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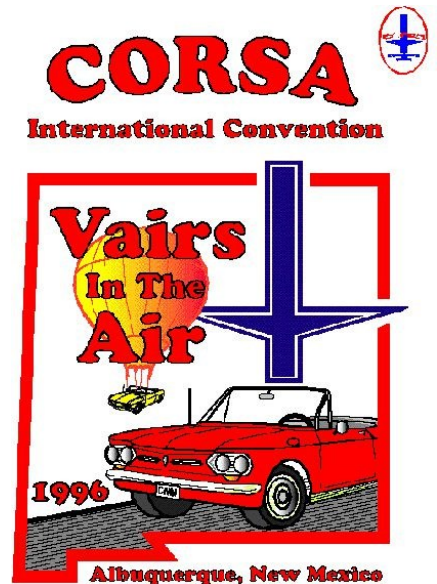
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Next Meeting: Regular Meeting: Saturday, October 4, 2025 10:00 AM

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

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On the Cover: 2025 State Fair Team in Front of Their Corvair Treasures

Vairs in the Air Logo from our 1996 National Convention (lower right)



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CNM October 2025 Newsletter Articles—Greg Nelson

Club Elections

It is that time of year again for officer elections. If you would like to play an active role in the club, please consider volunteering. As Dave Huntoon mentioned, it is nice to get fresh ideas from new people. None of the positions are difficult or demanding and we have taken a relaxed attitude since the pandemic.

State Fair

We had another great turnout this year: fifteen Corvairs. I had no issues getting to the Fair or getting home later in the afternoon. State Troopers give us our own exit lane out of Gate 6 onto north-bound San Pedro. I do think though with that many vehicles exiting it would be a good idea to also block traffic at Lomas and San Pedro for the few minutes it would take for all cars to exit otherwise we do end up piling up at the exit whilst the signal light is red. But that might be all moot considering the state is contemplating moving the State Fair. When and where is still TBD.



Trash Day

On the second Saturday of September, 60% of the normal cleanup crew were in Santa Fe at the Renaissance Faire so we decided to skip that month. But we also decided to visit Los Luceros on the second Saturday of October, nominally our final trash pickup month of the year. So, we are going to do an hour pickup on the second Friday instead: October 10th at 8:30 am. We will hit the top of the mile at Marker 6.

Corvair Club Nederland

A couple of months back a vacationing family from the Netherlands drove along Route 66 through our section and snapped a photo of our Adopt-A-Highway sign. Turns out they are Corvair enthusiasts and upon returning home they looked us up

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Report for CNM Treasury

Account for September 2025

Date	Check	Amount	Payee	Description	Balance	Running Balance
28-Sep-25						\$5,916.00
28-Sep-25	Cash	50.00	Donations from Huntoon's Sticker's and Patches		55.00	\$5,971.00

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online and contacted Dave Huntoon. The father, Ralf Verhees, is president of CCN, the club newsletter editor and owns a '61 Lakewood. They have a website: <https://www.corvair.nl/> which we will peruse at the October meeting. He wanted to know about the Adopt-A-Highway program, and I provided him with the details courtesy of Dave H. He will publish this in their next newsletter.



Santa Fe Picnic Field Trip

A handful of us drove north on Highway 14 on the 20th to have lunch with club members Joel Yelich and Valerie Nye. They live just south of Santa Fe on that Highway. We picnicked on their back patio which has very expansive views of the surrounding area. They then gave us a tour of their garage and vehicles. And I am very envious of the fact the garage has a lift. Also attending the picnic was Richard Blake, a friend and 'neighbor' of theirs. We drove to his place for another garage tour. He has four purpose-built garages with 15 spaces for his myriad car collection. My favorite is shown on the next page: a 1968 Chrysler New Yorker.

