

NEW MEXICO COUNCIL OF CAR CLUBS

"Where Car Enthusiasts Meet"
FOUNDED IN 1977 TO REPRESENT THE AUTOMOBILE
HOBBY IN NEW MEXICO
MEETS 4TH WEDNESDAY EACH MONTH, JANUARYOCTOBER AT 6:30 pm

NEWSLETTER FOR OCTOBER 2025

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2025 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 in 2026. Check our website, 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

A Truly Historic Night—Friday Night at the 2025 State Fair

FROM THE EDITOR: Friday, September 5 marked the beginning of a new car show tradition at the New Mexico State Fair. Your Car Council partnered with the Fair to publicize this show. Here is what Craig Vencill, Fair car show director, has to say about that night.



The 2025 New Mexico State Fair theme was "Magical" and the afternoon rainbow over that first ever—"Main Street at Night Car Show"- made the evening pretty special, as the sprawling expanse of this latest addition to the State Fair's several car shows now sets into motion a whole new dimension to the beautiful tree-lined Main Street at the New Mexico State Fair.

The rainy air sprinkled with anticipation as classic engines roared onto the north block of Main Street –welcoming drivers, passengers and family members and, of course, fairgoers of all ages. Phil Chavez, of the Old Town Car Club promised the night-time car show would succeed, and the forecast of thunderstorms was not going to turn anyone around. Standing in a light drizzle, he said it best – "I love this Fair!"



With Main Street lit up on a relaxing evening at the Fair, one fellow *car-nut* and bassist for Wynonna Judd strolled along enjoying the car show, introducing himself to many of the car owners and simply saying – "This is a really nice Fair!".

A night-time car show was a long-time coming to the New Mexico State Fair. Over the years, many of the weekend car show participants have suggested a car show under the lights on Main Street would be a great addition to the daytime car shows that fairgoers have grown to love.

There are a lot of moving parts at the Fair. 30,000 fairgoers fill the grounds, traffic is backed up on Louisiana all the way to I-40, stock trailers lined up at Gate 6 and thousands of kids headed to the Midway. All of these parts added up to one challenge – how do we get cars onto Main Street on a busy Friday evening?

Early that summer we had about five meetings with coordinators, managers, security staff, parking department staffers – and we came to a consensus the rarely used and unmarked Gate 5 ½ would be the only solution.

The trick – cars had to arrive between 3:30PM - 4:00PM.

The problem – We need folks to commit their Friday to the event and stay until closing time.

Solution – NMCC had to partner up with us! Keep in mind, with all this going on, we wanted to make sure attendance at our beloved weekend car shows wasn't affected.

So, in addition to the Model T's, Model A's, Flathead V-8's, Classic VW's, Jaguars, Mopars, Tractors, Chevys, Imports, Hot Rods & Custom Cars, Lowriders, and others – the Main Street at Night is now on the New Mexico Car Council list of something special!

Special thanks go to volunteer and GTO owner, Angela Vigil, Robert Gold and his never ending energy to encourage great car shows – as well as car show partners such as: The Old Town Car Club, The Drifters, The Figved [Mopar] family, Vikki Snow, and dozens of others that are really are passionate to bring our 'Americana' car culture to life at the New Mexico State Fair.

See you next year at the "Route 66 New Mexico State Fair"!—Craig Vencill



Another Reason to Love the Land of Enchantment

I just experienced another one of those moments when I realize that living here in New Mexico is truly a wonderful thing. I wanted to share this moment with all you car guys because my recent experience relates to automobiles, and what's more, a significant amount of money.

All this began when my son, Javi, abandoned our state and moved to the east coast, specifically Florida the "Sunshine State". It's been a while since I found myself migrating from state to state in pursuit of my career as a Federal scientist. One of the parts of the moving routine included registering my car and signing up for car insurance. Generally it was straightforward, so I was amazed I received a phone call from my son because he was trying to sign up for car insurance.

I've been living in New Mexico since the early 80's so I got used to what car insurance cost out here. In fact, based on absolutely no information, I thought our car insurance rates were really high. I guess that's because I don't really want to spend any money on that type of insurance.

My son's call changed all that. He has a 2019 Chevy Impala. It's a nice car, but not anything special. The rate here with "all the trimmings" came in for about \$700 bucks every 6 months. I know that 'cause I've paid for his car insurance for the last few years. He's going to pay me back some day, ha-ha. In his call he claimed that his rate in Florida with the same company we use here was \$1,700! That's a grand more every six months. Oooooooo.

A quick look at "Dr Google" revealed that my son had moved to one of the most expensive states to buy car insurance. "What about insurance in New Mexico?", I asked Google. The response was our rates are BELOW the national average. Another reason to enjoy living here!!!

