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Drive to Chama

The day before we were to leave I called up John Wiker to see if he had found a caravan buddy. He hadn't, so we said we'd tag along. He told us he'd stop for gas in Pojoaque, and only drive at 65. We followed his distinctive 1966 yellow Monza all the way and John made every turn and I did not have to think twice about any tricky navigation, not even in Española where I always get lost. We were nearly there when John abruptly turned left into a motel parking lot. What? I turned in too, to see what was up. Are you staying here? I yelled. No, I'm lost! John said. How can you be lost, I said, You drove all the way here perfectly. Is this our hotel? he said. No, the Branding Iron is just up the road a half mile. We drove on and there it was.



We checked in and soon saw ***Brand-Xs*** and ***Corvairs*** come dribbling in to the motel. We found the room where Registration and Hospitality would be set up. Pretty soon the early arrivers were hard at work, unloading their cars and finding out where everything was and where everything should go.

Tarmo Sutt showed up in the afternoon with the 1966 red Corsa convertible on a trailer and the 1965 turquoise Corsa coupe under its own power. Larry and Tarmo discussed the best place for the car show and Chuck Riblett's newly arrived 1964 Monza coupe gave me a perfect three-color, ***three-Corvair*** cover photo.

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Getting gas at a Chevron in Pojoaque.



Tarmo Sutt arrives with Santa Fe tow crew.



John and Anne put up the club's banner.

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Rugged scenery south of Abiquiú.
Stuffing the Registration Bags.
Selling T-Shirts and Extra Pins
Starting Registration.
Visiting in the Hospitality Room.











Heula painted the quilt panels and Kay, Anne Mae and Vickie sewed them together.



John and Jim pose with the quilt.



Another quilt by Kay depecting several CORSA events.















My First Car
Chloe Mullins



In August of 2013 I officially received my first car, a 1962 blue Corvair Monza, naming it "007" for its spy-like qualities that many modern cars often lack and many modern generations fail to recognize. I have enjoyed sharing knowledge I've learned from other members of the Corvair club and watching faces become filled with astonishment. As May 30th approached I looked forward to the Tri-State meet, expecting to hear stories of others on their expeditions to restoration.

The trip to Chama was 007's maiden voyage on a journey longer than 30 miles. It ran smoothly up, down, and around every hill and winding road that led up to Chama. While the desert of New Mexico is often underappreciated due to its abundance of dirt and tumbleweeds, driving with windows that hide no properties of the scenery, in the midst of the comforting rumble of an engine that's still kicking after 52 years, to a beautiful refuge such as Chama gives it a whole new value.

During the stay in Chama, locals warmly welcomed Corvair enthusiasts as they met to share the restorations they've completed through lots of hard work and dedication. Prior to and after the day of the Tri-State meet and banquet, the quaint shops and restaurants provided a friendly atmosphere that spread knowledge on the unique aspects of New Mexico. At the car show, Corvairs from different years, with different modifications, and each with its own distinct story brought together the collective knowledge and appreciation of car enthusiasts. People living in Chama, along with the many visitors, walked around acknowledging the incredible achievements made by every Corvair owner who restored their car to its grandeur in appearance and function, some even surpassing its former glory with customization. Excitement danced in the eyes of all onlookers as they saw the importance in things of the past being carried into the present and future.

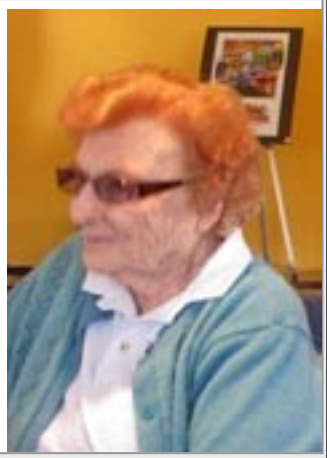
While 007 has had its ups and downs, it remains dependable, as do all Corvairs, because of the people who carry their extensive knowledge on Corvairs with them and offer to share it with anyone willing to listen. Each Corvair has a story that has accumulated over a span of 45-54 years, and each Corvair owner has a story of determination and dedication that has ended in success because they carry a part of history with them. When they share that history, they emphasize the importance of the past in leading up to future and demonstrate that just because something is old does not mean it has lost its worth, but instead has gained a new title of grandiosity by surviving the test of time.


















Tri-state 2014
Neyla Olwine

This is the first time I was excited to ride in the car to go to Tri-state and I loved it! (Tri-state itself was the most fun though.)

I loved the fan belt toss with Pat. I liked a lot of the cars. They had beautiful colors and there were new and old models which is a good mix.

