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Wild Spirit Mountain Lodge for lunch on the Fall drive. Supplied by John Green

The next meeting of the Pike's Peak Corvair Club will be held on Sunday November 15 at 09:30 a.m. at Serranos coffee, 625 Hwy 105, Monument (and on ZOOM)

Time to change again

By Jerry Peevyhouse

Again, for the umpteenth millionth time, on Nov. 1st we get to go through a time change, again. Time to adjust the clocks and reflect on what hasn't happening in the past 4 years with the government trying to change to a permanent national daylight saving time. 4 years ago the Senate by unanimous consent passed the Sunshine Protection Act to inact nationwide permanent daylight savings time. However, the House didn't pass it, so it died. This year, the bill was resurrected and passed easily by the House but not by the Senate. Yes, my head is still hurting from all the head scratching I've done over that. The moral, disfunction rules, and we'll never see any change to time changes. So, just "fall back" and move on ☹️.

At the end of September, I did go to a car show at my Brother-In Law's church here in the Springs, where he brought his '55 Chevy pickup, and Steve Woods and I brought our cars. Weather was great, and so was the music and food trucks. No prizes, but we did get a lot of people stopping by to tell us "their Corvair story" 😊.

There was a “61 Chevy Impala there that was Hydrogen powered. It had a GM LT4 6.2L supercharged engine converted to run on Hydrogen and was immaculately restored.

Lots of pickup’s and hot rods, including the Tonka Toy truck.

Not sure if I'll get out to another car show, but it has been a great summer of car shows.

As we wrap up the year, be thinking of volunteering for one of our board members positions. All are open to volunteer for.

Also, be thinking ahead to next year about what activities we could do as a club in addition to the car show we go to.

Our Oct. club meeting was very well attended, and we hung around afterwards to shoot the breeze.

We also got to say goodbye for the winter to Dale and Marcia, as they return to Arizona for the winter (no jealousy allowed).

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

Enjoy the journey

From the front seat of ~~the VP~~ *REX*

By Rex Harrison

As the VP is indisposed this month, we thought we'd fill up the space with an update on recent activities down in Australia (which ironically mostly happened in Europe 😊). Most of you will have been following our Baltic adventures back in August, where we ticked off 8 new countries in that region (while drinking some very interesting beer). After that we headed across to the UK for a couple of weeks.

Rex stayed behind in the UK after Kristal flew home in September and has spent the past month trawling through archives in support of his PhD thesis on the Royal Air Force's Bomber Command during the Second World War. It's been a project he has been working on the past seven years (of a six year program) – and something he probably should have been working more on while in Colorado, instead of dropping the transmission on the Corvair…!

How does this tie into a Corvair club? Well, for one thing air cooled engines are a much bigger thing in aircraft 😊, especially in WWII. And for the maintenance team at a flying Squadron, what aircraft they had was less important than what engines they had (the engines being the most complex bit of the aircraft).

For example, the Handley Page Halifax bomber was originally built with the water-cooled Merlin engines used in the famous Lancaster – which would have meant that everyone maintained the same engines - convenient. (As an aside, the Lancaster had its origins as the Manchester twin-engined bomber – but it was found that the Rolls Royce Vulture engines were underpowered and liable to seize bearings and catch fire. The solution was to tack on an extension to the wings and fit four Merlin engines instead).

Unfortunately, as the Halifax was a 'dirty' airframe with more drag, it was found that the Merlins weren't enough and kept catching fire. Thus, the Merlins were swapped with the Bristol Hercules, a 14-cylinder two-row radial engine with 2360 cu in displacement, developing in the order of 1500 hp.

This new engine improved performance closer to the Lancaster so they could operate together – although it was slower to climb as it needed to keep its cooling 'gills' open below 17000' altitude, increasing grad. Then there were timing and mixture issues to adjust once at cruising altitude.

Sounds a lot like setting up the Corvair to go drive in the Mountains and then hoping it made it over the next pass - which we miss!

Safe driving.

Meeting Minutes

By Kathy Green

PPCC Meeting Minutes

October 18, 2026, 9:30 A.M., Serrano's Coffee

Meeting called to order at 9:30 a.m. Meeting was also available via Zoom.

50/50 John Green distributed 50/50 before the meeting.

Present at the meeting were Jerry & KeithAnn Peevyhouse, John & Kathy Green, Jon Faires, Jon Anderson, John Lark, Bill Bohart, Steve Woods, Randy Karl, Dale Guenther & Marcia Talliffer, Mike Piper, Jeff Adams & Tanya Boudreau.

Rick Beets and Garrie Fox joined via Zoom.

Minutes

September minutes were approved. Motion by Kathy, second by KeithAnn. Thanks to Jon Faires for taking minutes in Kathy's absence.

Treasurers Report

General Fund: $4451.74

SeeMore Fund: $1480.82

Total Fund: $5932.56

Randy suggested we track how many members join by Zoom each month to see if there are enough members who join in to justify the cost of the account for the Club. Everyone agreed this makes sense.

