



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, JANUARY-OCTOBER AT 7:00pm

****SPECIAL JOYCE CLEMENTS APPRECIATION****
NEWSLETTER FOR OCTOBER 2024

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY, January 22, 2025 AT 7:00pm.

***PLEASE NOTE: OUR PERMANENT MEETING SITE IS NOW
MANZANO MESA MULTIGENERATIONAL CENTER, 501 ELIZABETH ST. SE.
Check out our website, nmcouncil.com for upcoming Council events!***

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This special edition of the New Mexico Council of Car Clubs newsletter is solely to honor the heart and soul of the Council, Joyce Clements. Take a second and read about our recent meeting convened to recognize Joyce—Your Editor

Thank You Joyce!



The car show season is rapidly coming to an end. As the season ends the New Mexico Council of Car Clubs recently had its last meeting of the year. The October meeting generally is a subdued affair where the council reps get to tell stories about the year's activities and begin planning for next year's events. However, this last meeting was something VERY special. The meeting was convened to honor an individual so allied with the car community that it is hard to believe she will not be an active participant in future Council activities. I'm talking about **Joyce Clements**, who founded the Car Council 'way back in

1977. As Joyce tells it the first meeting was in her kitchen. How things have changed. I won't be overstating things when I say Joyce is the main reason why the Car Council exists today!

Normally, the October meeting is poorly attended, because, like most car things in our community, the show season is about over and things are winding down. This year word was being circulated that the Council's heart and soul, Joyce Clements, was stepping away from her numerous duties. Surprisingly, Joyce didn't hold many offices, rather she simply wanted to make things happen without a title. She did serve on the Board from time to time, but Joyce focused on two events—the Albuquerque Museum Car Show and the September Swap Meet. Oh yes, she also worked hard to make sure members stepped up take on responsibilities within the organization. I remember vividly when she asked me to run for the Board. I then went on to serve as Vice President and President of the Council. When the current Board realized that she was stepping down we scrambled to honor her. The result was a meeting attended by many of her friends who turned out to say goodbye and tell their "Joyce" stories.



The meeting began with around 40 people in attendance. Keep in mind we usually see less than 10 people there! They were there to say thanks to Joyce for all she'd done. But more importantly they wanted her to know how much they cared, and the meeting vividly showed that. Vikki Ridgely began the meeting acknowledging how important Joyce was and is to our organization. JD Doran then made a presentation of a custom Car Council license plate embossed with Jim and Joyce's names. This gift was meant to demonstrate how closely linked the Clements are to the Car Council. Joyce was also given a thank you card along with a cash gift.

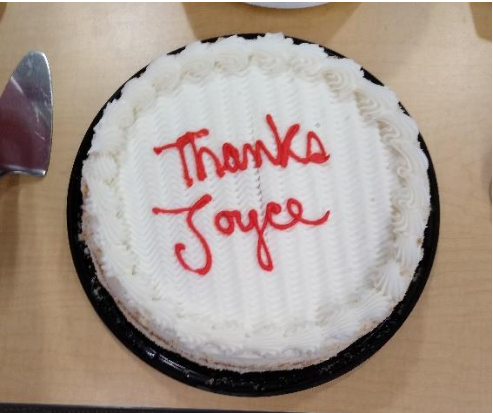
The meeting included pizza, salad, and various sweets. This included a cake that simply said "Thanks Joyce". I should note that The Village at Alameda Senior Living Center was kind enough to donate the pizza for celebration. This was thanks for the Council's support of their recent car show. This is just the latest example of how Joyce's organization continues to help the car hobby in New Mexico. Particular thanks should be given to JD Doran, who on short notice arranged for the celebration.



Next, Joyce got to hear praise from many in attendance. This included Craig Vencill of the State Fair, Yours Truly, Jaci Marx of the Sky City Casino, as well Joe Ballengee. Specific note should be made of

Bill Lemen, longtime Council Secretary and Joe Mascarenas, car show manager extraordinaire, who are both experiencing health problems, but still made the effort to attend. It just goes to show how passionate the members of “Joyce Clements admiration society” are.

Sadly, the meeting came to an end and we were faced with the prospect of less Joyce in the future. WE’LL MISS YOU JOYCE. All the best for you and your family in the future. Now, take a moment and check out the pictures from “Joyce Clements Day” at the Car Council. Thanks to JD for many of these images!
—Robert Gold, Editor



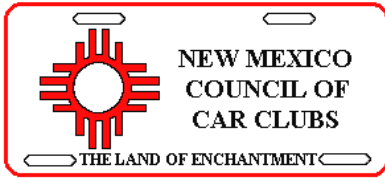


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With all the talk about Joyce Clements and her impact on the Car Council we can't ignore the contributions of her "bestie", Jim who has been by her side all these years. Here's a shot of the happy couple several years ago with one of their precious '40 Fords. Joyce, at the October meeting, related the story of their recent almost 5,000-mile trip back east in one of these rides.

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THANKS ALL for your support of Car Council events in 2024. Check out our website nmcarcouncil.com for information about future Council events.