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**Next Meeting: Regular Meeting: Saturday, Nov. 2, 2024 10:00 AM**

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

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**On the Cover: Group Shot at Los Luceros (top)**

**Rita taking a selfie of the group (right)**



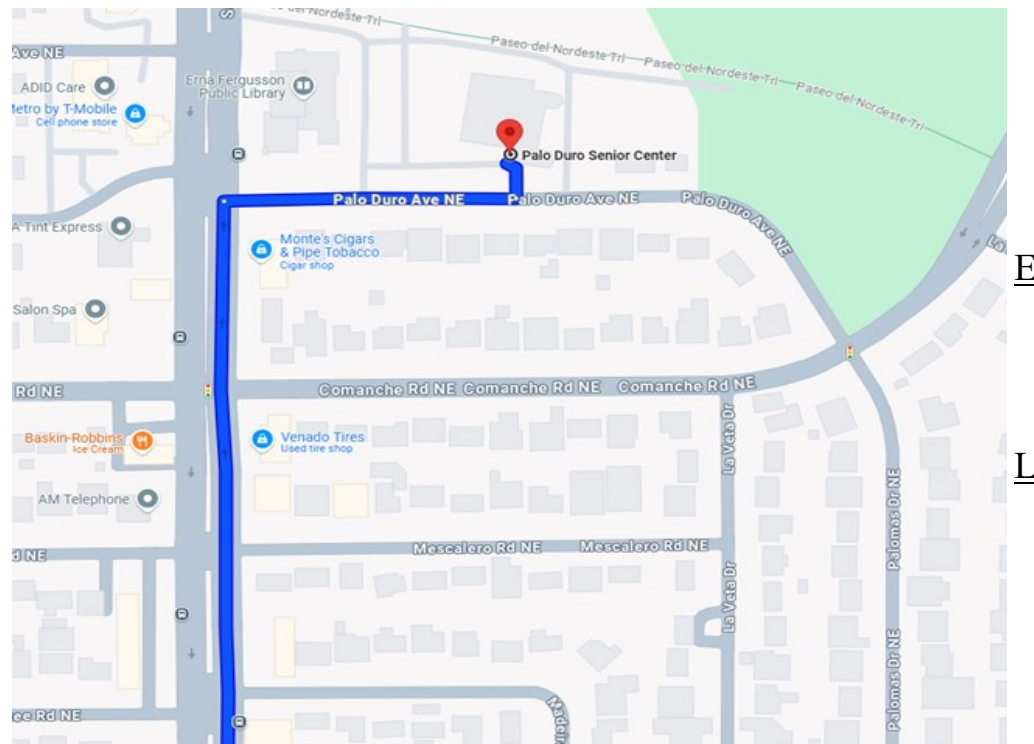
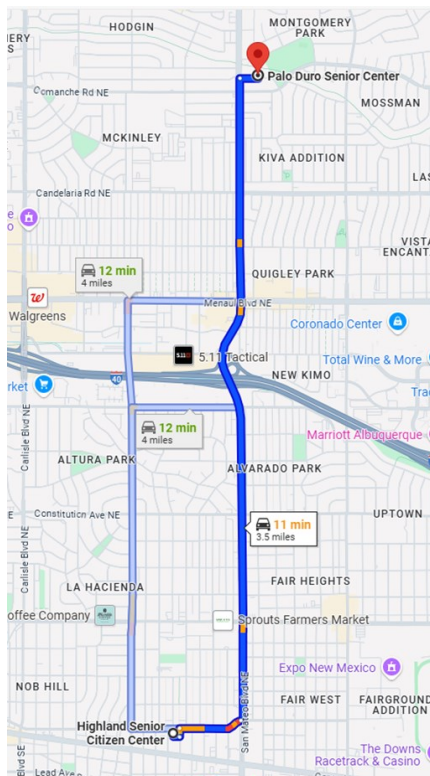


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**CNM November 2024 Newsletter Articles—Greg Nelson**

**We Are Moving!!**

The CNM VP has been in discussions with the Palo Duro Senior Center management to host our monthly meetings starting in January. The Palo Duro Center is across the parking lot from the Edna Ferguson public library. Directions from the Highland Center head east on Copper Ave. and then north on San Mateo. You can either turn right on Palo Duro Street (first intersection north of Comanche signal light) or turn right (east) onto Comanche, and then left onto Palo Duro.