Mail

No mail

Membership

We have no new members this month. Total membership is 52. Kathy will begin sending membership renewal reminders beginning in November.

Past Events

The fall drive was a great success for everyone but Randy. His car didn't make it past Cripple Creek.

John, Kathy & Tony attended the last Vehicle Vault Saturday meeting. There was a third Corvair that was there, but the owners are leaving the country and selling the car, so we didn't get much information about them. The car wasn't running terribly well, so Tony helped them tune it up.

Upcoming events (SAVE THE DATE. More information on all of these will be forthcoming. To add items to the events list, contact John Green):

December 5: 1:00 – 3:00, Christmas Party, Black Bear Diner.

October 23: 4:00 – 6:00, New Hope Presbyterian Church Trunk or Treat. 3737 New Hope Way, Castle Rock, CO 80109

March: Colorado Springs St. Patrick's Day Parade

September 27: PPCC 50th Anniversary

Mike was planning to attend the Fan Belt Toss in Palm Springs, but his car is "broken", and the two others who were going to go with him decided not to attend. Several members were interested, so we'll see how many people are interested next year.

CCCC Updates:

No updates this month.

Recurring events:

Tri-Lake Cruisers: 1st Sunday of each month, 9:00 – 11:00, begins at VCA Animal Hospital, 487 CO-105, Monument, CO 80132

Stockers Car Club: 2nd Saturday of each month, 9:00 – 12:00, 5450 East Woodman Road (next to Gunther Toody's)

SeeMore:

Steve and Mario are looking for a time to get up to Kevin's place to pull the engine. Steve will bring the engine to his place and begin work on the engine. Mario will be 3-D printing parts. The plan is to have a "working" engine for visitors to see in action.

We will work out paying Kevin for storing the trailer and SeeMore.

New Business

The December meeting will be held during our Christmas party. Officer elections will be held at the party. We will also gather Toys for Tots gifts.

50/50 was won by Steve Woods ($32). The club received $33.

Dale Guenther & Marcia Tallifer are going back to Arizona for the winter. Jerry presented them a Tri-State Poster to keep on their refrigerator in AZ. Dale & Marcia

purchased one of Dave Olwine's cars (RMC Member out of Fort Collins), a gold 67 4-door hard top.

Tech Talk

Randy Karl shared his woes on the Fall Drive. He worked on the transmission, but it was seized up. Steve G opened the transmission, and it was completely tied up. Steve has the transmission for parts. Jerry had a transaxle he gave to Randy. Randy was able to get it in the car and is now working on fine tuning the repairs. He was able to drive it yesterday.

John Green shared that on the way back from Cripple Creek the car starting "chugging". With Tony's help, they replaced the points and plugs, coil and distributor. There are still some hesitations, so he is going to work with Tony putting in a points plate. Most members use points.

Members remained to share other tech stories. Your humble Secretary was unable to keep up 😊.

Kathy moved we adjourn. Second from all members. **Meeting adjourned at 10:26 a.m.**

Cruise Above the Clouds

By John Green

Another event for September! On September 12 we had a good showing of Corvairs for the annual Cruise Above the Clouds show in Woodland Park. We had Jeff & Tanya's '61 Lakewood 700, John Lark's '64 Sedan, Tony Lawler's '64 Rampside with his new engine since he blew it last year going home from this show, Kevin Shipman's '65

Corsa Mid-engine V8, Mike Piper's '65 Corsa Convertible, Steve Wood's '65 Coupe blow-through manifold system about 210hp, and our '68 Monza Coupe. Mario Wibbens joined us as our designated SeeMore whisperer (and transporter). New members Dale & Marcia also showed up to visit with us and look at all the cars. We also had some deer come by after eating breakfast in the park.

It was a chilly morning when we met up in Colorado Springs to head up. It was 57 degrees and windy. By the time we arrived

in Woodland Park the wind had slowed to a breeze. The sun and clouds kept going back and forth all during the show, but it was pretty nice altogether.

We had a great area to set up in. It was in a cul-de-sac right by the park. You could see us from all areas of the show. Plus, we were by one of the parking lots for guests to walk right by us. We had a lot of interest in SeeMore and our large selection of various Corvairs.

The DJ encouraged everyone to go see the half of Corvair! There were food trucks, auctions items, raffles and trophies at the end. No Corvairs won a trophy, oh well. There were a lot of nice cars to see, trucks, 30's, big engines, classics, there was even another Rampside. The gentleman had talked to Tony last year and ended up getting a turbo red one.

It was a great day with lots of good times visiting with each other and chatting with locals that came by. We had so many kids come by that I emptied out my basket of Hot Wheels, again.

We hope to see more Corvairs and members next year. This is one you don't want to miss!

