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Next Meeting: Regular Meeting: Saturday, April 6, 2024 10:00 AM Highland Senior Center , 131 Monroe St NE, Albuquerque, NM 87108

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Corvair Tri-State Logo 2024



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CNM April 2024 Newsletter Articles—Greg Nelson

Programs

Since we only have two more meetings before the TriState we will forego the meeting programs until June. March's meeting went slightly overtime and that was primarily due to discussing some of the minutia about the convention. We will continue to discuss TriState details this month and the next.

TriState Update

The registration tote bags have been picked up and Brenda is stuffing them full of goodies. The T-shirts have also been delivered and Lupe is placing them in the totes and labeling them with the registrant's name. I met with Michelle Sandoval, El Fidel catering manager, and we briefly discussed a budget and menu for the dinner buffet. She will submit a couple of menus for us to review. We have extended the early bird registration date to Tax Day – April 15th.



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Report for CNM Treasury

Account for February/March 2024

| Date | Check | Amount | Payee | Description | Balance | Running Balance |
|-----------|-------|---------|--|-------------|---------|-----------------|
| 29-Feb-24 | | | | | | \$5,080.24 |
| 29-Feb-24 | 828 | 50.00 | Shortle, Tim - Banquet Tri-State 2024 | | 50.00 | \$5,130.24 |
| 29-Feb-24 | 1100 | 100.00 | Peevyhouse, Jerry & Keithann - 2x Banquets | | 100.00 | \$5,230.24 |
| 29-Feb-24 | 2924 | 160.00 | Olwine, Dave & Brenna - 2x Banquets & 2x Shirts | | 160.00 | \$5,390.24 |
| 29-Feb-24 | 119 | 160.00 | Harrison, Richard & Kristal - 2x Banquets & 2x Shirts | | 160.00 | \$5,550.24 |
| 1-Mar-24 | 7761 | 80.00 | Goodman, Steve - 1x Banquet & 1x Shirt | | 80.00 | \$5,630.24 |
| 4-Mar-24 | 1185 | 180.00 | Williams, Jim - 1x Banquet & 1x Shirt | | 80.00 | \$5,710.24 |
| | | | Delaney, Aaron - 1x Banquet | | 50.00 | \$5,760.24 |
| | | | Delaney, Sean - 1x Banquet | | 50.00 | \$5,810.24 |
| 4-Mar-24 | 2310 | 80.00 | Beets, Rick - 1x Banquet & 1x Shirt | | 80.00 | \$5,890.24 |
| 5-Mar-24 | 1530 | 50.00 | Price, Terry - 1x Banquet | | 50.00 | \$5,940.24 |
| 6-Mar-24 | 4486 | 95.00 | Huntoon, Dave - 1x Banquet & 1x Shirt | | 95.00 | \$6,035.24 |
| 10-Mar-24 | 1645 | 25.00 | Heil, William - CNM Dues 1 year - renewal 3-25 | | 25.00 | \$6,060.24 |
| 10-Mar-24 | 907 | 50.00 | Gonzales, Ray & Lilly - CNM Dues 26 Mts - renewal 5/26 | | 50.00 | \$6,110.24 |
| 18-Mar-24 | 2602 | -780.00 | Northgate Design - T-Shirts for Tri-State | | -780.00 | \$5,330.24 |
| 27-Mar-24 | 7590 | 25.00 | Gold, Art CNM Dues 1year - renewal 4/25 | | 25.00 | \$5,355.24 |
| 27-Mar-24 | 2603 | -49.56 | Steve Gongora - CNM Anniversary Dessert | | -49.56 | \$5,305.68 |

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I've also sent out the registration form and new early bird registration date to all the Corvair clubs in neighboring states.

Surprise Visitor

Well, who do we have here? One of my other 'expensive' hobbies is model trains. Our club has a layout in the strip mall at Wyoming & Manual next door to the hobby shop. Larry happened to be visiting the hobby shop and decided to pop in and say hello. He did mention that he has conflicting duties and meetings on the first Saturday which is why he's been absent. I told him no worries and it was a pleasure to see him.

