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Cover Photo:

I hope that you're all working on your cars to get them ready for the warmer weather—I know that Rex is!! When you're working under your car and 50 years of dust, road salt and rust falls in your face when you remove something



The next meeting of the Pike's Peak Corvair Club will be held on Sunday March 17 at 9:30am at Serranos Coffee, 625 Highway 105, Monument



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PRESIDENT'S PONDERINGS

Submitted by Rex Harrison
PPCC President

Firstly, many thanks to Jerry for filling in and chairing at this month's meeting – It was a fairly hectic month for Kristal and me between work



and attempting to see more of your glorious country. We look forward to being back in person next month.

While visiting the Alamo in February was historically accurate (the siege started last week in 1836), it also meant that I was reminded that Texas isn't always boiling hot! The circulation in my fingers has almost returned...

As mentioned by Jerry, unfortunately the Board meeting was a bust this month, due to a combination of IT issues and scheduling problems – so while we have a great set of activities mapped out for the year, we haven't got the website calendar updated to reflect all these opportunities. I expect the board will have this sorted in the next 2 weeks, so next club meeting we will be back on track.

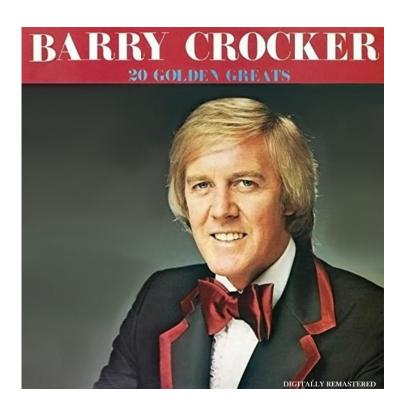
As it was suggested in the January

meeting that Kristal and I introduce some Australian words into the club, I'll start with a piece of rhyming slang that captures well the failed attempt of the board to hold a meeting this month — the idea of 'having a Barry'. Phrases like this are an extension of the Cockney rhyming slang that makes up a lot of British expressions. Barry in turn is a shortening of 'Barry Crocker'. Which rhymes with 'Shocker'. So, to have a bad day is to have a shocker of a day, which means you are having a Barry.

Now using Barry Crocker probably dates Kristal and me (don't expect the young folk to remember him) – but he was a singer/entertainer in Australia in the 1970s and 1980s. Sort of a cabaret singer, good for a cover of recent hits. Sang the theme to the TV show Neighbours for a decade. The kind of guy who was a stable to daytime talk shows and could be expected to host the annual Christmas carols. What made him a stable on TV was that he got the joke – he knew he wasn't going to be the next Taylor Swift – so he leant into becoming not only a beloved singer, but

an entry into our slang.

I'll aim to bring some more language in for the next message – hopefully a bit more positive next time!





Submitted by Jerry Peevyhouse

VP VOLTAGE - The art of doing nothing

Niksen. The Dutch word for purposefully doing nothing. Doing nothing, but with a purpose to do nothing or no purpose at



all is what the Dutch do well. They say it may help to decrease anxiety and boost creativity. Apparently, it is one of the reasons the Dutch are one of the happiest people on earth. A short nap, a visit to the coffee shop (minus the phone), or just staring out the window at nature may help to minimize and shed stress. It's not mindfulness; a better definition would be a short period of mindless relaxation.

Now, in all honesty, the above is from an article I recently read authored by a Health Journalist and Diabetes Educator. There were other scientific studies she referenced to about doing nothing. But my thought was, let's not confuse Niksen with being lazy, I had a mother that didn't practice Niksen or didn't condone me practicing it either (a). What's that old adage, "An idle mind is the devil's playground". Our western work culture just doesn't align with "doing nothing," or didn't up until re-

cently. Seems like our youth(ful) work force is more likely to practice Niksen than we are (just a minute, I'm checking my facebook). Reminds me of the old Mick Jagger tune

"Yes time, time, time is on my side, yes it is".

