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**Next Meeting: Regular Meeting: Saturday, March 2, 2024 10:00 AM**  
**Highland Senior Center , 131 Monroe St NE, Albuquerque, NM 87108**

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**On the Cover: CNM 50th (top) | Logo for Tri-State Back of Shirt / (Right)**



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**CNM March 2024 Newsletter Articles**

Program

For this month’s program we will watch the first 20 minutes of “Meet the Makers of the Chevrolet Corvair”. This was filmed at the Yankee Air Museum, Willow Run Airport in Belleville Michigan on May 14, 2015. I say the first 20 minutes because the recording is on two DVDs for a total run time of three hours. The DVDs are courtesy of Dave Huntoon.



Route 66 Trash Pickup

It’s that time of year again. On March 9<sup>th</sup>, the second Saturday, we’ll meet at the west end of our mile, just east of the Mile Marker 5 sign. Park in front of the Rock Canyon Cider. Let’s meet at 0830 and as usual we’ll cleanup for an hour and then head up to the Roots Farm Café for coffee, tea and cookies.

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**Report for CNM Treasury Account for February 2024**

Date	Check	Amount	Payee	Description	Balance	Running Balance
1-Feb-24						\$4,231.53
1-Feb-24	1290	100.00	Gonzales, Ray & Lilly - 2 Banquets		100.00	\$4,331.53
4-Feb-24	13623	50.00	Gongora, Steve and Rita - 26 CNM Membership to 4/26		50.00	\$4,381.53
4-Feb-24	5173	50.00	Arellanes, Lupe & Jim - 26 CNM Membership to 6/26		50.00	\$4,431.53
4-Feb-24	5172	80.00	Feathers, Brittany - Banquet & 1 Shirt Tri-State 2024		80.00	\$4,511.53
14-Feb-24	Cash	140.00	Hall, Pat - CORSA & CNM 26 month renewal to 4/26		140.00	\$4,651.53
14-Feb-24	2600	-90.00	CORSA - Hall, Pat membership dues		-90.00	\$4,561.53
21-Feb-24	5871	100.00	Blair, Larry & Kathy - 2x Banquets		100.00	\$4,661.53
21-Feb-24	2601	-226.29	Greg Nelson - Reimbursement for Tote Bags for Tri-State		-226.29	\$4,435.24
23-Feb-24	254	50.00	Lubert, Lube - 26 CNM Membership to 4/26		50.00	\$4,485.24
24-Feb-24	1346	50.00	Dinsdale, John - Banquet Tri-State 2024		50.00	\$4,535.24
24-Feb-24	11023	100.00	Batterson, Ed - Banquet Tri-State 2024		50.00	\$4,585.24
24-Feb-24	11023		Caldwell , Jim - Banquet Tri-State 2024		50.00	\$4,635.24
24-Feb-24	7071	290.00	Anderson, Jon & Debbie - 2x Banquet & 1 Shirt		130.00	\$4,765.24
24-Feb-24	7071		Oram, Sean & Erica - 2x Banquet & 2 Shirts		160.00	\$4,925.24
26-Feb-24	2332	25.00	Shimp, Curtis, 1 year CNM Membership		25.00	\$4,950.24
26-Feb-24	1231	130.00	Piper, Mike & Karen - 2x Banquets & 1 Shirt		130.00	\$5,080.24





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Busy Month for the 63 Spyder

On February 5th I took the Spyder to get new tires installed. Tires I've been waiting many months for to arrive back in stock. Well, on the way home the car died on Comanche west of Carlisle. I managed to limp all the way to Montgomery and Pitt and finally gave up in front of the Animal Hospital. A quick call to Steve Gongora suggested it was the fuel pump. It was. Fortunately, I had plenty of cash on me and I coughed up \$120 to get



it towed home. The driver was very skillful as you can see from the photo as he put the Spyder right in the driveway.

