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Enchanted Corvairs Newsletter

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Next Meeting: Regular Meeting: Saturday, February 1, 2025 10:00 AM

Palo Duro Senior Center, 8221 Palo Duro Ave NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110

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On the Cover: Super Van at Palo Duro Senior Center (top)

Map of our JANUARY 2025 Meeting Location (right)



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CNM February 2025 Newsletter Articles—Greg Nelson

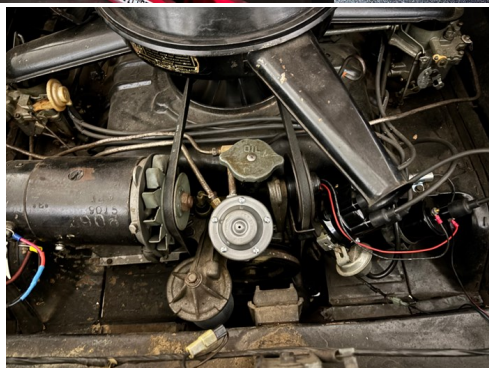
Program

Simple program this month. We'll look at the final auction prices for Corvairs at Mecum Auction's from Kissimmee Florida. There are some nice surprises. We'll also discuss details for the April Bingo event.



64 Monza

I'm almost done working under the '64. I installed a new rear shift tube boot but still need to install the shift coupler boot. It has a new reverse light switch with a gasket. The previous switch did not have a gasket which explains why there is so much oil/dirt underneath. I bought a small hand-held steamer to help clean all that up before I drop the car back on the ground. I also installed a rebuilt mechanical fuel pump from the company Tarmo Sutt mentioned at a previous meeting. Looking forward to the first test drive. If all goes well, I will ask the company if they can rebuild the original pump. Helps to have a spare.



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Report for CNM Treasury

Account for January 2024

						Running
Date	Check	Amount	Payee	Description	Balance	Balance
10-Jan-25						\$5,661.25
10-Jan-25	2458	25.00	Shimp, Curtis - 1 year CNM Membership exp 2-26		25.00	\$5,686.25
15-Jan-25	2613	-300.00	Central Coast CORSA - Donation for National Convention 2025		-300.00	\$5,386.25



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One of the things I appreciate about CNM is the camaraderie of its members. So, for the second year in a row, I met Lupe and Jim at Albuquerque Comic Con. They arrived later than I did so I was able to provide advice on where to park. Unfortunately, I picked up a common ailment – ‘Con Crud’ (respiratory bug/sinus infection) so my future Comic Con attendance is doubtful.

Trash Day

Gotcha. It's not for another month. And besides, it's wayyyyyy too cold.

Annual Bingo

CNM is prepping for another Bingo fund raiser in April. We shall discuss the details at the February, March and April meetings. It'll be a potluck lunch. If you have any items around the house or garage gathering dust, please consider donating it to the silent auction.

CORSA Annual Convention

This year's annual CORSA convention was to take place in Santa Maria, California but the hotel cancelled the contract. The convention has moved to San Luis Obispo. As such the convention has incurred significant additional expenses. A call went out to all the Corvairs clubs asking for assistance in sponsoring the convention. At the January CNM board meeting we elected to donate \$300 (Aztec Bronze level). Our club's name will be mentioned at the Awards Banquet.

Here's the email we received from the organizers:

*To Corvairs of New Mexico,
Thanks for your generous sponsorship donation to the CORSA Convention.
The check arrived today. We're grateful for your help and look forward
to meeting some of your Chapter members here in
May.*