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1963 New Yorker from Richard Blakes 15 car collection. Garage tour September 20, 2025

Vehicle Updates

The '63 Spyder is at Dave Langlois' place and he is replacing the flywheel, fixing the clutch and installing Clark's Ultimate Suspension kit. I put a lot on his plate, but I am in no rush to get it back because I am still working on the '64. I just placed an order with Clark's for a new defrost tube for the '64 and a pair of kickout panels for the '63 Spyder. It is a hobby not an investment.

Corvair for Sale

We got a message from former member Dan Thompson's wife Lisa. He is selling his '63 Project Van for \$2,000 OBO. They are moving to Louisiana and would like to sell it before they depart. If interested let me or Steve G. know and we will pass on their phone number.



CNM Meeting September 6, 2025

12 attendees

Treasurer's Report- \$5916.00

Additional donations from the goodie table - \$55.00

Dave Huntoon – brought iron-on patches

Dan Thompson – Corvan for sale – Panel van – we went to his place Do Re Me as a CNM excursion a few years ago - The van is selling for \$2500.00 call 505-269-2306

State Fair – 7:00 AM meet at El Mesquite parking lot. – Caravan in together. Everyone gets a ribbon. Robert guarantee's good weather. – Gate 3 entrance

Origami Trip – Any plans this year or next? Plans for next year.

Trip to Joel's Garage – Are we going caravan to Garage? Is this a Pot Luck? Are we going to meet with

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his friend whom he talked about at our picnic at Doc Longs? Meet at Grocery Store at 10:00 AM – on September 20 then caravan. Bring a Lawn Chair.

Ray & Lilly Gonzales' car for sale - \$8000.00

No trash day in September –

Los Lucero's – Oct 11 meet at 9:00 AM at Buffalo Thunder

Tarmo Sutt said that Bring A Trailer – 65 Turbo sold for \$20,000.00

Tarmo worked on Pat Hall's 66 Corvair – transmission – end cover – bolts were loose – 6 hours

Tarmo working on 61 Loadside – vent windows – all windows were broken

Pat Hall had parts to rebuild. Gave demonstration of the assembly of vent window.

Ralph Verhees is from the Netherlands – Their CNM Nederland Club puts together a 20 page newsletter each time. He Wants to know more information about Route 66 and how CNM takes care of our one mile. We will send some complimentary stickers to him. He is going to write an article about our clean-up. More information in the President's Letter

From John Lawrence - Sunday - Oct 12, Route 66 Car Show by the Rail Yard – contact Ed Baca Santa Fe Vintage Car club – 505-310-0381

John Lawrence will write article on LED headlight installation on his Corvair.

S & V body shop – painted Anne Mae's car.

Pat Hall – Russ McDuffie – Dash light issue – can't get it to work. 140 harness.

Board Meeting Notes – 9/17/25

The State Fair Car show was well attended with 15 Corvairs. Robert Gold has been spearheading this event and it is always a success!!

Final Plans for our Garage Tour on September 20, 2025 at Joel Yelich and Valerie Nye's. We will meet at the Smith's Parking Lot on Central and Tramway at 10:30 AM and caravan to Joel and Valerie's home just south of Santa Fe on the Turquoise Trail through Madrid, Golden, and Cerrillos.

Our board meeting coincided with Dave Huntoon's birthday on September 17.

October 11, 2025 will be the tour to Los Luceros. I believe this is the fourth year CNM has toured the plantation. We will meet at the Buffalo Thunder Parking lot at 9:00 AM and Tarmo will lead the caravan to the Los Luceros Plantation with a great site seeing tour through Española. We will be driving the back roads, possibly by the McCurdy school.

Lupe Arellanes was inquiring if the club was interested in a "Trunk or Treat" Halloween event this October. Greg Nelson said that another club was hosting and event with Lupe's idea in mind. He was going to investigate which club and the location.

Ralph Voorhies will be writing a story about our CNM club cleaning up our mile of highway on Route 66. Ralph is part of the Netherlands Corvair Club. We will keep you posted on the printing date and the web page link. The next clean-up will be on October 10, 2025. This is on a Friday and it will be the last cleanup of the year.

