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

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

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The Astrodome under construction in Houston in 1964... [See more](#)



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On the Cover: Father's Day Show at La Vida Llena

Corvair at Houston Astrodome—Facebook photo shared by Col Jim Stewart—Retired Sheriff and Spin Instructor (lower right)



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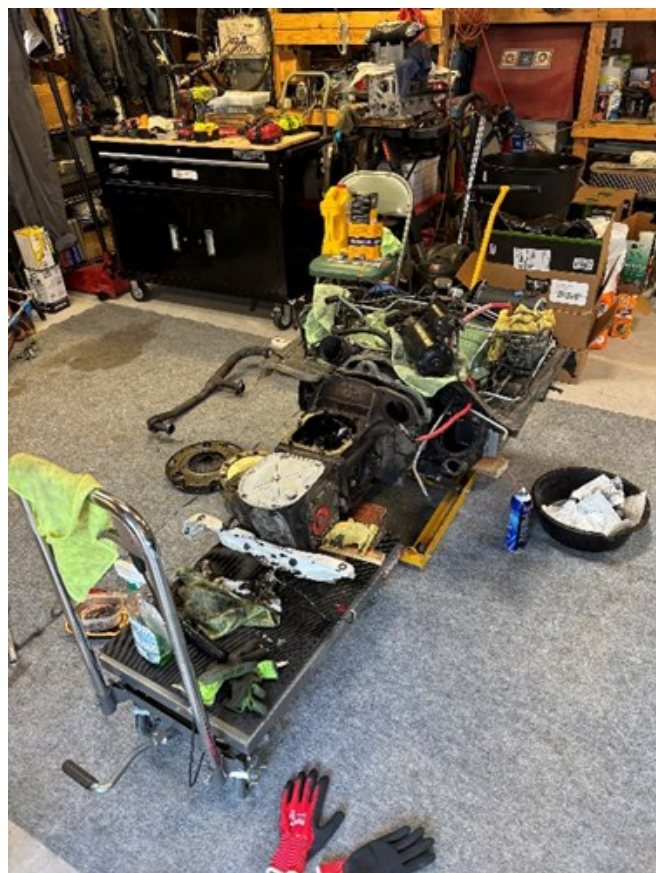
CNM July 2025 Newsletter Articles—Greg Nelson

Program

Nothing set in stone while drafting my articles, but fingers crossed. If no program I am sure we can find something interesting to discuss. I am trying to find if there is a cache of photos from the National Convention in San Luis Obispo, particularly the show cars.

Huntoon's Convertible

I stopped by Dave's house in late June to get a run-down of the engine repairs he has set for his '63. One thing I learned is it looks like I will need to buy another floor jack like Dave's if I ever need to remove the engine on my Spyder or Monza.



My '63 and '64

Speaking of engine repairs both of my cars are running ok. I took the 63 Spyder to Langlois's place for a diagnostic test drive. He mentioned two items that needed repairs, and he will try to get me on the calendar next month.

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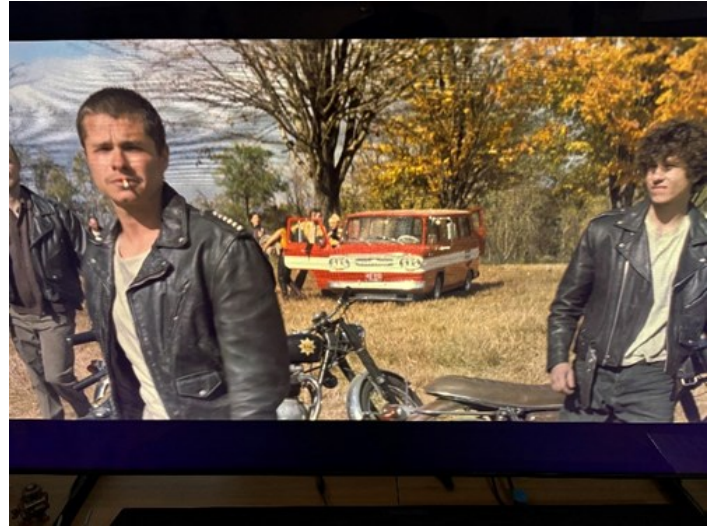
Report for CNM Treasury

