

NMCCC NEWSLETTER FOR MARCH, 2007

New Mexico Council of Car Clubs Statement of Purpose

Organized in 1977, the New Mexico Council of Car Clubs (NMCCC) consists of member clubs from throughout New Mexico. It shall serve to foster communication and cooperation among the member clubs, as well as with similar organizations in other states. It shall be strictly non-profit in nature and will operate as a non-profit New Mexico corporation. Funds for its operation may be levied on its member clubs or raised by promoting automotive events.

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Newsletter

Please send event flyers and listings, changes of address, and any items to be included in newsletter to: NMCCC P.O. Box 37324 Albuquerque, NM 87176-7324, or e-mail to oldcarnut1932@earthlink.net.
<http://nmcouncil.org> (505)890-4477 (Phone or FAX)

NEXT MEETING TO BE AT OLD CAR GARAGE WEDNESDAY, March 28, 2007, 7:30pm

MEETING AGENDA

May Car Show, All Clubs' Picnic, and web site will be discussed.

MAY CAR SHOW MEETING

Jim & Joyce Clements, Mike Maestas, and Paul McLaughlin met with the Museum staff on March 6, to discuss any necessary changes to the May car show. General changes were discussed. A committee of **Chuck & Pat Logan, Ron & Su Rymarz, Mike Peckum, Paul McLaughlin, Mike Maestas, Jeremy Bustos, Alissa Byrne, and Jim, Joyce & Will Clements** met and worked out details of the literature to be sent out. We have a plan to pre-register clubs for assigned pre-paid spaces. This will be discussed at the March Council meeting. A future meeting will be set to determine classes and club assignments for help at the show. We will also need to form a mailing party to send out registration forms as soon as they are ready.

Meeting Minutes February 28, 2007

The meeting was called to order by Vice President **Michael Maestas** at 7:30 p. The following club representatives were in attendance: **Charlie Brown**- Zia Studebaker-Packard, **Ron and Su Rymarz**- Old Car Club, **Bill Schofield, Jessie and Gayle Doty**, and **Alan and Joni Hart**-Rockin' Rodders, **Mike Maestas**- SW F Body Assoc., **Joyce Clements**- Old Car Club, **Bill Lemen**- LCOC, **Jim Clements**-Tumbleweed Ford V-8, **Will Clements**- LCOC, **Cary Hubbard**- Corvairs of NM/ RRCC, **Joe Cifaratta**-VMCCA, **George Winters** and **Mike McConaghy**- Valencia County Chamber, **Chris Padilla**-LOE GTO's, **Chuck Swanberg**- MUPA, **Ed McConnell**- Roadrunner Convoy-MVPA, **Philip Dankworth** and **Dennis Seibert**- Rickshaws, **Jeremy Bustos** and **Alissa Byrne**- Southwest F-Body, **John Doran**-Web site/Political Action Committee. Guests: **Steve** and **Cathy Garcia**- Itsa Italian Ice, **Norton Bicoll**- Santa Fe Vintage Car Club.

New Member club, Roadrunner Convoy- Military Historical Preservation was welcomed. Treasurer **Ron Rymarz** reported a checking account balance of \$7876.90. Ron suggested that Car Council Board members

visit member clubs to explain how the organization is financed and its purpose. Please suggest this to your clubs for a guest speaker.

Norton Bicoll of Santa Fe Vintage Car Club gave a presentation on State and Federal Government regulations threatening to abolish the car hobby. Many states are enacting laws regarding pollution limits, back and front license plates, and speed limits. He suggested using the Internet to track laws and using the SEMA link on the Council web site. Several years ago (1978) local clubs helped write and get passed the Bartolucci Law to protect the NM old car hobby. **Joyce Clements** will publish this bill in the newsletter. **Steve and Cathy Garcia** of Itsa Italian Ice brought a sample of their product for the members. He would like to be considered as a vendor for car shows and events. This would make a wonderful refreshing light treat for hot summer events. Give them a call at 269-8778.

Bill Lemen reported on the Council answering machine and fax capability that is now up and running. The message will convey coming events and direct callers to the web site. The phone number is 890-4477. **JD** explained the web site features and invited member clubs to link newsletters and coming events on the site. He offered to teach a class on how to set up a web site at Manzano Mesa Multi-cultural Center. Call JD to register for the class at 298-0111.