Seems like the older I get though, maybe that's not quite as true ② . Anyway, if you find yourself "relaxing" a bit more than before, cheer up, you're probably just practicing Niksen.

As you may know, one of the way's my wife and I like to relax is on a cruise. Something about the ocean waves. But on the Symphony of the Seas ship, there is a fun art deco piece on display in the grand piazza that just cracks me up. Glad it wasn't my Corvair



Gets great gas mileage downhill.

Speaking of gas mileage, I hope you're all getting your car(s) tuned up and ready to rumble down to the Corvairs of New Mexico hosted 39th Tri-State happening on May 17-18th of this year (yes, less than 3 months away). They have been busy planning for a great show and gathering in Las Vegas, New Mexico. Registration forms and details are available at their website www.tristatecorvairs.com. Early registration pricing of \$50 each for the banquet & car show ends on March 1st so please get in your registration to avoid

paying \$65 after **March 1**st. Hotel information is on the registration form, but alternate hotels are available if host hotels are full. Thought I'd include a "fun fact" for the town of Las Vegas pointing out it's long history.

Sandwiched between the Rocky Mountains and the Great Plains, Las Vegas, New Mexico was established seventy years before its neon counterpart in Nevada. Though it is a (fairly) quiet village of less than 14,000 today (2020 census), it was the Wild West's version of "Sin City" back in the late 1880s, with an abundance of dance halls, saloons, brothels, gambling, and shootouts in the street. However, for travelers heading west from Missouri and Kansas on the Santa Fe Trail, Las Vegas was the first sign of civilization after a long, 600-mile trek across the plains.

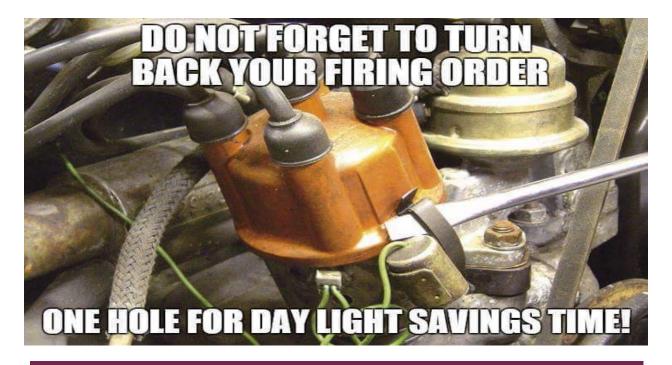
A copy of the registration form is included later in the DripLine for your convenience.

I'm busy getting my car ready for the show season and the Tri-State. New brake shoes will ease my mind about at least being able to stop when I get there \mathfrak{S} .

Hope to see you at our March meeting, if not before then. There are a plethora of events and activities Chris has identified for the club to possibly attend. We encourage you to come out and join us, as we are planning for these shows. We plan to have some just fun activities and drives in addition to the various car shows we normally promote.

I would be remiss if I didn't pre-warn you to set your clocks ahead 1 hour on March 10th. More morning, less afternoon sun. Some like, some don't, but I'm just the messenger Det's hope March provides some warmish weather so we can get out and get in some driving.

Enjoy the journey,





Upcoming Meetings

Sunday, March 17, PPCC Club Meeting: 9:30 a.m., Serranos

coffee, 625 Hwy 105, Monument

Sunday, April 21, PPCC Club Meeting: 9:30 a.m., Serranos coffee,

625 Hwy 105, Monument

Sunday, May 19, PPCC Club Meeting: 9:30 a.m., Las Vegas, New

Mexico

MEETING MINUTES- February 18, 2024

Serranos Coffee, Monument

Submitted By Kathy Green

Meeting Notes

50/50

Chris Kimberly distributed 50/50 tickets.

Visitors

There were no visitors present today.

Board Meeting

There was no Board meeting this month as there were complications.

The new web site is set up with updated email addresses for officers and testing for those email addresses continue.

