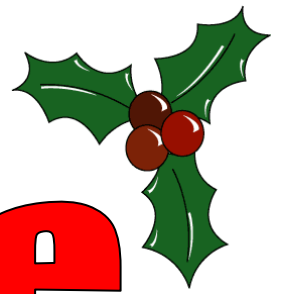


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Pikes Peak Corvair Club



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**The Next Meeting of the Pikes Peak Corvair Club is
Sunday, December 13th, 1:00pm, at the Edelweiss Restaurant,
34 E Ramona Ave, Colorado Springs, CO**

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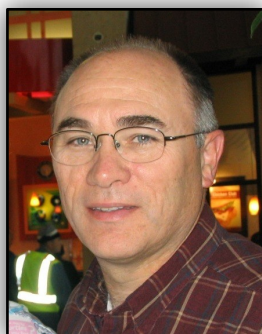
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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Randy Karl

Greetings,

Well the cold and snow has arrived here in the Springs but I hope everyone still had a Happy Thanksgiving and enjoyed time with family and friends.



As we enter the Holiday season and the weather turns colder, many of us are thinking about tucking the Corvair away for the winter. It is interesting to read what people do to get their cars ready for storage. Mine will stay here in the garage taking up space. I'll drive her when I can but only when the roads are dry.

Today I received my CORSA renewal notice so that is my reminder (obviously) it's time to renew PPCC and CORSA memberships. This is also a good time to reflect on the past year's events and benefits we gain

and the relationships we have made from membership in PPCC, CORSA as well as the other automotive and social clubs to which we belong.

I want to thank Ed, Mary Ellen, John and Allen for continuing on with me into 2016 as your club officers.

A special thanks to Kelina, Patricia, and Ed who maintain our webpage, Facebook page, and newsletter. Your work does not go unnoticed and we appreciate your hard work.

I look forward to another fun year and hope to see you all at the Christmas Party.

Drive Safe.

Randy



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MEETING MINUTES - 11/15/2015**Golden Corral, Colorado Springs, CO**

submitted by

Mary Ellen Feasel, Secretary

Meeting called to order at 9:35 am by President Randy Karl. Seventeen members present.

Old Business:

October meeting minutes were approved.

Treasurer report: \$3066+/- in the bank. None.

New Business:

Introduced John and Cathy Green from Castle Rock. They recently purchased a '68 Corvair.

CCCC report from Ed Halpin. Events are slowing down due to approaching winter weather.

Christmas party is Sunday, December 13 at 1:00. Edelweiss Restaurant. There will be a gift exchange.

Zack Hasselhurt from Hagerty Insurance wants to make a presentation to the club at a future meeting. Arrangements are in the works.

Officers for 2016. Randy Karl will remain as President, Ed Halpin as Vice President, Mary Ellen Feasel as Secretary, John Koll as Treasurer.

Ed Halpin would like to give up the newsletter. Getting harder to come up with content. Anyone interested please contact Randy or Ed. Editor needs input from the club. Garrie will submit some content in the near future.

Good Times Car Show wrap-up meeting. Next year may be last event. Security for the show continues to rise each year, making the donations to charity generated from the event decrease year to year.

2016 Tri-State update. Caterer has been contacted, banquet will be at the host hotel. Steve Goodman has agreed to be master of ceremonies. Dash plaques, fan belt toss, valve cover races are in the works. Ed Halpin is looking for a track for valve cover races.

New guidelines for Attendance Award headcount at the Tri-State were explained. It will be based on the % of the active memberships attending from each club, not the number of club members in attendance. A family under one membership will be counted as one.

Ernie Pyle was in attendance and he has early windshields in his van. Dave to look for Chris. Has side glass too, but not with him.

Past club member, Kermit Shields, lives in Hawaii now. His wife, Maria, is in very poor health.

Mike Desimone bought a '64 4-dr. Joe has the engine torn down.

Dave discussed the work he did on Chris' car. He replaced the o-rings with viton o-rings. The old o-rings were circulated around the room to show the wear on the old ones vs. the new ones.

Dave also demonstrated how he and others in California would water-cool their Corvairs during the hot summer months.

Meeting adjourned at 10:07 am.

PPCC Christmas Party - December 13th, 2015 @ 1pm



PPCC Christmas Party!!



**Sunday, December 13th, 1:00 PM at the
Edelweiss Restaurant,
34 E Ramona Ave, Colorado Springs, CO**

Bring a Gift for the Annual
Yankee Gift Exchange!

