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On The Cover: The PPCC gang of 15 visit the Rambler Ranch in Elizabeth, Colorado. Joined by members of the Rocky Mountain Model A's and Mile High Fieros, it was a great time shared with car enthusiasts and friends. (l-r) Ray, Betty, Debbie, Cheryl Randy, Jon, Ed, John, Margaret, Coda, Kathy, and Bonnie. [not pictured: Wayne, Kelina, Mike and Joe].

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Randy Karl
Club President

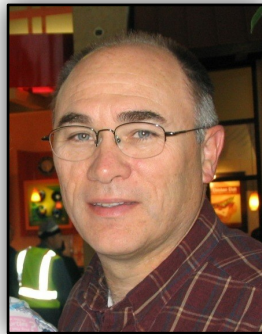
Greetings,

Today we joined the Model A club and the Mile High Fiero Club on a tour of the Rambler Ranch. Thanks to Terry Gale and his crew for their hospitality and to everyone who attended.

It's always fun to find the cars that remind us of our past. Seems everyone has a connection to an old Rambler or AMC. My connection is with a Gremlin X and Terry has a good one.

I will be out of town next month for a two week class in Michigan that will keep me from attending the August meeting, the Veterans Rally in Cripple Creek, and the Good Times Car Show. Ed will be leading the charge for those events so I'd like to thank him in advance for covering for me.

As cohosts for the car show, along with the Colorado Cruizers, Rocky Mountain Mustangers and Southern Colorado Mopars, we will need to pro-



vide volunteers to help with parking the cars and judging. Last year we had five Corvairs at the show. I'll offer my 68 if anyone is Corvair-less and would like to bring it to the show.

In 2015, there were nearly three hundred cars and it was a lot of fun to spend time judging the cars. All the profits from the car show go to the Canine Companions for Independence (CCI).

Unfortunately, this will most likely be the last year for the GTCS since the overhead costs to the city (park, police) have continued to increase to where these costs far exceed the profits to the charity. After 25 years this is one you won't want to miss. See page 6 for more details.

Looking back to last year, many of you were getting your rides ready to spend a month at the Forney Museum.

Drive Safe,

Randy

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MEETING MINUTES - 7/17/2016
iHop, Colorado Springs, CO

Submitted by
Mary Ellen Feasel, Club Secretary

Meeting called to order at 9:45 am by President Randy Karl.

Six members present. Introduced new member Chris Noonan who has a '63 Spyder that was bought new by his mother-in-law.

Discussed the Tri-State special edition newsletter. All were very happy with that edition.

Minutes from June meeting were approved.

Wayne to take over Treasurer position next month.

Treasurer report-\$4095.28 in account

Thank you note circulated from Partners Mentoring group for our donation as part of the Black Canyon Car Show in Montrose during our Tri-State.

Old Business

- PPCC Rally and Poker run - Not the turnout expected, were a couple of breakdowns before the rally started. The Greene's were the winners as their car was the only one running when time came to depart on the rally.

New Business

- Discussed new meeting place, recommendation is to continue meeting at IHOP unless a more suitable location is found.
- Randy will miss August and September meetings. Ed will run those.
- Rambler Ranch on July 24. Meet at Walmart in Elizabeth at 9:30 a.m.
- August 20 - Veterans Rally in Cripple Creek
- August 21 - Good Times Car Show in Old Colorado City
- September 23-25 Great Plains Round-up in Tulsa, OK. Ed wants to do a road trip to this event. Discussed conflict with Aspen Run. Will see about rescheduling the Aspen Run.
- September 24 - Scheduled date for Aspen Fall Run to Guffey, CO.
- December 18 - Christmas Party at Edelweiss

Open to Group

- Ray has sold his '66 to a kid from CA. Buyer flew into Denver with friends, picked up the car and drove it back to CA.

Adjourned at 10:14 a.m.



Pikes Peak Corvair Club Newsletter and Website Receive International Recognition, Again!!

