

**The DRIP LINE**

**Pikes Peak Corvair Club**

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*First Place, Tony Fiore Memorial CORSA Chapter Newsletter Award, 2015!!*



**The Next Meeting of the Pikes Peak Corvair Club is  
Sunday, July 19th, 9:30am  
@ Golden Corral, 5410 E. Woodmen Rd, Colorado Springs, CO**



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**On The Cover:** Pikes Peak members make a show of it at the recent Castle Rock Classic Car Cruise-In. Shown, left to right are; David Feasel with his '62 Greenbrier, Christine Kimberly with her '64 Monza convertible, Cheryl Halpin with her '60 Monza coupe, and Ed Halpin, with his '64 Spyder Coupe.

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Randy Karl

Greetings,

Congratulations to Ed for his hard work in making our own Drip Line the BEST NEWSLETTER in CORSA for 2014. The award was announced at the CORSA national convention in Knoxville.

The Tony Fiore Memorial CORSA Chapter Newsletter Award is presented each year for the best newsletter. The Drip Line was selected from a field of 30 newsletters and beat a multi-award winning newsletter Vair Force from Bay State Corvairs. The editor's job is not an easy one and can't be done alone. There are many contributors to our newsletter and I want to thank everyone who has submitted an article, photo or technical tidbit. Again, special thanks to Ed for pulling it all together! Through his dedication we all are able to enjoy the Best Newsletter! Want to go for two years in a row?



Where did June go? I feel guilty for not driving my '68 much last month. We did make it to the Culvers Drive-In in Falcon but not much since. I see Dave Feasel has been out and about at im-

promptu shows at the Meadow Lake Airport, Bass Pro Shop, Monument, and he and several other members made it to the Castle Rock Cruise In show. Glad to see someone taking advantage of the weather and opportunities to show off your Corvairs.

At our June meeting we met a future member and his '64 four-door. Joe DeSimone's Grandfather gave Joe his first Corvair which he has been bringing back to life and uncovering its history found in the glove box and beneath the seats. At first glance this would not seem unusual for a Corvair owner, but as it turns out Joe is only 13 years old. After the meeting we all had a chance to talk with Joe and his Father, Mike, and discovered Joe is knowledgeable beyond his years. We welcome Joe and his family to PPCC.

Sara and I will be taking our first cruise to Alaska so we will miss our July meeting and the Tiny Town & Rail Road Tour. Ed has graciously volunteered to lead the July meeting. We look forward to seeing you around town and at our August Meeting.

Drive Safe.  
Randy

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**MEETING MINUTES - 6/14/2015**

submitted by Mary Ellen Feasel

**Golden Corral, Colorado Springs, CO**

Secretary

Meeting called to order at 9:35 am. Seven members present and two guests, Joe and Mike DeSimone. Joe has a 64 sedan (a gift from his Grandfather) he has been working on and brought to the meeting. We tasked Joe for pictures and the story behind his sedan. (Joe has since confirmed he will be joining PPCC!)

June newsletter not published yet. Minutes from previous meeting could not be approved.

No treasurer report.

Not much in mail. A card advertising car auction and appraisal service. Randy has info if interested.

**Old business** regarding future events:

Good Times Car Show in Old Colorado City on August 16. Club is participating as a sponsor. Volunteers are need to help the day of show. See Randy.

Cripple Creek's Salute to American Veterans is the same day.

**New business**

Randy suggested the club make a \$25 donation to a trophy at the Good Times Car Show. Motion was made, and seconded. Motion approved.

Aspen Drive is set for last Saturday of September. Patricia Fox has contacted Aspen Mine to see if they can accommodate our group for lunch. Menu will be simple so the service can be timely. Route for drive is still TBD.

RMC's Annual Dale Wilshire Picnic will be at the Wings over the Rockies Air & Space Museum in Denver on August 23. BBQ is \$10 per person, head count of PPCC attendees are needed. Send checks to Jerry Gerteisen at the RMC.