50th Anniversary

The club celebrated its 50th anniversary with a late lunch at Santa Fe Bite in Santa Fe. Thanks go to Kay, Brenda, Rita, and Steve for organizing this event. Thanks also to Steve for his post lunch speech. We had 24 members and family attend. I was in Sante Fe early to

pay a visit to the History Museum which required walking through the Plaza. Lupe and Jim were also in the Plaza, and they ran into TV star Zahn McClarnon. He played the Native American Sheriff in Longmire. Rats, I must have just missed him.



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Phone Museum

A while back the club paid a visit to the phone museum on 4th Street in Albuquerque. The club also made a donation to the museum and for that we got a plaque on the wall. It even includes our club emblem. As you tour the museum it's amazing to think how far telephone technology has gone considering what can be done on today's smartphones.



Blast From the Past

Club member Robert Gold sent in this photo of Ed Black Chevrolet (courtesy of Joyce Clements of the NMCCC). Note the '63 Chevy in the showroom and the Corvair on the street.



Take a Stand

Many of us spend so much time working under just stands that we forget how extremely slowly it is to remove someone nearly 2000 people are injured each year due to jack stand failures. Use a few simple standards of common sense jack stands a relatively safe way to work under your car.

WATCH THE WEIGHT

Jack stands should have a weight rating. (Often at 2000 lbs.) They are rated in 1000 lb. increments. Do not exceed the weight rating. If you use 2000 lb. jack stands on the shaft of your load (the part that is not the base) you will need to use a second set of jack stands to support the shaft. They're the lower rating set's intended for the "normal" load shaft. A pair provides a sufficient margin of safety for most under-car work.

TRACE THE LOAD PATH

The best jack stands in the world will fail in the wrong way. If you use a set of jack stands on a proper jack point, if they are not doing you beyond the imagination of the car's design engineers, they're a part of the car designed to bear the weight of the car when it's on the ground. For the frame rails or the rear differential. A suspension or frame brace that doesn't support and wasn't designed to bear load is not designed to bear a load.

STAND IT

Make sure your jacks are up in the air, then to see how far they're off you can't see them. You gotta check it. And don't be afraid of it. Yes, doing the rest of your car hanging in the ground if the stands are not good. Better over than under the car.

DRIFT SYSTEM

Being so sure that you are holding underneath a car should be realistic. If they don't know how you're a while, they have to check all your work being. *By Mike Smith*

Random Corvairs

I insure my two Corvairs with Hagerty and get their monthly magazine. I usually read several of the articles and peruse the rest. In this month's edition the Tool Room column features a Corvair on jack stands and discusses a few things to keep you safe when working underneath any car. I do it exactly like in the photo. I use jack stands but I also keep the floor jack in position. I even use the equipped tire jack stand. And I keep my cell phone nearby 'just in case'.

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Trash Day

Our first trash day of the year was cancelled due to snow. But that didn't keep me and Dave from visiting the Roots Farm Café. And it seems the Café is now animal friendly. That is Gary by the fireplace. He's a baby Nubian goat. And boy was he popular. They also have outdoor cats, with muddy feet, that love warm car hoods (that's my 2007 Mazda Speed3).



Guess How Much?

This box contains Clark's Ultimate Suspension kit for the '63 Spyder and front and back shock absorbers. It's a tad heavy and retailed at \$1800. The shippers at Clark's must play a lot of Tetris because there were no empty voids in this box. It was jammed packed.

Meeting Photos—Courtesy of Jim Pittman



Meeting Notes—March 2, 2024 Dave Huntoon

15 members were present

Treasurer reports \$5630.24 with accounts up to date.

VP Robert confirmed the Car Council Museum Car Show will be May 19th. Again in conflict with our TriState meet.

