



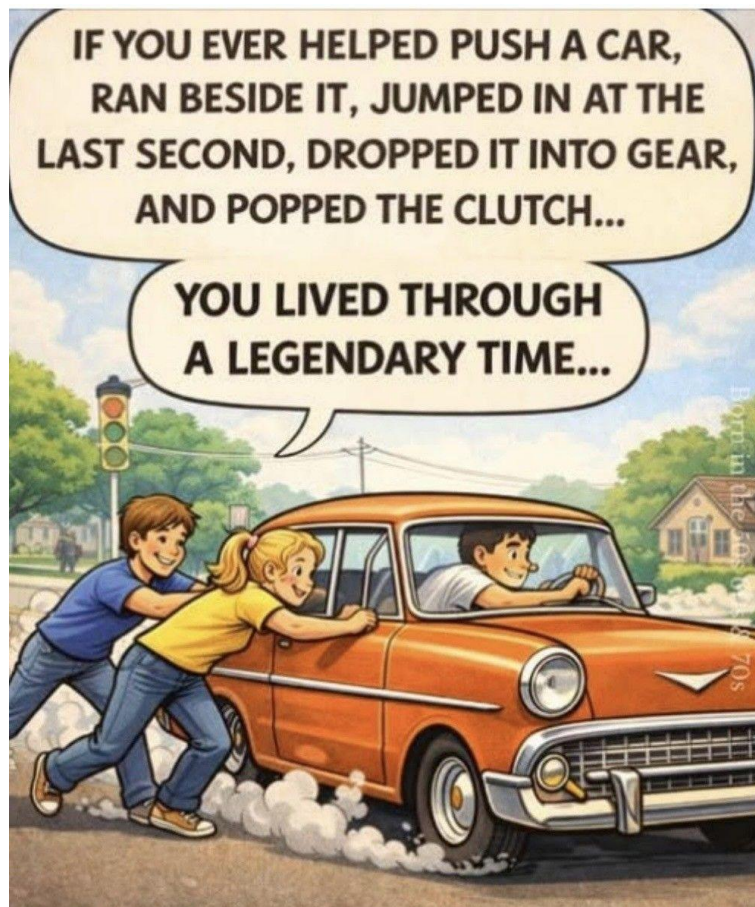
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President's Ponderings - April Fools and more

By Jerry Peevyhouse

Not sure what your best April Fools prank was, but we all have some I'm sure. Doesn't have to be elaborate to work, some of the best ones are the subtle ones, like putting black electrical tape over the TV remote sensor and seeing the families frustration of trying to turn the TV on. One I remember doing was putting vegetable oil on the steering wheel of my folks car. Dad wasn't happy, but mom didn't mind it since she didn't drive much. Fun days, but not so much anymore. Seems the older we get the less we "appreciate" the humor in all of the pranks.

As I'm writing this, I'm looking out at a dry, unusually warm day for the last half of March. A big change from the cold, windy, snowy weather that came through on March's scheduled Sunday club meeting. Because of the advanced forecast for the nasty snow, the meeting was cancelled. Wasn't a day fit for driving from the north, or south. Several car pileups on the freeway here in the Palmer Divide area. We needed the snow/moisture but it happened on the wrong day. The last half of the week here it will be extremely warm weather for March. Go figure. Can't wait to see what happens this summer with no moisture/snow this spring. Can you say fire season?



While our club wasn't in the annual St. Patrick's Day parade in the Springs this year (hope to be in it next year), we had a "mini" car show of sorts on St. Patrick's day when the Green's and Peevyhouse's got together for breakfast in Castle Rock. I had a air cleaner cover to give to John for his car, we all were hungry, so it seemed like a win-win. If you

look really closely you'll see the Shamrocks on the windshields. As usual, several people stopped and admired the cars and shared some Corvair stories. One Instagrammer took some video for her site. We're gonna be famous I guess.

Looking forward to events in April, besides the obvious ones of Easter and Earth Day, there are a few car shows and events to go to. John sent out an updated list of those events, please check them out there and in the events section of the DripLine. He also added a couple of non-car show activities for this year as just "get together events" for the club. I'm particularly interested in the Rambler Ranch visit. Sounds like a good way to see a bunch of cool stuff and get together for a picnic lunch. While you're there, you can look for one of Wayne Russert's Corvairs.

