

ROADRUNNER



February, 2013

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE NEW MEXICO CHAPTER NCRS

COMING EVENTS

- Feb 1-3, 2013 2013 Supernationals Car Show, Lujan Bldg, Expo New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM
- Feb 5, 2013 Cruise Night, Hot Rods 1959 and Older, Owl Cafe on Eubank, Albuquerque, NM
- Feb 9, 2013 NCRS New Mexico Chapter Meeting, Sandia High School Staff Lounge, Albuquerque, NM**
- Feb 9, 2013 Los Lunas Sweetheart Cruise, Bosque Farms Wells Fargo Bank, 1:00 PM, Bosque Farms, NM
- Feb 10, 2013 Rio Grande Corvette Club, Meeting & Activity, Reliable Chevrolet, 12:30 PM, Albuquerque, NM
- Feb 16, 2013 Route 66 Rodders, Cruising at Fastino's, 2600 Juan Tabo, NE, 1:00 PM, Albuquerque, NM
- Feb 21, 2013 Cruise Night, Muscle Cars 1960 and Newer, Owl Cafe on Eubank, Albuquerque, NM
- Feb 27, 2013 NMCCC Meeting, Old Car Garage, 3232 Girard, NE, Albuquerque, NM **NEW ADDRESS**
- Mar 3, 2013 Pomona Swap Meet, LA County Fairplex, Pomona, CA
- Mar 5, 2013 Cruise Night, Hot Rods 1959 and Older, Owl Cafe on Eubank, Albuquerque, NM
- Mar 9, 2013 NCRS New Mexico Chapter Meeting, Spring Judging Meet, ???, Albuquerque, NM**
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- Apr 2, 2013 Cruise Night, Hot Rods 1959 and Older, Owl Cafe on Eubank, Albuquerque, NM
- Apr 11-14, 2013 NCRS Southeast Regional at the national Corvette Museum, Bowling Green, KY**
- Apr 12, 2013 NCRS New Mexico Chapter Happy Hour, ???, Albuquerque, NM**
- Apr 13, 2013 NCRS New Mexico Chapter Meeting and Judging School, ???, Albuquerque, NM**
- Apr 13, 2013 Los Lunas Run For The Egg Car Game Cruise, Wells Fargo, 1:00 PM, Bank, Bosque Farms, NM
- Apr 18, 2013 Cruise Night, Muscle Cars 1960 and Newer, Owl Cafe on Eubank, Albuquerque, NM
- Apr 20, 2013 Christian Rods & Customs, Cruise Night, Sonic at 5000 San Mateo, Albuquerque, NM
- Apr 21, 2013 Route 66 Rodders, Cruisin' at Fastino's, 2600 Juan Tabo, 1:00 PM, Albuquerque, NM
- Apr 24, 2013 NMCCC Meeting, Old Car Garage, 3232 Girard, NE, Albuquerque, NM
- Apr 25-28, 2013 Pate Swap Meet, Texas Motor Speedway, Fort Worth, TX

FEBRUARY MEETING

The February Meeting of the New Mexico Chapter, NCRS will be held on Saturday, February 9th at 8:30 AM. We will meet in the Faculty Lounge at Sandia High School, which is at 7801 Candelaria Road, NE in Albuquerque. Turn North off Candelaria directly across from Tennessee Street, and park in the lot you turn in to. On the West side of the parking lot is the main classroom building. There is a door in the East side of that building, and the faculty lounge is the second door inside on the right. There will be a judging school.

MARCH

March's meeting date is the 9th. This is the time we usually schedule the Spring Chapter Judging Meet. If there are any members who wish to have their cars judged, please contact Bill Baker at (505) 250-2113 as soon as possible and we will schedule a chapter judging meet for either March 9th, or April 13th. The location and other particulars will be announced.

APRIL

In April we will schedule either the Spring Chapter Judging Meet or a judging school on the 13th. We will also have a Happy Hour the Friday evening before. Details will follow. Also the NCRS Southeast Regional will be April 11th through 13th at the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, KY.

