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**Pikes Peak Corvair Club**  
**Next Meeting is**  
**Sunday, April 21, 9:00 am**  
**Golden Corral**  
**Woodmen Rd.**  
**West of Powers**

Chapter 809 of





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From the Editor,

Over the past seven years Paul Campbell has written, compiled and distributed the Dripline. With the help of his Wife Pat, he has done an wonderful job of informing and entertaining us with all things Corvair. As Paul has decided to relinquish the responsibilities, I have offered my services as Dripline Editor through the end of this year. I hope I can do as good a job as Paul has and meet the high standards he has established.

Thanks Paul for all your hard work!

Send any stories, and pictures you would like to share to;

Randy Karl at [karlri@comcast.net](mailto:karlri@comcast.net).

*"Artist at Work."*

At the March Meeting we were treated to "Celebration" cup-cakes designed and baked by Kelina Halpin.



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## Happy 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary PPCC!

By Ed Halpin, PPCC Prez

This March, the Club celebrates a huge milestone, 35 years of being a Charter member of the Corvair Society of America (CORSA) and recognition within those ranks as “Chapter #809”. Congratulations to all of us for keeping the club alive, active, and always engaging.

You’ll notice that this month’s Drip Line looks a little different. Paul Campbell, our longtime newsletter Editor, decided to take a break from the publishing gig last month, after more than 7 years at the wheel. Paul always produced an entertaining and informative newsletter for the club, and we’ll work hard to continue that tradition. Thank you Paul for the many, many, hours you dedicated in support of the club and its activities. It was all very much appreciated.

The weather is warming up, and I know at my house, there is more than a little Spring-fever going on as Cheryl looks to get the garden planted (she knows she has to wait until at least Mother’s Days, but we never quite get there) and I continue to get the ’67 ready for Tri-State. The engine was dropped out last month to address the differential and transmission issues, so April promises to be a busy month for putting everything back together in order to make the trip to Cripple Creek.

I hope you enjoy this edition to the Drip Line, as we take a quick look back to the 70’s when the club was first started. Safe Travels!!

Ed

*Did you know? The secret of the Corvair was leaked 18 months early, on April 11, 1958, when United Auto Workers official Dave Mann told the press that General Motors would build a small car at the Willow Run plant in Ypsilanti, Mich.*



### A Look Back – PPCC in the 70’s?

It was 1977, Jimmy Carter was President, “Saturday Night Fever”, Rocky, and “Close Encounters of the Third Kind” were all in the movie theaters, and the national average for a gallon of gasoline was just \$0.62 (that’s not even enough to buy a pack of gum today). We were listening to the Bee Gees on the car radio, and 8-Track tapes were making way for the latest audio technology, “cassette tapes”! I was in 10<sup>th</sup> Grade! In September of that year, here in Colorado Springs, a group of local car enthusiasts got together and formed the Pikes Peak Corvair Club. At its inception, the club had just 11 members, but by the end of the first year, the ranks had swelled to more than 50 folks. From that first membership roster published in March 1978, there are three original members still with the club, 35 years later; John & Dee Glusick and Terry McKenna!!

In those early days, it was the duty of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President to also put together and distribute the club newsletter. They held a contest in March of 1978 to name the newsletter and design a club logo.

The winner on both accounts? Our very own John Glusick! He originally suggested “The Drip Line” (three words), and the name stuck.

