

The Drip Line

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Cover Photo:

A couple of our vehicles at the new meeting place in Monument

The next meeting of the Pike's Peak Corvair Club will be held on Saturday December 9 at 2:00pm at Black Bear Diner, 1340 Garden of the Gods Road, Colorado Springs



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PRESIDENT'S PONDERINGS

By Mike Piper
PPCC President

PPCC Pres Message 11-23-2023

Hi all!

As it happens, I didn't heed Kristal's request quickly so I'm typing this on Thanksgiving, maybe in advance of a snow storm. Michelle has signed up to be a snow plow driver at DIA. She is working her normal shift today and then has to report back to the airport at 03:00 hrs to plow snow if needed. Busy, busy...



This is my last assortment of grumpy club president's thoughts, at least for now. We have a new president in the wings and we'll give him our full support. Rex and Kristal Harrison are doing a lot for the club (we'll vote for Rex as president at the Christmas meal). Rex is an officer in the Royal Australian Air Force (Space Force?) so he will be able to wrangle our group. Jerry Peevyhouse has agreed to continue as VP. Kristal is doing everything else...

😊 Actually, Tony and Kathy Green are managing things like membership, 50/50, and the roster. Randy is continuing as the treasurer, and he reported that he has begun the process of mi-

grating the website to one with more flexibility and capacity. It sounds like it is not just a copy and paste operation so it will take some time. We still need an activities chair/coordinator so if you have time and interest, please step forward.

Rick Beets has asked to step away from the RMC presidency, so I've agreed to take that on. For the dual members, I'll still be president of something.

Remember, 'tis the season to start thinking about paying your dues. There is a column on the latest membership roster that shows when you need to renew in case you have forgotten as I have.

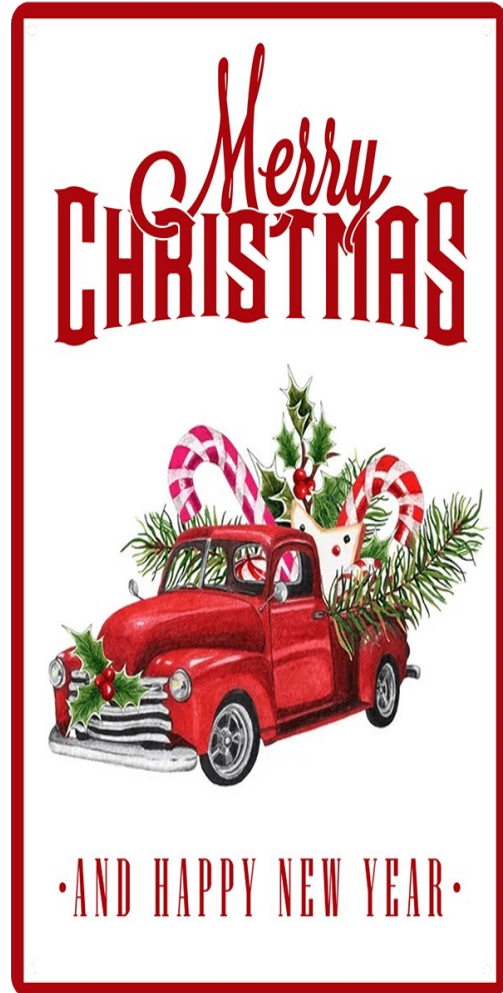
There is still a fair amount of work for me personally to do aside from getting my cars squared away. Michelle's fence is done for now, I've scattered straw on the bare dirt in her back yard to cut down on mud and erosion, and the leaves in our yard have been mulched or blown down the street but there are still inside projects to take care of and it seems the holidays are always busy. I should

have more time to get the car projects done but it will be colder in the garage.

SeeMore has been put away for the winter. Also please welcome the new members, Jonathan and Christa Faires!

To maintain my usual closing, I hope all of you are doing well and are healthy. I hope your cars are running well and not giving you grief. Take it easy, stay cheerful, stay dry, and warm enough, and drive carefully. Happy Holidays!

-Mike



Upcoming Meetings

Saturday, December 9, PPCC Christmas party and short Club Meeting: 2:00 p.m., Black Bear Diner, 1340 Garden of the Gods Road, Colorado Springs

Sunday, January 21, PPCC Club Meeting: 9:30 a.m., Serrano's coffee, 625 Hwy 105, Monument

Sunday, February 18, PPCC Club Meeting: 9:30 a.m., Serrano's coffee, 625 Hwy 105, Monument

Submitted by
Jerry Peevyhouse

VP VOLTAGE - Hope

It's not just a city in Arkansas, home to a recent president. Or the first name of a former football (soccer) goalkeeper (Hope Solo). I hope it's more than that.