Account for June 2025

Date	Check	Amount	Payee	Description	Balance	Running Balance
8-Jun-25						\$5,691.00
8-Jun-25	5187	45.00	Arellanes, Lupe & Jim	Dues to CORSA - 1 year	45.00	\$5,736.00
8-Jun-25	4629	25.00	Huntoon, David	CNM Dues exp December 2025	25.00	\$5,761.00
8-Jun-25	6358	50.00	Pittman, Jim	CNM Dues 26 Months exp August 2027	50.00	\$5,811.00
8-Jun-25	2616	-45.00	CORSA - Arellanes, Lupe & Jim	Dues 1 year	-45.00	\$5,766.00
13-Jun-25	1836	70.00	Morgan, Mark	CNM & CORSA Dues 1 year exp 3/26	70.00	\$5,836.00
13-Jun-25	2617	-45.00	CORSA - Morgan, Mark	Dues 1 year	-45.00	\$5,791.00

Corvairs on the Small Screen

There is a show on Prime called The Bikeriders starring Tom Hardy, Austin Butler, and Jodie Comer. It is set in the early 1960s, so I kept my eyes peeled for any Corvairs making cameos. I found one so far and I am only halfway through the movie.

La Vida Llena

Thanks to Steve and Rita, Jim, and Dave for attending the Father's Day car show at LVL. Attending this was a No-Brainer for me as I only live a ½ mile away. We got there early and parked next to each other near the entrance. The Pittmans, Blairs and Maggie Kitts, who are residents at LVL stopped by for a chat. Thank you, Maggie, for the watermelon slices.

Trash Day

We will start back at the bottom of our mile. Park in front of Rock Canyon Cider at 8:30 AM on July 12th. As usual we limit our pickup time to one hour and then head to the Roots Farm Café at 9:30 am.

CNM Meeting Notes 6/7/25—David Huntoon

10 members present

Treasurer Steve reports \$5766.

VP Robert reported a successful Museum Car Show. The next event is Collector Car Show 7/13 at the Wheels Museum.

La Vida Llena will have a limited show at their site 6/13 starting around 9:00. 4 Corvairs have committed.

Trash day – park westbound – 8:30 AM June 14th

Reports from the recent Tri-State were very good with a nice turnout. Nice car show Saturday morning with a blocked off street. Greg showed a nice drone video of the show including a confrontation with a large tree. At the meet the Bonneville club said they would sponsor the 2027 Tri-State. Very nice to have them back in the rotation. Looking forward to that meeting.

Good stories from Tri-State – buying back your old cars was one subject. There have been a few members who sold their Corvairs and pursue finding them and buying them back.

Curtis Shimp was a subject of discussion. Curtis attended the Convention in San Luis Obispo, CA. He drove from Silver City and returned. Then he drove his Corvair to Trinidad., CO.

JULY 2025**AUGUST 2025****SEPTEMBER 2025**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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Saturday, July 5 2025	10:00 AM	Meeting—Palo Duro Center, 5221 Palo Duro Ave NE, Alb, NM 87110
Saturday, July 12, 2025	8:30 AM	Route 66 Trash Pick-up—Start at Rock Canyon Cider
Saturday, July 19, 2025	10:00 AM	Tinkertown Museum—Meet at Smiths Parking Lot 10AM—Caravan to Museum
		Picnic after tour at Doc Longs Campground
Wednesday, July 16, 2025	7:00 PM	Board Meeting—3rd Wednesday via Zoom
Wednesday, July 23, 2025	6:30 PM	Car Council Meeting – 4 th Wednesday
		Manzano Mesa Senior Center , 501 Elizabeth St SE, Alb, NM 87123
Friday, July 25, 2025	9:00 PM	Deadline for Newsletter
Monday, July 28, 2025	*****	Target completion of newsletter
Saturday, August 2 2025	10:00 AM	Meeting—Palo Duro Center, 5221 Palo Duro Ave NE, Alb, NM 87110
Wednesday, August 20, 2025	7:00 PM	Board Meeting—3rd Wednesday via Zoom
Wednesday, August 27, 2025	6:30 PM	Car Council Meeting – 4 th Wednesday
		Manzano Mesa Senior Center , 501 Elizabeth St SE, Alb, NM 87123
Friday, August 29, 2025	9:00 PM	Deadline for Newsletter
Monday, September 1, 2025	*****	Target completion of newsletter
Saturday, Sept 6, 2025	10:00 AM	Meeting—Palo Duro Center, 5221 Palo Duro Ave NE, Alb, NM 87110
Wednesday, Sept 17, 2025	7:00 PM	Board Meeting—3rd Wednesday via Zoom
Wednesday, Sept 24, 2025	6:30 PM	Car Council Meeting – 4 th Wednesday
		Manzano Mesa Senior Center , 501 Elizabeth St SE, Alb, NM 87123
Friday, Sept 26, 2025	9:00 PM	Deadline for Newsletter
Monday, Sept 29, 2025	*****	Target completion of newsletter

