

The DRIP LINE

Pikes Peak Corvair Club

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**The Next Meeting of the Pikes Peak Corvair Club is
Sunday, January 17th, 9:30am
@ Golden Corral, 1970 Waynoka Rd, Colorado Springs, CO**

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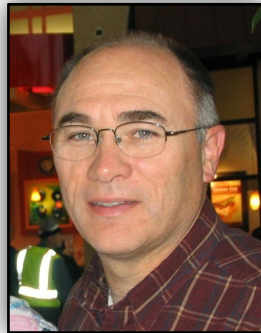
On The Cover: *Bonni Russert's 1961 Corvair 700 Deluxe Sedan, in "Ermine White" on display at the Forney Transportation Museum.*

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Randy Karl

Happy New Year,

I hope everyone had a safe and Happy Holiday season. Sara and I had a great time at the PPCC Christmas Party and I'd like to thank everyone who attended. It was good to see everyone out and about for the good food and company.



I thought the Edelweiss staff did a great job and the setting was wonderful. Both our Children and their significant others were home for Christmas and we welcomed our First Grandchild in early December so for Sara and I, 2015 ended as good as it gets.

2016 looks to be another great year for PPCC. Along with our traditional events, PPCC will be hosting the annual Tri-State meet the first weekend in June.

As most of you know, it is customary that the Tri-State Meet return to the original location of Montrose, Colorado on each 10-year anniversary. Chris Kimberly is leading the way, planning a lot of great activities. She already has a support team, but we are always looking for volunteers. Contact Chris if you are interested.

We are having trouble contacting the Golden Corral to book the room for our January Meeting so watch your email/mail/phone for a possible alternate location. We will reach out to everyone as soon as we know.

I look forward to another fun year and hope to see you all at the first meeting of the year.

Drive Safe.
Randy

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UNOFFICAL PARTY/MEETING MINUTES - 12/13/2015

Edelweiss Restaurant, Colorado Springs, CO

Our December meeting was called to order at 1pm at the Edelweiss Restaurant by PPCC President Randy Karl, who also served as the Master of Ceremonies for the Club's Annual Christmas Party.



(right side, front to back)
Sara Karl, Dee and John Glusick, Jon and Debbie Anderson
(left side, front to back)
Patricia Fox, Jeannie and John Koll, and Guest Don

No official minutes from the party/meeting were taken, as no formal business issues were discussed, so, Madam Secretary Mary Ellen got a holiday break ☺

Randy thanked everyone for coming out, welcomed our guests, and ran one of the most organized Yankee Gift Exchanges we've had! Great Job Randy, and thanks again to everyone who had the opportunity to come out and support the Club!!



Jeannie Koll (standing) picks a nice bottle of wine!
(sitting l-r: John Koll, Ray Schick Joe DeSimone)



John Koll picked a nice set of wrenches from the gift pile, which were eyeballed by several other folks as they looked to upgrade their gift with an effective steal!

To see more pictures from the Christmas Party, check out the Club website Past Events/Photos page!



John Glusick picked a pair of nice heavy rubber chock blocks which were quickly stolen by another member!!



Larry (l) and John (r) Neal Enjoying the Festivities!

Collector Car Council of Colorado Updates

submitted by
Ed Halpin , CCCC Representative

The most recent meeting of the Collector Car Council of Colorado (CCCC), of which Pike Peak Corvair Club is a registered member, was held at the Forney Museum on January 6th, 2016.



As meetings go, this was one of the more interesting ones, with lots of info presented on upcoming initiatives and activities. A major point of discussion was related to the previously approved decision by the CCCC to create a Political Action Committee (PAC), with the sole intent being to increase the visibility and clout of the car hobby at the state Capitol. This PAC would only be used to influence the automotive hobby and would not get involved in any other political issues (gun control, abortion, etc.).