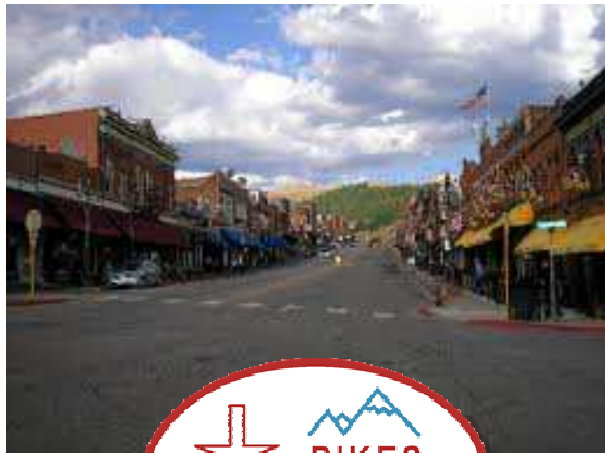
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**29TH ANNUAL TRI-STATE MEET  
FRIDAY, MAY 31 TO SUNDAY, JUNE 2, 2013  
CRIPPLE CREEK, CO**



- For reservations, call 800-711-7234 or 719-689-5000  
*Reserve prior to 5/24 and mention "Corvair" for a special rate of \$79.95 per night with free breakfast!*
- Friday registration and welcome.
- Saturday "Show 'n Shine" will be held in front of the host hotel. (The street will be blocked for our event)
- Buffet banquet at hotel Saturday evening.
- Sunday drive home or check out Cripple Creek
- Elevation: 9494
- RV Park in Town  
<http://www.cceagleslandingrvpark.com/>
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- 2 Restaurants, Deli/Grill, Coffee Shop



Host Hotel:

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***Other things to do In Cripple Creek!***

- Visit the three story Train Depot Museum - huge!
- Ride the coal-fired narrow gauge train into the Anaconda ghost town
- Watch a melodrama at the Butte Opera House
- Tour into Victor, Colorado for the Thomas Lowell Museum, and drive Model A's all over town!
- Take Ray White's "unofficial" sorting house tour (bravery and trespassing required)
- Hang out with the Gold Camp Victorian Society members on their street ambiance walk (Victorian dress optional)
- Drop a nickel in a slot machine and win a hundred dollars... or not...
- Visit the Mt. Pisgah Cemetery where the famous Pearl DeVere madam is buried, and even a horse... there's also a baby section and Potter's field
- Tour the Jail Museum with original flat-iron cells
- Descend 1,000 feet into the Molly Kathleen mine!

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# CORVAIR TRI STATE MEET

## MAY 31-JUNE 2, 2013

### T-Shirt Order Form



*Small Image on front of T-Shirt*



*Larger Image on back of T-Shirt*

**DESIGN BY: KALINA HALPIN**

#### PRICES

- 1) T-Shirt (Hanes Beefy-T) ..... \$13
- 2) T-Shirt W/Front Pocket..... \$15
- 3) Polo Shirt (Pique knit) ..... \$22
- 4) Polo Shirt w/Front Pocket .. \$24

Add \$2 for XXL and Larger

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Club \_\_\_\_\_

	Qty	Size	POCKET		Price
			NO	YES	
T-Shirt					
Polo					
TOTAL					

#### **ORDERS**

*Must be received by May 20*

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Or mail

Jeannie Koll, 2490 Marston Hts

Colorado Springs, Co 80920



## Our Corvair Purchase:

by Mary Lynn and Kelly Westerfield

Our Corvair purchase was a lucky coincidence. I was involved in a group the 1990s and one of the other members needed a ride home from the meeting so I volunteered. In front of his house was a 1964 Corvair 4 door with a damaged left rear fender. I was initially curious, because it looked exactly like the white Corvair my father had given me on Christmas of 1966. So we started talking about it. My friend said that it was his grandmother's car and after putting 20,000 miles on it and finding out it was not safe to drive she parked it in her farmhouse garage in Montana. After looking at it for a few years, he bought it for his daughter, and his daughter refused to drive the car saying that she was too embarrassed. I asked him if I could just drive it for old times sake and he agreed. The rest is history.



We purchased it and after quite awhile we got it repaired with the help of G&G Auto Service and Steve Goodman. Kelly drove it to work the last few years that he was working and now of course we drive it mainly to Corvair Club events. It certainly draws a lot of attention everywhere we go. Everyone knew someone who had a Corvair growing up. The younger folks don't know what it is at first and that is always fun.