Dave Huntoon came by later that week, and we installed a mechanical fuel pump courtesy of Pat Hall. It leaked a little (it's supposed to, right?). But we tightened all the screws and now it runs great. Dave also showed me how to balance the carburetors and we managed to get the idle speed down to 600-700 rpm. The only difficulty we had was I had removed the front seats and taken them to House of Covers for new foam. Accessing the gas pedal required some yoga skills and it was a pain in the butt trying to get out the car, but we managed. In the end it was a great learning experience and I'll be placing another Clark's order soon for two electric fuel pumps. I did see that Clark's has an ad in the Corsa Communique that says new mechanical fuel pumps are due 'soon'.



TriState

On Wednesday the 21<sup>st</sup> I traveled up to Las Vegas, NM to pick up the tote bags from our T-shirt vendor: Northgate Design and Print. They came out very well, but I was not smart enough to take picture of them. I will ask Brenda to bring one to the March meeting. - Cheers—Greg Nelson

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**Programs Director—Help in Tri-State —Brenda Stickler**

We are now getting focused on all of the details that will make our Las Vegas, NM Tri-State a Success. We still need lots of assorted wrapped candies for our registration bags. There have been a good group, making sure we have quite a variety of fun items/trinkets in our 40 awesome designer Tri-State bags.

***We need to seriously sign up for all the slots that need assistance.*** The group that helps with registration needs breaks every three or four hours. Those charts are being designed now and will be available at each meeting and function. We should have about three people on duty at a time. Our auction items have started coming in. Get a hold of Rita if there is something you think will be popular items to auction. The car show will also need some support people for set up, manage the judging and make all of the other clubs feel welcomed and appreciated.

Some may want to focus on organizing us for the hospitality area for snacks we share with all attending.

Our club wants to thank Lupe for her leadership and her guidelines for us to have great fun. This is a quality event we will all be proud of. We appreciate all the "extras" her part of the family" living

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in Las Vegas have provided for us.

My personal thanks to our club's support as a whole: T-Shirt and Bag Designers, those getting all the forms we need. .... I am looking forward to this major fun event; now is the time for all to start ***volunteering your own personal talents.***

Brenda Stickler



### ***Kay Sutt and Brenda Stickler—50th CNM Anniversary Lunch***

Now that we agree it doesn't make economic sense to reserve a separate room in Santa Fe for our 50th anniversary lunch, we went to one of our favorite local restaurants, Santa Fe Bite. We spoke to Angela Mason, the owner, and she will be welcoming our club in celebrating our 50th Anniversary

The advantage of this restaurant is they serve everything from soups and salads, good NM food, the best green chili cheeseburgers in town, various other sandwiches, and even a good fried chicken meal (Saturday special). Their desserts are prepared onsite and are luscious.

***Put it on your calendar for March 23, 2024 at 2:00 PM***

**1616 St Michael's Drive, Santa Fe, NM 87505**

**Phone 505-428-0328. Their website is <https://www.santafebite.com/>**

Good and consistent food, always good service and a long-term, established business with a great reputation.

Kay Sutt

**Meeting Notes January 6, 2024 : Dave Huntoon**

**February club meeting 2/3/24**

**Nice turnout with 18 members in attendance**

**Treasurer reports \$4331.53**

**VP Robert mentioned NM Car Council will have Collector Car Appreciation Day July 7th. The Car Council will have their yearly picnic 8/11 at Oak Flats on South 14.**

**Brenda reported a good turnout for the Harvey House tour in Belen. Plus a good show of trains in the busy rail yard just outside the front door! I counted 100 cars on one consist pulling thru. My rough calculation means that train was close to one mile long! Still working on the location for our anniversary lunch this year, 50th year. Likely location is Santa Fe.**

**Lupe presented some pre-printed letters to active and non active members we can send out as a friendly reminder concerning their membership/dues. Several of us will sort thru the letters and determine which ones to send,**

**Tarmo brought a friend whose family had a Packard dealership locally. Very cool.**

**Tri-State updates included 50 people registered and 11 T-shirt orders. Of course more to be expected as the date draws nearer. Don't forget, should be fun in the real Las Vegas!**

**thanks, David**

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**Board Meeting Notes:**

Attendees at the home of Steve and Rita Gongora included, Jim & Lupe Arellanes, Brenda Stickler, Greg Nelson, Robert Gold, and Dave Huntoon. We discussed the preparation of the Las Vegas Tri-State and we need to circulate volunteer sheets for the scheduled events.