With the 2016 CORSA International Convention now wrapped up, they've published the event reports and once again, the Pikes Peak Corvair Club was recognized in both of the CORSA Media Awards categories:

Webmaster Kelina Halpin received 3rd Place honors in the category of "**2016 CORSA Chapter Outstanding Website Award**" for her dedicated work on our Club Website. Congratulations Kelina and Thank You for everything you do to keep the Club website relevant and fun for members and visitors alike!! *Our website had previously received a CORSA Honorable Mention.

And, for the second year in a row, in the category of "**2016 CORSA Chapter Outstanding Newsletter Award**", the honors go to "**The Drip Line**", edited by Ed Halpin!! Lots of GREAT newsletters out there in the CORSA community, so to be honored for a second time in this category is quite an accomplishment. Thanks to all of the contributors over the year. It's those stories which make the newsletter fresh and enjoyable.

Other winners in these categories include:

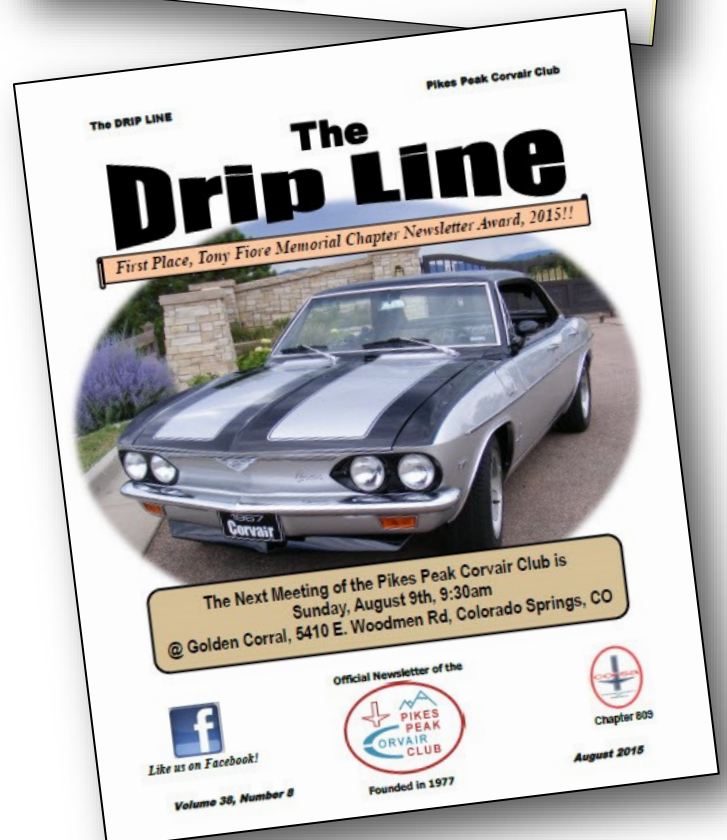
2016 CORSA Chapter Outstanding Website Award

- First Place - Milwaukee Corvair Club
Webmaster Andy Rominiecki
- Second Place - Corvanatics
Webmaster Steve Spilatro
- Third Place - Pike's Peak Corvair Club
Webmaster Kelina Halpin

2016 Corsa Chapter Outstanding Newsletter Award

- First Place - The Drip Line
Pike's Peak Corvair Club
Editor Ed Halpin
- Second Place - VAIRifiable News
Central Virginia Corvair Club
Editor Alan White
- Third Place - Corvair Mail
Corvair Club Nederland
Editor Ralph Verhees

Check out all of the Convention winners @
<http://www.corvair.org/2016convention>



PPCC Visits the Rambler Ranch

On Sunday, July 24th, fifteen members of the PPCC crew got together in beautiful Elizabeth, Colorado for a visit to the internationally renowned Rambler Ranch.



The PPCC Crew and Friends gather at the WalMart in Elizabeth, CO enroute to the Rambler Ranch!

