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**Next Meeting: Regular Meeting: Saturday, July 6, 2024 10:00 AM**

**Highland Senior Center, 131 Monroe St NE, Albuquerque, NM 87108**

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*On the Cover: Mark Domzalski's Corvairs in Placitas*

**A CAR OF YOUR OWN SHOULD BE AS EASY TO HANDLE AS THE NEW CORVAIR**

We think you'll find that Corvair is the perfect car for you. It's small, so it handles easily in traffic and parks between meters with 7 feet left over. And it's even easier to steer than other small cars because its engine is in the rear. This way, there's very little weight over the front wheels, so they turn with very little effort. And that extra weight over the rear wheels gives you better traction on ice and snow. You'll like everything else about Corvair, too. Its virtually flat floor lets you get out easily from either side. Monza interiors are nicer than ever, with a new soft vinyl on the front bucket seats and convenient front-door map pockets. For maximum driving ease, you can have Powerglide automatic transmission\*. Power steering? That's for cars with the engine in the front. . . Chevrolet Division of General Motors, Detroit, Michigan.



1964 CORVAIR by CHEVROLET



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**CNM July 2024 Newsletter Articles—Greg Nelson**

Tri-State Discussions

I've sent an email to the presidents of the Pikes Peak and Rocky Mountain clubs to begin a discussion about the future of the Tri-State. Specifically, the questions I asked are:

1. Do we continue to have the event annually? Or once every two years? Three?
2. Do we continue to have each club take turns hosting? Or do we all help pitch in?
3. This year's fundraising baskets helped pay for the banquet (the \$50 fee would not have been enough). We worked on these baskets for nearly a year. Is there an alternative method to fundraising?
4. Do we continue to bounce around different cities each year or should we try to find a site in southern Colorado and meet there every year in the same venue, so we aren't reinventing the wheel every year.



**MY GOSH!! 201!  
THE DRAIN PLUG**

We will discuss these ideas at club meetings over the coming months (and years???)

Program

It will be a simple program this month. Mecum auction prices for recently auctioned Corvairs. And although it's not technically part of the program we'll continue to do the 'Around the Room' Corvair discussions. I always have something to say and love hearing what everyone else is working on.

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Report for CNM Treasury

Account for June 2024

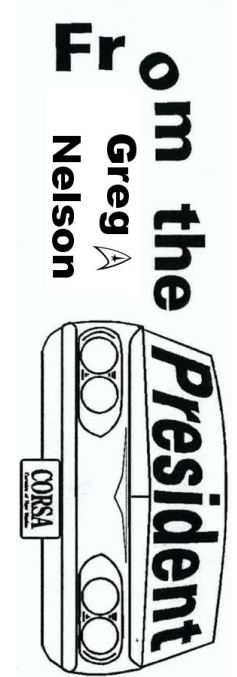
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21-Jun-24	Cash	15.00	Nelson, Greg - Tri-State T-Shirt		15.00	\$5,051.25



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July Trash Day

This month's trash day will be back at the bottom of the mile, and we will start around 8:30am. Park in front of the bar. Huntoon's home-built wheeled-trashcan he cobbled together inspire me to purchase a large-wheeled trash can from Amazon (pictures next month). This will make dragging those trash bags around a little bit easier. [photo below courtesy of Dave H]



Lilly and Ray's '64 700

Dave and I have been working with Lilly and Ray on their gorgeous 4-door '64. Lilly, off to the right in the picture below, is assisting with the removal of the old panels. We're having a bit of a hard time nailing down the exact vinyl color. I ordered the complete 60-69 vinyl samples from Clark's. Hopefully this will help match the colors better than



trying to hold the catalog page up to the door panel. In the second photo Ray and I are going through the catalog and ordering some of the preliminary items required for replacing door panels: door paper, door paper putty, panel plugs and washers.



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'63 Spyder

Still working on the fuel issue. I removed the electric pump and found a rust-colored sediment on the inlet side of the filter. I purchased a hand pump from Harbor Freight and removed most (?) of the gas from the tank. A whole ½ gallon. I think there should have been more. I ordered a special wrench from Clark's to remove the gas sender unit. Should be in soon. I'm interested in seeing how much sediment there is in the gas tank.

I have the car raised on 4 jacks but when I work under the car I add two floor jacks for safety.



'64 Monza

The new seat foam in the Spyder worked so well the I decided to get new foam for the '64. That should be the last big renovation project for the '64. All that's left are minor details like decals, installing the glovebox, and, oh yeah, painting the trunk.

NMCCC

*On July 7<sup>th</sup> the NMCCC is hosting the Collector Car Appreciation Show at the Wheels Museum. Robert Gold and I are volunteering at the event. If you happen to be in that part of town from 8:00am to 11:00am be sure to stop by.*



## ***How Many Corvair Guys Does It Take to Trailer Three Cars?***

Mark Domzalski hasn't done anything with two late models and a convertible Corvairs at his place for several years, so he called Pat Hall to see if Pat wanted them. Pat said he did and would bring his slider truck to the June CNM meeting and begin removing them from Mark's property in Placitas after the meeting. Tarmo Sutt and Fred Edeskuty were coming to the meeting too and said they would drive to Mark's to help the other two get one car on the slider truck on Saturday. Then, Pat would return Sunday with the slider truck and a hitch to remove the other two.