**Starting January 4, 2025**

**CNM Meeting at Palo Duro Senior Center**

**5521 Palo Duro Ave NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110**

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**Report for CNM Treasury Account for October 2024**

Date	Check	Amount	Payee	Description	Balance	Running Balance
1-Oct-24						\$5,151.25
9-Oct-24	7044	25.00	Anderson, Jon & Debbie - 1 yr CNM exp 10-25		25.00	\$5,176.25
19-Oct-24	2494	25.00	Stickler, Brenda - 1 yr CNM exp 10-25		25.00	\$5,201.25



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Elections

We 'held' our annual elections at the October meeting and the current officers in attendance agreed to keep their current posts. For next year's election if anyone wants to hold a post let us know and we can certainly accommodate any volunteers.

Los Luceros

We made our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual visit to the plantation and once again it was a fantastic trip. It rained this year, so we got to experience the farm under different weather conditions. Because of the light rain we skipped the picnic lunch and had lunch at the Cowgirl BBQ in Sante Fe. I am sure there will be additional photos in the newsletter.



Caps

I have distributed the first batch of caps. If you did not get one, there will be another batch. Just let me know what color you would like. They are free of charge, but if desired you can make a small donation to the club treasury.



Trash Day

October was our last pickup for the year. Dave and I managed to fill one trash bag, so our mile is looking surprisingly good. We will pick it up again next March (pun intended).



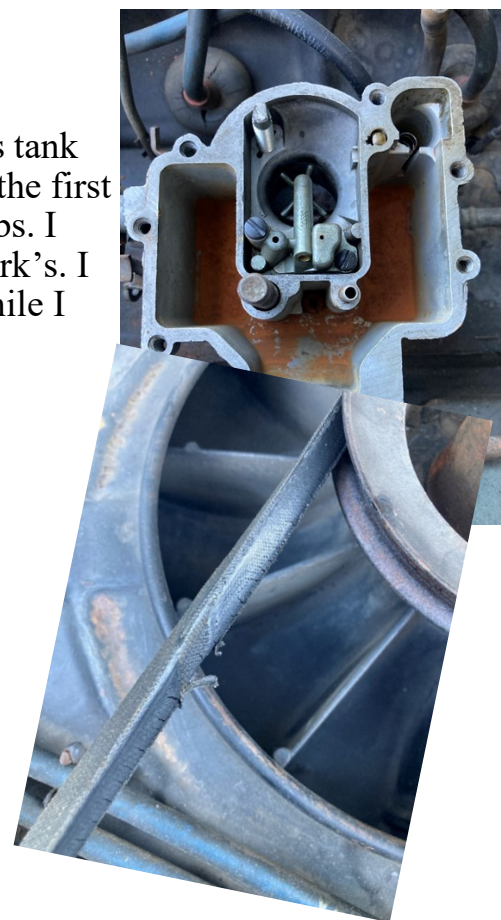
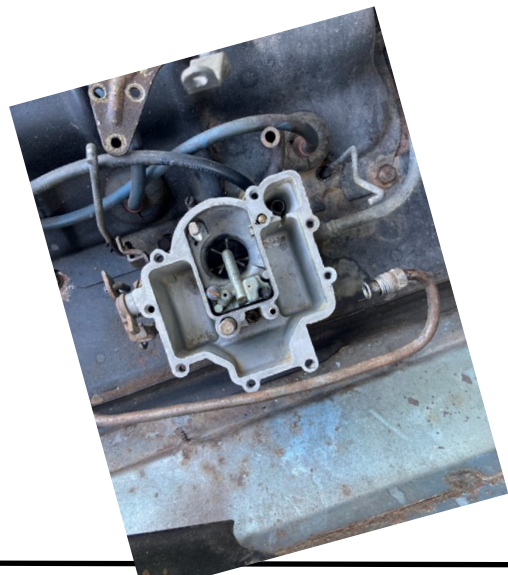
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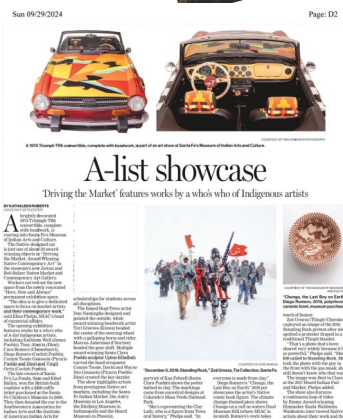
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63 Spyder