As the representative for the PPCC, I brought out of that meeting several pieces of information which I believe warrant a discussion at the next Club meeting (January 17th). A couple points of consideration would be;

- 1) **CCCC Membership:** It's time to renew our yearly membership in the CCCC (due to be paid by the end of January). For 2016, those dues amount to \$50 for the Club, and a per member (in-state) assessment of \$4. Under our current membership, that would amount to \$104 (26x4), for a total CCCC payment of \$154 for 2016. Do we want to continue our Club membership in the CCCC?
- 2) **Contributing to the future CCCC PAC** (from the handout presented at the last CCCC meeting): "The CCCC is looking to increase its effectiveness and influence in the Colorado legislature. One of the best ways to do this is to make campaign contributions to candidates who support the issues the car hobbyists care about. The CCCC has decided to create a Political Action Committee that will collect money from car clubs, suppliers who do business with collectors, and from individuals who wish to increase the visibility and clout of the car hobby at the state Capitol." As part of the PAC formation process, the CCCC is soliciting our approval of this effort, and requesting a Club contribution of \$100 to fund the future PAC when it is created. Rationale: "Almost every other special interest group has a PAC and it puts us at a disadvantage when we are trying to find sponsors for our legislation when we have not been identified as a group which cares enough to help candidates with their campaigns. The PAC will be a separate, independent component of the CCCC. It's account will be independent and overseen by its own committee. Contributions will be made on the recommendation of our lobbyist (Leo Boyle) and they will only be made to candidates for the Colorado Senate, The Colorado House of Representatives, or candidates for Governor. No contributions will be made to Presidential, US Senate, or US Congress candidates. The PAC will be administered through the Treasurer of the CCCC." **NOTE:** The maximum contribution to a PAC is \$575 from an individual/Club, and the PAC's maximum donation to a legislator is \$400. Donations cannot be made while the legislature is in session (the four-month session that begins on January 13th).

Additional items of interest discussed:

2016 Swap Meet: The CCCC will sponsor the Swap Meet portion of the War Birds Air Show and Car Show" which is to be held at the Front Range Airport in Watkins, Colorado (up by DIA) on Memorial Day weekend. The Swap Meet will be held on Saturday, May 28th. They are looking to rent 200 spaces, so if you're interested in grabbing a spot, let me know and I'll get you some more information.

Gasoline & Caffeine: A new car show series is being fired up in Lone Tree area this year. Similar to the local Cars & Coffee efforts, these shows, dubbed "Gasoline & Caffeine", are planned for the last Saturday of each month to be held at the Lone Tree Entertainment District (area around the Fox & Hound restaurant and United Artist movie theater on Park Meadows Drive there in Lone Tree. The first one this year will be held on Saturday, March 26th. More info as it becomes available.

EXTRA, EXTRA, READ ALL ABOUT IT!! Ralph Nader says Corvair is "Cool Looking"!!

New York times Article by
Erik Eckholm. Sept 25, 2015

A long time in the planning, Ralph Nader finally opened his new American Museum of Tort Law in his home state of Connecticut.

One exhibit is devoted to "Unsafe at Any Speed," and to how Mr. Nader prodded Congress to adopt automobile safety standards. The largest artifact in the museum just happens to be a 1963 Corvair!

No need to rehash all of what's been said about Mr. Nader in relation to our favorite little car, but one thing that was kind of cool was hearing that the old guy did say that, regardless of all other factors, the Corvair was a cool looking car ☺



Ralph Nader in front of a Chevrolet Corvair on Tuesday at the new American Museum of Tort Law in Winsted, Conn. He criticized the car in his 1965 book, "Unsafe at Any Speed." Andrew Sullivan for The New York Times

To read the full article, go to: http://www.nytimes.com/2015/09/26/us/ralph-naders-tort-law-museum-seeks-to-keep-his-crusade-evergreen.html?_r=0

Some Facebook Facts!

As we go into 2016, I think we, as a group, need to send a special "Thank You" out to Club member Patricia Fox, who continues to actively support a key tenant of the Club's stated purpose; to promote sociability among members of the organization.