Even more than hoping the Bronco's will win their next game 😊. As we are just finished with Thanksgiving, where we reflected on all we have to be thankful for, we head towards the Christmas season, where we are looking forward to the joy of a season that is the epitome of hope. Just as there are a lot of negative forces around us, hope is a universal and powerful human need and is an integral part of all our lives. As J.R.R. Tolkien wrote in *The Lord of the Rings*, "Where there's life there's hope." I think we all can remember when we were kids at Christmas hoping for that erector set, or Ho gauge train set, or, well, you fill in the blank for whatever you remember hoping for. More often than not, thankfully for me, I got what I was hoping for. But not always. Hope doesn't guarantee an outcome, but the anticipation that is associated with hope is essential to our

mental wellbeing. Medically, there have been many studies that show the importance of hope in an individual's life. Being able to visualize and overcome barriers is one of the healthy outcomes from having hope.

As one who is generally a very optimistic and, yes, hopeful person, I'm going into next month trying to not be dragged down by events I have no control over. It's hard enough just controlling me 😊. One thing I *can* control is what I focus on. So, my wife and I found a way to visually remind ourselves, and our neighborhood, of what we're going to be focusing on this month. It's just a sign, but hopefully, it reminds us of what is important.

I also hope to get my Corvair out several times this winter to keep it in good shape for next year. The club will be active next year in planning events and shows to go to, and we hope you will be part of those events, starting with the Christmas Party on Dec. 9th. More details are provided in this DripLine, and via emails sent to all members. I'm looking forward to seeing what creative

“Yankee” gifts are brought.

We also are going to continue with our monthly club meeting venue of Serranos Coffee shop in Monument as it seems to be well received based on the November meeting attendance.

Enjoy ANY warm weather this winter and get in some more road time.

Hope you have a blessed December.

Enjoy the journey,

Jerry



MEETING MINUTES– November 19, 2023

Serrano’s Coffee, Monument

Submitted By
Kristal Harrison

**PPCC Meeting Minutes
19 November 2023
Serrano’s Monument**

Meeting called to order at 0935 – 15 members on site, one visitor. No-one on zoom.

Visitors

Jonathon Faires lives in the springs, inherited his Great-uncle's 66 monza coupe a few years ago. He’s worked on the engine, is now wanting to start on the interior.

50/50

John Green distributed 50/50 tickets. \$30 won by Bonny.
Randy suggested that the 50/50 money be put into the general fund instead of the SeeMore fund, as the SeeMore fund is in good shape, with no ongoing expenses. Moved Jerry, seconded Kathy, passed.

Minutes

October meeting minutes were discussed, approved and seconded. Motion to approve by Keithanne, second by Randy.

Treasury Report

General Fund: \$1299.50
SeeMore Fund: \$2868.26
Total: \$4167.76

Mail

Outgoing mail – a card to William Pearce. No incoming mail.

Membership

One new member joining today, at the meeting (Jonathan and Christa Faires).

SeeMore

SeeMore is at Dwayne’s in a good spot for the Winter.

Old Business

An activities person is still required. Please volunteer!!!!

The Christmas party will be held on Saturday December 9th at Black Bear Diner Garden of the Gods Road, Colorado Springs at 2pm. We will be collecting Toys for Tots again this year. They are particularly looking for toys for children ages 10 and up. Please bring an unwrapped toy, or you can donate money. They have a room for us, and we can all just order off the menu (no specific Christmas menu). The club will chip in for some appetizers. We will also be doing a Yankee gift exchange – please bring a wrapped gift to the value of \$20-\$30, and mark it Man/Woman/Child/Any.

RMC's Christmas party is the following week on the 16th December.

John has an update on Jeff – he talked to Tanya – Jeff is home and is on dialysis. They don't need any help from the club at the moment, but don't have good answers from the Doctors on his ongoing issues. They do plan on attending the Christmas party, and they do appreciate our thoughts and prayers.

Don't forget to register for Tri-State. The prices will go up in March 2024.

New Business

Nominations for board members for next year are due by the November meeting for voting at the Christmas party. Rex has been voluntold for President and has accepted. Jerry is happy to continue as VP. Kristal, Randy and Glenn are all happy to continue in their positions of Secretary, Treasurer and Member at large respectfully.

We have purchased a hosting service for our website via InMotion, on Rick's suggestion, following a meeting last weekend with Rick, Kathy, Kristal, Rex and Randy. The existing website is still active, and Randy is in the process of importing all the data and building the new website. Hopefully it will be up and running in the new year. Once the new website is up and running there will be a link on the old website to redirect to the new one.

The club in general likes meeting at Serrano's - Jerry to cancel with the Golf Club and to ensure that Serrano's is booked on an ongoing basis.

Events

Trunk and Treat – John and Kathy – it was moved inside due to the weather but was well attended.

Events are pretty much done for the year.

Tech

Wayne has a white 64 convertible, and a white 61 4 door will be available if anyone wants them. Jerry “wants” one, but has no place to put it/them 😊

Mike gets calls about random cars/parts for sale. He's happy to pass on the information, as he thinks it's better for the cars to go to club members than to end up in salvage yards.

There are many places with lots of Corvair parts – if you need anything, please ask the club first.