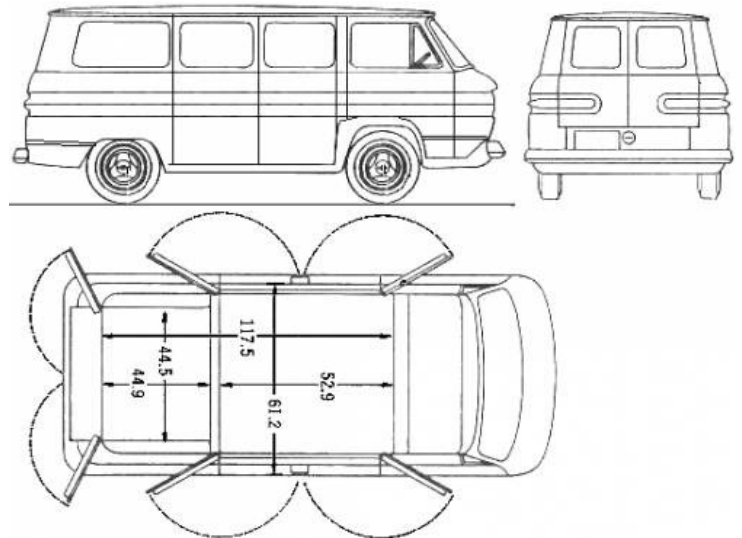
*Cheers,
Vince Petrie
Central Coast CORSA*

TriState

It's fast approaching. Be sure to register online, order a T-shirt, and don't forget to call the hotel (I've not done that part yet).

Reminder

Car show season will ramp up soon. If you see a Corvair or bring your own, please take photos for the newsletter.



CNM Meeting – January 4, 2025—Dave Huntoon

10 members present at our new location, Palo Duro Senior Center in the Ponderosa Pine Room —The Center encourages Center membership

Treasurer reports \$5661.25 current and up to date.

VP Robert mentioned the car council will resume meetings this month starting with a board meeting to discuss budget for the year. The meetings are at the Manzano Multi-Generational Center and have a new meeting time of 6:30 PM. All car clubs and professional organizations, public and private are encouraged to join the NMCCC to publicize car show events. The Museum Show will be May 18, 2025 and will not conflict with the Tri-State this year. The Museum needs a contact person for the event. The previous contact, Joyce Clements is stepping down. Swap Meet and the car cruises need some attention. July 13, 2025 – Car Appreciation Show – tie in the Railyards Farmer's Market (Robert Gold). Sign for promotion & media coverage. The Wheels Museum has an area behind the building for the show.

Brenda has our next scheduled activity to be the Nuclear Museum Feb. 15, 2025 at 12:00 PM. The price of admission is \$15.00. Hopefully with some nice weather so we can explore all the aircraft outside.

Anniversary Dinner – March 22, 2025 – 1:00 PM. Possibly Cracker Barrel??

David Huntoon donated License plate appliques to use with a metal license plate. – The task can be impossible, but easy to apply if you know the tricks. Use dish soap on the metal license plate. Remove the paper on the back of the applique and align the graphic as best as you can. Finish the alignment, use a flexible squeegee to remove any air bubbles and cut off the excess trim from the applique with a razor.

Tri-State – Publication in CORSA – Why weren't we in last year's publication – How about our current Tri-State in Trinidad? Where to and how easy is it to find our event? The current Tri-State can be found on the Tri-State page of the CNM website. The link will take you to the registration page for the event.

Our CNM website has links to surrounding clubs in Colorado, Utah, and Arizona. Greg will be reaching out the surrounding clubs to establish connections

CORSA links to Corvair websites. When you look at the CORSA website it only shows contact information for each club but no connection to each club website. Can we find out how to show the websites? Do we contact the CORSA Regional Director?

Greg Nelson – Kissimmee Mecum Auction (Florida) – Corvairs for Sale

Here is a standing question to ponder. Is it better to spend more money on a better car or a car with a bargain and spend more money on a car.

We talked about a Rampside for sale for \$103K

Bob Kitts – wants to sell his Greenbrier – It was suggested that he use Bring a Trailer. This particular website specializes in auctioning cars and has a high success rate for selling them.

Personal observation, our new meeting location should workout just fine. Glad we made the move.



