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Next Meeting: Regular Meeting: Saturday, April 5, 2025 10:00 AM

Palo Duro Senior Center, 5221 Palo Duro Ave NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110

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On the Cover: Tosh & Annie Gregg's Ultra Van at Anniversary Dinner (top)

David Huntoon's Corvair at our March Meeting Location (above right)



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CNM April 2025 Newsletter Articles—Greg Nelson

Anniversary Lunch

We had a rare visit by an Ultra Van, owned by Tosh and Annie Craig, at CNM's 51st Anniversary Lunch at the Cracker Barrel. As you can see in the photo below Lupe is relaxing on a full-size couch. Fortunately, Cracker Barrel has parking spaces for large vehicles. The turnout was a success with the membership seated at four tables.

Thank you, Tosh, and Annie, for bringing the Ultra Van!!



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Report for CNM Treasury Account for March 2025

Date	Check	Amount	Payee	Description	Balance	Running Balance
1-Mar-25						\$5,466.25
5-Mar-25	2615	-35.00	CORSA - CNM Membership for for one year		-35.00	\$5,431.25



TriState

It is fast approaching. Just two more meetings to go. I have my banquet ticket and reservation at the sponsoring hotel. Sadly, I will not be driving a Corvair. Someday???? But it will be a great adventure, nonetheless. So be sure to register and secure a hotel room in Trinidad, Colorado.



Bingo Fund Raiser - Potluck

The 2nd Annual Bingo Fund Raiser (post-Covid) will be on April 12th from 10:00am-12:30pm at the Palo Duro Senior Center. We will start setting up at 9:30am and start cleaning up at 12:30pm - they close at 1:00pm. Be sure to bring \$1 bills (I will have a stack of them if a large bill needs breaking) and any items you wish to donate to the silent auction. We are also doing a potluck so bring a food item to share.

Ray & Lilly's 64

I have been helping R&L with installing new door panels on their 4-door '64. The front panels went on without a problem, but we ran into a snag with the rear panels. The mounting nails and the door panel plugs did not line up perfectly. The lower nails are offset by as much as half an inch. We used Velcro tabs in place of the lower nails. It worked great on the right panel but there is an



added issue with the left panel that needs more pondering. One of the issues with both panels is the raised border interfering with the installation of the window handle. We will have to cut a small section of the raised border to clear the handle.



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LAKEWOOD



Pat's Current Job

The VP and I paid Pat a visit earlier this month. He has been working on this late model convertible, but the weather was not cooperating early in the month. I imagine the weather is fine now with above average temperatures and no rain in the forecast. We also took a tour of Pat's Inventory, and a sneak a peak at Terry Price's Corvair hidden under three layers of car covers.

Successful Test Drives

On March 27th I was able to drive both Corvairs in the morning. The fiber company seems to have finished our street so there are no more driveways and street blockages. The new rebuilt mechanical fuel pump is working perfectly in the '64 and the new gas tank and electric fuel pump in the '63 Spyder works great too.

Trash Pick Up

Since the trash pickup is the same day as the Bingo Fund Raiser, we will meet at 8:00am instead of 8:30am. Since it snowed for March's pickup let us start at the bottom of the mile and park in front of Cider Bar. See you there!!

NMCCC Museum Car Show Volunteers

The annual Museum show is Sunday May 18th, and they are looking for volunteers to help with parking and registration. If you have time, please consider volunteering. Sunday May 18th.

New Mexico Council of Car Clubs
Albuquerque Museum

39th Annual

Car Show



Celebrating "Lowriders"

Sunday, May 18, 2025 - 10am - 3pm



CNM Meeting – March 1, 2025—Dave Huntoon

16 members present—

Treasurer Steve reports \$5466.25 current

CORSA Secretary Paul Bergstrom sent CNM a current list of paid up CORSA members

Activities chair Brenda mentioned our anniversary lunch will be 3/22 at Cracker Barrel @ 1:00.

April 12th will be our potluck/bingo at Palo Duro from 10:00 to 1:00. Bring your items for our auction.

