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Cover Photo:

Jerry's car at the Pikes Peak Air Cooled Club meetup. You can find them on facebook: PPAC Group | Facebook



The next meeting of the Pike's Peak Corvair Club will be held on Sunday April 21 at 9:30am at Serranos Coffee, 625 Highway 105, Monument



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PRESIDENT'S PONDERINGS

Submitted by Rex Harrison PPCC President

Great to see another strong turnout at the club meeting this month, following on from a successful board meeting. As the weather is turn-



ing warm and the calendar is filling with events, I hope everyone whose car isn't in deep level maintenance is getting ready for some time spent cruising. For those who still have work to do, a reminder that the bug-out day will occur in April like last year.

As those at the monthly meeting will have heard, Jeff and Tanya will be leaving Colorado Springs in the coming months. On behalf of the board and the club I wish them all the best with the move and the next phase of life, and I am certain that their Lakewood will be sorely missed at future car shows!

As it seems the purpose of my life is to serve as a warning to others, we lucked out (Australian meaning—out of luck) and took the Corvette out for the first coffee and cars of the season and it died stone cold by the side of the road. Looks like a fuel issue – either a blocked

filter or the pump has packed it in. We lucked out (American meaning) as the tow didn't take too long, and it was a sunny day! On the plus side the tow truck driver pointed out that the power steering valve was leaking, and one of the lower control arms needed to be replaced - in front of Kristal - so that stack of replacement parts downstairs is looking more like a good investment and less like a folly.

On the second plus side, that afternoon I got the Corvair back up running and tuned to a point where it doesn't stall out putting it into gear. Next step is the road test – which is a little hard because I now have a dead Corvette between it and the street! Champagne problems...



Submitted by Jerry Peevyhouse

VP VOLTAGE - Eclipsed

What will you be doing on April 8th? You still have time to grab the old solar glasses and take a trip to any-where between San



Antonio and Buffalo to join 32+ million other people to see a spectacular total solar eclipse here in the US. Miss it and you'll have to wait till 2044 to see another one in the US, probably a bit too far out for me.



I remember the August 2017 total eclipse that passed across the US. We in the Denver area only got the partial eclipse, but it was quite an event. Still have my solar glasses in case someone needs them. That eclipse only lasted 2

½ minutes, the one coming up will be 4 ½ minutes and will be visible to a lot more people. Will give new meaning to the old Simon and Garfunkel tune phrase "Hello darkness, my old friend"

Sadly, my wife and I will be in Seattle that day visiting family, so will only catch it on the news. Gonna miss the crickets chirping during the eclipse. Poor planning on our part I guess, but it was the best time for them. Anyway, hope some of you get to see it and would love to hear about it.

Also in April, there will be several car show events to attend, come rain, snow, or sun. The E-Days Car Show will be on April 13th in Golden. There will be a Cars and Coffee in Monument on the 1st Sunday of each month. Also, the Pikes Peak Air Coolers (PPAC) have their cars + coffee meet up each second Saturday of the month at 9 am at the Kairos Coffee House in Colorado Springs. It's primarily VW's, but I went to their March meet-up as the only Corvair. There was a token Porshe there too. They meet for a show and do

a local cruise afterwards before coming back for lunch somewhere around the meet up place. This cruise was through Garden of the Gods into Manitou Springs and back through Garden of the Gods to the Voodoo Brewing Co. for lunch. Some shots of the cruise, which was weird for me to follow a bunch of VW's instead of our normal pack of Corvairs.







Also, don't forget to register for the upcoming Corvairs of New Mexico hosted 39th Tri-State happening in Las Vegas, NM. on May 17-18th of this year. The early registration deadline is past, but you can still register. Registration forms and details are available at their website www.tristatecorvairs.com. Hotel information is on the registration form, but alternate hotels are available if host hotels are full.

A copy of the registration form is included later in the DripLine for your convenience.

Hope to see you at our April

meeting, if not before then.

Also, welcome to Spring, although that doesn't mean much around here weather wise. We, along with everyone else, got pounded with a lot of snow recently, with more on the way. Our PPCC motto this time of year is

"shovel and show".
And I do like having more evening sun with the time change.

Enjoy the journey,

Jerry

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Upcoming Meeting Dates

Upcoming Meetings

Sunday, April 21, PPCC Club Meeting: 9:30 a.m., Serranos coffee,

625 Hwy 105, Monument

Sunday, May 19, PPCC Club Meeting: 9:30 a.m., Las Vegas, New

Mexico

Sunday, June 16, PPCC Club Meeting: 9:30 a.m., Palmer Lake

MEETING MINUTES- March 17, 2024

Serranos Coffee, Monument

Submitted By Kristal Harrison

Meeting called to order at 0930 – 12 members and one visitor on site, no zoom meeting.

