



# ***Corvairs of New Mexico***

## ***Corvair Society of America Chapter 871***



# ***Route 66 Tri-State Report***

## ***Albuquerque, New Mexico, 15-16-17 October 2021***







## **Corvairs of New Mexico -- A Great Club! Terry Price**

I don't know how our Route 66 Corvair Tri-State could have been much better -- I thought it was almost perfect. The weather cooperated, the hotel worked with us, the people came, and most of all, everyone worked together to make it happen. There's no way I could thank everyone who contributed. Some people I do not even know were involved, and when so many help, it is easy to overlook someone. But, I will try to give thanks to everyone who contributed to a very successful event.

**Dave Allin** was our President in the summer of 2019 when things started. He immediately took control of the event, holding Tri-State meetings and working on getting balloon rides set up. When we finally picked the Marriott for the event, he was quick to meet with them and have others join us at the venue and get contracts signed. Unfortunately,

the Pandemic intervened and Dave had to do it all over again when we re-scheduled. But he kept us going on the Tri-State and as a club. He also carried through on the balloon event and even brought a number of model Corvairs to the event. He did this even though he is now living in Oklahoma. Thanks Dave for all your dedication.

**David Huntoon** as next president of the club quickly took over and led the club when Dave Allin had to move to Oklahoma. Huntoon began looking for places to hold the event. He was hoping to find a smaller event closer to Old Town but really couldn't find any place that was able to accommodate us. David worked on many additional things involved with the Tri-State including signing contracts, working at the hospitality room and handing out awards at the banquet. Thanks David!

**Lupe Arellanes** did an amazing job and an amazing amount of work. She immediately started working on a user-friendly internet registration

## **Car Show Awards**



**Early Open  
KIM-018  
Christine Kimberly  
Pikes Peak  
1964 Monza  
Convertible  
Baby Blue**



**Early Closed  
DEG-046  
Phil Degroot  
Pikes Peak  
1962 Sedan  
Gold**





process. Hours were spent developing registration packets, meal selection tickets, Corvair entry cards, voting blanks, attendee badges, and just about anything else that came up. Her husband, **James Arellanes**, helped in a number of areas and even sold 50/50 tickets. He was willing to do whatever was needed. I really can't say enough about the two of them. Lupe and James worked tirelessly throughout the entire event. Thank you so much.

**Bianca Arellanes**, daughter of Lupe and James, designed and printed all our T-shirts. She also did other chores such as designing our adds for the Communique and our post cards that we sent around the country. What a great job Bianca. Thank you.

**Kay and Tarmo Sutt** were instrumental in a number of areas. Kay kept notes at the meetings, held ZOOM meetings, and filled in as needed. She spent hours making a beautiful quilt and sewing awards for all the Corvair categories. Tarmo and Kay made numerous trips to Albuquerque from

Santa Fe. Both of them helped with the hospitality/ registration room at the hotel. Their support was never lacking. Tarmo contacted **Tammy Moore** who designed our smooth and efficient web site. She did this at no cost to the club, something that the club could not have afforded to buy. And, the site will be available for Rocky Mountain Corsa and Pikes Peak Corvair Club to use in future Tri-States. Thanks Tammy. Of course, it was Tarmo who provided all the information for Tammy to include in the web site. Thanks you Kay and Tarmo!

**Vickie and Pat Hall** supported all of us and the event continually. Vickie, with assistance from **Heula Pittman**, spent untold hours putting together registration bags. Not only did Vickie donate the bags, she collected the contents and loaded the bags, a big help for the attendees to know what was going on at the event. Pat helped with planning and other areas as well as parking the cars at the car show. Thanks Vickie and Pat.

**Rita and Steve Gongora** were phenomenal

### **Car Show Awards**



**Late Open  
YOU-094  
Don Young  
Bonneville Corvair  
Club  
1965 Corsa  
Convertible  
Black -- Turbo**



**Late Closed  
BER-092  
Tony Berbig  
CNM  
1967  
Yenko Tribute  
Clover Red**





throughout. Rita collected items for three years and stashed them at home. Steve and Rita opened their home for general meetings and Tri-State meetings. Rita prepared delicious food for us, as we often ended up meeting at their home around lunch time. The food was always hot and wonderful. They made the beautiful baskets we raffled off and set up the layout and presentation of all the raffle and silent auction items at the event. Thanks, so much, Rita and Steve.