Registration—See Brenda Stickler to donate your time to help out with checking people in and with the raffle tickets

Car Show—See David Huntoon to see how to help in staging and assisting with the car show

Banquet—See Lupe Arellanes to see how we can make it a smooth event.



***Birthdays in March***

David Allin - 3-31  
Lupe Arellanes - 3-21  
Linda Cochran - 3-9  
Art Gold - 3-29  
Barbara Johnson 3-2  
John McMahan 3-13  
Lloyd Piatt - 3-27  
Brenda Stickler - 3-26  
Joel Yelich 3-23

*Slappy Anniversary*

***Anniversaries in March***  
Mike & Karen Piper 3-8

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March						
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Saturday, March 2, 2024	10:00 AM	Meeting—Highland Senior Center 131 Monroe St NE, Alb. NM 87108
Saturday, March 9, 2024	8:30 AM	<b>CNM Route 66 Clean-up—Roots Farm Café after clean-up</b>
<b>Saturday, March 23, 2024</b>	<b>2:00 PM</b>	<b>CNM 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION— Santa Fe Bite</b> <b>1616 St Michael's Drive, Santa Fe, NM 87505</b>
Wednesday, March 20, 2024	7:00 PM	Board Meeting—3rd Wednesday via Zoom
Friday, March 29, 2024	9:00 PM	Deadline for Newsletter
Wednesday, March 27, 2024	7:00 PM	Car Council Meeting – 4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday Manzano Mesa Senior Center , 501 Elizabeth St SE, Alb, NM 87123
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 <sup>th</sup> 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
Wednesday, May 22, 2024	7:00 PM	Car Council Meeting – 4 <sup>th</sup> 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



**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 House-ly 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!!**

## A Corvair Journey Through Time



I'm certain many of you know Pat Hall. Anyone who has been at any of our club's functions is sure to have had talked to Pat, the Corvair Ambassador. You also know that he is a person who loves his Corvairs. I know for a fact that he at one time owned upwards of 70 of them! I'm telling you this because I'm sure that you would like to hear a story about Pat's all-time favorite Corvair, a car that he still owns. If you attended the last State Fair Car Show you might remember a spectacular blue 1965 Monza 4-door. That's the car! Pat treated this ride to an extensive restoration that has resulted in the car we see today. So, I invite you to read on and learn the story of this special car and the lives it has touched.



Dave & Mona Langlois

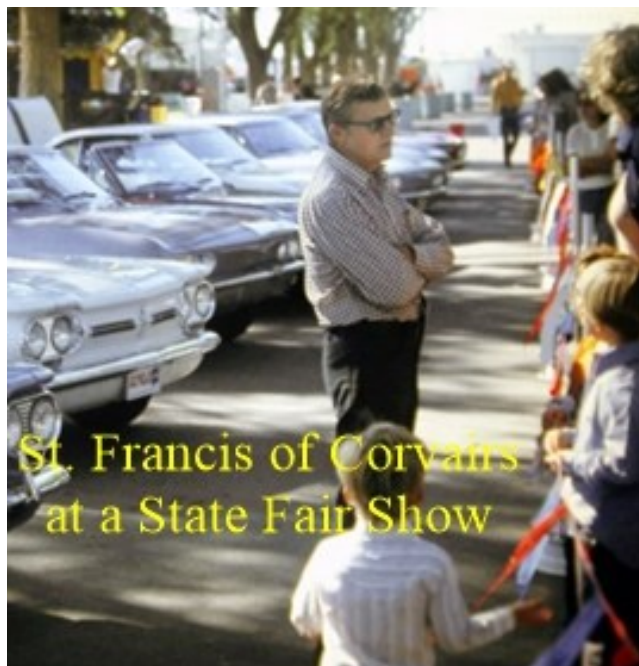
What you might not know is that this car has an extensive history here in town. Though I can't trace it back to the showroom, I can relate some facts about what I like to call the "Blue Wonder". This car's story should impress anyone who owns a Corvair in Albuquerque and I'm excited to let Pat and everyone in CNM know about its path through our Corvair community.