I thought you'd enjoy this story. Saving money on car insurance is always a good thing, but make sure you avoid Florida.—Robert Gold, Your Editor



NMCCC SPONSORED EVENTS AND OTHER CAR EVENTS IN OR AROUND NEW MEXICO THROUGH 2025.

Please note: The most current calendar of New Mexico events can be found on the Council website, nmcarcouncil.com

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CAR EVENTS, IN OR AROUND NEW MEXICO 2025

Date of Event	Name of event	Description	Contact info
October 18, 2025	Las Cruces, NM- Las Cruces transplant Group 18th Annual Car Show	8 am- 3 pm, Young Park, 905 Nevada Ave	Info: Lupe Jimenez- 575.649.7814, lctransplantcarshow@gmail.com
October 18, 2025	Rio Rancho, NM Mopar Challenge Series Races	6 pm, ABQ Raceway, Albuquerque, NM	nmmopars@gmail.com
October 18, 2025	Las Cruces, NM Octoberfest	Sisbarro VW Autoworld	Jeff Jansen- 920.248.1122
October 18, 2025	Albuquerque, NM Cars for Trunk or Treat Car Show at Big Brothers Big Sisters' Halloween Spooktacular	4 pm to 6 pm, 2501 Yale Blvd SE, Albuquerque	website for more info https://bbbsnm.org/events/spooktacular/

October 18, 2025	Las Cruces, NM 18th Donate for Life Car Show	8 am- 3 pm, Young Park	Lupe Jimenez- 575.649.7814
October 22, 2025	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 24, 2025	Albuquerque, NM, Horn Family YMCA Trunk or Treat Car Show	5:30 pm- 8:30 pm, 4901 Indian School Road	
October 24, 2025	Las Cruces, NM Trunk or Treat	Rudy's Bar-B-Q	Hector Castro- 575.650.4018
October 24, 2025	Albuquerque, NM Fall Festival Spooky Night	5 pm- 7 pm Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center	
October 25, 2025	Albuquerque, NM Trunk or Treat at Legacy Church	11 am- 2 pm, at Central, Clovis and Tucumcari campuses of Legacy Church	
October 31, 2025	Las Cruces, NM Elk's Club Trunk or Treat	BPOE Lodge #1119, 6 pm- 8 pm	Al Lambeth- 575.649.4898
October 31, 2025	Albuquerque, NM Trunk or Treat Car Show	10 am- 1 pm, South Valley Multipurpose Senior Center, 2008 Larrazolo Rd. SW	To Reserve a Senior Lunch Call 505.468.7614, Call 505.468.7341 for mor info.
November 1, 2025	Albuquerque, NM Feed NM Kids Car Show	8 am- 2 pm, 2502 Aztec Rd NE, 87107	Call Phil- 505.264.9081 or Jr. 505.264.9091
November 8, 2025	T or C, NM 4th Annual Veteran's Day Car Show	CANCELLED!	
November 15, 2025	Las Cruces, NM Let's Ride Car Show & Concert	South NM Fairgrounds	Hector Castro- 575.650.4018
October 25, 2025	Alamogordo, NM 35th Last Chance Fun Run	Otero Co Fairgrounds	Jack 575.491.9804
November 8, 2025	T or C, NM 4th Annual Veteran's Day Car Show	9 am- 3 pm, Albert Lyons Event Center	Bev Kasiah- 575.740.1004
November 8, 2025	El Paso, TX Rockabilly Riot	Lincoln par 11 am- 7 pm	rockabillyriotelpasotx.com
November 30, 2025	Albuquerque, NM Parnall Law Show & Shine	Roll in 9 am, Show Starts at 11 am, \$20 donation or new unwrappped toy, City Place, 2155 Loouisiana Blvd.	www.newmexicomotorevents.com, 505.377.4835
December 6, 2025	Las Cruces, NM Cruising Council Xmas Toy Run	Old Kmart (Hwy 70)- Rudy's	Hector Castro- 575.650.4018