**Gregory Nelson** was a big help. When work was needed: lifting, cleaning, moving, displaying, registering, serving, planning, anything, Greg was immediately ready to help. I knew that whatever was needed, Greg could get it done and done quickly with a smile and a spring in his step. He was invaluable to our successful event. Thanks to Gregory for everything!

Of course, there was a lot more things that needed to be done to help this event come together. Among those things were **donations**. I don't even know where a lot of the donations came from but I do know where some key donations came from.

**Kay Sutt** donated the beautiful quilt and pillow awards. They were great. Those donations not only saved us money but also brought us money. In fact, the single donation we made the most money on was the quilt. Thanks Kay.

**Fred Edeskuty** donated the fantastic lamps, made from cams, air filters and hub caps. Wow, they were popular. The two lamps resulted in very nice proceeds for the event. I'm sorry Fred was unable to attend, but the creation of those lamps will be part of the history of Corvairs of New Mexico forever! Thanks Fred, for your generosity.

### **Car Show Awards**



**Forward Control  
TWE-020  
Diane Tweedy-Lawler  
Rocky Mountain  
1963  
Rampside  
Turquoise/White**

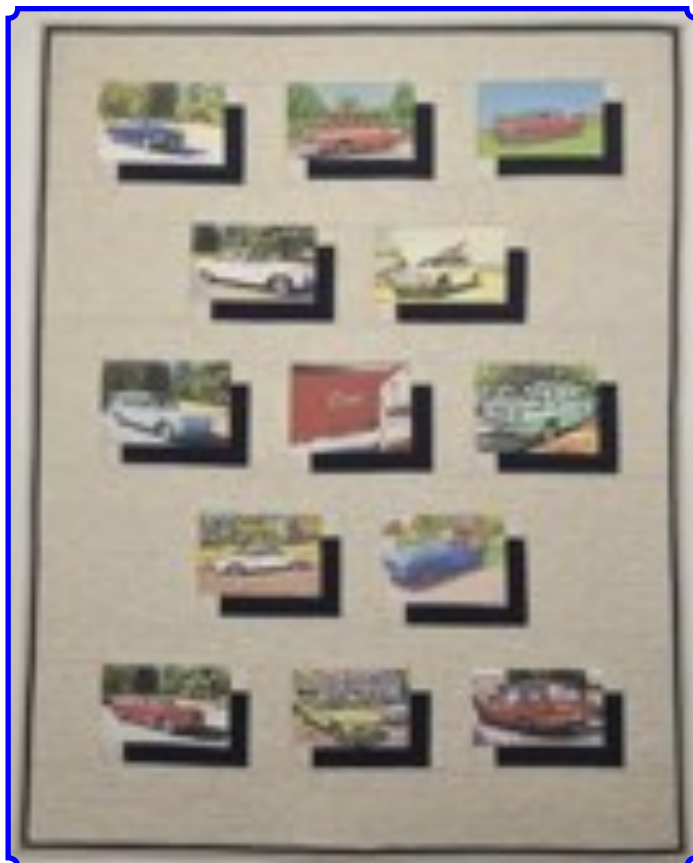


**Station Wagon  
PEA-073  
William Pearce  
Austin, CO  
1962  
Station Wagon**



**Maggie and Bob Kitts** donated the beautiful die-cast model cars that everyone seemed to love. They were wonderful to just look at, much less be able to own. Most of them are no longer made and are collector's items. We got great proceeds from those. Thanks for those models, Bob and Maggie. Thanks for all the hours you spent at the hospitality room too.

**Brenda Stickler and Anne Wiker** designed the presentation of the snacks and donated snacks.



*Kay Sutt's Tri-State Quilt*

They also worked hospitality and registration as well as planning in many phases of the event. Thanks for all your work Anne and Brenda.

**Larry Blair** was an enormous asset to the Tri-State. It was Larry who arranged for Dr. Harrison Schmitt for our banquet. It was Larry who took care of the car wash at the back of the hotel. He also helped in planning and attended meetings. He also entered two cars in the show. Thanks Larry for all you did.

