



**NEW MEXICO COUNCIL OF CAR CLUBS**  
***“Where Car Enthusiasts Meet”***  
**FOUNDED IN 1977 TO REPRESENT THE AUTOMOBILE HOBBY IN NEW MEXICO**  
**MEETS 4<sup>TH</sup> WEDNESDAY EACH MONTH, JANUARY-OCTOBER AT 6:30 pm**

**NEWSLETTER FOR JANUARY 2026**

**NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2026 at 6:30pm.**

***PLEASE NOTE: OUR PERMANENT MEETING SITE IS NOW MANZANO MESA MULTIGENERATIONAL CENTER, 501 ELIZABETH ST. SE.***

**DON'T FORGET!! *The next Council event will be the Albuquerque Museum Show on May 17, 2026. Check our website, [nmcarcouncil.com](http://nmcarcouncil.com) for more info.***

**Robert Gold** of the Wheels of Gold CC is webmaster and newsletter editor. Check the web site to for the updated event listing and to make sure your club's info is correct. If not, contact **Robert** at

[President@nmcarcouncil.com](mailto:President@nmcarcouncil.com)

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**I Bet You Know This Guy!—A Council Board Member Makes the Front Page!**



Zebra Joe Ballengee lets the balloon Rhapsody in Blue now they are cleared to go up during the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta at Balloon Fiesta Park on Sunday In the October 6, 2025 edition of Albuquerque Journal

**You might not know that Joe has been involved in ballooning for quite a long time. He and his wife, Kelli own the balloon, Evil Twin. Here is Joe's story in his own words:**



I was born at a very early age...

My ballooning career began in 1995 when I volunteered as chase crew for Balloon Fiesta. They assigned me to help Don Boyer, a pilot out of Belen. I guess you could say we hit it off because 30 years later, we co-own the balloon and I'm his crew chief. I have been to every Balloon Fiesta since 1995, traveling from Virginia, Texas, and even Hawaii to attend. It's my favorite 9 days of the year. Don taught my wife Kelli to fly and she flies the balloon during Balloon Fiesta while he flies a sponsor balloon.

In 2014, after 19 years of being chase crew at Balloon Fiesta, I wanted to see Fiesta from a different perspective. I applied to be a Launch Director (Zebra) and got accepted into the dazzle (that's what a group of zebras is called...really!). We are all volunteers and we have the most fun of anybody (well, except for maybe the pilots). Our job is to conduct a safe, coordinated launch. No one takes off until a Zebra gives them permission. We approach the basket and give a quick scan to make sure things look ok. We give a short briefing to the pilot as to the launch procedures, checking the sky upwind to see if any balloons are heading our way. We also look to both sides to see what other balloons (and Zebras) are doing; we try to coordinate the launches so the balloons take off in nice, neat rows (not always possible!). When it's time, I run downwind from the balloon, tweeting my whistle to clear spectators from the path. I turn around, scan the sky for balloons approaching from upwind, and when it's safe, I give 3 long blasts on the whistle and give a big thumbs up with my hands high in the air. I watch the balloon fly overhead to observe its speed and direction so I have an idea of where the next balloon will go. Then it's on to the next balloon.

We have around 60 Zebras in the dazzle, including 4 leaders. It's a team effort...each Zebra is assigned to a particular row, either North Section or South Section (I'm Row 2, South Section). However, we have the authority to take care of a balloon out of our row as necessary. Other than Fiesta, we take the balloon to Gallup twice a year for rallies and Belen for the Saint Patrick's Day rally. We are members of the Albuquerque Aeronaut

Ascension Association (AAAA) and Valencia Flying and Retrieval Society (VFRS) balloon clubs. —Joe Ballengee



### *A Moment of Pride—The State Fair Reimagined*

I'll start this tale with a question. What would you think if the Albuquerque State Fair suddenly disappeared from Albuquerque and was moved to somewhere yet to be determined? This was just one of the issues discussed at a public meeting recently hosted by the organization "Our Fairgrounds Reimagined". This planning group was funded by the New Mexico State Legislature to put together a plan for bringing major changes to our State Fair including, maybe even moving it to another city. I attended the meeting along with fellow Board member, Angela Vigil to find out what was happening.