Old Business: **Charlie Brown**: The Studebaker/Packard Club cruised to Belen for lunch and Harvey Museum Tour. **Bob Agnew's** Spring Thaw will be held April 14, from 8:00a to 4:00p. You must call for an appointment, 881-2722. The Rickshaws are finalizing the All Clubs picnic plans. **Joyce** reported on automotive bills going thru the legislature; 55 mph statewide bill and the 2 license plate bill. **Su Rymarz** sent the petition collected at various events and cover letter to Gov. Richardson, to her representative Sue Beffort in Santa Fe and asked her to get our complaint to the proper committee. A committee meeting for the Museum Show will be scheduled in March. We need volunteers, please register with **Joyce**. Swap Meet Flyers are available. See the listing of events in the newsletter and call or e-mail **Joyce** with new events or updates.

New Business: **Joe Cifaratta** asked if there might be some clubs willing to help the Soap Box Derby entrants. They pay for all of their equipment and travel to Akron and statewide events. Anyone interested in donating please call **Joe** at 796-9090. **Mike Maestas** said he would like to get some ideas together. **Mike McConaghy** of the Valencia Chamber invited everyone to the South Rt. 66 Cruise on the second Saturday of each month. The Summerfest will be held the 2nd. Saturday in June. There will be 12 catagories, \$1,500 in cash prizes awarded. They hope to draw 400 to 500 cars. The meeting adjourned at 9:15p.

Respectfully submitted:

Su Rymarz for **Paul G. McLaughlin**

WEB SITE

The web site is up and running. Check it out at www.nmcarcouncil.org. If your club is not on the site, please get in touch and get your information to John Doran or Joyce Clements. If your club is listed, and you want some information about your club with your listing, get in touch to find out how to do that. Each club has space to advertise their club, but someone in each club has to help get the information properly posted.

We also have the phone working with a recording which will be updated to reflect current events.

The Number is 890-4477. The number also serves as a FAX. Bill Lemen is in charge of the phone.

Any volunteers to help with our communications maintenance are welcome to do so.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Carl Melinat of Clovis has notified us that the 2-license plate rule has not passed this legislative session, and the 55mph speed limit is dead. Thank you Carl for keeping us informed on this. Enclosed with this newsletter is the NM law on inoperative vehicles which has been a state law since 1978. Apparently Mr. Bicoll was unaware that this law was on NM books. Any of you who live in a community that threatens your car storage should keep this legislation at hand to use as needed.

IDEA FOR CONSIDERATION

Arizona hobbyists got an official Collector Car Appreciation Day passed for their state. Could we maybe work on something like this in New Mexico for the 2008 Legislative Session? It is an idea that bears consideration if a committee is interested in working on the wording and presentation of such a bill.

HELP NEEDED

Please help.. In the May, 2007, Street Rodder Magazine, Vintage Air is doing a Tour from San Antonio, TX, with stop in Roswell, NM, to LA, June 10-17. Any info on this tour? Are they staying South or maybe coming up our way ??? If anyone knows more about this tour, please get in touch with Patrick Wightman wightman55@aol.com or 453-6168. Thanks. Also there's a good article and photos of our locals Kenny Campbell, Dan & Eddie Stone, and Dave Malcom part of Posey's Driven Dirty Tour last October.

EVENT LISTING

If you need more information on any of the events listed below, you can e-mail oldcarnut1932@earthlink.net and I will e-mail the flyer to you if I have it.