Jerry passed out new business cards to those who were interested. There are plenty for everyone, so let Jerry know if you want more.

Minutes

January minutes were discussed and approved. Motion to approve by Mike, second by Chris.

Treasurers Report

Randy was out of town, but sent the following:

General Fund: \$2216.64 SeeMore Fund: \$2868.26 Total Funds: \$5084.90

Randy did pay Corsa dues this past month.

Mail

There were a few membership renewals which are reflected in the Membership report.

Membership

We had one member non-renew. Chris Newnan sold his car and all Corvair parts to Mike Piper so as he had no Corvair connections he decided to non-renew. We still have five members who have not renewed. Kathy has sent individual emails to all and will provide the list to Rex to follow-up with phone calls to the remaining five members. Updated rosters were distributed at the meeting and will be distributed via email.

Old Business

Jerry brought up the 2024 Tri-State, May 17-18, in Las Vegas NM. March 1st is deadline for early registration. The cost of the banquet goes from \$50 to \$65 after March 1st. The 2024 web site has not been updated recently. There is contact information on the site if you have questions.

New Business/events

Chris has set up a tentative schedule of events for review by the board. Once Board reviews, PPCC will let everyone know which activities will be recommended for PPCC attendance. Possible options include:

March 9 - 9 - 11 - Show, then drive, then lunch. 2^{nd} Saturday of every month. Cars & Coffee with *The Pikes Peak Air Cooled Club*. 505 Pope Bluff Trail (off Garden of the God's Road).

March 17 – St. Patrick's Day – Wolf Ranch, Braden Park – 8:00 Car Show.

April 13 – E-Days Car Show, 9:00 – details to follow. Pay at the show. Glenn mentioned a really nice location for lunch in Golden.

April 6 & 20 - Cars & Coffee in Monument -8-11. Every 1^{st} and 3^{rd} Sunday through October.

April 20 – Car Show & Fly In – 4^{th} Annual Show – 9-3 – Registration includes show and entrance to the museum. Information will be sent via email.

April 27 – Tentative date for Tri-State Bug Out at Glenn Dowling's house. Detailed information will be sent via email.

April 28 – Tentative date RMC Tri-State Tuneup at Schakels home. All are invited to chat and eat. Detailed information will be sent via email.

May 18 – Mash Mechanics Brewery Car Show, 10:30 – 2:30 if not at Tri-State. Detailed information will be sent via email.

July 20 - Forney's Dust & Shine with RMC, 8:00 - 10:00. Great opportunity to get up close and personal with the very historic cars.

July 28 – Rosie's Diner Car Show in Monument. Detailed information will be sent via email.

August 3 – CCCC Rocky Mountain Air & Car Show and Swap Meet. There will be a designated Air Cooled Corner. Detailed information will be sent via email.

August 18 – Tri-Lakes Cruisers Car Show in Monument. Detailed information will be sent via email.

SeeMore

SeeMore will not be attending Tri-State year.

June 9 – Concours de 'Elegance at ACC. SeeMore will be attending if possible.

July 13 – Rosemount Museum Show – SeeMore will be attending if possible.

CCCC

The Board is still determining if PPCC will renew. Rick shared some information regarding what membership in CCCC does for the club, including representation at the state house to help protect the collector car hobby. Many members present agreed that CCCC membership should continue. The Board will confirm the continued membership.

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New Business

Jeff Adams asked if Serranos is our new location. Since the space is rather small, if meeting attendance increases, we may need to find another locations. Rex noted that the Coffee & Cars is next door 6 months out of the year. There was discussion about swapping between Serranos and the Golf Club. Meeting locations could be swapped between the two – discussion will continue at future meetings.

50/50

50/50 pot was \$60.00. \$30.00 was won by Jeff Addams.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30

Thanks Kathy for filling in as minute taker extraordinaire this month!!