**Mark Domzalski** did a super job at the banquet as the Master of Ceremonies. He worked under some trying circumstances with no problems. It is great when someone can keep everything moving so that no one knew there were any underlying problems. But he did it! Thanks Mark.

**Jim Pittman's** financial support was a great help. We could hardly have carried out this event without Jim's support. He was not able to attend the banquet but he did make the car show. He also published numerous articles about the event and supported everyone involved in the Tri-State. I don't know if he realized it, but he kept me on my toes and encouraged me. Thank you Jim, and thank you **Heula** for years of morale-lifting birthday cards.

**Steve Johnson, Anne Mae and Robert Gold and Bill Heil:** you all deserve thanks for your help in registration and hospitality. It took everyone working together in all these areas to make things come out so well. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

**Tim and Sandy Cramer** have helped through recent years with post card design and the calendar that was printed for us. Thanks, so much, for all your support!

That's twenty-four people, maybe only about half of the number of people that it took to get this Tri-State going and running smoothly. I just can't give enough credit to them. ***It was a great job -- and well done to you all!***



**Car Show Awards**



**BEST OF SHOW**

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**Don Young**

**Bonneville**

**Corvair Club**

**1965 Corsa**

**Convertible**

**Black - Turbo**





### **Tri-State Hospitality and Registration Brenda Stickler**

**I AM PLEASED** to report on our CNM 2021 Tri-State's Hospitality and Registration. With Terry Price at the helm and Lupe's fantastic organization skills (she also designed our popular T-shirts and Calendars which sold well) the greeting desk had everything to welcome our travelers. With smiles, we handed out the registration packets, and showed our car enthusiasts all we had set up for them, in a very small but welcoming space. Many families and participants could not believe the wonderful gift bags we handed them, with assorted goodies and treasures. Thanks to Vickie and Heula. Club members pitched in with supplies for coffee and an assortment of snacks for all to enjoy. We extend our thanks to David Allen for making his personal model Corvair collection available. The display of his collection greatly enhanced our snack corner.

This room from the hallway windows looked like an upscale gift shop. We had a great assortment of raffle items (featuring Rita's Famous, Fabulous

gift baskets). We were happy to be able to offer the cast model cars for the silent auction donated by the Kitts. The unique lamps made from Corvair parts created and built by Fred Edeskuty, and the Fabulous Corvair Quilt designed and made by Kay Sutt stole the show.

It is very apparent that the clubs that feature the Tri-States have become intertwined and have developed many rewarding friendships through this yearly event. Recently I have noticed the absence of children and youth. Most of us who having been in the club for the last couple of decades or more, remember the "Corvair Kid" who were attending these events. Though my report is about the charm and warm feel of our hospitality room, I will mention one more thing. At the banquet we had a moment of silence for all who have already departed from our club... to what I'll describe as our "Corvair Heaven." We had many inspirations from those people and many helped us with the maintenance of our Corvairs. Long live our CNM Club and its wonderful Tri-State friendships and events.











## **Congratulations Corvairs of New Mexico! Robert Gold**

Hi CNM'ers. Some of you might remember that I used to serve in several capacities for CNM. Lately, however, I haven't been around the club much, so it was very interesting to see how the current edition of the Tri-State turned out. All I can say is WOW! I don't want Terry Price and company to get a big head, but this year's event was the best I've seen.

Anne Mae and I were involved with the hospitality room as well as entering a Loadside in the car show. The room was a feast for the eyes. David Allin's model Corvair collection was amazing to behold. I wish I had the dedication and skills to create such a wonderful lineup. The room was fully stocked with free goodies and things to buy. On top of all that there was Kay Sutt's art quilt that rivals what my true love, Anne Mae is able to produce. The winner of that raffle will no doubt love it for years to come. What a great impression all this made for our visitors from up north!

The car show was a feast for the eyes. It was nice of Mother Nature to give us perfect weather. The cars on display were a primer on the different models of Corvairs. Anyone who wants to be part of our hobby would be well served to copy what they saw in the Marriott Pyramid parking lot. Every person I saw at the show had a big smile on their face. The most fun, was getting to say hi to all you CNM'ers that I haven't seen in a while, particularly David Allin and Mark and Mary Lou Martinek who came a long way to attend our event. The bad thing for me was that I wanted to take home every car I saw. Alas, Anne Mae said no!

