



Enchanted Corvairs Newsletter

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Next Meeting: Regular Meeting: Saturday, February 7, 2026 10:00 AM

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

This Month:

President's Letter.....	Greg Nelson
Treasurer's Report.....	Jim Arellanes
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Birthdays and Anniversaries.....	Lupe Arellanes



On the Cover: Jim Pittman and Bill Reider—Indoor Car Show at Cottonwood Mall

Corvair with Recaro Seats (lower right)



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CNM February 2026 Newsletter Articles—Greg Nelson

TriState

Registration for this year's TriState is open and I have already registered, selected the meal option, and purchased a large T-shirt. I have yet to call the hotel to make a reservation. Be sure to register soon and we can discuss convoy options at the meeting.

Jackets

I approved the jacket proof on the 27th. If Rowan Apparel finishes them soon, I will bring them to the meeting. If not, I will hand deliver the jackets soon after they arrive.

63 Spyder & 64 Monza

The Spyder is still at Dave Langlois

This month, I spent hours working on the '64 in the cold garage. To install a new glove box, I had to take out the windshield defrost tube first. I still have not figured out how to get both items stuffed into their respective dash volumes. The front plate of the glove box is courtesy of Pat Hall. Picked up a while back during a shopping run at Pat's Parts Emporium.



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Report for CNM Treasury Account for January 2026

Date	Check	Amount	Payee	Description	Balance	Running Balance
3-Jan-26						\$6,196.00
3-Jan-26	Check	25.00	Huntoon, Dave	- 1 year membership exp 12-26	25.00	\$6,221.00
3-Jan-26	Cash	25.00	Yoffee, Larry	- 1 year membership exp 2-27	25.00	\$6,246.00
3-Jan-26	Check	70.00	Lawrence, John	- CORSA and CNM - 1 year exp 12-26	70.00	\$6,316.00

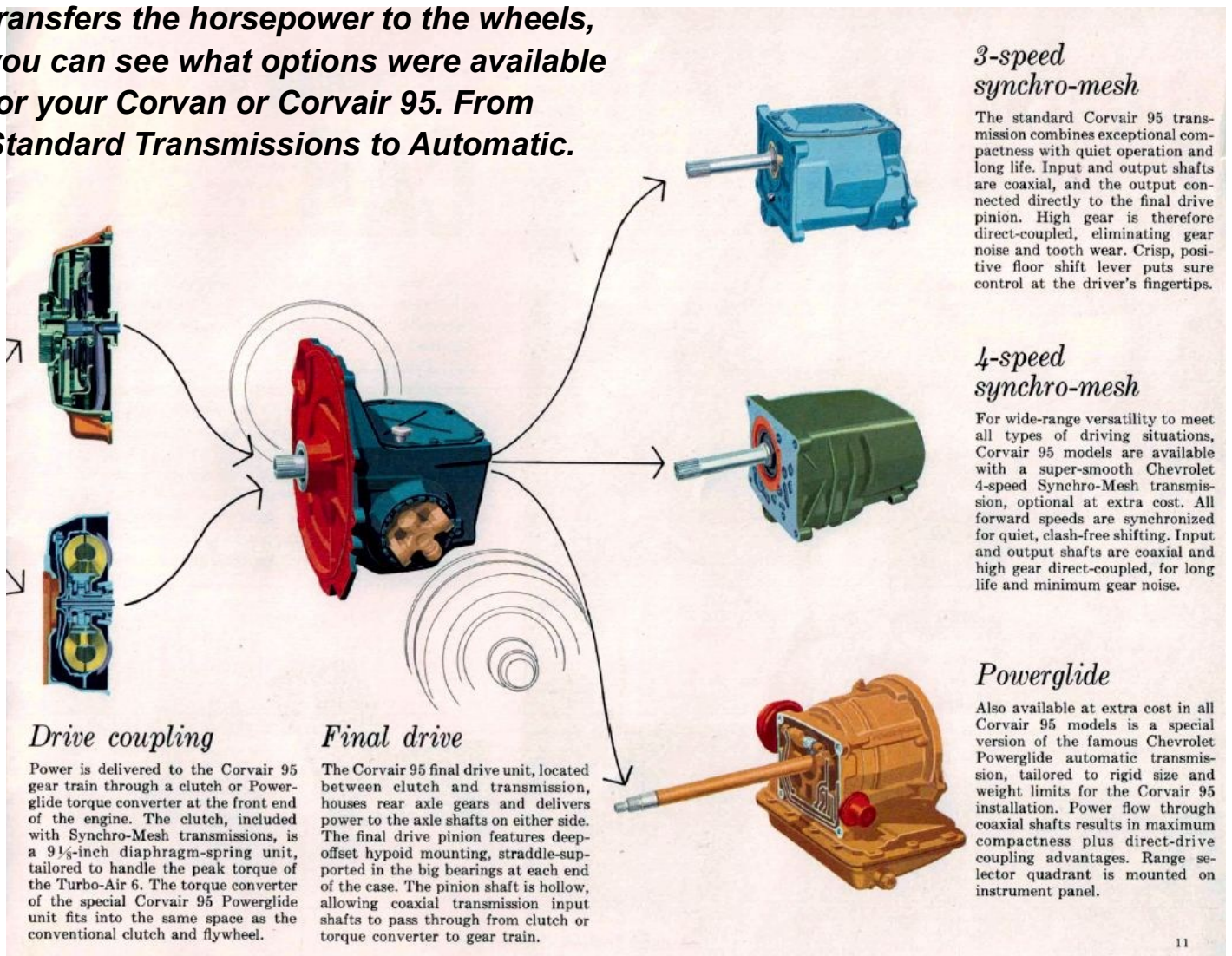
In addition to the glove box work I have been cleaning the engine area of rust and a gooey epoxy filler (?). A coat of POR-15 rust inhibitor goes on next. This is turning out to be a long-term project. The engine also emits a distinct ticking sound coming from the engine, confident it is a rocker arm. Dave and Steve state that getting it on the road for 30 minutes will take care of that issue. Sure, just as soon as it warms up.