Birthdays in February
Bob Kitts 2-23



Anniversaries in February
Steve & Rita Gongora 2-14
Tony & Diane Lawler 2-16

FEBRUARY 2025**MARCH 2025****APRIL 2025**

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Saturday, Feb 1, 2025 10:00 AM

Meeting—Palo Duro Center, 5221 Palo Duro Ave NE, Alb, NM 87110

Saturday, Feb 15, 2025 12:00 PM

National Museum of Nuclear Science & History—Admission \$15.00

601 Eubank Blvd SE, Alb, NM 87123 - (outdoor exhibit included)

Wednesday, Feb 19, 2025 7:00 PM

Board Meeting—3rd Wednesday via Zoom

Friday, Feb 21, 2025 9:00 PM

Deadline for Newsletter

Monday, Feb 24, 2025 *****

Target completion of newsletter

Wednesday, Feb 26, 2025 6:30 PM

Car Council Meeting – 4th Wednesday

Manzano Mesa Senior Center , 501 Elizabeth St SE, Alb, NM 87123

Saturday, March 1, 2025 10:00 AM

Meeting—Palo Duro Center, 5221 Palo Duro Ave NE, Alb, NM 87110

Saturday, March 22, 2025 1:00 PM

CNM Anniversary Dinner—Cracker Barrel? - 5200 San Antonio, NE, Alb, NM 87109

Wednesday, March 12, 2025 7:00 PM

Board Meeting—3rd Wednesday via Zoom

Wednesday, March 26, 2025 6:30 PM

Car Council Meeting – 4th Wednesday

Manzano Mesa Senior Center , 501 Elizabeth St SE, Alb, NM 87123

Friday, March 28, 2025 9:00 PM

Deadline for Newsletter

Monday, March 31, 2025 *****

Target completion of newsletter

Saturday, Apr 5, 2025 10:00 AM

Meeting—Palo Duro Center, 5221 Palo Duro Ave NE, Alb, NM 87110

Saturday, April 12, 2025 10:00 AM

Bingo / Pot Luck—Palo Duro Center, 5221 Palo Duro Ave NE, Alb, NM 87110

Wednesday, Apr 16, 2025 7:00 PM

Board Meeting—3rd Wednesday via Zoom

Wednesday, Apr 23, 2025 6:30 PM

Car Council Meeting – 4th Wednesday

Manzano Mesa Senior Center , 501 Elizabeth St SE, Alb, NM 87123

Tri-State 2025 in Trinidad, Colorado—The link is below or go to the CNM website and go to the Tri-State page: <https://www.rockymountaincorsa.org/upcomingevents/rmc-tri-state/>

Greg Nelson our CNM president has already made his reservation. Information will be on the Tri-State link. Trinidad is a great historic town with a lot to offer and you get to swap stories with all of your Corvair friends and family.

It is going to be a great time!!!

40TH ANNUAL TRI-STATE CORVAIRS MEETUP

Trinidad, Colorado 2025

May 30 – June 1, 2025
Hosted by
the Rocky Mountain
Corssa Club

MORE INFO TO
COMET!

Dues Due

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

Makes Checks Payable to: CNM or Corvairs of New Mexico

Bob & Maggie Kitts inactive as of Dec 2024

Due in December 2024

David Huntoon inactive as of Jan 2025

Alex Johnson inactive as of Jan 2025

Due in January 2025

Anne Wiker inactive as of Feb 2025

Lilian Shortle inactive as of Feb 2025

Due in February 2025

Tony & Diane Lawler inactive as of March 2025

Due in March 2025

William Heil inactive as of April 2025

Inactive:

Lloyd Piatt inactive as of August 2024

Steve Johnson - inactive as of July 2024

David Pierre - inactive as of July 2024

Fred Riggs II - inactive as of July 2024

Terry Hall - inactive as of May 2024

Mark & Elizabeth Domzalski - inactive as of June 2024

John & Tracy McMahan - inactive as of February 2024

Phil Finch - inactive as of March 2024

Clifton & Katie Trujillo as of Sept 2023

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

***If you have a story and
photos to share please
email them to me at
stevegongora@msn.com***



Lupe Arellanes—Tri-State 2024—May 17, 18, and 19 in Las Vegas, NM

Lupe has made available her photos from the Tri-State earlier this year. The links are below and you can find them on the Tri-State page on the CNM website or the Google page.

<https://www.corvair.org/chapters/chapter871/tri-state.html>

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1oOfUTL45iUZrEQVFFALQTrotMbNvFWg?usp=sharing>

Below are a few examples of the shots.