Sadly, the presentation left a lot of questions unanswered. The major question to me, the moving of the Fair, described in news accounts, was aptly dodged by the meetings organizers. Their response to questions about relocation were met by a vague reply that could be summed up by the phrase, "We don't know, and anyway that would be years off and maybe not happen." Not a response calculated to reassure the public about the Fair's future. However, I am not here to "trash" the session, but to let you know about the moment that Angela stepped up for all us car folks.

The meeting was filled with discussions and descriptions of what changes could come to the Fair. This included references to entertainment venues, gross receipts taxes, and other related issues I now tend to forget. But what I can't forget is what Angela had to say. When it was her turn, Angela stepped up to the microphone to make her point. That point was that if the "powers" actually push forward and move the Fair to another area they would be leaving the very popular weekend car shows behind. She noted that members of the extensive Albuquerque car community would probably not be willing to drive to a more remote location, say Moriarty or Los Lunas. I would count myself as one of those who

would be missing in the future. I should point out that I've served as show chairman of the Corvair Club's show for almost 30 years, so my decision to step away would not come easily.

Angela's observation was met by polite silence from those on the stage. It was readily aware to me that the impact on the shows was not very much a part of their plans. I want to thank Angela for her advocacy on the part of the Albuquerque car community. Maybe this will help keep those car shows here... but maybe not. We'll have to see if anyone was paying attention.—Robert Gold



## **NMCCC SPONSORED EVENTS AND OTHER CAR EVENTS IN OR AROUND NEW MEXICO THROUGH 2026.**

*Please note: The most current calendar of New Mexico events can be found on the Council website, [nmcarcouncil.com](http://nmcarcouncil.com)*

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### **CAR EVENTS, IN OR AROUND NEW MEXICO 2026**

<b>Date of Event</b>	<b>Name of event</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Contact info</b>
January 28, 2026	NMCCC-- General Meeting	6:30 pm-- Manzano Mesa Multgererational Center-- 501 Elizabeth St SE, Albuquerque, NM-- Member clubs and vistors welcome	Robert Gold President@nmcarcouncil.com
February 19, 2029	Albuquerque, NM-- New Mexico Mainstreet Conference Hub to Heritage Car Show	Roll in 10 am, Roll out 12:30 pm. National Hispanic Cultural Center Courtyard, 1701 4th St SW, Albuquerque	Jessica Roybal- 505.400.6543
February 25, 2026	NMCCC-- General Meeting	6:30 pm-- Manzano Mesa Multgererational Center-- 501 Elizabeth St SE, Albuquerque, NM-- Member clubs and vistors welcome	Robert Gold President@nmcarcouncil.com
March 21, 2026	Albuquerque, NM-- Little Big Man's Benefit Car Show	Crown Plaza	505.604.5353

March 22, 2026	Sunland Park, NM-- 2nd Annual Rolling with the Ladies Car Show	12 pm- 5 pm, Twin Peaks, Sunland Park	Las Curces Cruising Council, Ruben Angela , <a href="https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=las%20cruces%20cruising%20council">https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=las%20cruces%20cruising%20council</a>
March 25, 2026	NMCCC-- General Meeting	6:30 pm-- Manzano Mesa Multgererational Center-- 501 Elizabeth St SE, Albuquerque, NM-- Member clubs and vistors welcome	Robert Gold President@nmcarcouncil.com
March 27-28, 2026	Artesia, NM-- 27th Main Street Event	Heritage Plaza	Chamber of Commerce- 575.745.2744, artesiachamber.com
April 11, 2026	Deming, NM-- Smokin' Oldies Car Show	Courthouse Park	Dorinda Holly-- 575.494.7072
April 18-19, 2026	Albuquerque, NM-- Roads & Rail Festival	Albuquerque Rail Yards	<a href="http://www.wheelmuseum.org">www.wheelmuseum.org</a>
April 22, 2026	NMCCC-- General Meeting	6:30 pm-- Manzano Mesa Multgererational Center-- 501 Elizabeth St SE, Albuquerque, NM-- Member clubs and vistors welcome	Robert Gold President@nmcarcouncil.com
April 25, 2026	Las Cruces, NM-- 5th Sisbarro Spring Fest Show	Sisbarr0 Buick/GMC-- 425 W. Boutz Rd	Jeff Jansen-- 9201;248.1122
May 15-16, 2026	Albuquerque, NM-- Mustang Enchantment 2026	Winrock Town Center	Eric Shieley-- 505.268.2595, <a href="http://riograndemustangs.org">riograndemustangs.org</a>
May 17, 2026	NM Car Council- 38th Annual Albuquerque Museum Car Show	Albuquerque Museum- 2000 Mountain Rd. NW	Robert Gold President@nmcarcouncil.com
May 27, 2026	NMCCC-- General Meeting	6:30 pm-- Manzano Mesa Multgererational Center-- 501 Elizabeth St SE, Albuquerque, NM-- Member clubs and vistors welcome	Robert Gold President@nmcarcouncil.com
June 6, 2026	Grants, NM-- Spokes on 66 Show	Downtown Grants, Special appearance, Steve Darnell of Welder Up Garage and Fabrications	
June 24, 2026	NMCCC-- General Meeting	6:30 pm-- Manzano Mesa Multgererational Center-- 501 Elizabeth St SE, Albuquerque, NM-- Member clubs and vistors welcome	Robert Gold President@nmcarcouncil.com
July xx, 2026	Albuquerque, NM-- National Collector Car Appreciation Day Car Show	8 am- 11 am, Wheels Museum- 1100 2nd St. Sw, Albuquerque	Robert Gold President@nmcarcouncil.com

