



**NEWSLETTER FOR SEPTEMBER 2022**  
**NEW MEXICO COUNCIL OF CAR CLUBS**  
*“Where Car Enthusiasts Meet”*

**FOUNDED IN 1977 TO REPRESENT THE AUTOMOBILE HOBBY IN NEW MEXICO**  
**MEETS 4<sup>TH</sup> WEDNESDAY EACH MONTH, JANUARY-OCTOBER AT 7:00pm**

**NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2022 AT 7PM**  
***PLEASE NOTE: OUR PERMANENT MEETING SITE IS NOW***  
***MANZANO MESA MULTIGENERATIONAL CENTER, 501 ELIZABETH ST. SE.***

**Web site:** <http://www.nmcarcouncil.com>. **Robert Gold** of the Wheels of Gold CC is webmaster and newsletter editor. Check the web site to for the updated event listing and to make sure your club's info is correct. If not, contact **Robert** at [President@nmcarcouncil.com](mailto:President@nmcarcouncil.com)

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**NMCCC Pizza Party—Saturday October 15!!**

The New Mexico Car Council invites you to eat pizza and mingle with other car enthusiasts at our first “Pizza Bash”. Plans are for a car display as well as games. Win some cool stuff! The event is planned for 10:00am-2pm at our meeting place, Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center, 501 Elizabeth St. SE, Albuquerque. Check out our website for the latest plans. See you there!!

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**NMCCC SPONSORED EVENTS AND OTHER CAR EVENTS IN OR AROUND NEW MEXICO**  
**THROUGH THE END OF 2022.**

Please note: The most current calendar of New Mexico events can be found on the Council website, [nmcarcouncil.com](http://nmcarcouncil.com)

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Update 9-20-22

<b>Date of Event</b>	<b>Name of event</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Contact info</b>
September 22-25	Amarillo Dragway Swap Meet	Amarillo TX Dragway	Daniel Simpson-- amarilloswapmeet@aol.com
Sept. 23-25	Eagle Nest, NM- Rio Grande Regional Car Show	???	Steve Keppler-- 915.549.6859
September 23-25	NMCCC Swap Meet	Cancelled	
September 24	Albuquerque, NM- 7th Annual Conv Cars to Crest	Smith's Grocery to Sandia Crest	Mike Recker-- 505.228.3346
September 24	The Braswell Agency Car Show	2601 Wyoming Blvd SE, Albuquerque, 10am-2pm	Johnathon 505-292-0609, Jhoefer1@allstate.com
September 25	Albuquerque-Care4Cancer Car Show	2801 Eubank Blve NE, Abq 87112, \$20 Entry Fee	Mary Mleczko-- mleczkomary5@gmail.com
September 25	Albuquerque, NM- Concours de Soleil Car Show	Roehl Estate	<a href="mailto:calle@abqcf.org">calle@abqcf.org</a>
September 25	Car Clubs at Los Luceros Fall Harvest	10am- 4pm--Los Luceros Historic Site, 253 County Rd 41, Alcalde, NM 87511	Carlyn Stewart Vita-- 505.476.1165, 505.629.9582-- tinlizziesofabq@gmail.com
September 28	NMCCC-- General Meeting	7:00 pm-- Manzano Mesa Multigerational Center-- 501 Elizabeth St SE, Albuquerque, NM-- Member clubs and vistors welcome	Robert Gold President@nmcarcouncil.com
September 30-October 1	35th Run to the Inn of the Mountain Gods	Mescalero- Open to pre- '78	Ron Duscha 915-598-0621 or www.earlytimesstreetrodders.com
October 1-2	Dragsgtrip Swap Meet	Albuquerque Dragway-- Oct 1 starts at 8am to Oct 2 ends at 3pm	Michael Valenzuela-- valenzuela54@icloud.com
October 1-7	Santa Fe, NM- Colorado 3rd Annual South West Passage	Presented by Vintage Rallies for 1995 & earlier.	860-364-0311, www.vintagerallies.com
October 6-9	Albq, NM- Buses and Balloons Campout	Presented by NM Bus at 8536 Alameda Park Dr NE during Balloon Fiesta	www.busesandballoon.com or at the New Mexico Bus Club on Facebook
October 8	Veterans Memorial Car Show	Veterans Memorial on Louisiana. Looking for veteran car owners who want to show their cars.	For more information- email- hope_solutionsnm@outlook.com, website- <a href="https://nmhope.com/">https://nmhope.com/</a>
October 8	18th Annual Los Loenes Show	Town Hall, Messilla	Jose Pena 575-644-3747