Many events in May:

Upton Ethelbah's Art Studio, CORSA Convention, Albuquerque Museum Car Show, Tri-State –

An activity for May 10 to a local art studio is in the works. Steve will let us know of the time and there will be a sign up sheet as only about 10 people can be accommodated. A sign-up sheet will be at the next meeting.

Car Council VP Robert Gold reminded us of the upcoming Museum Car Show.—**NM Car Council Show at Museum May 18th from 10AM to 3PM – Meet at 6:30 AM in Front of Chaco Hotel and drive in together - \$10.00 entry.**

Robert said the State Fair is planning something new – 2 car shows – First and Last Friday 40 cars – better attraction in addition to the show on the last Sunday.

First RT 66 cleanup will be March 8 at 8:30 weather permitting. The clean-up will be in group for a better experience.

Maggi reminded of Bob Kitts – Memorial on the Friday 14th

She shared ideas of future adventures for CNM

Tucumcari – Route 66 100 year Celebration – Blue Swallow Motel garages June

Visit Chloride – outside of T or C – ghost town open at certain times – possible trip

Forks in the Road – publication about different eateries—Finding restaurants to meet

Lincoln – Trip for CNM

Need to start the breakfasts again

If anyone goes to CORSA convention – please take photos

Greg showed the Auction photos

Steve showed a video of the 75th Route 66 Celebration Car Show in Nob Hill. This was the only coverage of the event in Albuquerque on that weekend. Next year is the Route 66 100th celebration.



Birthdays in April

Katie Trujillo 4/6

Elizabeth Domzalski 4/9



***Anniversaries
in April***

Robert & Connie McBreen

APRIL 2025

MAY 2025

JUNE 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
30	31	1	2	3	4	5	27	28	29	30	1	2	3	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
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20	21	22	23	24	25	26	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
27	28	29	30	1	2	3	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	29	30	1	2	3	4	5

Saturday, Apr 5, 2025	10:00 AM	Meeting—Palo Duro Center, 5221 Palo Duro Ave NE, Alb, NM 87110
Saturday April 12, 2025	8:00 AM	Route 66 Trash Pick-up—Park in front of Cider Bar—start at the bottom
Saturday, April 12, 2025	10:00 AM	Bingo / Pot Luck—Palo Duro Center, 5221 Palo Duro Ave NE, Alb, NM 87110
Wednesday, Apr 16, 2025	7:00 PM	Board Meeting—3rd Wednesday via Zoom
Wednesday, Apr 23, 2025	6:30 PM	Car Council Meeting – 4 th Wednesday Manzano Mesa Senior Center , 501 Elizabeth St SE, Alb, NM 87123
Friday, Apr 25, 2025	9:00 PM	Deadline for Newsletter
Monday, Apr 28, 2025	*****	Target completion of newsletter
Saturday, May 3, 2025	10:00 AM	Meeting—Palo Duro Center, 5221 Palo Duro Ave NE, Alb, NM 87110
Saturday, May 10, 2025	1:00 PM	Tour of Upton Ethebah's Art Studio (limited to the first 10 people)
Sunday, May 18, 2025	6:30AM—3PM	Albuquerque Museum Car Show
Wed-Fri, May 20—23, 2025	4 days	CORSA International Convention—San Luis Obispo, CA
Wednesday, May 21, 2025	6:30 PM	Car Council Meeting – 4 th Wednesday Manzano Mesa Senior Center , 501 Elizabeth St SE, Alb, NM 87123
Fri-Sun, May 30-June 1, 2025	3 Days	40th Annual Tri-State—Trinidad, Colorado
Friday, May 30, 2025	9:00 PM	Deadline for Newsletter
Monday, June 2, 2025	*****	Target completion of newsletter
Saturday, June 7, 2025	10:00 AM	Meeting—Palo Duro Center, 5221 Palo Duro Ave NE, Alb, NM 87110
Wednesday, June 18, 2025	7:00 PM	Board Meeting—3rd Wednesday via Zoom
Wednesday, June 25, 2025	6:30 PM	Car Council Meeting – 4 th Wednesday Manzano Mesa Senior Center , 501 Elizabeth St SE, Alb, NM 87123
Friday, June 27, 2025	9:00 PM	Deadline for Newsletter
Monday, June 30, 2025	*****	Target completion of newsletter

Tri-State 2025 in Trinidad, Colorado—The link is below or go to the CNM web-site and go to the Tri-State page: <https://www.rockymountaincorsa.org/upcomingevents/rmc-tri-state/>

Greg Nelson our CNM president has already made his reservation. Information will be on the Tri-State link. Trinidad is a great historic town with a lot to offer and you get to swap stories with all of your Corvair friends and family.

