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Next Meeting: Regular Meeting: Saturday, June 1, 2024 10:00 AM

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

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On the Cover: Jim Williams Engine—Larry Blair and Tub



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CNM June 2024 Newsletter Articles—Greg Nelson

Program

We will discuss the results of the Tri-State. If you like to purchase one of the leftover T-Shirts they can be purchased at cost. Same deal for the Tote bags.

Tri-State

The 2024 Tri-State is now behind us and was a resounding success. We even managed to make a few dollars. I made multiple trips to Las Vegas prior to the meet: scouting mission, pick up tote bags, pick up T-shirts, etc. and each trip was enjoyable. I paid a visit to the Rough Riders Antique store each trip, stopped by the museum (just up the street from the El Fidel) and watched the Amtrak Southwest Chief pass



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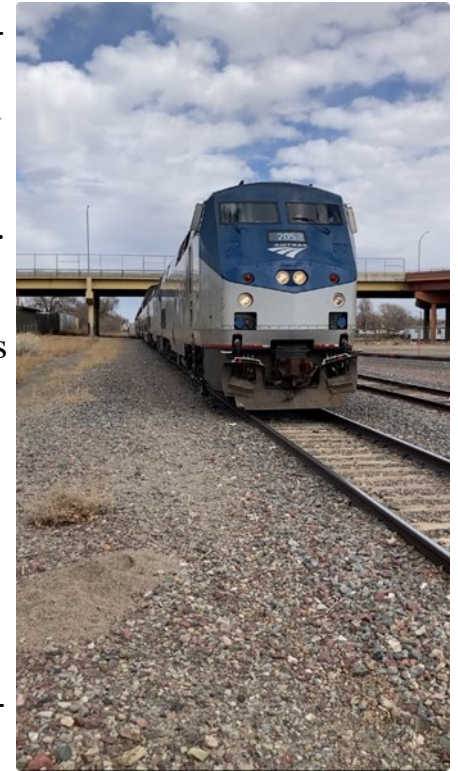
Report for CNM Treasury

Account for May 2024

Date	Check	Amount	Payee	Description	Balance	Running Balance
4-May-24						\$2,336.05
4-May-24	2606	-63.80	Kay Sutt - Special Sleeves for Posters		-63.80	\$2,272.25
4-May-24	2607	-30.00	Greg Nelson - Las Vegas Tri-State Posters		-30.00	\$2,242.25
7-May-24	Cash	130.00	Hall, Pat - 2x Banquets and 1 Shirt		130.00	\$2,372.25
7-May-24	1813	70.00	Morgan, Mark & Kelli - 1 yr CNM & CORSA 24-25		70.00	\$2,442.25
7-May-24	2608	-45.00	CORSA - 1 yr membership for Morgan, Mark & Kelli		-45.00	\$2,397.25
13-May-24	3254	160.00	Riblett, Chuck & Taylor, Carolyn - 2 Dinners & 1 Shirt		160.00	\$2,557.25
13-May-24	1094	285.00	Brereton, Rob, Tricia & Natalie - 3 Dinners & 3 Shirts		285.00	\$2,842.25
15-May-24	1238	90.00	Piper, Mike 3 Shirts		90.00	\$2,932.25
15-May-24	2006	95.00	Carlson, Larry - 1 Dinner & 1 Shirt		95.00	\$3,027.25
15-May-24	1237	195.00	Piper, Mike 3 Dinners		195.00	\$3,222.25
16-May-24	2609	-80.00	Cash - Till Starter Money for Registration		-80.00	\$3,142.25
19-May-24	5182	65.00	Arellanes, James - 1 Dinner		65.00	\$3,207.25
19-May-24	4291	95.00	Drage, John - 1 Dinner & 1 Shirt		95.00	\$3,302.25
19-May-24	Cash	1659.00	Cash Collected from 50/50, Raffles, Silent Auc, Regist.		1659.00	\$4,961.25
21-May-24	44305060	50.00	Yelich, Joel & Nye, Valerie - CNM 26 Month - renew 7/26		50.00	\$5,011.25

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through town. The original motivation in selecting Las Vegas was the Casteñeda Hotel, a Harvey House Hotel. The fact that Jim Arellanes is from LV was a bonus. Jim's brother provided the music during the banquet which made this Tri-State unique. My thanks to all the club members who volunteered and contributed to its success. This attitude and camaraderie were evident on the drive home. I convoyed with Jim, Dave and Tarmo. Tarmo got a call from Pat Hall saying he was having engine issues just past Lamy. We met up with Pat and drove together to the St. Francis exit where we stopped at a gas station and bought a bunch of automatic transmission fluid which Pat used liberally all the way to Los Lunas. Fortunately, everyone made it home safely.