Visitors

Kristin Zick – she's looking for a convertible to buy

Minutes

February meeting minutes were discussed, approved and seconded. Motion to approve by Jerry, second by John.

Treasury Report

General Fund: \$2042.58 SeeMore Fund: \$2868.26

Total: \$4910.84

Randy will order new stickers and patches.

Mail

One card sent to Michael Timmons on the death of his Mother. No incoming mail.

Membership

Rex distributed past president name tags.

Old Business/board update

Board resolved to retain membership with CCCC. Rick Beets will be our rep. John to register SeeMore for Concourse – after checking with Glenn. Glenn is still good to take SeeMore.

Past events

Air Coolers club – Kristal and Rex turned up and talked with the people. Jerry turned up a bit later with his corvair and did the drive with them. They seem nice and welcoming and happy for us to join in.

Tony and Dianne did a drive in Highland Ranch for that boy who passed away

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after a hit and run incident.

Upcoming events

13 April School of mines in Golden. Chris will send out info so that we can meet up with RMC and go and park as a group.

April 20 Fly in car and airshow – Pueblo. Online registration.

April 27 Bug out day at Glenn's place.

April 28 RMC tune-up and picnic (mostly picnic) in Sedalia. Potluck lunch – please bring a chair and a side/dessert and drinks. Chris to send out email to gauge response and will send one rsvp on our behalf. Tri-State in May.

New Business

Jeff and Tanya will be moving out of state by May/June. He is selling one of his cars – white '65 Corsa \$4500. I'll put the ad in the Drip Line and Facebook. Also a Jeep Liberty \$3500.

50/50

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

Meeting adjourned at 1012



The wifi at Serranos is not conduvirtual meeting for those who are unable to join us on the day. Please send any and all sugges-

tions to me or any member of the board. Thanks, Kristal

For Sale: '65 Corsa with a 95HP motor \$4500

New Parts within the last year:

Shocks

Tires - BF Goodrich T/A

235/60R14 Rear, 215/60R14 Front

Exhaust Logs

Exhaust Dual

Exhaust Packings

Push Rod Tube Seals (Vinton)

Tune Up Parts (8mm wires)

And more...

It needs:

Oil leak repaired

Valves adjusted

Right front wheel cylinder (new part in box)

Exhaust hangers (have all parts)

Please contact Jeff at 719 306 6946 after 10am any morning for further info.

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Submitted By Mike Piper

TECH TIP: Turn signal and Taillight LEDs

Another installment in my efforts to switch my incandescent bulbs to LEDs in a Corvair. As I noted before, I'm not the original developer of this idea so I can't take credit. My hope is I can offer some tips should you also undertake this effort. It is generally not difficult... My overall goal here is to reduce how frequently bulbs burn out and to make them annoyingly bright if possible so people can see them, or to make them brighter than original. My project cars are 1965 or 1966 convertibles.

The bulbs I went after are the front tun signals/running lights, taillights and turn signals, the convertible courtesy lights (pathetic damn things), the under-trunk lid light, the under-deck lid light, the glove box light and the license plate light. John Dinsdale now owns Ed Halpin's 1967 sedan, and I believe Ed even had more bulbs that he added.

Again, it is important to note that LED bulbs have polarity. The positive wire needs to be on the center pin and ground on the shell. I don't recall which car it was ('65 or '66) but the passenger side courtesy light was not set up this way, so I had to cut the wires, reverse them and butt splice them back together. The '65 was a reproduction harness, the '66 was stock. I also had some weirdness with the front parking lights on the '65. I don't recall the exact issue now, but I think if you tried to use the lights in what I would consider an atypical way, they weren't quite right. I don't know if this was due to how the wiring harness was set up from the factory or the M&H reproduction harness I had. In any case, with the headlights on the running lights work and the front turn signals work. With the headlights off the front turn signals work. I think the right turn signal didn't work right if you were using parking lights only and added turn signal. The issue may even have been the turn signal switch. I solved this by driving with the headlights either on or off.