40TH ANNUAL TRI-STATE CORVAIRS MEETUP

Trinidad, Colorado

2025

MORE INFO TO COME!



May 30 – June 1, 2025

Hosted by the Rocky Mountain Corsa Club

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 2024

Maggi Kitts inactive as of Dec 2024

Due in December 2024

David Huntoon inactive as of Jan 2025

Alex Johnson inactive as of Jan 2025

Due in January 2025

Anne Wiker inactive as of Feb 2025

Lilian Shortle inactive as of Feb 2025

Due in February 2025

Tony & Diane Lawler inactive as of March 2025

Due in March 2025

William Heil inactive as of April 2025

Mark Morgan inactive as of April 2025

Due in April 2025

John Dinsdale inactive as of May 2025

Art Gold inactive as of May 2025

Due in May 2025

Robert & Connie McBreen inactive as of June 2025

Fred & Brenda Edeskuty inactive as of June 2025

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

Corvair on the Mend—Lupe Arellanes



I feel so torn watching my classic car get loaded onto that tow truck. It's hard leaving my baby in someone else's hands, but deep down I know this is necessary. I can't help but feel a pang of sadness seeing it hauled away like that.

But I'm trying to keep perspective. This is just a temporary setback - a necessary pit stop on the journey to getting back on the road where she belongs. The repair shop will give her the care and attention she needs right now.

I keep picturing how it'll feel when I'm finally cruising down Route 66 this summer, engine purring perfectly, with nothing but open road ahead. Those iconic stretches of highway were made for a car like mine - it's where she truly belongs and where she comes alive.

It'll all be worth it when I'm feeling that steering wheel in my hands again, windows down, on a glorious summer drive.

CNM Board Meeting Notes 3-19-25—Steve Gongora

Rita has made arrangements with the Cracker Barrel for our Anniversary Dinner and will call members to confirm the attendance.

The Bingo/Silent Auction/Pot Luck is set for April 12, 2025 at the Palo Duro Senior Center in our regular meeting room at 10:00 AM. Bring your donated items that will be auctioned and a food dish to share with members.

Greg will be sharing his Girl Scout Cookies at the general meeting till all boxes have been consumed.

Make sure to take photos and stories from the upcoming Tri-State in Trinidad, Colorado for the newsletter. Don't forget to make your reservations and register for the event.

If anyone goes to the National CORSA convention, make sure to take photos and write a story for the newsletter.

Lupe Arellanes will be sharing her story about her Corvair and its road to recovery.

We had a gentleman talk about his Corv-8 at our meeting. He lives in Rio Rancho and is ready to sell his car for around \$16,000.

Brenda Stickler and Maggi Kitts have been suggesting places for CNM to tour.

Some of the places mentioned were:

Tent Rocks

Cliff Dwellings at Bandelier

Soda Dam

Meow Wolf

She will be researching the fees involved in the outings.

Bingo/Silent Auction/Pot Luck

Saturday April 12, 2025

Palo Duro Senior Center

8221 Palo Duro Ave NE.

Albuquerque, NM 87110

BRING YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

TO THIS FUN EVENT.

BRING ITEMS TO AUCTION AND A DISH TO SHARE.

ALL MONEY COLLECTED GOES TO THE CLUB.



New Mexico Council of Car Clubs Albuquerque Museum

39th Annual

Car Show



Celebrating "Lowriders"

Sunday, May 18, 2025 - 10am - 3pm

Open to all makes and models of motorized vehicles with a special display of Lowriders.

\$10 Entry Fee - Free Public Admission to Car Show

Dash Plaques for Entrants - No Pre-registration - No Trophies - No Sales

There will be a Special Toy and Model Program and an Auto Art Exhibit inside the Museum Ventana Salon.