July 22, 2026	NMCCC-- General Meeting	6:30 pm-- Manzano Mesa Multgererational Center-- 501 Elizabeth St SE, Albuquerque, NM-- Member clubs and vistors welcome	Robert Gold President@nmcarcouncil.com
August 22, 2026	Lac Cruces, NM-- Car Show Fiesta	Sisbarro Buick/GMC, 425 W. Boutz Rd	Jeff Jansen- 920.248.1122
August 26, 2026	NMCCC-- General Meeting	6:30 pm-- Manzano Mesa Multgererational Center-- 501 Elizabeth St SE, Albuquerque, NM-- Member clubs and vistors welcome	Robert Gold President@nmcarcouncil.com
September 23, 2026	NMCCC-- General Meeting	6:30 pm-- Manzano Mesa Multgererational Center-- 501 Elizabeth St SE, Albuquerque, NM-- Member clubs and vistors welcome	Robert Gold President@nmcarcouncil.com
October 17, 2026	Las Cruces, NM-- Foreign Car Show & Swap Meet	Sisbarro Buick/GMC, 425 W. Boutz Rd	Jeff Jansen- 920.248.1122
October 28, 2026	NMCCC-- General Meeting	6:30 pm-- Manzano Mesa Multgererational Center-- 501 Elizabeth St SE, Albuquerque, NM-- Member clubs and vistors welcome	Robert Gold President@nmcarcouncil.com



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## RECURRING CAR CLUB MEETINGS AND EVENTS 2026

### \*\*\*New Mexico Car Clubs Meeting Information\*\*\*

Where/When	Description	Contact info
Albuquerque, NM- Fourth Wednesday of the Month	<u>New Mexico Council of Car Clubs</u> , 6:30 pm-- Manzano Mesa Multgererational Center-- 501 Elizabeth St SE, Albuquerque, NM-- Member clubs and vistors welcome	Robert Gold President@nmcarcouncil.com