ANYWAY, some comments. For the front turn signal bulbs, I used a yellow equivalent to the 1157 incandescent bulb instead of clear. These act like a 2-filament

bulb. These seem brighter yellow than stock with yellow bulbs plus yellow lenses. They were called superbright and they were a projector style bulb, so they have light projected from the end and also along the sides. I bought them from Amazon and there are several brands. For the rears I added a second brake/turn signal socket from Clarks (they seem to be better quality than the local auto parts store ones) instead of the back-up light socket so I have two bulbs per side rewired to act as brake and turn signal. Since these bulbs have two pins and fit in the socket in a specific way it is important to be sure the correct pins for the added sockets are wired to match the original socket. I used the red superbright equivalent of the 1157 bulb in all four sockets, but I retained the clear center lens of the back-up lights, so the car looks the same until you step on the brake. I followed my grandson Kyle once, and I will attest the brake lights are annoyingly bright which is what I want.



Photo 1 Double Tail Lights & "Ion Drive"

For the back-up light I use a single LED fog light driven by the back-up light circuit. Eric Schakel has referred to this as my ion drive. It was a bit fussy to perfect, but I think it looks OK and you actually have enough light to see to back up.

A special note here about the turn signals. The old-style flashers relied on the high current through the bulbs to heat an element in the flasher to bend a piece of metal and close the circuit and then to cool to unbend the wire and open the circuit about every two seconds. That causes the click you hear.

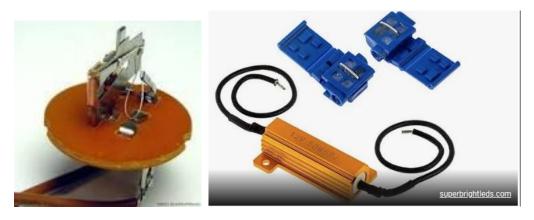


Photo 2 On-Line Thermal Flasher from How Stuff Works

Photo 3 On-Line photo for LED Resistors

The LED bulbs draw so little current that the flasher will not heat and cool to cycle so they just stay on. There are two ways to fix this. You can use the traditional flasher and add a 6-ohm 50-watt resistor to the turn signal circuits, one per side. These get hot. They need to be attached to the metal of the car to cool. These aren't too expensive, and one style is made by superbright and they have the tap pieces to tie them to the bulb circuits.

The method I prefer is to buy an alternate flasher which is actually a timing circuit and a relay in the shape of a flasher.

Photo 4 Relay style Flasher



You plug it into the flasher socket and then attach a ground wire to the body of the car. They don't get hot. The only complaint I've heard is they will click one extra time after you cancel the signal. My advice here is to ignore this. The world outside your car can't hear the click and thus won't know they should complain.

Another special note with LED brake lights is if you have the Audiovox/Dakota Digital cruise control. The controller relies on the current from the incandescent brake light bulbs to cancel the cruise control. The instructions for the units describe a pull-down relay to cancel the cruise control in this case. It is not difficult to do, and the relay is a common one. I did not get the resistors to work in my case. My turn signals would cancel the cruise control because I picked the wrong leads. You'd need a resistor for each turn signal side and one for the brakes in this case. I'd put the resistors in the engine bay.

On to other bulbs. The courtesy LED light bulbs for the convertible are equivalent to a #631 and are available. The little socket holders and the sockets were my challenge. Once the bulbs are in place the light will be sufficient to see under the dash even with black carpet. The incandescent bulbs would get hot enough to burn you. The LEDs only get warm.



Photo 5 sample LED Courtesy Lights in a Convertible

The dome light bulbs for a hardtop are equivalent to a #211-2 and are also available and should stay cool enough to not discolor the lens. There is an equivalent to the glove box light as well - the equivalent to a #1816 should work. The equivalent LED I found for the license plate light was physically too big to fit the clear cover over it so that remains incandescent. The under-deck lid and under trunk lid bulbs for the fixtures I have are equivalent to the clear 1156 single filament bulbs. Clarks is saying they will have trunk and Engine bay fixtures soon. I have not tried this, but the LED bulbs draw so little current you could probably leave these on for a day or two with no issues.





Photo 6 Trunk Light Holder with LED Off

Photo 7 Engine Bay LED Light with LED Off

If you have any questions, I'll try to answer them as long as I don't need to crawl under a dash. I think I have some resistors in the trunk of the car in Loveland so if you need them, give me a little heads-up. I think Ed Halpin generally followed this info in his wagon, but I recall he ran into some grounding issues, I think in the tail gate, and probably not LED specific. Many incandescent bulbs have an equivalent LED but I don't know about polarity issues so there may be some experimenting required. In 5+ years I've only had one LED taillight bulb failure.

Good Luck!

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DRIP QUIPS

The weather is doing it's thing...



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.

