

**Corvairs of New Mexico**  
**Standing Award**  
**Ike Meissner Award**

As approved the Corvairs of New Mexico Board of Directors, October 20, 2004

The following is courtesy of Past President Sylvan Zuercher as archived by CNM Newsletter Editor Jim Pittman.

*In Memoriam John A. Meissner*

*“Blessed are those with the Corvair hobby, for they shall allowed to get dirty.”*

*Ike wrote those word in an article for our club newsletter entitled “Hints – Kinks – Sense and Nonsense.”*

*Ike was as unique to our club as is the Corvair.*

*He was enthusiastic in his approach to club activities, club members, Corvair owners and to finding answers to Corvair car problems. He encouraged many to keep, preserve and maintain his favorite car. This he did with advice, trading or giving of parts and by sharing his knowledge.*

*He attended meetings and club activities under distance and weather conditions and later his own physical condition that would have kept most of the other members at home. Ike arrived on many a meeting night after a session with dialysis when the meeting was nearly over, to share what he could and I am sure for the fellowship of the members. I feel that his overall outlook on life was the reason for such enthusiasm.*

*Ike was the author of many articles about the Corvair, and several were published by CORSA. His sense of humor showed in these articles, such as his account of Clyde and the 500. This was the story of his daily drive from Santa Fe to Los Alamos and the competition he was getting from a driver going the same route.*

*Ike’s determination was evident several years ago during a Corvair fun run near Montrose, Colorado. It seems he misread or missed some directions and became somewhat lost. Eventually he was found, but upon learning he was close to the finish line, he declined to be led there, saying that he would find the way.*

*Ike’s approach to Corvairs seems to have been: If it can be fixed or some part can be made to work better, I’ll find the way to do it.*

*While visiting Ike at the hospital two weeks ago, he told me that he just had to find a way to get better. Maybe Ike found his way.*

*Blessed are we of the Corvair hobby who were privileged to know you and to fellowship with you.*

*Sylvan Zuercher*

The Ike Meissner Award is presented annually to a Corvairs of New Mexico (CNM) member, in good standing who best exemplifies a spirit of camaraderie and fellowship, in the Corvair realm, with other CNM members and other Corvair enthusiasts.

To commemorate the occasion, the recipient shall be awarded a plaque suitable for prominent display. The award shall read:

YEAR

Corvairs of New Mexico

IKE MEISSNER AWARD

AWARD RECIPIENT NAME

The selection committee for the awards shall be comprised of three CNM members appointed by the CNM President, within two months of the last presentation, who will work with and report to the CNM Vice-President. It is recommended that at least two of the three members be immediate past award recipients. It is preferable for the last three immediate recipients to serve on the selection committee.

The CNM Vice-President shall achieve approval of the award by concurrence with a quorum of the officers of CNM. (i.e., Three of the four CNM officers must concur to approve the award.)

Guidelines for consideration for the Ike Meissner Award, in order of priority, shall be:

1. Attend meetings and plan, coordinate or organize CNM activities or events
2. Share Corvair knowledge, contribute technical information and tips to the CNM newsletter or other CORSA publications.
3. Encourage owners to preserve, maintain and share in the lore of the Corvair.
4. Serve in CNM as a committee person, chair, director and/or officer.
5. Attend an official CORSA event and/or serve with CORSA in an officially recognized capacity.
6. Recruit at least one new member.

The presentation of the Ike Meissner Award shall be made at the annual CNM Anniversary Banquet or at a time and place designated by the CNM President. The presentation shall be made by the CNM Vice President or an alternate designated by the CNM President.

The content of the oral award presentation shall be scripted in advance and have achieved concurrence of the Ike Meissner Award Committee and the CNM Vice President or an alternate designated by the CNM President.

The oral award presentation and engraved plaque shall be prepared no later than one week prior to the annual CNM Anniversary Banquet or the otherwise designated time and place.

# Ike Meissner Award Nomination

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*This form is confidential. To avoid disappointment, do not divulge to or otherwise advise the nominee of this action.*

This form shall be submitted to the CNM Vice President or an alternate appointed and designated by the CNM President.

**This form will be distributed in the January issue of the Enchanted Corvairs Newsletter and at the January Membership Meeting.**

**The DEADLINE for submission of this completed nomination form shall be NO LATER THAN adjournment of the February Membership Meeting or as otherwise designated by the CNM President.** Any exceptions to this deadline shall be made by agreement between the CNM Vice President or the appointed alternate and the CNM President.

### To the Ike Meissner Award Committee:

It is a pleasure to submit the following Corvairs of New Mexico member to be considered for the Ike Meissner Award.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State and Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Has been a CNM member since: \_\_\_\_\_ Has been a CORSA member since: \_\_\_\_\_

Has served as a CNM official, chair or leader: Y  N  Approximate years: \_\_\_\_\_

Has promoted the Corvair and Corvair hobby: Y  N  Has helped other people: Y  N

Briefly describe the merits of this member and nomination: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date of this nomination: \_\_\_\_\_ Author of this nomination: \_\_\_\_\_