's club meeting. This role is crucial to how our club functions, and it is great to have her experience in the role. I must stress that her role will be to coordinate, not to do everything – we will still need people to organise the details on specific events, so if you see an activity that is close to your heart, please consider raising your hand in support – the events you care about are the ones you want to go well, so you are best placed to make that happen! As I mentioned in the meeting, also have a think if you have some younger family members who would benefit from organising an event for us – I know many schools require community service of some kind, so if you have anyone who needs to pad out their CV, we could definitely use them. As we populate the events calendar for 2024, I'd welcome any thoughts you

might have about other events that you would like to participate in, both involving cars or not. While I expect that we will follow closely along previous years with major events (eg. The Tri-state, picnic, fall cruise and Xmas party), and I don't want to overload the calendar, maybe there are other things we can look at outside of the box – perhaps more social events, given how many of our cars are in the shop!

For those tracking the slow progress of the Harrison's Corvair, it has been a long and frustrating fall and early winter. After the mechanical fuel pump died the day before the fall cruise, we have plumbed in an electric pump, replaced the oil and filter (with the gas definitely smelling of oil) and have just changed out the plugs and leads. In between these jobs we pulled the interior to fit rear seatbelts, cleaned out surface rust on the floorboards (which were surprisingly good), and laid down insulation. So while it hasn't left the garage, a lot of work has been done.

Meanwhile we have also pulled the interior of the Corvette for the same treatment (minus the rear seatbelts!) and to fit a working radio. The MLK long weekend was going to be the weekend of delivery, but the weather beat me as I'm sure it did many of us.

Oh, and most importantly, after pulling the cowl panel to get at flaking paint, I managed to get the golf ball out of the driver's side drain hole. Was that a thing in the 1960s, putting a golf ball in the drain hole, maybe to stop splash-back? Seriously, a golf ball! I came across it in 2022 when I was cleaning crud out of the drain points on both sides, but could never manage to get my grabber in at the right angle. So that's progress I suppose.

Looking forward to the year,

Rex

Submitted by
Jerry Peevyhouse

VP VOLTAGE - Cold weather activities

Wow, the new year really did come in with a bang with that Artic Air blast we got early January. We've had cold spells before, but this one really put a damper on outdoor activities. Even indoor activities in the garage were curtailed. When it's 31 degrees in the garage, my body just doesn't want to work out there. Call me a wimp but that's just the facts now that I have aged a little, like fine wine. Plans to work on my car will just have to wait for a warmer break in the weather.



I also had a bit of a set back with my car battery due to "operator error." Went to plug in my battery charger to keep the battery up and had a completely dead battery. That's when I found I hadn't closed my driver side door all the way the last time I put the car in the garage in late December, and those pesky door lights had drained it down to zip. ☹️ Raise your hand if you've done that before. I thought so, just me, I guess. Fortunately, I had a maintenance trickle charge unit I could plug in and get enough charge that the regular charger would work and I finally got it charged up. Even got to drive it to the January club meeting. I'll keep the

charge up while the car is chilling in the garage this winter. A new battery wasn't on my post- Christmas list.

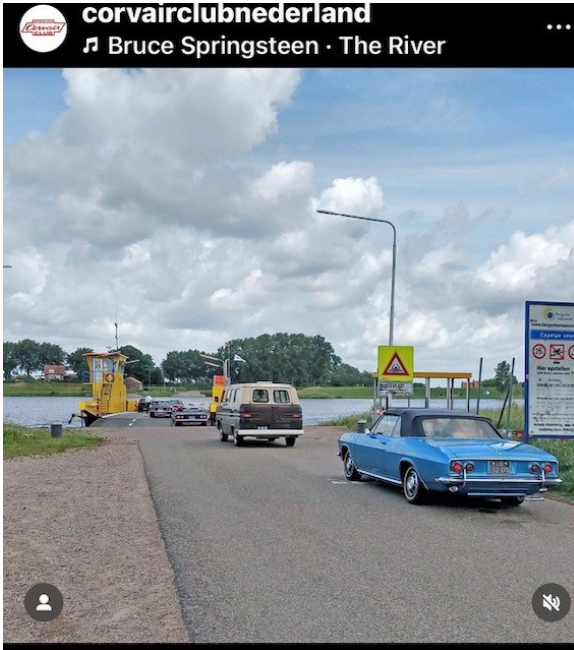
So, if you're not out in the garage working on your car in the winter, what do you do? Well, I had some time to browse the internet (yes, a scary thought) and was checking my Instagram when lo and behold, some posts from the Corvair Club Nederland (Netherlands) and Corvair Club Norway popped up. We were in the Nederland's and Norway on cruises last year, but didn't see any Corvairs. Not sure how many Corvairs are in the Nederland, but apparently there are 60 or so in Norway. Here are a few edited pictures off their site that I thought might be interesting. Amazingly, they look pretty much like the ones we are driving 😊. No accent or anything. I did, however, have to use my Google translate to read the posts, as I'm not really up on my Dutch or Norwegian. Gotta work on that this year.