I have been working quite a bit on the Spyder. After getting the gas tank installed with Dave's help the left carburetor sprung a leak during the first engine run. As you can see below there was lots of rust in both carbs. I cleaned them up and ordered new gaskets and other parts from Clark's. I will run the engine again the weekend before the club meeting. While I was mucking around in the engine bay I went ahead and replaced the fan belt. Just in case.



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1974 Triumph—Steve Gongora

Recently , a car I worked on 22 years ago was featured in an article in the Albuquerque Journal. The car has an interesting history. It was donated by a couple that owns the La Fonda Hotel and was meant to help with funding for the Indian Market. My friend Upton Ethelbah was one of the artists who contributed a stone piece for the rear view mirror. This car had many famous Indian artists contributing their talents to make this a showcase vehicle

with supreme value. Jeanette Ferrara, from the Isleta Pueblo came to the House of Covers and asked if we could create the seats out of Pendleton material, which she provided. The time was limited but we did the job on a short deadline. Rita and I were invited to the gala at the Santa Fe Sweeny Center for the auctioning of the Triumph. We sat down at the table and I introduced myself to



the person next to me. I told him who I was and said I completed the seats on the car. He introduced himself and said he was responsible for the exterior paint. What are the odds of sitting in a convention center next to the other person who created the most prominent aspects of the car. Bids came from all over the country and the winning bid was around \$94,000. The car was on display at the Smithsonian Institute and is now on display in Santa Fe at the Museum of Indian Arts & Culture at 710 Camino Lejo, Santa Fe, NM 87505

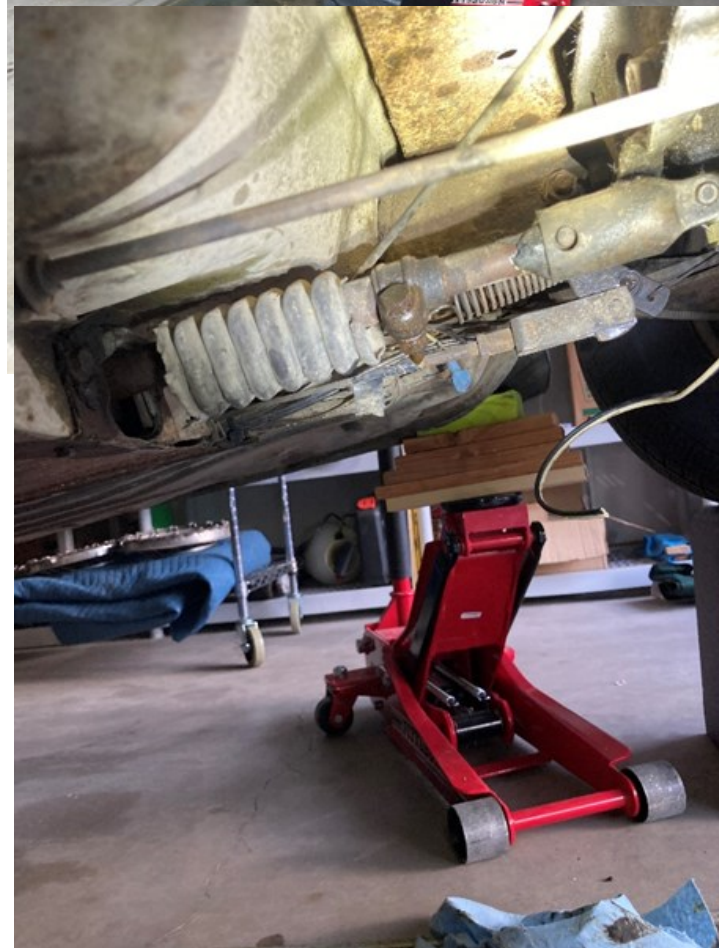
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### 64 Monza