Palo Duro Car Show

The Wednesday before the Tri-State several of us participated in a mini car show at the Senior Center on Comanche. Of the eight cars participating, four were Corvairs. Steve and I convoyed together and while he was parking, my engine died. What!! Not again. My car was pushed into position, but I was lucky that it started for the trip home. Steve and Dave followed me just in case. Good thing I have two electric fuel pump kits from Clark's.



63 Spyder

The fuel bypass plate has been installed and the engine runs fine in the driveway. All that is left to do is a test drive. I will have details at the meeting. Fingers crossed.



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My Other Hobby

One of my other hobbies is HO scale trains. There is a Corvair link. A British company, Oxford Diecast, makes HO scale cars including Corvairs. I put three of them on a flatbed railroad car. They are all 63 coupes but the brown one looks just like my '64. Close enough. I have a silver 63 Corvair still in the box.



Corvairs on TV

Comedian Jerry Seinfeld has made a movie about the creation of the Pop-Tart. Yes, the Pop-Tart. Subject matter aside I did notice during the CBS Sunday Morning news profile a distinct vehicle – a yellow 61 Lakeside that Jerry drives. There is quite a bit of info about the vehicle online if interested. It does look amazing.

Tri-State—Steve Gongora

We were so fortunate to have such good weather for our Tri-State in Las Vegas, New Mexico. Rita and I drove up on Thursday to make sure we were ready to welcome our Corvair friends from Colorado and prepare for the registration table on Friday. We were welcomed by Tony and Diane Lawler, Tarmo and Kay. James Richardson and Mary Zelle, Lupe and Jim Arellanes, Brenda Stickler and Anne Wiker joined in later in the afternoon. We set up and had a fantastic dinner at the Cowboy Hall. It was walking distance from the Casteñeda Hotel. Friday morning was a treat to be able to experience the restaurant, Charlie's Spic and Span. People go out of their way to stop at this great breakfast and lunch venue. Of course, we were able to catch up on Corvair conversations. We spent the rest of Friday at registration and seeing most of the clubs arrive. The big day was Saturday with cars assembled and raffle prizes to give away by noon. This took place at the outdoor tent. All prizes were drawn and I was happy to clear my work space at home, as I have been storing these raffle prizes for most of the year.

After the car show we got a tour of Las Vegas from local trolley car business. We got to

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see the sights of the town and got our bearings on where things were. We even passed by the bar where Doc Holiday shot and killed someone in an argument. There was plenty of time to finish the tour and head over to the El Fidel hotel for the banquet. The food was excel-



lent. I was given the microphone to MC the event and we did the traditional role call of clubs and eliminated all participants who haven't made 39 consecutive Tri-State meets. There happens to be two people who have attended all the Tri-States. They are Steve Goodman and yours truly, Steve Gongora

We hope all were pleased with the Tri-State and look forward to our next adventure with the Rocky Mountain Corvair Club in Trinidad, Colorado in 2025. This town is rich with history and here is what they are saying about this town.—

From Paul Seyforth:

Trinidad is a hidden gem nestled in the heart of Colorado, offering a plethora of amenities and attractions that will capture your heart. From our vibrant arts scene to our diverse culinary experiences, you'll find something to delight every sense.

Explore our charming downtown area, filled with unique galleries,

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**David Olwine:
Enjoying a soak in this
Murphy type bathtub
on the railside of the
Casteñeda .**

CNM meeting minutes—May 4, 2024—David Huntoon

13 members present

Treasurer reports \$2336.05 with all accounts up to date.

Vice President has nothing to report other than museum car show that conflicts with our TriState meet.

There will be a small car show on the 15th at the Palo Duro Senior Center, 9am to noon.

There will be a board meeting on the 19th mainly to confirm our TriState plans are finalized.

After a short discussion among the members the meeting was adjourned

Board Meeting

May 12, 2024

Email assignment sheet to everyone.

