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Sunday, March 15th, 2:00pm
@ Golden Corral, 5410 E. Woodmen Rd, Colorado Springs, CO**



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On The Cover: 50 Years of the late model Corvair! Magazine ad for the new 1965 Corvair.



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Randy Karl

Greetings,

Just when we were getting used to the mild January weather we got hit with another Colorado snow storm to keep our Corvairs garaged. However, the snow hasn't stopped Dave Feasel and his new Greenbrier.

Last month, the membership voted to donate \$250 from our treasury to Coast-to-Coast for the Kids and ask individual members to also donate to match the club's donation. I'd like to encourage everyone to pledge what to you can to support this cause. You may send your donation to John Koll who will submit on behalf of PPCC. If you chose to donate directly (for tax purposes) you may send your donation to Coast to Coast for the Kids, 8 Lynnette Drive, Fairview, NC 28730. Let John know so he can tally PPCC's contribution.

PPCC has been approached by the organizers of the Good Times Car Show to co-host this show with other local car clubs in Old Colorado City. Monies raised are donated to Canine Companions for Independence. I have not been to this car show but I know some of our members have attended and it has become quite popular. This looks like a fun event to help promote PPCC and serve a good cause. See the Host Club In-



formation later in the Drip Line.

On a similar note, I was contacted last week by Ross Schwyhart of the Rocky Mountain Mustangers to see if our club would be interested in getting together with RMM for some car admiring and socializing when the weather gets warmer? There has always been that competitive link between the Mustangs and Corvairs that some say One led to the Other's birth/demise. But that is for another discussion. I think this would be a great chance to expand our social circle and I bet RMM would enjoy participating in our Gimmick Rally! Ross has owned three Corvairs in the past and would like to get another one. (A Future PPCC Member?)

You will notice our March 15 gathering will begin later in the day starting with lunch at 2:00PM and the meeting kicking off at 2:30PM. This later start was recommended to allow more folks time for Sunday morning activities but not too late to be traveling home after sunset. Let's give this a try and see if this time works for us all.

Kudos to Dave Feasel who has been helping Nancy Feldmann conduct some maintenance on her Corvair. One thing I have learned about Corvair owners is there is always someone willing to lend a hand. Thanks, to all who have helped a Corvair owner in need.

Drive Safe.

Randy

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MEETING MINUTES - 2/15/2015**Golden Corral, Colorado Springs, CO**

submitted by Chris Kimberly

Fill-In Secretary for the Day

9:42a.m.--The meeting was called to order by President Randy Karl. There were 17 members in attendance.

Secretary's Report—There was a motion and a second to approve last month's minutes. It was voted and approved.

Treasurer's Report—There is a balance of \$3657.00.

Mail—A special event, in August, coming up in Hastings NE, is the 1st Annual Corvair Track Classic.

Old Business

Some members still have not paid their dues. Those who haven't paid have been dropped from the club.

The Coast to Coast Drive—the club discussed last month to donate \$250 to this event for the Make a Wish Organization, with individual donations given by club members to match or exceed the club donation. John Koll made a motion to leave the donation as discussed last month and it was seconded by Wayne Russert. Following a discussion, it was voted and approved. Individual pledge cards were passed out for individual donations. Send to John Koll or bring to the March meeting.

John Koll will be planning a club visit to the airport to see his collection later in the Spring when the weather is warmer.

New Business

1st Annual Corvair Track Classic in Hastings, NE, August 28-30. This is hosted by Shade's Classic Cars. Info is on the activities calendar in the Drip Line.

Club Meeting in May will be on the 17th -- Fishing and picnic at Monument Lake. Info is on the activities calendar in the Drip Line. May 17th is also the Florence Car Show.

April 8-12 is the Denver Auto Show at the Denver Convention Center.

School of Mines Car Show is April 11th. We usually meet at the corner of 19th and Jackson in Golden and drive in and park as a group. Info is on the activities calendar in the Drip Line.