<p>Albuquerque, NM- First Sunday of the Month</p>	<p><b><u>Albuquerque Model Car Club,</u></b> Afternoon, Wheels Museum, Albuquerque Model Car Club 2024 Meetings: Every 1st Sunday @ 2:00 p.m. Folks can arrive as early as 12 Noon to build and talk models. Meeting starts at 2:00 and ends around 4:00 Meeting Location: Wheels Museum 1100 2nd St SW Albuquerque, New Mexico</p>	<p>ABQMCC1@yahoo.com, Rich Hansell 505-837-1346</p>
<p>Albuquerque, NM-- First Tuesday of the Month</p>	<p><b><u>The AAA VWCLUB/Rt66</u></b> <b><u>ACVW</u></b> meets the 1st Tuesday of the month at 7 pm at Fuddruckers on Pan American South near Jefferson</p>	<p>aaavwclub@aol.com</p>
<p>Las Cruces, NM- First Sunday of the Month</p>	<p><b><u>Borderland A's Model A Ford Chapter of the Model A Ford Club of America</u></b>, meets 1st Sunday at 2:30 pm at the Branigan Library, North Main at Spruce, Las Cruces</p>	<p>Rick Black- 541.499.1356</p>
<p>Albuquerque, NM-- 3rd Frideay of the month (except December)</p>	<p><b><u>New Mexico Corvette Association</u></b> at Car Crafters, 600 Montano Blvd, NE, Albuquerque, NM, at 6:30 pm</p>	<p>Mary Mleczko Membership Chairman, Info@nmcorvette.org</p>
<p>Albuquerque, NM-- 3rd Saturday of each month</p>	<p><b><u>High Desert, Mustang Club,</u></b> Meetings at 10:00 am North Domingo Baca Park, 7521 Carmel Ave NE, Albuquerque, NM 87113</p>	<p>hdmustangclub@gmail.com</p>
<p>Rio Rancho, NM- Second Sunday of the Month</p>	<p><b><u>The Rio Grande Corvette Club</u></b> meets the second Sunday of the month at 3201 Renaissance Drive, Rio Rancho, NM 87124. (Southern and Country Club Rd). <u>This is a gated community.</u></p>	<p>Jerry-- 505.688.7381</p>
<p>Carlsbad, NM-- First Thursday of the Month</p>	<p><b><u>Cars Club of Carlsbad (Carlsbad Automobile Restoration Society)</u></b>, Pizza Inn, 1210 West Pierce</p>	<p>Amy Pence- pence@plateautel.net, www.carsclubofcarlsbad.com</p>
<p>Albuquerque, NM- Second Friday of the Month</p>	<p><b><u>CRC (Christian Rods &amp; Customs)</u></b>, meets at 6 pm on the second Friday of every month at Grace Church on Ellison NE</p>	<p>Gary Burns- gjburns625@gmail.com, 505.903.2840</p>

Albuquerque, NM-- First Tuesday of the Month	<b><u>Tumbleweed Ford V8 Club of Albuquerque</u></b> , meetings at the North Domingo Baca Multigenerational Center, 7600 Carmel NE at 7 pm.	Contact Joyce at <a href="mailto:oldcarnut1932@gmail.com">oldcarnut1932@gmail.com</a>
Alamogordo, NM- First Thursday of the Month	<b><u>The Golden Gears Car Club</u></b> , NORMALLY meets on the 1st Thursday of the month at 7 pm at the VW Office Hwy 70 Alamogordo	Valerie LaRue- <a href="mailto:brebiz@yahoo.com">brebiz@yahoo.com</a>
Las Cruces, NM-- 1st Tuesday of Month	<b><u>Las Cruces Car Council</u></b> meets at 6:30pm @ Rudy's Bar-B-Q	Info- Sandy-- <a href="mailto:seric1998@yahoo.com">seric1998@yahoo.com</a>
Las Cruces, NM-- 1st Wednesday of Monnth	<b><u>Las Cruces Cruising Council</u></b> , meets at 7:00 pm, Rudy's BBQ party room, Las Cruces	Hector- <a href="mailto:exclusives-mazda@hotmail.com">exclusives-mazda@hotmail.com</a>
Albuquerque, NM-- Every third Thursday	<b><u>Mopar Muscle Club of NM</u></b> , meets at 7:00 pm at Luigi's on 4th Street, Albuquerque,	Leona, Secretary, <a href="mailto:lctarta@sandia.gov">lctarta@sandia.gov</a> , <a href="mailto:nmmopars@gmail.com">nmmopars@gmail.com</a>
Albuquerque, NM00 first Thursday of the month	<b><u>Old Car Club of Albuquerque</u></b> , meets at Sandia Presbyterian Church, 10704 Paseo del Norte NE at 7 pm.	Contact Joyce at <a href="mailto:oldcarnut1932@gmail.com">oldcarnut1932@gmail.com</a>
Albuquerque, NM-- 4th Thursday of the Month except in November (one week early)	<b><u>The Tin Lizzies of Albuquerque</u></b> meet at their new location North Domingo Baca Multigenerational Center (Paseo del Norte & Wyoming) 7521 Carmel Ave Ne always at 6:30 pm.	<a href="mailto:tinlizziesfabq@gmail.com">tinlizziesfabq@gmail.com</a>
Albuquerque, NM- Second Tuesday of the Month	<b><u>The Vintage Chevrolet Club of America</u></b> Rio Grande Region meets the second Tuesday of the month at 7 pm at Dion's Pizza, 11000 Cntral Ave SEE at Elizabeth Ave.	Bruce Miller- <a href="mailto:bmiller2tx@yahoo.com">bmiller2tx@yahoo.com</a>

Albuquerque, NM--  
First Tuesday of the  
Month

**The Rt 66 VW Club** meets the  
first Tuesday of the month at  
Fudruckers off of I25 at 7 pm,  
if you choose to have dinner  
there come at 6:30 pm.