Also an April event, April 13th is when I'm scheduled for shoulder rotator cuff surgery, so I'll be out of commission for a few weeks while it heals (no driving then for a while). Not the best time of the year to have it done, but it should be fine for the Tri-State and beyond. Had the right shoulder done 3 years ago, so might as well make it a matching set. 😊 I know there are others in the club that are having health issues far worse than a bum shoulder.

Looking ahead into the summer, don't forget to register for this year's 40th Corvair Tri-State June 5-6 in Montrose. It is also the 50th anniversary of the Tri-State in Montrose, CO. There are deadlines coming up, so checkout the website for those.

Getting ready to head out and drive the 'vair again while I can. I am NOT going to say it's running great, don't have any wood around me to knock on...

Don't forget to enjoy April 15th, "National That Sucks Day". That is also the date 114 years ago the Titanic sunk. Also of course, tax day.... But on the bright side, it's Keithann's birthday and that doesn't suck. 😊

Here's to the rest of 2026. 1/4 over. So long for now, hope to see you at a car show, club meeting, or on the road.

Enjoy the journey

From the front seat of the VP

By Jon Faires

Greetings to you all!

I hope you are doing well! As we move into what feels like summer weather here in Colorado Springs after a freak snowstorm that cancelled our last meeting, I am hyper aware of our lack of moisture this “Winter.” As I am writing this, there is a large fire burning near the town of Penrose, about 20 miles south of our house. I hope that our fire crews can contain and extinguish the fire with minimum damage and no major injuries.

Leading into Spring Break we are taking some of our students to LA to perform and ‘play’ at Disneyland. I really appreciate the way Disney does things. They take a lot of care in how they run their organization. Their attention to detail is obvious with how they maintain their parks and properties. It’s the same with rehabilitating an old car. Most people see the obvious: the flawless paint, the polished chrome, the meticulously detailed engine and the showroom quality interior. What the average ‘Joe’ or ‘Jane’ at a car show rarely thinks about is the amount of time that goes into all of that work. The research, the planning, the execution, the successes and of course the failures.

I teach my kids with a “Learn from your mistakes” mentality. Now, while I don’t mind learning from my mistakes, I sure do hate the cost and time associated with my ‘learning’. Like...when I order the wrong part or I get in a hurry and screw up something that will now take twice as long to fix instead of taking my time initially. I have certainly learned to be patient while working on my 66’. I’m still making mistakes, but now I tend to get on the social media platforms and talk to club members before jumping in headfirst. The knowledge and support out there is truly incredible! It is a gift to be able to share stories and ideas with each other to continue our community moving forward.

Keep getting your registrations in for Tri-State. My wife and I are considering adding on a couple days to visit some of our favorite areas in that part of the state that we rarely get to.

Until next time...

Keep it on the road and may your 10mm always be where you left it.

Car show in Arizona

By John Green

We were in AZ for spring training games this March. Some of our past members, Dave & Cindy Arsenault, live there and work at the Peoria Sports Complex. Dave knew of a car show going on where he was going to have his Corvair in a parking lot where the Cactus Corvair Club was hoping to have a lot of Corvairs. We stopped by after a game. There were 20 or more, depending when you counted, Corvairs there of all models. There were EM's, LM's, Rampsides, Greenbrier's and a Crown conversion mid-mounted 327/350 small block. I really like Dave A's taillights on his early. Dave (President) and Cathy Wenzlick helped organize the Corvairs there. There was a whole parking lot of other cars, classic and hot rod.



Dave A. introduced us to Dave W. and a lot of the other members. Kathy and I talked up Tri-State noting that it is the 50th anniversary and it is only 8 hours away. We'll see if any make it. It would be nice.

These are just a few of the photos. Nice to

see some other Corvairs.





	<p>Sunday, April 19, PPCC Club Meeting: 9:30 a.m., Serranos coffee, 625 Hwy 105, Monument</p> <p>Sunday, May 17, PPCC Club Meeting: 9:30 a.m., Serranos coffee, 625 Hwy 105, Monument</p> <p>Sunday, June 21, PPCC Club Meeting: 9:30 a.m., Serranos coffee, 625 Hwy 105, Monument</p>
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Tri-State

By Kathy Green



Tri-State is approaching rapidly, and you won't want to miss out! This year we have the opportunity to attend a very special Tri-State event, where we'll be celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the first Tri-State event in 1976! Mark your calendars for June 5-6 in beautiful Montrose, Colorado.

Please don't forget to register for the [event](#) and get your [hotel reservations](#) in ASAP. You can register online or print out a registration form and send it with your check to the

address on the form. When making hotel reservations, use the local line and ask for the front desk.