Post Meeting Gathering

After the meeting, CNM will head over to a restaurant to be determined at the meeting for our first social event for the year. There are additional events planned for the remainder of the year. If you have suggestions bring them up at the meeting.

In case you are wondering how the engine transfers the horsepower to the wheels, you can see what options were available for your Corvan or Corvair 95. From Standard Transmissions to Automatic.



CORVAIRS of NEW MEXICO

CNM Meeting—January 3, 2025—David Huntoon

14 members present

The most important news is that both Jim and Heula have been admitted to Rust Medical Center. Rita and Steve had the latest information for the club. Update.... Jim was released and is back home and we are hoping Heula can follow in a few days.

Treasurer Jim reports \$6196.00 plus \$50.00 collected at the meeting.

One of our past members, David Allin now in Oklahoma, let us know of 4 Corvairs for sale in nearby Moriarity. Field condition but may be useful to someone.

VP Robert reported that the Car Council is resuming their meetings this month after the holiday recess.

Lupe suggested meeting at a local eatery after our club meetings. A practice we once did. Sounds good to me.

A guest, Bob Passetto, dropped by to give us a little history of his Corvair life. Originally from Kansas and into dune buggies of the VW and Corvair variety. Brought some pictures that show some very well made vehicles. Now living here and thinking about selling his last buggy. Time marches on and there is a time and place for everything.

There are some auctions beginning later this month and we are always interested in what cars are for sale and how much. Of course we critique each and every one.

We are firming up the new requests for jackets. Color, style, etc. Should have the details worked out to place an order soon.

CNM Board Meeting January 21, 2026—Steve Gongora

Board Meeting started at 7:00 PM with members Greg Nelson, David Huntoon, Robert Gold, Lupe Arellanes and Steve Gongora

We are going for lunch at Sandwich Company on Carlisle and Candelaria after the February 7, 2026 meeting. A great way to get together and have people enjoy the cars.

Orders will be going in for the jackets please refer to the newsletter and select what jacket you want from the listed websites.

The April meeting will have our Vice-President Robert Gold conducting the meeting as Greg Nelson will be out of town.