I wanted to see more of the Tri-State, but my current physical condition prevented that. I want to thank all of you at Corvairs of New Mexico for a spectacular event. You did the club and the hobby proud. CONGRATULATIONS CNM!!!!-- Robert Gold



































## **Harrison Schmitt Keynotes at Tri-State Dinner Mark Domzalski**

The Honorable Dr. Harrison Schmitt and his wife, Teresa Fitzgibbon, joined us for dinner this year after a fabulous fall day for the car show. Dr. Schmitt is a native New Mexican, born in the village of Santa Rita, east of Silver City. The village was consumed by the Chino open pit copper mine and the mine is also now known as the Santa Rita mine. Dr. Schmitt was one of five selected to NASA's Apollo Program in 1965 in Group 4, named "The Scientists."

Using a great slide show of Apollo images, he spoke about his NASA training, his colleagues and of course the last Apollo mission (Apollo 17) for which he was the geologist. He joined mission commander Gene Cernan for three outings to gather geological specimens from three distinctly different areas.

One story resonated well with our Corvair group. He and Gene Cernan were on the surface of the moon preparing for a moon buggy drive when Commander Cernan walked by the right rear of the buggy with a

hammer in his outer leg pocket, ripping the fender off. Not thinking it was a big deal, they set off on the surface but quickly realized that the fenders really worked well and without the missing one, the steel mesh tire was slinging moon dust up and over them as they drove. When they arrived back at the lunar module they queried Houston about how best to make a repair for the next outing. They used some lunar module panel clips for checklists or picture to re-secure the fender. This helped, but not enough as about a third of the fender had broken off. The final repair was to take a few plastic encased landing maps and extend the fender, not with more clips, but with grey duct tape, making a successful repair for the last outing. A little on-the-road (or moon) ingenuity with duct tape. Can we Corvair owners relate?

Dr. Schmitt spoke for about 40 minutes and graciously signed mementos for those who brought their own space program memorabilia for an autograph.

When asked at the end of the program whether he would go back to the moon, if possible, he was emphatically affirmative, with one caveat. If he goes to the moon again, Teresa must go with him. We presented an honorarium in Dr. Schmitt's name to the Rio Rancho Astronomical Society. We also presented him with a certificate of thanks from Corvairs of New Mexico on behalf of the Route 66 Corvair Tri-State, and gifted him with a bright red 1/24th scale late model Corvair convertible, which was enthusiastically accepted.

The 2021 "Route 66 Tri-State" banquet was one of the most memorable events Corvairs of New Mexico has ever executed. Enormous kudos to chairman Terry Price and the team that pulled the entire weekend together, providing hospitality that CNM is known so well for.







## **Photo Report on the 2021 "Route 66 Tri-State" Jim Pittman**

I have prepared several "photo reports" on Tri-State events over the years and most of them were events that I worked on, so I had close contact to registration, car show and banquet happenings. Not so this year. You can read the articles submitted by Terry Price, Kay Sutt, Brenda Stickler, Robert Gold and Mark Domzalski for their take on the event. Additionally, The Pikes Peak Corvair Club has a great report on the Albuquerque Tri-State. Their November newsletter can be downloaded from the internet. Google "pikes peak corvair club" to get to their web page. Click on "Monthly Newsletters" to see the November issue. They publish a fine newsletter every month.

I was not present for registration or the banquet but I did get to the car show. I wanted to get a photo of every car, along with that car's windshield plaque. I got many photos but only managed to get photos of twenty-nine windshields. I know there were more cars in the show than that! Thanks to Steve Gongora, Kay Sutt, Vickie Hall, Mark Domzalski, Larry Blair and perhaps others for sending photos. While walking among the cars I was able to talk with several old friends. But there were many I missed and I'm sorry I did not get to see more. I should have budgeted more time.

If more "statistical" information turns up perhaps it can go in a future newsletter article.

The next two pages -- in very small print -- include much of the registration information I received from Lupe Arellanos. I included cities, states, email addresses and phone numbers but omitted home addresses. Many who registered did not specify club affiliation, so some of these are guesses.