Albuquerque Museum

2000 Mountain Road NW at 19th Street

For more information contact:

Website - <http://nmcarcouncil.com>

Albuquerque Museum - 505.243.7255 Press 0 [9am-5pm Monday-Friday]

CNM Celebrates 51 years—Steve Gongora

This year marks the 51st Anniversary of Corvairs of New Mexico. It is hard to believe that we have been going strong for all these years. We have a lot to be proud of and it is all due to members that have the strong commitment to what it takes to make a club survive. I had no idea when I went to the first official meeting of the club, that this club could endure changes in membership, economy hardships, club sponsorship, financial fluctuations, COVID and still keep going. I am honored to be a continuing part of the club and I look forward to keeping, bringing back, and attracting new members to the club, to keep it alive. Let's all keep the spirit moving and ***“keep on trucking”***.



Photos provided by Steve Gongora



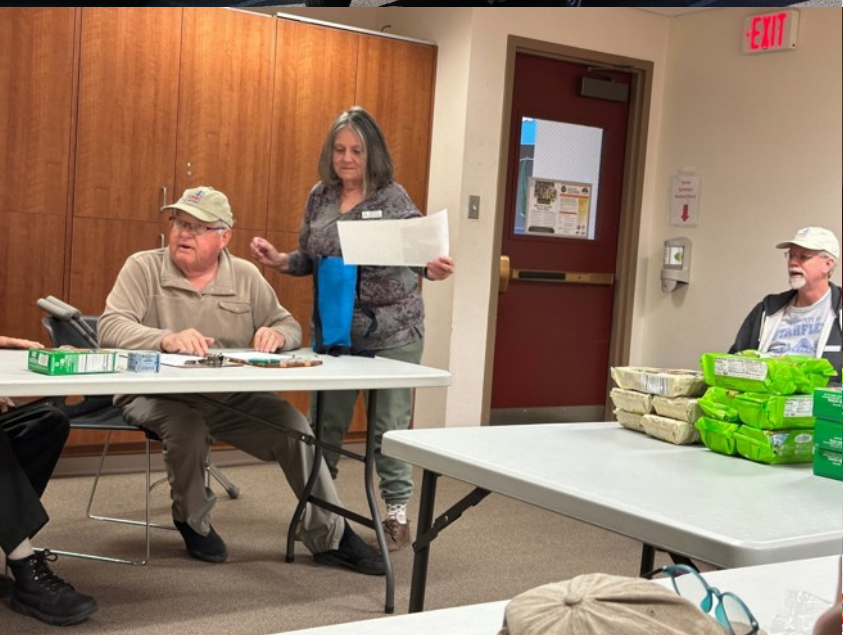
Photos from our Meeting on March 1, 2025

