



**February 2008**

### **EDITORIAL**

I want to personally thank the members of the 2008 Council for all the hard work they have put into our events. The spirit of cooperation & camaraderie is outstanding!

We have also had a few members, both old & new, step up with some intriguing ideas.

In addition, I would like to give a send thank you to one of our newest members, Steve Hopkins, for making name badges for each member. They look really great!

He will bring them to each meeting/event and asks that you return them to him afterwards.

### **IN THE NEWS**

We would like to welcome back Jack Stephens & Mark & Brenda Logsdon to the NMCA family.

NMCA made a great showing @ this year's Super Nationals held @ Expo New Mexico from 2/1-3. The theme this year was "Oldies But Goodies" & we had 5 members entered in the Club display, plus Treasurer, Lori Jordan, entered her car separately. Five of the 6 Club entrants walked away placing in their respective categories (some also took home a cash prize). NMCA also took 3<sup>rd</sup> overall in the Club display division. Members of Donnie Marchi's magicians club provided a Magic Show which drew crowds several times on Saturday afternoon/evening. This turned out to be an outstanding addition to our Club display. Thank you Donnie! This was a fun time for all; it was good to see so many members show up in support.

Our event on February 9<sup>th</sup> was held @ the ABQ Chinatown restaurant celebrating the Chinese New Year of the Rat. There were about 20 of us on hand for the buffet supper & the entertainment was a troupe performing the traditional Lion dance. There were even fireworks set off in front of the restaurant.

This past Sunday we had our first caravan for 2008. 19 Corvettes met @ Lowe's on Paseo for the drive up to Hwy 528 to J&R Vintage Car Museum. There are over 65 vehicles on display plus a variety of books on every car you can think of. Mr. Carl Andresen graciously gave a short talk before letting us walk through the museum. After the tour 28 folks gathered @ the Coronado Cantina on Hwy 550. The poker run winners were Susan Gorman & Mark Graham (prize was free lunch). We also sang 'Happy Birthday' to Hugh Monroy who will be celebrating his birthday this coming week.

A special thank you goes out to Dan Bond & Rich Sherman for co-chairing this event.

### **COMING ATTRACTIONS**

Our next scheduled event will be to Osaka Sushi & Steakhouse restaurant in Rio Rancho. This will be another special dinner event on 3/8. Suzanne Monroy will be providing information on this event by email within the next week or so. (also check the website)

March has the Club taking a caravan trip to Socorro to see the "Very Large Array." Lori has made arrangements for us to have a private tour! This will be the first of our longer caravans & we hope that the weather cooperates.

One of the overnight trips we are coordinating will take place the weekend of October 17 & 18 in Ruidoso, NM. David Judd, Club CIA, plays in a band & we plan to caravan on down to hear him play. As we get firm information we will pass it on. Meanwhile, set that weekend aside so you can join us on this special weekend trip.

We still have no word on funding for 2008 from CASA as of this writing. Stay tuned!

Yours sincerely, Suzanne Monroy, Secretary, NMCA

We would like to note that all General Meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month; all Council Meetings are 10 days prior to the General Meeting & ALL members are welcome to join us. So using the information above, mark your calendars, so you don't miss a thing!

### **BIRTHDAYS**

Brenda Bunting	3/22
Steve Haydu	3/24
Larry Jordan	3/27
Robin Zimberoff	3/27
Becky Scott	3/30
Steve Conrad	3/31
Sandi Taylor	3/31

### **ANNIVERSARIES**

Hugh & Suzanne Monroy	3/5
Eric & Donna Smith	3/12

### **WHAT THE HECK IS A FENDER SKIRT?** ***(Reprint from 8/06 Tach Times)***

I came across this phrase in a book yesterday... "fender skirts." A term I haven't heard in a long time & thinking about 'fender skirts' started me thinking about other words that quietly disappear from our language with hardly a notice.

Like "curb feelers" and "steering knobs." Since I'd been thinking of cars, my mind naturally went that direction. Kids will probably have to find some elderly person over 50 to explain some of these terms...

Remember "continental kits?" They were rear bumper extenders and spare tire covers that were supposed to make any car as cool as a Lincoln Continental!

When did we quit calling them "emergency brakes?" At some point, parking brake became the proper term. But I miss the hint of drama that went with "emergency brake."

I'm sad too, that almost all the old folks are gone who would call the accelerator the "foot feed."

How about waiting at the street corner for your Daddy to come home, so you could ride the "running board" up to the house? Sadly those days are gone forever!

### **Publication Information:**

***Since we now have a smaller newsletter format, photos, events, stories will be posted on the website. Photos in our album, stories on the front page of the site, upcoming events on the Events Schedule page. Articles for the newsletter should reach the Council by Sunday following the General Meeting. Thank you!***

**If you have information regarding Club members; illness, hospitalized, lost a family member, please notify Secretary, Suzanne Monroy @ [monroysm@cs.com](mailto:monroysm@cs.com)**

**THAT'S IT FOR THIS MONTH!**

***SAVE THE WAVE!***

