

The Drip Line



**The Next Meeting of the Pikes Peak Corvair Club is
Sunday, October 18th, 10:30am
@ Pegasus Restaurant, 313 Jerry Street, Castle Rock, CO**



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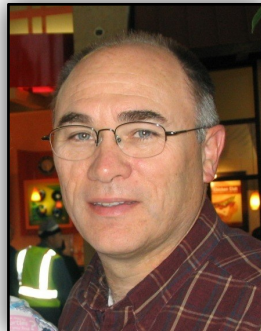
On The Cover: PPCC Member Garrie Fox cruises down Route 67 on his way to Victor during the 2015 PPCC Aspen Tour. Check out pages 4 & 5 for more pics of the trip!

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Randy Karl

Greetings,

Yesterday we had a great drive to Victor/Cripple Creek to check out the Aspens turning. It was a perfect day as they were in fabulous color. The weather was warm and the crowds were out too. Thanks to Patricia for arranging the drive and lunch at A and J's. Many members cars are in the Forney so there were only three Corvairs but 20 people at lunch. But as someone said it's not always about the cars. After lunch the drive continued to the Victor Mining Museum. I look forward to hearing about that as Sara and I had to scoot back to the Springs right after lunch.



Next month we are planning a visit to the Forney Transportation Museum to check out the Corvair Exhibit which runs until 30 November. Our trip will coincide with our Meeting on 18 October. We will start out for breakfast at Pegasus Restaurant in Castle Rock and drive to the museum after breakfast.

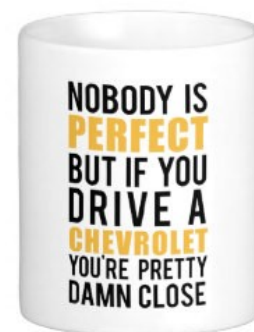
Long ago my neighbor had a late model Corvair which he only brought out once or twice. This was back when my 68 was still hibernating in the country out east. The neighbors were very private so I only talked

to them a couple of times. Enough to know he was the first and only owner. The last I saw of his Corvair was probably 12 years ago in the garage with what appeared to be rear end collision damage. And then it was gone. Mr. Jones (his real name) passed away earlier this year and last week his family was clearing out the garage and called me over to collect some Corvair parts he had. Most of the parts were from Clark's and would have been used to repair the damaged rear end. I regret not knowing more about his story.

It won't be long and the changing leaves will turn to snow and many Corvairs will be tucked in for the winter. Let's hope the snow will wait till after everyone returns from the GWFBT in October. Until then, enjoy the weather.

Drive Safe.

Randy



MEETING MINUTES - 9/20/2015**Golden Corral, Colorado Springs, CO**

submitted by

Mary Ellen Feasel, Secretary

Meeting called to order at 9:30 am by President Randy Karl. Fifteen members present.

Randy gave an overview of his visit to the National Air Force Museum near Dayton, OH

August meeting minutes were approved.

Treasurer report: None. John Koll not present. Bank statements were in the mail box Randy reported. There is money in the bank.

Old Business:

There are five cars from PPCC in the Forney Museum. Want to arrange a club trip to the Forney. Proposed and agreed to have next meeting, Oct. 18, in Castle Rock for breakfast at 10:30 a.m.. Chris Kimberly will make arrangements for our meeting at one of the local restaurants. Those wishing to go to Forney will do so following the breakfast meeting. Admission to Forney is free for members having cars in the museum.

Wayne relayed a story regarding Bert's Model A Center in Denver. City of Denver is raising property taxes on their location in hopes of forcing him to relocate so the city can use the property for apartments.

Fall Drive to Cripple Creek and Victor is scheduled for Sat. Sept. 26. Meet at Rudy's at 31st St. and Hwy 24 at 9:30ish to caravan to A.J.'s in Cripple Creek. Lunch is at noon. Menu has changed to a buffet due to number in group. Will go to Victor museum between 1 and 2 pm. Itinerary and route still being determined. A.J.'s in Cripple Creek's address is 166 E Bennett Ave.

RMC's Fall run to Buena Vista is October 4. Lunch meet-up is planned for 11:30am at the Eddyline Restaurant at 926 South Main in Buena Vista.