We'll start our journey as far back as can be documented. Dave Langlois, who serves as the historian for many Corvairs in town told me that the 65 was once owned by none other than Francis "St Francis of Corvairs" Boydston. We old timers knew Francis well since he was the main person we talked to

if we needed any advice on Corvairs. Personally, I had some of my best times in Francis' garage talking about all sorts of Corvair things. One story I have was the time that I snapped a clutch cable at a gas station uphill from Francis' place. I solved my problem by coasting the car down the hill and into his driveway! In no time I had my car back with the cable re-

placed. He proved again that he was certainly the Saint of Corvairs. Anyway, Dave says that Francis sold the car to a couple named Mosel from Wisconsin and they took it back there for a time. However, this did not end the car's Albuquerque saga because they returned only to trash the engine and sell the car to Dave.

Dave went on to tell me that he used the car regularly and when he became a father to twin boys, Sean and Dillion, were brought home in that very car. He continued to use the car, but Dave doesn't tend to keep most of his rides. That's probably the reason I've wound up with so many cars from him. Just ask Anne Mae!



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# Dues Due

## Due in February

Phil Finch - inactive as of March 2024

## Due in March

Gordon & Barbara Johnson - inactive as of April 2024

Mark Morgan - inactive as of April 2024

## Due in April

John Dinsdale - inactive as of May 2024

Art Gold - inactive as of May 2024

Terry Hall - inactive as of May 2024

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

## Due in May

Mark & Elizabeth Domzalski - inactive as of June 2024

Joel Yelich & Valerie Nye - inactive as of June 2024

## Inactive:

Clifton & Katie Trujillo as of Sept 2023

William Heil as of Nov 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

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Here is where I enter the story. My kids, Javi and Sara were toddlers in 2001 when I decided that the 2-door, 66 Corsa I had wasn't working with the family. I figured a late 4-door would do the trick. That's when I spotted the 4-door at Dave's and knew that I had to have it. Dave was loath to sell since it was a factory 140 automatic with air. But he had his price, I paid it, and the car was mine. Whereupon I christened it "The Familymobile". It served its name very well ferrying around my two toddlers, who were secured by car seats in the back of the Monza.

I should point out the Golds like to name their cars. We've had Eyore, Mrs. Moulder, Dodger... well you get the idea. Therefore, as I said before, our new 4-door got the name Familymobile. Not



A picture taken at the 2021 State Fair Show featuring past 4-door owners, the Golds, the Johnsons, and the proud current owner, Pat Hall

very clever but it worked. So for a couple of years I drove the family around in the 65. The car ran great and the 140 made driving a hoot. The car was (and still is) a hardtop and I loved cranking all the windows down. It made me feel like I had a modern version of a car that could be seen in the TV show, *The Untouchables*. Having so much ventilation was great since I decided to leave the air conditioning alone and dormant.

I don't recall the exact color of the car when I got it, but I'm sure it looked really worn. I changed all that with a sparkling white paint job with dark blue darts running along the bottom of the sides and in the back cove. I accented the look by painting the air cleaner the same dark blue. Part of that blue air cleaner remains on my 66 Monza. All in all, it was a pretty good-looking car for how little I

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**Las Vegas**, often known simply as **Vegas**, is a city in and the county seat of San Miguel County, New Mexico, United States.<sup>[5]</sup> Once two separate municipalities (one a city and the other a town), both were named Las Vegas—West Las Vegas ("Old Town") and East Las Vegas ("New Town"); they are separated by the Gallinas River and retain distinct characters and separate, rival school districts.