April 26th is the Tri-State Tune-up and picnic at Eric's House. Info is on the activities calendar in the Drip Line.

May 29-31 is the Tri-State Meet in Durango. Info is on the activities calendar in the Drip Line.

In July the Tiny Town RR is having a model train show to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Tiny Town. Wayne Russert is rebuilding one of the RR's. We will be choosing a July date to drive up there at next month's meeting. Info is on the activities calendar in the Drip Line.

August 23rd is RMC's Dale Wilshire Memorial BBQ/Picnic at 'Wings Over the Rockies'. It will be catered, so we will be looking for a head count soon. Ed will be sending a separate email on this.

Ed has been talking with a gentleman in Fountain who has a '62 which he is working on. He needs help getting various '62 parts for the restoration.

MEETING MINUTES - 2/15/2015 (cont.)

Bud Edwards is not renewing his membership and is selling his '66 Corsa for \$6800. It is maroon with a black interior. If interested, contact Bud directly.

Chris Kimberly is looking for help with some parts for her '64 convertible.'61 shop manual; early radio and box; early door mounted rear view mirror; rear seat belts (aqua if possible). Let her know if you can help.

Discussion on changing meeting time on Sunday morning as it is a conflict with those who attend church and others who have Sunday as their family day. Last year's survey showed no real consensus of a good day or time. John Glusick made a motion to try switching the meetings to Saturday afternoon, and then changed the motion for the club to try meeting at the Golden Corral on Sunday afternoon at 2:00. It was seconded and discussed. It was voted and approved to try the change in meeting time for the March meeting. **Next month's meeting will be March 15th, at 2:00 p.m., at the Golden Corral.**

Drawing for door prizes

Motion and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Voted and approved. Meeting adjourned at 10:37 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Chris Kimberly.

Bud Edward's 1966 Corsa for Sale

We have a (former) member of the PPCC, Bud Edwards, who is looking to thin the herd in the stable and is now in a position where he'd like to sell his '66 Corsa, as he very seldom drives it these days.

While I have not seen the car myself, I am told that it is a very nice car. It's the 15th one he's owned and he went all out on it because he knew this would be his last one.

He'd really like to see it remain in Colorado, and especially to stay in a Corvair club.

He's looking at \$5800 for the car, which doesn't come close to what he has in it (we all know how that goes). If you, or anyone you know might be interested, Bud said he'd be happy to send photos and details.

Bud can be reached directly at: budpon@cs.com

Hopefully someone is in the market for a nice late model, ready to roll into Durango for the Tri-State at the end of May.



1966 Corvair Corsa
(Not a picture of Bud's actual car, but similar in model and color)



BETTIE JO BENZEL

AS “UNSAFE AT ANY SPEED” MARKS 50 YEARS, CORVAIR VALUES HIT ALL-TIME HIGH

by Rob Sass
reprint from Hagerty.com

The below article by Bob Sass of Hagerty (hagerty.com, 2/10/2015) was forwarded to me by longtime RMC member Laura Wilshire, with the following thought: *“Hmm another way to stick it to Nader, count me in! I plan on putting some time and money into my Corvairs this year to really get back to enjoying all of them for fun. It's great that their values are increasing, but I consider that just a bonus. Happy Corvairing and if you're still looking to buy one.....snap one up quick!”* Laura

Thanks for sharing Laura!

This year marks the 50th anniversary of Ralph Nader's book “Unsafe at Any Speed,” in which the young Harvard-trained lawyer/activist did a serious hatchet job on what was a very interesting and unconventional American car. But the Chevy Corvair is clearly having the last laugh. Ironically, as the book turns 50, Corvair prices have reached an all-time high.

Although most people have come to believe that “Unsafe at Any Speed” was almost solely about the Corvair, it was actually Nader's indictment of the level of thought that went into automotive safety design at the time. Blind-o-matic shiny chrome dashboard trim, impale-o-matic steering-wheel horn rings and sharp protruding buttons were common at a time when consumerism and automotive gimmickry were understood far better than vehicle safety.