PARTS

In this newsletter is an article that was in the NMCCC newsletter. This is about the increasing difficulty of obtaining some of the "perishable" parts we need to keep our older cars running and up to par. Some of these items you may not have given thought to before, but a word to the wise.....

BIRTHDAYS

2/13 Ron Malone

2/18 Karen Newmark

2/26 Penny George

NCRS EVENTS

Not a great year for us. The nearest Regionals to New Mexico are in Bowling Green in April, Lake Tahoe in May, and Frisco in October. The National Convention is in Hampton, VA in late July. Also this is the year of the 63.

NATIONAL CORVETTE RESTORERS SOCIETY
New Mexico Chapter
Minutes of Proceedings

January 12, 2013

Our Vice President, Rick Jones, called the meeting to order at 8:35a.m.

A motion was made by Jim George and seconded by Jack Barnett to accept the minutes of the previous meeting as written. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Eli Maestes reported that we have a current balance of \$4709.08. Rex Davis won the buck-in-the-box and donated it to the Chapter.

Judging Report: It was noted that we will have a Judging School on February 9, 2013 and March 9, 2013. Both will be conjunction with our meetings. Also we are planning a body drop on Scott Oliver's 59 Corvette during a Judging meet.

Membership Report: Rick Jones stated that the website will be renewed in February. He also stated that PayPal and the online renewal features we have in place are helping to get renewals done.

Old Business: Putting Chapter apparel on our web site was discussed. There will be a Board meeting sometime in January or February.

The highway cleanup was discussed and it was decided to determine if the majority of the members that show up for it, want it to be continued or not.

New Business: Dan Pyzel proposed an overnight trip in July to ride the Combres & Toltec train.

A motion was made by Jim George to adjourn. Scott Oliver seconded this. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 9:35 A.M.

Respectively Submitted:
Jack Barnett

(reprinted from The Commander, Newsletter of the Potomac Chapter of Studebaker Drivers Club, Lynda Welsh, Editor)

We're all familiar with the usual shortages and difficult-to-find aspects of this hobby: shiny parts, certain electrical and mechanical things, upholstery that is available only from a notoriously slow source. This is a heads up on some other shortages that are approaching very quietly while your attention is on the shiny stuff.

SEALED-BEAMS

Nobody has used the PAR-56 size (the larger ones, pre-quad era) of round sealed beams for some time, had you noticed? Every make seems to have its own design now. That has resulted in the stores' using their limited space for the faster-moving (and higher-margin) new stuff. Six-volt lamps aren't on the shelves at all, available mainly at swap meets and we're now seeing prices north of \$25 EACH for these things. Start stocking up if you haven't already; there are Websites that have them cheaper, primarily those catering to Volkswagens. And yes, this is starting to apply to the 12-volt lamps too. And eventually, the shortage will work its way up to the PAR-46 size that came in in 1958, so...

WIPER REFILLS.

Used to was, you wandered into the parts store, went down the display until you found your length, bought two, zipped them in, and Bob's your uncle. Forget that. Almost overnight, refills in varying lengths disappeared pffffff. That's because of the stylists too; each make has its own unique wipers now, and they're not using the same refills your car used. In their place, on one end of the rack in one lonely display, is a Trico product called "Break-to-Fit Blade Refills." The idea is, it comes in one length, you slip it into the blade, and snap it off. We're here to tell you that this product is unmitigated junk. The universality means that there's no substance to the metal edges; it's too slim to stay in the blade tracks; "breaking" it off will cause the product to disintegrate; and even if you use snips instead, the resulting assembly falls to pieces the instant you activate the wiper. If you can find some refills in the right size, stock up immediately; unfortunately, rubber has a limited shelf life, so we don't know how long you'll be able to use those wipers (get some Rain-X; the stuff really works). We wonder what the new-car owners of today will do in 20 years.

