

The Drip Line



**The Next Meeting of the Pikes Peak Corvair Club is
Sunday, September 21st, 11:00am
@ The Halpin Garage in Castle Rock, CO
(Directions and address will be provided prior to the meeting)**

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On The Cover:

Ray Schick's '64 Monza Spyder at the August meeting in Castle Rock. The car looked great!!

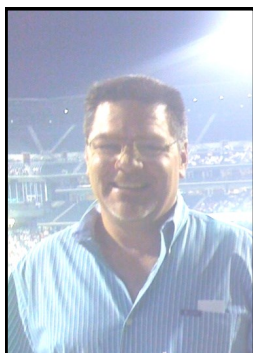
NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Ed Halpin, PPCC Prez

Hello PPCC Crew!!

Well, this will be a short newsletter since we were limited in member news and project contributions this month.

You can find the second installment of our 4-part electrical series by local Corvair guru Steve Goodman on page 5 of the newsletter. Thanks for your continued support, Steve.



If anyone would like to contribute to upcoming editions of the newsletter, please follow the posted submission guidelines at the bottom of page 2.

Please keep John and Jeannie Koll in your thoughts and prayers as John recovers at home from his recent surgery.

Information on the upcoming Fall Drive to Pine, CO is listed on page 6.

See you all on the road. Drive safe!!

Ed



Pretty Ladies All in a Row!

(I think that's from a song I used to know) (l-r) Chris Kimberly, Mary Ellen Feasel, Bonnie Russert and her Mother, Margaret Watts



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MEETING MINUTES - 8/17/2014
Golden Corral, Colorado Springs, COsubmitted by
Ed Halpin**9:00 – 9:30am:** Folks found their way to Chris Kimberly's home and garage**9:45am: Meeting Called to Order & Admin Notes** (Ed Halpin)

- Meet & Greet Members and Visitors
- A GREAT big thank you to Chris Kimberly for having us over to her home and garage for today's meeting and Tech Session.
- Recognition of August Drip Line Newsletter and contributors: Steve Goodman, Allen Amrine.
- Approval of Minutes From July's meeting, with a couple changes submitted by Nancy Feldman; the mechanic friend she had brought to the July meeting was "Chris Aldrich, a decorated veteran having served three tours in both Afghanistan and Iraq, receiving three Purple Hearts, among his many other awards and decorations".
- Treasurer's Report—unavailable due to John Koll being out sick. Everyone is thinking of John and wishing him a speedy recovery.
- Collector Car Council of Colorado (CCCC) Report (CCCC Rep John Glusick) - No report as John was not present at the meeting.
- Anything in the Mail Bag? (Randy Karl) - Several items related to upcoming (and past) car shows in the area. Randy had spoken to Darryl Hess, a family member of former member Ben Benzel, who said that they still had Ben's old Corvair and were still trying to sell it. Price has been dropped considerably, if anyone is interested.

Old/Unfinished Business:

- Reminder of the Annual Dale Wilshire Memorial Picnic at Cherry Creek State Park next Sunday, August 24th at 11:00am. Gate fees will be reimbursed by the RMC Treasurer by attending their Sept or Oct meeting.

New Business:

- Open Forum for the Group
 - ◊ David Feasel initiated a discussion on moving the business meetings to every 2 months, for a total of 6 per year, with 3 being at a restaurant and the other three being Tech Sessions at various locations. Good initial discussion was had, tabled for continued discussion during next month's meeting where we could put it to a vote, if so moved.
 - ◊ Various members chimed in on an open discussion about the various insurance policies folks had, and what restrictions many placed on the use of their vehicles.
 - ◊ Wayne Russert presented a must-read book, called "The Arsenal of Democracy". Copies are at the Douglas County Library, and Wayne highly recommends the book if you'd like to gain some insights as to how General Motors really drove the war effort in manufacturing.
 - ◊ Christmas Party - Ed will check with the Golden Corral on availability for Sunday, December 14th from 1:00 - 4:00pm. Looking at recent event participation, an expected headcount will be taken at the September meeting to determine if there is enough interest in having a Christmas Party this year.
 - ◊ Chris Kimberly talked about the upcoming "ArtoCade 2014" event in Trinidad, on Saturday, September 13th. A big parade with cars decorated in crazy ways. Check out www.artocade.com for more info.
 - ◊ Ed mentioned that there is an upcoming BBQ and road trip planned to Byers with the RMC club on Sunday, September 14th. where there is a tractor trailer full of parts. This is the same place where Ed reviewed the three cars for sale in one of the earlier newsletters this year. If interested in attending, please contact Ed directly via email for directions and specifics.
- Reminder of Next Month's Meeting, September 21st @ Ed Halpin's Garage @ 11am. Tech session will be Turbo related, followed by a BBQ lunch.