2007 EVENTS

- March 23-25 – Southwestern Muscle Car Show** – NM State Fairgrounds, Lujan Complex. Matt 294-7273
- March 24 – 5th Wheels of Dreams Car Show** – Las Cruces, NM, Field of Dreams Complex – Victor Torrez (505)526-6036, lcrodrivers.com
- March 29-April 1 – 2007 Wolf Man Kruse** – Snyder, Texas to Clovis, NM – Carl at (505)769-1801
- March 24 – Clovis Car Show** – North Plains Mall in Clovis – Jerry at 763-5511
- March 30-31 – 10th Annual Main Event Show & Cruise** – Artesia, NM – Hammond at (505)746-9477 or McCaskill at (505)746-4796 dorothy@tberryweb.com
- March 30-April 1 – Mopars at the Strip** – Las Vegas, NV
- March 30-31 – Old Pueblo Mustang Mania 2007** – Tucson, AZ (520)620-1480 or aztlan@theriver.com
- April 14 – Spring Thaw at WorldWide Automotive** – Flyer available soon.
- April 14 – Los Lunas Cruise at Brad Francis** – Los Lunas C of C, 352-3596
- April 13-15 – 3rd Annual Standard 1320 Invitational Drag Race & Reunion** – Speed-world Dragstrip, NW of Phoenix, AZ – RLMiller@cableone.net or (928)289-4537
- April 14 – Golden Gears Car Club Swap Meet & Car Corral** – Alamogordo, NM Jack at (505)434-0200 or (505)491-9804
- April 14 – NM Donor Services Show in Las Cruces** – Geraldo Aguilar (505)496-7913
- April 14-15 – SW Motorsports 1st Albuquerque Sports Car Road Race 2007** – Titled Minis and Muscle Cars to the Max – Donations and portion of profits to go to a yet-to-be-named charity. SWMS will include an informal car show, lunchtime lapping, spectating, our well thought of drivers school, and road racing on Sandia Motor Speedways 1.65 mile, 14 turn road course. Clubs are invited to join in working a corner, help raise funds, and enjoy a fun event. Get info at jfslenes@aol.com or 505-298-7007. Anyone interested in becoming a course marshal, annual training for that activity is March 31, 2007 at the track. Details at club site: www.swms.org.
- April 20-22 – 4th N.M. International Auto Show** – Convention Center, Albuquerque – Peter (831)476-7275 newmexicoautoshow.com
- April 22 – ASR Drag Races** – Arroya Seco, NM (505)542-3827 arroyosecoraceway.com
- April 22 – Motoring for Mutts** – Benefit to Santa Fe Animal Shelter – 983-4309, www.sfhumanesociety.org
- April 27-29 – 16th Annual British Car Days in Las Cruces** – Old MesillaSquare – Bob Hammel (505)647-0122 zianet.com
- April 28 – Park 'n the Park Car Show** – Haynes Park in Rio Rancho – Richard Figved 891-4737
- April 29 – FREE Car Show** – Sponsored by Old Car Club of Albuquerque – Sonic at 5000 San Mateo NE – 11am-3pm – Dash Plaques 1st 50 cars, no trophies, no awards – Su or Ron 293-0581
- April 29 – Buick-Olds-Pontiac Show** – Hosted by Oldsmobile Club of NM – Bob or Linda at 256-7344
- May 5-6 – 1st NHRA Walley Race** – ABQ National Dragway – www.abqdragway.com
- May 5 – All Corvette Car Show in Los Alamos** – Atomic City Corvettes, P.O. Box 4605, Los Alamos, N.M. 87544. Information and registration forms available at AtomicCityCorvettes.org or 505.672.3844
- May 6 – Route 66 Rodders Swap Meet** – UNM Tailgate Lot 2 – Pre-registration begins in April – John Hamm 259-1232 or www.route66rodders.org
- May 20 – NMCCC/Albuquerque Museum Car Show** – oldcarnut1932@earthlink.net
- May 18-20 – Corvair Tri-State Meet** – Monte Vista, CO
- May 26 – Durango Expo** – Downtown Durango – Steve Wylie (970)247-8761

May 27 – 25th Annual RG Mustang Club Show – Marriott Pyramid North Hotel in Albuquerque. Judged using modified MCA rules. Ford-powered cars and trucks welcome. 1st thru 3rd place trophies. Saturday evening hospitality suite with snacks, soda, beer and wine. Car show and banquet Sunday and Sunday evening. Many door prizes at banquet. Contact: Frank McMullan, 505/294-7902; f.mcmullan@comcast.net or Wally Short, 505/299-4573; shortstang@integrity.com.

June 2 – Civic Plaza Car Show – In conjunction with Bicycle Race. Bonnie Baker at 246-8979

June 3 – Car-A-Fair – Carlsbad Automotive Restoration Society - Joy Springer (505)887-8853 or (505)887-3440 or <http://www.carsclubofcarlsbad.com>

June 7-9 – American Truck Historical Society – National Meet to be held in Colorado Springs, CO – Paul McLaughlin 296-2554

June 9 – Summerfest Car Show in Los Lunas – Benefit for Village of Los Lunas Police Dept “Cops for Kids” program – Cash prizes & trophies for individuals and clubs – 352-3596 or www.loslunasnm.gov/chamber

June 10-17 – Vintage Air Tour, San Antonio, TX, to LA – Stops in Roswell & ?