The population was 13,166 at the 2020 census. Las Vegas is located 110 miles (180 km) south of Raton, 65 miles (105 km) east of Santa Fe, 122 miles (196 km) northeast of Albuquerque, 257 miles (414 km) south of Colorado Springs, Colorado, and 326 miles (525 km) south of Denver.

**History** Las Vegas was established in 1835 after a group of settlers received a land grant from the Mexican government. (The land had previously been granted to Luis Mara Cabeza de Baca, whose family later received a settlement.) The town was laid out in the traditional Spanish Colonial style, with a central plaza surrounded by buildings which could serve as fortifications in case of attack. Las Vegas soon prospered as a stop on the Santa Fe Trail. During the Mexican–American War in 1846, Stephen W. Kearny delivered an address at the Plaza of Las Vegas claiming New Mexico for the United States. In 1847, the town was the site of the Battle of Las Vegas, which was a part of the broader Taos Revolt by local Hispanos and Pueblo peoples against United States forces. In 1860, the United States Congress passed a law allowing the Cabeza de Baca heirs to choose other grants in lieu of their Las Vegas grant.

In 1877 Las Vegas College, the precursor to Regis University, was founded in Las Vegas by a group of exiled Italian Jesuits. In 1887, Las Vegas College moved to Denver whereupon the name was changed.

The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad arrived at Las Vegas from the north on July 4, 1879. To maintain control of development rights, it established a station and related development one mile (1.6 km) east of the Plaza, creating a separate, rival New Town, as occurred elsewhere in the Old West. The same competing development occurred in Albuquerque, for instance. During the railroad era Las Vegas boomed, quickly becoming one of the largest cities in the American Southwest. Turn-of-the-century Las Vegas featured all the modern amenities, including an electric street railway, the "Duncan Opera House" at the northeast corner of 6th Street and Douglas Avenue, a Carnegie library, the Castañeda Hotel (a major Harvey House), and the New Mexico Normal School (now New Mexico Highlands University). Since the decline and restructuring of the railroad industry began in the 1950s, the city's population has remained relatively constant. Although the two towns have been combined, separate school districts have been maintained (Las Vegas City Schools and West Las Vegas School District). The anti-colonist organization Las Gorras Blancas was active in the area in the 1890s.

**Cowboy Reunions** Beginning in 1915, the Las Vegas Cowboys' Reunions were held annually until 1931; then in 1939, the Cowboys' Reunions were re-established. Their slogan was, "Git Fer Vegas, Cowboy!" These reunions were organized by a group of ranching families and cowboys which soon became the Las Vegas Cowboys' Reunion Association. The Reunions celebrated ranching life, which began in northern New Mexico in the early 1800s and continues into the 21st century. The annual affair included pie eating contests, barbecues, parades, banquets, balls, and "ranch rodeos." In the early years, celebrities—cowhands as well as big-name bands, movie stars like Tom Mix, and artists such as Randall Davey—came to Las Vegas for this event. In later years, famous cowhands participated in the Cowboys' Reunion Rodeos. The Cowboys' Reunions reflected the occupations of the area and attracted huge crowds for their four days of events. In 1952, the Cowboys' Reunion Association invited the Rough Riders Association to join them at the annual rodeo.<sup>[10]</sup>

**Outlaws** The arrival of the railroad in 1879 brought with it businesses, development and new residents, both respectable and dubious. Murderers, robbers, thieves, gamblers, gunmen, swindlers, vagrants, and tramps poured in, transforming the eastern side of the settlement into a virtually lawless brawl. Among the notorious characters were such legends of the Old West as: dentist Doc Holliday and his girlfriend Big Nose Kate, Dave Rudabaugh, Jesse James, Billy the Kid, Wyatt Earp, Mysterious Dave Mather, Hoodoo Brown, and Handsome Harry the Dancehall Rustler.

