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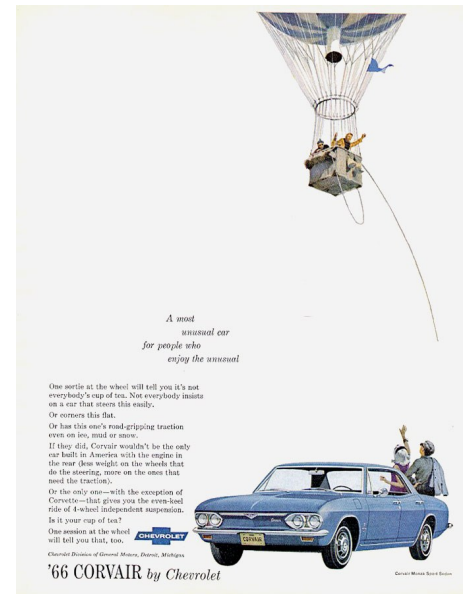
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Next Meeting: Regular Meeting: Saturday, April 4, 2026 10:00 AM

Palo Duro Senior Center, 5221 Palo Duro Ave NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110

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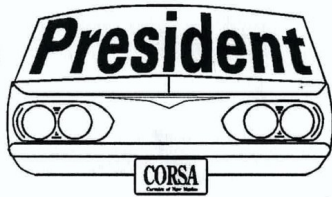


On the Cover: Corvairs on Display in Madrid, NM

Late Model Corvair Advertising (lower right)

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From the
Greg Nelson



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CNM April 2026 Newsletter Articles—Greg Nelson

Excused Absence

Unfortunately, I will miss the April meeting. Easter falls on the same weekend, and I promised my Texas family I would visit more often after retirement. Easter and Thanksgiving are the two holidays in which all the extended families meet in one location, so I added Easter to my return trip list. But never fear (Underdog is here), Robert Gold will take charge of the meeting.

Museum Car Show

The NMCCC's first big car event of 2026 is the Museum Car Show on May 18th. We had a great turnout last year and I think we should try again to get a dozen or so Corvairs together in one spot. The Car Council has said the gates will not open before 6:00am so we can sleep in a bit that morning. Entry fee is still \$10. We will discuss the show during the May meeting in greater detail.

June Meeting

No meeting on June 6th; most members will be at Tri-State. I wonder if any of the long-term members recall this happening in the past. I might have suggested meeting the following week, but I do not think Palo Duro is prepared for that. So, we will have an informal meeting during the Tri-State car show.

Tri-State

It looks like there will be two convoys headed to Montrose this year. The first is leaving on Thursday from Santa Fe. If you are traveling the same day chat with Tarmo and Jim to coordinate location and departure time. The second convoy leaves Albuquerque on Friday and we have agreed to meet at the Sandia Casino gas station at 9:00am. So far that includes me, Dave Huntoon and Larry Yoffe. At the May meeting we will discuss places to fill up

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Report for CNM Treasury Account for March 2026

Date	Check	Amount	Payee	Description	Amt	Running Balance
1-Feb-26						\$6,341.00
1-Feb-26	Cash	70.00	McDuffie, Russ	Membership 1 year CORSA & CNM exp Feb 27	70.00	\$6,411.00

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and have lunch.

Trash Pickup

This month we will meet at Mile Marker 6 on the west bound shoulder just east of the sign. There are at least two highway runoff drains at this location so it will be a target rich environment. And since it has not rained recently (knock, knock) the mosquitoes should be absent.



Supervan Seat—Steve Gongora

I've been trying to upholster the seat on my 64 Corvan since I retired but there is always something that takes me in other directions. My main roadblock has been the dash. Maaco removed that roadblock a few months ago by painting not only the dash but by putting a nice blue stripe to give it better curb appeal. With the dash painted, I was able to finish off the sound system and the next step is the seat. I focused my attention on the seat this week past week and upgraded the cushion and lean back with a matching material that I used 30 years ago when I recovered it last. I added a nice florentine blue fabric on the sides and finished off with a white vinyl on top with a strip of Silver to finish it off. I have a few more improvements to come in the next few months. When I dismantled the seat, I found a sticker that showed the seat was put together at the factory in May of the build month. Below I have pictures of the seat before and after.