Brenda and Lupe provided updates on the TriState. Including volunteer signup sheets, could always use more help!

Goodie bags/treats and status of T-shirts orders. We also discussed head count (53), reservations (21)), cars registered (23),

and T-shirts (20). More expected in next 2+ months as usual. Discussed logistics for awards, silent auction, ballots and

badge for the banquet. A planned short video presentation was postponed as we went a little long time wise.

thanks, David

Board Meeting Notes: March 20, 2024 5:30 PM

Attendees at the home of Steve and Rita Gongora included Jim & Lupe Arellanes, Brenda Stickler, Greg Nelson, Robert and Anne Mae Gold, and Dave Huntoon. March 20,2024

Las Vegas Tri-State Meeting—Looking for back issues for the Tri-State - to publish on the website

Greg is going Friday for the shirts - all accounted for | He will visit the catering facility for confirmation on the details of the Banquet (Michelle) | Name tags to attach to the shirts



Birthdays in April

Elizabeth Domzalski 4/9

Robert McBreen 4/7

Alex & Kate Johnson 4/25

Katie Trujillo 4/6

Andy Trujillo 4/13

Happy Anniversary

Anniversaries in April

Robert & Connie McBreen 4/1

Tim & Lilian Shortle 4/1

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| Monday April 1, 2024 | ***** | Target completion of newsletter |
| Saturday, April 6, 2024 | 10:00 AM | Meeting—Highland Senior Center , 131 Monroe St NE, Alb. NM 87108 |
| Wednesday, April 17, 2024 | 7:00 PM | Board Meeting—3rd Wednesday via Zoom |
| Wednesday, April 24, 2024 | 7:00 PM | Car Council Meeting – 4 th Wednesday Manzano Mesa Senior Center , 501 Elizabeth St SE, Alb, NM 87123 |
| Friday April 26, 2024 | 9:00 PM | Deadline for Newsletter |
| Monday, April 29, 2024 | ***** | Target completion of newsletter |
| Saturday, May 4, 2024 | 10:00 AM | Meeting—Highland Senior Center , 131 Monroe St NE, Alb. NM 87108 |
| Wednesday, May 15, 2024 | 7:00 PM | Board Meeting—3rd Wednesday via Zoom |
| Friday May 17, 18,19 2024 | All Day | 39TH ANNUAL CORVAIR TRI-STATE IN LAS VEGAS, NM |
| Wednesday, May 22, 2024 | 7:00 PM | Car Council Meeting – 4 th Wednesday Manzano Mesa Senior Center , 501 Elizabeth St SE, Alb, NM 87123 |
| Friday May 24, 2024 | 9:00 PM | Deadline for Newsletter |
| Monday, May 27, 2024 | ***** | Target completion of newsletter |
| Monday June 1, 2024 | 10:00 AM | Meeting—Highland Senior Center , 131 Monroe St NE, Alb. NM 87108 |
| Wednesday, June 19, 2024 | 7:00 PM | Board Meeting—3rd Wednesday via Zoom |
| Wednesday, June 26, 2024 | 7:00 PM | Car Council Meeting – 4 th Wednesday Manzano Mesa Senior Center , 501 Elizabeth St SE, Alb, NM 87123 |
| Friday June 28, 2024 | 9:00 PM | Deadline for Newsletter |
| Monday, July 1, 2024 | ***** | Target completion of newsletter |



Guess What? Corvairs of New Mexico is celebrating their 50th year as a club. It started with Pete Colburn collecting information from the Motor Vehicle Department and connecting with like minded people getting together to start something which has lasted probably longer than anyone could have imagined. Pete was able to connect with Jim Pittman, Francis Boydston and Dale Housely and met at the home of Pete's parents. The rest is history as they say. David Huntoon suggested we create a sticker for this special event and he has window stickers available. **Get yours at the next meeting!!**

Dues Due

send your Dues to:
CNM Treasurer
Steve Gongora
8419 Palo Duro Ave NE
Albuquerque, NM 87111-3238