As a group, we met up around 9:30am, in the parking lot of the local WalMart so we could all roll in together.

Joined by more than 25 members of the local Ford Model A Club, and 13 folks with the Mile High Fieros Club, the short drive over to the Ranch was fairly uneventful, which is always a good thing when the newest car you're driving is 28 year old (Fiero), and in the case of the Model A's, some were over 100 years old.



(l-r) Joe and Mike DeSimone chat it up with John and Kathy Green while they await the rally call to fire up the cars and get on the road. Kathy is holding "Coda", the artist formerly known as "little black pooch" ☺



Members of the Model A Club came in in Coupes, Sedans, Hot rods, and Cruisers!!

One of the hot rods did require a little side-of-the-road attention, but eventually made it to the Ranch just fine.

The Ranch itself is tucked back in the woods, just off the main road going through town, and is host to not only a car collection of more than 600 vehicles, but also thousands of different types of car related memorabilia.



Wayne Russert (in green on the left), leads folks into the Ranch for our pre-tour briefing with Terry Gale, owner of the Rambler Ranch.

PPCC Visits the Rambler Ranch (cont.)



Well, it happened again; we had more Pontiac Fieros show up at this PPCC event than we did Chevy Corvairs!! Nine cars in all, they looked great sitting in the shade of the pines!

Once all the cars were parked, 30 cars in all, with 22 of them being "Classics" (5 Corvairs, 9 Fieros, a '55 Chevy, and 7 variations of the Model A) we paid our \$15 entrance fee and caught up with owner Terry Gale, who gave us a nice briefing of what we could expect to see throughout the property.

Over the next couple hours, we wandered up and down memory lane, browsing through four large warehouse buildings, a number of smaller outbuildings and garages, and of course, "the bone yard", which is home to more than 100 cars and trucks, just waiting to be restored or parted out.

The largest building houses more than 100 AMC cars and tons of AMC memorabilia. Also, in the back of that building, Terry has constructed a replica of a 1950's diner, complete with red vinyl covered booths and a collection of antique cookie jars.

In the middle of the property is a full replica Sinclair gas station, complete with the dinosaur, an old 'Eco Tireflator Air Meter' and driveway



Cheryl and Kelina Halpin take in the view of more than 100 AMC vehicles, including the Pacer, the Gremlin, the Javelin, and AMX.. There also some oddballs in there; does anyone remember Renault's "Le Car"?

bell (remember those, they went "ding-ding" when you ran over them to let the attendant know that you were at the pump?). Inside the building, there is homemade ice cream and root beer floats for sale, and of course, most folks took advantage of the sweet treats. ☺

After we had a chance to check out all of the cars, we sat down in a nice picnic area on the property, and enjoyed a sack lunch, reminiscing about years gone by.

It's always interesting to note how just the sight or smell of an old car can send your mind back to when you were a kid, or when you were in high school, or on that first date. My daughter Megan calls those "smemories"; when that smell just puts you right back at that moment in time. I saw that look on the faces of a lot of folks that morning. Good Times!!



PPCC President, Randy Karl wonders how many Corvairs could fit in the back seat of this full size model?



Jon & Debbie Anderson enjoy checking out the cars in the "Garage of X Brands"

PPCC Visits the Rambler Ranch (cont.)

A huge thank you to Christine Hammack, President of the "Mile High Fiero Club", for joining us on this automotive treasure hunt. In the past, the Fiero Club has supported us in our Rally efforts and we look forward to doing additional events with them in the future.

Also, a big shout out to Pat Stout, President of the "Rocky Mountain Model A's" for rallying the troops for a fun day out with our Club.

If you're interested in checking out more about the Rambler Ranch, take a look at their website @ <http://www.ramblerranch.com/rr>



(l-r) Kelina, Cheryl & Ed Halpin get a shot of their Corvair in front of the replica gas station that Terry Gale has put together.