Put your thoughts together to help the Pikes Peak club for our 2026 Tri-State in Montrose. The first Tri-State was hosted in Montrose in 1976.

CNM will be hosting after Utah. We are coming up with towns such as Red River, Trinidad, Durango, Telluride, Pagosa Springs, Monte Vista to name a few. Bring your ideas to the meeting.

Curtis Shimp drove to Albuquerque from Silver City to bring his driver's seat for restoration.

The Supervan continues its progress with the stereo installation as the next phase.

Greg Nelson's car was making noise from the lifters. The recommendation was to let the car warm up and drive it for at least 30 minutes to quiet it down.

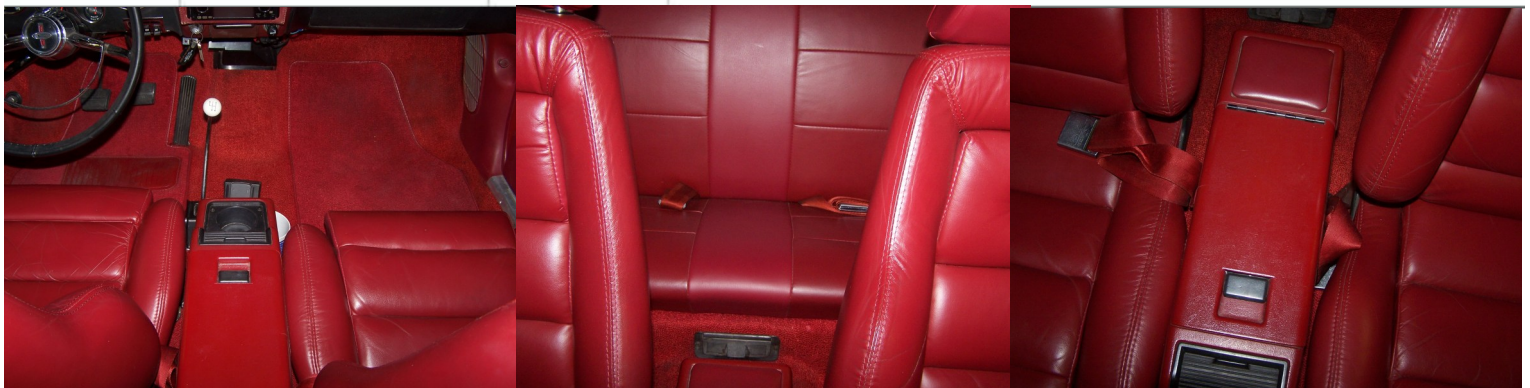
David Huntoon received his new tires. He had a previous order that never came.

Lupe was discussing about offering a possible discount for early ordering of T-shirts for Tri-State.

Steve requested reports from the officers for the newsletter.

CLUB EVENTS

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
Club Matters	Saturday, February 7,	10:00 AM	Members' Meeting--1st Saturday, 10am: Palo Duro Center, 5221 Palo Duro Ave NE, Alb, NM 87110
Social	Saturday, February 7,	12:00 PM	Coffee/Lunch following Meeting at a restaurant to be determined at the next meeting
Club Matters	Wednesday, February 18,	7:00 PM	Board Meeting--3rd Wednesday via Zoom, 7pm
Club Matters	Wednesday, February 25,	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, February 27,		Deadline for Newsletter -4th Friday
Social	Saturday, March 14,	~ 10am	CNM Anniversary Luncheon, Mine Shaft Tavern, Madrid, South 14; meet at Smiths parking lot; caravan ~ 10am
Social	Saturday, April 18,	TBD	Origami Park – Group trip North Tijeras; South Santa Fe
Tri-State	June 5-7		50th Anniversary Tri-State , June 5-7, in beautiful Montrose, CO https://pikespeakcorvair.org/2026-tri-state-final/
Social	Sunday, June 21,	~ 9am	Fathers' Day Car Show in Edgewood; meet at Wal-Mart; caravan ~ 9am
Social	Sunday, September 20,	TBD	State Fair Car Show
Social	Sunday, October 11,	TBD	Balloon Fiesta Car Show