We have certainly enjoyed meeting people and participating in many of the events of the Corvair Club. So we feel blessed that the car that was an embarrassment to drive found us and we were able to give it the love and respect that it deserves.

*Mary Lynn & Kelly*

## A Look Back – Continued from pg 3

The club logo we enjoy to this day was also submitted by John, and approved as the official club emblem.



What did John win from that contest? A fan belt for (what else) his Corvair!

The first Officers of the Club were; Gabby Markey (President), Jim Wood (Vice President), John Dowsell (2<sup>nd</sup> VP and the 1<sup>st</sup> Editor of the Dripline), Evelyn Halverson (Secretary), and Merrill May (Treasurer). Don Crombie served as the club's Membership Chair.

In August of '78, the Treasurer's report boasted a balance of \$65.10! CORSA membership was \$12 and you could get a Clark's Parts Catalog for \$2.00, as long as you used the club's discount.

Good times!! If you'd like to read more about those early days, visit the club's website @ <http://www.corvair.org/chapters/chapter809> and click on the "Newsletter" tab. Scroll down to "Dripline Archives" where you'll find all of the newsletters from 1978 & 1979 available for your reading.

*Enjoy!!*

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**Did you know?** Some 8,000 Corvairs were stockpiled at the GM's Milford, Mich., Proving Grounds in preparation for the October 1959 launch; 250 were "swimmers" (caught in a flood) but cleaned up, reupholstered and sold.  
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**PPCC  
Admin**

**Monthly Meetings:** The PPCC meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month at the Golden Corral Restaurant, 5410 E Woodmen Rd, Colorado Springs, CO. Join us at 9am in the Meeting Room.

**Membership & Dues:** PPCC dues are \$25 per year, and, membership in CORSA is a prerequisite for membership in PPCC. Please refer to the club's website @ <http://www.corvair.org/chapters/chapter809> to obtain a copy of the membership application and guidance for submission. Checks should be made payable to "PPCC" and mailed to: PPCC, ATTN: Treasurer, P.O. Box 15034, Colorado Springs, CO 80935

**Editorial Contributions:** This newsletter is intended for the membership's information and enjoyment. To that end, we encourage everyone to contribute to its content. Please send your stories, suggestions, questions, recipes, jokes, and/or photos directly to Randy Karl at [karlrj@comcast.net](mailto:karlrj@comcast.net) or, snail mail to: PPCC, ATTN: Drip Line Editor, P.O. Box 15034, Colorado Springs, CO 80935. Preferred format for documents is MS Word, and format for pictures would be JPEG. Deadline for submitting information to the Drip Line is the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month for that month's publication.

**Business Advertising:** Advertising business services of both members and non-members will be; Business card sized ads = \$2.50 per month, ¼ page = \$5.00, ½ page = \$7.50, Full page = \$10.00. To simplify accounting, business advertisers will be asked to pay in advance for either six or twelve months advertising. Electronic copies of ads may be sent directly to Randy Karl at [karlrj@comcast.net](mailto:karlrj@comcast.net). All checks for advertisements should be made out to "PPCC" and mailed to PPCC, ATTN: Treasurer, P.O. Box 15034, Colorado Springs, CO 80935.

**Classified Ads:** Simple classified ads for Cars or Parts For Sale, or Wanted, are free to PPCC members, limited to 25 words, and may include a photo. Non-members will be charged \$10.00 per month. For larger ads, please see "Business Advertising" above for appropriate pricing. Electronic copies of ads may be sent directly Randy Karl at [karlrj@comcast.net](mailto:karlrj@comcast.net). All checks for advertisements should be made out to "PPCC" and mailed to PPCC, ATTN: Treasurer, P.O. Box 15034, Colorado Springs, CO 80935.

**PPCC Merchandise:** Please refer to the club's website at <http://www.corvair.org/chapters/chapter809> for a listing of available items and pricing.