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TECH TIP: Dashboard LEDs

Submitted By Mike Piper

I decided recently it might be time to see if I could make my speedometer lighting bright enough to actually read the speedometer at night. I put LED bulbs in the dash in my '66 Monza and they work great, so I decided to give it a try to work on the bulbs in the '65 Corsa. I did not come up with this on my own, and undoubtedly others have written better articles about this in the past. As you know, I can go into endless detail about how to do this stuff so maybe I'll hit on something helpful. A couple of asides... I changed the gauges around in the Corsa dash when I restored the red convertible, so this is really about more than LED bulbs. I got rid of the clock since by now they are almost always not working. I removed the cylinder head temp gauge since the thermistors also often are not working. I switched to VDO "Cockpit" style gauges since they look similar to the stock Corvair Corsa gauges. I added oil pressure and oil temperature gauges (with wiring to the engine for the senders). The vacuum gauge is a combination vacuum/boost gauge since I had a turbo on the car for a while (see photo).



I put a Westach dual cylinder head temp gauge under the ash tray. The clock is in the radio I installed. I had a VDO tachometer which I replaced with an original Corsa tachometer case and dial with the replacement module that Clark's Corvair Parts is selling. I like the TEMP/PRESS and GEN/FAN idiot lights. I have not tested the Clark's module yet.

From an LED light perspective, please note that LED bulbs have polarity unlike a normal incandescent bulb. I've been fortunate so far that in most cases the polarity of the dash harness is OK with the LEDs.

With the four replacement gauges the switched power feed to the gauges and bulbs and grounding of the instruments and bulbs is not the same configuration as the original gauges. To mount the various VDO gauges I used the prefabricated aluminum gauge mounting plates that Seth Emerson sells. I've also heard about fabricating 1/8" tempered hardboard panels to hold the gauges. These will require fabrication. I re-use the cardboard tubes and the green or red plastic lenses. The cardboard tubes need to be cut shorter and I use weatherstrip adhesive to hold all this together. I re-used the existing gauge harness with a few modifications to connect everything to power and lighting.

From a grounding perspective, I don't trust or care for the existing metal strip. They tend to corrode, and they won't quite fit the gauge plates. I use individual ground wires with ring terminals to connect to the metal cases of the Corvair tachometer or speedometer under the mounting screws. I use spade lugs to connect to the bulbs and ground terminals in the new gauges. The gauge bodies are plastic so they will not ground directly to the metal mounting plates or to hardboard. I connect the ground wires together and use a large ring terminal to ground to the wires to the car body similar to the flat strap connecting point via the existing screw that holds the metal grounding strap.

When adding the new gauges, the only lighting bulbs that remain to be replaced with LEDs are the two bulbs in the speedometer and two bulbs in the tachometer, in sockets with gray wires. The incandescent bulbs can be replaced with superbright white LED bulbs equivalent to 1895 bulbs. If you are using the original Corvair gauges, you can replace all of the bulbs in sockets connected with gray wires with the superbright white LED bulbs. The handy part of this is these LED bulbs don't get hot enough to melt the plastic cells inside the tachometer if they are not melted already. The new VDO gauges come with incandescent bulbs, so they need to be tied into the circuit with the gray wires for power and the separate ground wires. They are not LED bulbs so they may burn out faster. The bulbs have plug-in bases, not twist in.

