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Next Meeting: Regular Meeting: Saturday, Oct. 5, 2024 10:00 AM

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

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On the Cover: Drawing by Gary Campesi (top)

Curtis Shimp holding a CNM Key FOB (right)

**From the
Greg A
Nelson**



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CNM October 2024 Newsletter Articles—Greg Nelson

Program

Videos, election discussion and whatever else I can think of by the time of the meeting. If you have a topic you would like to discuss at a future meeting, please feel free to bring it up at the meeting.

State Fair

Sixteen cars!!! We had a great time once again on the last day of the State Fair. As usual we met and convoyed from the Mercado Market but not before taking a group photo. Anne Wiker attended even though she apparently did not have headlights for her early drive in from Edgewood. A couple of past members, Larry and Russell also joined us. I met a few people I used to work with at the show. All in all it was another great show and experience.



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Report for CNM Treasury

Account for Oct 2024

No Changes

| Date | Check | Amount | Payee | Description | Balance | Running Balance |
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| 1-Aug-24 | | | | | | \$5,051.25 |
| 5-Aug-24 | Cash | 100 | Anonymous Donor | | 100 | \$5,151.25 |

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Pat's Picnic

We had a good crowd at Pat's place for our recent social gathering. Curtis Shimp drove all the way up from Silver City and Terry Price also made an appearance. It was great to see them. We held the picnic on the last weekend of September in the hopes that it would be cooler, but alas mother nature did not accommodate us.