Patricia is the volunteer Administrator of the Club's Facebook Group page, a closed group, social media space where anyone interested in what the PPCC is doing can take a look, and then reach out for additional information via the web-site.

Patricia recently reported that we currently have 111 people on our group Facebook page, of which only 12 are actual members of the Club.

So, if you want more Club interaction, in between the official newsletter and business meetings, I'd suggest you go out to Facebook, click on the "Like" button, and "join in the conversation". We'd love to see what projects you're working on!!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/pat180820>

In Memoriam



In early December, we learned that one of the PPCC's former members, Maria Oldendorf had passed away.

Maria was married to Kermit Shields, and together, they were active and supportive members of the Pikes Peak Corvair Club for many, many years.



In 2012, the couple made a huge transition in lifestyle and latitude, moving from Colorado Springs to the beautiful island town of Hilo, Hawaii. Their nice yellow Corvair also made that trip.



Our condolences go out to Kermit and the family.

Maria will be missed by all that knew her.

Where Can You Still Buy Ethanol-Free Gasoline Locally?

Earlier this year, car enthusiast and all around funny guy, Jay Leno, wrote an article for Autoweek magazine discussing the various issues related to the introduction of Ethanol into today's gasoline products.

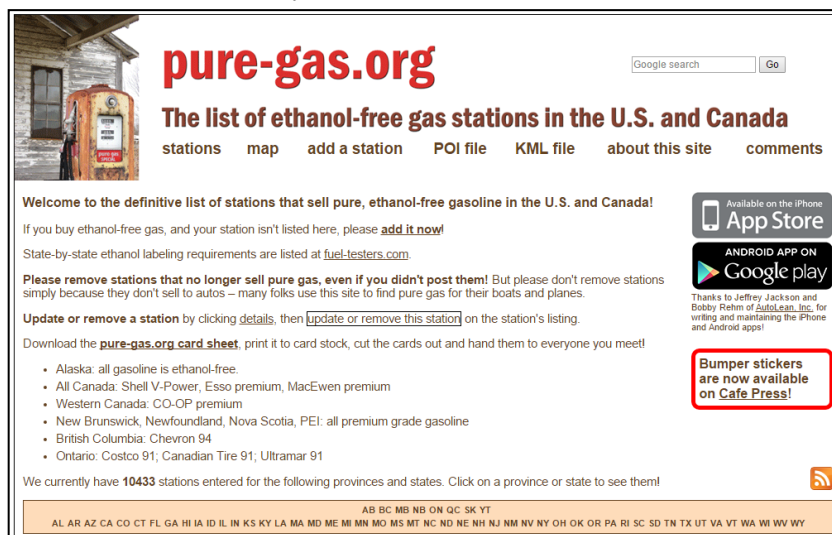
There have been a lot of old-car fires lately. I went through the '70s, the '80s and most of the '90s without ever having read much about car fires. Suddenly, they are happening all over the place. Here's one reason: The ethanol in modern gasoline—about 10 percent in many states—is so corrosive, it eats through either the fuel-pump diaphragm, old rubber fuel lines or a pot metal part, then leaks out on a hot engine ... and ka-bloooooie!!! (Jay Leno)

In addition to being a comedian and TV host, Autoweek columnist Jay Leno has more than 280 cars and motorcycles in his collection. To read the full article by Jay Leno, go to: <http://autoweek.com/article/car-life/jay-leno-hates-ethanol>

Rocky Mountain Corsa member, and long-time Treasurer, John Dinsdale, brought this article to the attention of their membership at one of the recent club meetings, and following some discussion, we were introduced to a website which identifies stations in your local area which still do sell ethanol-free gasoline, <http://pure-gas.org>

If you go to this site, and select the state of Colorado, you can drill down to those stations in your area which provide the good stuff.

For example, in Colorado Springs, the PHILLIPS 66 at 301 S 10th St (719-473-7760) supplies Ethanol-free octane ratings of 91 on pump 9. The last time the price was referenced was back in September when it was \$3.69/gallon.



pure-gas.org

The list of ethanol-free gas stations in the U.S. and Canada

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Welcome to the definitive list of stations that sell pure, ethanol-free gasoline in the U.S. and Canada!