TIRES.

Once upon a time, tire shortages almost strangled the old-car hobby in its crib; the hobbyists of the early fifties were using truck tires, old tires, recaps, wrong sizes, anything that would go around. People like Ann Klein saved that particular bacon, and now we have lots of specialty tires - but not all of them are good tires. The act of desperation, if you're going to stay with first-rate rubber, is modern radials. Those products have a few problems of their own, like limited service life even sitting in the garage, and the gradual fattening of the design; it's getting hard now even to find 75%-section sizes that correspond to what suits the car. Because you can't make your own tires, we don't see this situation getting anything but worse, and the current administration's sudden imposition of a huge tax on Chinese tires has resulted in several radials of good sizes going off the market very quickly (this action was held to be illegal, but the damage is permanent). While you were sleeping, good substitutes have just disappeared; the 185, 195, 205 sizes all went away and suddenly, the only 215-75R15 tires you will find easily are for ATVs or trailers - and they're all BLACKWALL. If you're on the cusp of needing new tires, we'd suggest that you do it now, this week, while the warehouse might still have a set of four available. Oh, and here's a note of cheer: they're probably already four years old, so they probably won't last you to 2020. Happy happy joy joy. What we're really afraid of is those new-look tires, the ones with a very thin tread supported only by rubber-flap spokes. If those become standard, you can even say good-bye to tire shops.

REFRIGERANT.

You already know about Freon's disappearance, of course, because it took several years. Now the good substitutes, like Freeze 12, have also been forced off the market. Without getting too deeply into the politics of this largely symbolic act, the fact remains that the only refrigerant you'll be able to find is R-134, which will leak out of your old system quite rapidly; in the end, you may decide to let the system go and just have it in the car for looks.

FUSES.

Those familiar cartridge-type fuses found all over your car are no longer used. A recent visit to a NAPA store to buy a simple 15-amp fuse resulted in a 15-minute search through the archival bins. Find all the fuses used in your car (they're listed in the owner's manual) and lay several of them aside while it's relatively easy.

LITTLE LIGHTS.

Do any new cars use any of the familiar small lamps you're used to, and which number dozens in your collector car? 57, 67, 1034, 1157, all those familiar lamps? Every lamp we see in new cars is a different (newer) design. Same recommendation as with fuses: your owner's manual lists every one in the car, so stock up. . . Won't cost you too much.

The NM NCRS Parts Swap is available to all NM NCRS members including spouses and significant others who have, or have access to, automotive parts for sale or to be given away to a good home or garage. Listing will run for 3 months unless cancelled earlier. Contact the NM Chapter NCRS Swapmeister, Pete Lindahl, at 505-663-0995 or pclindahl@comcast.net.

PARTS FOR SALE:

- **Parts** –Please take a look as I have some really nice stuff here. A complete set of original Mid-Year bumpers including center bar (re-chromed and ready to install --\$1500.00-- plus S&I). Fan Clutches for Big Block and Small Block, I have the correct Eaton made (Coil Type) and Schweitzer built (Bar Type) available with just about any date you need/want (I have them from 1960 thru 1972). All fan clutches are rebuilt/restored and work as new and are so good that you can use them for PV and Flight Judging (\$400.00 to \$475.00 w/correct core exchange or \$650 to \$850 w/no core + S&I). 1pr. of 1967 Corvette seat head rests with all hardware in Saddle Vinyl. Original 1968-1972 front bumper refinished in show chrome. 1962-1967 Small-Block engine cooling fan, 1966-67 Big Block engine cooling fan, 1970 -72 LT-1 engine cooling fan, 1968-70 Big Block engine cooling fan, 1963-67 Small-block with A/C engine cooling fan (5-blade no date) and a very hard to get 1971 (Dated August 1970) Big Block with A/C engine cooling fan. 1963-67 vent window regulators way past restored but built to pass “PV” and I’ll make them fit your aftermarket door panels too, if needed. I have been restoring Corvettes for several years and have been collection parts. Drop me an email (best way to contact me) or try a phone call with a wish list and I’ll see if I can help you.