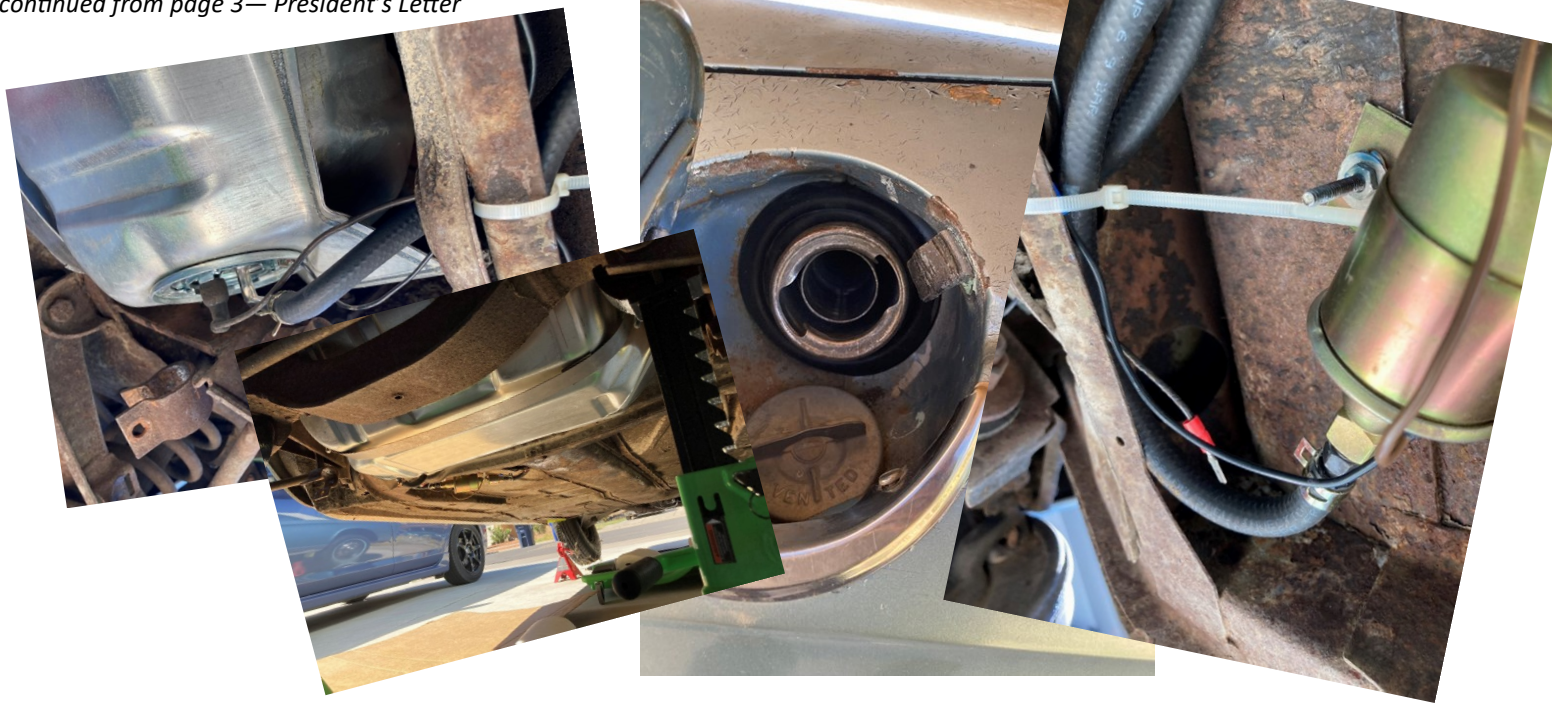


Harvest Festival Volunteers

My train club ran an operating layout at the Corrales Harvest Festival the last weekend of September and guess who walked in – Anne Wiker. She was also volunteering at the festival. She had a lengthy conversation with a fellow train member who used to work at Ed Black Chevrolet.

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So Close – 63 Spyder

I am oh so close to resolving the fuel issue. Dave Huntoon helped me get the gas tank installed but unfortunately the large hose did not fit properly onto the tank inlet. I’m trying to figure out how to fix that without removing the tank. Again, stay tuned for more updates. We did get the new fuel pump installed, albeit in a looping way with the fuel line. Steve Gongora came over and helped install the large fuel port gasket. He had the right tool in his Greenbrier.

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Route 66 Clean-up—There are many reasons to be involved in a CNM Route 66 Clean-Up. October 12, 2024 @ 8:30 AM

1. You are being civic-minded by keeping New Mexico Clean.
2. You are getting exercise.
3. You are being one with nature.
4. You are seeing breath-taking views

Refreshments at the Roots Farm Café, as usual, afterward.



Board Meeting September 16, 2024 - Topics Discussed:

Robert Gold gave a reflection on the State Fair show and was sharing the excellent attendance and the number of cars - sixteen cars to be exact.

Preparations for the picnic at Pat's: Does Pat have plates, cutlery, condiments, etc. Greg will pay a visit to Pat to ascertain.

Huntoon's key chain order came in and he will distribute at next meeting.

CNM Hats from Fully Promoted will be ordered when a sufficient number of color selections have been received.

Discussed October Field Trip to Los Luceros - Shall we make it a potluck picnic also?

Discussed possible change of venue for our CNM meetings.

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Winter Prep – 64 Monza

I plan on doing some minor repairs to the 64 in the garage during the winter. I'm running out of floor jacks, so I picked up a pair of Race Ramps. I wanted to keep the tires on the car for added height for safety reasons. Each ramp can hold 1500 pounds.



Trash Day

Our last trash day of 2024 is on October 12th. Since we skipped September, we will meet in the middle section and fan out from there. Usual time: 8:30 AM. And then the usual post meeting at the Roots Farm Café.

Los Luceros

Our 3rd (?) Annual Los Luceros trip will be on the 19th of October. We meet in the parking lot of Buffalo Thunder Casino at 9:00am and follow Tarmo through the back roads to the plantation. Bring a picnic lunch with you.

Caps & Keychains

If you have not selected a cap color, please let me know at the meeting. For club members who can't attend the meeting (out of state members) please shoot me an email (fesedu@comcast.net) with your color selection. I'll mail the cap to you. If you're not sure of the color let me know which row and column (2nd row, 1st column: is that green or dark beige?). Dave Huntoon ordered CNM keychains and passed them out at Pat's Picnic. I have a few leftovers and will bring them to the meeting for those that would still like one.



Fender Bender

Fellow Corvair enthusiast, John Mattern, was involved in an accident in his 64. He was not injured, and it was not his fault. He's working with Dave Langlois on getting spare parts.



CNM club August membership meeting 9/7/24—David Huntoon

Greg Nelson, Brenda Stickler, Pat Hall, Lupe Arellanes, James Richardson, Jim Pittman, David Huntoon, Steve Gongora, Bob & Maggie Kitts, Anne Wiker – 11 people

Treasurer reports \$5151.25

Little activity to report

David Huntoon ordered 20 key chains with CNM anniversary logo will be at next club meeting.

Greg Nelson was checking in on caps – cost – minimum order of 12

Pres Greg asking for colors desired for ball caps with CNM logo.

Pat's picnic – Sept 28, 2024 @ 11:30 AM

State Fair – Can people get a stamp and coming back in? Parking lot – GTO on the right Corvairs on the left.

