

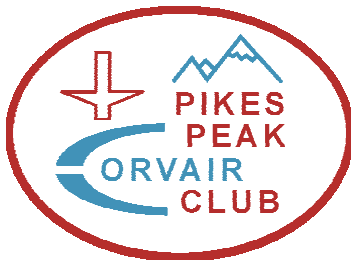
The Drip Line



**The Next Meeting of the Pikes Peak Corvair Club is
Sunday, January 19th, 9:30am**

**Golden Corral, 5410 E. Woodmen Rd, Colorado Springs, CO
(See page 9 for additional meeting info)**

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Pikes Peak Corvair Club

On The Cover:

Steve Goodman's red '68 Coupe in attendance at the Annual New Year's Brunch in Estes Park, CO. Check out more on this fun event on page 6.

What's that weird green digital thingy on the cover? Smart phone users will recognize it as a Quick Response Code, commonly referred to as a QR code. Check out the Technology Today article to learn about how the PPCC will be using these digital tools in 2014.



An absolutely wonderful Christmas Party and Dinner over at the Feasels!

On December 14th, a couple of our newest members, David and Mary Ellen Feasel, opened up their home, and hearts, to a happy and hungry group of PPCC holiday revelers. There was so much food cooked up on site and brought in by members that no one left with an empty stomach. Topped off by a fun Yankee gift exchange, headed up by Mary Ellen, this was a great conclusion to a great year in the Pike Peak Corvair Club. Some of the gifts were “stolen” a few times by others with a perceived greater need, but in the end, it looked like everyone had a great time. Good food, good friends, and nice weather; couldn’t have asked for a better Saturday in December to get together. Thanks again Mr. and Mrs. Feasel for your gracious hospitality!

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Notes from the President

By Ed Halpin, PPCC Prez

Hello PPCC Crew!!

A short note this month as we recover from the holiday season, and all of the yummy “comfort” food that comes with family gatherings and hanging out with friends. For most of us, the New Years resolutions are made in January, broken by February, and forgotten by March. I just don’t make them any more, saving myself the disappointment ☺

One thing I will challenge myself to do this year, and would ask you to do the same,



is to increase the visibility of our Club in the local area. This can be done by simply getting your Corvair out on the road a little more, by participating in more Club events, and putting your car on display at one of the local car shows. Anywhere we drive, folks want to stop and chat, and we all know that everyone has their own Corvair story, good or bad. By being more visible with our cars, we not only promote the Club, but also the hobby.

2013 was a great year for the Club, and 2014 will be loaded with lots of opportunity. See you all on the road, and thanks for your continued support. Drive safe!!
Ed

Question of the Month: What Do You Do To Protect Your Corvair?

By Ed Halpin

I was surfing the web the other day, not really looking for anything in particular, and while reading through an article on stolen cars, I was prompted to search for “Corvair Engine Lid Locks”. The results I received mostly dealt with the purchase or install of trunk locks, so I clicked into the various Corvair forums just to check the chat..

There were active discussions on how folks protect their cars from the sneaky thieves, in general, and some pretty creative ideas on how best to lock the engine compartment to keep batteries and tires from walking away.

That got me wondering; *How do folks within the Pikes Peak Corvair Club protect their beloved Corvairs?*

Do you use a “Club®” on the steering wheel to keep thieves from driving it away?



Or how about a battery cutoff switch hidden somewhere in the car. Or, is LoJack® your protector of choice?

How about the engine compartment? Do you use the old “nail in the latch” trick, pull the coil wire when you leave in town, or have you installed an aftermarket lid latch?

Whether you’re an engineer or a shade tree mechanic, we’d like to hear your thoughts on how we can all keep our rides safe from prying hands. Shoot me a note via email or snail mail and we’ll post them here next month for further discussion.

