

The Drip Line

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Cover Photo:

No photo of Steve Goodman winning a trophy this month, so you'll have to settle for this, which was stolen from facebook , and is at the Cruise above the clouds show.



The next meeting of the Pike's Peak Corvair Club will be held on Sunday October 19, at 09:30 a.m., Serranos coffee, 625 Hwy 105, Monument



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PRESIDENT'S PONDERINGS

Falling for you

Submitted by Jerry Peevyhouse
PPCC President

No song titles come to mind just yet but maybe by the time I finish this something will pop into my head. Although any more stuff just popping into my head is actually pretty rare. Since we are now officially into fall, our last club sponsored car event, the Fall Drive doesn't mean it's an end to our opportunities to drive our cars. For me, just running down to the store in my Corvair to pick up something inevitably involves someone giving me a thumbs up on the road or a "cool car" comment in the parking lot. That's the part of driving our cars that we all enjoy (except when we're in a hurry). I know some of our club members are currently in various stages of getting their cars restored so they can drive them so I'm thankful mine is running great. Making my list now of maintenance things to do late fall/winter to keep it that way. Time for an oil change, but going to avoid going to the Corvair groups pages to get 125 different opinions on what oil to use. 😊 Will stick with what I've been using since I've had the car. Just saying.

This has been a good year for our cuta-

way car SeeMore He's been to 4 car shows this year, the Concours, the Castle Rock Cruise In, the Rosemount Rumble show in Pueblo, and the Cruise Above The Clouds show in Woodland Park. Thanks again to Mario and Glenn for trailering SeeMore to the shows. Also, thanks to John and Kathy for picking up hot wheels to give out to the kiddos at the shows. They are always a hit.



Looking forward to next year's shows, hopefully we can get some early mod-

els to the shows, along with Tony's rampside, to give the show goers a look at the different models and styles. They don't even have to be red 😊.

Looking ahead also to the end of the year nominations and selection of elected officers for next year. We're always looking for "new blood" or old blood wanting to return and all are welcome to volunteer for any of the positions.

(Including newsletter editor, just sayin'...-Kristal) We'll have our voting and election of new officers at our Christmas lunch on December 13th. See any board member to express interest or find out more. The PPCC By-Laws & Standing Rules and General Policies also has a list of responsibilities and duties for all elected officers.


So, the epiphany hasn't hit me yet for an appropriate song for October. Nothing has "fallen" on me yet. Only thing that comes to mind is Oktoberfest, which we all know. A rowdy time for all. Roll out the barrel, we'll have a barrel of fun. Hey, that was it, whew, finally got the song of the month...

Next up for the club is the fall drive, so we'll have stories and pictures for the next DripLine. Weather forecast looks good, and hopefully our pursuit of fall colors is successful.

A short follow-up from last month's article, yes, I did manage to keep our 15-year-old grandson and the two dogs alive while the parents were off on holiday.

So long for now, hope to see you at a car show, club meeting, or on the road. Keep those tires rolling.

Enjoy the journey

 <p>Upcoming Meeting Dates</p>	<p>Sunday, October 19, PPCC Club Meeting: 9:30 a.m., Serranos coffee, 625 Hwy 105, Monument</p> <p>Sunday, November 16, PPCC Club Meeting: 9:30 a.m., Serranos coffee, 625 Hwy 105, Monument</p> <p>Sunday, December 21, PPCC Club Meeting: 9:30 a.m., Black Bear Diner, Garden of the Gods Rd Colorado Springs</p>
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From the front seat of the Vice President:

Submitted by Jon Fairles
PPCC Vice President

Good Day to you all!

I completely understand if you felt a knot in your stomach and maybe a single tear passed over your cheek as you read through the Dripline in August and realized there wasn't a VP article. I decided not to submit an article as I was in the process of getting back to teaching and moving my son in at CU-Boulder. But have no fear, I toiled away for hours on this month's submission.

I can't tell you how great it was to get out and deliver PPCC shirts to several of your homes in the 'Springs' and Black Forest area. I hope you all enjoy them and wear them with pride. I look forward to being the best dressed club at Tri-State this upcoming June. We still have three XL t-shirts that I had mistakenly ordered, so if you are jealous of some of the new club gear that you see our members modeling at meetings, please reach out to Jerry.

This summer I was able to get my stereo install completed, thanks to the guys at Car Toys in south Colorado Springs. Mike, the lead installer for my car, has an old 70's Monte Carlo very similar to one my parents had when I was young. Being a classic car guy, I knew he understood the importance of doing a first class job. It is a far cry from the AM static and electric fuel pump hum I have been listening to over the last few years. The stereo is almost loud enough to drown out the



wind from my "air conditioning" as I drive down I-25. I know some purists may scoff, but I need my tunes!