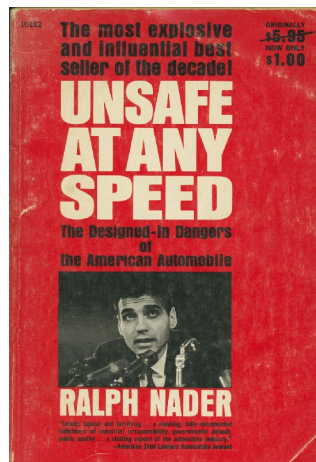
Nader singled out the 1960-63 rear-engine Corvair for the design of its rear suspension and its lack of a standard anti-roll bar or camber compensator. Because the Corvair employed a semi-independent, swing-axle design — which lacked

a universal joint at the wheel/hub end of the axle — excessive camber change during very extreme cornering could cause the rear wheels to tuck under and trigger a spin. Mercedes-Benz, Volkswagen and Triumph used a similar design but were not targeted by Nader (probably because giant General Motors made such a tasty target in his eyes).

GM changed the suspension design to a more advanced fully independent one when the car was restyled for 1965. Respected enthusiast publications thought the 1965-69 Corvair to be one of the best-styled and engineered post-war American cars, with Car and Driver magazine's David E. Davis Jr. among the most enthusiastic. Jay Leno has had a red Corsa coupe in his collection for years, and the rest of the collecting world seems to be catching on.

The price for just about every sub-model of Corvair is at an all-time high. The ultra-desirable turbocharged Corsa convertible that in 2006 cost about \$15,000 in excellent condition now goes for about \$20,000. Ironically, the humble-but-cute 1961 Corvair Lakewood station wagon is up just as much; an example in excellent condition that would have cost you about \$7,400 in 2006 will now set you back about \$12,800. In addition to the fact that Corvairs are good first-collectible cars — attractive, interesting and fun to drive — they have cross-over appeal; European car aficionados tend to view them favorably, with some even comparing them to early Porsche 911s (another car that has skyrocketed in value).

Although it's unlikely that Corvair prices will truly follow in the footsteps of the 911, the much-maligned cars are only going to go up as more people realize that they offer a great combination of good looks, technical interest and value. With a plentiful supply of parts and strong club support, it's a great time to grab a good Corvair before prices rise even higher.



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2015 CLUB MEMBERSHIP CONTACT INFO

Provided by John Koll
Treasurer, PPCC


In accordance with Article V, Section 1.A.6 of the Club by laws, the 2015 Membership roster is published. Info is accurate as of 2/26/2015.


Editor's Note: I always keep a copy of the roster in my glove box, as well as a copy of the most recent CORSA roster, just in case I break down on the road and need to reach out to a friendly face to get me back up and running. Be safe out there!


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2015 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, April 11th @ 10:00am: “School of Mines E-Days Car Show”**, Golden CO. Gather in Golden and drive in as a group so all Corvairs are lined up together. (Sponsored by the Colorado School of Mines). Details will be forthcoming, so check your emails.


 **Sunday, April 26th @ 10:00am: “Tri-State Tune-Up”**, Sedalia, CO. This yearly BBQ event, hosted by the RMC, is an open invitation to Eric & Linea Schakel’s “Corvair Ranch” in Sedalia, CO. Don’t miss this one! It’s always interesting to see what Eric is working on. (Sponsored by the RMC). More details on what to bring, as we get closer to the event.

 **Sunday, May 17th @ 7:00am: “2nd Annual PPCC Family Fishing Cruise & Picnic”**, Monument, CO. For those who like to drop a line at dawn, get out the Corvair and join us at Monument Lake for another good old fashioned fishing tournament. Prizes for biggest, smallest, and most fish caught. This event will give you a reason to get up early on a Sunday to enjoy some quality time with your son, daughter, and/or grandkids. Picnic to follow the morning fishing at 11:00am-1:00pm.