Vikki Snow- [bikkiridgley@msn.com](mailto:bikkiridgley@msn.com)

Albuquerque, NM--  
4th Saturday of the  
Month

**The Zia Studebaker Packard  
Club** USUALLY meets the 4th  
Saturday of the month at 1 pm.  
The location is at a  
DIFFERENT area restaurant  
or event during the year.

Charlie Brown-- [cfbrown1949@yahoo.com](mailto:cfbrown1949@yahoo.com)

### **\*\*\*Recurring Car Events Information\*\*\***

<b>Where/When</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Contact info</b>
Albuquerque, NM-- Every 3rd Saturday	Sandia BMW Coffee Meet & Greet- 8:30am- 10:30am, Sandia BMW, 600 Pan American Fwy, Albuquerque	
Albuquerque, NM-- Every 2nd Saturday (April-October 2025)	3 pm, <i>Cruisin South 66</i> , Meet at Heritage Park Los Lunas-- Rickshaws Motor Club	
Albuquerque, NM Every Tuesday 7am- 9am	Hot Rod/Old Car Breakfast & Chile Fix-- at Chile Fix 3351 Candelaria NE	Eugene Burditt & Joe Cromey
Albuquerque, NM-- First Friday of Month- April-October	6 pm- 9 pm, Camille's Café, Friday Night Rides, Eat, Relax Drive	

**Albuquerque, NM--**  
Every Tuesday

**7 am- 9 pm, Hot Rod/Old Car Breakfast & Fix-- at Chile Fix 3351 Candelaria NE**

**Eugene Burditt & Joe Crome**

**Albuquerque, NM**  
Saturday mornings

**Breakfast at Rich Ford- Saturday mornings, 7:30- 9:30am, Rich Ford-- Wyoming and Lomas, Albuquerque**

**Paul McLaughlin-- pmacautoart@msn.com**

**Albuquerque, NM**  
Saturdays

**Donut Derelicts meet at The Market Place at the Journal Center at 8am on Saturdays, 7620 Jefferson NE (on Jefferson between Paseo & San Antonio) Park on NW corner**

**pasalerno@prodigy.net, Pat Salerno**

**Albuquerque, NM**  
1st Saturday of the month

**Cars-N-Coffee-- Owl Café July-Dec, 1st Saturday of the month-- Owl Café, Lomas & Eubank, Albuquerque**

**Ski Martin-- 505-291-4900**

**Albuquerque, NM**  
2nd Saturday of each month

**Cars & Coffee-- April thru October-- 2nd Saturday of month-- Grace Church parking lot, 6901 San Antonio NE, Albuquerque**

**bcougar67@msn.com, 505-301-8857**

**Albuquerque, NM**  
3rd Saturday each month April-Oct

**Christian Rods & Customs Cruise Night--3rd Saturday each month April-Oct , 6pm 'til ?, Eastdale Shopping Center at Eubank NE and Candelaria NE**