RECURRING CAR CLUB MEETINGS AND EVENTS 2025

New Mexico Car Clubs Meeting Information

Where/When	Description	Contact info
Albuquerque, NM- Fourth Wednesday of the Month	New Mexico Council of Car Clubs, 6:30 pm Manzano Mesa Multgererational Center- - 501 Elizabeth St SE, Albuquerque, NM Member clubs and vistors welcome	Robert Gold President@nmcarcouncil.com
Albuquerque, NM- First Sunday of the Month	Albuquerque Model Car Club, 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	ABQMCC1@yahoo.com, Rich Hansell 505-837-1346
Albuquerque, NM First Tuesday of the Month	The AAAVWCLUB/Rt66 ACVW meets the 1st Tuesday of the month at 7 pm at Fuddruckers on Pan American South near Jefferson	aaavwclub@aol.com
Las Cruces, NM- First Sunday of the Month	Borderland A's Model A Ford Chapter of the Model A Ford Club of America, meets 1st Sunday at 2:30 pm at the Branigan Library, North Main at Spruce, Las Curces	Rick Black- 541.499.1356
Albuquerque, NM 3rd Frideay of the month (except December)	New Mexico Corvette Association at Car Crafters, 600 Montano Blvd, NE, Albuquerque, NM, at 6:30 pm	Mary Mleczko Membership Chairman, Info@nmcorvette.org
Albuquerque, NM 3rd Saturday of each month	High Desert, Mustang Club, Meetings at 10:00 am North Domingo Baca Park, 7521 Carmel Ave NE, Albuquerque, NM 87113	hdmustangclub@gmail.com

Rio Rancho, NM- Second Sunday of the Month	The Rio Grande Corvette Club meets the second Sunday of the month at 3201 Renaissance Drive, Rio Rancho, NM 87124. (Southern and Country Club Rd). This is a gated community.	Jerry 505.688.7381
Carlsbad, NM First Thursday of the Month	Cars Club of Carlsbad (Carlsbad Automobile Restoration Society), Pizza Inn, 1210 West Pierce	Amy Pence- pence@plateautel.net, www.carsclubofcarlsbad.com
Albuquerque, NM- Second Friday of the Month	CRC (Christian Rods & Customs), meets at 6 pm on the second Friday of every month at Grace Church on Ellison NE	Gary Burns- gjburns625@gmail.com, 505.903.2840
Albuquerque, NM First Tuesday of the Month	Tumbleweed Ford V8 Club of Albuquerque, meetings at the North Domingo Baca Multigenerational Center, 7600 Carmel NE at 7 pm.	Contact Joyce at oldcarnut1932@gmail.com
Alamogordo, NM- First Thursday of the Month	The Golden Gears Car Club, NORMALLY meets on the 1st Thursday of the month at 7 pm at the VW Office Hwy 70 Alamogordo	Valerie LaRue- brebiz@yahoo.com
Las Cruces, NM 1st Tuesday of Month	<u>Las Cruces Car Council</u> meets at 6:30pm @ Rudy's Bar-B-Q	Info- Sandy seric1998@yahoo.com
Las Cruces, NM 1st Wednesday of Monnth	<u>Las Cruces Cruising Council</u> , meets at 7:00 pm, Rudy's BBQ party room, Las Cruces	Hector- exclusives-mazda@hotmail.com
Albuquerque, NM Every third Thursday	Mopar Muscle Club of NM, meets at 7:00 pm at Luigi's on 4th Street, Albuquerque,	Leona, Secretary, lctarta@sandia.gov, nmmopars@gmail.com
Albuquerque, NM00 first Thursday of the month	Old Car Club of Albuquerque, meets at Sandia Presbyterian Church, 10704 Paseo del Norte NE at 7 pm.	Contact Joyce at oldcarnut1932@gmail.com

Albuquerque, NM4th Thursday of the Month except in November (one week early)	The Tin Lizzies of Albuquerque meet at their new location North Domingo Baca Multigenerational Center (Paseo del Norte & Wyoming) 7521 Carmel Ave Ne always at 6:30 pm.	tinlizziesofabq@gmail.com
Albuquerque, NM- Second Tuesday of the Month	The Vintage Chevrolet Club of America Rio Grande Region meets the second Tuesday of the month at 7 pm at Dion's Pizza, 11000 Cnetral Ave SEE at Elizabeth Ave.	Bruce Miller- bmiller2tx@yahoo.com
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
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

Recurring Car Events Information

Where/When	Description	Contact info	
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, Cruisin South 66, 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 Cromey
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 Night3rd 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
Albuquerque, NM- Second Thursday's of the Month	Monica's El Portal Resturant, 321 Rio Grande Blvd NW at 8am.	Art Sena 505-220-0143
Albuquerque, NM- Every Saturday	Westside Car & Coffee, 9am- 11am, Bask Bath Bar- 5750 McMahon Blvd. NW	Andy Thompson- westsideccabq@gmail.com
Albuquerque, NM- Saturdays	Car & Coffee Albuquerque, 7:45am- 11am, Satellite Coffee, 7600 Jefferson St. NE	
Albuquerque, NM 1st Saturday of the month	Mopar Muscle Club of NM Cars-n-Coffee, 9:00 am at El Patron north of Paseo del Norte	Leona, Secretary- lctarta@sandia.gov, nmmopars@gmail.com
Alamogordo, NM- 1st Saturday of the month	Cars & Coffee Cruise-in, Casa Toyota, 333 N. White Sands Blvd.	Casa Toyota- 575.921.5580
Bernalillo, NM 3rd Wed. Evening each month	Daniel's Under the Hood Crew: Cruise Night, 5:00pm 'til ? Abuelito's on Hwy 313 Bernalillo	Priscilla 505-250-7990
Bosque Farms, NM Every Wednesday	Car guys breakfast- Sopas Restaurant, 1700 Bosque Farms Blvd.	Bud Hennessy 505.715.3951
Carlsbad, NM Second and Fourth Saturday of the Month	Cars and Coffee, 8 am- 10 am, Kaliedoscoops, 425 N. Canal, Carlsbad, NM	Amy Pence pence@plateautel.net, www.carsclubofcarlsbad.com