All went well on Saturday. One car was loaded onto the slider and Pat took it home. On Sunday he returned with the slider truck and a car hitch to pick up



the other two. He and Mark winched one of the cars onto the slider truck, hitched the other one behind, said their goodbyes and Pat started back to Las Lunas.

A few miles south of Bernalillo the car being towed dropped its rear suspension in the middle of I-25. Pat stopped, safely retrieved the pieces and moved the car into the median. He continued on to Las Lunas with the car on the slider truck and brought the truck back to pick up the immobilized car. Once hooked up, he couldn't get the slider truck out of the median – he was stuck in

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**CNM club meeting 6/1/24—David Huntoon**

Treasurer report \$5011.25 current

VP Robert mentioned a car show at the Wheels Museum 7/7 starting 8 am. Last year had good turnout and this year should be better. Plus you get to roam through the Wheels Museum and see what's new!

Also had some talk about renewing our Meisner Award.

Considering future meeting place at the Palo Duro Senior Center.

Brenda mentioned Pat Hall offered a picnic at his place later this summer/fall when the weather cools down some. TBD

Trinidad will be the next TriState location and about a week later than normal. Should avoid the typical conflict with the Old Town Museum car show. Also the Albuquerque Art Museum now has the original Gilbert Stuart painting Of George Washington on display. George standing next to his desk. I am sure everyone has seen this portrait at one time. I had to change the CNM Facebook page cover photo due to a conflict with the Taos Pueblo even though we had permission to take that photo and display it. Can't prove it so decided to replace it with an image from our Las Vegas Tri-State.

thx, David

**Board Meeting – 6-19-24 / Steve Gongora**

3 members – Greg Nelson, Steve Gongora, Brenda Stickler

Dave Huntoon was working on Lupe Arellanes car and could not attend.

Greg contacted Mike Piper, President of Pikes Peak Corvair Club and discussed ways of simplifying the Tri-State. Expenses were much higher than expected and we were looking at ways to make it more affordable and back to basics.

The State Fair Car Show was mentioned as the last day of the State Fair on a Sunday in September 15, 2024. normally meet at 7:00 AM at San Pedro and Central and caravan to our spot on the State Fair Grounds.

We are planning a picnic at Pat Hall's Place Saturday, September 28, 2024. Details to come

We will plan on going to the Los Luceros Plantation in October to see the change in the Autumn leaves and have a tour of the place on October 19, 2024

We are planning a trip to the Nuclear Museum in November.

Brenda Stickler is donating her Kiddy Train Ride to the Wheels Museum.

There are Tri-State Shirts available for Sale at the next meeting.



***Birthdays in July***

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|----------------------|------------------|
| James Richardson 7-5 | Larry Blair 7-15 |
| Debbie Anderson 7-6  | Kelli Pogue 7-19 |
| Robert McBreen 7-7   | Terry Hall 7-22  |
| Mark Domzalski 7-8   | Cade Ward 7-22   |
| Tarmo Sutt 7-8       | Kay Sutt 7-31    |
| Valerie Nye 7-10     |                  |



- Anniversaries in July***  
 Dick & Linda Cochran 7-18  
 Mark Morgan & Kelli Pogue 7-19



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JULY 2024						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	1	2	3

AUGUST 2024						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

2024 SEPTEMBER						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	1	2	3	4	5

Saturday, July 6, 2024	10:00 AM	Meeting—Highland Senior Center , 131 Monroe St NE, Alb. NM 87108
Sunday, July 7, 2024	8:00 - 11:00 AM	<b>Collector Car Appreciation Day, Wheels Museum, 1100 2nd St SW, Alb, NM 87102</b>
Wednesday, July 17, 2024	7:00 PM	Board Meeting—3rd Wednesday via Zoom
Wednesday, July 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 July 26, 2024	9:00 PM	Deadline for Newsletter
Monday, July 29, 2024	*****	Target completion of newsletter
Saturday, Aug 1, 2024	10:00 AM	Meeting—Highland Senior Center , 131 Monroe St NE, Alb. NM 87108
Wednesday, Aug 15, 2024	7:00 PM	Board Meeting—3rd Wednesday via Zoom
Wednesday, Aug 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 Aug 24, 2024	9:00 PM	Deadline for Newsletter
Monday, Aug 27, 2024	*****	Target completion of newsletter
Saturday, Sept 7, 2024	10:00 AM	Meeting—Highland Senior Center , 131 Monroe St NE, Alb. NM 87108
Sunday, Sept 15, 2024	7:00 AM	<b>State Fair Car Show—Meet at San Pedro and Central to Caravan to show.</b>
Wednesday, Sept 18, 2024	7:00 PM	Board Meeting—3rd Wednesday via Zoom
Wednesday, Sept 25, 2024	7:00 PM	Car Council Meeting – 4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday  Manzano Mesa Senior Center , 501 Elizabeth St SE, Alb, NM 87123
Friday, Sept 27, 2024	9:00 PM	Deadline for Newsletter
Saturday, Sept 28, 2024	*****	<b>Picnic at Pat Hall's place—details to come</b>
Monday, Sept 30, 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 Housely 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!!**