CNM Board Meeting, 1/15/25—7:00 PM—David Huntoon

President Greg Nelson, David Huntoon, Steve and Rita Gongora, Robert Gold, and Brenda Stickler

Robert mentioned the Car Council meeting time has changed from 7:00 PM to 6:30 PM for all future meetings. It is still on the 4th Wednesday of each month at the Manzano Multi-Generational Center

We discussed an issue we had at the last meeting at the Palo Duro Senior Center to make it easier for CNM members to attend the meetings without a membership. We are all encouraged to have a \$20.00 membership for full benefits. We will post a member at the next meeting at the front door to usher them in to meeting for the time being.

Discussed CNM membership, new members, fees, etc.

We discussed our Annual Anniversary Dinner at Cracker Barrel. We had a great Christmas Dinner in December.

The Bingo/Pot Luck events are such a success that CNM will be hosting the next one in April 12, 2025. It will be from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. We will announce the location in the newsletter. More details/changes to be announced as they happen. More turnout expected as we revive this popular activity.

We want to make sure this year's Tri-State in Trinidad is publicized as much as possible. Including CORSA and other area clubs. We need to start now especially with Corsa and their lead times. We brought up the announcement of the Tri-State in the CORSA publications. There are three point of contact emails from CORSA to notify. Paul Seyforth contacted CNM to let us know the registration is up and running. The link to registration can be found on the CNM website under the Tri-State tab. This year's Tri-State is May 30-June 1 in Trinidad, Colorado.

The CORSA clubs that are hosting the national convention have reached out to the Corvair clubs asking for financial aid in putting on the event. The host hotel backed out and the unexpected costs put them in the red. CNM approved a \$300.00 check. We will be acknowledged as an Aztec Bronze Donor.

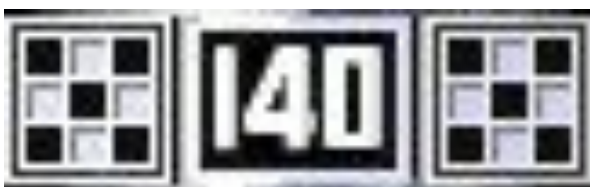
Steve and Rita will be contacting Upton Ethelbah for a tour of his art studio. Upton is well respected artist and known for his brilliant bronze pieces. You can find his permanent displays at the Museum of Indian Arts & Culture in Santa Fe. It is planned on May 10th at 11:00 AM before the Tri-State. *(limit to 10 people)*

There are no conflicts with this year's Museum Car Show on May 18, 2025. All CNM members are encouraged to participate.

Plan for Father's Day Car show at La Vida Llena located in the heights near Morris and Montgomery.

A tour to TinkerTown in the East Mountains is on the calendar for July. If anyone has other activities they would like to see let us know.

Greg Nelson is working on his Corvairs to get them to run smoothly. He will be making a video of his next adventure under the frame. (Hard Luck Award?) just kidding.



Emails to Corvairs of New Mexico in January

Request from the Bonneville Corvair Club.

From: Larry Montoya <utcorvairs@gmail.com>

To: "fesedu@comcast.net" <fesedu@comcast.net>

Cc: thekings0523@gmail.com, stevegongora@msn.com

Date: 01/02/2025 2:18 PM MST

Subject: Bonneville Corvair Club

Greg,

Greetings from the Bonneville Corvair Club. We are looking forward to the Tri-State Corvair Meet in Trinidad Colorado next May. It's a bit of a drive but a number of our club members are planning to attend. We are encouraging other members to consider attending as well. I believe you have been in touch with our president, Nathan King. We would like to become more involved with the Tri-State in the future and assist in keeping the tradition alive.

My name is Larry Montoya, the new website editor. I just completed a major overhaul of our club website. I included basic information about the Tri-State Meet and a link to your website as well as the other Tri-State club sites. Would you please consider adding a link on your website for the Bonneville website?

<https://www.corvair.org/chapters/chapter840/>

Request from the CORSA Convention Committee.

To: Western Region CORSA Chapter Officers RE: 2025 CORSA Convention - Sponsorship Request

Finally, a West Coast Convention. It's been way too long, and we're thrilled to be hosting it here on the Central Coast of California. We're looking forward to bringing CORSA members from all Regions together for four days of Corvair fun.