Shifter Adjustment on the "Supervan" - Steve Gongora

I'm getting ready to install my stereo system on the van and I needed to reposition the gear shifter to accommodate the display of the stereo. The knob was almost touching the dash. I needed to extend the bottom shaft to make the shifter knob more comfortable and closer to the driver. To do this all you have to do is remove the cover plate over the shifter on the underside of the van to expose the actual shifter mechanism. All these changes refer to the 1964 Forward Control model. Earlier Forward Control models have a different layout underneath. The plate on the '64 is connected with screws. The next step is to remove the screws on the plastic cover which shields the long shifter shaft from the front of the van to the transmission. You have to loosen the hose clamp to allow access to the adjustment nut and bolt. I advise you to mark your beginning starting place so you have some sort of gauge to go by. After I loosened the nut and bolt adjuster, I got in the van and moved the shifter to a comfortable position and crawled under the van to tighten up the adjuster and begin the process of putting things back together.

The changes went without a hitch and now I don't have to reach and move my body forward to get first gear. I should have done this years ago. What a great

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Dues Due

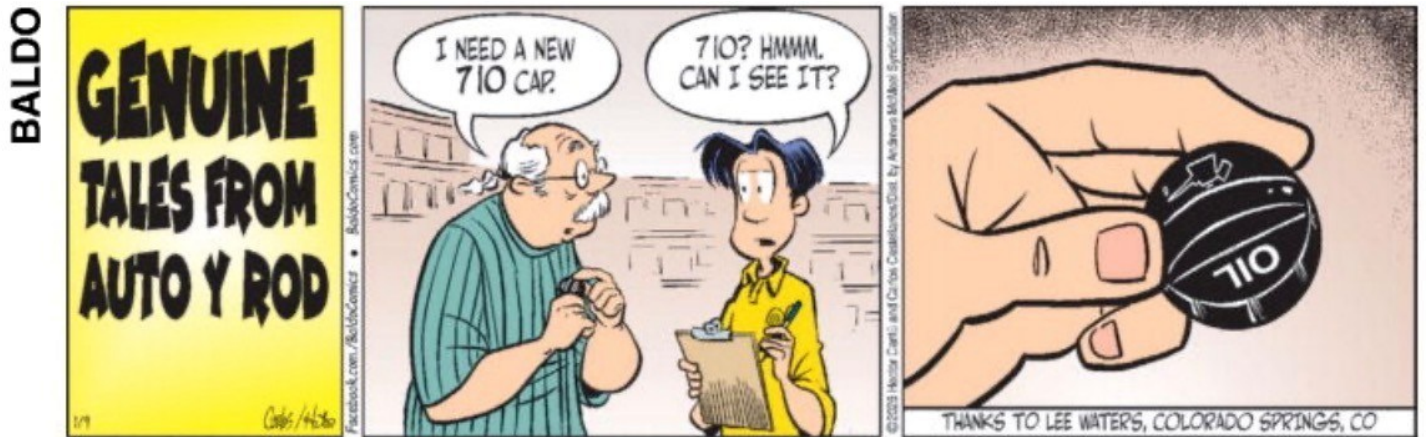
send your Dues to:
CNM Treasurer
Jim Arellanes
57 Granny Trail
Tijeras, NM 87059

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

CNM Renewal Date	Status	Last Name	First Name	CNM Renewal Date	Status	Last Name	First Name
May-24	DUE	Domzalski	Mark	November-25	DUE	Battaile	Corbett
June-24	DUE	Riggs II	Fred	December-25	DUE	Huntoon	David
July-24	DUE	Piatt	Lloyd	December - 25	DUE	Lawerence	John
November-24	DUE	Kitts	Maggie	February -26	DUE	McDuffie	Rus
December-24	DUE	Johnson	Alex	February -26	DUE	Shimp	Curtis
January-25	DUE	Wiker	Anne				



From the Albuquerque Journal

Anniversaries in February



Steve & Rita Gongora

Feb-14 *(celebrating 45 years)*

Tony & Diane
 (Tweedy) Lawler

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