Historian Ralph Emerson Twitchell once claimed regarding the Old West, "Without exception there was no town which harbored a more disreputable gang of desperadoes and outlaws than did Las Vegas."

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



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

**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.

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](mailto:tristatecorvairs@gmail.com)

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## 2024 Tri-State News

... by Lupe Arellanes

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

**Host Hotels:**

**Banquet Hotel:** The El Fidel Hotel.

**Accommodations:** The Castaneda Hotel & The Plaza Hotel.

**Car Show Hotel:** The Castaneda Hotel.

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While in Las Vegas, NM for the 2024 Tri-State, Visit... **HISTORIC TRAILS**



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had invested.

So the kids, as they often do, outgrew the confines of the Familymobile, and I decided to sell it so my wife would allow me another 'Vair. The problem is that 4-door late models are not in very high demand. I knew the drivetrain was solid, but I wouldn't be getting much because of the body style. Rather than sell it I gave it to my son Art.

For those of you keeping score, we are up to five owners- St. Francis, Wisconsin Folks, The Corvair expert, Dave Langlois, Yours Truly, and Art Gold.

Art had the beast outfitted with hand controls and he was on the road. But he really deserved a cooler Corvair model and in no time he was the owner of Leroy Roger's 66 blue convertible. It was at this point that Geoff John-



**Robert Gold (yours truly) with a Brand X Corvair**



son became owner number 6. As his son, Alex tells it, the Johnsons got the 4-door in 2010 and named it Rummy. It sported a Geoff created 140 and was in service when Geoff and Anne had their twins, Alex and Katie. Like the Dave Langlois twins, it provided their first car ride. Geoff changed and upgraded the air conditioning compressor to one from Toyota and got the air conditioning working. Along came 2019 and Familymobile/Rummy had finally outlived its usefulness to the Johnson family, so Geoff got the itch to trade the car and he wound up with Del Patton's tired 65 Monza from Pat Hall. I can testify that Del flogged this car with little concern about the consequences. I can say this because by chance I saw Del in action as he drifted the car through an intersection in NE Albuquerque. Thinking about it, maybe Del was the beginning of the drifting craze. For sure that 'Vair proved its toughness.

To Geoff's credit the 4-door was in great shape when he dealt it to the 7<sup>th</sup> and final owner, Pat Hall. As Pat tells it his late wife and longtime CNM member, Vickie took a shine to the 4-door and Pat quickly responded by trading Geoff for it. Finally, the car was in the hands of someone who wasn't raising a family and just wanted to make it all it could be, after all, a factory 140, air conditioned, and 4-door is a rare car. Pat knew it, and he quickly arranged for a complete restoration to the award-winning vehicle it is today.

So when you see Pat with his 65 beauty I'd like you to ponder how this car has moved within our CNM community. It is but one of the many thousands of Corvairs produced, but this one car has quite a story to tell. Thank you, Familymobile for all you have meant to us.

—Robert Gold



**Pat Hall at the wheel of his Pride and Joy**

## ***HOW YOUR LOCAL CLUB CAN SUPPORT THE CORVAIR PRESERVATION FOUNDATION***

**Who Are We?** This article explains the purpose of the Corvair Preservation Foundation (CPF), its National Corvair Museum (NCM), and how the Corvair Society of America (CORSA) Club Chapters can help financially a worthy organization. Although CPF is an affiliate of CORSA, each group is fully independent of the other in terms of all financial obligations, memberships, and general operations. Specifically, the CPF is 100% funded purely from its own tax-deductible memberships and donations. Moreover, membership in CORSA does not provide membership in the CPF – and vice versa. While enthusiasts are welcome and encouraged to join both, it is also worth noting that CORSA membership is not required for CPF membership.

**Our Mission!** The mission of the CPF foundation is to preserve and promote the history of the Corvair through documentation, public education, and acquiring significant artifacts.