This 1960 above is apparently for sale for 189,000 KR (Krone), which converts to \$18,550 USD. Shipping and handling to the US extra if you're interested. Actually, a lot of nice ones here for a lot less.



Notice this car. It's not mine, but looks almost exactly like it minus the pinstripe I have on mine. Red is, after all, the official Corvair club color 😊. Just ask Mike and John.



It looks like their drives often involve a ferry ride across the various rivers and canals they have. I'm sure parts are always an issue for them, as I'm sure the shipping from Clark's is not cheap. I'll be checking for more of their posts, it's fun to see other countries enjoying the 'Vair. We're still getting to know our new club meeting venue at Serranos coffee

in Monument. Nice meeting area, plus the breakfast food and coffees are great. We encourage you to come out and join us, as we are working on this year's events and shows. We plan to have some just fun activities and drives in addition to the various car shows we normally promote.

In closing, I hope you have a great 2024. I do have a couple of interesting February events for you:

Don't forget Feb. 2nd – Groundhog Day. Hope that pesky varmint doesn't see his shadow. I'm ready for an early spring. Also, don't forget this is a leap year with 29 days. Not sure anyone in our group has a leap year birthday. If so, glad you get to celebrate this year!

Let's hope we have some warmish weather this winter and get in some driving.

Enjoy the journey,

Jerry

	<h3 style="text-align: center;">Upcoming Meetings</h3> <p>Sunday, February 18, PPCC Club Meeting: 9:30 a.m., Serranos coffee, 625 Hwy 105, Monument</p> <p>Sunday, March 17, PPCC Club Meeting: 9:30 a.m., Serranos coffee, 625 Hwy 105, Monument</p> <p>Sunday, April 21, PPCC Club Meeting: 9:30 a.m., Serranos coffee, 625 Hwy 105, Monument</p>
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MEETING MINUTES– January 21, 2024**Serranos Coffee, Monument**Submitted By
Kristal Harrison**PPCC Meeting Minutes
21 Jan 2024
Serranos coffee, Monument**

Meeting called to order at 0938 – 14 members and no visitors on site, no interest prior to the meeting for a zoom meeting.

Visitors

none

50/50

Chris distributed 50/50 tickets.

Minutes

December meeting minutes were discussed, approved and seconded. Motion to approve by Jerry, second by Chris.

Treasury Report

General Fund: \$1818.61

SeeMore Fund: \$2868.26

Total: \$4686.87

This month we have paid for the PO box, CO tax exempt status, still waiting to pay CORSA, Collector car council, website add on subscriptions. Do we still want to be part of the CCC? They do a lot of lobbying re: car/road laws etc. Board will make that decision prior to renewal.

Mail

One membership check.

Membership

49 members, 34 have paid, Kathy will contact those who have not paid yet. Are there any who have left and may be willing to return? Most have moved away, grown too old to attend, etc. Not really in a position to renew.

SeeMore

Nil new, and probably won't be until Spring

Old Business

An events person is still required. Chris has very helpfully offered to do this again. Yay!! Rex has suggested that if anyone knows of a high school/college student/junior officer/enlisted person that needs community service hours, then please approach them as they may be open to organizing an event. If you have any suggestions, or want to organize an event, please let Chris know, as she will be coordinating the events and their respective organizers, not doing all the organizing herself!

Thanks to John for organizing the Christmas party. He will keep that venue for next year.

New Business/events

Business cards need to be updated with new website info. Randy to order.

Jerry has reserved the room at Serranos for Feb, March, and April.

Forney museum in Denver has a Chevy display until the end of January. Suggestion to go next weekend as a group, but too short notice. Chris to try and get PPCC on the roster for dusting the collection.

E-Days in Golden at the School of Mines – usually the middle of April.

Monument coffee and cars will be on when we are meeting here from April.

Please park in the next lot over on those days.

Jerry to contact Glenn re: bug out day before Tri-State. Possibility of holding it Sunday April 21 in conjunction with a meeting. RMC also has a bug-out day.

Saturday before Father's Day is the Castle Rock cruise. Kathy to distribute registration details when they are available.

Ice cream social at Palmer Lake on Father's Day.

50/50

50/50 was won by Chris \$23 (\$22 to the club)

Meeting adjourned at 1015

TECH TIP: Corvair Winter “Nap Time”

Submitted By Steve Goodman
Pilfered from Vol42, No1 Jan 2019

Cold/winter weather makes many put their nice collector cars away and forgotten until springtime. We are fortunate in this area, winter hits for a day or two then presto SUNSHINE and the roads are clear and temps bearable. We should be able to exercise our Corvairs often.