June 16 – 12th Annual Hub City Mopar Fest – Auge’s Sales & Service in Belen. Open to all models & years of Mopars w/classes for all. Prizes, raffles, vendors, swap meet, special displays. Raffle of new 18’ dovetail car trailer, \$5/ticket. See trailer at Shell Rapid Lube, corner of Wyoming & Comanche. Paul 896-8115 or www.moparclub.com

June 16 – Ruidoso Spring Fling Car Show – Pine Top Rod & Custom – Doreen (505)257-6586

June 17 – Fathers’ Day Car Show – Calvary Temple, 5331 Montano Rd. NW – 881-5154

June 17 – 4th Annual Fathers’ Day Show in Edgewood – Valley View Christian Church – Contact Tony

June 17 – Fathers’ Day Car Show – Alamogordo invites all to the annual Father's Day Car Show and Shine at Alameda Park on White Sands Blvd., 10 AM to 3PM. Gates open at 9AM. Entry Fee is \$10 and pre-registration is encouraged. - John Douglass @ 505-437-5318

June 23 – Old Route 66 Car Show & Neon Cruise – Hosted by Land of Enchantment GTO’s – Chris at 865-6764 or Don at 821-5490

July 4-8 – Headlights on the Mother Road Kathy Duffy (505)873-7213

July 15 – NMCCC Volunteer Luncheon – TBA

July 21 – 2nd Annual Classic Chevy Club Show – Anna Becker Park, Belen – Open to all makes & years. Andy House 385-1410 or Patrick Wightman 293-0904

August 5 – NMCCC All Clubs' Picnic – TBA

August 18 – 2nd Annual Mopars Against the World – Roswell, NM www.area51dragway.com

September 8-9 – Moriarty Fly-In & Car Show – Details later

September 13-15 – 45th Grand Ole Tour – Big Spring, TX – John Rogers (325) 207-0727 or John Anderson (432) 263-3244 or Chrysti Love (806)497-6345

September 22 – Farmington Car Show – Chris Sigler (505)326-2227

September 28-30 – NMCCC Swap Meet in Los Lunas – oldcarnut1932@earthlink.net

September 28-30 – Truck & Stationary Engine Show – Wildlife West Nature Park, Edgewood – 281-7655

October 5-7 – 35th New Mexico Auto Tour – For cars 25 years and older - Roadrunner Antique Auto Club, Hobbs – Darwin Mack at (505)393-3228 or Ruth Trice at (505) 393-8398, hobbspoet@juno.com

October – Eisenhower Middle School Car Show

ALBUQUERQUE RACING

Route 66 Community Multiplex – www.route66drags.org

Albuquerque National Speedway – www.abqdragway.com or 873-2684

2007 MOPAR Challenge Series at ABQ Dragway: - Dates: April 22, May 12, June 1, Sept 7, October 21. Race for points and money at each race. For info, contact Chris at 823-1646 or Paul at 896-8115

Southwest Motorsports –Oval Racing every Saturday night. Motorcycle Events and Quarter Midget Racing. See www.swms.org for schedules.

CRUISE NIGHTS

Cruzin' South Route 66 – Bosque Farms to Los Lunas – 2nd Saturday each month 352-3596 – or www.cruzinsouthroute66.com 1:00pm winter, 6:00pm daylight savings time

Christian Rods & Customs – 3rd Saturday each month, April thru October – Sonic, 5000 block of San Mateo
Owl Cafe, Eubank & I-40 – Pre-1960 Rides – 1st Tuesday ea. Month May thru October

Owl Cafe, Eubank & I-40 – Muscle Cars – 3rd Thursday ea. Month, May thru October

Owl Cafe, by Cottonwood – Muscle Car Cruise – 4th Saturday ea. Month, May thru Oct.

Route 66 Rodders Cruisin' at Jersey Jack's, I-25 & Jefferson – 3rd Sunday each month Nov thru March, 1:30pm

Donut Derelicts

The group has been meeting at the Raley's Supermarket Coffee Shop on the SE corner of Juan Tabo and Candelaria from 7-9am on Saturday mornings. We also have an offer from the district advertising manager of McDonald's to meet at any of his 82 McDonald's, and McDonald's will furnish the coffee. Paul McLaughlin and Jim Demick have volunteered to coordinate this with McDonald's.

Club Contacts Updates

Please make these changes to the roster sent out with the February newsletter. You may throw the one sent in January away.

Artesia Car Enthusiasts

Change e-mail to dorothy@tberryweb.com

Classic Chevy Club

Add another contact: Steve Stevens at 262-0527

Corvairs of New Mexico

Change phone number to 268-6878

4 Corners Old Car Club

Add second contact: Ben Garland 327-6887

Headlights on the Mother Road

Add contact: Kathy Duffy 873-7213 kathymduffy@aol.com

Land of Enchantment GTO's

Add second contact: Don Fitch 821-5490 donsgt37@msn.com

New Mexico Impala SS Owners (NMISSO)