Lupe will communicate when she gets to Vegas

Sign-up sheet with phone numbers for board members

Amanda has done a great job at the desk—Very Friendly and helpful

Trash pickup – David Huntoon Went beyond the call of duty by going down the ravine to collect trash

Weather report for Vegas – Great weather for our event

Rita thanked everyone for doing their part in preparing this event

It is a lot of work to put on a Tri-State / Who will be setting the tables – We need to coordinate volunteers – best time for the setup is after the registration –

The Casteñeda is available after 3:00 PM and can accommodate 80 people during the day.



Birthdays in June

Phil Finch - 6-14

Tony Lawler - 6-15

Rita Gongora - 6-24

Heula Pittman - 6-24

Robert Gold - 6-30

Clifton Trujillo 6-30



Anniversaries in June

Jim & Heula Pittman 6-8

Corbett Battaile & Erin Collins 6-9

David & Jan Allin 6-19

Terry & Sarah Price 6-16

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

AUGUST 2024						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
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| Monday June 1, 2024 | 10:00 AM | Meeting—Highland Senior Center , 131 Monroe St NE, Alb. NM 87108 |
| Wednesday, June 19, 2024 | 7:00 PM | Board Meeting—3rd Wednesday via Zoom |
| Wednesday, June 26, 2024 | 7:00 PM | Car Council Meeting – 4 th Wednesday
Manzano Mesa Senior Center , 501 Elizabeth St SE, Alb, NM 87123 |
| Friday June 28, 2024 | 9:00 PM | Deadline for Newsletter |
| Monday, July 1, 2024 | ***** | Target completion of newsletter |
| Saturday, July 6, 2024 | 10:00 AM | Meeting—Highland Senior Center , 131 Monroe St NE, Alb. NM 87108 |
| Wednesday, July 17, 2024 | 7:00 PM | Board Meeting—3rd Wednesday via Zoom |
| Wednesday, July 24, 2024 | 7:00 PM | Car Council Meeting – 4 th 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 th 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 |



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

John Dinsdale - inactive as of May 2024
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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boutique shops, and local artisans showcasing their talents. Take a leisurely stroll and immerse yourself in the rich history and culture that Trinidad has to offer. We can schedule a trolley or downtown walking tour for your club!

For nature enthusiasts, we highly recommend a visit to Fishers Peak State Park, where you can embark on breathtaking hikes and witness stunning panoramic views of the surrounding mountains. If fishing is more your style, Trinidad State Lake is a haven for anglers, offering a tranquil setting to cast your line and unwind.

And let's not forget about the music! Trinidad is home to an array of cool musical venues, where you can catch live performances by talented local artists and touring bands. Whether you're a fan of jazz, country, or rock, our vibrant music scene will surely leave you tapping your feet and wanting more.

We understand that exploring all these wonderful attractions can work up an appetite. That's why we have curated a list of top-notch restaurants, each offering a unique culinary experience. From farm-to-table delights to international flavors, you'll discover a world of gastronomic delights right at your fingertips.



NM Car Council Museum Car Show May 19, 2024—Jim Pittman

In the Sunday Journal I saw an article about a special art exhibit in Albuquerque for a few weeks. I thought, If I go to the car show I can go in the Museum and see this exhibit. I drove down Lomas to Old Town and found a shady spot to park and walked toward the car show. I had not looked at the first car when I encountered Russ McDuffie and Larry Yoffe who brought Corvairs to the show! Kudos to them for representing the Corvair Club. I got a few photos of their Corvairs, then went looking for the art exhibit. I spent quite a while looking at several rooms full of painting and sculptures. I experienced four world-famous paintings. After years of seeing the Gilbert Stuart painting of George Washington in many books, magazines and TV shows, I never would have believed I could ever stand in front of it and see it in real life. That was quite an experience. It would have been nice to look at all the cars present as I have done many times before but my energy ran out and I had to be content with just a couple of hours and a few photos. The Albuquerque Museum is a New Mexico treasure (actually New Mexico has many!) and everyone should visit!



NM Car Council Museum Car Show, May 19, 2024

Photos by Jim Pittman



Palo Duro Senior Center Car Show

May 15, 2024—Photos by Steve Gongora



Tri-State photos—Dave Huntoon & Steve Gongora

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