**What Do We Do?** The CPF operates and maintains the National Corvair Museum located at 10041 Palm Rd. (Old Route 66), in Glenarm, Illinois. The museum displays significant historical vehicles with various examples of cars and trucks, along with engines, literature, design sketches, prototypes and experimental and artifacts. CPF also welcomes the opportunity to display cars and historical items on loan by fellow Corvair enthusiasts. The National Corvair Museum has been recognized and endorsed by General Motors as the official museum of North America to tell the national story of this air-cooled wonder.

Another function of CPF is sponsoring and awarding scholarships to deserving ~~qualified~~ high school students associated with active CORSA members. This scholarship program is named in honor of Frank Winchell, who was the former Engineering Staff Vice President of General Motors and Director of Engineering for Chevrolet Research and Development Group. Considered a true Corvair hero. He played a leading role in the successful defense of the Corvair during the trials against Chevrolet and GM. He is also credited with the development of the Corvair transaxle and was involved in the creation of several Corvair concept/project cars.

**How can local Corvair clubs help CPF?** While CPF and NCM is operated by volunteers, it still takes donations to keep the both running. We encourage clubs to create ideas to promote ways of giving to the CPF. For example, a club might have donation canisters with CPF literature available at local events. We know of at least one club who plans to restore a Corvair ~~up~~ and raffle it off with the donation of the funds raised given to CPF. Some clubs donate funds each year to the Frank Winchell Scholarship Fund, while others donate monthly to help cover the operating costs for the National Corvair Museum. No matter how small or large, every dollar counts and is most appreciated.

**How can I become a CPF Member?** Another way to support our organization is to become a member. When you join CPF, your annual dues not only support the ongoing operations of the **National Corvair Museum**, but also ALL our various initiatives. This includes Corvair recovery and restoration, CPF touring exhibits, funding for the Frank Winchell Scholarship program, and much more. Membership dues are only \$45/year. CPF Members enjoy an

official Membership Card, complimentary window cling, and free year-round admission to the CPF's **National Corvair Museum**. Your dues and donations are tax-deductible, and you'll also have the satisfaction of knowing your contributions help keep the history and preservation of the Chevy Corvair alive for future generations.

**We Need Space!** We recently kicked off a national capital campaign to raise funds for a permanent museum home. We have outgrown the space we currently lease and are looking into either building a new facility or purchasing an existing building, thus providing the Corvair with a permanent home to tell its story.

**Are There Donation Alternatives?** Donations to the CPF are not limited to revenue only. CPF welcomes donated items such as cars, parts, literature, and memorabilia, all of which are tax deductible. Contributions through estate planning are also possible and encouraged. If you or your club are interested in donating, or need assistance with estate planning, please contact CPF President Mike Hall at (217) 494-7105 or email at [mrhvair@aol.com](mailto:mrhvair@aol.com). Please consider supporting the continued growth and development of the CPF and National Corvair Museum with your financial commitment. For more information about our organization, museum, or ways to donate, please go to [www.nationalcorvairmuseum.org](http://www.nationalcorvairmuseum.org).

**Donations and correspondence can be sent directly (and payable to):**

**Corvair Preservation Foundation**

**P. O. Box 68**

**Long Lake, MN 55356**

*Many, Many Thanks! We thank all those who have generously contributed in the past, and we look forward to your continued support in the future. Working hand-in-hand, together we will ensure that the legacy of the Chevrolet Corvair endures.*

***Internet email on February 20, 2024—Steve Gongora***

Mike Walker contacted me through someone in Oklahoma.

Mike lives in North Carolina.

Mike purchased property with some Corvairs that have been in covered storage. He has a 4-door, a couple of Greenbriers, and a Red with a White Stripe Rampside that he describes in very decent shape. He has a couple of camper shells that go with the Rampside. He also has a couple of neon signs that displays Corvair by Chevrolet. Anyone interested should contact him at 919-215-9146.