If you buy ethanol-free gas, and your station isn't listed here, please [add it now!](#)

State-by-state ethanol labeling requirements are listed at fuel-testers.com

Please remove stations that no longer sell pure gas, even if you didn't post them! But please don't remove stations simply because they don't sell to autos – many folks use this site to find pure gas for their boats and planes.

Update or remove a station by clicking details, then [update or remove this station](#) on the station's listing.

Download the [pure-gas.org card sheet](#), print it to card stock, cut the cards out and hand them to everyone you meet!

- Alaska: all gasoline is ethanol-free.
- All Canada: Shell V-Power, Esso premium, MacEwen premium
- Western Canada: CO-OP premium
- New Brunswick, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, PEI: all premium grade gasoline
- British Columbia: Chevron 94
- Ontario: Costco 91, Canadian Tire 91, Ultramar 91

We currently have 10433 stations entered for the following provinces and states. Click on a province or state to see them!

AB BC MB NB ON QC SK YT
AL AR AZ CA CO CT FL GA HI IA ID IL IN KS KY LA MA MD ME MI MN MO MS MT NC ND NE NH NJ NM NV NY OH OK OR PA RI SC SD TN TX UT VA VT WA WI WV WY

Bumper stickers are now available on Cafe Press!

You can, and should, expect to pay more for this specialized petroleum product, but it is available if ethanol is a concern for use in your collector cars.

Further west, there are stations listed in Delta, Grand Junction, Durango, and Montrose. And, for our PPCC members up north in Wyoming, they do have a station listed in Greybull as well! ☺



Tri-State 2016 Planning Committee Updates

Submitted by
Christine Kimberly

The PPCC Board would like to formally announce/recognize our 2016 Tri-State Chairperson, Christine Kimberly. Over the past couple months Chris has been putting together several volunteer sub-committees, to address all of the planning needs for this event, most of which are listed below with their respective points of contact.

Since Chris is the designated Club representative for this event, and has the authority to speak for the Club, all external communication regarding the Tri-State should either be approved by Chris, or come from her directly. This will lessen any confusion on the part of our vendors and partners as to who the primary point of contact is for this event.. That being said, I now turn the mic over to Chris, ...

Hello Members of the PPCC!

For those of you who may not have yet met me, I'd like to introduce myself, I'm Chris Kimberly and I am the 2016 Tri-State Chairperson from the Pikes Peak Corvair Club.



I want to take this opportunity to let you know about some of the initial planning we've done for this year's event, to be held in Montrose, CO

I'm sure by now most of you have seen the Communique with the Tri-State announcement. I will say that as much as we'd like to run the event for a month, we really are running it from June 3rd thru the 5th.....not until the 25th as was stated in the ad. ☺

So, here's what we have in the works, so far:

Host Hotel: The host hotel is now confirmed as the Holiday Inn Express & suites Montrose, so go ahead and make your reservations today! The address and phone number for the hotel is: 1391 S. Townsend Ave., 970-240-1800. The hotel has reserved a block of rooms at a discounted rate of \$99 + tax per night. When reserving your

room(s), make sure that you mention either the "Corvair Tri-State" or "Pikes Peak Corvair Club" for the negotiated discount. The hotel has a complimentary breakfast and will be blocking off a section of their parking lot especially for our cars. This is also a pet-friendly hotel. NOTE: June is the beginning of their busy season, so the earlier you book your room(s), the better chance that the rooms will be available. The Saturday night banquet will also be held there. I am currently working out the details with the caterer and costs. More to follow on that next month.

Since this a special year for the Tri-State, my committee has also planned some fun activities to go along with the Show-n-Shine on Saturday. We will be having a 'Fan Belt Toss' competition and 'Valve Cover Car Races'. We are planning to have a few valve car racers on hand for those who want to race but don't own one of their own. If you plan to bring one, or build one on your own, please remember to follow the requirements of CORSA for the valve car racers (we will have those CORSA guidelines posted to the PPCC website by the end of January).