Tierra Wools was really cool especially the felted animals. I loved when a lot of people got to volunteer for spinning on the big wheel which was fun.

The banquet food was wonderful and being a member of the Tijuana Club is always fun. Seeing my grandpa (John Drage) getting an award was awesome to watch.

That is what I thought of Tri-state in Chama, NM.

Sincerely,

Neyla





Tierra Wools Tour
Lee Reider

We thought we were going to see how sheep are shorn. We had no idea that, instead, we would see how the already shorn wool is spun into yarn (on a real spinning wheel) and that some of our people would actually be able to try their hands at the wheel. The capable and very talented artisans at Tierra Wools were gracious and showed us not only how the wool is spun into yarn, but the intricacies of dying the yarn with all natural dyes into the most glorious colors and the techniques of weaving the yarn into incredibly designed rugs. It was a truly rewarding insight into a process that is still "hands-on" from start to finish.

Thanks to the Tierra Wools staff for making this such an enjoyable and colorful tour!















Corvairs Take the High Ground
Larry Blair

A half dozen signed up to take a short trip to the top of Cumbres Pass, to meet the train as it escaped Colorado and descended into New Mexico's Chama valley. However, during the morning show and shine, the Chamber of Commerce Pres came by and invited us to do a photo op with one of the engines. We decided we could work it in, if it would be quick. "No sweat" he said. "We'll have the engine spotted so you can just park around it and take some shots."

We lined up for the pass trip and a half dozen Corvairs became a dozen and a half. Driving into the rail yard and depot, we found **Engine 489** smiling and ready. In a maneuver that would have made Robert E. Lee proud, we all wheeled into place in front of Engine 489. Alas, 489 suddenly backed up. It seems cinders had fallen on the ties and started a fire. A couple of buckets of water later and Engine 489 moved back into position and the cameras came out.

So while many went back to the hotel for a nappy-poo, the hardy half-dozen headed north on Hiway 17 for our rendezvous with the train. A beautiful 20 minute drive found us at the pass, elevation 10,015, or 10,022 [I guess depending on whether it is measured at your feet or your head]. The train arrived 10 minutes later for many good shots while the tender took on water. Passengers were happy to see the Corvairs, which, after all, are only half as old as the steam engines.

A few stops on the way back to Chama yielded more photo ops, more great scenery, and the anticipation of a good meal.



Elisa and Larry Yoffee: Super Organizers!



Kudos to Elisa & Larry who worked for many months to prepare for a truly Super Tri-State! They made more than one trip to Chama to see facilities and talk to people face-to-face. They found an excellent caterer who provided a delicious meal. They organized meetings with volunteer chairpersons and somehow kept track of a host of details that had to be done. Larry arranged for beautiful T-shirt designs and a magnificent ***Chama*** poster. Elisa greeted our visitors, handed out the T-shirts and sold club merchandise. And certainly not least, Larry & Elisa brought one of the jewels of the car show in the person of the maroon Corsa turbo 180!



Brenda & Hurley Wilvert: Super Hospitality Hosts!



The Wilverts brought tons of drinks and snacks and set them all out by the time our first guests arrived. They added more as needed. They never let the drinks get warm or the coffee get cold. Everyone enjoyed our special CNM food! Jim made one run to the grocery store for ice but Hurley got all the rest. Thanks to Brenda and Hurley for amazing energy and stamina!







Boydston Award
Heula Pittman

The winner of the 2014 Tri-State Boydston Award (also known as the "St Francis of Corvair Award") was our John Wiker of Corvairs of New Mexico. And having known John for several years now, I can say that the Awards Committee was correct in choosing him for this honor. John has been active in the club for some 13 years and has always been willing to participate and lend a hand to whomever and whatever project he could assist with. He served as CNM vice-president for two years and as CNM president for two years. He is a faithful representative of CNM at car shows; I don't know if he has EVER missed one! He is a "Faithful Picker-Upper" of trash on our mile of Old Route 66. He rarely misses a membership or Board meeting.

And if Ruth Boydston had been able to attend this year, I'm sure she would have been a part of Jim's presentation of the award to John. Ruth and her daughter Sherry set out to drive to Chama on Saturday morning and before they were out of Albuquerque they were involved in an accident! A large truck rear-ended them while they were stopped at an intersection and totaled their vehicle. It was not a Corvair but Sherry's daily driver Brand-X. Sherry says she strongly laments losing her car. It provided faithful service with not one single major repair for 11 years and 107k miles. Thankfully, neither of them was seriously hurt.