With this in mind, we at Central Coast CORSA need your help with two items.

1. The budget for this Convention is tight. Since the hotel in Santa Maria canceled on us, our move to the Embassy Suites in San Luis Obispo has resulted in increased expenses across the board.

Would your Chapter be willing to help defray these expenses by becoming a sponsor of one of the Convention events?

Sponsorship will involve contributing money to help cover the cost of each event, such as the cost to rent the Autocross track. Your Chapter will then be recognized at the Awards Banquet as a Contributing Sponsor.

We welcome any amount your Chapter can afford from, \$1 to \$1000 or more if possible.

2. We'd like to get an idea of how many folks are planning to attend the Convention. So, at your next Chapter meeting, or asap, please poll your members with the following questions:

- A. Are you planning to register and attend the Convention?
- B. Are you planning to register a second person such as a spouse, partner, child, etc?
- C. Are you planning to enter the Concours d'Elegance?

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- D. Are you planning to enter the Autocross?
- E. Are you planning to attend the Awards Banquet?
- F. Are you planning to drive, tow or trailer your Corvair (pick one)?
- G. Are you planning to stay in the host hotel? If so, how many nights?

Route 66 Auction February 15, 2025 / 10:00 AM at the Albuquerque Dragway

Classic Legends Auction! Cars, Trucks & More- Consign Now! <https://rt66auctions.hibid.com/catalog/605201/classic-legends-auction---cars--trucks-and-more--consign-now->

Thank You from the CORSA Convention Committee.

GREGORY NELSON<fesedu@comcast.net>

You; David Huntoon; tounce66@msn.com; Lupe Arellanes

> From: Vince Petrie <vwvince@pacbell.net>

> To: jimp@unm.edu, fesedu@comcast.net, beisbol30@msn.com

> Date: 01/21/2025 6:15 PM MST

> Subject: CORSA Convention Sponsorship

> To Corvairs of New Mexico,

> Thanks for your generous sponsorship donation to the CORSA Convention.

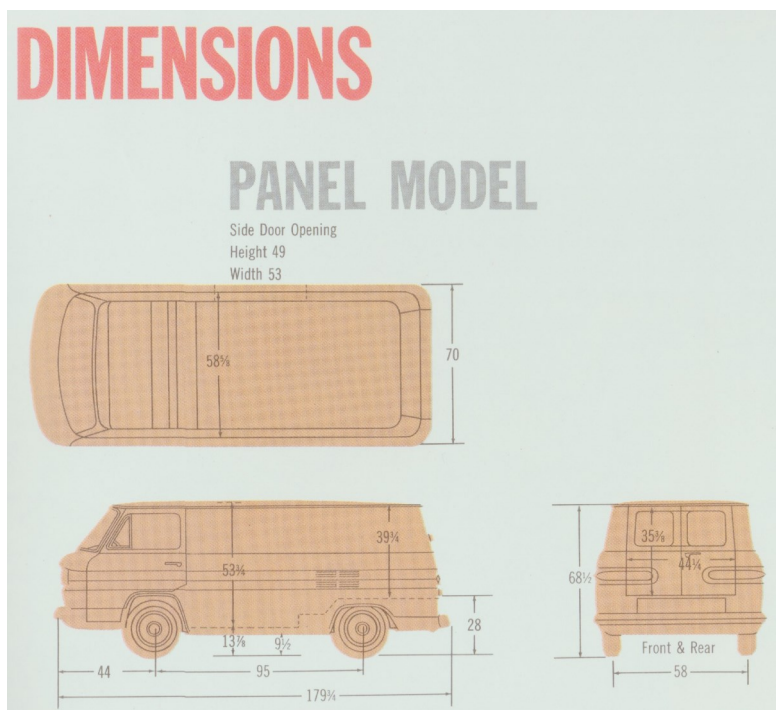
> The check arrived today. We're grateful for your help and look forward

> to meeting some of your Chapter members here in May.

> Cheers,

> Vince Petrie

> Central Coast CORSA



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Photos from our CNM Meeting on January 4, 2025

Photos provided by Steve Gongora