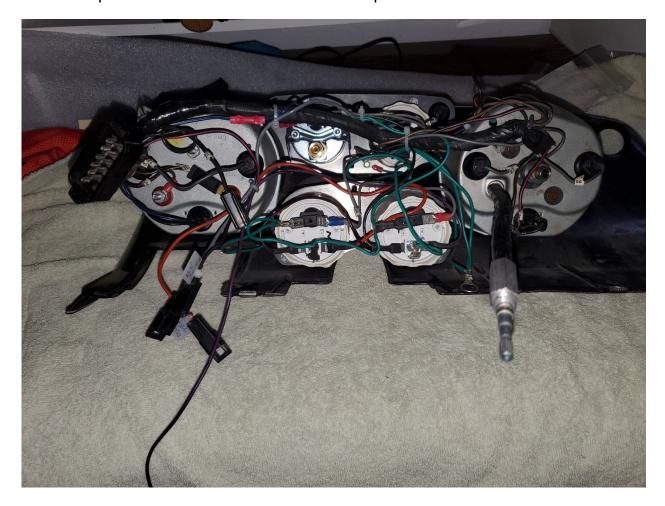
You can also buy colored LEDs, so I used green ones for the turn signal indicators and a red one for the high beam. That way if the old plastic is faded it is not so obvious. The idiot lights work differently than the basic bulbs, so I've used Long Life incandescent bulbs for those to avoid polarity issues.

The VDO fuel gauge uses the same power and gauge leads as the Corvair one so you can switch the connectors and use the same harness leads. Add leads to the +12V lead to the fuel gauge to power the Oil pressure and temperature gauges. The vacuum gauge will use the same small tube from the engine. The oil pressure and oil temperature gauges will require wires from the gauge to the sensor so wiring through the tunnel is needed. I use connectors under the dash so I can disconnect the instruments from the wires to the sending units. I have other items under the dash, so I extend a switched 12V lead from the instrument harness to a connector under the dash. Likewise, I extend a lead with a connector to add the lights for the Cylinder head temp gauge to the switched dash lights (gray wire).

The DRIP LINE

I did the same thing for the instrument cluster for the other '65 Corsa I'm working on. One additional note for both is I needed to flatten the leads for the bottom two gauges and I had to trim the bottom plastic retainer rings to pit the cluster in above the steering column.





Mike,

Just a quick confirmation that I've done this type of nutty stuff on two Corvairs, Jon's race car has full odd gauges, Dale has done one, and Andy is getting ready to screw up his life and dash panel as well. You are not alone, but you are in esoteric company. In fact, I found an article from my dash work in the DenVair News back in 2007!

Eric

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME!

Submitted By Kathy Green

Annual membership dues were due by January 15, 2024. We still have a few members who have not been in touch regarding whether you intend to continue your membership for 2024. You will have received an individual email if you're in this elite group ©.

Paying dues is simple. If you wish to send a check for dues renewal, please send your check



for \$26 to PPCC, ATTN: Treasurer/Membership Chair, P.O. Box 15034, Colorado Springs, CO 80935.

If you'd like to avoid writing a check, getting out an envelope, finding your stamps and going to the mailbox, you may pay your dues online by simply selecting this <u>link</u> and you'll be directed to a short form where we'll ask you to give us your name, select how many years you wish to pay for, and move ahead!

Payment options show PayPal, Venmo and Pay Later, simply select Pay-Pal. If you don't have a PayPal account, no worries, you'll have an option to enter your credit card information on the PayPal screen. All dues are \$26 whether paying online, via check or cash.

We will continue sending out rosters with updates as dues are paid.

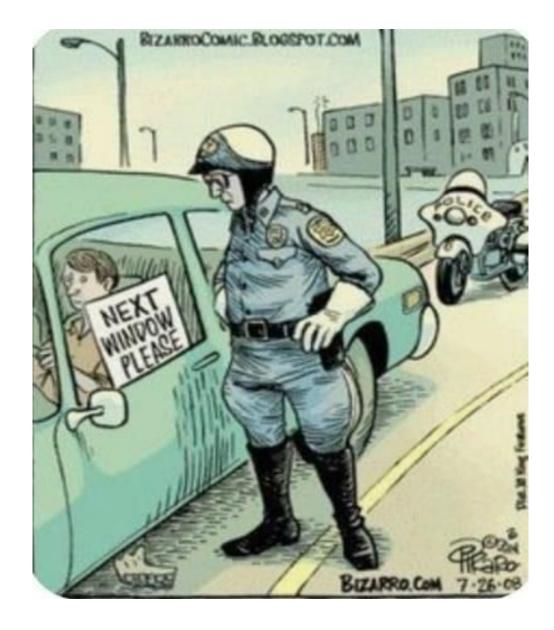
We don't take your membership for granted, and we truly value the input of all of our members. Please take a moment to update your membership dues for 2024 now, and Happy New Year!