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CNM Meeting March 7, 2026—David Huntoon

13 members present

A potential/new member present. Liam Dyson purchased Ray and Lilly Gonzales' 1964 green 4 door and has been driving it regularly. Liam is from England and was a mechanic in the British Army, so working on vehicles should be just fine. I have some old literature and owners manuals that should help him get familiar with his car.

Greg Nelson reminded people that he has the CNM jackets for people to pick up.

Treasurer Jim reports \$6360.00 current. Jim donated \$200.00 to the club for David Huntoon services on his personal Corvair. Russ McDuffie paid \$70.00 for membership in CORSA and CNM, Jim also let us know he has a transmission issue with his car. An automatic that will not shift out of first. Checked out a few things recently but did not solve anything. More trouble shooting later. Members suggested to look at the e-clip. The governor has been replaced and it didn't solve the problem

VP Robert Gold mentioned May 17 is the museum car show. No conflict this year with the Tri-State so expecting a good turnout of our Corvairs. There is a \$10.00 entry fee for showing your car.

Pat Hall is still recuperating from his fall. He had a 3-week stay at the hospital for a broken pelvis. These injuries often take awhile to recover and feel normal again. Renee was able to finish his contract with the City of Albuquerque for scrap removal.

David Huntoon had a problem with his clutch cable. He brought it to the meeting to show it was frayed and needed replacement. He replaced the cable and the car is perfect.

Our anniversary luncheon in Madrid at the Mine Shaft Tavern on March 14th. We will meet at 12:30 PM on north 14 at the Shell gas station.

Some people will leave for Tri-State on Thursday and others have plans for the Friday to caravan. For those leaving on Friday, we are to meet at the Valero gas station on I 25 across from Sandia Casino at 9:00 AM.

Steve and his Supervan now have a booming audio setup. Installed by one of his friends that does custom installs, nice!

Tarmo bought Corvair oil filters from NAPA with the AC decal on the filter. The cost for the filter was \$32.00. (Part # 1038) He bought a \$55.00 Bluetooth amp bar to listen to music in his 1965 Corsa.

Larry Yoffee needs a passenger late-model kick panel (black in color) for his red convertible. He also mentioned that Platinum Detailing did an excellent job detailing his car. They charged him \$125.00

Matt's Recovery in Utah has several videos on YouTube of his modified Corvair rescuing stranded vehicles.

A luncheon after the meeting will be a few blocks away on San Mateo at the Grill.