**Birthdays in July**

Jim Richardson 7-5 Larry Blair 7-15
 Debbie Anderson 7-6 Kelli Pogue 7-19
 Robert McBreen 7-7 Terry Hall 7-22
 Mark Domzalski 7-8 Cade Ward 7-22
 Tarmo Sutt 7-8 Kay Sutt 7-31
 Valerie Nye 7-10

**Anniversaries in July**

Tosh & Annie Gregg 7-17
 Dick & Linda Cochran 7-18
 Mark Morgan & Kelli Pogue 7-19

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

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 March 2025

William Heil inactive as of April 2025

Due in April 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

Due in July 2025

Mike & Karen Piper inactive as of August 2025

Tarmo & Kay Sutt inactive as of August 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

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Tinkertown – July 19 – meet at the Smiths Grocery Store at 10:00 AM at Central and Tramway and caravan to Tinkertown. Possible Picnic at Doc Long's after the tour.

We had a visitor, Stan Wall and his friend, Deidre. Stan is from New Jersey and has had more than a few Corvairs in the past. Always good to hear some interesting stories from Corvair's past.

Terry Price – shared that he has a leak in his transmission

Pat Hall would like to give a good deal to sell some cars.

Brenda would like to find a new director for activities.

Rita – functions not attended well – consider someone who suggests events and then follow-up
 Maybe amongst members.

Rita's brother in Austin has a 1964 Corvair – no engine – fair shape – will sell at a bargain. 2-door.

Rita likes the Trinidad Tri-State for future events.

Cary Hubbard – has many cars for sale – 2 Corvairs for sale. Find him on Facebook.

Stan Wall has 60 MGA and 61 Bugeye British car. Willing to trade for a powerglide Corvair.

Jim Richardson rented a garage in Santa Fe to work on cars. Trying to resolve noise issue on his early model convertible.



COLLECTOR CAR APPRECIATION DAY

Sponsored by the New Mexico Council of Car Clubs



JULY 7TH, 2024 | 8AM - 11AM



THE WHEELS MUSEUM

1100 2ND ST. SW, ALBUQUERQUE, 87102



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ACTIVITIES

TOUR THE WHEELS
MUSEUM
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ENCOURAGED)

GO ON A FUN
SCAVANGER HUNT IN
THE MUSEUM AND WIN A
PRIZE!

TALK CARS WITH FELLOW
CAR ENTHUSIASTS

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Hidden Gem: Edgewood's Father's Day Car Show Delivers Big—Lupe Arellanes

The other weekend, Jim and I hopped into our Corvair and made the drive out to Edgewood, New Mexico, for their annual Father's Day Car Show, and what a pleasant surprise it turned out to be. Sometimes the best shows are the ones you stumble upon rather than the big-name events that draw crowds from three states over.

The organizers had secured a beautiful large grass field that provided plenty of room for the estimated 200-300 vehicles that rolled in throughout the day. Unlike those cramped parking lot shows where you're practically bumping elbows with other spectators, this venue offered breathing room and a relaxed atmosphere that let you really appreciate each car.