Thank you!

Kathy Green, Your Membership Chair

DRIP QUIPS

Thanks to Chris for this one! Hopefully it doesn't apply to anyone here...



If you have a fun, amusing, touching or interesting story or picture you think can bring a smile, an 'aaaaah' or an 'eeek', please send your submission to editor@pikespeakcorvair.org attention: Drip Quips.

2024 PPCC ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

All club events will be noted on the Club's interactive calendar, located on our website, PPCC Calendar – Pikes Peak Corvair Club

- M Sunday March 17: 9:30 am Regular monthly meeting—Serranos coffee, 625 Hwy 105, Monument
- M Sunday April 21: 9:30 am Regular monthly meeting—Serranos coffee, 625 Hwy 105, Monument



Friday 17—Sunday 19 May: Tri-State weekend in Las Vegas, New Mexico

Ongoing events: see facebook for more information



First Saturdays Cars and Coffee: 8:00—10:00am., University Village Colorado - 4880-5342 North Nevada Avenue, Colorado Springs, CO (parking area between Urban Egg and Panera Bréad)

Tri-Lakes Cruisers Cars and Coffee: 8:00—11:00am, next door to Serranos in Monument, 1st Sunday of the month, starting in April



Key: M−Meeting; ← −Car Show; A−Activity

CORVAIR PARTNERS & LOCAL BUSINESSES WHICH PPCC MEMBERS HAVE FREQUENTED WITH POSITIVE RESULTS

With so many new members joining the Club, we felt it might be a good time to (re)educate folks on where they can obtain reliable parts and service for their Corvairs, both near and far.

Here are just a few of the companies our members have had good luck with in the past.

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Clarks Corvair Parts - Nuff said!!



An old school alignment shop with all of the Corvair specs, early and late. Ask for Dave! Locally owned and operated!

PPCC Admin

<u>Monthly Meetings</u>: The PPCC meets at 9:30am on the 3rd Sunday of each month at various locations within the Colorado Springs area. Check the Club's website for the most current meet-up info.

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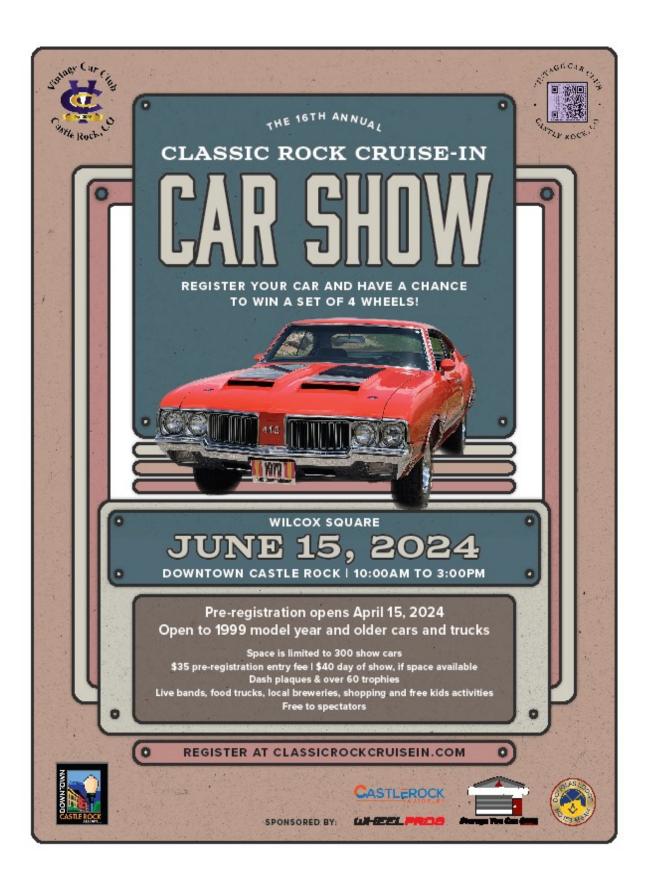
site <u>here</u> to obtain a copy of the current membership application and guidance for submission. Checks for dues should be made payable to "PPCC" and mailed to: PPCC, ATTN: Treasurer, P.O. Box 15034, Colorado Springs, CO 80935. Payment is also accepted online.