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## Our Past Presidents

As a tribute to the past PPCC Presidents the club has prepared special name tags to recognize those who have served. At the March meeting name tags were awarded along with a certificate of recognition.



**Patricia Fox, President - 2012**





**Steve Goodman**  
2008 through 2011  
1989 through 1992

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**Debbie Pleau**  
2004 through 2007

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**Ken Brown, - 2003**

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**Garrie Fox**  
1999 through 2000

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**Larry Neal**  
1993 through 1998

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**Jim Wood, - 1988**

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**Ben Benzel**  
1983 through 1987

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**Jim Wood - 1981**

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**John Dowswell - 1980**

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**Jim Wood - 1979**

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**Gabby Markey - 1978**

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**John Glusick**  
2001 through 2002  
&1982

*Thanks to everyone who  
has served to keep our  
club alive for 35 years!*




## Activities & Events To Check Out in the Next Two Months:

**April thru October** – “Cruise to Mesa Drive-In”, Pueblo, CO. Located just 48 miles South of the Springs, here’s a chance to enjoy one of the last Drive-Ins in the area. Drive down, grab some popcorn and a Coke, see a movie, and then take a leisurely drive home. For the latest movie schedule and directions, check out: <http://www.mesadrive-in.com> They are also on Facebook.


 **April 6<sup>th</sup>** (Saturday, 10am): “School of Mines Car Show”, Golden Colorado. Contact Garrie Fox if you plan to attend so you can drive in as a group so all Corvairs are lined up together. (Sponsored by the Colorado School of Mines). Flyers available, but check your emails as well.


**Apr 19 – 21** (Fri-Sun): The Rocky Mountain Vintage Racers will be hosting their “Spring Driving School and Races” @ Pikes Peak International Raceway, Fountain, CO. Even if you’re not interested in actually racing this season, it’s a fun event to watch, and its right in our backyard. More info available @ <http://rmvr.com> or on the calendar of events @ <http://www.ppir.com>.

 **April 28<sup>th</sup>** (Sunday, 10am): “Tri-State Tune-Up”. This yearly BBQ event, hosted by the RMC, is an open invitation to Eric & Linea Schakel’s “Corvair Ranch” in Sedalia, CO to gather, tell some lies, and prep the cars for the upcoming Tri-State. As always, Steve Goodman will be on hand, to help guide the wrenches. Always a good time, the Schakel’s are fantastic hosts. Don’t miss this one! Last year, more than 20 Corvairs showed up, and there’s always something new to see.

**May 4<sup>th</sup> thru October 5<sup>th</sup>** (1<sup>st</sup> Friday of each month): “The Golden Super Cruise”, Golden Colorado. Hundreds of cars, parked, cruising, and just having a great time on a Saturday night. More info, pictures, and video on their official website @ <http://www.goldensupercruise.com>.


**May 25<sup>th</sup>** (Saturday) - Cruise to I-25 Speedway, just 8 miles north of Pueblo at Interstate 25 and exit 108. Watch the races, have a hot dog and cruise on home. For more info and the tentative race schedule, check out: <http://www.i25speedway.com>


 **May 31<sup>st</sup> – June 2<sup>nd</sup>** (Fri-Sun): “Tri-State Meet” in Cripple Creek, CO. This year’s event marks the 29<sup>th</sup> time the clubs have gotten together to share stories, renew friendships, show their cars, and just have a good time. This year the event is hosted by the PPCC. For more information, see the full page flyer in this newsletter. Make those reservations now, rooms are going fast!

 **June 1<sup>st</sup> thru November 2<sup>nd</sup>** (1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month): First Saturday Car Show, First and Main Town Center, Colorado Springs, CO (Hosted by various local car clubs).

**June 15** (Saturday, 1–7pm): “Cruzín’ Havana 2013”, along the Havana Corridor, 6th Avenue to Dartmouth. Free, there are no entry or registration fees, so bring the family! 5,000 Classic Cars! Poker Run with a grand prize. Hosted by the CCCC. For more info, check out: <http://www.onhavanastreet.com/cruzinhavanalandingpage>.

