



1912/1913 New Mexico license plate (courtesy of Michael Breeding)

Santa Fe Vintage Car Club

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Cruise night on the Plaza this Friday June 22nd



It's that time of year again! This Friday we have the first of four Cruise nights to be held this summer. From 5 pm to 9 pm. Registration starts at 3 pm and cost to enter a car is \$20. For more info call El Baca at 310-0381. This one is sure to be a sell-out.

Last month's meeting (held May 26th, 2012): Attended by Ed and Barbara Baca, Dan McCollum, Brother Ron Bartusiak, Joe Archuleta, Les Beaty, Bob Chavez, Steve Davis, Stuart Ehrich, Richard and Char Blake, Hans Bolle, David Berardinelli, Warren and DorLisa Berg, Norton and Sheila Bicoll, Alex Czeto, Mary and Frank Erpelding-Chacon, Art Gabaldon, Geno Gallegos, John Haddock, Jim Hailey, Brian Johnson, Pete Kittredge, Pat Lopez, Henry Marquez, Charles Maxwell, Bob McCollough, John Oliver, Bill Pedace, Kirk Peterson, Barry Ratchford, Richard Rosenthal, Waldo Roybal, Michael, Irene, and Buddy Roybal, Phillip Sanchez, George Slatten, Andy Ault, Ross Moyer, Bob Zachry, Charley Yonker, Fred and Elaine Wilmarth, Tim Williams, Roger Wilbur, Philip Trujillo, Wayne Swinson

Garage tour grill men



The garage tour hosted by Buddy, Irene, and Michael Roybal was a huge success. The food was fabulous and almost everyone who attended brought a classic car. No club business was conducted other than everyone having a great time. One cool car was the Caddy pictured below. Got to be a Jim Hailey vehicle!



Member profile: Geno Gallegos:



Like quite a few of our members, Geno was born and raised in Santa Fe. He is pictured here with Bob McCollough at a cruise night. He said that his family has been in Santa Fe for at least three generations. He was born on Feb. 25 (My birthday's Feb. 26!). He told me that in 1951, when he was a boy, he used to go and stay with his grandfather who

lived in Casa Solana, which had been a Japanese Internment Camp from 1942-46. Being that Casa Solana had been the "Jap Camp", just 5 years earlier, people often talked about it in the neighborhood. His grandfather was a Warden at the Penitentiary. Geno's father, owned a used car dealership from the 1950's through 1963, **El Centro Auto Sales**, that was located across from the Lensic Theatre where today there's a double decker parking lot. Geno began working for his dad and selling cars as young as 18. He did that off and on for years and that's when he first started falling in love with cars. Geno attended Guadalupe Elementary from 1st-8th grade and then went to St. Mike's for high school. He played both basketball and baseball for St. Mike's. He attended college at El Camino College in Hawthorne, California where he learned how to build houses and to weld. After college, Geno decided it would be smart to join the army before he got drafted. He lived in Louisiana and Texas and was in the army for 6 years doing communications. The only time he didn't live in Santa Fe was when he went to college in CA for two years and when he was in the Army for 6 years. He has two brothers and one sister and his entire family lives in Santa Fe. He was married for 31 years and then got divorced.





Of course I had to ask him why he got divorced after so many years. He replied that they both decided that it was just the time to quit. They had three sons and like their dad, his sons love vintage cars. His oldest son, Geno Jr., has a 1979 Trans-Am. Kevin has a 1967 Camero. And Eric has a 1962 VW. Eric also has a four year old daughter, Geno's only grandchild. Geno Jr. works at Capital Ford selling cars, which also runs in the family. Geno's been a member of the Santa Fe Vintage Car Club for 10-15 years. I asked him how many vintage cars he has and he said, "Let's see," and he thought about it for a minute and replied, "about eight." I asked him where he kept all his cars. He said that he has a large garage and keeps a lot of them in there and the rest, we already know, are in the yard. He said that his first car was a 1948 Jeepster. Then he had a 1951 Chevy and then a 1950 Mercury. For a second there, I thought he was going to recite every car he's ever had but he stopped. He's always liked old cars. He spent his life building houses and welding but three years ago he decided to start working part-time. He said that now that he's not working full time he's spending more time doing what he loves to do- working on his cars. He's amazing and very talented because he does 90% of the restoration work himself. I asked Geno, when you think back over your life what do you remember doing that you enjoyed the most and he said, building houses AND restoring old cars.

Upcoming events

- June 22nd - Cruise night on the Plaza.
- June 23rd - SFVCC monthly meeting at La Plancha in Eldorado at 9:00 am
- July 4th - Pancake breakfast car show
- July 13th - New Mexico Collector Car Appreciation Day
- July 20th - Cruise night on the Plaza
- August 24th - Cruise night on the Plaza
- September 21st - Cruise night on the Plaza
- September 28, 29, 30th - Santa Fe Concorso at Las Campanas.

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1931 Model A, 2 Door Town Sedan. It has been restored from the frame up, engine and interior. The visor, hood and dash, need repainting. I have the original 1931 Instruction Book that came with the car; restoration books and manuals, replacements for all rubber on the car, other parts, etc. Asking \$14,500. David Wahl [505-982-9242](tel:505-982-9242)



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