Tri-State discussed. The Holiday Inn Express has been confirmed in Montrose, CO for the June 3 thru 5 convention. Still to do is T-shirts, room and caterer for banquet. Show chair position was accepted by Chris Kimberly. Patricia will do registration, Wayne Russert and Dave Feasel-awards, Wayne-signage, Mary Ellen-quilt for raffle, Kelina, Chris and Allen-T-shirt design, Bonnie-pictures.

New Business:

Dave had some late model advertisement he'd like to trade for early model advertisements.

Dave McGill was present and has '65 parts car for sale as well as a '61 Lakewood. It runs, needs glass, weather stripping, some body work. Asking \$1500

Brand new NOS clear windshield for an early for sale. Garrie Fox has info.

Christmas party discussed. Will set up for Dec. 13 or 20 at Edelweiss around 1:00. Randy will arrange. Gift exchange is in the plans.

Chris Kimberly's early convertible turned 100,000 miles on way to today's meeting.

Dave's route to Palm Springs in October was discussed. Is a 1080 mile trip one-way. Plan on a two day trip. Winslow will undoubtedly be a stop the first night.

There was a discussion about Hastings gap-less piston rings.

Played a game of bingo for a fall-themed quilted table-runner. Won by Mike....Again!

Meeting adjourned at 10:42 a.m.

2015 PPCC ASPEN TOUR - VICTOR / CRIPPLE CREEK

Photos provided by Patricia Fox,
Kelina Halpin, and Mary Ellen Feasel



September 26th turned out to be a beautiful day for a drive into the mountains, on what has become a yearly tradition for the Club, the Fall Aspen Tour.

This years cruise had the group headed towards the Victor / Cripple Creek area. Patricia and Garrie Fox did all of the coordination and set us up with a very nice day out.

We met up in the morning at Rudy's BBQ on Hwy 24, just west of I-25. Since a number of PPCC cars are currently sitting in the Forney Corvair exhibit, rear-engine representation was a bit lighter than previous years, but three cars made it out to the parking lot, as well as a handful of x-brand vehicles.

Other than forgetting that Chris Kimberly, and her sister Linda were still in the restroom when we all pulled out, the trip out to Victor was made without any mechanical mishaps. Chris and Linda did manage to catch up to the group, well before we hit Woodland Park ☺



Blue Skies and Gold on The Hills!!

Along the way, the colors on the trees were impressive. All shades of green, then to yellow, then to gold, orange, and even saw a couple trees with some red leaves in them!

Once in Cripple Creek, we connected up with a additional Club members who made it to town from other launching points.

From there, we made our way to AJ's Café, where we were treated to a very nice buffet



On the Road to Victor!



Before Mining on the Left, After Mining on the Right

2015 PPCC ASPEN TOUR (cont.)



lunch. Great folks there at AJ's, and they were very happy to host the Club's event.

Having lunch and enjoying the day were John and Larry Neal, Wayne & Bonnie Russert, with Mom Margaret Welch, John & Debbie Dinsdale, Ed & Cheryl Halpin, with daughter Kelina, David & Mary Ellen Feasel, David McGill, Patricia & Garrie Fox with friend Lyle Ladefoged, Christine Kimberly with her sister Linda, and Randy & Sara Karl.

After lunch, several folks wandered through town to look for fudge, or drop a couple dollars in the slot machines. As far I know, folks found fudge, but no fortunes were won that day ☺

To cap off the afternoon visit, Wayne Russert had set up a personal tour for the Club of Victor's Gold Camp Ag & Mining Museum. We met up with Milford, the museum's owner and historian, and he showed us around the shop, as well as under the building where even more tractors were stored, just waiting to be brought back to life for display.

At one point, Milford fired up an old steam engine in the shop (run by compressed air these



Chris Kimberly and her sister, Linda Thomas!!

days), which powered an impressive array of belt-driven turn of the century forging machinery. Very Cool!

The only Hard Luck story we came away with was when new PPCC member John Dinsdale's sport sedan wouldn't fire up after lunch. After some quick diagnosis, which pointed to a loose connection related to his electric fuel pump, John, along with wife Debbie, was on his way out of town.