Contact Rick Jones via email cadiman1949@comcast.net or call 505-247-0053. (02-13)

- **I am a dealer for New Delco reproduction products:** Coils, Caps, Rotors, Amps, dist parts-Also, for Lone Star Calipers (brakes), so call me for discounts that beat the “Big Box Suppliers”. Restored matching date sets of C-2 Kelsey Hayes **Knock-Off** wheels; have several sets, including **67 Bolt On’s**. Restored C-2 Vent Window Regulars. Restored BB & SB TI Distributors (several), Restored OEM, NOS & Reproduction TI Amps. Restored A-Arms & T-Arms (outright or exchange) & all the correct new parts for your chassis rebuild. 65-66 Convertible Red Door Panels, 427 BB X-drilled steel crank-std. 66 BB OEM Radiator, C-2, C-3 OEM frt/rr stabilizer bars. OEM wheels for 88-89-nice. 64 Removeable Hard Top. Lot’s of orig C-2 take-offs ideal for “Bow-Tie”, and many extra new or reconditioned parts. Nice working Sun Distributor Tester for sale. Mike Zamora @ 505-717-1140 or mike_zamora@hotmail.com. (02-13)

- **Keys, GM/Briggs & Stratton Logo Head, KEY NUMBER Stamped on KNOCK OUT, & w/ Registered Trademark ® on B&S Logo (NOS & Excellent Used)** Hundreds of KEY NUMBERS available for 63M-66 Corvettes w/ octagon head keys and 65-66 Corvettes w/round head keys. Original factory stamped keys, \$10 to \$30 each depending on condition. Details, contact Pete at 505-663-0995 or pclindahl@comcast.net. (02-13)

- **Keys, GM/Briggs & Stratton Logo Head, KEY NUMBER Stamped on KNOCK OUT, & w/ Registered Trademark ® on B&S Logo (NOS & Excellent Used)** - Hundreds of KEY NUMBERS available for 54-63E Corvettes w/ octagon head keys. Original factory stamped keys, \$10 to \$25 each depending on condition. For details, contact Pete at 505-663-0995 or pclindahl@comcast.net. (02-13)

- **ANCO Windshield Wiper Blades, 65-67 15" OE by ANCO** - Holders (NOS & Used) 65 w/ bright polish finish & 66-67 w/ brushed finish; Refills (NOS) 65-67 w/2-lines & "correct" Patent Number; Flex Tops (New) 65-67 stainless steel. For details contact Pete at 505-663-0995 or e-mail pclindahl@comcast.net. (02-13)

- **TRICO Windshield Wiper Blades, 63-67 15"** - Holders (NOS & Used) 63-65 w/ bright polish finish & flat top, 66 E/M w/ brushed finish & flat top, 66L/67 w/ brushed finish & peaked top; Refills (NOS) 63-65 w/ "Skidposts" (Dots), 66-67 w/3-lines & Patent Numbers. For details contact Pete at 505-663-0995 or e-mail pclindahl@comcast.net. (02-13)

- **Spare Tire Locks w/Key (Used)** - 63E (w/o drain hole) \$125; 63L-'65 (w/ 1/4" drain hole) \$125; 66 (w/ 5/16" drain hole) \$125; 67 and newer (w/ "B" keyway) \$125; 68 and newer (w/ "D" keyway) \$100; 69 and newer (w/ "H" keyway) \$75; 70 and newer (w/ "K" keyway) \$75. Key spare tire lock to your key code, \$20. Shipping & Insurance extra. Pete at 505-663-0995 or e-mail pclindahl@comcast.net. (02-13)

- **Cover, Spare Tire Lock (New)** - 63M and newer w/ spare tire lock, GM p/n 3841701, \$12. Shipping & Insurance extra. Pete at 505-663-0995 or e-mail pclindahl@comcast.net. (02-13)