Sunday May 17th @ 9:00am: “2015 Florence Merchants Car Show”, Florence, CO. For those folks not inclined to join in on the Fishing Cruise, this expanding car show is a fun event. 150+ Classic Cars, Valve Cover Races, Music & Food! Main Street in Florence Historic District. Always a fun car show! <http://florencemerchants.org>

 **May 29th thru 31st (Fri-Sun): “The 2015 Tri-State Meet”**, Durango, CO. This year’s event marks the 31st time the clubs have gotten together. Hosted by the Rocky Mountain CORSA, this year’s gathering will be held in the beautiful town of Durango, Colorado. The host hotel has been confirmed as The Hampton Inn at 3777 Main Avenue, Durango, and their direct number for reservations is 970-247-2600. When calling, mention “**CORVAIR TRI-STATE DURANGO 2015**” to receive the special \$110 +tax, per night RMC rate, which includes a hot breakfast. This rate is good until April 29, 2015. The hotel is within walking distance of downtown Durango. **NOTE:** They have also secured special rates at the Durango Super 8 (970-295-0590). Mention “Tri-State” to receive the RMC rate. For more information on event plans and t-shirts, visit Rocky Mountain CORSA’s website at rockymountaincorsa.com and watch for additional flyers in this newsletter. Make those reservations now, rooms are going fast!

Saturday, June 13th @ 10am–5pm: “Cruzin’ Havana 2015”, 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. (Sponsored by the CCCC) For more info, check out: <http://www.onhavanastreet.com/cruzinhavanalandingpage>


 **Saturday, June 20th @ 8:00am: “PPCC Rally – Poker Run”** Last year’s rally was a great success! This “gimmick” rally covers a course set up with 5 designated checkpoints and scattered with questions to be answered along each leg of the run. At each checkpoint, teams will pick up an envelope, which will have a playing card in it. Upon completion of the rally, when we meet up for lunch, teams will open their 5 envelopes at the same time and display their hand. Best poker hand will win a prize. The team that answers the most questions correctly will also win a prize. Lots of fun to see a bunch of Corvairs running across the local countryside.


2015 PPCC Activities Calendar (cont.)


 **June 23rd thru 27th (Tues-Fri): "CORSA National Convention"**, Knoxville, Tennessee. This year's gathering is being hosted by the Knoxville Area Corvair Club. Schedule of events and registration info available @ <http://www.corvair.org/2014convention> Let us know if anyone is planning to attend.


Saturday, July 4th @ 8:00am: "The Coolest Car Show in Colorado 2015 - Celebrating a Century of Classic Cars" Car Show, Estes Park, CO. Sponsored by the Estes Park Museum Friends & Foundation, this looks like a fun way to celebrate Independence Day. Check your email for the flyer.


Saturday, July 25th @ (time TBD): "Tiny Town & Railroad Tour". Our own Wayne Russert is in the process of "fixin up" one of the buildings for the miniature railroad village which is celebrating its 100th year this summer. They now have four operating railroad locomotives. We could do this as a bring-your-own-picnic, or for those who don't want to pack a lunch, they could order from the parks snack bar. <http://tinytownrailroad.com>


 **August 14th thru 16th (Fri-Sun): "23rd Annual Salute to American Veterans Rally"**, Cripple Creek, CO. The oldest and largest Veterans / Motorcycling event west of the Mississippi returns August 14 through 16 to the Old West mining town of Cripple Creek. For more info see <http://www.theveteransrally.org>

 **Sunday, August 16th @ 9:00am: "Good Times Car Show"**, Old Colorado City, CO. Monies raised are donated to Canine Companions for Independence. *This year, the PPCC will join at least three other "HOST" clubs* (Southern Colorado Mopars, Rocky Mountain Mustangers and the Colorado Cruizers) to help put this even on. Volunteers will be needed, so be prepared to support this 2015 Club sponsored event in August. For more info see: <http://goodtimescarshow.com>

 **Sunday, August 23rd @ (time TBD): "Annual Dale Wilshire Memorial Picnic"**, Denver, CO. Sponsored by the Rocky Mountain Corsa Club, this annual event will be held in the Frontier Room at the "Wings over the Rockies" aircraft museum @ 7711 East Academy Blvd (formerly Lowery) in Denver. Larry Schubert is our point of contact. The admission is free, but each participant will have to pay for lunch. More to follow.

