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Next Meeting is Sunday, August 18, 9:00 am
Golden Corral Woodmen Rd. West of Powers

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On The Cover,

It has been Fifty years since the 1963 models rolled out. The 1963 model year saw the optional availability of a long 3.08 gear for improved fuel economy, but the Corvair otherwise remained largely carryover with minor trim and engineering changes. Self-adjusting brakes were new for 1963. The Monza line was really proving its worth. Of all the Corvairs sold in 1963 fully 80% were Monza's. The Convertible model counted for over 20% of all the Monza's sold.

RMC Annual Picnic, 25 August, 10:00AM - 4:00PM

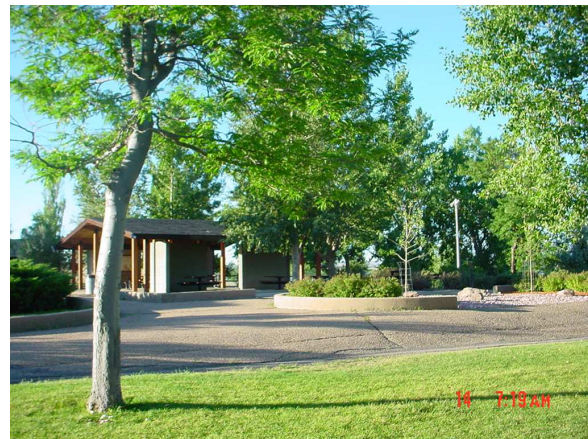
The RMC Annual Picnic will be held at the **Smoky Hill Shelter of the Cherry Creek State Park**. The shelter overlooks the beach at the northeast side of the reservoir.

There is plenty of parking, but we can't reserve any spaces, so come early so we can park together.

This year, the RMC will provide the hotdogs and hamburgers, as well as plates, cups, and tableware. Some of the drinks will be provided as well as condiments like ketchup and mustard. **For our part (PPCC), I would encourage everyone to bring their favorite potluck dish to share and some extra drinks.**

The state park will charge a \$9 per car entrance fee, but the RMC has decided to reimburse our PPCC members for this fee (a very nice thing for them to do for us) **so keep your receipt.**

The park is easy to get to. The South Parker Road (Hyw 83) east entrance is the most direct into the park and our picnic area, so from the Springs, it's a straight shot up CO-83, up through the city of Parker, taking a left on E. Lehigh Ave. Or, you can travel I-25, merge on to I-225 N, take the S. Parker Road Exit (Exit 4



to the right), and from there turn right on E. Lehigh Ave.

So bring your favorite camping chair, or hiking boots, or swimming trunks and plan to enjoy the end of summer with your friends in the Rocky Mountain and Pikes Peak clubs!!

See you all there!!

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Notes from the President

By Ed Halpin, PPCC Prez

Hello PPCC Crew!!

July was a busy month in my garage with having to replace both rear bearings, install a new pitman arm bushing to tighten up my steering, get a final fix on a leaky carb, and complete the dash to floor parking brake conversion. With all that work completed, and the new interior in the car, I'm ready for some serious cruising in the '67 sedan. Not that the '60 is any less fun, it's just a different kind of fun.

Going into the next couple months, we've got several special events set up for you all to put on your calendars and plan around. On August 17th the Front Range Air Show and Swap Meet will be held in beautiful Watkins, Colorado. Sponsored by the CCCC, it's always a fun event to attend. Then on August 25th, the Rocky Mountain CORSA (RMC) club in Denver has their annual Dale Wilshire Memorial picnic. This year's picnic will be at Cherry Creek State Park, and as always, PPCC has been invited to attend. More info to follow via email on both of these upcoming events.

In September we're looking to set up a fun Rally in and throughout the Colorado Springs area on Saturday, the 14th. Bob Galvin has volunteered to work with me on this effort, so it should be a lot of fun. We'll get to explore our own backyard and enjoy a nice Fall drive in our cars. A couple weeks later we've got our annual Fall Drive tentatively scheduled for Sunday, the 22nd, which will take us South this year, tentatively motoring to the Penrose area. More to follow on all these



events, so keep an eye on your email. It's been an active Summer so far, let's keep it rolling!! Thanks for your continued support. Drive safe!!

Ed

Fixing Broken Plastic Pieces On Your Car

By Ed Halpin

As I've been bringing the '67 Sedan back to life, I've come across several areas where little plastic pieces have either broken off, or, there are big chunks of plastic just missing from the piece. On the 4-door models, one area that seems to take a beating is the door post pillar plastic that sits in on the interior, between the two doors. This part is secured to the interior with a single screw, attached at the top of the center post, and from what I'm told, the screw hole breaks very easily (one of mine was broke). I was also told that this is a really tough part to try to find, intact. Wanting to avoid an extensive parts search, I looked for ways to fix the plastic piece myself. Good old YouTube provided the guidance with a short how-to video on "welding plastic". As I watched the video clip, I was reminded of melting plastic with a magnifying glass when I was a kid. Get it hot enough to smoke, and then, poof, it would catch on fire. Pretty cool when you're a kid, but my wife wouldn't take too kindly to me burning down the house by melting plastic in the garage, so I focused my attention back to the video. What I learned was that different plastics, or polymers, have different melting points. Many plastics are shaped by heating them until they are soft, and then molding, pressing, stamping, or forming in some other way. This was the case when the door pillar plastic was molded by Chevy. No chance of this hard plastic flaming up on me, so I headed off to Harbor Freight to get a plastic welding kit and have some fun.