If you've never participated in a Yankee Gift Exchange, it's easy and a lot of fun. Each person is asked to bring a WRAPPED gift, in the \$10 range, with the gender noted on the tag (Guy/Gal/Kiddo).

After the lunch meal, each person will draw a number at random. Numbers will be called in order. The first person called picks a gift from the table. The next person gets to pick a wrapped gift but, they also have the option of "stealing" the first person's gift if they like it better. This goes on until every person has opened or "stolen" a holiday gift.

Even if you don't plan to participate in the gift exchange, please come anyway for the meal and conversation. We'd love to see every available member attend this party.



The BIG Drive to Toss Fan Belts in Palm Springs

By Christine Kimberly

Pictures submitted by Mary Ellen Feasel, Christine Kimberly, Mike Piper (RMC), and Ed Halpin

This year the 'Great Western Fan Belt Toss & Swap Meet', held annually in Palm Springs, was celebrating its 38th year. When it was discussed that a group from Colorado should drive our Corvairs to Palm Springs, I was really excited. It had been 30 years since I had been there as a member of the San Diego Corvair Club.

Discussion at the RMC had the route plotted to travel on Interstate 70, picking up 15 South toward Kanab, Utah, and then swing down toward Palm Springs. I knew my little Connie Blue with its 94HP engine would have been eating the dust following after her late model 'turbo and V8 engine brothers.'



Christine and "Connie Blue" on Old Route 66

After some discussion with Dave and Mary Ellen Feasel and Ed Halpin, we all agreed that traveling south on 25, and picking up Route 40 would be a better route to take. So our little caravan was formed.

The Feasel and Halpin's cars were on display in the Forney Museum, so Ed rode shotgun with me, and the Feasels loaded their Ford Flex with spare Corvair parts and early on October 21st, we



Making good enough time to do some sightseeing!

met at the south end of Colorado Springs, at the Love's Truck Stop.

It had been snowing the day before and snow/rain mixed storms were anticipated for our travels. So with the heaters working on high and extra large cups of coffee, we were off!

We drove through light rain, clouds, fog, but thankfully no snow. The rain slowed and at times even stopped as Connie Blue held a steady 65 mph going up and over Raton Pass and cruising easily down into New Mexico.

The clouds seemed to be just off our route and we skirted the major showers as we cruised into Albuquerque for a late lunch at Blake's, a 50's style burger restaurant. Here we picked up old Route 40, running parallel and on top of old Historic Route 66.....destination....Winslow AZ!

After leaving Albuquerque, we received texts from Steve Goodman, and Eric Schakel (from RMC), that they had decided to travel south and were a few hours behind us. Steve had rented a truck and was carrying engines to deliver on the way to Palm Springs. Eric and his wife, Linac were having problems with their late model coupe leaking in the heavy rains they were in, and they were bailing water!



Feasel and Halpin Trying To Make a Point About the Twin Arrows Trading Post!

The BIG Drive to Toss Fan Belts in Palm Springs (cont.)

We were fortunate, and continued skirting the storms, and as the day ended, we watched the colors mix with the storm clouds to create a beautiful sunset.

SUDDENLY, Ed, who was driving, said, "Oh look, we are going zero mph." WHAT????? Yes, the speedometer cable broke!! Thankfully, a broken cable does not impair the car and we were fortunately following the Feasels, so we just kept trekking down the road towards the motel in Winslow.

The motel greeted 4 very tired, and exhausted travelers. We were immediately cheered up when we were each handed a coupon for 2 free beers in the bar. In addition, it was \$1.50 taco night! We filled up on beer and the BEST TACOS EVER!!



\$1.50 Tacos and Free Beer!!!

The next morning found us "Standing on the corner of Winslow, AZ", and we were "such a fine sight to see!" Ed even tried his hand standing like a statue....."taking it easy!"



(l-r) David Feasel, Christine Kimberly, Some Bronze Dude Standing on a Corner, Ed Halpin, and Mary Ellen Feasel

I had been pestering Dave before the trip about stopping along Route 66 to see some historic sites, so after leaving Winslow, I was surprised when we exited at 'Crater Meteor Rd.' Could we be going to see the giant crater in the desert? NO, we were suddenly traveling down a piece of Route 66 until the asphalt ended and we found ourselves at an old deserted trading post, complete with Teepees and the World's Largest Dream Catcher! Guess my persistence paid off!



World's Largest Dream Catcher??

After a few photos, we were off again and then exited at the Twin Arrows trading post, and once again took the opportunity to take a few pics, where it seemed that Connie Blue was 'attacked' by the arrows.



Ed Yikes!!! Who shot the car??