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TYPE	DATE	TIME	SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
Club Matters	Saturday, April 4,	10:00 AM	Members' Meeting--1st Saturday, 10 am: Palo Duro Center, 5221 Palo Duro Ave NE, Alb, NM 87110 Coffee/Lunch following Meeting at nearby: To be Announced at Meeting
Club Matters	Saturday, April 11,	8:30 AM	TRASH-PICK UP on Route 66; meet at Cider Bar; 340-364 NM-33; frontage parking lot
Club Matters	Wednesday, April 15,	7:00 PM	Board Meeting--3rd Wednesday via Zoom, 7pm
Club Matters	Wednesday, April 22,	6:30 PM	Car Council Meeting – 4th Wednesday, 6:30 PM; Manzano Mesa Senior Center, 501 Elizabeth St SE, Alb, NM 87123
Club Matters	Friday, April 24,	--	Deadline for Newsletter -4th Friday
Club Matters	Saturday, May 2,	10:00 AM	Members' Meeting--1st Saturday, 10am: Palo Duro Center, 5221 Palo Duro Ave NE, Alb, NM 87110 Coffee/Lunch following Meeting at nearby: To be Announced at Meeting
Club Matters	Saturday, May 9,	8:30 AM	TRASH-PICK UP on Route 66; meet at Cider Bar; 340-364 NM-33; frontage parking lot
Club Matters	Sunday, May 17	7:00 AM	Museum Car Show--Meet to caravan in to the show
Club Matters	Wednesday, May 20,	7:00 PM	Board Meeting--3rd Wednesday via Zoom, 7pm
Club Matters	Wednesday, May 27,	6:30 PM	Car Council Meeting – 4th Wednesday, 6:30 PM; Manzano Mesa Senior Center, 501 Elizabeth St SE, Alb, NM 87123
Club Matters	Friday, May 29,	--	Deadline for Newsletter -4th Friday
Club Matters	June 6 *Cancelled *	10:00 AM	Members' Meeting--1st Saturday, 10am: Palo Duro Center, 5221 Palo Duro Ave NE, Alb, NM 87110
Tri-State	June 5-7		50th Anniversary Tri-State , June 5-7, in beautiful Montrose, CO https://pikespeakcorvair.org/2026-tri-state-final/
Club Matters	Saturday, June 13,	8:30 AM	TRASH-PICK UP on Route 66; meet at Cider Bar; 340-364 NM-33; frontage parking lot
Club Matters	Wednesday, June 17,	7:00 PM	Board Meeting--3rd Wednesday via Zoom, 7pm
Social	Sunday, June 21,	~ 9am	Fathers' Day Car Show in Edgewood; meet at Wal-Mart; caravan ~ 9am
Club Matters	Wednesday, June 24,	6:30 PM	Car Council Meeting – 4th Wednesday, 6:30 PM; Manzano Mesa Senior Center , 501 Elizabeth St SE, Alb, NM 87123
Club Matters	Friday, June 26,	--	Deadline for Newsletter--4th Friday
Social	Saturday, July 18,	TBD	Origami Park -- Group trip North Tijeras; South Santa Fe
Social	Sunday, September 20,	TBD	State Fair Car Show
Social	Sunday, October 11,	TBD	Balloon Fiesta Car Show (TBD : To Be Determined)

Help us keep our club mile marker clean!



Join us for any of the
following dates:

Saturday, March 14

Saturday, April 11

Saturday, May 9

Saturday, June 13

Let's meet at Cider Bar frontage parking lot;
340-364 NM-33; at 8:30 AM

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WHY CORSA MEMBERSHIP? Jim Pittman

A few days ago I received an email from CORSA reminding me that it was time to renew my membership. There was also a note that members could use check, money order, credit card or PayPal to pay their dues. PayPal, good! I made a mental note. Today I went to CORSA's site, logged on and found the renewal page. It was quick and easy. I'm good for another year.

Before logging off, it occurred to me that maybe there was a new Communique that I had not yet looked at. There was! And not just one, there were two! As I downloaded the two issues I asked myself, How was it possible for me to miss not one but two Communiques, a publication that I have been perusing faithfully for, what? maybe fifty years.

Well, I have excuses. I haven't been to Corvair-related activities in a while. The last time I drove a Corvair to an event was ten years ago. I sold my last Corvair nine years ago. Often I find the articles in the Communique of little interest. I no longer go through a month eagerly looking forward to the latest news from CORSA.

I remember years ago at CNM meetings when we'd waste valuable time arguing over whether to require CORSA membership in order to join our club. I remember when CORSA demanded that all club members had to be CORSA members for the club to qualify as a chapter. Some of us thought obviously we should support CORSA because of its great value to us as Corvair enthusiasts. But some of us didn't need the Communique and didn't need a national membership to keep driving our Corvairs and continue attending CNM meetings.

Well, things change. Our club ignores our constitutional requirement for 100 percent CORSA membership. And our club is getting along just fine. As far as I can tell, CORSA is doing just fine also. There are lots of CORSA-supported local events. There's the CORSA Convention every year. There's the Communique every month. We in CNM still have a few good men and women to support our club. And I will argue that we few have found our Corvair friends, our clubs and our activities have been major enrichments to our lives. We all participate in our own way. Memories of exploits in the past are still worthwhile to share!

Every now and then, the Communique has a really good article about an activity or a technical detail or a historical story. Such as high-speed racing on a dry salt lake. Or the article on Forward Control shifters. Or, how the late model Corvair was developed.

I no longer get ROAD & TRACK or CAR AND DRIVER or MOTOR TREND, but I still get CORSA Communique. Are you a Corvair enthusiast but you don't get CORSA Communique? Maybe you could give it another look.