As they set out to drive to Chama Ruth and Sherry were transporting a lovely bouquet of flowers that was to be presented to me during the banquet. The flowers were a thank-you gift to me for the "arts and crafts" I did for the registration bags and for the painting of the Corvairs on the raffle quilt. The accident ruined the bouquet. When she learned of this, Ruth's daughter Tina prepared a replacement bouquet of flowers and delivered them to me at home on Monday after the Tri-State. Many thanks to my CNM family for this thoughtful gesture.







Rita's Tijuana Club Gains New Member!

The famous Tijuana Club of Trii-State met amid boistrous celebration and inducted a new member: Ed Halpin, President of Pikes Peak Corvair Club and a busy member of two other clubs!

Russ McDuffie - Master of Ceremonies

Kudos to Russ who again provided an excellent performance in keeping our banquet running smoothly and under control.

Tim Shortle - Next Year's Tri-State

Tim wrapped up the banquet and the 2014 Tri-State by inviting all of us to the 2015 Tri-State in Durango, Colorado, hosted by Rocky Mountain CORSA. Many of us enjoyed the 1990 Tri-State in Durango and look forward to returning!



























CAR	NAME	NAME	SPOUSE/OTHER	CITY	ST	PHONE	CLUB	EMAIL	YEAR	ST	MILES	MODEL	BODY	HP
1	Art	Gold		Albuquerque	NM	505-620-7434	CNM	crippleluv69@yahoo.com	1964	NM	168	Monza	Coupe	110
2	Robert	Gold	Anne Mae	Albuquerque	NM	505-268-6878	CNM	beisbol30@msn.com	1965	NM	168	Monza	Conv	140
3	Larry	Blair	Kathy	Albuquerque	NM	505-249-1035	CNM	blairylar@hotmail.com	1964	NM	168	Spyder	Conv	140
4	John	Wiker	Anne	Albuquerque	NM	505-239-3311	CNM	wikerj63@yahoo.com	1966	NM	168	Monza	Coupe	110
5	Kay	Sutt	Tarmo	Santa Fe	NM	505-690-2046	CNM	tarmo@juno.com	1965	NM	110	Corsa	Coupe	140
6	Tarmo	Sutt	Kay	Santa Fe	NM	505-690-2046	CNM	tarmo@juno.com	1966	NM	110	Corsa	Conv	180
7	John	Drage	Sandra	Loveland	CO	720-375-2675	RMC	jcdrage37@gmail.com	1962	CO	????	Corvair	Conv	102
8	William	Pearce	Trezjna	Eckert	CO	970-835-5260	PPCC	eslide5@tds.net	1961	CO	301	Lakewood	SW	102
9	Loren	Capron	Elizabeth Park	Oklahoma City	OK	405-409-9816	INCA	lorencapron@cox.net	1964	OK	645	Monza	Conv	140
10	Richard	Law	Colleen	Oklahoma City	OK	231-392-4103	INCA	65corvaircorsa@gmail.com	1961	OK	670	Lakewood	"700"	80
11	Colleen	Law	Richard	Oklahoma City	OK	231-392-4103	INCA	65corvaircorsa@gmail.com	1966	OK	670	Corsa	Conv	140
12	Garrie	Fox	Patricia	Colorado Springs	CO	719-338-5051	PPCC	gfox80915@yahoo.com	1965	CO	250	Corsa	Coupe	300
13	Larry	Yoffee	Elisa	Albuquerque	NM	505-321-5909	CNM	corsa180@gmail.com	1965	NM	170	Corsa	Coupe	180
14	Russ	McDuffie	Nancy	Albuquerque	NM	505-400-5526	CNM	russ.mcd@msn.com	1963	NM	168	Monza	Conv	102
15	Chloe	Mullins		Rio Rancho	NM	505-949-8088	CNM	runningathelete@yahoo.com	1962	NM	168	Monza	Coupe	95
16	Jim	Steinborn	Bill Rogers	Fort Collins	CO	970-227-5699	RMC	jimsteinborn@gmail.com	1966	CO	355	Monza	Coupe	110
17	Pat	Hall	Vickie	Los Lunas	NM	505-620-5574	CNM	patandvickiehall@q.com	1966	NM	190	Monza	Coupe	140
18	Lube	Lubert		Albuquerque	NM	505-256-9331	CNM	NONE @ NONE	1963	NM	170	Monza	Sedan	80
19	Jan	Mohr	Jens (father)	Oakley	KS	785-953-1203	MCCA	jmohr11@gmail.com	1964	KS	490	Spyder	Coupe	150