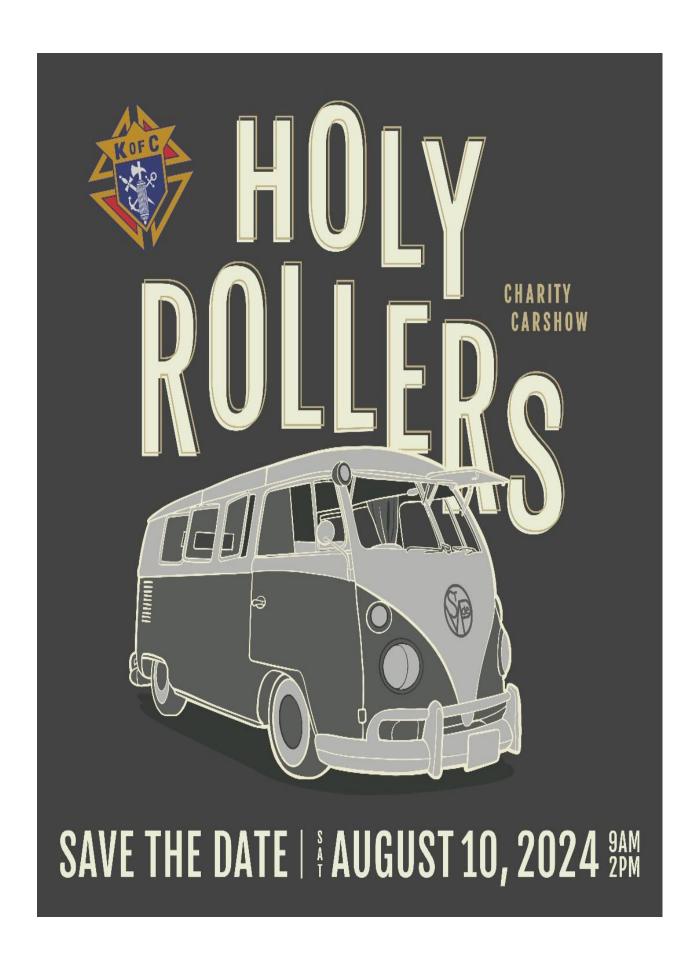
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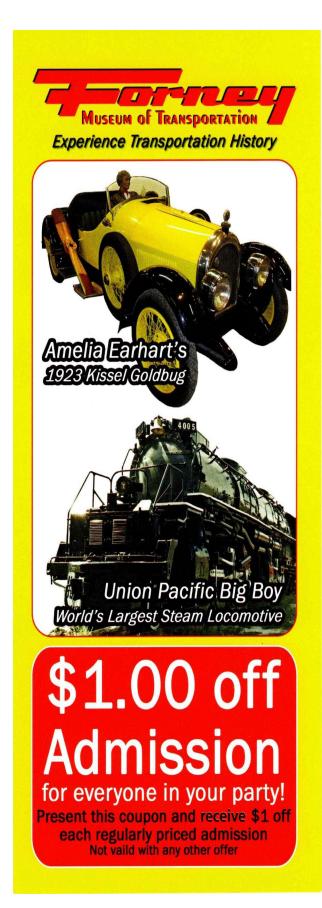


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