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Next Meeting: Regular Meeting: Saturday, October 7, 2023 10:00 AM Highland Senior Center , 131 Monroe St NE, Albuquerque,NM 87108

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Cover: CNM Members enjoying the State Fair Car Show

Next Meeting: Part 2 of Tarmo Sutt's Restoration on his 66 Corvair



A Vair alone in its lot!!



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October Program

Be sure to attend the meeting on October 7th, Tarmo will continue with his presentation of the restoration of his beautiful late model. If I recall correctly this restoration took 12 years and it shows.

Election Candidates

The officer candidates will be 'voted-in' at the October meeting. The candidates are:

Social Coordinator: Brenda Stickler

Treasurer: Steve Gongora Vice President: Robert Gold

Membership Coordinator: Lupe Arellanes

President: Gregory Nelson Secretary: David Huntoon

2nd Annual Los Luceros Field Trip

From a suggestion from Maggie Kitts, Brenda Stickler organized a field trip to Los Luceros Farm in October 2022. It was such a hit we decided to return this year. Located just north of Espanola, this plantation has an apple orchard (you pick them, you keep them) and abuts the banks of the Rio Grande. We'll meet in the parking lot of Buffalo Casino at 9:00am and follow Tarmo through scenic backroads to the site. Bring lunch as we will picnic there as well.

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Meeting Notes: Steve Gongora

Meeting notes - September 2, 2023

Meeting called to order art 10:25 AM by President Greg Nelson

Balance for checkbook - \$3222.78

Brenda brought up we need a place for the Christmas Dinner - Places mentioned - Chicago Pizza on Juan Tabo and Sal's on Coors - Second Saturday - December 9th - Midday at 11:00 AM

Tri-State - Brenda - Buying items for gift bags - 40 items needed Dollar Store - Ann Wiker will buy tissue items. Sign-up sheet for members to add to gift bag. Ann Mae suggested a website specializing in items.

Visitors - Patricia Davis (Pat Hall's daughter) John Green, doesn't have a Corvair yet.

Robert Gold - September 17th - State Fair Car Show - bring your Corvair - Meet at 7:00 AM SW corner of San Pedro and Central - Photo ops and enter as group. Wrap up at 2:15 PM. People will see a parade when they exit.

Elections are October -

Greg is saying he will remain as President.

Robert is running for Vice-President of CNM.

Need Secretary

Brenda - Talked about our Trip to Los Luceros - October 21st - Open from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Meet at 9:00 AM at Buffalo Thunder to caravan to Los Luceros. October splendor of the changing of the fall trees.

Today's Program - Shawn Kukowski - 1964 Corvair V8-conversion - talked about how it has been a few owners coming from Arizona. Bare on the inside with a V-8 motor - 327 cu motor

Not a Crown conversion. Porsche Tranaxle. Crown Conversion. Custom cradle - Air flow is an issue with higher temperature issues. Needs bigger radiator. Refined much wiring for a cleaner look.

Shawn has another V-8 mid engine 1965 Corvair under construction Corvette suspension for the engine. Maintains Corvette geometry for the suspension. Very Stable configuration.

Ice Cube side trim from a Camaro for down draft air flow to the engine. Ken Keifer created a custom exhaust system for the efficiency of the compartment. Beautiful metal panel work in the engine compartment.

Dave Huntoon pointed out the latest edition of New Mexico Magazine has at least 15 pages or more dedicated to Las Vegas, New Mexico.

Lupe is aware of the publication. She is trying to set up some tours based on the articles.

Membership - Reminder to join CORSA and CNM.

Bob Kitts will be selling his 1962 Corvair Greenbriar.

Maggie brought peaches from her yard to the meeting to share.

Trash pickup September 9th at the top of mile.

Dave Langlois will be losing his lot next door to his place. He said it will be a game changer. Will keep you posted.

Leroy Rogers - Question about his health and his wife. Will need to follow up.

Adjournment at 10:20 AM

Board Meeting Notes: Lupe Arellanes

September 20, 2023

Meeting started at 7:05 PM with Greg Nelson, Brenda Stickler, Lupe Arellanes and Steve Gongora

Greg attended the car show at the State Fair. There were 12 Corvairs. Robert Gold brought 9 Corvairs.

Greg is working with a company to create a T-Shirt design for the upcoming Tri-State in Las Vegas in 2024.

October is CNM elections. We have a full slate of officers. Greg has stated he will head the club as president.

Robert Gold has offered as Vice-President. David Huntoon can take over the secretary positions. Brenda Stickler will be the social co-ordinator. Steve has stated he can remain as treasurer.