The variety was impressive for a smaller regional show. I spotted everything from pristine muscle cars and classic trucks to some genuine surprises—including not one, but two Chevy Corvairs! It's always a thrill to see Ralph Nader's "unsafe at any speed" targets still on the road, especially when they're clearly loved and well-maintained by their owners.

What really made the day special was the family-friendly setup. Plenty of picnic areas were scattered throughout the grounds, perfect for spreading out a blanket and making a full day of it. The food truck selection was outstanding.

The relaxed pace and genuine enthusiasm of both participants and spectators reminded me why I fell in love with car shows in the first place. This wasn't about trophies or prestige; it was about sharing our passion for automotive history and craftsmanship in a setting where families could enjoy the day together.

I'm already marking my calendar for next year's show, and I'd strongly encourage our club to consider making this a group outing. The drive to Edgewood is scenic, the venue is perfect for our members who like to bring lawn chairs and coolers, and the welcoming atmosphere would be ideal for any of our newer members who might feel intimidated by the larger, more competitive shows.

Sometimes the best discoveries happen when you take a chance on something new. Edgewood's Father's Day Car Show is definitely worth the trip.

Mark your calendars now—Father's Day weekend 2026 in Edgewood. See you there!



Lupe and Jim's beauty at the show

Linda Soukup and Tony Berbig enjoying the show under the shade presenting their beautiful "Red Yenke" treasure



Worth the Wait-- Happiness at the Tri-State—Robert Gold

I'm penning this tale because of something significant that happened to me and my true love, Anne Mae, at this year's Tri-State in Trinidad. I didn't drive a Corvair, so it wasn't winning an award. The competition this year would have been far too great for any of my rides anyhow. No, this is a story of years of frustration for the Golds,--Anne Mae, Art and yours truly.



This started for me many years ago when I found myself in Trinidad and wanted to eat something. I didn't realize it at the time, but what I didn't do that day would become very significant as the years went by. **I didn't eat at that darn pizza place my son Art told me about.** At that time, I decided to pass up a meal at a pizza place on Main Street called, *Bella Luna*. No big deal at the time, but next year I was again in Trinidad and this time the place was closed for some reason. And that's how it went every time I went to Trinidad after that. Wrong day one



time, closed for remodeling the next, and just closed the last time. I now WANTED to eat there. I had to eat there! I seemed destined to just dream of what waited inside that mythical place. I eventually dubbed the restaurant, the "Unicorn". This had become REALLY serious, but happily up stepped the 2025 Tri-State, held in Trinidad.



On May 31, 2025, my bride and I had just finished walking past the display of fabulous Corvairs on Main Street when we walked by the Unicorn and discovered that it would be open for business in a couple of hours.!! What!?!? That couldn't be true, but it was. Two hours later we were dining on scrumptious Caesar salad and a pizza worthy of relocating for. This story is true. It was wonderful,

THANK YOU TRI-STATE!!

But a dark cloud hovers over this place. There posted on an exterior sidewall was a sign that proclaimed that now both the business and building are for sale. I immediately thought that I COULD OWN THE UNICORN! Fun thought, but just one of my bright ideas. Anyone interested in owning a Unicorn?—Robert Gold



Photos from our Father's Day Show on June 13, 2025

Photos provided by Steve Gongora



THE START OF THE TRI-STATE TRADITION BY STEVE GONGORA

This history of the Tri-States was written by Steve Gongora for the 1999 "Special 25th Anniversary Edition" of the "Enchanted Corvairs" Newsletter, March 1999.

TRI-STATE MEETS - Steve Gongora

It has been so long since the first Tri-State Meet that I don't remember who was responsible for putting the first one together. I'm sure SYLVAN ZUERCHER had a major part in starting this thing. I remember that our Club wanted to expand our contact with other Corvair clubs in the area, and with the help of the CORSA directory we made contacts with people in the neighboring states of Utah and Colorado. The main contact in Colorado was LEO FORD, a retired FBI agent. He did much of the organizing in Montrose, Colorado at the first event. He arranged the dinner and the fun tour around the town of Montrose and south to Ouray. He drove his orange and black "Nader Hater" Corvair.