Poker run proposed for early September? More work to be done on this.

National CORSA convention in Knoxville June 24-27.

Culver's in Falcon holds car show every Friday in summer.

July 16 Ft. Carson Rod Benders.

July 25 Tiny Town & Railroad Tour. Wayne Russert is organizing. We will report details via PPCC list.

Ed Halpin's Spyder is for sale.

Bob Galvin sent information on three Covairs for sale in Monument. A '61 Rampside and two '65 CORSAs. Randy has contact info.

Open floor to members

Chris Kimberly described her issue with broken pin on her convertible top. Fielded suggestions from members.

Ernie Pyle asked about local or club swap meets. In the past, members brought parts to the RMC picnics. Other ideas were discussed. Patricia will check out a park setting near Constitution that may be suitable for an event. Suggestion was made to see if RMC would like to participate.

A double bingo game was played. Winner received table topper made by Mary Ellen. Guest Joe DeSimone won the table topper.

Meeting adjourned at 10:25. Members adjourned to the parking lot to look over the cars in attendance.

## ROAD TRIP TO PALM SPRINGS!!

submitted by  
Eric Schakel (RMC)

Hatched in a moment of temporary insanity, with hints of youthful nostalgia dredged from foggy memories, a movement is afoot to induce a bunch of otherwise-rational Rocky Mountain Corsa members to drive to beautiful Palm Springs for the Great Western Fan Belt Toss and Swap Meet over the October 23-25 weekend. Hear me out, you know you want to do this!

The GWFBT is a legendary event I have heard of since early Corvair years, probably second only to the National Corsa Convention (and we've been there, done that, with impressive teamwork and result) in terms of "must-do" Corvair events. In recent conversations with other Corvairistas, I have found others who share that curiosity.

The question, then, is what are we waiting for? There's no time like the present to make this fabulous road trip opportunity into reality. After all, none of our cars (or selves!) are getting any younger, so why delay this important bucket list item any longer?

AND, if we attend the Toss in reasonable force, we can perhaps induce some of our SoCal Corvair brethren (and sistren, naturally!) into visiting Colorado for the Tri-State!

But wait, there's even MORE! The touristy shops along I-15 sell date-flavored milkshakes. Dates are nature's pre-eminent sugar fix, truly the candy of the gods. There is nothing quite like a date milkshake, and you can't even get them in the freezer section of King Soopers and toss them in the microwave like you can White Castle cheeseburgers. I'm not kidding...

As self-appointed Road Trip Instigator, I will provide information next month, with some valuable insights from other potential GWFBT Road Trippers. Mark your calendar now, and alert your boss and parole officer – let's do this thing!



### Upcoming 2015 Meeting Locations (3 months out)

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

**Sunday, August 9th** - 9:30am, Golden Corral, 5410 E. Woodmen Rd, Colorado Springs, CO (*changed from 8/16 due to Club co-sponsoring the Old Colorado Car Show on the same day*)

**Sunday, September 20th** - 9:30am, Golden Corral, 5410 E. Woodmen Rd, Colorado Springs, CO



## CORSA CHAPTER NEWSLETTER AWARDS - PPCC IS #1!!

*(Excerpt from CORSA Communique, July/August 2015, Article by Terry Kalp)*

The Tony Fiore Memorial CORSA Chapter Newsletter Awards were presented at the 2015 CORSA International Convention in Knoxville, Tennessee.

Terry Kalp announced the awards at the Friday night banquet. Judging the newsletters from the 2014 calendar year were Frank Dotson, Mike McGowan, Terry Kalp, and Craig Nicol.

First Place for CORSA Chapter Newsletters went to the Pikes Peak Corvair Club of Colorado for their The Drip Line newsletter. All the judges ranked this excellent newsletter in the top five.

Ed Halpin is the editor of Chapter 802 newsletter. This is the first CORSA newsletter

award for The Drip Line.