Thanks again to Patricia, Garrie, and Wayne for pulling this trip together for the group!



Wayne Russert and Milford, Proprietor of the Victor AG and Mining Museum!



How Many PPCC Members Does It Take To Fix a Corvair??

ROAD TRIP TO THE FORNEY AFTER OCTOBER'S CLUB MEETING IN CASTLE ROCK

By Christine
Kimberly

During the September Club meeting, the group decided that they wanted to go up and see the Corvair exhibit at Forney's, as a group, on Sunday, Oct. 18th, the same day as our next Club meeting.

Since the museum doesn't open until noon, everyone thought it would be great if the Club met in Castle Rock for breakfast that morning, and asked me to put it together.

In short order (no pun intended), I have arranged for the PPCC to have breakfast at Pegasus at 10:30am, on Sunday, the 18th. The price range for breakfast is \$8.99 - \$15.00. They serve traditional, country, Mexican, and Greek breakfasts.

We will park behind the restaurant in their space on Elbert St., giving everyone plenty of room for their cars. Randy will be sending out an invitation to the RMC members, to join us at both the restaurant in Castle Rock, as well as Forney's to check out the cars.



Directions:

- Coming from Colorado Springs, traveling on Hwy 25 north: Take the Wolfensburger exit and turn right. This veers onto Wilcox St. Go down to 4th St., and turn right. Drive past Jerry St and on down to Elbert St. and make a left turn and then turn into the restaurant parking lot.
- Coming from Denver, traveling on Hwy 25 south: Take the Wolfensburger exit and turn left. Go over Hwy 25 and the road will turn into Wilcox St. Go to 4th St., and turn right. Drive past Jerry St., and go down to Elbert St., making a left turn and then into the parking lot of the restaurant.

***NOTE:** It is important for all members (both PPCC and RMC) who want to come to breakfast to RSVP their number of attendees to Randy Karl at karlrj@comcast.net by October 14th, as the Manager is requesting we give him a final number count 3-4 days prior.



FIND NEW ROADS™

"WALTER T. RAMPSIDE"

By David D. Feasel

"Walter T. Rampside" was the brainchild of Walter Hundertmark of Colorado Springs, who died tragically in 2007. He was a member of PPCC and CORSA.

A Corvair fanatic and an avid Broncos fan, thus the Bronco colors of the truck; blue and grey on the outside and Bronco orange inside.



"Walter" At Home In Peyton, Colorado

The conversion was done by Wreckmasters, a body shop still in business in Colorado Springs. Walter wanted something unique, and unique is what he got. They had welded a plate under the driver side ramp similar to the ramp on the passenger side to give it the stability needed to keep from folding in the middle. The conversion was probably done about 25 years ago.

The truck was Walter's pride and joy and he attended many meets and parades with it. He also gilded it with lights, air horns, radios, a CB, a level floor, and even dual exhaust stacks at one point.

A friend of Walter, John Koll, received the Rampside after Walter's death, from his sister.



A "Double Rampside"
- Myth meets Reality -

The truck was stripped of its engine and any part that could be unbolted. It had body damage front and rear. John rebuilt it back to what it was from memories and the few photos he had (minus the smoke stacks). A true testament of friendship.

I am now the custodian of Walter, and plan to do nothing to change the look and feel of the truck other than a couple of minor upgrades. Why change something as funky as this truck?