10:25 – Done: Tech Activity/Discussion (Steve Goodman) **"Tools to Bring Your Corvair Alive"**

- Members and Guests present: David & Mary Ellen Feasel, Ray Schick, Peter Frantz, Steve Goodman, Chris Kimberly, Wayne & Bonnie Russert with her Mother Margaret Watts, Allen Amrine, Randy Karl, and Ed Halpin



(top) A GREAT PPCC Meeting and Tech Session hosted by Chris Kimberly at her home in Castle Rock.

(right) While Chris provided a full spread of breakfast goodies, Steve Goodman kept the group entertained with a demonstration of several hand-crafted tools he's come up with over the years to make working on the Corvair a breeze. Thanks for the show and tell, Steve!

(far right) Bonnie Russert shows off her table runner door prize, created and donated by Mary Ellen Feasel! Thanks for the door prizes, Randy!



Upcoming 2014 Meeting Locations (3 months out)

Sunday, September 21st - 11:00am - Halpin's Garage in Castle Rock - Meeting followed by a Turbo Tech Session with Steve Goodman, followed by a BBQ. Bring Chairs!

Sunday, October 19th - 9:30am - Restaurant TBD

Sunday, November 16th - 9:30am - Restaurant TBD

TECH TIPS: ALTERNATOR OR BATTERY?????

submitted by
Steve Goodman

If your car needs a 'jump' to get the starter going the question becomes; is the battery bad, or is the charging system bad, or is there a battery drain (short)?

First let's assemble a couple of handy tools to help with basic automotive electrical problems:

- A digital VOM (volt/ohm meter) - will show DC voltage as well as resistance and continuity readings.
- A 12V test light - a tool resembling an ice pick with a ground wire attached and a bulb inside will find much use checking to see if a certain wire has voltage.
- A couple of jumper wires - 3' or so long with alligator clips on the ends are handy.



Now, let's get started. First thing to check is the actual voltage in the battery using the VOM. Look at last month's installment to get ideas of correct voltage readings. If voltage is low it must be determined if the charging system is failing, or, if there is a battery drain.

The easiest way to check battery drain, although you need a charged battery, goes like this; Unhook the ground cable from the battery. Next, make sure that everything is turned off in the car including things like the memory in the radio. Now, place the test light between the ground cable and the ground side battery terminal. The indication of a voltage drain is the glowing light. The brightness of the bulb indicates how big the drain is. For instance if the memory of a radio is left on, the glow will be dim but if the headlights were left on then the bulb would be very bright. Unplug the various accessories or remove fuses to isolate the voltage drain.

To check alternator quality do this: With the engine shut off, check voltage at the battery. Next, start the engine and again check voltage. If the alternator is working, the voltage, while running, will be in the 13+ range, but typically the battery alone would only show 12.6+ V.



Typical Alternator


The most common problem encountered with hard start/no start/dead battery issues is poor connections. These range from dirty battery cable clamps/poor grounds between battery to engine to frame and deteriorated cable wire hidden inside the insulation.



Next month I will try to provide a list of common sources for battery drain and failed connections.

2014 PPCC Activities Calendar


All of these events, and others are on the interactive calendar on our website @ <http://www.corvair.org/chapters/chapter809/calendar/calendar.htm>

 **Saturday, September 6th @ 8am: "Bowtie Bash":** The Colorado Springs Corvette Club & Daniels Long Chevrolet present and all day Chevy Car Show. 8am-2pm, Daniels Long Chevrolet, 670 Automotive Drive, Colo Springs. Entry Fee \$20. Register on-line at coloradospringscorvetteclub.org or day of event 8-10am.

Sunday, September 28th @ 11:00am: "PPCC Fall Aspen Drive to the town of Pine, CO": All participants will meet up at the Denver Botanic Gardens at Chatfield parking lot (8500 W Deer Creek Canyon Rd in Littleton) between 10:30 and 11:00am (leave at 11:00am), and from there we'll take a nice cruise through the mountains, eat lunch, and enjoy the yearly change of the fall foliage from greens to yellow and oranges.

Saturday, October 18th @ 1:30pm – "PPCC Goes to the Ball Game – Air Force Academy Football": New Mexico is coming to town, so lets get together and cheer the Falcons on to a big win! October at Falcon Stadium is still warm enough to enjoy the game without having to bundle up too much. The Club . Based on interest, the Club can purchase a block of 20 tickets so we're all sitting together, or tickets can be purchased on your own. Let the Prez or VP know your interested.

Sunday, December 14th @ 1:00–4:00pm: "PPCC Christmas Party": Restaurant location TBD but put it on your calendars and plan those other holidays events around it. Great fun every year!! ☺

 denotes events where Corvairs have had a significant presence.



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Monthly Meetings: The PPCC generally meets on the 3rd Sunday of each month, 9:30am at selected locations. Please reach out to the Club President or VP for specific 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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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 Ed Halpin at halpinem@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.

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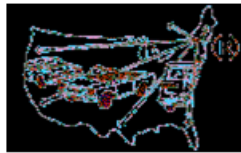
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