20	Ed	Halpin	Cheryl	Castle Rock	CO	303-619-0080	PPCC	halpinem@comcast.net	1967	CO	298	Monza	Sedan	110
21	Curtis	Shimp		Silver City	NM	575-534-9576	CNM	clshimp@q.com	1966	NM	410	Corsa	Coupe	140
22	Steve	Goodman		Denver	CO	303-278-4889	PPCC	rearengine.steve@att.net	1968	CO	310	Monza	Coupe	110
23	Jim	Reich	Judy	Longmont	CO	303-257-3733	RMC	vaircraft@aol.com	1961	CO	350	Lakewood	Shorty	110
24	Lee	Olsen		Burdett	KS	620-285-9134	MCCA	obro150@gmail.com	1965	KS	450	Corsa	Conv	140
25	Larry	Yoder	Lynn	Arvada	CO	303-420-1279	RMC	lyoder1279@msn.com	1966	CO	285	Corsa	Coupe	180
26	Jean	Olwine		Grand Junction	CO	970-243-6160	RMC	jean@olwine.net	1963	CO	684	Monza	Coupe	102
27	Dave	Olwind	Brenna,Neyla	Fort Collins	CO	970-225-6656	RMC	iggy@frii.com	1963	CO	369	Spyder	Conv	150
28	Ned	Madsen	Kathy	Derby	KS	000-000-0000	MCCA	aeroned@aol.com	1965	KS	600	Monza	Coupe	95
29	John	Hesco	Marilyn	Greybull	WY	307-899-3059	PPCC	jhesco@tctwest.net	1966	WY	873	Monza	Coupe	140
30	John	Dinsdale	Debbie	Aurora	CO	303-341-2327	RMC	john_dinsdale@adp.com	1966	CO	362	Monza	Sedan	110
31	Steve	Gongora	Rita	Albuquerque	NM	505-220-7401	CNM	stevegongora@houseofcovers.com	1962	NM	168	Rampside	FC	000
32	Chuck	Riblett	Carolyn Taylor	Loveland	CO	970-635-4769	RMC	chuckriblett@msn.com	1964	CO	450	Monza	Coupe	102
33	Tim	Shortle	Lilian	Durango	CO	970-903-2127	RMC	shortle556@earthlink.net	1964	CO	120	Corvan	FC	110
34	Jon	Anderson	Debbie	Colorado Springs	CO	719-491-1097	PPCC	jbanderson65@hotmail.com	1965	CO	294	"500"	Coupe	140
35	Keith	Hammett		Willard	MO	417-844-8627	HaCoa	k.j_hammett@att.net	1965	MO	1006	Monza	Conv	110
36	Kelly	Westerfield	Mary Lynn	Colorado Springs	CO	719-598-1735	PPCC	kellywest1@comcast.net	1964	CO	294	Monza	Sedan	110
0	Mark	Domzalski	Elizabeth	Placitas	NM	505-250-1715	CNM	mdomzalski@aol.com						x
0	David	Feasel	Mary Ellen	Peyton	CO	719-237-6131	PPCC	mrsfesl@gmail.com						x
0	Bob	Ferenc		Andover	KS	316-641-3740	MCCA	robertrferenc@gmail.com						x
0	Alan	Gold		Albuquerque	NM	505-268-6878	CNM	alanmgold@sbcglobal.net						x
0	Kelina	Halpin		Castle Rock	CO	000-000-0000	PPCC	ppcorvairclub@gmail.com			298			x
0	Pete	Hippauf	Pam Littlefield	Santa Fe	NM	000-000-0000	Guest	NONE @ NONE						x
0	David	Huntoon		Cedar Crest	NM	505-363-0773	CNM	corvair66@aol.com						x
0	Gordon	Johnson	Barbara	Corrales	NM	505-898-7688	CNM	gjohnson@unm.edu						x
0	Steve	Johnson	Janet Wright	Belen	NM	505-917-3713	CNM	steven.johnson@flybode.com			200			x
0	Terry	Kalp		Valley Center	KS	316-882-3056	MCCA	tkalp@cox.net						x
0	Randy	Karl	Sara	Colorado Springs	CO	719-660-8309	PPCC	karlrj@comcast.net						x
0	Jim	Pittman	Heula	Albuquerque	NM	505-275-2195	CNM	jimp@unm.edu			177			x
0	Bill	Reider	Lee	Albuquerque	NM	505-299-4597	CNM	br236425@gmail.com			166			x
0	LeRoy	Rogers	Emma	Albuquerque	NM	505-294-0623	CNM	004873@q.com						x
0	Eric	Schakel	Linae	Sedalia	CO	303-660-0914	RMC	eric@rbmachine.biz			308			x
0	Larry	Schubert	Sheryl	Sedalia	CO	303-660-6037	RMC	skys@schuberts.com						x
0	Ken	Sturm	Tami Moore	Santa Fe	NM	505-983-1112	Guest	ken@sturmcpas.com						x
0	Joan	Wilshire		Loveland	CO	970-278-0482	RMC	NONE @ NONE						x
0	Laura	Wilshire		Erie	CO	303-828-4203	RMC	lwredvair@comcast.net						x
0	Hurley	Wilvert	Brenda	Sandia Park	NM	505-281-1732	CNM	wilverth@q.com						x