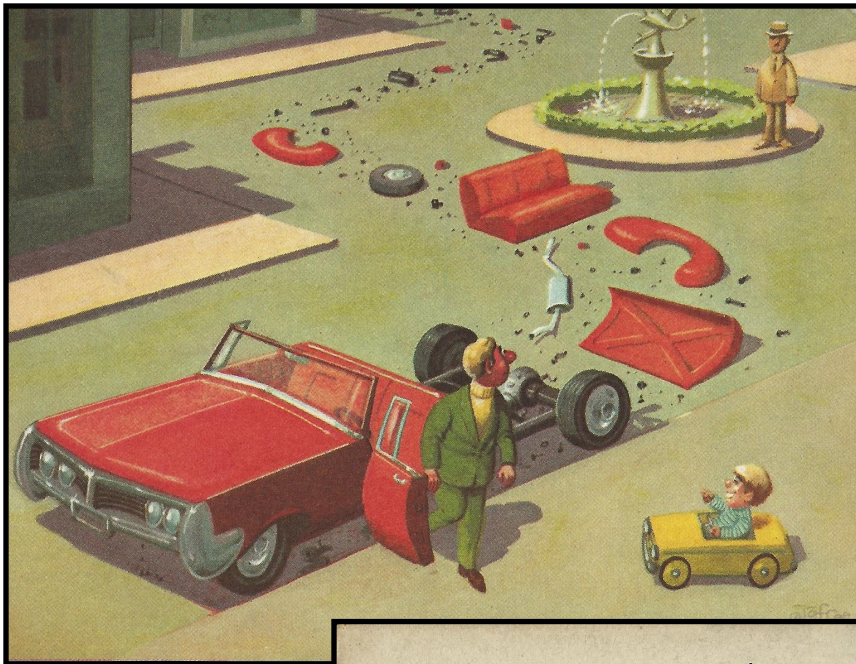
And, the "T" in Walter T. Rampside? It stands for "The" as in Walter The Rampside. Thanks Chris! ☺



A BLAST FROM THE PAST!

Although we love our vintage cars, those of us of a certain age can well remember when the quality of some American cars left a bit to be desired, as this 1969 postcard illustrates.

Wayne Russert



Hi there, respected AUTOMOBILE
MANUFACTURER!

I recently bought one of your
new models, and it's all
over town!!

Yes, people are talking about it!

Also, that's where all the
pieces are...all over town!!

It fell apart !!!

A "GET—
MAD"
PICTURE
POSTCARD

PLACE
STAMP
HERE

TO:

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ROADTRIP PLANNING INFORMATION FOR "THE GREAT WESTERN FAN BELT TOSS & SWAP MEET" SOUTHERN ROUTE

For those who want to go a slower and more southern route we'll be heading a group out of southern Colorado Springs to Palm Springs.

We'll be leaving on Wed. Oct. 21 at 7:00 A.M. from the Love's Truck Stop in Fountain. The address for the truck stop is 5565 Travel Plaza Dr. It's at exit 132A on I-25 on the East side of the freeway. From there we'll head south to Albuquerque then West on I-40 to Winslow, Arizona to the Quality Inn Winslow (1701 N. Park Dr. PH. 928-289-4638). The hotel is pet friendly. This leg should take anywhere from 9 to 10 ½ hrs. This should give us time for bathroom breaks, food, gas, and photo ops. This route is fairly flat and kinda boring, but should be easier on some of the non-hot-rodded cars. We don't plan on breaking any land speed records.

As soon as everybody is up and ready we'll leave Winslow and head south on route 87 through Peyson, and on to Phoenix and then west on I-10 to Palm Springs. This should take 7 to 8 hrs. 87 south travels through some nice mountain areas, but is easy for cars or motor homes. The only major traffic issues we'll encounter is in Albuquerque and Phoenix.

We're leaving Wednesday and arriving on Thursday, to give us time to see the sites in the Palm Springs area Friday, and to have a little rest time after the drive.

The host hotel in Palm Springs is the Vagabond Inn (PH. 760-325-7211).

I'll have 2-way radios available for the group as there are several sections along the way that there is no cell service. All hotel reservations are the responsibility of those going, but I've been assured that there will be rooms available in Winslow.

Please let me know if your planning to go by calling me at 719-494-1456 or by email at d2corvair@yahoo.com I'll put together a detailed map with proposed gas, rest, and interesting land marks before we leave.

David Feasel





**Corsa West of Los Angeles Presents the 38th Annual
Great Western Fan Belt Toss & Swap Meet**

October 23-25, 2015

Sunrise Park, Palm Springs, California

Corvair Swap Meet Friday, Saturday and Sunday

Friday Welcome Party and RC Boat Races

Saturday Car Show

Saturday Evening Banquet

Host Hotel:

Vagabond Inn, (760) 325-7211, \$63 king, \$68 2-queens, +tax,
breakfast included. Backup hotel: Quality Inn, (760) 323-2775, \$69
+tax, no breakfast.