On-Line Registration: We're going to try to do as much of the initial registration for this Tri-State on line, through a link on our Club website which we are planning to have uploaded by the end of January. For those folks who are not tech savvy, don't worry, there will be the usual on-site registration table when you sign in to the event, where you'll pay for your t-shirt, banquet, raffles, etc.

Several other activities are also being planned, so keep an eye on the newsletter and Club website over the next couple months for more information, as it becomes available.

If you have any questions or want to volunteer to help out, in any capacity, please feel free to contact me at either my email or by phone.

Thanks,

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Water Cooled Corvair??

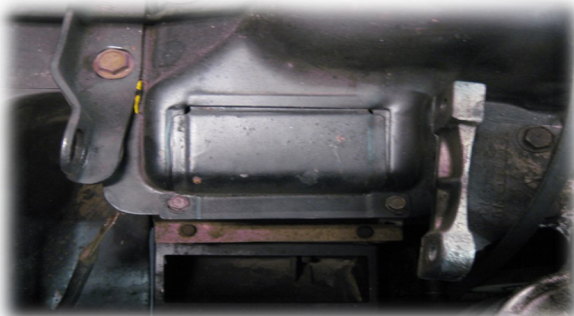
Submitted by
David Feasel

Yes, Corvair engines were water cooled, sort of. If you were at the November Club meeting, I bought in an example of how we used to WATER COOL our air cooled engines.

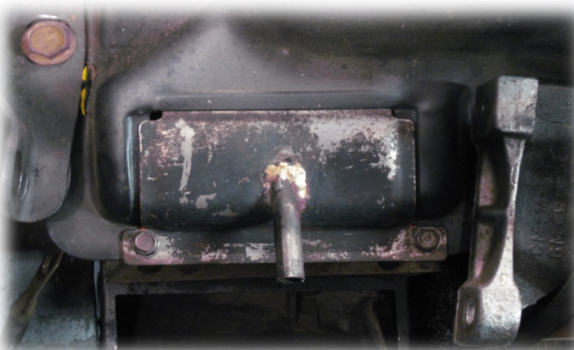
Since I lived at the time in central California, we would have on average 45 days or more that the temperature during the day would be 105 to 115 degrees and at night would only get down to the high 90's. We had to come up with a way to get our cars cool.

Some would drip water at the cooling fan. That made it very interesting with the stop and go traffic as the cars would emit this steam cloud at the stops. People who new Corvairs would yell that our engines were on fire and those that did not know Corvairs would yell that our trunk was on fire. Never a dull moment with Corvairs.

Others would drip water on the oil cooler to help cool the engine oil. This is the type of water cooling I brought to the club meeting.

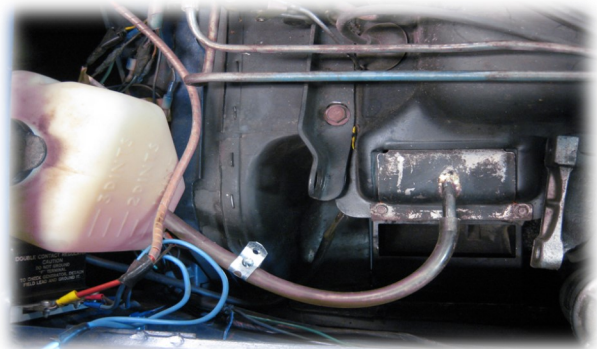


Standard oil cooler cover



Oil cooler cover with water adapter.

I installed the setup on my Rampside just for illustration, removing the generator and air cleaner.



Water adapter, hose, tank, and metering clamp attached

In a car, the tank location would be more towards to the front. We would use anything for the tank such as a milk jug or small ice chest. We would adjust the flow of water so that it would just drip a little bit on the oil cooler.