Important deadlines:

April 19: Last Day for Tee-Shirt Orders

April 30: Last Day for Hotel Reservations

May 3: Last Day for Banquet Reservations

WE NEED YOU! Volunteers are still needed to help with various activities at the event. Volunteers are needed ***for shifts in the hospitality room, assisting with raffle ticket sales, helping during the car show passing out ballots and chatting up the Corvairs in the show, setting up/breaking down the banquet.*** If you are interested in volunteering for any of these areas, please let [Kathy Green](#) know and we'll plug you into our volunteer list. We know that several members are planning to attend and have let us know they will volunteer, but if there is something you *really* want to help out with, you'll want to let Kathy know!

If you would like to donate any raffle items, please let [Diane Tweedy-Lawler](#) know what you plan to provide.

All information is available on our [website](#). If you have questions, please don't hesitate to [contact us](#). We're looking forward to a fabulous event and can't do it without YOU!



David Huntoon (CNM) and his 1963 Monza encounter a 1941 Cadillac in Albuquerque. Thanks to Jim Pittman for the photos.



Activities to add to your calendar:

August 8th, 10am, \$17 Adult, \$15 senior & Military - [National Museum of WWII Aviation](#). Self-guided tour of exhibits, activities & aircrafts. They are at 775 Aviation Way, Colorado Springs. Then we can head over to The Airplane Restaurant at 1665 Newport Rd for lunch together. If we have more than 10 (hopefully!) we need a reservation, so I will need a head count by July 25th. We can eat in the restaurant, then will be able to wander through the fully intact Boeing KC-97 tanker.

August 22nd, 10am, \$20 - [Rambler Ranch](#) visit. They have several warehouses full of vehicles including Ramblers, AMC's, Nash, Jeep, Eagle and have expanded to 60 other manufacturers including a couple Corvairs. They also have a whole Kelvinator appliance area, along with toys and collectibles. They have a picnic area where we can have lunch (bring your own food, drink and chairs in case tables are full). They have an old gas station that sells ice cream & souvenirs. They are located at 36370 Forest Trail in Elizabeth. I figure we can meet at Franktown Elementary School at 1384 N. Hwy 83, so we can all go in together.

Review of things you should already have on your calendar:

April 18th, 9-3, \$30 - Wings & Wheels Car show @ Pueblo Welsbrod Aircraft Museum, flyer in last Drip Line;

April 18th or 19th - E-Days @ Colorado School of Mines;

April 18th - 8am, \$25 - T.A.C.T @ Stevenson Chevrolet in Lakewood;

April 19th, 930-1130 (ish), regular club meeting Serranos Coffee, 625 Hwy 105, Monument

May 17th, 930-1130 (ish), regular club meeting Serranos Coffee, 625 Hwy 105, Monument

May 17th, 9-3, \$40 – Florence Merchant’s Car Show

June 5-6 - Tri-State, Montrose;

June 20th, 10-3, park @ 8am, \$40 - Castle Rock Cruise In, Registration opens at 9am on May 1st @ thevintagecarclub.com;

June 21st, 930-1130 (ish), regular club meeting Serranos Coffee, 625 Hwy 105, Monument

July 18th - Forney Museum Dust & Shine, details to follow;

July 25th - 10-2, park @ 8am, \$15 - Rocky Mountain Car show & swap meet, flyer in last Drip Line;

Sept 27th - Fall Drive;

Dec 5th - Christmas Party, 1pm, Black Bear Diner

Hope to see many of you at many of the activities. This is one thing that keeps car clubs viable.

For monthly get togethers check facebook for various coffee and cars events.

The Pikes Peak Air Cooled meet ups on the second Saturday of the month. They do cars & coffee at Karios coffee house in Colorado Springs from 9 to 11. Then they usually go on a drive, then stop for lunch somewhere.

The Tri-Lakes Cruisers car club has cars and coffee on the first Sunday of each month starting in April. They meet near Serrano’s Coffee from 8 to 11.

local business directory

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.

NOTE: These are only recommendations only, as we do not solicit sponsors for the Club, or the newsletter. So, do your own research as well.



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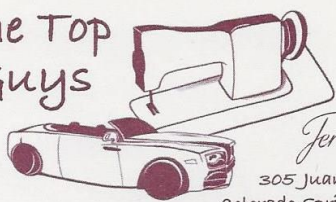


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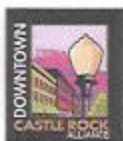
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