Due in March

Mark Morgan - inactive as of April 2024

Due in April

John Dinsdale - inactive as of May 2024

Due in May

Mark & Elizabeth Domzalski - inactive as of June 2024

Joel Yelich & Valerie Nye - inactive as of June 2024

Due in June

Steve Johnson - inactive as of July 2024

David Pierre - inactive as of July 2024

Fred Riggs II - inactive as of July 2024

Inactive:

John & Tracy McMahan - inactive as of February 2024

Phil Finch - inactive as of March 2024

Clifton & Katie Trujillo as of Sept 2023

Thank you for supporting

Corvairs of New Mexico

Schedule of Dues: CNM: 12 months = \$25.00 or 26 months = \$50.00 - CORSA: 12 months = \$45.00 or 26 months = \$90.00

If you want to pay CNM and CORSA to Treasurer: Both memberships 12 months = \$70.00 or 26 months = \$140.00

CNM Anniversary Dinner at Santa Fe Bite—Steve Gongora

It is hard to believe that someone’s vision would still be an active reality 50 years later. Back in 1974 Pete Colburn was able to get a list of Corvair owners from the Department of Motor Vehicles and contacted the owners and created an organization that has weathered the test of time. Pete was able to meet at his home with Jim Pittman, Francis Boydston, Mark Morgan, Dale Housley, and Carl Johnson and discuss the future of a club. The first official meeting was organized at a local racing garage owned by Duncan Puett. I was in attendance with the encouragement of Bill Seno, who had heard about the meeting. By the way Bill was roommates with Mike Stickler. The club grew fast and official rules were put in place to help guide and stabilize the organization. The guidelines are available on Jim Pittman’s CNM website. Please visit the website when you can and learn a more in-depth understanding of the club. <https://www.unm.edu/~jimp/>

Through the years the club has organized events such as dinners, field trips, car shows and multi-car club interactions. We were able to host the National CORSA Convention in 1996. It was quite the event.

Sadly, many members have passed, on but CNM is thriving with new members. I would like to thank our President Greg Nelson for his continuing energy and the positive direction he has taken CNM. Thanks to the rest of the team for taking on the baton to keep things running.

Lastly, Thank You Santa Fe Bite and crew, especially Bonnie, for making our CNM 50th Anniversary a success

The **Rough Riders** was a nickname given to the **1st United States Volunteer Cavalry**, one of three such regiments raised in 1898 for the Spanish–American War and the only one to see combat. The United States Army was small, understaffed, and disorganized in comparison to its status during the American Civil War roughly thirty years prior. Following the sinking of USS *Maine*, President William McKinley needed to muster a strong ground force swiftly, which he did by calling for 125,000 volunteers to assist in the war. The U.S. had gone to war in opposition to Spanish colonial policies in Cuba, which was then torn by a rebellion. The regiment was also nicknamed "**Wood's Weary Walkers**" for its first commander, Colonel Leonard Wood. This reflected their dissatisfaction that despite being cavalry, they ended up fighting in Cuba as infantry, since their horses were not sent there with them.

Wood's second in command was former Assistant Secretary of the Navy Theodore Roosevelt, a strong advocate for the Cuban War of Independence. When Wood was promoted to become commander of the 2nd Cavalry Brigade, the regiment became known as "Roosevelt's Rough Riders". That term was borrowed from Buffalo Bill, who called his traveling Western show "Buffalo Bill's Wild West and Congress of Rough Riders of the World."^[2]

The original plan called for the regiment to be composed of frontiersmen from the Indian Territory, the New Mexico Territory, the Arizona Territory, and the Oklahoma Territory. However, after Roosevelt joined the ranks, it attracted an odd mixture of Ivy League athletes, glee club singers, Texas Rangers, and Native Americans. All accepted into the regiment had to be skilled horsemen and eager to see combat. The Rough Riders would receive more publicity than any other Army unit in that war, and they are best remembered for their conduct during the Battle of San Juan Hill, though it is seldom mentioned how heavily they outnumbered Spanish soldiers who opposed them. Several days after the Battle of San Juan Hill, the Spanish fleet sailed from Cuba, and in only a few weeks an armistice ending the fighting was signed. Despite the brevity of their service, the Rough Riders became legendary, thanks in large part to Roosevelt's writing his own history of the regiment and the silent film reenactments made years later.

