

Executive Council Meeting Minutes 2/6/24

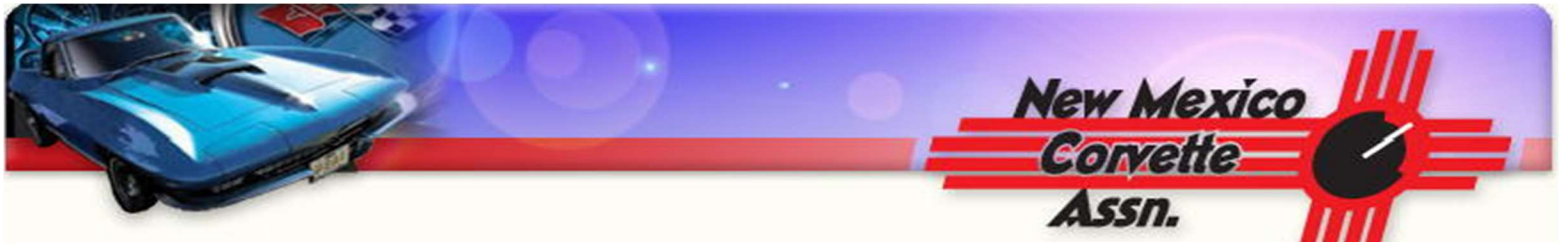
Vice President Andrew Schwebke began the meeting at 6:31 p.m., 2/6/2024.

Officers in Attendance:

- President: Rich Mleczko
- Vice President: Andrew Schwebke
- Treasurer: Jewel Casablanca
- Secretary: Glenn Wagner
- Governor: Ron Scott
- Membership: Mary Mleczko
- Webmaster: Phil Ellison (Not Present)
- Activities: Bob Parnell

Reports:

- *Membership – Mary Mleczko:*
 - No new memberships applications received in person or in the NMCA post office box.
- *Treasurer – Jewel Casablanca:*
 - First Citizens Bank, 4701 Lang Ave NE, Albuquerque, NM 87109
 - Rich Mleczko and Jewel Casablanca agreed to meet at the First Citizens Bank at 3:45 p.m., Friday, 2/9/2024, to update the NMCA bank account membership access.
- *Secretary – Glenn Wagner:*
 - Glenn Wagner prepared/submitted, Rich Mleczko reviewed/approved, and Phil Ellison posted the last General Meeting minutes notes for 1/19/2024 on the NMCA website.
- *Governor – Ron Scott:*
 - Ron Scott recommended we contact and plan activities with the Durango Corvette Club.
 - Rich Mleczko added that we do the same with the Top of the Rockies Corvette Club.
- *Webmaster – Phil Ellison (Not able to attend):*
 - No report.
- *Activities – Bob Parnell:*
 - Planned:
 - **Sweetheart Luncheon Caravan** to Moriarty, NM – Depart Smith's Parking Lot, 200 Tramway Blvd SE, Albuquerque, NM at 10:30 a.m., Sunday, 2/11/2024.
 - Planning:
 - **Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center**, San Antonio, NM – Founded in 1939 and administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. It is a favorite spot to watch the migration of the sandhill cranes in the fall.



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- **Ghost Towns**, Numerous cities and locations, NM - New Mexico is estimated to be home to more than 400 ghost towns.
- **Lincoln County**, County Seat Carrizozo, NM – Founded in 1869, Lincoln was at the center of the Lincoln County War, 1876-1879, and is primarily known today for its historical ties to Billy the Kid. The village holds an annual festival called Old Lincoln Days in August featuring an open-air enactment of The Last Escape of Billy the Kid.
- **Tinnie Silver Dollar**, Tinnie, NM in Lincoln County – Originally built in 1873 as a general store and full of rich history. The back bar was brought in from Chicago and was reportedly once owned by legendary gangster Al Capone. The stained glass was imported from Germany. Antique furniture from as far away as San Francisco and paintings by the likes of Peter Hurd adorn the rooms. Benjamin Harrison, the 23rd President of the United States, is mentioned in the property title. Nearby ghost towns are White Oaks and Jicarilla.
- **Pie Town**, NM – Settled by Dust Bowlers in the '20s and '30s. Norman Smith, an enterprising miner and general store owner baked dried apple pies for westbound travelers. Were it not for “Pie Lady” Kathy Knapp, Pie Town might have been left in the dust. The “Pie Festival” is held the second Saturday of each September.
- **Fort Sumner**, NM – The military fort named for General Edwin Vose Sumner was constructed in 1862 offering protection to settlers in the Pecos River valley from the Mescalero Apache, Kowa, and Comanche. The reservation was to be self-sufficient, while teaching Mescalero Apache and Navajo how to be modern farmers on the nearby Bosque Redondo reservation where they were forced to live due to accusations that they were raiding white settlements near their respective homelands. Also learn about the Long Walk, Christopher “Kit” Carson, and Billy the Kid.
- **Clayton**, NM – Local and nearby attractions include sites along the Historic Santa Fe Trail established in 1821 particularly the Cimarron Cutoff/Route, the Goodnight-Loving Trail starting in 1860s from Texas, Outlaw Blackjack Ketchum’s gravesite, and the Kiowa National Grasslands.