**www.christianroddsandcustoms.org or see facebook**

**Albuquerque, NM**  
Saturday mornings

**Cars & Coffee, 7:45 am to 11 am, Satellite Coffee, 7600 Jefferson NE**

**<https://carsandcoffeeabq.weebly.com/location.html>**

**Albuquerque, NM**  
Scheduled times

**Owl Café invites car clubs to eat at the Owl, 800 Eubank NE. Will reserve patio for your meeting.**

**505-291-4900 to reserve**

**Albuquerque, NM, 1st Thursday of the month, May to October 2023**

**4pm-8pm, Car Show/ Live Music, North Domingo Multigenerational Center, Wyoming North of Paseo del Norte**

**cbp37@q.com**

**Albuquerque, NM--**  
Monthly (beginning Oct 14, 2023)

**Cars & Coffee, beginning Oct 14, 8am-10am, Poulin Design Center & Marketplace, 8600 Pan American Freeway NE, Ste B**

**Chamisa Roehrig-  
croehrig@poulinremodeling.com**

<b>Albuquerque, NM- Second Thursday's of the Month</b>	<b>Monica's El Portal Restaurant, 321 Rio Grande Blvd NW at 8am.</b>	<b>Art Sena 505-220-0143</b>
<b>Albuquerque, NM- Every Saturday</b>	<b>Westside Car &amp; Coffee, 9am- 11am, Bask Bath Bar- 5750 McMahon Blvd. NW</b>	<b>Andy Thompson- westsideccabq@gmail.com</b>
<b>Albuquerque, NM- Saturdays</b>	<b>Car &amp; Coffee Albuquerque, 7:45am- 11am, Satellite Coffee, 7600 Jefferson St. NE</b>	
<b>Albuquerque, NM-- 1st Saturday of the month</b>	<b>Mopar Muscle Club of NM Cars-n-Coffee, 9:00 am at El Patron north of Paseo del Norte</b>	<b>Leona, Secretary- lctarta@sandia.gov, nmmopars@gmail.com</b>
<b>Alamogordo, NM- 1st Saturday of the month</b>	<b>Cars &amp; Coffee Cruise-in, Casa Toyota, 333 N. White Sands Blvd.</b>	<b>Casa Toyota- 575.921.5580</b>
<b>Bernalillo, NM 3rd Wed. Evening each month</b>	<b>Daniel's Under the Hood Crew: Cruise Night, 5:00pm 'til ?-- Abuelito's on Hwy 313 Bernalillo</b>	<b>Priscilla 505-250-7990</b>
<b>Bosque Farms, NM-- Every Wednesday</b>	<b>Car guys breakfast- Sopas Restaurant, 1700 Bosque Blvd.</b>	<b>Bud Hennessy-- 505.715.3951</b>
<b>Carlsbad, NM-- Second and Fourth Saturday of the Month</b>	<b>Cars and Coffee, 8 am- 10 am, Kaliedoscoops, 425 N. Canal, Carlsbad, NM</b>	<b>Amy Pence-- pence@plateautel.net, www.carsclubofcarlsbad.com</b>
<b>Cedar Crest, NM East Mountains Cars &amp; Coffee</b>	<b>Last Saturday in months April- Oct from 8:30am-10:00 am. Parking lot between Cabra Coffee and Cedar Crest PO</b>	<b>cturner@sandia.gov or Deb Toner debitoner505@gmail.com</b>
<b>Farmington, NM 2nd Saturday each month</b>	<b>NNMSR Cars, Coffee &amp; Donuts-- Farmington 2nd Saturday each month from 8:30am- ? at Dunkin Donuts, San Juan Plaza</b>	<b>Belinda Kennedy-- belindas87@msn.com 505-609-3547</b>
<b>El Paso, TX Every 3rd Friday</b>	<b>Cruise At Blake's Lotaburger, Hawkins &amp; I-10</b>	<b>Clark Scott-- 951-965-1727</b>