### A Little Further Out!

 **CORSA National Convention**, July 16-19, 2013, Kalamazoo, Michigan. This year’s gathering is being hosted by the West Michigan Corvair Club. Schedule of events and registration info available @ <http://vairiation2013.com> Ed will be taking both his ’60 Monza Coupe and the ’67 Sedan. Looking forward to bringing the Cole Award back to Colorado this year.

 denotes events where Corvairs have had a significant presence.



PHYLLIS NEAL  
JOHN NEAL  
JOHN KOLL  
RANDY KARL



## **Meeting Minutes from March 17, 2013**

**– submitted by Patricia Fox, Secretary**

- 17 members in attendance
- Meeting called to order by Ed Halpin, President, at 9:30a.m.
- PPCC! Happy 35th Anniversary with CORSA
- No New Members
- February Drip Line minutes approved
- Treasurer Report: \$3200.00 Due have been collected for 2013, a few members have not paid or no longer with the club. CORSA has been paid.
- CCCC - John Glusick provided and update on the house bill effecting Collector Tags.
- New members, Feasels, are moving from California and could be at the next meeting in April.
- PPCC has been associated with CORSA, as an active Chapter, for 35 years as of this month.
- Past President Recognition and Awards Presented to: Gabby Markey, Jim Wood, John Doswell, John Glusick, Ben Benzel, Larry Neal, Garrie Fox, Ken Brown, Debbie Pleau, Steve Goodman, and Patricia Fox
- Walter Hundertmark saved all Drip Lines from '78 to 2007. He was a very dedicated member of the Corvair Clubs.

### **Old Business**

- 2013 Tri-State update: City of Cripple Creek has agreed to block off the street in front of host hotel for safety reasons. 37 rooms have been reserved to this date, 51 total available.
  - A team of 5 or 6 members have agreed to work on the cut-away car in preparation for display at the Tri-State. John Koll has provided a work site. John Glusick will coordinate the efforts.
  - Jeanne Koll has found a T-Shirt vendor for the Tri-State T-shirts. Votes were taken on final logo design and set up, and agreed upon. She will have the final details prior to next meeting and there will be a pre-order form sent out to all 3 clubs.

### **New Business**

- Ed & Kelina Halpin showed a video from You Tube: A Corvair towing a plane vs. a Falcon that couldn't
- By-Law Review: CORSA Dues discussed, terms of the officers discussed, J. Koll addressed Article 6, Section I-Personal Liability
- Wayne Russert talked about the 'Forney Museum'. We discussed a possible Corvair Display from August to October. We would maintain the display.
- Classic Car Magazine features Corvairs on current Edition.
- Paul Campbell has a title for his newly acquired Corvair, after 7 months & 7 days.
- Wayne Russert showed flyers for the Vintage/Voltage Show on 3.24.13 at Ramada Inn. Also mentioned a Corvair powered aircraft. Plus in Longmont, CO, there is a Tebow Development Company with 300 collectible cars. Free to tour if you are with a club.
- Patricia Fox is coordinating a Rambler Ranch Tour in June-date to be confirmed this week. This will be a 2nd trip for the club. The last time we were there was in May 2011.
- A Visitor, Harry, was referred to our club by his cousin, Ivan Rogers. He has Corvairs that would be parts cars only and does not want to crush them. He left contact information with club President, Ed Halpin.
- Jenny Balderama showed a copy of a 1962 Car Life Magazine.
- New Business Cards / Window Drops for PPCC - Vista Print is a possible source. The club will allow a \$50 maximum for this purchase. Ed Halpin will take on the task of securing the cards.
- Ed Halpin shared a 'what is it' testing our knowledge.
- Door Prizes went to: Garrie Fox, Phyllis Neal, Warren Ermann, and Sara Karl
- Tri-State Tune Up – date *TBD*

Meeting Adjourned: 11:15



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