Open Discussions:

- **Tour of Roadrunner Food Bank** – Glenn Wagner will contact Manager Brian Brown of the Roadrunner Food Bank of New Mexico to schedule a tour potentially for 2/24/2024.
- **Social Dinners** – Rich Mleczo recommended we schedule some social dinners on Tuesday or Wednesday evenings which have previously been well attended.
- **NMCA Club Picnic** – Jackson’s
- **Facebook and Instagram** – Mary Mleczo proposed that the club approve the President to appoint a willing/volunteer member to serve as the Facebook and Instagram Coordinator, which was voted on and passed with 6-yes and 1-no.



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- **Corporate Report** – Ron Scott asked if we have completed and filed the Non-Profit State of New Mexico Tax Report. Jewel Casablanca answered that while it is not due until April 2024, she will update the board members and submit it to the State of New Mexico before the due date.
 - **Raffle Items** – Rich Mleczo asked for ideas on what we can raffle off during general meetings.
 - **Club Seal** - Phil Ellison has the club seal, if needed.
 - **Club Banner** – Measures 90" x 40" / 7.5' x 3.33' which Glenn Wagner will return to Rich Mleczo in the next week.
 - **Stickers and Decals** – Contact and ask Shane LNU if we can get stickers and decals.
 - **Dining After General Meetings** – After numerous locations were discussed, the consensus was to go to the following restaurants after the next two general meetings:
 - 2/16/2024 – The Grill on San Mateo, 3300 San Mateo Blvd NE B2, ABQ, NM
 - 3/15/2024 – Jason's Deli off Paseo del Norte, 5920 Holly Ave NE, ABQ, NM

The meeting ended at 7:35 p.m. on 2/6/2024.

Respectfully submitted

Glenn Wagner

Glenn Wagner, NMCA Secretary



General Meeting Minutes 2/16/24

Meeting Started at 6:29 p.m., 2/16/2024.

Officers in Attendance:

- President: Rich Mleczo
- Vice President: Andrew Schwebke
- Treasurer: Jewel Casablanca
- Secretary: Glenn Wagner
- Governor: Ron Scott
- Membership: Mary Mleczo
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Reports:

- *Membership – Mary Mleczo:*
 - No new members since the last meeting.
- *Treasurer – Jewel Casablanca:*
 - Other than depositing \$40 from the last General Meeting 50/50 raffle on 1/19/2024, there have not been any other debit or credit transactions this calendar year.
 - Rich Mleczo visited the First Citizens National Bank on Friday, 2/9/2024 to update and add his name/title, in his role as the club President, to the NMCA bank account to ensure we have better and more complete access to the account.
 - Jewel Casablanca confirmed that she was now able to access the bank account on-line on Friday, 2/16/2024.
- *Secretary – Glenn Wagner:*
 - The last General Meeting Minutes on 1/19/2023 and Executive Council Meeting notes on 2/6/2024 were submitted, approved, and posted on the NMCA website.
- *Governor – Ron Scott:*
 - National Council of Corvette Clubs, Inc. (NCCC) members should receive their NCCC membership cards in the next month. Please do not confuse the envelope as junk mail.
 - As of November 2024, we have lost a few clubs. We now have 238 clubs in 16 Regions.
 - As of November 2024, there were approximately 19,000 NCCC members.
 - Since NCCC expenses are increasing, the NCCC may need to increase the annual “renewing” membership from \$25 which has been the same since 1986. At this time, there is no estimate on what the new membership cost will be for the coming year.
 - Contact Ron Scott if you are interested in serving as the Regional Secretary position which is currently vacant.
 - If you are interested in attending a Regional Meeting, please contact Ron Scott who can provide you details on how to access and attend the meeting.