Bingo and Silent Auction in November? (Board Meeting)

Photos and videos from Greg Nelson – Comic Con & Greg helping with door panels for Ray & Lilly Gonzales

Consideration given to explore possibilities for new meeting place.

thx, David



Birthdays in October

Karen Piper 10-7
Jon Anderson 10-27
Terry Price 10-27



***Anniversaries
in October***

Katie & Clifton Trujillo

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OCTOBER 2024

NOVEMBER 2024

DECEMBER 2024

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- Saturday, Oct 5, 2024 10:00 AM Meeting—Highland Senior Center , 131 Monroe St NE, Alb. NM 87108
- October 12, 2024 8:30 AM *Route 66 Clean-Up—Tijeras Canyon***
- Wednesday, Oct 16, 2024 7:00 PM Board Meeting—3rd Wednesday via Zoom
- Saturday, Oct 19, 2024 9:00 AM *Trip to Los Luceros Plantation, Alcalde, NM / Meet at Buffalo Thunder parking***
- Wednesday, Oct 23, 2024 7:00 PM Car Council Meeting – 4th Wednesday
Manzano Mesa Senior Center , 501 Elizabeth St SE, Alb, NM 87123
- Friday, Oct 25, 2024 9:00 PM Deadline for Newsletter
- Monday, Oct 28, 2024 ***** Target completion of newsletter
- Saturday, Nov 2, 2024 10:00 AM Meeting—Highland Senior Center , 131 Monroe St NE, Alb. NM 87108
- Saturday, November 9, 2024 1:00 PM *Bingo & Silent Auction Night***
Manzano Mesa Senior Center , 501 Elizabeth St SE, Alb, NM 87123
- Wednesday, Nov 20, 2024 7:00 PM Board Meeting—3rd Wednesday via Zoom
- Wednesday, Nov 27, 2024 7:00 PM Car Council Meeting – 4th Wednesday
Manzano Mesa Senior Center , 501 Elizabeth St SE, Alb, NM 87123
- Friday, Nov 29, 2024 9:00 PM Deadline for Newsletter
- Monday, Dec 2, 2024 ***** Target completion of newsletter
- Saturday, Dec 7, 2024 10:00 AM Meeting—Highland Senior Center , 131 Monroe St NE, Alb. NM 87108
- Saturday, Dec 14, 2024???** ***** ***CNM Christmas Dinner***
- Wednesday, Dec 18, 2024 7:00 PM Board Meeting—3rd Wednesday via Zoom
- Wednesday, Dec 25, 2024 7:00 PM Car Council Meeting – 4th Wednesday
Manzano Mesa Senior Center , 501 Elizabeth St SE, Alb, NM 87123
- Friday, Dec 27 2024 9:00 PM Deadline for Newsletter
- Monday, Dec 30, 2024 ***** Target completion of newsletter

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Xmas Party location discussed. Brenda will look into several venues. - Sal's or Copper Canyon
 Auction and Bingo Night. Initial discussion on when and where to host. **November 9 at 1:00 PM**. Robert Gold making some inquiries.
 We have had the Senior Centers host our previous events. We are inquiring if the Manzano Senior Center will be able to host our event.
 Possible tour to the Nuclear Museum. Brenda is checking on group rates. *Cheers Greg*

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 October

Brenda Stickler inactive as of November 2024
Jon & Debbie Anderson inactive as of November 2024

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

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

This will be the third year to revisit this historic New Mexico Plantation north of Española. It is a great opportunity to learn about New Mexico History, see the changes of the foliage of northern NM and enjoy the company of fellow CNM members. We will meet in the parking lot of the Buffalo Thunder Casino and Resort and follow Tarmo and Kay Sutt through backroads of Española to arrive at the plantation. It is such a wonderful experience. The photos show the upstairs grand room of the plantation mansion and the views

along the Rio Grande.

The plantation was purchased by Mary Cabot Wheelwright in 1923 and many famous artists including Georgia O’Keefe were among the many guests. Several rooms display artifacts and stories about the place. Maggie Kitts introduced this adventure to Brenda Stickler and we thank both of them for making this tour possible. Tickets are \$7.00 per adult and children under 16 are free. Make sure it is on your calendar. Meet at Buffalo Thunder Parking Lot at 9:00 AM



A Day of Priceless Satisfaction

The 2024 State Fair Car Show



Ok CNM'ers, I'm going to be honest with you. After nearly 30 years of doing the Fair Show I've gotten a bit jaded. Not to say I don't enjoy seeing all the fun to be had at the show, but the show has kinda set into a routine. Just like the wonderful weather we have every year, a lot of things get taken for granted. It's sorta like what B.B. King song—"The thrill is gone."