Now it was on to Santa Fe, and a lunch stop in Phoenix. Leaving Phoenix, we entered the 'zone' of nothingness.....no radio, no rest stops, no exits, no wildlife sightings, no vegetation, no cell phone service. Time seemed to stand still.....it felt like we were always 4-5 hours away from Palm Springs.

Finally, we reached the Chiriaco Summit which leads into the beautiful Chochilla Valley, home of Palm Springs.

The BIG Drive to Toss Fan Belts in Palm Springs (cont.)

It was dark, so we were happy to arrive at the Vagabond Inn in Palm Springs.

Connie Blue arrived, covering over 1000 miles in 2 days, without major incidents (other than the speedometer cable).

The swap meet opened on Friday at noon, and we were all there to check out the vendors.



Ed Halpin is dwarfed by a huge Saguaro Cactus outside of Phoenix

Later, Corsa West hosted a poolside party at the motel, where a remote control Rampside model boat made a debut in the pool. It was pretty cool. Dave decided that would be a good winter project for him to work on. Maybe we will see it at the Tristate.....



Some long deserved poolside libations after the two day journey to Palm Springs (l-r) Mary Ellen, Dave, and Christine

More swap meet vendors, checking out lots of beautiful California Corvairs, car chatter, and of course the Fan Belt Toss took most of Saturday. I even found 2 friends from the San Diego club, whom I hadn't seen since '85 and we had fun catching up with each other.



Just one of the many vendors at the Swap Meet!



The Car Display and Activities Field



A couple of the Ultra Vans in attendance!

The BIG Drive to Toss Fan Belts in Palm Springs (cont.)



Chris is a natural at the Fan Belt Toss. Just look at her style! She performed like a champ under pressure!!



Eric and Linea Schakel got in to the action, with both Colorado teams remaining undefeated after the first round. Now, after the second round we all scurried away in defeat, vowing to redeem ourselves next year!



Ed (left side of the pic) practices with Chris before our second match in the Fan Belt Toss.

The BIG Drive to Toss Fan Belts in Palm Springs (cont.)

We attended the banquet and enjoyed the food and fellowship with fellow Corvair owners.



(l-r) Mary Ellen Feasel, A new friend from Utah, David Feasel, Christine Kimberly, Ed Halpin, and Jonni Berkman



(l-r) Mike Piper, Steve Goodman, Linea Schakel, Eric Schakel, Larry Yoder, and Dale Nielsen [not pictured is Chance Parker who had to leave the banquet early]

NOTE: Christine took home the award at the banquet for Longest Distance driven in a Corvair.

We took time on Sunday to take the Tram up the mountainside. The views of the valley were vast from the San Andreas Fault to the Salton Sea.



Looking down into the Coachella Valley and Chino Canyon from the top of the Palm Springs Aerial Tramway



The air is pretty thin up at the top of Mount San Jacinto

The BIG Drive to Toss Fan Belts in Palm Springs (cont.)

Later we stopped at Shields Date Farm where we watched a 'dated' film on the 'sex life of the Date.' David and I even had the famous date milkshakes!



We heard from some folks that just getting a date milkshake made the whole trip worthwhile!!

Monday, we headed back, retracing our tracks most of the way.

We stopped in Albuquerque to visit Steve and Rita Gongora at the House of Covers before continuing homeward.

Two long days of travel each direction and a few days in Palm Springs, was some of the best fun I have had with friends in a while.

Connie Blue made it home with no incidents and proved she was up for future trips! We're already planning the trip to Palm Springs next year.....hope more members will join us for the adventure.



Heading Home to Colorado!

One Last 2015 Fan Belt Toss Memory



Steve Goodman is a man of few words, so, when he speaks, we ALL listen ☺ As we recap our many memories of the recent cross country adventure to Palm Springs, I share with you Steve's concise, and to the point, account of those glorious 6 days on the road;

"I rented a pickup, delivered two engines, collected money, drove on to the toss, had fun, and returned home. Steve"

Glad you had a safe and mechanically uneventful trip, Funny Guy!

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>

Sunday, December 13th @ 1:00pm: "PPCC Christmas Party", Edelweiss Restaurant, 34 E. Ramona Ave, Colorado Springs, CO.



Upcoming 2016 Meeting Locations (3 months out)

Sunday, January 17th 2016 - 9:30am, Golden Corral, 5410 E. Woodmen Rd, Colorado Springs, CO

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

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



Wayne Russert
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Garrie & Patricia Fox

**PPCC
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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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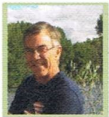
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