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- *Webmaster – Phil Ellison (Unable to attend):*
 - No Report.
- *Activities – Bob Parnell:*
 - Scheduling a trip to tour in March 2024 to the [New Mexico Museum of Space History](#) which now includes a [New Horizons Dome Theater & Planetarium](#) at 3198 State Route 2001 in Alamogordo, NM. Operating hours are Monday, Wednesday through Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday Noon to 5:00 p.m. Plan to drive east on I-40 to Cline's Corner and then south on US-380 and US-54 through Encino and Carrizozo. There is a lot of America's Space program history to learn including movies in the theater that are approximately 25 minutes in length.
 - [Road Runner Food Bank of New Mexico](#) – Glenn Wagner called and left a message with Brian Brown on 2/12/2024 asking to schedule a tour potentially for 2/24/2024. Glenn Wagner forgot to follow up after not receiving a return call. [Glenn Wagner called again on Saturday morning, 2/17/2024, but was still unable to reach Brian Brown who is not in on Saturdays, but left a second message, and is also awaiting a return call from a volunteer who works on Saturday.

Open Discussions:

- Standing Rules – Recommend changing the NMCA Standing Rules to allow for the NMCA President to appoint willing volunteers to serve as our club Facebook and Instagram Coordinator and a Trivia Volunteer/Coordinator. Member Aimee Schwebke has graciously volunteered to serve as the Facebook and Instagram Coordinator. Steve Haydu has and will continue volunteering to serve as the Trivia Coordinator. We will vote on the recommended NMCA Standing Rule change during next month's general meeting on 3/15/2024.
- Member Spotlight:
 - February 2024 – Duane Meneely. Duane attempted to purchase his first Corvette while in college, but his insurance agent said it was impractical, so Duane purchased a Camaro. The first Corvette he ever drove was fellow NMCA member Bob Parnell's 1971 Corvette. He was finally able to purchase his first Corvette Coupe C4 Anniversary Model at 60 years of age in California which he drove for the next 16 years. Shortly thereafter he took three road trips through 12 states. While living in CA, he purchased a one-owner 2008 Coupe from Freemont Chevrolet which ironically is next to the Tesla Factory. He has been able to drive laps at the National Corvette Museum track in Bowling Green, KY as well as on other tracks.
 - March Member Spotlight – Steve Haydu.
 - April Member Spotlight – Jim Stewart.
- Trivia – Steve Haydu:
 - *Question:* On the 1967 427, 430 hp L88 engine was optional. Cost \$497. How many were produced?
 - *Answer:* 20 were made



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- Static Cling Decal – The NMCA had static cling decals 20 years ago. Steve Haydu was able to find and provide Rich Mleczo an unused static cling decal that Rich is going to see if previous NMCA member James Griegos can make. If not, he will visit other businesses to determine if he can have some NMCA static cling decals or stickers made for the club. Steve Haydu and Rich Mleczo informed our members that approximately 20 years ago a NMCA member who was a fighter pilot proudly displayed his NMCA static cling decal in his fighter jet when stationed overseas.
- 50/50 Raffle – \$70 raised with Steve Haydu winning \$35. Treasure Jewel Casablanca will deposit the other \$35 in the NMCA bank account.
- Drawing – Andrew Schwebke won a NMCA Corvette polo shirt.
- Member Questions – Duane Meneely stated that he received an email from Captain Holt Davis requesting that each driver and passenger participating in the [2024 National Corvette Caravan](#) August 29-31, 2024 register for the [AZ-NM Corvette Caravan](#) to Bowling Green, KY. Rich asked him to forward the email to him so he can forward to all our members, which he completed at 9:17 p.m., Friday evening, 2/16/2024.
- Dining After General Meeting – [The Grill on San Mateo](#), 3300 San Mateo Blvd NE B2, ABQ, NM. 18 personnel attending.

Meeting Ended at 6:56 p.m., 2/16/2024.

Respectfully submitted

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