The weekend after the stereo was finished up I was able to attend a car show held at Red's American Grill in Falcon. Nice show benefiting local charities with some great vehicles. There was even a Yenke.....Nova.

My son was able to attend with me and was enamored with a few Mustangs. I know, I know...I question where I went wrong as a father. Still, it was great to have him ride along with me to see the passion and creativity that goes into maintaining rolling art.



As we start moving towards cooler temps, I really look forward to getting out and driving when I have some free time on Sunday afternoons. It's just fun getting the car on the road even for an hour. As always, I look forward to seeing you at meetings and future outings.



Keep it on the road, and may your 10mm always be where you left it.

MEETING MINUTES**September 21, 2025, 9:30am, Serrano's Monument**Submitted By
KeithAnn Peevyhouse

Meeting called to order at 9:32 a.m.

50/50

John G distributed 50/50 before the meeting.

Present at the meeting were Jerry & KeithAnn P, John A, John & Kathy G, Randy K, Bill B, Mike P, Steve W, John L, Rick B and Chris K.

Minutes

Thanks to KeithAnn for taking the August minutes which were discussed, approved and seconded. Motion to approve by John G, second by Rick B.

Treasurers Report

General Fund: \$2072.19

SeeMore Fund: \$1956.96

Total Funds: \$4029.15

Mail

No mail this month.

Membership

We now have 51 members. Welcome to newest members John & Colleen Lark.

Regular Events:

Pikes Peak Air Cooled meet up and drive on the 2nd Saturday of each month.

Tri-Lakes Cars and Coffee the 1st Sunday of each month starting in April.

Old Business

Shows: Tri Lakes Cruisers (Jerry, Steve)

Cruise Above the Clouds – The show was great. The planners want us back. Keller Williams (Steve W)

Legend High School (Greens)

New Business/Events

Upcoming events (for information on all events or to add events to the calendar, contact John Green):

Fall Cruise, September 28. Caravan from Colorado Springs to Cripple Creek, lunch at Maggies, visit Rita the Rock Planter, and drive home. John shared information and got some new names for attendees. We reviewed the route and shared information. John will send a confirmation email this week.

Christmas Party, December 13, Black Bear Diner, 1:00 p.m.. More details will be shared.

Old Colorado City, October 4 Dad's of Castle Rock, ACC extension October 4
Check out Colorado Auto Shows online and you can find auto shows almost every weekend through October. Keep your eyes open for Trunk or Treat opportunities.

SeeMore:

SeeMore is at Glenn's and will be moved to Duane's when Glenn is in town. It was damaged from loading after the Castle Rock show, and will be repaired sometime over the winter/spring for next year. The trailer has new commercial locks as well.

Tri-State

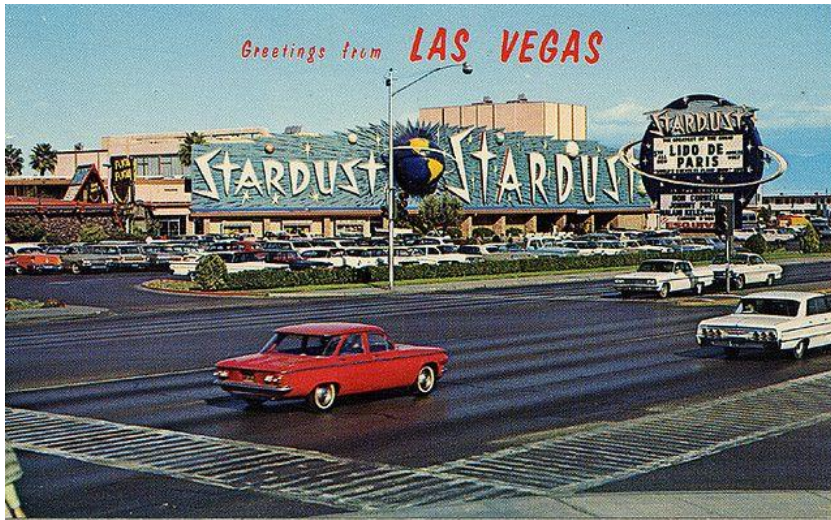
Randy is working on a Tri-State logo. He shared some possible options for everyone to review. We will most likely work with Tayco for shirts. He is working on the web page and registration information. Kathy will handle registration and work with Randy to get this set up. We will try to get registration information up by January.

50/50 was won by Bill. He collected \$10 and donated the remaining \$18 to the club.

Meeting adjourned at 10:24 a.m.. Members remained to share Corvair stories and general information.

Submitted by Jim Pittman

Why I like Las Vegas



I have been to Las Vegas, Nevada more than once and the first time could be described as a visit by a naive and completely unsophisticated young man to "sin city" and included an eye-popping visit to "Théâtre du Lido à Paris" with scantily-clad girls and a high-flying circus act. The second visit

was quite different. I'll tell the story if you give me some leeway on my memories from fifty-six years ago.