<b>El Paso, TX</b> 2nd Saturday of each month	<b>Caffeine &amp; Octane, 9-11am at Peter Piper Pizza, Coronado</b>	<b>Charles Roybal-- car408w@gmail.com</b>
<b>Farmington, NM</b> 2nd Saturday of each month	<b>NNMSR Cars &amp; Coffee-- 8:30am -?, Farmington Dunkin Donuts, San Juan Plaza</b>	<b>Belinda Kennedy- belindas87@msn.com, 505.609.3547.</b>
<b>Gallup, NM--First Friday of each month</b>	<b>Friday Night Rides, 6 pm- 9 pm, Camille's Sidewalk Café.</b>	<b>Bethany- bethannsilva@gmail.com</b>
<b>Las Cruces, NM</b> 3rd Sunday each month	<b>Sunday Cruise, 3rd Sunday each month, Downtown Plaza</b>	<b>Hector Castro-- 575-650-4018</b>
<b>Las Cruces, NM</b> 3rd Sunday	<b>Pancake Breakfast@Airport-- EAA Hangar</b>	<b>Wes Baker-- 575.520-0451</b>
<b>Las Cruces, NM</b> 1st Friday	<b>LC Friday Cruise-- Downtown Plaza to ???</b>	<b>Hector Castro-- 575.650.4018</b>
<b>Las Cruces, NM</b> From 6-8pm each Saturday night, April-October	<b>Cruise from 6-8pm each Saturday night, April-October, Dion's on Lohman Oct-April.</b>	<b>Rex Porter 575-650-8547</b>
<b>Las Cruces, NM- Wednesdays</b>	<b>Old Geezer Hot Rod Lunch, 11 am to whenever, Dion's on El Paseo</b>	<b>Rex Porter 575-650-8547</b>
<b>Las Cruces, NM</b> 1st Saturday every month	<b>Swap Meet-- Big Daddy's Flea Market</b>	<b>Walter Brown 575-541-1198</b>
<b>Las Cruces, NM</b>	<b>Las Cruces Cars &amp; Coffee Milagro's Coffee, Las Cruces, NM</b>	<b>cruces_carsncoffee@yahoo.com or facebook Cruces Cars and Coffee</b>
<b>Los Lunas, NM-- 2nd Saturday of the month</b>	<b>Rickshaws monthly cruise</b>	<b>Ed Marihugh-- marihughhome@gmail.com</b>
<b>Rio Rancho, NM</b> Each Friday night	<b>Tacos &amp; Rides-- Each Friday night, 7pm-9pm, Café Bella Coffee, 2115 Golf Course Rd SE, Rio Rancho, NM</b>	<b>Mike Gonzales, gonzalesracing@gmail.com</b>

Santa Fe, NM 1st Saturday of the month	Cars & Coffee--First Saturday every month, 9-11am, Four Season Rancho Encantado	Sponsors Palenian and Bob Hall
Tijeras, NM 2nd Saturday each month June-Oct	Ice Cream Social Cruise Night 2nd Saturday each month June-Oct Old Tyme Shop Ice Cream Parlor-- Rte. 14- 6:30-Closing.	(505) 281-3892, <a href="mailto:oldtymeshop@msn.com">oldtymeshop@msn.com</a>
T or C, NM 1st Saturday of the month	T or C, NM-- R & C Sumthin's Ice Creasm Shop Saturday Night Cruising- 902 N. Date St, T or C- 1st Sat of month, May-Oct, 5-9 pm	575.894-1040, <a href="mailto:sumthins@windstream.net">sumthins@windstream.net</a>

\*\*\*\*\*RACING\*\*\*\*\*

Name of Event	Description	Contact info
Racing-- Mopar Challenge Series	ABQ Dragway	<a href="http://www.nmmopars.com">www.nmmopars.com</a> or <a href="mailto:nmmopars@gmail.com">nmmopars@gmail.com</a>
Racing-- Southwest Motorsports	Sandia Speedway	<a href="http://www.swms.org">www.swms.org</a>
Albuquerque Dragway	Directions-- S Broadway, E on Bobby Foster Rd	<a href="http://www.abqdragway.com">www.abqdragway.com</a> or 888-925-2227

 Minutes of the three past meetings

Please Note: The Minutes from the August 27, 2025, September 24, 2025, and the October 22, 2025 meetings are not available as of publishing time. Have questions about those meetings please contact our Secretary, JD Doran at [Jdoran@swcp.com](mailto:Jdoran@swcp.com).



**NMCCC 2025-2027 OFFICERS & DIRECTORS**

<b>Office</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Car Club</b>	<b>Email Contact</b>
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Treasurer	Joe Ballengee	Abq Model Car Club	JoBall@aol.com
Director	Robert Gold	Wheels of Gold CC	President@nmcarcouncil.com
Director	Angela Vigil	Old Town CC	gopackgo123@hotmail.com
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I enjoy digging up pictures of cars that might be of interest to car folks in New Mexico. This month I searched for the first car to come to New Mexico and this is what I came up with. This ride came to our state in 1900. The writeup said the car is a Locomobile. It was manufactured in Massachusetts and had been driven here from Denver. Must have been fun riding in it over La Bajada hill. Varrooom!!

**NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR January 28, 2026 AT 6:30 pm.**

**DON'T FORGET!!** *The next Council event will be the Albuquerque Museum Show, May 17, 2026. Check our website [nmcarcouncil.com](http://nmcarcouncil.com) for mor info.*