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Project Update,
Car for Sale,
Parts you want to get rid of,
or
Automotive Memory

Remember, this monthly newsletter is your opportunity to share your Corvair adventures with all of our readers, and believe me, we DO want to hear what you are up to! ☺

See page 12 for submission guidelines! Thanks, Ed

NEXT CLUB EVENT: Good Times Car Show August 21st, Old Colorado City

Hear Ye, Hear Ye!! Yes, that means you, and every other PPCC member who has a running Corvair and is within 50 miles of Colorado Springs. This is an automotive call to arms! We need your attendance at this year's event!

The annual "Good Times Car Show" will take place in Old Colorado City on Sunday, August 21st from 9am-3pm., and, once again, the Pikes Peak Corvair Club is a proud partner in hosting this car show event, along with the Southern Colorado Mopars, the Rocky Mountain Mustangs, and the Colorado Cruizers.

If you have not yet had a chance to bring your Corvair, or other car, out to any of this year's numerous events in which the Club has been involved; E-Days, Florence, Warbirds, Tri-State, etc., then this is your chance to make up for time lost!



As a charity event, all monies raised are for the benefit of **Canine Companions for Independence**, a non-profit, 501C organization which provides specially trained canines to disabled people in the Pikes Peak Region, and nationwide. You can find out more information about this worthwhile charity at: <http://www.cci.org/site/c.cdKGIRNqEmG/b.4010977/k.B0B1/About.htm>

This year's event will mark the 25th time this show has been put together for local car enthusiasts, but sadly, it looks like this will be the last. The City of Colorado Springs now cuts so deeply into the funds raised, through increased security requirements and administrative costs, that our



Last year's PPCC Volunteers and participants at the Good Times Car Show in Old Colorado City. Standing left to right; Kelina Halpin, Ed Halpin, Christine Kimberly, Allen Amrine, Ray Schick, and Randy Karl.

overall donation to the Canine Companions goes down each year.

Given the current situation, options are being explored, but it may no longer be feasible to hold this event.

For planning purposes, this event has been on our Club's calendar, since March, and volunteers are needed. In a show of Club support, we're expecting 100% of the available Club membership to be out supporting this event, so, dust off your car, and your excuses ☺ and get registered today at <http://goodtimescarshow.com> We'd also like you to give PPCC VP Ed Halpin a call at 303-619-0080 to let him know you're coming and/or to volunteer. Last year, all of the participants got a chance to judge the cars for awards, so that was a fun learning experience for us all.

As we did last year, we'll meet up in Old Colorado City at 5:30am, so we can drive in as a Corvair group and park by 6am. As a Host Club, we'll get to all park together, right in front of the stage area.

More info to follow, but please make your plans today to support YOUR Club and ensure that the PPCC has a proud showing at this event!

Bet You Haven't Seen One of These!! Extended Cab Rampy / Gateside

Submitted by
Mike Kelley

PPCC Member Mike Kelley out of Illinois, sent me an email which I thought was pretty cool, so sharing with the larger group to enjoy:

“Hey there Vair buddies: Bet you have never seen one of these before.



It was originally a Corvan and has been converted into a Rampside w/ a gate instead of a ramp.



Needs a little paint, but what a work of art by the guys at Shades Classic Cars in Hastings, Nebraska.

Love to all,

Mike/The Corvair a holic”



Plenty of legroom in the extended cab, and additional open air seating in the bed of the truck 😊

A little background on this ride: Built by mechanic Mike Sonder from Shade's Classic Corvairs in Hastings, NE, it was originally a '61 six-door Corvan.

Mike then took the back of a Rampside and grafted it into the van. The doors on the side are the original ones from that van and were used to help determine the overall length of the extra cab. The cab windows are from the back doors of the van. The engine is a low mileage 110, taken out of a '67 coupe and married with a Powerglide transmission and a 3:55 rear end.