If you keep the car(s) in a garage very little needs to be done since the car will venture out several times through the cold months. Keep the fuel tank full, a partially full tank will condense moisture and water will collect on top of the gas. Also if you plan to take the car out; the fears of ethenol/alcohol blend fuels shouldn't be an issue, you are keeping the rubber parts (hoses and accel pumps) moist. NOTE that reports of success/failure of using stabilizer additives is mixed.

Check tire pressures since cold temps tend to take a few PSI away. Other checks include washer bottle fluid/wiper blades and heater operations. A lightweight car cover is nice, keeps some of the dust off car, cheap to buy.

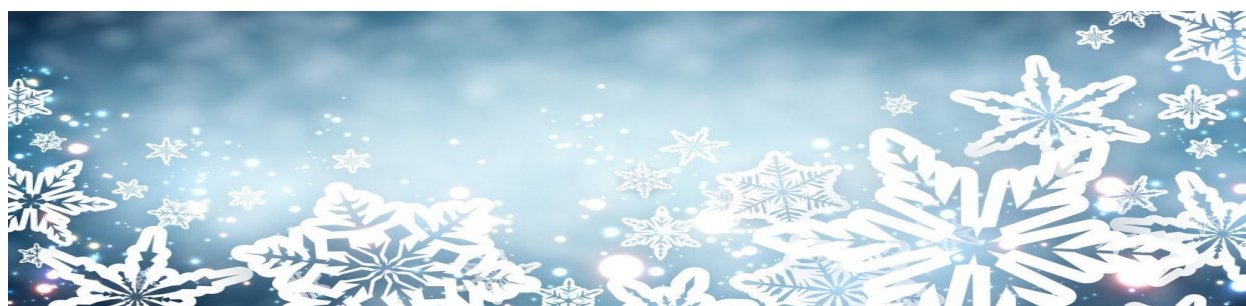
If car is stored outside maybe under a car port it might be good to change to a thinner weight of oil and ensure a good tune up so starting is easy in cold weather. Just because temps are low the car can be used if roads are dry. I notice many carry water bottles in their cars. Double check the floors and under the seats, when water freezes it expands and can burst a plastic container. Also vacuum the car well, any food residue may attract rodents. Lay several drier sheets on the floors too, or try other rodent repellants. There are several quality battery tenders (on demand trickle chargers) on the market. OR just unhook negative (ground) cable. If you use the car during the winter months and the battery is good a charger should not be necessary.

If you chose a car cover for outside storage DO NOT use a waterproof version, find a cover that breathes so the water will evaporate. Moisture will be trapped between the waterproof cover and the paint; the paint will lose the battle.

One last note about today's fuels and rubber: even during summertime if the car

isn't used regularly the carb bowls dry out, the rubber line over the rear axle dries out and if you are still using a mechanical fuel pump then the diaphragms and flapper valve rubber those also harden/crack and leak. It is imperative that our cars be used regularly and often. Yes there is non-alcohol fuels available but certainly not on every corner and some are lots more money per gallon than the normal fuels. If you have cold starting issues or worse a 'flat spot/hesitation' when you leave a light or stop sign the first place to check is the accelerator pump squirt action in the carbs.

The enjoyment in owning our cars is driving them, not storing them. Have a safe winter.



This is a good cause to maybe donate a few bucks to every year.

Where all the Corvairs were built.

Wayne Russert

[Michigan Air Museum | Yankee Air Museum | Southeast Michigan](#)

The Chevrolet Corvair was assembled at Willow Run during the car's entire 10-year production run. On May 14, 1969, the media was invited to Willow Run as the last Corvair came down the line; a departure from GM's policy of not permitting reporters to visit their manufacturing facilities.



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME!Submitted By
Kathy Green

Don't forget your annual dues are due by January 15, 2024, but we're always happy to receive your dues ahead of time to help with bookkeeping. If you prefer the manual method for dues renewal, please send your check for \$26 to PPCC, ATTN: Treasurer/ Membership Chair, P.O. Box 15034, Colorado Springs, CO 80935. We will continue sending out rosters with updates as dues are paid.

If you'd like to avoid writing a check, getting out an envelope, finding your stamps and going to the mailbox, to pay your dues online simply select this [link](#) and you'll be directed to a short form where we'll ask you to give us your name, select how many years you wish to pay for, and move ahead!