October 15	NMCCC-- "Pizza Bash"	10:00 am-2pm, Manzano Mesa Multgenerational Center-- 501 Elizabeth St SE, Albuquerque, NM-- Food, games, and prizes	Robert Gold President@nmcarcouncil.com
October 15	"Kids Science Café" 3rd Annual Car Show	Magdalena, NM- Proceeds to benefit the after school "Kids Science Café" Program	Jim Sauer 505-977-3134, jsauer@gmail.com or James Chaves 505-507-7022, Route60tradingpost@yahoo.com
October 15	Albq, NM-Car Nuts & Coffee Beans: British Car Show	At Satellite Coffee, 1628 Alameda Rd NW fro 10am-noon	Curtis Kitts- curtiskitts@gmail.com
October 22	Las Cruces, NM- Veteran's Car Show	VFW #6917- 5845 Bat Memorial, 12 noon- 3pm	Chief-- 575.496.7131
October 22	Las Cruces, NM- 15th Annual Donate for Life Car Show	At Young Park	Lupe Rios- 575-649-7814
October 22	Albq, NM, Toy Train Swap Meet	Presented by Toy Train Operating Society of NM- Netherwood Church from 9am-2pm	Tom 505-321-1168
October 26	NMCCC-- General Meeting	7:00 pm-- Manzano Mesa Multgenerational Center-- 501 Elizabeth St SE, Albuquerque, NM-- Member clubs and vistors welcome	Robert Gold President@nmcarcouncil.com
October 29	Feed NM Kids	Philip & son Mechanic & Tire Service, 2501 Aztec NE, Albuquerque, Entry \$30, Lunch and door prizes	Philip 505-264-9081
October 30	Last Chance Fun Run & Show	Alameda Park, Alamogordo, NM	Jack Harris 575-491-9804
November 5	Hatch, NM- 1st Chili Car Show	Downtown Hatch, 10am-2pm	Roy- 575.640.4285
November 5	Veterans' Memorial Car/Truck/Motorcycle Show, Abq.	Veterans' Park, 1100 Louisiana Blvd. SE, Albuquerque, Entry \$25, Setpu 7:30 am, Show 10 am- 2 pm	Joe Mascarenas 505-235-5900
November 12	First Annual Veteran's Day Car Show, NM	9:00am- 3:00pm, Albert Lyons Event Center, 2953 S. Broadway St, T or C, NM	Sam-- 575.740.3904
November 19	Las Cruces, NM-- "Just for the hell of it" Car Show	Body Works	Mike Garcia-- 575.541.5772
December 3	Salvation Army Toy Drive	K-Mart (Hwy 70)- Rudy's Las Cruces	Noel- 575-524-4713