While the truck has been lowered a bit, and currently sits on 15" aluminum wheels, every mechanical component of this truck is honest and true Corvair.

Oh, and that “rust on the exterior of the truck; would you believe - he added red paint and torched it in spots to add more "Patina"!

Thanks for sharing Mike!!

What Is This Tool Used For??

by
David Feasel

Last month, PPCC member David Feasel asked: What is this homemade Corvair specific tool used for??

It's a Corvair distributor with all of the guts taken out, but still used for a very functional purpose.



Ok, no cam gear, no points plate, ...

Answer: When checking out a motor that's been sitting for a while, Dave swaps out the distributor with this modified one in order to mechanically spin the oil pump and move the oil around the inside of the engine, fully lubricating the internal parts without having to crank it to build oil pressure.

By removing the cam gear at the base of the distributor shaft, he can bypass the camshaft gear and isolate the actuation of the oil pump. Then he just attaches a hand drill to the top of the shaft and oil is moving around. ☺

Thanks for sharing, Dave!



Upcoming Meeting Locations (3 months out)


Sunday, August 28th - 9:30am, TBD, Colorado Springs, CO

Sunday, September 18th - 9:30am, TBD, Colorado Springs, CO


Sunday, October 16th - 9:30am, TBD, Colorado Springs, CO


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, August 21st, 9am - 3pm: "Good Times Car Show"**, Old Colorado City, CO. Monies raised are donated to Canine Companions for Independence. *This year, the PPCC will once again support this show as a "HOST" club*, along with the Southern Colorado Mopars, Rocky Mountain Mustangers and the Colorado Cruizers, who help to put this annual event on. Volunteers will be needed, and we're expecting 100% of the Club membership to be out supporting this event!!

Sunday, August 28th @ 9:30am: "PPCC Meeting", Colorado Springs, CO.

 **Saturday, September 24th: "PPCC Fall Aspen Drive"** to Guffey, CO. This trip out to Guffey will cover approx. 60 miles and will take about an hour and half, each way. We'll meet up at Rudy's on Hwy 24 (our usual meet place), and take a nice cruise through the countryside, eat lunch at the local restaurant, and enjoy the yearly change of the fall foliage from greens to yellow and oranges.

 **September 23rd-25th, "Great Plains Round-Up"**, Tulsa Oklahoma. Another Road Trip opportunity for us to go visit another group of highly motivated Corvair enthusiasts and see how they put on a regional event. The host hotel is: the Renaissance Tulsa Hotel & Convention Center, 6808 South 107th East Avenue, Tulsa, OK. More to follow as we get closer to the planning of this trip.

Sunday, December 18th @ 1:00pm: "PPCC Christmas Party", Location Edelweiss Restaurant. Put on your calendars and plan those other holidays events around it. Great Fun every year!!

 *denotes events where Corvairs have had a significant presence.*

Recurring Local Events:

Saturday, May 7th thru October 1st, 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 unfortunately the PPCC was unable to secure one of the hosting slots for 2016 (we did try). Maybe next year!



Jeannie Koll
Cheryl Halpin
Ed Halpin



Randy & Sara Karl

**PPCC
Admin**

Monthly Meetings: The PPCC meets on the 3rd Sunday of each month, 9:30am at various locations within Colorado Springs, CO. Check the website and newsletter for the most current meet-up.

Membership & Dues: PPCC dues are \$25 per year. Membership in CORSA is not 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>

Editorial Contributions: Please send your stories, suggestions, recipes, jokes, and/or photos directly to Ed Halpin at halpin.corvair@comcast.net or, snail mail to: PPCC, ATTN: Drip Line Editor, P.O. Box 15034, Colorado Springs, CO 80935. Preferred format for documents is MS Word, and format for pictures would be JPEG. Deadline for submitting information to the Drip Line is the 1st of the month for that month's publication.

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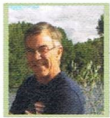
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