Meeting Minutes

Submitted By Kelina Halpin, fill in Secretary

- The December meeting of the PPCC was loosely called to order by Ed Halpin, President, around 1:30pm at the home of Mary Ellen and David Feasel
- The meeting was short and coincided with the Club Christmas Party. The food was ready and folks were hungry!
- 23 members of the PPCC Family were in attendance.
- A HUGE Thank You to Mary Ellen and David for opening up their home and hosting the Club's Annual Christmas Party!!
- November minutes approved
- Treasury report: approx. \$2700
- Dues to be collected in January, paid no later than February 10th. \$25 – PPCC (+\$3 for non-CORSA grandfathered members) / \$45 paid directly to CORSA – provide receipt to J. Koll
- Formal motions were made, seconded, and approved to name the following individuals to the below elected positions in 2014:
 - President - Ed Halpin
 - VP - Randy Karl
 - Treasurer - John Koll
 - Secretary - Vacant
 - Board Member at Large - Vacant
- The following folks have generously volunteered their time to serve in the following appointed positions:
 - Membership Chair - Bob Galvin
 - Drip Line Editor—Ed Halpin
 - PPCC Website Editor—Kelina Halpin
 - Programs Chair—Open
- Meeting officially ended at 1:45 with everyone heading to the kitchen to eat!!



Featured clip art courtesy of :<http://www.northtexascorvair.org/> and <http://www.hubgarage.com/classifieds/4305/corvairart.htm>

ROAD TRIP!! 1927

By Wayne Russert

In late July of 1927, Aunt Dora and a friend decided to drive to Colorado Springs via Denver. They started just south of Wichita, visited Abilene, Norton and finally headed west on hwy. 36. The 650 mile journey to Denver took them 3 ½ days, averaging about 200 mi/day. They stayed overnight at the Mile High City's 160 acre Overland Park tourist camp along the Platte River.

That night they enjoyed the camp's **3 story club house, ball room, restaurant, bath rooms, barber shop, grocery store and laundry** before retiring to their tent for a good rest.

This was a much better place to camp than the night before when muddy roads forced them to pitch their tent somewhere out on the eastern prairie.

Aunt Dora was also very happy to report

they'd had no tire troubles - yet.

And what did our friends have to pay for their upscale night at the Denver camp?

Exactly 50 cents! That's about \$6.50 in modern money.

So the next time you roll your RV into a park and are charged \$35 for electricity, stinky water and a dirty bathroom, remember that some things about the good old days really were good.

How do I know about this trip? Because Aunt Dora was kind enough to mail a 2 penny postcard back to Miss Leota Walker in Garden City. And now, 87 years later we can still enjoy that little piece of history.

Collect postcards! Real stories on the cheap.



**Club Dues are Due by February 10th -
Please send Them in Today**

By Ed Halpin, with Treasurer John Koll

In early January, our Treasurer mailed out a reminder note to all current PPCC members in regards to 2014 dues. In abbreviated form:

Dear Corvair Club Member,

Last year we adjusted the due dates of everyone's dues to coincide with the year end. The year end is now here! The Club's updated by-laws made some changes in the requirements for membership and the dues. New members will be required to join CORSA. An exception was made for current members who are not members of CORSA. They may continue their membership in the Pikes Peak Corvair Club as long as they pay their dues currently (by February 10). If their dues are not paid they will be dropped from membership and treated as a new member if they pay their dues later. That means they will have to join CORSA.

Current members who are not members of

CORSA will be charged an additional \$3.00 fee, as required by CORSA. Please refer to page 5 of the December Drip Line for a more detailed explanation (available online).

Please include with your dues payment proof of your CORSA membership if you are a member of CORSA. A copy of your receipt will do or just give us your membership number.

Please be mindful of the February 10th cutoff for John to close the books on renewals. The deal is, if you were a CORSA member last year, you do need to maintain that status. If you're a grandfathered CORSA holdout from last year and before, then you'll just pay your dues with the added \$3 and then you're good to go.

Thanks in advance for your continued participation and support of the Club!



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Activities & Events To Check Out:

Check back next month as the weather starts to break and we plan out upcoming activities.

**THE TORTOISE AND THE
HARE – UPDATED***Wayne Russert*

Everyone tells me I need to exercise like crazy, drink gallons of water and eat only natural nuts and berries in order to live a long life.

Well, let's take a look at nature.

1. If walking was so good for your health,

the postman would be immortal.

2. A whale swims all day, only eats fish and drinks water but is still fat.
3. A rabbit runs and hops all day long and eats salads but only lives 15 years, tops (8 seconds if it meets a coyote).
4. A tortoise doesn't run and does mostly nothing, yet it lives for 150 years.

And you tell me to exercise? I don't think so. I'm retired. Go around me!