Add contact: Jerry Campbell 263-0911 contach@goldsswagon.com
www.nmisso.com

Route 66 Rockin' Rodders

Add contacts: Jesse Doty 869-2822 gayle@laneproperties.com
Bill Schofield 565-2105 fattirefarm@comcast.net
Alan Hart 866-4329 merkmarauder03@aol.com

Route 66 Rodders

Add second contact: John Hamm 259-1232 jhamm564543@comcast.net

SEMA Action Network

Add contact: (202)783-6007 benb@sema.org
www.semasan.com

Southwest Mustang Club

Change contact name to Andrew Vieira

Zia Studebaker/Packard Club

Drop Craig Tucker and Romeo Kubes as contacts

Add contact: Charlie Brown 266-7181 cbrown@pnm.com

RED LIGHT CAMERAS

Hello Everyone,

As many of you probably already know, I spoke before the Albuquerque City Council (as did many other people) on the Red Light Camera Program here in Albuquerque. I have attached the information that I presented to the council for everyone else to look at. Please pass this information on to your clubs.

Everybody wants safer streets and not very many can really question that we have a problem here. The question becomes, are the red light cameras the answer? The simple answer is NO.

Don't take my word for it. Many large studies have been done on these systems (we're not the first to get them). Each of these studies has shown these cameras cause more total accidents, injuries and damage. In almost every place the cameras have been put up, they have eventually been taken down. Several times the city has had to return all the fees it charged from the cameras (sometimes the city has gone bankrupt).

If you live outside of Albuquerque, don't feel so isolated. If they successfully stand in Albuquerque, then other areas will see dollar signs (BIG \$\$\$\$). You may be the next to get them!

On a personal note, I have already lost one of my classic cars because of these cameras. I was taking it to get an exhaust job done. The light turned yellow from Coors onto Paseo Del Norte (which has a camera). Everyone slammed on their brakes! I managed to not hit the car in front of me, but the person behind me didn't stop! I hope nobody else has to experience this.

If you have any questions or want any additional information, please feel free to contact me.

Thanx, Michael Maestas

VP, The New Mexico Council of Car Clubs

VP, The Southwest FBody Association

Mrws6@comcast.net (505)385-8764

RED LIGHT CAMERA STUDIES ROUNDUP

--- A 2006 Winnipeg, Canada city audit found:

"The graph shows an increase of 58% in the number of traffic collisions from 2003 to 2004....Contrary to long-term expectations, the chart shows an increase in claims at each level of damage with the largest percentage increase appearing at the highest dollar value."

--- A 2005 Virginia DOT study found:

"The cameras are correlated with an increase in total crashes of 8% to 17%."

--- In 2005, The Washington Post found:

"The analysis shows that the number of crashes at locations with cameras more than doubled, from 365 collisions in 1998 to 755 last year. Injury and fatal crashes climbed 81%, from 144 such wrecks to 262. Broadside crashes, also known as right-angle or T-bone collisions, rose 30%, from 81 to 106 during that time frame."

--- A 2004 North Carolina A&T University study found:

"Our findings are more pessimistic, finding no change in angle accidents and large increases in rear-end crashes and many other types of crashes relative to other intersections."

--- A 2003 Ontario Ministry of Transportation study found:

"Compared to the average number of reported collisions occurring in the before period, the average yearly number of reported collisions increased 15.1% in the after period."

--- A 1995 Australian Road Research Board study found:

"The results of this study suggest that the installation of the RLC at these sites did not provide any reduction in accidents, rather there has been increases in rear end and adjacent approaches accidents on a before and after basis and also by comparison with the changes in accidents at intersection signals."

Related Reports and Studies

The importance of the yellow warning signal time in reducing the instances of red light running is found in the following reports

--- A 2004 Texas Transportation Institute study found:

"An increase of yellow duration of 1.0 seconds is associated with a [crash frequency] of about 0.6, which corresponds to a 40% reduction in crashes."

--- A 2001 report by the Majority Leader of the U.S. House of Representatives found:

"The changes in the yellow signal timing regulations have resulted in the inadequate yellow times. And these inadequate yellow times are the likely cause of almost 80% of red light entries."

<http://www.thenewspaper.com/rlc/docs/2006/winnipegaudit.pdf>

<http://www.thenewspaper.com/rlc/docs/05-vdot.pdf>

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2005/10/03/AR2005100301844.html>

<http://www.thenewspaper.com/rlc/docs/burkeyobeng.pdf>

<http://www.thenewspaper.com/rlc/docs/2003-ontario.pdf>

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<http://www.thenewspaper.com/rlc/docs/04-alternatives.pdf>

<http://www.thenewspaper.com/rlc/docs/finalreport.pdf>