I ordered my first Corvair, new, in 1966. It was a Lemonwood-Yellow turbo Corsa coupe and when it was delivered I got a ride from Dayton to Detroit to pick it up at Lyman-Slack Chevrolet. The Corvair was to take me to a tour of duty in Alaska - and the air-cooled Corvair should be perfect for the frozen North -- you know, no antifreeze. A year later the Air Force sent me to Holloman AFB in New Mexico. Yes, from the frozen tundra to the desert. I joined a local sports car club in Alamogordo and one of the members happened to be Richard Finch, a long-time Corvair enthusiast.



While the turbo Corvair had made the trip from Dayton to Fairbanks without incident, had served without fail through the winter of 1966-1967 in Alaska, and then made a 5,000-mile trek down the Alaska Highway

through Canada, I found myself becoming unhappy with the turbo engine. It was great on the highway but was a no-torque dog in town driving. I complained to Richard and his answer was simple: replace the 180-HP turbo engine with a 140-HP four-carb engine. With a few minor mods the 140 would deliver plenty of low-speed torque, would go just as well on the highway and would get better gas

mileage. Richard did not like turbos and he had ideas for making a 140 Corsa engine run better.

The idea was simple but it turned out to involve quite a lot of money and even more mechanical labor. We bought a new engine from Sacramento Chevrolet in Alamogordo, New Mexico and took it apart to begin a "blueprint" treatment such as I had never imagined. It was a great engine-building experience with a master engineer.

We finished up the engine just a few weeks before I left the Air Force to go to graduate school. I intended to drive the super Corvair to California, visiting people and places along the way, then head across the country to Dayton where I'd embark in my new academic career.

The new engine performed superbly. All moving parts having been carefully balanced, it was indeed smooth, powerful and relatively thrifty with the 41-cent fuel of the day. Tucson, San Diego, Los Angeles, San Francisco and Reno were some of the places I visited. On the empty highways of Nevada I could get it up to the red line on the tach for minutes at a time without a complaint.

I could not tell the car's speed at the red line, though, because at about 52,000-miles the speedometer had failed. Well, I could try to get that fixed sooner or later. Meanwhile, I could guess at speed from the tach reading.

Suddenly with no warning, on a lonely stretch of highway somewhere between Reno and Las Vegas, there arose an awful howl from the back of the car! I stopped and looked over the engine and could see nothing amiss! It was idling fine and there was nothing loose or broken that I could see. Back in the driver's seat and getting back on the highway and building up some speed the howl came back. I stopped again -- same result as before, nothing wrong that I could detect.

Fortunately I was not far from Las Vegas and, driving slowly to keep the howl at a low intensity, I was able to creep into the city and find a Chevrolet dealer.

The service manager listened to my story and to the howl and sent me to the waiting room while he assigned a mechanic to find the problem. In a few minutes he came back. It's fixed, he said, we just had to tighten up the nut holding the alternator pulley. It was loose and that made it slip and howl.

What do I owe you? I asked. Nothing, he said, not worth the paperwork. Just remember that that nut has a left-handed thread and when you tighten it up you need to turn it the wrong way. Maybe that's why it was left a little too loose.



I told him the speedometer had quit working and could he fix it. He said, Well, we could, but there's a great instrument shop nearby and they'll be able to fix that for you. He gave me directions to the shop and sure enough, in a couple of hours the speedometer was as good as new. And the charge was minimal.

And that adventure is why, ever since, I have had a soft spot in my heart for a very different, and very pleasant, side of sin city!

(not a pic of the actual car, I don't think, and I managed to find pics of Las Vegas with corvairs in them! - Kristal)

2025 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](#)

A **Fall Cruise, Sept 28.** Location TBA



Saturday October 4: Cruisin OCC (Old Colorado City)



Saturday October 4: Poor Boy Cruisers car show 10:00am - 2:00pm Castle Rock

M Sunday October 19 : Regular Monthly Meeting: 9:00am at Serranos Coffee, Monument

M Sunday November 16 : Regular Monthly Meeting: 9:00am at Serranos Coffee, Monument

MA **Christmas Party, Dec. 13,** Black Bear Diner, 1:00 PM

For monthly get togethers check facebook for various coffee and cars events.

The Pikes Peak Air Cooled meet ups on the second Saturday of the month. They do cars & coffee at Karios coffee house in Colorado Springs from 9 to 11. Then they usually go on a drive, then stop for lunch somewhere.

The Tri-Lakes Cruisers car club has cars and coffee on the first Sunday of each month starting in April. They meet near Serrano's Coffee from 8 to 11.

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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