Pat Hall called to let us know about his brother Terry. Terry was a member of CNM and attended the Tri-State when we hosted the event in Albuquerque. Terry was diagnosed with cancer and all treatment has been exhausted. Our thoughts and prayers go to Pat and Terry's family.

The Christmas dinner is scheduled for Saturday, December 17, 2025 at 1:00 PM. A place is being investigated for at least 30 people.

When 16 turns out to be 14—The 2025 State Fair Show—Robert Gold

I'll start my report on the show with a little story. As you might know I've been working on the Fair show for a really long time—30 years maybe, but who's counting. I've developed a bit of a routine for the show which includes assigning a sequence number to each entrant. This year I was astounded to see my counting total 16! That means the show had 16 cars. Wow!

That's part 1 of the talk. Here is part 2. Another element of the routine is writing down all the info for each car this is written on the sheets the drivers fill out. I walked along with my clipboard- 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 11... I worked as a scientist for my career so I think I can count. **WRONG.** I guess since my total of 16 lost two cars somewhere between 7 and 10. The show that I thought had 16 'Vairs shrunk to 14. Of course, I would have preferred 16 but 14 ain't bad! So here is the report about those 14 Corvairs.

Of course, the weather was perrrrrfect. In all those years of the show we only had one bad weather day and that took place when the late Geoff Johnson took over when I was out of town. Here is a picture of the gang that showed up at the meeting place before we headed out. I truly appreciate these folks who got up really early on a Sunday to join us. Check out the group!



So all the folks above were treated with a wonderful day at the NM State Fair. Oh, I forgot to mention that a major element of the show is the drill that is commonly known as, "Parking the cars on a diagonal". I sincerely want to thank everyone who helped to get all the cars on display situated. It's a tough job, and I know I didn't want to do it. THANKS!

As I have mentioned in past articles in 30 years of doing the show we've always had great weather. This year was no exception. The weather was a good example of why we live in his wonderful place. I guess it's time to let you know who all made the event this year.



First, here is a list of the entrants:

Name of Entrant(S)	Car.
1. Lupe & Jim Arellanes...	1964 Monza Convertible
2. Robert Gold.....	1961 Rampside
3. Sara Gold.....	1964 500
4. Robert Gold.....	1966 Monza
5. <u>Anne Mae</u> Gold.....	<u>1961 Lakewood</u>
6. Tarmo Sutt.....	1966 Corsa (1,000 point car!)
7. Robert Gold.....	1963 Monza Convertible
10. Vikki Snow	
& Robert Gold.....	1966 Corsa
11. Pat Hall.....	1964 Monza
12. David Pierce.....	1964 Monza
13. Robert Weinberg.....	1965 Corsa
14. <u>Art Gold.....</u>	<u>1964 Monza (Covid Edition)</u>
15. Art Gold.....	1966 Monza
16. Greg Nelson.....	1964 Monza

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, and Annette Saiz. Thanks guys for your support!

Here are the show awards:

1. Robert Gold-- 1961 Rampside-- Best FC
2. Tarmo Sutt ---1965 Corsa Convertible—Best Late
3. Pat Hall----- 1964 Monza—Best Early
4. Art Gold -----1964 Monza--- Best Gold Family Corvair

So that's the story of this year's event. Take a moment and check out some pictures on the following page from our get together. Again, thanks to everyone for your support of this year's show.

We are saddened to announce the passing of Terry Hall. Terry is Pat Hall's brother. Terry attended the 2020 Tri-State Event here in Albuquerque. He was diagnosed with cancer and passed on Saturday, September 27, 2025. Our deepest sympathy goes to the Hall family and friends in this difficult time.