The volunteers were gathered in four areas: Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas. They were gathered mainly from the southwest because the hot climate region that the men were used to was similar to that of Cuba where they would be fighting. "The difficulty in organizing was not in selecting, but in rejecting men." The allowed limit set for the volunteer cavalry men was promptly met. With news trickling down of Spanish aggression and the sinking of the USS *Maine*, men flocked from every corner of the regions to display their patriotism. They gathered a diverse bunch of men consisting of cowboys, gold or mining prospectors, hunters, gamblers, Native Americans, and college boys—all of whom were able-bodied and capable on horseback and in shooting. Half the unit would come from New Mexico according to Roosevelt. Among these men were also police officers and military veterans who wished to see action again, most of whom had already retired. Thirty years removed from any armed conflict, men who had served in the regular army during campaigns against Native Americans or during the Civil War sought out to serve as higher-ranking officers, since they already had the knowledge and experience to lead and train the men. The unit thus would not be without experience. Leonard Wood, an Army doctor who served as the medical adviser for both the President and Secretary of War, was appointed colonel of The Rough Riders, with Roosevelt serving as lieutenant colonel. One particularly famous spot where volunteers were gathered was in San Antonio, Texas, at the Menger Hotel Bar. The bar is still open and serves as a tribute to the Rough Riders, containing much of their and Theodore Roosevelt's uniforms and memories.^[8]

Before training began, Lieutenant Colonel Roosevelt used his political influence as Assistant Secretary of the Navy to ensure that his volunteer regiment would be as properly equipped to serve as any regular Army unit. The Rough Riders were armed with Model 1896 Carbines in caliber .30 US (i.e., .30-40 Krag). "They succeeded in getting their cartridges, Colt Single Action Army revolvers, clothing, shelter-tents, and horse gear ... and in getting the regiment armed with the Springfield Krag carbine used by the regular cavalry." The Rough Riders also used Bowie knives. A last-minute gift from a wealthy donor were a pair of modern tripod mounted, gas-operated M1895 Colt–Browning machine guns in 7mm Mauser caliber.

In contrast, the uniforms of the regiment were designed to set the unit apart: "The Rough Rider uniform was a slouch hat, blue flannel shirt, brown trousers, leggings, and boots, with handkerchiefs knotted loosely around their necks. They looked exactly as a body of cowboy cavalry should look." This "rough and tumble" appearance contributed to earning them the title of "The Rough Riders."

Training was very standard, even for a cavalry unit. They worked on basic military drills, protocol, and habits involving conduct, obedience, and etiquette to improve their overall physique and mental status. The men proved eager to learn what was necessary and the training went smoothly. It was decided that the men would not be trained to use the saber as cavalry often did, as they had no experience with it. Instead, they used their carbines and revolvers as primary and secondary weapons. Although the men, for the most part, were already experienced horsemen, the officers refined their techniques in riding, shooting from horseback, and practicing in formations and in skirmishes. Along with these practices, the high-ranking men heavily studied books filled with tactics and drills to better themselves in leading the others. During times which physical drills could not be run, either because of confinement on board the train, ship, or during times where space was inadequate, there were some books that were read further as to leave no time wasted in preparation for war. The competent training that the volunteer men received prepared them best as possible for their duty. While training methods were standard, mass mobilization of troops from many different regions led to a very high death rate due to disease, especially typhoid fever. The total number of deaths attributed to disease and "other causes" during the Spanish–American War was 5,083. A significant number of these deaths actually occurred at training areas in the southeastern United States.