 **August 28th thru 30th (Fri-Sun): "Corvair Track Classic"**, Hastings, NE. This 2-day event will include running on the 2.15 mile/14 turn Road Course, 1/8 mile Drag/"Grudge" racing, and 1.0 mile/8 turn Autocross Track at Motorsport Park Hastings (MPH - www.racemph.com). This event is open to ANY/ALL Corvair Race Enthusiasts. Check your email for the flyer. For more info see <http://www.shadesclassiccars.com/~shadescc/blog/corvair-track-classic>

 **September 1st thru November 30th: "Corvairs at the Forney"**, Denver, CO. A display of at least 12 Corvairs from RMC and PPCC will be at The Forney Museum of Transportation. More to follow as Larry Schubert from the RMC coordinates this show of shows!

 **September (TBD): "PPCC Fall Aspen Drive"**, Location TBD. We will look for recommendations for a scenic drive and lunch in the mountains. As usual, participants will meet up at a centrally located point, and take a nice cruise through the mountains, eat lunch, and enjoy the yearly change of the fall foliage from greens to yellow and oranges. (Sponsored by PPCC)

 **December (TBD): "PPCC Christmas Party"**, Location TBD, but put it on your calendars and plan those other holidays events around it. Great Fun every year!!

2015 PPCC Activities Calendar (cont.)

Recurring Local Events:


Saturday, May 2nd thru October 3rd, 8am-4pm: "First Saturday Car Show", Colorado Springs, CO. This local show is always set for the first Saturday of each month at First and Main Town Center, Colorado Springs, CO. It is hosted by various local car clubs, and someday we'd like the PPCC to be one of the hosts. More to follow as we have more information.

Saturday, May 2nd thru October 3rd, 5-9pm: "Golden Super Cruise", Golden, CO. Once a month, car lovers gather along South Golden Road to watch hot rods, classic cars, and custom rides of all kinds do what they do best – cruise! This is Colorado's biggest annual car cruise, and it happens on the first Saturday of each month, May through October.

Tentative Activities:

August (a Saturday mid-month) – "Sky Sox Baseball Game and Car Show", Colorado Springs, CO. For several years, the Sky Sox had sponsored a car show event at the stadium, with discounted tickets to that day's ball game, which, as a Club, we had participated. While they no longer sponsor the car show, it's still a fun day out at the ballpark. The specific game won't be announced until the June or July timeframe.

October: "PPCC Gymkhana", Colorado Springs, CO. After several years of riding off of the good work and efforts of the RMC, the PPCC will take lead in sponsoring this fun Fall driving event. More than just an Autocross, this one will be a blast!! Location will be somewhere in Colorado Springs, specifics to follow.

 denotes events where Corvairs have had a significant presence.





Corvair Track Classic
 August 28, 29, & 30th 2015
 in Hastings, Nebraska
 Register at www.shadesclassiccars.com



Upcoming 2015 Meeting Locations
 (3 months out)

Sunday, April 19th - 9:30am, Golden Corral, 5410 E. Woodmen Rd, Colorado Springs, CO

Sunday, May 17th - Monument Lake, Monument, CO.
 Fishing starts at 7:00am, meeting follows at 11:00am

Sunday, June 21st - 9:30am, Golden Corral, 5410 E. Woodmen Rd, Colorado Springs, CO



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Monthly Meetings: Unless otherwise noted, the PPCC meets on the 3rd Sunday of each month, 9:30am at the Golden Corral, 5410 E. Woodmen Rd, Colorado Springs, CO.

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>

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