Steve Fair Car Show 2025



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

Fred & Brenda Edeskuty inactive as of June 2025

Due in July 2025

Mike & Karen Piper inactive as of August 2025

Due in October 2025

Jon & Debbie Anderson inactive as of Nov 2025

Brenda Stickler inactive as of Nov 2025

Due in November

Corbett Battaile inactive as of Dec 2025

Dick Cochran inactive as of Dec 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

CLUB EVENTS:

We aim to create fun and engaging events for our members. We hope to entice you to join us for one or two fun events where we can socialize and *talk car*. Email any suggestions: tristatecorvairs@gmail.com

TYPE	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Club Matters	October 4	10:00 AM	Members' Meeting--1 st Saturday, 10am: Palo Duro Center, 5221 Palo Duro Ave NE, Alb, NM 87110
Social	October 11	9:00 AM	Annual Trip to Los Luceros; meet at Buffalo Thunder Parking Lot
Club Matters	October 15	7:00 PM	Board Meeting--3rd Wednesday via Zoom, 7pm
Club Matters	October 22	6:30 PM	Car Council Meeting - 4th Wednesday, 6:30 PM; Manzano Mesa Senior Center, 501 Elizabeth St SE, Alb, NM 87123
Social	December 13	1:00 PM	Annual Christmas Luncheon 1pm @ Mi Mi's Cafe, 4316 The Way, Albuquerque, NM
Club Matters			Deadline for Newsletter -4 th Friday



OTHER IMPORTANT DATES:

William Heil's birthday October 1

Clifton Trujillo's anniversary October 10

Jon Anderson's birthday October 27

Terry Price's birthday October 27

Garage Tour to Joel Yelich and Valerie Nye

Steve Gongora -September 20, 2025

Our caravan departure was set for 10:30 AM at the Smith's Parking lot at Central and Tramway. I picked up Brenda Stickler and met Greg Nelson in the parking lot. We drove the old Turquoise Trail on Highway 14 north towards Santa Fe. We proceeded through Madrid, which was heavily crowded with tourists enjoying this great former mining town. My father used to get coal from Madrid in the 1940's. My father, Hector Gongora helped build a Seventh Day Adventist school in Corrales and he would drive the roads from Corrales to the north side of the Sandias to get coal from Madrid.

Continuing through Cerrillos, we were just short of the connection to I25 when we came to Joel and Valerie's home. Tarmo Sutt had driven his 65 Corsa and we also met Richard Blake, a car enthusiast and Richard had opened his home for the second part of the tour.

Joel and Valerie prepared a feast for our club and there were plenty of deserts. We ate on their porch and enjoyed a panoramic view to the north. What a peaceful place!! After lunch, Richard excused himself to prepare our visit to his garage and the rest of us were taken to Joel's garages to see what he was working on. The Corvair convertible was in the queue for upcoming repairs. His four car garage includes a two lifts for working on his projects. Joel has a wide interest in all models. His collection includes a Dodge Polaris convertible which he drove in his younger days. He has a Buick Reatta that he says if you can remove it from his garage, you can have it. (You better check with Joel to see if he was kidding!! Ha Ha) It is tightly hidden in the back of the garage.

After touring Joel and Valerie's place we caravanned to Richard's fifteen car garage. It is on highway 14 south of Joel's. Like Joel, Richard's interest in cars is wide. He had a great mix of models and years. When you drove to the property, we were all amazed as all the cars were backed out of the garages for us to enjoy. Richard is 88 years old and has worked in the scientific field in many places including Los Alamos. He moved from Eldorado to his current location to have the freedom to build what he needed for his hobby. The main garages have a center bay with a heavy duty lift and two double bay garages on either side. Three other building house the remaining classics. Studebakers, Cadillacs. Chryslers, Oldsmobiles, Rolls Royce, Mercedes, BMW, Lexus were some of the cars we saw. The buildings, the floors, the posters, artwork, memorabilia, and tools were all neat and tidy. As they say, "you could eat off the floors". We all noticed masking tape on the floor. He uses them to park each car in the bay. He has a matching tape on the door sill. Not too far out or in. The cars are perfectly placed.