Dues Due

send your Dues to:
CNM Treasurer
Jim Arellanes
57 Granny Trail
Tijeras, NM 87059

Makes Checks Payable to: CNM or 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

Wiker	Anne	January-25	OVERDUE
Battaile	Corbett	November-25	OVERDUE
Kitts	Maggie	November-25	OVERDUE
Morgan	Mark	March-26	OVERDUE
Dinsdale	John	April-26	* approaching *
Gold	Art	April-26	* approaching *
Gongora	Steve	April-26	* approaching *
Hall	Pat	April-26	* approaching *
Lubert	Lube	April-26	* approaching *

David Huntoon found this amazing Hot Wheels at Target. It features a Corvair Yenko Stinger and the truck to haul it to it's next adventure.



Happy Birthday

Elizabeth Domzalski Apr-9
 Alex & Kate Johnson April 25



Robert & Connie McBreen April 1
Lupe & Jim Arellanes April 10

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Message for Tri-State Clubs from Nathan King

CNM Officers,

Utah club needs help with 2027 Tri-State

-- Jim Pittman

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Nathan&Heather King" <thekings0523@gmail.com>

Subject: Tri-State 2027 in Moab

Date: March 5, 2026 at 11:59:58 MST

To: Randy Karl <karlrj@comcast.net>, "John P. Dinsdale" <jdinsdale1944@gmail.com>, "jimp@unm.edu" <jimp@unm.edu>

You don't often get email from thekings0523@gmail.com. Learn why this is important

Hello,

As our club begins discussing hosting the Tri-State event, I wanted to reach out to gather some input from clubs that have hosted or helped organize the event in the past.

Could you share what your club typically plans when hosting the Tri-State? For example, what types of activities or events you usually organize throughout the day or weekend.

I'd also appreciate any insight into what it typically costs your club to host the event, as well as what you usually charge attendees for registration or participation.

Another thing we're trying to understand is the amount of manpower needed. About how many volunteers does it usually take to run the event successfully?

When hosting do you typically use CORSA's insurance for the venue, or do you go a different route for event coverage?

Finally, moving forward with hosting, would there be anyone in your club who might be willing to help or assist during the event? As our club is really small we only have 5-10 active members

Any advice or lessons learned from your experiences would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your time and for helping us plan a great event for the Corvair community.

Best regards,

Nathan King

President

Bonneville Corvair Club – Chapter 840

Here is a photo that Jim Pittman shared of a Corvair featured in a classic McDonald's Restaurant.



This information is from Kathy Green from the Pikes Peak Corvair Club



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.

Get busy and register for the [event](#) if you haven't already done so, 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 ((970) 765-0122).

Important deadlines:

April 19: Last Day for Tee-Shirt Orders

April 30: Last Day for Hotel Reservations

May 3: Last Day for Banquet Reservations

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 it just won't be right without YOU!

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CNM Anniversary Lunch Mine Shaft Tavern—Madrid, NM—March 14, 2026

Steve Gongora

This is our 52nd Anniversary of the Corvairs of New Mexico and this year we celebrated our event in Madrid, New Mexico. We have members in Santa Fe, Albuquerque, and in the East Mountains. The Albuquerque and East Mountain members met at the Shell Station close to the Sandia Peak Junction at 12:30 PM. The Santa Fe group met us at the Mine Shaft in Madrid. We caravanned from the Shell station and when we arrived in Madrid, an Art Gallery owner motioned for the Corvairs to line up in front of his gallery. We happily obliged and walked from the gallery to the Mine Shaft Tavern. From Albuquerque, we had Robert Weinberg, Larry and Kathy Blair, Greg Nelson and Steve Gongora. The east mountain group was Lupe and Jim Arellanes and David Huntoon. The Santa Feans were Tarmo and Kay Sutt, Jim Richardson and Mary Zelle.

We settled in to a large table with appetizers and looked at the many things to order. The only drawback was only one check written for the entire table. That did not diminish the enthusiasm of the group. Many ordered the hamburger or brisket and other hearty dishes. The food was great. I believe I was the only member present that has 52 consecutive years of membership.



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Photos from March 14, 2026 CNM Anniversersary Lunch

By Steve Gongora