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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



Saturday April 13: Colorado School of Mines GlorE-Days car show 10:00am E-Days - Mines Activities Council



Saturday April 20: 9:00 - 3:00pm, Wings and Wheels car show, Pueblo Weisbrod Aircraft Museum

- Sunday April 21: 9:30 am Regular monthly meeting—Serranos coffee, 625 M Hwy 105, Monument
- Saturday April 27: 11:00am Tri-State Bug-Out, Glenn's Place in Black For-Α est
- Sunday April 28: 11:00am RMC Tune Up and Potluck picnic Α

Friday 17—Sunday 19 May: Tri-State weekend in Las Vegas, New Mexico

M Sunday June 19: 9:30 am Regular monthly meeting—Palmer Lake



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)

Tri-Lakes Cruisers Cars and Coffee: 8:00—11:00am, next door to Serranos in Monument, 1st Sunday of the month, starting in April

Second Saturday Stockers free car show: 9:00-11:00am, Gunther Toody's 5490 E. Woodmen Rd April-Oct inclusive

Third Saturday Cars and coffee: 7:00-1000am, 101 W. Costilla St May-Oct inclusive

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

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

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

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

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



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Clarks Corvair Parts - Nuff said!!



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PPCC Admin

<u>Monthly Meetings</u>: 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.

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site <u>here</u> 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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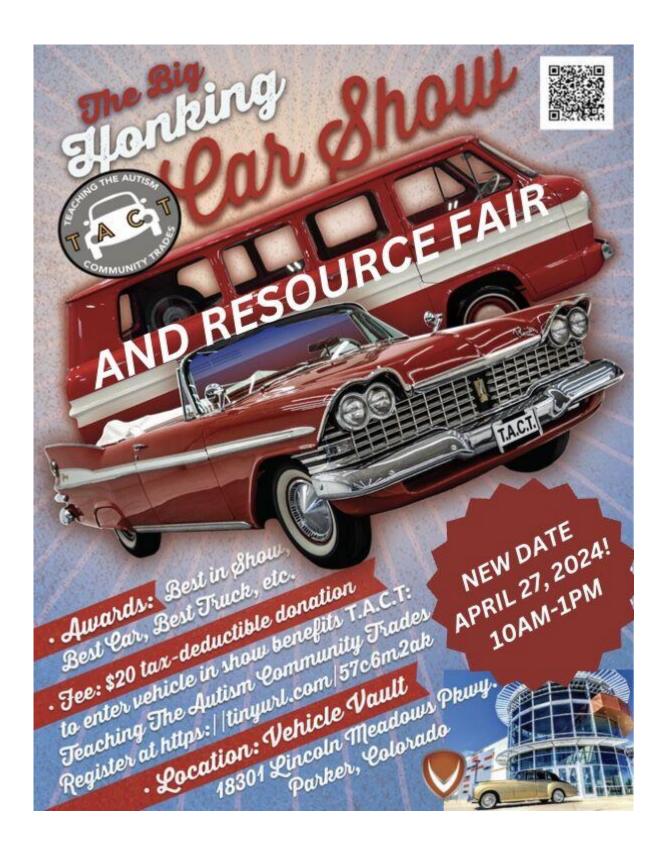


Join us for an exciting showcase at our Wings & Wheels Car Show this year SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2024! Your presence would mean a lot to us. We're looking forward to welcoming you for a day filled with incredible cars and memorable experiences.

Secure your spot by registering early until APRIL 13 for \$20. After April 13, registration is \$30. Your registration includes admission for 2 to the museum!

Wings-and-Wheels-2024-REGISTRATION70.pdf (pwam.org)

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22nd Annual Florence Merchants' Association Car Show! Sunday, May 19, 2024 - 9:00AM-3:00PM

You can complete your registration online here: https://www.florencecoloradocarshow.com/2024-registration-form/.

You can also download the printable registration form here:

https://www.florencecoloradocarshow.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/Florence-Car-Show-Registration-2024.pdf

and mail it to:

Florence Merchants Association P.O. Box 511

Florence, CO 81226-0511

You can also register in person at:

Trending on Main 111 W Main St.

Florence, CO 81226,

Wednesday-Sunday, 11am – 4pm.

Please complete the printable registration form above to make it easier for everyone.

We know it's a bit late, so register and pay as soon as possible to make sure you get your spot for the 2024 event. Please follow us on Facebook (https://www.facebook.com/FlorenceCarShow).

We will be posting more information on Facebook and the website (https://www.florencecoloradocarshow.com) as we have it.



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