When I saw Richard at Joel's, I thought he looked familiar. It took only a few minutes to confirm I had indeed met him at the House of Covers with his classic Oldsmobile. I had to ask him of all the exotic cars he owned and all the driving he has done with them, which is his favorite. He had a long pause and you could see it was a tough question. He finally admitted the silver Oldsmobile is the one he tends to lean towards.

With all the tours the club has put together, you really want to put them on your calendar and make an effort to join in. The real treasure of course is the people you encounter and the people that make it happen. Richard, Joel, Valerie, Greg, Tarmo and Brenda made this an adventure to remember. Thank you Joel, Valerie and Richard to opening you homes and all the effort you made for this event.

Joel Yelich and Valerie Nye's Garage Tour Photos September 20, 2025



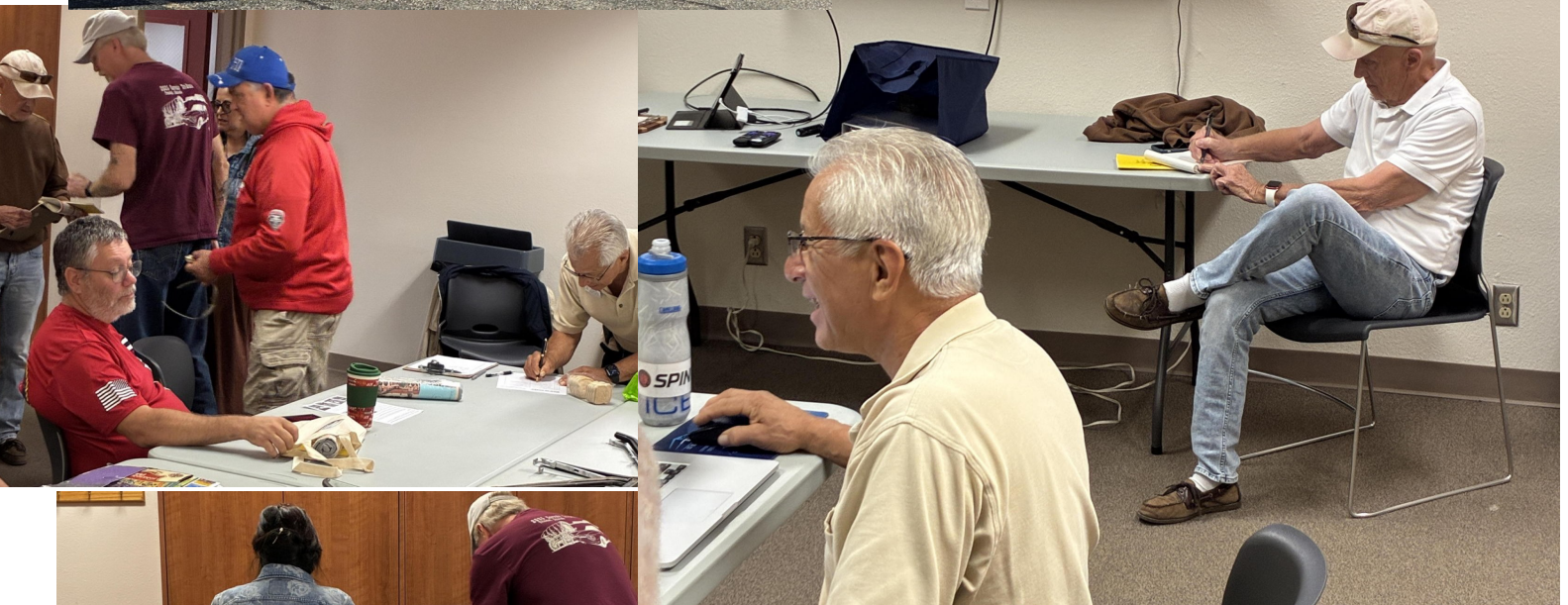
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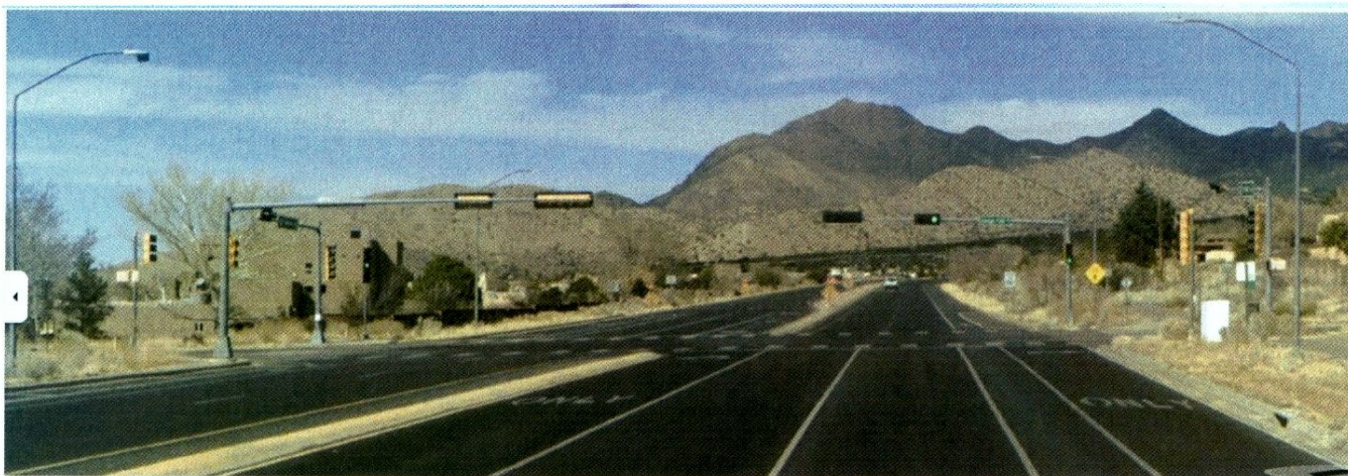