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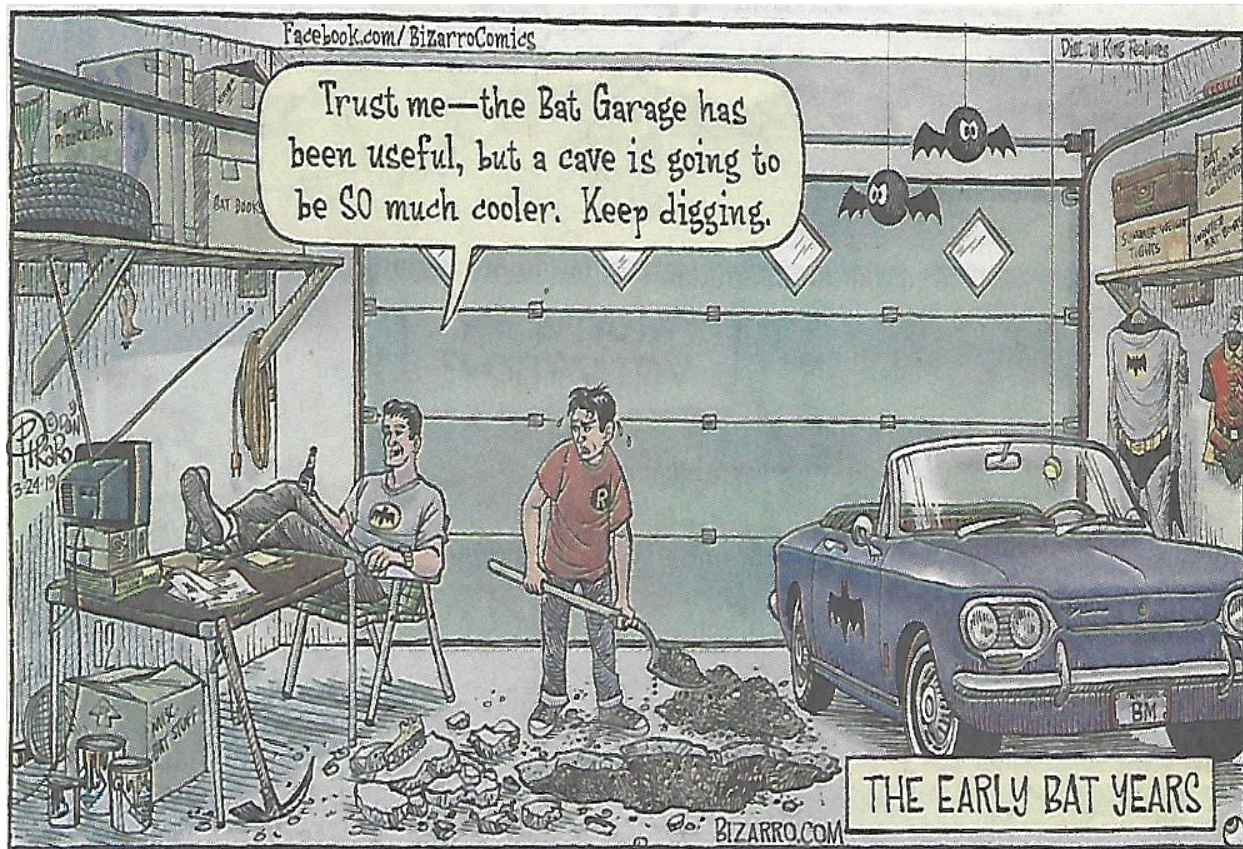
We don't take your membership for granted, and we truly value the input of all of our members. Please take a moment to update your membership dues for 2024 now, and Happy New Year!

Thank you!

Kathy Green, Your Membership Chair

DRIP QUIPS


Thanks to Wayne for this one!



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 editor@pikespeakcorvair.org attention: Drip Quips.

2024 PPCC ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

All club events will be noted on the Club's interactive calendar, located on our website, [PPCC Calendar – Pikes Peak Corvair Club](#)

- M Sunday February 18: 9:30 am Regular monthly meeting—Serranos coffee, 625 Hwy 105, Monument
- M Sunday March 17: 9:30 am Regular monthly meeting—Serranos coffee, 625 Hwy 105, Monument
- M Sunday April 21: 9:30 am Regular monthly meeting—Serranos coffee, 625 Hwy 105, Monument
-  Friday 17—Sunday 19 May: Tri-State weekend in Las Vegas, New Mexico

Ongoing events: see facebook for more information



First Saturdays Cars and Coffee: 8:00—10:00am., University Village Colorado - 4880-5342 North Nevada Avenue, Colorado Springs, CO (parking area between Urban Egg and Panera Bread)



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.

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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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Membership & Dues: PPCC dues are \$26 per year, payable each January for the coming year. Membership in CORSA is encouraged, but is not a prerequisite for membership in the PPCC. You can join CORSA [here](#). Please refer to the PPCC website [here](#) 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. Payment is also accepted online.

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