John had a question about fuzzy V's rubber on the windows. There is nothing to stop the rain getting in if you have fuzzies and that's why they have drain holes in the bottom of the doors.

Jerry's car has been working better than ever since Tony came and helped him fix it.

Meeting adjourned at 1040.

DUE-WOP, DUE WAH—MEMBERSHIPSubmitted By
Kathy Green

It's fall. The time that pumpkin spice is in the air, we start thinking about winterizing our cars, pulling out the warm sweaters, finding our shovels and snow blowers, wondering if we should wear short sleeves, long sleeves, or 12 layers of clothes to give us options... Fall in Colorado!!

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Annual Dues

It's also time to starting thinking about club dues renewals. Dues are due by January 15, 2024, but we're always happy to receive your dues ahead of time to help with bookkeeping. If you prefer the manual method 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 and going to the mailbox, to pay your dues online simply select this [link](#) and you'll be directed to a short form where we'll ask you to update information such as address, daytime phone, etc. If you have no changes, just 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 PayPal. 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.

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, before the rush of the holidays.

Thank you!

Kathy Green, Your Membership Chair

Volunteer Opportunities

Submitted By
Kristal Harrison

PPCC is **STILL** looking for a volunteer to fill the Events coordinator for the club. The primary duty of this role is finding events that club members may wish to attend and either creating/setting up the event, or promoting the event (if provided by a different organization).

Activities can be 'formal' such as a visit to a museum or exhibit, or just a nice drive together for a meal or snack (ice cream is always popular!).

Our club is special because of our members—please consider how you can help!

Please also think about nominating someone or volunteering yourself for board member positions. Nominations will be called for in October and November, and voting will take place at the Christmas Party in December.



BE THE ONE WHO MAKES A DIFFERENCE

TECH TIP: COLD WEATHER TIPS

Submitted By Steve Goodman
Pilfered from Vol42, No.9, Sept 2019

There are still a number of us who drive our Corvairs the year round. Spring/summer/fall is when our concerns have to do with keeping the engine cool in hot temps on the highway. We have windows down and many open the fresh air vents under the dash for a flow of air through the passenger cabin. BUT when cold temperatures arrive that draft is not welcome.

Hopefully your heater is working as it should. The worst thing is having a cold draft on your knee or even worse is on your wife's ankle. The draft almost always comes from the fresh air vents and no matter how hard the knobs are pushed inward that cold air is winning.

Late models seem to suffer from the leakage more than earlies. Remove the grill and look at the rubber seal closely. If it has hardened/cracked/deformed or pieces missing it is impossible to stop the cold air. Fixing is fairly easy too. Removal of the vent door is simple, look at the spring loaded shaft and just push against the spring and pull outward. You can buy the foam flapper from vendors cut to shape; I keep the flat rubber here and just cut the outline when needed. Grind the old rivets off and use the metal reinforcements as a pattern and pop rivet the pieces back together.

Also the large piece that covers the corner under the dash is caulked into place. If that caulking fails then cold air can leak around it. The fresh air comes from the grill on the front cowl and usually if seal is poor there will be water on your carpet after rain or washing your car. Two sheet metal screws hold it in place. Clean the old caulking and use either rope caulk or RTV in a tube for sealant.



Another cold air entry is a missing grommet around speedo cable into the car. I

have always been amazed that such a small hole partly hidden by the front of the body can let so much cold air under the dash. Fix is either used or new grommet, easy to do.

Now I have left out the roof rail rubber seals and quarter window seals, most of the time those are good already to help prevent air noise while driving down the road.



Christmas Party time!!!

Saturday December 9 @ 2:00pm

Black Bear Diner, 1340 Garden of the Gods Road, Colorado Springs

Please bring an unwrapped toy for ages 10+ for Toys for Tots.

Please bring a wrapped gift to the value of \$25-30 for the Yankee gift exchange.

Please clearly label the gift for Man, Woman, Either or Child.



DRIP QUIPS

If you are sick of my jokes, please send me yours!



If you have a fun, amusing, touching or interesting story or picture you think can bring a smile, an 'aaaaah' or an 'eek', please send your submission to Kristal_rex1@yahoo.ca attention: Drip Quips.

2023—2024 PPCC ACTIVITIES CALENDAR


All club events will be noted on the Club’s interactive calendar, located on our website, <https://pikespeakcorvairclub.wixsite.com/ppcc/calendar>

- M Saturday December 9: 2:00pm Christmas Party and short monthly meeting —Black Bear Diner, 1340 Garden of the Gods Road
- M Sunday January 21: 9:30 am Regular monthly meeting—**new location**—Serrano’s coffee shop, 625 Hwy 105, Monument
- M Sunday February 18: 9:30 am Regular monthly meeting—Serrano’s coffee shop, 625 Hwy 105, Monument
- M Sunday March 17: 9:30 am Regular monthly meeting—Serrano’s coffee shop, 625 Hwy 105, Monument

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 Bread)



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.

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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