Lupe went over a few things with the Tri-State as to who wants to get notified of new registrations.

Steve is working on putting a database to share with officers and members.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM



William Heil – October 1
Katherine Brock – Oct 1
Matthew Shortle – Oct 2
Karen Piper – October 7

Erica Anderson – October 25

Jon Anderson – October 27

Terry Price – October 27



Clifton and Katie Trujillo

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State Fair

Robert Gold has written about the State Fair, but I'll say a few words: We had a great time!!! I got to the Central Mercado parking lot very early and chatted a bit with the GTO club until the Gold Convoy arrived. During the show Tarmo showed how his car is wired up for electronic ignition (see next paragraph). The departure convoy at the end of the day is a hit with the Fairgoers as most of them it seems are lined up along our departure route taking pictures and video. This was my second year attending the Corvair show. Next year will be my third. Will I have a third car next year or will I bring the '64 with its \$\$\$ improvements????



64 Electronic Ignition Update

Ding-Dong!!! I'm attempting to add electronic ignition to the '64. I printed out instructions from the Pertronix website, and after installing the ignitor as shown in the instructions it became apparent something was not quite right because the magnetic ring was not going to fit. Hmmm. I emailed Clark's for suggestions. Their suggestion: "Install the ignitor on the other side of the breaker plate." Duh!! Ok, so that problem was resolved. Next issue is wiring 12 Volts from the harness to the distributor. Better have the fire extinguisher nearby. Just in case.

Route 66 Cleanup

This will be our last clean up for 2023. We'll tidy up the middle section. Head west from MM6 and park on the shoulder along the west-to-southwest curve (closest distance to the highway).

Start time is 8:00 am. I'll be there around 7:45 am. Afterwards of course we'll head to the Rose Farm Café for beverages and conversation.

Tri-State T-Shirt

I finally bought MS Office for my home computer, so I've been working on the T-Shirt design with MS Power Point. I've taken some of the suggestions and cobbled them together. Hopefully by the November meeting there'll be a few preliminary designs.

NMCCC - Last Event

The last event for the 2023 was the Sock Hop Car Show at the Enchanted Trails RV Park on Route 66. CNM contributed a \$50 gift card from AutoZone. The card went to the winner of the Hula Hoop contest. On hand was Su Rymarz's beautiful Blue Impala.

The 2023 State Fair Car Show

The String Continues!

Hi Folks. CNM'ers who have attended the State Fair Car Show sometime during its 27 years run know one fact- if Robert Gold is there the weather will be great. The question is-- Is it possible that this is just a coincidence? I would agree with that, but for one fact. That fact is that in 2019 I was unable to attend and guess what happened? The day started out wet and didn't improve. I should note that Geoff Johnson filled in as show manager and did an amazing job under really bad conditions. With all that in mind I realized I needed to make sure I was around in the future. So here we are in 2023, I attended the show and, of course, the weather was great.

I guess I should now tell you about what happened at this year's event. You already know that the weather was great. When we arrived at the meeting place there were twelve Corvairs and a Roush Mustang. What? A Mustang? Yep. Dave Huntoon showed us his grit by being there albeit in a Mustang to wish us well with the event though he was "under the weather" and couldn't attend. By the way it was Dave's birthday! Happy birthday Dave and get better soon.

After the GTO club got under way, we followed closely through gate 3 into the fairgrounds. I have to say that our arranging the cars for display wasn't our finest hour, but after many attempts the cars were parked and ready for the crowds. I need to thank my true love for her help with the parking chaos! It was a wonderful group of Corvairs indeed.

The following is a list of the cars and their owners.

Name Car

2. Art Gold.......... 1964 Monza (The Covid Car)

3. Robert Gold....... 1964 500 (Mrs. Moulder)

4. Javi Gold........... 1966 Monza (Albert)

5. Pat Hall...... 1965 Monza 4D (The Blue Wonder!)

6. Robert Gold....... 1963 Monza Convertible (Beater)

7. Anne Mae Gold..... 1961 Lakewood (Eyore)

8. Tarmo Sutt......... 1965 Corsa Convertible (The Nicest)

9. Sally Williams..... 1966 500 (Second Generation)

10. Greg Nelson...... 1964 Spyder (Soon to have a turbo!)

11. Robert Gold....... 1963 Convetible (Cave Girl)

12. Sara Gold....... 1964 Monza (Bob Saggett)



I would now like to thank my friends who got up early and help ferry the Gold family cars to the event. The ferry gang—Mike and Diane, Gary and Sylvia, Betty and Coach Curtis, and Katie, The Golds have a bunch of really wonderful friends!