Did these crazy ideas work? Well I can just say from my own experience, that the cars ran cooler, but us drivers still had to contend with the 115 degree temperatures!!

So, since I'm here in Colorado now, you will not hear me complain about the cold weather. Got to love Colorado.

Happy Birthday

Barb Pyle
Kelly Westerfield

2016 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, January 17th @ 9:30am: "PPCC Meeting", Golden Corral Restaurant, 1970 Waynoka Rd, Colorado Springs, CO.

* The full list of 2016 PPCC Activities is currently under development and will be published in the February newsletter.

What The Heck Is This Thing?

Submitted by
David Feasel

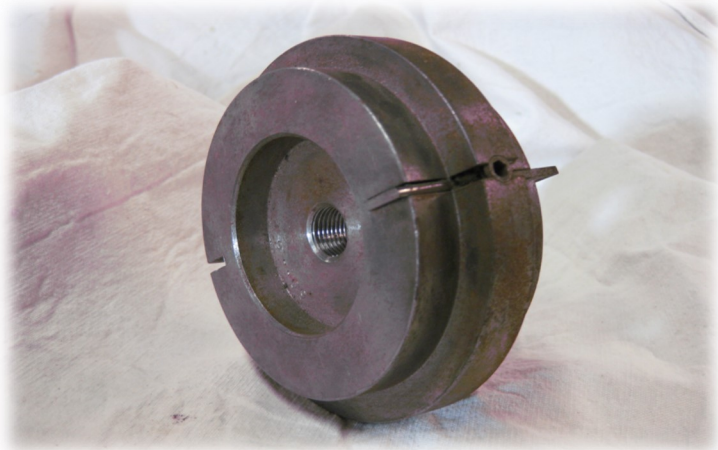
I have this thing.

It's Corvair related. Can you guess what it is?

If not you'll have to wait until the next Drip Line to find out.

If there is enough time at our next club meeting you may see this thing, plus what happens when you drop a valve on your engine and things go very wrong.

Happy guessing.



Upcoming Meeting Locations (3 months out)

Sunday, February 21st - 9:30am, Golden Corral, 1970 Waynoka Rd, Colorado Springs, CO

Sunday, March 20th - 9:30am, Golden Corral, 1970 Waynoka Rd, Colorado Springs, CO

Sunday, April 17th 2016 - 9:30am, Golden Corral, 1970 Waynoka Rd, Colorado Springs, CO

2016 Great Plains Corvair Roundup in Tulsa, OK September 23 thru 25, 2016

I recently received an email from Marv Luke, the current President of the Green County Corvair Group down in Tulsa, OK, announcing plans for their yearly Corvair get together, the "Great Plains Corvair Roundup". I know several members have attended over the year, but for those of you not in the know, I wanted to share a bit of Marv's note for your planning purposes:

"... I wanted to remind you all that the time is ticking for the 2016 Roundup and the June 1st deadline for registration and the chance to win the gorgeous 4 diamond suite at The John Q. Hammond Renaissance Hotel for your entire 2016 Roundup stay.



Below, you'll see a link to download the registration form and a link to the hotel to reserve your room (when you reserve your room, you'll have plenty of time from June to September to cancel that room if you win the suite, and if no one else that you know of needs the room that you reserved).

<http://www.tulsacorvair.com/dokuwiki/doku.php?id=gccg:2016greatplainscorvairroundup>

... Please don't wait, rooms are limited at our unheard of \$99 rate which will include the huge breakfast buffet for up to 4 per room.

At this time, we can get more rooms but the closer we get to show time, the harder extra rooms at this rate will be. It would be a shame for anyone to miss out on the host hotel and settle for a similar or higher rate at a lessor surrounding property."

This might be another fun event for the PPCC Road Warriors who made the trek west to the Fan Belt Toss in Palm Springs late last year!! ☺



**PPCC
Admin**

Monthly Meetings: Unless otherwise noted, the PPCC meets on the 3rd Sunday of each month, 9:30am at the Golden Corral, 1970 Waynoka 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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