The End of an Era - In mid-November, PPCC member Steve Goodman had an unfortunate incident while driving to work in one of his favorite Corvairs. He wanted to let all of the PPCC folks know he was ok, so we're reprinting his notes, for the folks who may not have seen his update: 'Hello fellow PPCC members: First off I am fine not injured, and now on Sat morning very little stiff/sore. Car fared badly. The power train was pushed so far forward the shift tube is doubled up and the tunnel is deformed. The rear castings, distributor, and oil cooler are crushed. The bell housing is broken as well as the differential. The transmission is broken inside it is in neutral, but stuck in a gear. The top is bowed upward and with the pass side windows up I can stick my hand between the glass and the roof rail inside the car. Both doors open but the door glass in the driver's side overlaps the quarter glass a full inch. The seat rails are still secure but the seat back is broken. Even the pass side seat back is broken and I was alone in the car. I was barely moving and the Ford Fusion was 70mph or more. There was a traffic mess in front of me and everyone was just inching along. I knew I was going to be hit hard. The Fusion was crushed almost to the windshield. Her air bag saved her. Thanks for the concern and notes I am fine. Best wishes to all, Steve'.

New Year's Day Brunch 2014!!

By Ed Halpin

On January 1st of every year, the Rocky Mountain Corsa Club holds it's annual New Year's Brunch at The Other Side Restaurant in Estes Park, CO. Each and every year, the invite is extended to the PPCC, and those of us who are brave (or crazy) enough to chance the winter weather make that trek to the high country for a plate full of bacon, eggs and French toast.

Of course, the food is only a small part of the gathering. It's a chance to catch up with old friends after the holidays and ring in the new year with an opportunity to blow that resolution to lose weight right out of the water on Day 1! It's a very good day out!

Coordinated by the RMC's John Dinsdale, 2014's event was no exception, with more than 35 folks in attendance, there were plenty of folks to chat with. I made the journey with

Cheryl and Kelina in our X-brand truck as it was a pretty cold day to take a chance on fixing the '67 on the side of the road. One PPCC member who is fearless in his commitment to this event is Steve Goodman. In the parking lot, there were 4 Corvairs when we pulled up, and sure enough, one of them was Steve's; a very nice red '68 coupe.

We were amazed at the devastation that lined the road along Route 36 as we drove up to Estes Park. Last Summer's floods really took their toll on that area, and it will no doubt take years for those folks to recover, just as our neighbors in the Black Forest area work to recover from last year's fires. For those of you unable to make the trip this year, I'd encourage you to put it on the calendar for next year. It's always a great time!



PPCC Members Kelina, Ed, and Cheryl Halpin. Steve Goodman served as the photographer for the event, so there were no pictures of him, but by the graces of Photoshop, Steve was right there with us 😊

*Technology Today****Quick Response (QR) Codes***

With the increased use of “smart devices” (iPhone, Android, tablets, etc.), we’re seeing a lot of creative ways in which companies are trying to communicate with their customers. If over the past month, you’ve read a magazine, received junk mail, or bought a bottle of ketchup, you’ve likely seen a QR code, even if you may not have paid any attention to it.

QR codes are a type of matrix barcode, which has been used in the automotive industry for more than 20 years. Invented by Toyota, its purpose was to track vehicles during manufacture, allowing for high-speed component scanning. Although initially used for tracking parts, QR codes now are used in a much broader context, including both commercial tracking applications and convenience-oriented applications, or “apps”, aimed at smart phone users.

You can read much more on the QR code system by Googling “QR Codes”, but in short, how are we going to use QR Codes within the PPCC?

When scanned with your QR Reader, a free downloaded mobile app, the code on the front cover of this newsletter will take you directly to the PPCC website. Imagine if the image was placed on your windshield as a sticker, or in the corner of our window placard at the Tri-State, then a car show attendee could scan and then read about the Club, right there on their phone, standing next to the car. It’s all about generating traffic to the website and buzz at the car shows where we’ll reach more and more folks.

If you scan the code below, it will take you to the home page of Clark’s Corvair parts.. Then, if you’re in the garage, and you need a part, you can look it up right there on your phone.



Expect to see more of these codes as a fun way to interact with the “mobile” public. The more exposure we have, the more opportunity for new members to join in on the fun!

**Upcoming 2014 Meeting Locations
(3 months out)**

January - Golden Corral, Woodmen Road, Colorado Springs

February - The Russert Garage, Castle Rock

March - TBD

**PPCC
Admin**

Monthly Meetings: The PPCC meets on the 3rd Sunday of each month, 9:30am at selected locations. Please reach out to the Club President or VP for meeting details.

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.
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