Once the cars were in place the awards judging took place both by CNM'ers and representatives of the Fair. Here are the awards:

1. Robert Gold-- 1961 Rampside-- Best FC

2. Tarmo Sutt—1965 Corsa—Best Late & 1st Place State Fair Award

3. Anne Mae Gold—1961 Lakewood—2nd Place Sate Fair Award

4. Greg Nelson—1964 Spyder—Best Early

5. Sara Gold—1964 Monza—Best Gold Family Car

You might notice that there is an award for the "Best Gold Family Car." That's because

through the years my family has turned out many cars for this show. I challenge other

members of CNM to match our enthusiasm for this event and show up with you ride! Before I wrap this up I'd like to single

out Craig Vencill for special thanks. Craig oversees all the car show action at the Fair. He has done this so long I can't remember when he wasn't doing that. He has been so kind to us and I want CNM to know about him.

Here's Craig in the flesh:



October 2023						November 2023					December 2023									
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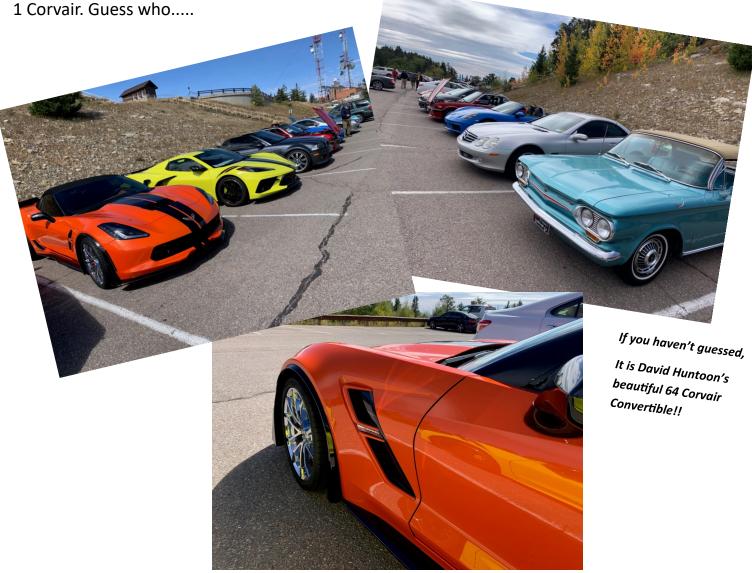
Schedule of Events

Saturday, Oct 7, 2023	10:00 AM	Meeting – Highland Senior Center ph 505-767-5210
		131 Monroe St NE, Alb., NM 87108
Saturday, October 14, 2023	8:00 AM	CNM Route 66 Clean-up (same day as Eclipse) see President's letter
Saturday, Oct 21	9:00 AM	Trip to Los Luceros – Brenda and Tarmo
Wednesday, Oct 18, 2023	7:00 PM Board M	Meeting – 3 rd Wednesday via Zoom
Wedneday, Oct 25, 2023	7:00 PM	Car Council Meeting – 4 th Wednesday
		Manzano Mesa Senior Center ph 505-275-8731
		501 Elizabeth St SE
		Alb, NM 87123
Friday, Oct 27, 2023	9:00 PM	Deadline for Newsletter
Monday, Oct 30, 2023	*****	Target completion of newsletter
Saturday, Nov 4, 2023	10:00 AM	Meeting – Highland Senior Center ph 505-767-5210
		131 Monroe St NE, Alb., NM 87108
Saturday, Nov 4, 2023	11:30 AM	Possible brunch after meeting – location to be discussed

Wednesday, Nov 15, 2023	7:00 PM	Board Meeting – 3 rd Wednesday via Zoom
Wedneday, Nov 22, 2023	7:00 PM	Car Council Meeting – 4 th Wednesday
		Manzano Mesa Senior Center ph 505-275-8731
		501 Elizabeth St SE
		Alb, NM 87123
Friday, Nov 24, 2023	9:00 PM	Deadline for Newsletter
Monday, Nov 27, 2023	*****	Target completion of newsletter
Saturday, Dec 2, 2023	10:00 AM	Meeting – Highland Senior Center ph 505-767-5210
		131 Monroe St NE, Alb., NM 87108
Saturday, Dec 9, 2023	?	CNM Christmas Dinner – Place ?
Wednesday, Dec 20, 2023	7:00 PM	Board Meeting – 3 rd Wednesday via Zoom
Wedneday, Dec 27, 2023	7:00 PM	Car Council Meeting – 4 th Wednesday
		Manzano Mesa Senior Center ph 505-275-8731
		501 Elizabeth St SE

Alb, NM 87123

Sept 23, Convertibles to the Crest, 8th annual, 24 cars. Porsches, Corvettes, Mercedes, BMW and 1 Corvair. Guess who.....