STATISTICS

NUMBER OF PEOPLE **REGISTERED** BY PRIMARY CLUB

CNM	=	38 (Attendance Trophy)
RMC	=	24
PPCC	=	18
MCCA	=	8
HACOA	=	1
INCA	=	4
Guests	=	4 (or more)

TOTAL = 97 (or more?)

** (Number of people does not count guests or people who just stopped by to visit.)

NUMBER OF CARS IN THE CAR SHOW

BY YEAR		BY BODY TYPE		BY STATE		BY CLUB		
1961	= 3	Coupe	= 17	COLORADO	= 15	CNM	= 13	
1962	= 3	Convertible	= 10	NEW MEXICO	= 13	RMC	= 9	
1963	= 4	Sedan	= 4	KANSAS	= 3	PPCC	= 7	
1964	= 7	Station Wagon	= 3	OKLAHOMA	= 3	INCA	= 3	
1965	= 8	F.C.	= 2	MISSOURI	= 1	MCCA	= 3	
1966	= 9			WYOMING	= 1	HACOA	= 1	
1967	= 1							
1968	= 1							TOTAL = 36

WINNERS OF CAR SHOW

1. Best Early	Loren Capron	INCA	1964 Monza Conv
2. Best Late	Elisa & Larry Yoffee	CNM	1965 Corsa Coupe
3. Best FC	Steve & Rita Gongora	CNM	1962 Rampside
4. Best Custom.	Jim Reich	RMC	1961 Lakewood
5. Best Stock	John & Sandra Drage	RMC	1962 Monza Conv
6. Best of Show	Steve & Rita Gongora	CNM	1962 Rampside
7. Best CNM Member Car	Curtis Shimp	CNM	1966 Corsa Coupe

HARD LUCK AWARD

Richard Law of Oklahoma City was driving a 1966 Corsa and towing a 1961 Lakewood 700. In Santa Fe the Corsa had a failure of the transaxle and would not move in any gear. The Lakewood was removed from the trailer so the Corsa could be towed in to Chama.

OTHER HARD LUCK STORIES

Pat Hall	Oil light came on.
Keith Hammett	Got bad gas, ignition knock. Later, vapor lock immoblized car.
Lube Lubert	Vibration at 65-70 MPH.
Lee Olsen	Had to buy new A/C condenser.
Eric Schakel	Only 42 payments to go. Wife makes me slow down.
Kelly Westerfield	Needed new battery.
John Wiker	Passed truck, truck threw rock, broke new windshield.

SPECIAL

Larry Blair	1964 Spyder convertible with 140-HP, gas heater, daily driver.
Loren Capron	Lots of chrome, engine, wheels.
John Drage	Second owner, original (1962) engine.
Garrie Fox	V-8 Crown conversion.
Art Gold	Hand controls, smooth running!
Steve Gongora	1962 Rampside - red, white stripe, almost perfect!
Steve Goodman	Sunroof
Ed Halpin	Original PPCC early 1980s car -- John Koll rescue car.
Keith Hammett	First Corvair I ever saw, at age 14! Later found and bought it.
John Hesco	Factory head rests.
Richard Law	Corsa with original A/C. Lakewood original.
Ned Madsen	1965 Corvair is a daily driver.
Jan Mohr	1964 Corvair is a daily driver.
Lee Olsen	Power top, A/C
Dave Olwine	It's a Spyder.
William Pearce	Uncle Russ gave it to us to haul off. We fixed it up and we drive it!
Jim Reich	Lakewood "Shorty" with 82" w.b. and all 1964 suspension.
Chuck Riblett	Air dam, 15" wheels, lowered.
Curtis Shimp	1966 Corsa has 3.1 litre engine rebuild.
Tim Shortle	1964 Corvan has factory camper kit.
Jim Steinborn	1966 Monza has original paint (90 percent plus!)
Tarmo Sutt	1966 Corsa turbo is 12-year restoration (almost perfect)
John Wiker	Originally a Santa fe motors car.
Larry Yoffee	Torque Talent wheels, Recaro seats, turbo, oil cooler.
John Dinsdale	EVERYTHING!