# Dues Due

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

## Due in April

Terry Hall - inactive as of May 2024

## Due in May

Mark & Elizabeth Domzalski - inactive as of June 2024

## Due in June

Steve Johnson - inactive as of July 2024

David Pierre - inactive as of July 2024

Fred Riggs II - inactive as of July 2024

## Due in July

Lloyd Piatt - inactive as of Aug 2024

### Inactive:

John & Tracy McMahan - inactive as of February 2024

Phil Finch - inactive as of March 2024

Clifton & Katie Trujillo as of Sept 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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the sand. He called Mark to come help pull it out of the median. After a short wait, Mark arrived with his Yukon and between the two of them they were able to get Pat back on the highway on his way with the third car.

So, the answer to the original question . . . how many guys does it take? . . . appears to be five. Mark gets counted twice because of his assistance getting Pat out of the ditch and back on the highway.





# The Black Cat Mystery—A Corvair Story –Robert Gold



I feel I should begin this tale with a bit of background. I currently driver an orange 61 Rampside. The vehicle was suspended on concrete blocks down in southern New Mexico for decades. It has tons of “patina.” Not having much sense, I decided I had to have that orphan. After writing a ton of checks I had a running truck with a title in my name. This mystery story wouldn’t have even begun had it not been for this Corvair.

It is fitting that I’m writing this article almost exactly one year after an itsy bittsy black kitten arrived on our doorstep. She was just old enough to be on her own, but still a kitten. Since that Father’s Day 2023 my true love, Anne Mae and I have wondered about the beginnings of this visitor. We named the kitty, Tica, after the common name for a girl in Costa Rica. Since I don’t think you want to hear the story about the trip to Costa Rica, I’ll stay true to this story.

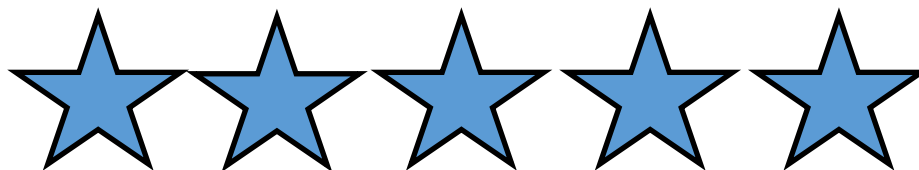


Ok, here we are a year later, and the mystery remains. Tica is a now a wonderful cat but we still wondered about her. So, I can say the mystery has been solved, but first a Corvair-related part of this story.

I’m an advocate of using sunshades on my cars so I don’t have to pay a bunch of money to an upholsterer—sorry Steve. For Christmas, Anne Mae gave me some sunshades with black cats just like Teca on them. As those images faded because of our wonderful sun, I was approached by my neighbor who just had a couple of sunshades with black cats on them and I could have them. Very Interesting. After saying “absolutely,” they delivered by screens when we were away. It took a couple of weeks for me to put them up, just as my neighbor’s daughter was in the front yard. I had a nice conversation with her, but it soon took a turn.

She mentioned that her family had a pair of black cats. Huh? My next question was... “did they have a kitten that didn’t come back?” Yes. OMG I had their cat. So, I then said, “I’m not giving her up!” NO PROBLEM. It was her sister’s kitty and she was currently being comforted by another feline.

So, this is my story and I’m sticking to it, because of my Corvair I solved “*The Black Cat Mystery*”.





## Tri-State photos—Steve Gongora

*Here are a few photos from our Tri-State 2024 in Las Vegas, New Mexico*

We recently lost Tim Shortle. Tim was a longtime CORSA supporter as well and many Corvair Clubs in California and the Southwest. His son, Matthew was in attendance at the Tri-State. Here he is looking at a Corvair Powered kit car.

A few Tri-State people were signed up for the Trolley Tour of Las Vegas and heard stories about Doc Holliday and how he got in an argument outside a building and shot a man dead.



The banquet was held at the El Fidel Hotel. The buffet style food was excellent. There was room for seconds. Jim Arellanes gave a background history of Las Vegas to give a better insight of the region. Steve Goodman and Steve Gongora are the only two members that have been to every single Tri-State since 1976.





David Huntoon provided the top photo of a Corvair on the streets of France. I did some internet surfing and found the Corvair Club of France. Looks like a lot of fun.

# Le Corvair de France



## Chevrolet Corvair Club de France