One of the things I did to bring back a bit of excitement was getting Alex Johnson to help out with the event. I know you know it, but I'll say it again, Alex is a treasure, a third generation CNM member! Describing the show and its history to Alex reminded me that this show has become an important aspect of the CNM year. I want to mention that Alex's Dad,

Geoff, was a regular exhibitor at the event with the Johnson clan. This year Anne was kind enough to drive the Gold's Lakewood. However, Alex says they'll be driving one of Geoff's creations to the show next year. I can't wait to see it with him at the wheel.



Under normal circumstances working with Alex would be enough, and that is how I viewed it as my friends and family caravanned to the meeting place. We had seven cars and I really felt important as we entered the parking lot. It was impressive, but the most impressive thing was yet to arrive. That happened around 7 am when we realized that we had a BUNCH of cars in the parking lot. It's indescribable how it looked as wave after wave of Corvairs arrived. Folks we never see, like Cary Hubbard was there with the Geoff Johnson built 64 Spyder Convertible. We also welcomed Anne Wiker with a stunning version of John's car. AND I can't overlook the return of Larry Yoffe and Russ McDuffie to the CNM show ranks. My blood pressure is going up just thinking of all that!

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I want to thank everyone because we had a near record number of cars. I'm saying SIXTEEN CARS!!! Man, oh man, it was wonderful to see them lined up along Heritage Ave. I contend you could see the curvature of the earth when looking at all those cars lined up. By the way, Cary deserves credit for making the job of parking cars actually easy. Cary Hubbard for the Nobel Prize, or something that important. THANKS Cary.

Well I'm now outta breath with all this stuff so it's time to list all the rides. Here's are the cars and their owners.

| Name | Car. |
|---------------------------|--|
| Robert Gold..... | 1961 Rampside (Big Orange) |
| Cary Hubbard..... | 1964 Spyder Convertible (Built by Geoff Johnson) |
| Ray & Lilly Gonzalez..... | 1964 700 4-door (Makes us GREEN with envy!) |
| Robert Gold..... | 1964 500 (Mrs. Moulder) |
| Vikki Snow..... | 1963 Monza Convertible (Cardinal) |
| Robert Gold..... | 1960 900 (Cave Girl) |
| Javi Gold..... | 1966 Corsa (Albert) |
| Anne Wiker..... | 1966 Monza (The Yellow Beauty) |
| Tarmo Sutt..... | 1965 Corsa (The Santa Fe Wonder) |
| Sally Williams..... | 1966 500 4-door (Owned by the Quilt Master) |
| Art Gold..... | 1964 Monza (The Covid Car!) |
| Larry Yoffee..... | 1965 Monza Convertible (Big Red) |
| Robert Gold..... | 1966 Monza (66) |
| Russ McDuffie..... | 1966 Corsa (Amazing!) |
| Greg Nelson..... | 1964 900 (Just a step from PERFECTION) |
| Anne Mae Gold..... | 1961 700 Lakewood (Eyore) |



I would now like to thank my friends who got up early to help ferry the Gold family cars to the event. The ferry gang—Gary and Sylvia, Betty and Coach Curtis, Annette Saiz, Mike Alexis (backup) and the guest of honor- Anne Johnson. Thanks guys for your support!

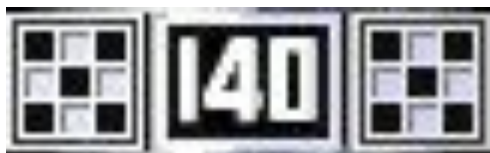
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Here are the show awards:

1. Robert Gold-- 1961 Rampside-- Best FC
2. Larry Yoffee—1965 Corsa Convertible—Best Late
3. Anne Mae Gold—1961 Lakewood—Best Gold Family Car
4. Ray & Lilly Gonzalez —1964 700—Best Early

I now want to take a moment to thank the State Fair, first for making their wonderful facility available to us for our car shows and second, for the special ribbon they presented to me for my “Dedication” to the Fair. Thanks Guys!