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## Recurring Events

7/23/2022

Name of Event	Description	Contact info
Racing-- 2022 Mopar Challenge Series	ABQ Dragway	www.nmmopars.com or nmmopars@gmail.com
Racing-- Southwest Motorsports	Sandia Speedway	<a href="http://www.swms.org">www.swms.org</a>
Albuquerque Dragway	Directions-- S Broadway, E on Bobby Foster Rd	www.abqdragway.com or 888-925-2227
Cars & Coffee-- Farmington	Dunkin Donuts every 2nd Saturday of the month	Belinda Kennedy- belindas87@msn.com
Cars-N-Coffee-- Owl Café	July-Dec, 1st Saturday of the month-- Owl Café, Lomas & Eubank, Albuquerque	Ski Martin-- 505-291-4900
Cars & Coffee-- Albuquerque	April thru October-- 2nd Saturday of month-- Grace Church parking lot, 6901 San Antonio NE, Albuquerque	bcougar67@msn.com, 505-301-8857
Tacos & Rides	Each Friday night, Café Bella Coffee, 2115 Golf Course Rd SE, Rio Rancho, NM	Mike Gonzales, gonzalesracing@gmail.com
Breakfast at Rich Ford-- Albuquerque	Saturday mornings, 7:30-9:30am, Rich Ford-- Wyoming and Lomas, Albuquerque	Paul McLaughlin-- pmacautoart@msn.com
Donut Delelicts-- Albuquerque	Saturday mornings-- Plaza North-- strip mall parking lot on Jefferson, south of Paseo Del Norte, across from Journal Center.-- NEED TO FOLLOW THE RULES	
Las Cruces-- SONIC, Las Cruces	Cruise from 6-8pm each Saturday night, April-October, Dion's on Lohman Oct-April.	Rex Porter 575-650-8547
Las Cruces Pancake Breakfast	At EAA hangar in Las Cruces, 3rd Sunday each month.	Wes Baker 575-520-0451
Cruces Cars & Coffee	Milagro's Coffee, Las Cruces, NM	cruces_carsncoffee@yahoo.com or facebook Cruces Cars and Coffee
Las Cruces Sunday Cruise	3rd Sunday each month, Downtown Plaza	Hector Castro-- 575-650-4018
Caffeine & Octane, El Paso, TX	2nd Saturday each month from 9-11am at Peter Piper Pizza, Coronado	Charles Roybal-- car408w@gmail.com
East Mountains Cars & Coffee-- Cedar Crest, NM	Last Saturday in months April-Oct from 8:30am-10:00 am. Parking lot between Cabra Coffee and Cedar Crest PO	cturner@sandia.gov or Deb Toner debtoner505@gmail.com
Ice Cream Social Cruise Night	2nd Saturday each month June-Oct Old Tyme Shop Ice Cream Parlor-- Rte. 14-6:30- Closing.	
Cars & Coffee at Cottonwood Mall-- Albuquerque	Last Saturday of the month- South Parking Lot Cottonwood Mall, 9-11am	brianna.magana@washingtonprime.com or <a href="http://cottonwoodmall.com/envents-news/event/2021/08/28/default-calendar/coffee-and-cars">http://cottonwoodmall.com/envents-news/event/2021/08/28/default-calendar/coffee-and-cars</a>

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## MINUTES OF CAR COUNCIL MEETING FOR AUGUST 24, 2002

### New Mexico Council of Car Clubs

### General meeting - August 24, 2022

Call to Order by President Gold at 7 pm, followed by sign-in of attending members and introductions.