Thanks to all who have been working on this twice-postponed event since about May of 2019! All the effort and worries seem to have paid off handsomely!

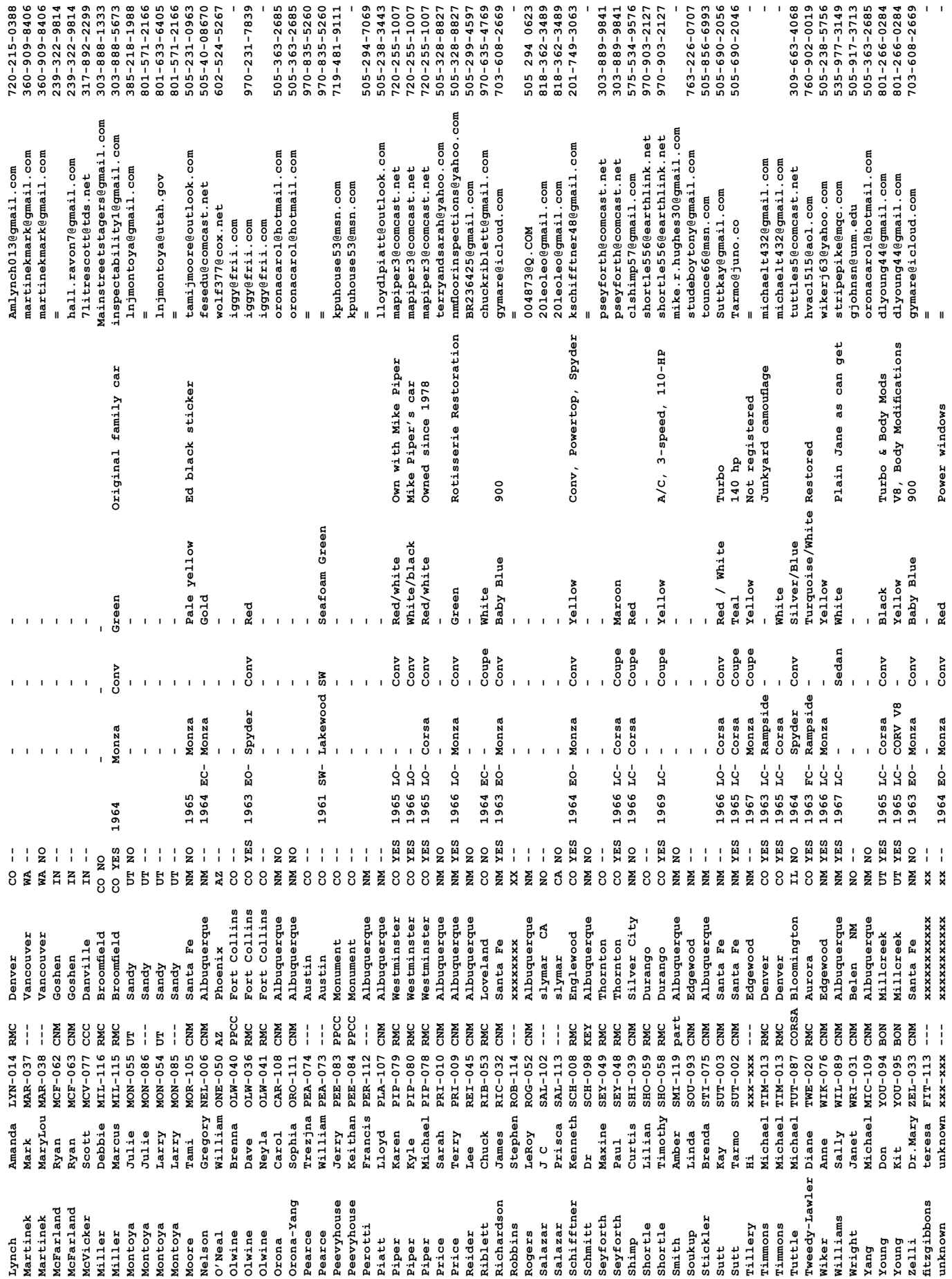






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THANKS TO ALL WHO ATTENDED! SEE YOU NEXT YEAR IN Glenwood Springs, Colorado!