I am also making minor repairs to the 64 Monza. It needs new boots on the shifter linkage and gas linkage. I am also replacing the reverse light switch. The switch is supposed to come with a gasket, but I must have misplaced it or lost it. That Clark's order (a second one in just as many) just arrived so, fingers crossed, it will be repaired before the club meeting.



### Articles

Everyone is welcome to submit an article, especially if it is related to your Corvair. I do not want to hog all the newsprint so please, if you have something interesting news, please send it to Steve Gongora.

**CNM Meeting – October 5, 2024—Dave Huntoon**

12 members present

Treasurer reports \$5151.25 with no change in last month

Our next and last Rt 66 trash cleanup will be 10/12 at 8:30am.

We are continuing our potential meeting move to Palo Duro Center with first meeting this January.

A Bingo Night and Silent Auction is under discussion and looking for convenient location. Possible from rental?

10/19 is our visit to the Los Luceros Historical site. Buffalo Thunder is the meeting place at 9:00am. Then follow Tarmo as he leads us through the back roads to the site.

Our Christmas lunch will be 12/14 with a site to be chosen.

October is our time for officer elections and the present slate has agreed to serve again. A show of hands and the election was completed. Lupe was only officer not present but we believe we can convince her to re-up!

Greg Nelson – trying to finish up on the gas leak and electric fuel pump issues on his Corvair

Bob & Maggie are in the process of clearing for their move

Robert Gold has found a glass man to work on Corvairs –Steve Guzman who lives in Encino.

Anne Wiker might sell her Corvair with the Yellow Paint

CNM Key chain – thanks to David Huntoon – he will order more

Dave Langlois – possible engine for Lupe

Thanks—Dave

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**No Board Meeting for October**

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**Kilroy  
Was  
Here**



**Recognize any  
of the fellows  
hiding behind  
the decklid?**



***Birthdays in November***

**Mary Zelli 11-7**

**James Pittman 11-13**





# Dues Due

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

*Makes Checks Payable to: CNM or Corvairs of New Mexico*

### **Due in November**

Bob & Maggie Kitts inactive as of Dec 2024  
Dick & Linda Cochran inactive as of Dec 2024

### **Due in December**

David Huntoon inactive as of Jan 2025  
Alex Johnson inactive as of Jan 2025

### **Due in January**

Ann Wiker inactive as of Feb 2025  
James Richardson inactive as of Feb 2025

### **Inactive:**

Lloyd Piatt inactive as of August 2024  
Steve Johnson - inactive as of July 2024  
David Pierre - inactive as of July 2024  
Fred Riggs II - inactive as of July 2024  
Terry Hall - inactive as of May 2024  
Mark & Elizabeth Domzalski - inactive as of June 2024  
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



## **Los Luceros Fall Tour —October 19, 2024**

The outing to Los Luceros was a success despite the gloomy forecast by the weather reports. CNM members met at the Buffalo Thunder Parking Lot at 9:00 AM and Tarmo led us on a convoy to the plantation via the backroads of Española. Tarmo always gives us a chance to learn more about Northern New Mexico by using the roads less traveled.

When we arrived at the Los Luceros Plantation, the parking lot was empty except for the brave CNM'ers. The rain stopped long enough to explore one of the old homes and the chapel located on the

ground. After the chapel, we made our way to the service building and onward to the Rio Grande. As we finished our tour, the rain started. We were spared from the inclement weather for our experience. Even though the mansion was under restoration, it was still a great time for club members to get out and explore.

We caravanned to the Cowgirls restaurant in Santa Fe to grab some of their famous menu items. Some of the members made it to the second-hand store Double Take to take in some Santa Fe shopping. *Steve Gongora*





CNM Trip to Los Luceros—October 19, 2024

Photos By Steve Gongora