Tri-State Registration: Here is a registration you can fill and send for the Las Vegas, NM Meet.



Accommodations:

The Castaneda &
The Plaza Hotel

Car Show Hotel:

The Castaneda Hotel

Banquet Hotel:

The Historic El Fidel Hotel

The Castaneda Hotel, a historic Fred Harvey House has 18 rooms reserved for out-of-state attendees with a 2-night minimum. Overflow attendees will be directed to the historic Plaza Hotel.

Phone Calls ONLY for Reservations: (505) 425-3591 for both hotels; mention "Corvair Tri-State" for our negotiated 15% discount; prices per night range from \$84 to \$143/night; payment collected upon reservation.

All are Welcome to our 39th Corvair Tri-State May 17, 18, 19, 2024 in Historic Las Vegas, New Mexico

COSTS:

Registrant 1> _____ @ \$50/\$65 → \$ _____

Registrant 2> _____ @ \$50/\$65 → \$ _____

Address/City & State: _____

Club Affiliation: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Order your Event T-Shirt/Crew Neck: @ \$30 ea. → \$ _____

Car Show Entry: (S,M,L,XL,XXL,XXXL ...): _____ Grand Total \$

1> Car Year: _____ Car Body Style: _____ Car Color: _____

Car Points Interest: _____

2> Car Year: _____ Car Body Style: _____ Car Color: _____

Car Points Interest: _____

Banquet & Car Show Cost: Early Bird \$50 Adult; price increase after March 1, 2024 → \$65.

Send this form and a check payable to: "Corvairs of NM"; mail % Steve Gongora, 8419 Palo Duro NE, Albuquerque, NM 87111; Email questions to: tristatecorvairs@gmail.com

Visit our website *Virtual Visitors' Center* to view excursion ideas: www.tristatecorvairs.com

2024 Tri-State News

... by Lupe Arellanes

City Selection: Las Vegas, New Mexico; **Dates:** May 17th-18th-19th 2024.

Host Hotels:

Banquet Hotel: The El Fidel Hotel.

Accommodations: The Castaneda Hotel & The Plaza Hotel.

Car Show Hotel: The Castaneda Hotel.



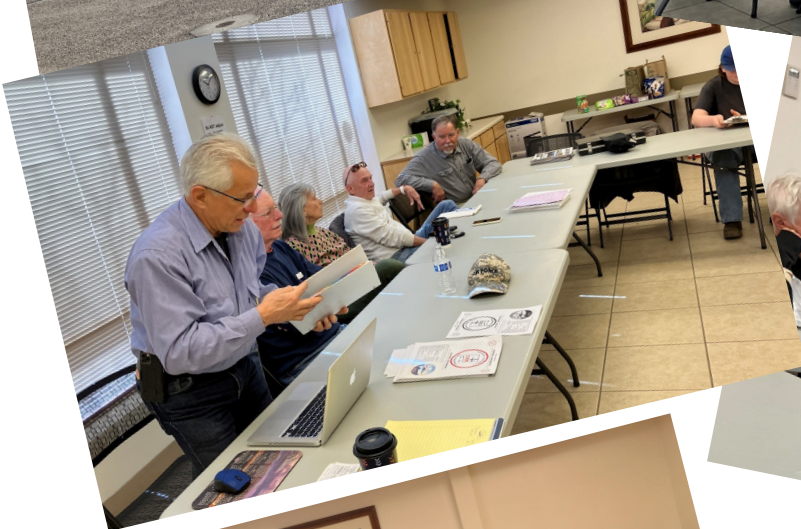
Teddy Roosevelt in his
Rough Rider Attire

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Banquet/Show Cost: Early Bird \$50 Adult; Price Increase after

April 15, 2024 → \$65. (deadline extended)

CNM March Meeting—Photos by Jim Pittman



Corvairs of New Mexico—50th Anniversary Dinner at Santa Fe Bite—March 23, 2024