It will be tough, but my goal for next year is an even **BETTER** turnout. I can dream! Now check out these pictures from the show. **BEAUTIFUL!**—Robert Gold



CNM Picnic at Pat Hall's Corvair Palace—Steve Gongora



Normally, when you go to visit Pat Hall at his home, it is to buy Corvair cars or parts and sometimes you will help with projects. This time it was all for enjoyment. We got together to enjoy Pat with fellow CNM members. What a nice surprise to see that Curtis Shimp drove from Silver City to join the festivities. It is a four hour drive. Brenda Stickler rode with Rita and me and we used the GPS in the car to navigate to Pat's. If you're not familiar with his place you could wander for a bit.

Greg Nelson with Robert and Alan Gold had already arrived by the time we got there. Jim and Bianca Arelanes got there earlier and left for a quick tour of the local flea market. Jim returned later. Dave Huntoon came down from the

mountains. The weather was perfect. As soon as people arrived, they were immediately wandering about the property because there is so much to see and enjoy with respect to parts and cars. Pat has many storage buildings, and all the parts are organized on the shelves. If you want a radio, he has them on a shelf together. A particular trim piece for you dash? No problem all dash parts are together. A few members needed parts for their cars. Pat was able to fill the orders. Rita came home with a tractor seat and a sundial.

Tarmo Sutt and James Richardson arrived in Tarmo's car from Santa Fe. It was nice to see Terry Price with his busy schedule.

Pat and his good friend Rene were hard at work cooking burgers and hot dogs for everyone. Everyone brought goodies to fill their plates. Nobody went home hungry.

Thank you Pat and Rene for your hospitality, and we look forward to our next outing at your place. You guys made quite the team.



CNM Picnic at Pat Hall's September 28, 2024

Photos By Steve Gongora



A Roundhouse Visit for Collector Car Day Glory



I hope you remember the fun we all had at our 2023 celebration for Collector Car Appreciation Day. The event was held at the amazing Wheels Museum here in Albuquerque. What you might not know is this celebration is much more than a local affair. Our event was just one of many celebrations across the United States. The Day has been promoted nationwide by an organization called SEMA (Special Equipment Marketing Association) that seeks to encourage the public to focus on the various elements associated with collecting classic cars in order to market car replacement parts.

Well in 2024 our state legislature and our chief executive combined to pass and sign a Proclamation that supports the day throughout our state. I should mention that Collector Appreciation Day began in 2010 with a proclamation passed by the U.S. Senate and celebrated in hundreds of places around the country. Since then, New Mexico has passed its own Collector Car Day Proclamations. The challenge for the Council was how to publicize the day and let all you classic car folks out there know about this celebration. It then occurred to me that since our Governor signed the proclamation, I may be able to get her to help publicize the Council's event.

I can happily say that Michelle Lujan-Grisham stepped up and the picture above was the result. You might be interested about how we made this photo happen. Here's my story:

The idea of the picture occurred to me last year as I worked with Leba Freed at the Wheels Museum to plan the day's activities. After a few inquiries I was put in contact with an aide to the Governor, Patricia Tapia. The result was FAILURE. I hadn't given the Governor's office enough time to set things up. For 2024 I began my quest earlier and with Ms. Tapia's help I got in contact with the right people at the right time. At this point in the story I'd like to refer the tale about the dog who daily chased cars and one day actually caught up with one. The question was what to do next? For me the problem resulted when I got a call with the good news about the picture with the Governor. I was told she was available, but we had to go up to Santa Fe for the picture THE NEXT DAY. Wow! Happily, the Council President, Vikki Ridgley, as well as our Board member, JD Doran were available and before I knew it we were standing in the offices of the Governor and there was Michelle!

I should add to this tale that our meeting took place on the second to last day of the 2024 Regular Session of the Legislature. People were everywhere, many with very serious expressions. In all this chaos the Governor entered the room with a broad smile and hugged us all. She took time to talk to us about the event and to show us around her office. At that point she reminded us that her husband had just recently sold his body shop in Albuquerque. Our Governor is a "Car Guy"! Who would have thought.

So I want to thank the Legislature and our Governor for their support of Collector Car Appreciation Day. I also want to encourage you to take some time and cruise by the Wheels Museum on Sunday, July 7 and participate in this year's celebration. We'll have snacks as well as giveaways and you'll get a chance, for free, to tour the museum. This is a chance for you to show your support for the car hobby in this state.

See you there.—Robert Gold, Editor