Fall Drive

Submitted by John Green

We had a nice fall drive this year on September 27. We were pleased to have many members and cars. We had Jerry and KeithAnn's convertible, Mike

Piper's convertible, Chris Kimberly and her sister Linda came in her convertible with a new engine (top down no less), John and Colleen's early sedan, Rick Beet's Lakewood, Steve Wood's coupe, Randy Karl's coupe, Jon Faries's coupe and our coupe. We had two chase cars that included Dale, Marcia & her mother-in-law, Margaret, and Ed, Cheryl & Kelina Halpin.

We all met at a parking lot in Colorado Springs. From there we drove up Hwy 24 through Woodland Park and headed south at Divide. As we were headed to Cripple Creek we all pulled over for a photo shoot along the side of the road with some Aspen. We then went through Cripple Creek with some of us getting gas so we could get home. This is also where we lost Randy as his car's manual transmission got locked up. He had to wait for a tow back to Peyton. So, more work coming his way. Once we got gas, we got back on the road headed for Guffey.

All along the way we saw lots of Aspen that were turning. Nice golden patches of trees. Some were still green, some were past their prime, but that's what happens in Colorado. We also saw some nice rock formations, valleys and pine trees.

In Guffey we had a wonderful lunch at Wild Spirit Mountain Lodge. They have a lovely restaurant and bar. We took over one full corner of the restaurant. They also have a nice large patio. Their food was very good and their hospitality was great. They even moved some cars around outside (their Jeep and another customer's Jeep) so we could park all our cars together for photo ops. The proprietors were incredibly excited to have us there! As always with our

Corvair family, good food brings with it wonderful conversation.

After lunch, everyone kind of planned their own route home. Most of us went through Florissant back towards Woodland Park to avoid some of the longer pulls, then back to wherever

home base was. The weather was great all day long. We enjoyed spectacular Colorado blue skies with white puffy clouds drifting past. A prefect fall day!

Activities to add to your calendar:

Activities of note

For all of these events please email me if you are attending, even if you have told me previously. I want to make sure I can get everything written down for each event so we don't forget someone. My email is j.n.green1@outlook.com

There are several other events going on. Any given weekend you could throw a rock and hit a car show (but don't throw a rock….) Check out some of the favorites in the Meeting Minutes in The DripLine.

Please make plans to attend some or all of these events. We have many new members, and these are fantastic opportunities to meet everyone!

Dec 5th: Christmas Party, 1pm, Black Bear Diner

Hope to see many of you at many of the activities. This is one thing that keeps car clubs viable.

Recurring Events: for monthly get togethers check facebook for various coffee and cars events.

Tri-Lake Cruisers: 1st Sunday of each month, 9:00 – 11:00, begins at VCA Animal Hospital, 487 CO-105, Monument, CO 80132

Pikes Peak Air Cooled: 2nd Saturday of each month, 9:00 – 11:00, begins at Kairos Coffee in Colorado Springs, 505 Popes Bluff Trl, Colorado Springs, CO, United States, Colorado

Vehicle Vault: 2nd Saturday of each month, 9:00 – 1:00, 18301 Lincoln Meadows Pkwy, Parker, CO 80134

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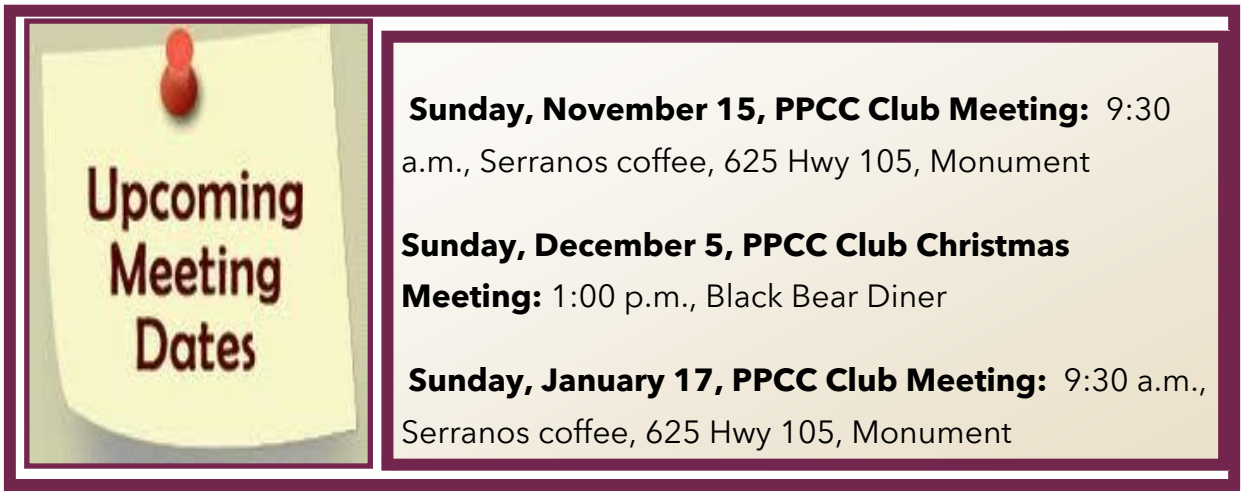

local business directory

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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.

ppcc admin and contacts

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