Welcome our newest members:

Corbett & Erin Battaile with their 1964 Corvair Convertible

Dues Due

Due in September

Troy Ward - inactived as of October 25, 2023

Due in October

William & Sharon Heil - inactive as of Novembe 25, 2023

Due in November

Linda & Dick Cochran - inactive as of December 25, 2023

Due in December

Larry Blair - inactive as of January 25, 2024

David Huntoon - inactive as of January 25, 2024

Anne Johnson - inactive as of January 25, 2024

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

Due in January

Tracey & John McMahan - inactive as of February

Inactive:

LeRoy Rogers - inactive as of June 25, 2023 Lube Lubert - inactive as of August 25, 2023

Dave and Jan Allin - inactive as of September 25,

Clifton & Katie Trujillo - inactive as of September

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

Sock Hop Car Show at the Enchanted Trails RV Park on Route 66. CNM contributed a \$50 gift card from AutoZone. The card went to the winner of the Hula Hoop contest. On hand was Su Rymarz's beautiful Blue Impala.



Las Vegas Tri-State 2024

Scenic <u>Las Vegas</u>, <u>New Mexico</u> has strong historic roots in the Santa Fe Trail. The city was founded in 1838 as part of a <u>land grant</u> approved by Governor Francisco Sarracino; *Vegas Grandes*, as it was called, quickly became an essential stop for the pioneers, explorers, and traders that traversed the Santa Fe Trail.

As a result of the Mexican American War, the American Southwest switched from Mexican to American ownership. Las Vegas remained an important stop along the trail, allowing the city to grow economically despite its newfound political affiliation.

Building a City

By 1846 the town's stock of <u>adobe</u> structures had grown considerably, especially around the plaza–the focal point of commerce and government in many Hispano settlements. The population of Las Vegas had gone through a small

boom, with somewhere between two and three hundred people living in the village. During this transition to American rule, members of the United States Army began to circulate through the town taking note of unremarkable yet functioning it was.



Las Vegas on the Trail

An undated photo of a marching band in front of the Plaza Hotel. <u>source</u>

Between its founding and the beginning of the <u>Civil War</u>, Las Vegas thrived as frontier town operating on the Santa Fe Trail. Traveler, trader, and military accounts describe a small but important town dependent on the commerce brought by the trail:





"As we drew near Las Vegas we noted that the "bottoms" of the little creek running near the town were cultivated in corn, with occasional patches of vegetables, the land enclosed by fences, but flanked by irrigation ditches supplying the necessary water and the crops were looking remarkably well, although the weather had been dry for some weeks...Las Vegas was a compactly-built town of probably two or three hundred inhabitants, the houses are for the most part built of adobe bricks or tufts of sod, with a corral in the rear. The herds...were driven in about sunset."

On July 4, 1879 the railroad came to Las Vegas. With it came new American architectural styles utilizing stone-cut bricks–most notably the <u>Victorian style</u>, visible today in many of the buildings surrounding the plaza. The <u>Plaza Hotel</u>, a fixture on the plaza since the midnineteenth century, remains one of the most important examples of Victorian architecture in Las Vegas.

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

CNM est 1974		9, 2024 in Historic Las Vega		COSTS
May 17, 18, 19, 2024				\$
Accommodations: The Castaneda & The Plaza Hotel	22			
Car Show Hotel: The Castaneda Hotel	0:	Phone:		
Banquet Hotel: The Historic El Fidel Hotel The Castaneda Hotel, a historic Fred Harvev House has 18	Car Show Entry:	Order your Event T-Shirt/Crew Neck: (S,M,L,XL,XXL,XXXL):	@ \$30 ea. → Grand Total	\$
ried harvey house has to rooms reserved for out-of-state attendees with a 2-night minimum. Overflow attendees will be directed to the historic Plaza Hotel.	Car Points Interest:	Car Body Style:		
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.	Car Points Interest: Banquet & C Send this form an Albu	Car Body Style:Car Show Cost: Early Bird \$50 Adult; price incred a check payable to: "Corvairs of NM"; mail % uquerque, NM 87111; Email questions to: tristatesite Virtual Visitors' Center to view excursion ide	ease after March 1, 202 Steve Gongora, 8419 l tecorvairs@gmail.com	4 → \$65 . Palo Duro NE