Richard Blakes Garage Tour Photos September 20, 2025



CNM Meeting September 6, 2025—Photos by Jim Pittman





Deer Story
Sunday 21 September 2025

This morning as I was going to Albertson's for groceries, I saw something that would have made a charming video, had I had my camera at hand and set up for "video" instead of "photo" but since I did not, you will have to use your imagination to make your own video in your head, based on what I can remember and write down here.

It's a four-lane divided highway, Tramway Boulevard, and I'm headed north. Traffic is light. It's about 8:20 AM. The road is two lanes each way, with turn lanes at the traffic lights. I see a traffic light up ahead turn from green to red so I start slowing.

Before I get to the intersection I am startled to see three deer, one larger, two smaller, to my right, apparently about to cross the intersection. It is almost as if they were pedestrians, waiting for a green light to cross!

I quickly realize from their sizes that it's a mother deer and two fawns. They are not close together but are walking in single file. I notice that the mother deer appears to be oblivious of me and the other one or two nearby vehicles who have all stopped for the red light, and also oblivious of whether her babies are following her. She walks sedately across one, two, three lanes. At about the middle of the intersection she stops and half-turns as if she just remembered her children and turns to look back at them. They are still walking after her. She turns and, no hurry whatever, continues walking west.

The scene reminds me of the image of the mother duck waddling along, her brood following behind. Except that the mother deer is walking, not waddling, and there are two walking fawns, not a brood.

We drivers sit and watch this in awe until the deer disappear off the pavement to the west. The red light turns green. We continue on our way.

What the other drivers think, I have no idea. I have seen deer cross the road in the Sandias but I have never seen anything like this at a traffic light on a major 50-MPH highway. I am charmed and delighted and fortunate to have seen it happen.

Jim Pittman