- The NMCCC Newsletter was discussed - distribution, content (articles), individual participants and clubs. Suggestions included articles on member clubs, paragraphs on NMCCC representatives and rides, and events of interest to the Council.
- The Council database was discussed, including member clubs and their member identifications, e-Mail distribution lists, validity and current composition.
- The council website was briefly discussed. The page identifying individual clubs and contacts may be out of date, and should also include a paragraph about each club (special interests, events, history, etc). **ACTION ITEM: work with each member club to flesh out their website entry, and update Contact(s) and Officers.**
- Our (NMCCC) Facebook was again brought up, it continues to be a work in progress. **ACTION ITEM: update Facebook and report to the next meeting.**
- The Treasurer reported that we still have money in the bank, however, some of our CD's are not performing nearly as profitably as expected. Thanks to Ron & Su Rymarz for disposition of the Trailer and the Grill on behalf of the Council.
- Reports from the **Picnic at Oak Flats** were abundant, and flattering. All who attended enjoyed the ambiance, the rustic setting and the shared company. The Forest Service was cooperative and helpful in spite of the prevailing conditions of dry, flammable forests and water restrictions. Everyone complimented the **Rymarz** for securing the site, making it available for our use and ensuring the cooperation of the Forest Service. **ACTION ITEM: thanks to Ron and Su Rymarz for a successful all-clubs picnic.**
- NMCCC Swap Meet was discussed. NMCCC has not hosted a Swap Meet for 3 years running, and the good will and great reputation of our Swap Meet is waning. We have contributed a lot of member's time and effort, not to mention money, in continuing our exemplary Swap Meet. It would be a shame to preside over its demise. Mike, co-owner of the Albuquerque Dragway, has enjoyed some success recently in running a swap meet at his venue, the dragway. He has asserted that his swap meets have been reasonably profitable as a business venture, but did not arise to the level of the NMCCC Swap Meet.
- NMCCC has had great difficulty securing a Swap Meet venue lately despite the best efforts of our own formidable Su Rymarz. If Mike and NMCCC collaborated on a swap meet, NMCCC could once again bring the prestige of the Council's reputation and participation of volunteers, along with our prior advertising experience, to the table and take advantage of Mike's applicable business experience to restore our prestigious Swap Meet to the national automotive scene. **ACTION ITEM: get in touch with Mike to see if he would work with us (NMCCC) to restart the Council Swap Meet.**
- Additional NMCCC Events were discussed, including events to coincide with Council Meetings. Club Representatives should be sharing Council Sponsored events invitations with their own club members, or supporting other member clubs by relaying invitations to events of interest to their membership. This also represents an opportunity to solicit volunteers. Good example – Jimmy Glover's recent Swap Meet.
- Increase Club participation by developing personal, inter-club contacts such as a Pizza Party. Such an event is the Rickshaws' meeting this weekend (flyer introduced, appears under Current Events on the Council Website).
  - Council Representatives should carry business cards with appropriate Council information, for distribution at auto-hobby related events.
  - We should be soliciting presentations for future Council Meetings from auto-related businesses or clubs on subjects of interest to car clubs.
  - Possibly have a Pizza Party at a Council Meeting, or an ice cream cruise some weekend, or other related events.
  - **(Upcoming Activities)** Next Year's Museum Car Show will be May 14, 2023, the city has committed to supporting the event as in the past. Get involved now and make it the event that you and your Club want to see.
  - **(Upcoming Activities)** Next Year's Collector Car Appreciation Day will be July 14, 2023. There is time to work with Wheels Museum, or with City Recreational Centers to have the kind of celebration that this occasion deserves.

- On September 24<sup>th</sup>, Wheels Museum will move the great steam Locomotive to its new home at the Railyard. BE THERE!
- There will be Car Displays every weekend at the State Fair, select an appropriate date and have your club show off their finest!
- Arts and Crafts displays at the State Fair always include Model Cars, aircraft and dioramas of specialized transportation. This can also be true at your next Club event, just invite the Model Car Club.
- There will be a Corvette Show at Highland Senior Center September 8.
- Bosque Farms will host a Car Show September 17.
- Details appear on our website under Current Events.
- There being no further business to come before this Council, it was moved and approved to adjourn at nearly 8:00 pm.

Minutes by John (JD) Doran, Membership Director

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## **THIS SPACE IS AVAILABLE**

The Car Council would like to include content in this newsletter of general interest to the car community. Specifically we'd like to encourage submissions from member clubs about car-related issues and other car things of interest. We plan to also include some notices from SEMA about issues associated with the car hobby. Due to space considerations these submissions may be included only on the online version of the newsletters and newsletters sent out by email.

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## **New Mexico Council of Car Clubs Board Member and Council Member of the Month**

*In this space we will be running biographies of various Board Members and Council Members for your information. Our goal is to publicize the individuals who make up the Council Board and Member Clubs and who without their involvement the Council would not exist. This biography is also available on our website [nmcarcouncil.com](http://nmcarcouncil.com). If you are interested in seeing your biography in our newsletter and on our website please contact me at [President@nmcarcouncil](mailto:President@nmcarcouncil) and I'll send you some helpful questions to guide you. We'll also run a picture of you and your favorite ride. You'll be famous!*