Mention CORVAIR for rates at both hotels.

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TECH TIPS - REVISITED: ENGINE COMPONENT TORQUES (SDCC 1975)

submitted by
David Feasel

Size	Usage	Torque
1/4-20	Oil Pan	85-105 in. lbs.
	Oil Pump Cover	60-80 in. lbs.
	Oil Cooler to Cylinder Head	40-60 in. lbs.
	Shroud Attachment	60-80 in. lbs.
	Valve Rocker Cover	40-60 in. lbs.
	Oil Suction Screen Pipe Clamp	30-50 in. lbs.
5/16-18	Crankcase L.H. to R.H. (One in Oil Sump)	7-13 ft. lbs.
	Crankcase Cover	7-13 ft. lbs.
	Oil Cooler Adapter to Crankcase	7-13 ft. lbs.
	Oil Filter and Delcotron Adapter	7-13 ft. lbs.
	Rear Housing	7-13 ft. lbs.
	Clutch Cover and Pressure Plate	15-20 ft. lbs.
11/32-24	Flywheel (Syn. Transmission)	40-50 ft. lbs.
	Flex Plate (P/G Transmission)	20-30 ft. lbs.
3/8-16	Oil Cooler to Adapter	8-12 ft. lbs.
	Shroud Attachment	10-20 ft. lbs.
	Skid Plate	15-20 ft. lbs.
	Flywheel or Clutch Housing	20-30 ft. lbs.
	Crankshaft Pulley to Balancer	25-35 ft. lbs.
7/16-20	Crankcase L.H. to R.H.	50-55 ft. lbs.
	Oil Filter	15-20 ft. lbs.
1/2-20	Crankshaft Pulley or Balancer	40-50 ft. lbs.
5/16-24	Connecting Rod	20-26 ft. lbs.
3/8-16	Exhaust Manifold Clamp	22-27 ft. lbs.
	Rear Mounting Bracket	40-50 ft. lbs.
3/8-16	Stud - Cylinder Head to Crankcase	10-30 ft. lbs.
	Switch - Cylinder Head Temperature	10-15 ft. lbs.
3/8-24	Cylinder Head Nut	32-38 ft. lbs.
	Valve Rocker Arm Stud	32-38 ft. lbs.
	Adjusting Nut - Valve Rocker Arm	55-125 in. lbs.
	Distributor Clamp Nut	8-12 ft. lbs.
	Sending Unit - Cylinder Head Temperature	5-10 ft. lbs.
	Switch Cylinder Head Temperature	10-15 ft. lbs.
1/2-20	Oil Pan Drain Plug	30-35 ft. lbs.
1/8-27	Oil Pressure Switch	45-65 in. lbs.
9/16-18	Oil Pressure Regulator Valve Plug	10-20 ft. lbs.
14 mm.	Spark Plug	15-20 ft. lbs.

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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>

 **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.

 **October 23rd, 24th & 25th: "The Great Western Fan Belt Toss & Swap Meet",** Palm Springs, CA. Check out the two articles in this newsletter for additional info on this road trip opportunity and the various driving routes being proposed.

Sunday, December 13th @ 1:00pm: "PPCC Christmas Party", Edelweiss Restaurant, 34 E Ramona Ave, Colorado Springs, CO. Put it on your calendars now and plan those other holidays events around it. Great Fun every year!!

 denotes events where Corvairs have had a significant presence.



Upcoming 2015 Meeting Locations (3 months out)

Sunday, October 18th - 10:30am, Pegasus Restaurant,
313 Jerry Street, Castle Rock, CO

Sunday, November 15th - 9:30am, Golden Corral, 5410 E.
Woodmen Rd, Colorado Springs, CO

Sunday, December 13th - 1:00pm, Edelweiss Restaurant, 34 E
Ramona Ave, Colorado Springs, CO . This gathering will be for
our annual Christmas Party. There will be no regular business
meeting scheduled for December.



Kelina Halpin
Jon Anderson
Allen Amrine
Sara Karl



David & Mary Ellen Feasel

PPCC Admin

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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