Former CNM member Will Davis:

Will Davis was a devoted member of CNM for many years and moved to Florida to work for NASA (National Aeronautical and Space Administration). He had retired but continued to support the community including portraying Santa Claus every Christmas. *Here is his latest condition:*

Here is a brief summary from the day of Will's accident to now:

- Tuesday, 22 August, at 2:15pm, Will was riding his red Silver Wing motorcycle south on US 1 just south of NASA Blvd.
- A car pulled out to turn left onto US 1 but did not see the motorcycle--the driver claimed there was a southbound car blocking the driver's view of Will.
- Will hit the car and was thrown off the motorcycle. EMS responded and took him to Health First Holmes Regional Hospital Emergency Room (ER).
- Sachi learned of the accident at about 4pm when someone from the ER called her and told her that Will had been admitted to the Intensive Care Unit (ICU).
- Will's injuries: both collar bones broken; both arms broken; left shoulder injured; 5 or 6 ribs broken; broken pelvis; some kind of injury to a few spinal vertibrae plus a bad scrape on his back; some others scrapes and bruises; no broken bones in his legs.
- On day 3 in the ICU, they decided to shave his beard & mustache and cut his hair to make it easier to care for his hygiene. Will was on morphene while in the ICU and not able to communicate clearly due to the medication.
- -- As most of you know, Will has worked as Santa during the holiday season for the past 40 years and before the accident had said this would be his last time this year.

As of September 22, 2023

Will is settling into Kindred Hospital since his transfer there from Holmes on Friday. Sachi said the doctors, nurses, and everyone involved with Will have been busy studying the referral notes and communicating with the team at Holmes. To Sachi, it seems this week is devoted to assessing and observing Will as they get a baseline on his condition before deciding on a plan for his long-term recovery.

We'll keep you posted:

Steve Gongora

CNM Trip to Los Luceros on October 21, 2023 check for details (information from Wikepedia)

Los Luceros Hacienda, in Rio Arriba County, New Mexico near Los Luceros, New Mexico, is a historic site which was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1983. The hacienda property adjoins, or is close to, the Rio Grande. It is on a private road about .25 miles (0.40 km) off County Route 41 Note 1

History

"Los Luceros is one of the most complete 19th century <u>haciendas</u> in northern New Mexico. The historic ranch complex includes five <u>contributing buildings</u>: a large, two-storied, double-galleried house in the American plantation style, a Late Victorian cottage, a chapel, a flat-roofed building said to have been used for a time as a jail, and a guest house."

The **Los Luceros Chapel** was documented by the <u>Historic American Buildings Survey</u> (HABS) at some time after 1933.

[2] The chapel may now be known as "Capilla de Nuestra Senora de Guadalupe" [Note 2]

The buildings are built of <u>adobe</u> brick in what is now termed <u>Territorial Style</u>, a style which mixed local materials and methods with <u>Greek Revival</u> and/or <u>Gothic Revival</u> detailing.

"The buildings are constructed of adobe brick and feature the architectural styles of New Mexico's Territorial Period of the second half of the 19th century. The present form of the ranch house is of the Greek Revival Style, but its thick adobe walls apparently incorporate portions of the walls of an 18th century Spanish rancho which had been erected on the ruins of a prehistoric Indian dwelling site. Unlike the scattered grouping of architecturally attractive buildings that formed the 19th century ranch complex of Los Luceros, the original Spanish rancho was a fortress-like Indian outpost of solid adobe walls that enclosed living quarters, storerooms and stables in one structure. Only a chapel, which preceded the present one, was a separate building. Located in the lush floodplain of cottonwood forests bordering the Rio Grande, the rancho cultivated a large apple orchard, as does Los Luceros today. The ranch house, "jail" and guest house received some remodeling in the 1920s in the Spanish/Colonial -Pueblo Revival Style." 3



Some aspect of the site dates to c.1350 apparently. [3]

It was deemed significant:

The historic hacienda complex of Los Luceros is one of the best preserved examples of the architecture of New Mexico's Territorial Period of the second half of the 19th century. The ranch house, a two-story adobe structure, is one of two surviving New Mexico examples of the Greek Revival Style American plantation-type house surrounded by a two-level gallery. The adobe out-buildings, which consist of a fine example of a small rural chapel, a Late Victorian cottage, a small flatroofed "jail" building typical of New Mexico's indigenous architecture, and a guesthouse complete the assemblage of Territorial Period types and styles. [3]