*Now take a moment and read about our person of the month! Thanks—Robert*

## **Michelle Garcia—Council Board Member and President Land of Enchantment GTO Club**



Hello, my name is Michelle Garcia I am the President of The Land of Enchantment GTO Car Club. Our Club was founded in 1977 here in Albuquerque, NM. A group of guys with Pontiac GTO'S as their high school muscle cars would ride the streets on Eubank Blvd drag race pick up chicks and take them to drive in movies. Today we are a club of 31 second generation owned 7 women owned. We welcome all Pontiac's from Lemons, Grand Prix, Trans Am Catalina and Firebird. We enjoy hanging out with one another attending car shows and cruises.

I am the second-generation owner of a 1967 GTO hard top post. My interest in the Pontiac GTO cars came with my childhood upbringing. My mother would but us kids in goat sit at a light and would be challenged for a race and believe me it was on. We were in braced by her right arm if she had to come to a hard stop otherwise hang on. Our family outings were cruises to the Doghouse, A & W Root beer, Rout 66 Drive in and White Sands Missel Range. I come from a large family of 7 uncles and 7 aunties and 63 first cousins many of my cousins were in to restoring cars each of them had a talent from body work, painting, mechanical and upholstery diamond tuck was the fashion then. I am proud to say I was the only female in the family that has spent endless hours in my garage restoring my high school car.

My first swap meet was held on the south parking lot at UNM moons ago. My son and I attended with some parts, and he set a booth on a cardboard box with some hot wheels and Tonka trucks must have been about 8years old. I meet a couple of gentlemen there with some Pontiac stuff and discovered they were the Land of Enchantment GTO Club. The evening ended with my son going home with a wad of cash and a monkey bike. Lesson learned! In no time he was buying and swapping the whole time we were there. I must add teaching him math fractions was one of our struggles, so I handed him a set of standard and metric wrenches and said here take these to your teacher and show her what fractions are. Today he is a mechanical technician on enjoys building Subarus, welding, drifting and helping club members with their Pontiacs.

I've been a member of the New Mexico Car Council for about 8yr now and have discovered that I'm not an outcast any more being around the car community and embracing the auto hobby brings much joy to me and my lady divas.

My next project is a 1940 Ford coupe custom deluxe family car. With the knowledge of car council, family and friends my intentions are to get that moon shine on the road again.

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## Editor's Pick—Car of the Month

The “Car of the Month” is my selection of a car of interest just for fun. This month I’m including a movie car. What is this car? Which movie(s) did it appear in? The answer can be found at the end of the newsletter.—Robert Gold, Newsletter Editor



\*\*\*\*\***ANNOUNCEMENT!!! ANNOUNCEMENT!!!!**\*\*\*\*\*

Due to the high cost of Xeroxing and postage the Car Council has decided to reduce the number of newsletters sent through the mail. This will take effect at the beginning of 2023. You will need to notify me at [President@nmcarcouncil.com](mailto:President@nmcarcouncil.com) if you want to continue to be sent a “hard copy” of the newsletter. Please note: The newsletter sent through the mail may contain less content than the newsletter available by email or on our website: nmcarcouncil.com. We invite you to take a look at the online version to see the complete show calendar and soon informational articles submitted by our member clubs! Thank you so much for your understanding during this transition. I look forward to hearing from you about the changes.—Robert Gold, Newsletter Editor

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### NMCCC 2022-2023 OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

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Car of the Month  
James Bond, “From Russia with Love”—a 1948 Citroën 11 Legere

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Board Member John (JD) Doran with  
his “sled” a 1967 Mustang

**MEETING SCHEDULED FOR September 28, 2022 7PM**  
**WE WILL MEET AT THE MANZANO MESA MULTIGENERATIONAL CENTER, 501 ELIZABETH SE.**  
**FROM CENTRAL AND EUBANK, TURN SOUTH ON EUBANK TO SOUTHERN ST. (PAST HOME DEPOT**  
**AND COSTCO) AND TURN EAST (LEFT). GO TO ELIZABETH ST. AND TURN RIGHT.**