Cedar Crest, NM East Mountains Cars & Coffee	Last Saturday in months April- Oct from 8:30am-10:00 am. Parking lot between Cabra Coffee and Cedar Crest PO	cturner@sandia.gov or Deb Toner debtoner505@gmail.com
Farmington, NM 2nd Saturday each month	NNMSR Cars, Coffee & Donuts Farmington 2nd Saturday each month from 8:30am-? at Dunkin Donuts, San Juan Plaza	Belinda Kennedy belindas87@msn.com 505-609-3547
El Paso, TX Every 3rd Friday	Cruise At Blake's Lotaburger, Hawkins & I-10	Clark Scott 951-965-1727
El Paso, TX 2nd Saturday of each month	Caffeine & Octane, 9-11am at Peter Piper Pizza, Coronado	Charles Roybal car408w@gmail.com
Farmington, NM 2nd Saturday of each month	NNMSR Cars & Coffee 8:30am -?, Farmington Dunkin Donuts, San Juan Plaza	Belinda Kennedy- belindas87@msn.com, 505.609.3547.
Gallup, NMFirst Friday of each month	Friday Night Rides, 6 pm- 9 pm, Camille's Sidewalk Café.	Bethany- bethannsilva@gmail.com
Las Cruces, NM 3rd Sunday each month	Sunday Cruise, 3rd Sunday each month, Downtown Plaza	Hector Castro 575-650-4018
Las Cruces, NM 3rd Sunday	Pancake Breakfast@Airport EAA Hangar	Wes Baker 575.520-0451
Las Cruces, NM 1st Friday	LC Friday Cruise Downtown Plaza to ???	Hector Castro 575.650.4018
Las Cruces, NM From 6-8pm each Saturday night, April- October	Cruise from 6-8pm each Saturday night, April-October, Dion's on Lohman Oct-April.	Rex Porter 575-650-8547
Las Cruces, NM- Wednesdays	Old Geezer Hot Rod Lunch, 11 am to whenever, Dion's on El Paseo	Rex Porter 575-650-8547
Las Cruces, NM 1st Saturday every month	Swap Meet Big Daddy's Flea Market	Walter Brown 575-541-1198

Las Cruces, NM	Las Cruces Cars & Coffee Milagro's Coffee, Las Cruces, NM	cruces_carsncoffee@yahoo.com or facebook Cruces Cars and Coffee	
Los Lunas, NM 2nd Saturday of the month	Rickshaws monthly cruise	Ed Marihugh marihughhome@gmail.com	
Rio Rancho, NM Each Friday night	Tacos & Rides Each Friday night, 7pm-9pm, Café Bella Coffee, 2115 Golf Course Rd SE, Rio Rancho, NM	Mike Gonzales, gonzalesracing@gmail.com	
Santa Fe, NM 1st Saturday of the month	Cars & CoffeeFirst 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, oldtymeshop@msn.com	
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, sumthins@windstream.net	

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



Minutes of the two past meetings

Please Note: The Minutes from the August 27, 2025 and September 24, 2005 meetings are not available as of publishing time. Please check our website, nmcarcouncil, for the most current available minutes.



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I'm sure many of you have seen the Balloon Fiesta. Mainly your there to marvel at the shapes and colors of the balloons but I'm also sure you're also looking at the chase vehicles. Like I have, maybe you've sat in the back of a modern pickup zipping along the backroads looking to retrieve your balloon. But sometimes the vehicle is as memorable as the balloon it is chasing. I'd like to enter this picture I came across for the "distraction of the year" award. I also nominate this for the tidiest chase vehicle distinction.

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 22, 2025 AT 6:30 pm. This is the last meeting of 2025.

DON'T FORGET!! The next Council event will be the Albuquerque Museum Show in 2026. Check our website nmcarcouncil.com for mor info.