Photos provided by Jim Pittman



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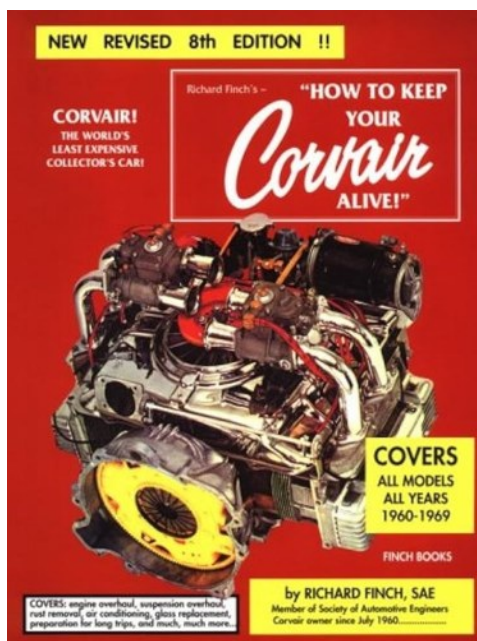
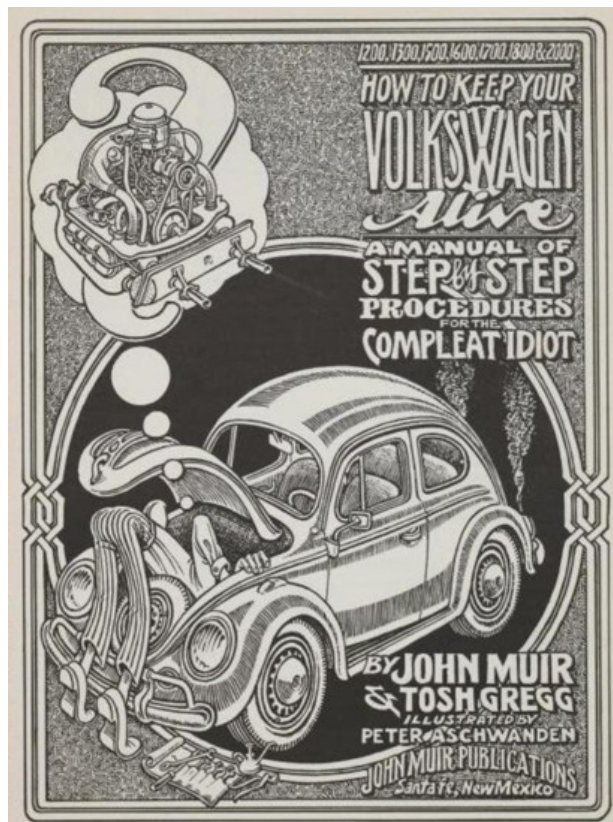
Tosh & Annie's Ultra Van—Steve Gongora

Rita and I have known Tosh & Annie since 2004 and we are fortunate to have them in our club. Tosh Gregg co-authored a book with John Muir. You might be familiar with it. **"How to Keep Your Volkswagen Alive"**. They did most of the writing of the book in Manzanillo, Mexico. A most creative place to write a book. Through the years, Tosh has restored cars including a 1962 Alfa Romeo Giulia, which he and Annie displayed in Santa Fe at one of the 4th of July Plaza Shows. Tosh is one of those super talented individuals who can figure out how to solve mechanical issues and make a car better than the factory. His Alfa Romeo was spectacular.

I'm glad that Tosh and Annie were taken by the Corvair Ultra Van. They purchased the van from CNM members, Dan and Carol Palmer. Incidentally, Dan and Carol went to school with my father, Hector in the 1940's in Corrales, New Mexico. Dan was another Renaissance man who was a master at everything he did, from playing his cello with the NM Philharmonic with to building experimental planes with a Corvair engine. He was head of the NM Experimental Association.

When Tosh purchased the Ultra Van, he was presented with a few issues and problems concerning the transmission and transaxle. After several attempts, he finally worked out the kinks and then decided to transform the front suspension with power rack and pinion steering and suspension. What an undertaking. He rebuilt the motor and it runs perfectly.

The Ultra Van was present at our 51st CNM Anniversary Dinner and it was a treat for members who have seen one in the past and for members who have never seen one before. My cousin Richie and his wife Jan were at the dinner. Richie introduced me to Corvairs in 1966 and he had never seen or heard of one. If you stayed after the dinner, Tosh and Annie opened their RV to anyone who wanted to see this unique interior. The Ultra Van was designed like an airplane fuselage, incorporating the gas tank into the lower body of the frame. It made it more stable when you drive on the open highway.



Tosh was influential in inspiring another CNM member, Richard Finch, longtime friend of Jim Pittman, to write a book as well. You might be familiar with it. **"How to Keep Your Corvair Alive"**. Richard refined the Corvair motor with many enhancements. Jim rebuilt a motor with Richard and drove his 1966 Corvair with all the benefits of Richard's upgrades. Richard used to work for NASA and was an expert welder. He, like Tosh and Dan upgraded the cars they owned and drove. Richard went on to write two more books. One was on welding, which used to be sold at Home Depot, where you could buy welding equipment. The other book was on adding air conditioning to your Corvair. Richard's brother, Phil, took over the estate when Richard passed away and a few of our CNM members, David Huntoon, Tarmo Sutt, and others were there to help Phil with some of the needed duties in identifying parts and engines.

Photos of Tosh & Annie's Ultra Van March 22, 2025

Photos provided by Steve Gongora