Fixing Broken Plastic Pieces On Your Car - continued

The kit itself is pretty basic, consisting of a heating tool (similar to a soldering iron), some strips of filler plastic, and some strengthening material (wire mesh), and the instructions were easy to understand. It only ran me about \$15. To gain some experience, I practiced on some old, unwanted material, melting, and joining, re-melting, burning holes through stuff, but all the time learning and getting better at making the process work. Understanding how plastic actually reacts to different levels of heat was pretty interesting. So, now on to fixing the Corvair piece.



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I found an old fire extinguisher mounting bracket which resembled the type of hard plastic the Corvair piece was made out of, and from that, I cut out a piece, roughly the same size to fill the existing hole. Using a similar technique from welding metal and other materials, I “tack” welded the corners. Tack welding involves engineering short intermittent welds designed to hold the two pieces in place before full welding is begun. In doing so, I was careful on how much heat was being transferred to the whole project so it didn’t warp.



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I then just moved the “iron” around the plastic, melting and molding the two pieces together.



In the end, I now have a completely solid part, stronger and a little thicker, able to better handle the pressure of that single center post attaching screw. I learned something new, and, I had fun doing it, with no fires in the garage.

Happy Anniversary

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Autocross Deliberation

By Eric Shakel

RMC would like to set up another autocross. We need to have roughly 20 participants to make it interesting, but that lofty number has eluded us. If you’ve not participated in this simple form of automotive sport, perhaps this simple primer will answer some of the questions that are often asked by first-timers. (continued page 6)

Autocross Deliberation (from page 5)

Some things to know:

1. This is not a high speed event; it is a precision driving event.
2. The total time on the course is usually less than a minute – your Corvair will not overheat, and the speeds are slow enough the brakes are rarely challenged.
3. The biggest physical risk (in a Corvair) is a sprained wrist or finger from trying to wind and unwind the steering quickly. Seriously.

Car preparation: Note that these are all checked during Tech Inspection:

1. Oil level should be at the factory mark to prevent possible pickup starvation in abrupt cornering.
2. Tire pressures should be above factory recommendations to firm up steering response and improve traction – they can always be lowered as necessary to tune the performance.
3. All the loose junk that might fly around in the trunk or passenger compartment, such as Best of Show trophies and your schnauzer, should be removed prior to the event.
4. The brakes should have a firm pedal.
5. The battery must be firmly secured in place.

Driving the course:

1. The course is marked in the parking lot using cones, and possibly white indicators written on the pavement.

2. The direction of the course should be clearly defined – the preferred preparation is a pre-event walk-through.
3. Repeated confusion means the course was not marked well, and that situation is usually corrected by the course designer.
4. Participants are timed from a starting line, through a finish line.
5. If cones are —relocated during the run, time is added for each relocation (cone contact).
6. Most autocross courses have a series of - slalom cones for repeat left-right oscillation.
7. The greatest amount of damage typically incurred at an autocross event, if any, is orange plastic coloration transferred to your car's paint!

RMC members (and our friends at PPCC) are strongly encouraged to attend an autocross event to explore the handling and control limits of their Corvairs. Unless your religion, NSA security clearance, spouse, parent, or other authority absolutely forbids you to participate in autocross/solo events, it's about as much fun as you can have fully clothed. It also teaches you more about the limits of your car than any other legal activity.

Don't have a Corvair, or your Corvair isn't currently running? RMC-sanctioned event insurance covers entrants driving other vehicles, even brand X with water-pumper power. Watch for announcements of our late summer/early fall event – you won't want to miss this!

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Monthly Meetings: The PPCC meets on the 3rd 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 below 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.
<http://www.corvair.org/chapters/chapter809>

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 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 1st 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. All checks for advertisements should be made out to "PPCC" and mailed to PPCC, ATTN: Treasurer, P.O. Box 15034, Colorado Springs, CO 80935.

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

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Activities & Events To Check Out This Summer:


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.

May 11th thru October 12th “*Littleton Cruze*” (2nd Saturday of each month, 3:00-9:00) Woodlawn Shopping Center at 1500 West Littleton Boulevard. <http://www.littletoncruise.com>

May 4th thru October 5th (1st 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>.

 **June 1st thru November 2nd** (1st Saturday of each month): *First Saturday Car Show*, The summer fun starts at 7 a.m. Saturday, First & Main Town Center, 3133 Cinema Point, near Dick’s Sporting Goods. Show is free, vendor Whole Foods will sell gourmet coffee and breakfast treats. <http://www.firstandmaintowncenter.com>

August 16th, 2013 *21st Annual Salute to American Veterans Rally & 26th Annual POW/MIA Recognition Ride*, Cripple Creek Colorado. PPCC has been invited to participate in the parade.