- **Horn Relays, Delco-Remy (NOS)** - Delco-Remy embossed on covers. 53-54 w/ 6v (1116775) \$75; 58-62 (1116781) \$125; 63-65 (1115824) \$225; 66-67 (1115837) \$275; 68-69E (1115862) \$225; 69L-70 (1115890) \$225; 71 (1115889) \$125. Shipping/Insurance extra. Pete at 505-663-0995 or e-mail pclindahl@comcast.net. (02-13)

- **Hoods** - NOS 65-66 hood, light gray glass; Used 65-66 hood (excellent condition), painted red. Shipping & Insurance extra. Pete at 505-663-0995 or e-mail pclindahl@comcast.net. (02-13)

- **Doors** - Used 66 (also fit 65) Convertible Doors (excellent condition) complete with exterior hardware (handles & locks), vent window assemblies, Soft-Ray glass, & window regulators. Shipping & insurance extra. Pete at 505-663-0995 or e-mail pclindahl@comcast.net. (02-13)

RESTORATION SERVICES:

- **Aluminum Wheel Restoration** - I restore Kelsey-Hayes aluminum wheels, both Knock-Off and Bolt-On. Most wheels can be saved. Let's see if yours can be saved. E-mail Bill (preferred) at bwilhelm@unm.edu or call 505-771-2729 after 6pm MST. (02-13)

- **Key & Lock Service** - Keys cut by the KEY CODE with Curtis Key Cutter just like at your Chevrolet Dealer. Alarm, door, glove-box, ignition, rear compartment, and spare tire locks re-keyed. For details contact Pete at 505-663-0995 or e-mail pclindahl@comcast.net. (02-13)

- **Windshield Wiper Arm Restoration/Repair Service** - Mid-year Corvette windshield wiper arm restoration and repair service, restoration - restore wiper arm and finish as original; repair - replace broken rivets, springs, and clips, and "wrenched-on" base pieces. For details contact Pete at 505-663-0995 or e-mail pclindahl@comcast.net. (02-13)

- **Specialized Restoration** - Aluminum Wheels (Knock-Off or Bolt On's), TI Amp box, TI & Point Distributors-all tested on Sun Distributor Tester, Vent Window Regulators w/new gear, A-Arms w/riveted correct ball-joints, T-Arms w/GM parts & tolerances, Headlight Motors w/new main gears, Power Window Motors. All restored parts are 100% guaranteed. Body Off Restorations of the highest quality. For details and pricing, contact Mike Zamora @ 505-717-1140, or mike_zamora@hotmail.com. (02-13)

- **Complete or Partial Restoration Service Available** – 1956 to 1972 Corvette restoration service. Big Block, Small Block or Fuelie, I speak them all. If you are thinking about having your car judged then maybe we need to talk. From a local Chapter Meet to National Flight Judging or even all the way to Performance Verification, Bloomington Gold and Duntov. I can also maintain and repair your Classic Corvette with all the love and care that I put into my restorations. Contact Rick Jones via email cadiman1949@comcast.net or call 505-247-0053. (02-13)



- **Complete Rebuilding and Restoration of your Schweitzer or Eaton Fan Clutch** – Contact Rick Jones via email cadiman1949@comcast.net or call 505-247-0053. (02-13)

CARS FOR SALE:

- **For Sale:**

WANTED:

- **Parts for NM NCRS Chapter parts Swap** - Contact the NM Chapter NCRS Swapmeister, Pete Lindahl at 505-663-0995 or E-mail plindahl@comcast.net. (02-13)
- **Rebuildable Cores wanted** - OEM Knock-Off or Bolt On Aluminum Wheels/sets, Amp boxes & distributors, C-2, 3 Front A-Arms (Upper and Lower), & T-Arms, vent window regulators. Mike Zamora @ 505-717-1140 or mike_zamora@hotmail.com. (02-13)