*Editor's Note:* The night of the banquet, Steve Goodman was nice enough to send out the following email, which was a very pleasant surprise:

"Hello all: I just got a call at 1810hrs from Christy Barden, he is at the national convention. The awards banquet is in progress. He said 1000 plus in attendance. He asked me to pass the following news to all of us.

He wanted everyone to know that BEST NEWSLETTER was awarded to PPCC editor of the DRIP LINE Ed Halpin. Congrats Ed, a great effort on your part and a good reward.

Best wishes to all Steve"

## ANNUAL DALE WILSHIRE PICNIC WITH THE RMC

This year, the annual Dale Wilshire Memorial Picnic will be held on August 23 at the Wings over the Rockies Air & Space Museum, located at 7711 East Academy Boulevard, Denver, CO

The main doors to the museum will be opened to the public at 11:00 a.m., however, access will be available for the RMC & PPCC Club members at 10:00 a.m., using the Northeast employee door. Cars can park together on the Northeast side (off of Spruce Street) or in the public lot on Academy Street. Admittance to the museum is free to Club members.



The event will be catered by Jim 'N Nick's Bar B Q. Lunch will be served at 11:30 am.

Lunch fee is \$10.00 to the RMC and PPCC members. RMC has agreed to cover any meal costs over that amount. Thank you RMC!!


Make checks out to Rocky Mountain Corsa and send check to: Jerry Gerteisen, 1356 Highland Park Dr., Broomfield, CO, 80020


Lunch money **must be paid in advance**, and received by Jerry **prior to August 18th**, so that RMC can notify the caterer of the final head count. If you don't pay ahead of time, you will not be able to enjoy the lunch meal.


## 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, July 25th @ 10:00am: "Tiny Town & Railroad Tour".** Wayne Russert is in the process of "fixing 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 park's snack bar. <http://tinytownrailroad.com>

 **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 Mustangs 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 @ 10:00am: "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. The museum admission is free, but each participant will have to pay for lunch, which will be \$10. Make checks out to Rocky Mountain Corsa and send to: Jerry Gerteisen, 1356 Highland Park Dr., Broomfield, CO, 80020. Lunch money must be paid in advance, and received by Jerry prior to August 18th, so that RMC can notify the caterer of the final head count.

 **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](http://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, several from both the RMC & 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 for this year's drive will be Victor, CO. As usual, participants will meet up at a centrally located point, and take a nice cruise through the countryside, eat lunch, and enjoy the yearly change of the fall foliage from greens to yellow and oranges. (Sponsored by PPCC, all invited)


**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!!

 denotes events where Corvairs have had a significant presence.

**2015 PPCC Activities Calendar (cont.)****Recurring Local Events:**

 **Saturday, July 11th 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 (except for July) at First and Main Town Center, Colorado Springs, CO. For more information visit: [www.firstandmaintowncenter.com](http://www.firstandmaintowncenter.com)

**Thursday, July 16th, 5-8pm: "Rod Bender's Show and Shine", Fort Carson, CO.** The Fort Carson Auto Skills shop has been hosting a Show and Shine each month, through July. The Auto Skills shop is at Bldg 2427 Wetzel Ave. Directions: Enter Gate 1 off of Hwy 115, follow Nelson Blvd (through traffic circle) to Wetzel Ave. Turn Right and follow Wetzel Ave to building 2427. The Auto Skills shop is on the right. If you do not have a DoD ID, you will need your a photo ID, car registration, and proof of insurance. With the heightened security at the military bases access to Ft Carson may be limited to only those with a DoD ID.

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5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

- Come and hang out with us at the Fort Carson Rod Benders Show and Shine!
- Meet with other car enthusiasts and show off your SWEET ride!
- All vehicles are welcome!
- Food and refreshments are provided.
- Open to the Public  
Ages 16 and up
- Auto Skills  
Bldg. 2427 Wetzel Ave.  
Fort Carson, CO. 80913

Questions? Call 526-2147



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**Monthly Meetings:** Unless otherwise noted, the PPCC meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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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