Our CNM entourage included myself, JACK SELLERS, ANDY CIUPRYK and SYLVAN and OPAL ZUERCHER. DAVID LANGLOIS, along with his brother and father, trailered a mid-engine Corvair up to Colorado. This particular mid-engine was put together at our shop, House of Covers, on Central back in 1975. It was a beautiful piece of work. Jack and Andy traveled with me in my 1965 Corsa. (This car is still alive and well and is a daily driver in the capable hands of BILL REIDER, who gave it a unique silver-and-black color scheme.)

This trip was going to be the farthest that I had traveled in my Corvair. Since I had Jack with me, I wasn't very worried because he was a Corvair mechanic. In fact, he rented space at our old shop so he could work on cars, including Corvairs.

The meet itself was fantastic because you saw how other clubs conducted their business, and we could learn from their experiences how to make our own Club flourish. The event was also a way to buy and trade parts. Andy was able to purchase a brand new set of Corvair mag wheels out of the box at the first meet. You've got to remember that this was 1976. New Corvair items were easier to find back then. You have to look a little harder to find the same treasures today.

Another aspect of the Tri-State events was an opportunity to see some great cars. The first meet brought on an inspiration for my car. BILL WOODMAN came from Colorado in a late-model Corvair. What Bill had done was install BMW 2002 seats in place of the traditional bucket seats. The look and feel was perfect for the Corvair. As soon as I got back to Albuquerque, the hunt was on for the BMW seats. These seats are still in the car that BILL REIDER drives today. Woodman had other nice modifications to his car. He placed the battery in the trunk, installed mag wheels, and put black trim on the headlight bezels.

The Tri-State took a ten-year hiatus after the first meet for reasons unknown to me. When the aspect of resurrecting the event came up, I was all for it. The Tri-State originally included Utah, but in 1986 they did not have a strong enough response to carry on. Colorado Springs and Denver took the ball and ran with it. So up until now the "Tri-State" has been made up of CNM, Pikes Peak Corvair Club, and Rocky Mountain CORSA in Denver. The hosting of the event is rotated among each of the participating clubs. The meets have been a great way to experience the scenery of northern New Mexico and southern Colorado. The small towns always open their arms to the clubs and everyone has a great time.

Finally, over the years the meet has become something of a rivalry between STEVE & RUTH GOODMAN and the GONGORA family. We are the only members who have attended every one of the Tri-state meets since the beginning. Now it has become a drive for me to continue this friendly competition. It is always a highlight of the year to be able to attend the meets with my family and see the enthusiasm of all those who come from different states and different Corvair clubs. Everyone looks forward to seeing you from year to year. It is amazing to me the way the longest distance traveled to each Tri-State seems to get longer every year. -- Steve Gongora -- 1999



On Jun 10, 2025, at 12:34 PM, wayne ward <nmspyder@gmail.com> wrote:

Steve,

Hello. My name is Judy Ward, my husband is Wayne Ward, here in Las Cruces. His first car was a 64 Spyder convertible, which he still has. He has been collecting Corvairs since the 60's. He worked at the Chevy dealership here, learning how to work on them in the 60's. Unfortunately he has developed dementia, Alzheimer's. He had plans to restore many of the cars, 31 to be exact. That won't be happening. They now sit in a pecan orchard. I would really like someone who loves cars to get some use of them. I will be taking offers on them. I know he has a pickup, station wagon and many more. If anyone from up in Albuquerque would like to make a day trip down here to see them, I would be happy to show them around. Lots of treasures out there

thank you for your time,

Judy Ward

From: Steve Gongora <steve@houseofcovers.com>

Date: June 10, 2025 at 4:12:25 PM MDT

To: wayne ward <nmspyder@gmail.com>

Subject: Re: CNM June Newsletter

Judy, so great to hear from you. We have fond memories of visiting your place years ago when we took a trip down to Las Cruces and El Paso and toured the aviation museum. I will forward your email to all our CNM members. Steve.