 **August 17th, 2013** Front Range Airport sponsors the Classic Aircraft and Car Show, 5200 Front Range Parkway Watkins, CO 80137. The Collector Car Council of Colorado, along with Front Range Airport sponsor the Classic Aircraft and Car Show. This event features both aircraft and autos along with one of the biggest swap meets in the state. http://collectorcouncil.com/front_range.php .

August 24th, 2013 *2nd Annual KS107.5 Show us Your Ride Show*, Lincoln College of Technology, 11184 E. 45th Ave, Denver Colorado. <http://www.ks1075.com/home.aspx>

August 25th, 2013 *RMC Annual Picnic*, 10:00AM - 4:00PM, Smoky Hill Shelter of Cherry Creek State Park, Colorado. (See page 2 for details)

September 22th, 2013 *Aspen Tour*, Gooseberry Patch in Penrose Colorado.

Amazing Survivor Chevrolets & 500 Collector Cars & More! Lambrecht Chevrolet Company Auction 28-29 September, Pierce Nebraska

On the Weekend of September 28th, 2013, VanDerBrink Auctions, LLC will sell the contents of the virtual Time Capsule. The man behind the mystery is Ray P. Lambrecht, owner of Lambrecht Chevrolet Company from 1946 to 1996. This Collection consists of approx. 500 vehicles from the 1930’s to early 1970’s, and even a few newer vehicles, many of which were trades from the dealership. There are also 30-50 Vehicles that are essentially new and never sold Chevrolets (Including CORVAIRS). They are sitting ready for new owners, with most under 10 miles and still on MSO. If you haven’t seen these cars, check out the website, this is amazing!

http://www.vanderbrinkauctions.com/auctions_details.php?detail=135

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*Did you know?* One of the rarest Corvairs is the 1962 Loadside pickup. Only 369 were made, with a well in the center of the floor that could not be swept out. \*Jerry Goffe from Corvairs New Mexico has one of these trucks, as listed in the ’62 Loadside Registry.

<http://www.corvairkid.com/62loadreg.htm>  
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*Jeannie Koll
Kermit Shields*

Meeting Minutes from July 21, 2013

– submitted by Patricia Fox, Secretary

- Meeting called to order at 9:33
- No new members. Ryan Koll was visiting with his Grandparents.
- Minutes Of June Meeting Approved
- Treasurer Report: ~\$2700
- CCCC update John Glusick: The “Collector Plate” bill ([HOUSE BILL 13-1071](#)) was signed and will be effective 8.7.13. Emission testing will be grandfathered in.
- Front Range Air Show/Car Show/Swap meet in Watkins CO., Saturday, 8.17.13. Many in PPCC plan to attend.
- Many attended the Studebaker show in Colorado Springs.
- Lambrecht Chevrolet Auction in Pearce, NE 28-29 September -sale of never sold Chevrolets including Corvairs, (See page 8)
- ‘Thank You’ letters were sent to the Victor Museum and the Double Eagle Hotel for their support of the 2013 Tri State. PPCC also contributed donation to the Victor Museum.
- The Cactus Corvair club in Mesa, Arizona would like to have the Corvair cut away car w/turntable. PPCC would acquire ‘right of refusal’. Rambler ranch has also shown interest in cut away. Waiting to hear from them, out of town this past week. John Koll needs the vehicle out of his storage area by 8.15.13. Wayne Russert has volunteered to store car if necessary. Ed Halpin is working out the details.
- Veteran’s rally in Cripple Creek. Clubs will not participate in this event due to date conflict.
- Ed Halpin is digitizing past newsletters. The question of whether to distribute on CD or via WWW was discussed. It was noted that CNM began this process years ago and decided the extra effort was unnecessary. Making the Newsletters available on the club website appears to be the simplest solution.
- Discussion to drive to the top of Pikes peak or Mount Evans found little support.
- Bob Galvin recommended a club event to the (Clive) Cussler museum in Arvada, CO. He will gather info.
- Club event in October Saturday A.M. TBD
- 2013 aspen tour. John & Dee Glusick will contact ‘Gooseberry Patch’ for 9.22.13, Sunday, 1st day of autumn. PPCC to meet in Colorado Springs to caravan.
- Wayne Russert described their Model-A trip to Kearny NE. (A national event to commemorate the Lincoln Highway) including his experience with NAPA and Car Quest fuel pumps and other parts issues. The Cabela’s in Kearny also has a Car museum attached to Cabela’s which includes Free i-pad use during the tour and is well worth the visit.
- Nancy Feldman was looking for guidance on carburetor J-bolts, Stainless steel threading issues and other parts from Clarks Corvair Parts.
- Door prize winners were Paul Campbell and Jeannie Koll
- 10:32 meeting adjourned

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