



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 Sept. 21st



Pictured above are just two reasons to attend our last cruise night of 2012. Last month Bob Chavez scored a great spot on San Francisco street to show one of his Darts off. Our little TR-4 is right next to his ride but not quite as photogenic. And you never know until you get there what the event specific t-shirt you get for attending will feature. Last month we honored long time member Richard Sandoval who passed away May 13th. Get there early (around 4:15 pm) if you want to guarantee yourself a place as there are only 82 spots available this month.

Santa Fe Vintage Car Club monthly meeting this Saturday Sept. 22nd.



The membership really shows off at these meetings. The variety of cars is always astounding and the restaurant is packed with car nuts. Pictured above

are just four of the cars in the full parking lot. The weather should be ideal this Saturday for a breakfast cruise. The meeting is at 9:00 am at La Plancha in Eldorado (7 Caliente road for you newbies).

Last month's meeting (held July 28th, 2012): Attended by: Ed and Barbara Baca, Dan McCollum, Philip Trujillo, Susan Pisano, Jim Cutropia, Hans Bolle, Michael "INDY" Roybal, Bob Chavez, Bob McCollough, Lea and Janet Beaty, Larry Icerman, Russell Call, Brother Ron Bartusiak, David Mullin, Richard Andre, Skip Atkins, Pat Lopez, Art Gabaldon, Warren Berg, Larry Schissel, Sam Jackson, John Oliver, Jane Shea, Art Brat, Jim and Joan Fox, Jim Morris, Robert Moone, John Withers, Rich Blake, Phillip and Patricia Sanchez, Norton and Sheila Bicoll, Alex Czeto, Buddy Roybal, Roger Wilbur, Jack Sullivan, Michael Breeding, Charley Yonker, and Michael Breeding

We have \$2200 in the bank account and Hans Bolle (his blue Mercedes above) won a free breakfast at this month's upcoming meeting.

Larry Icerman once more reminded everyone that the Santa Fe Concorso opening event is at the Santa Fe Airport and will feature vintage planes and cars. The "Drive" is Saturday, and the car show (\$45 entry) is on Sunday (dates in Upcoming Events section) at Las Campanas.

Member profile: Bob McCollough



I always thought that Bob was a nice guy but I never knew that he was so accomplished. Bob was born on Oct. 26, 1942 and grew up in Houston, TX. He had one brother that was two years older than him that's now deceased. He went to the Air Force Academy. When he told me that, I told him that I was an Air Force Bratt for the first 16 years of my life. He said that he liked being in the Air Force because he liked the people and the work was fun but he said if you were in the Air Force and you weren't a pilot your opinions were limited. Well, my Dad was a pilot and I tell people that my first words were, "Yes, sir!" In 1965 Bob's first assignment was to 1st Air Commando Wing, England AFB. He was a Combat Control Officer This intrigued me because my family lived in England too. My dad was stationed there in 1960. I was just 6 months old when we moved across the pond, so it was my first assignment too. While Bob was in the Air Force he was a Project Engineer and he tested and evaluated projects. He never went to Vietnam but did a 6 month tour in Thailand/Laos in 1966 where he was responsible for controlling air strikes. In 1968 he spent 6 months in Laos where he was instructing in ground control of air strikes to Laotian Army Personnel. In 1969 he went to Graduate school for Aerospace Engineering at the University of Arizona in Tucson. He married Suzann, his high school sweetheart in 1971. Later that year he transferred to DOD Joint Parachute Test Facility at the Naval Air Facility in El Centro, CA. There he worked on test programs for man-carrying parachutes. In 1972 he transferred to Kirtland AFB in Albuquerque. There he worked on Plans and Policy for Test and Evaluation Programs. In 1978 he transferred to Hill AFB in Northern Utah. He worked on Ground Launched Cruise Missile Test Programs at Hill. In 1982 he transferred back to Kirtland. He worked on Plans and Policy for Test and Evaluation Programs. In 1985 after being promoted to Major and serving 20 years he said that he had had enough and retired from the Air Force

to go on to work at BDM Corporation in Albuquerque working on B-2 Bomber and various studies and analysis contracts for the Air Force and Army. I asked him why he had joined the Air Force. He laughed and said he thought it was the right thing to do at the time and it was free. He worked with BDM from 1985-93 and then moved to Amarillo to work at the Pantex plant, the DOE nuclear weapons assembly facility. He worked in Risk Assessment Analysis. He retired for good in 1998. Then he moved to Canyon Lake., TX near San Antonio. In 2001 after 3 years of smelling mildew and deer dung they had had enough and decided to move back to New Mexico to be near their son and grandkids. Albuquerque had grown so much they decided to move to Eldorado. Bob's been married to Suzann for 41 years. They have two sons and 3 grandchildren. One son lives in Albuquerque and the other one lives in Lubbock, TX. Bob's been a member of the SFVCC for about 10 years. When I told Ed that I had interviewed Bob he said that Bob was one committed car club member and did a lot to help out the club. Before he was a member he knew Norton and he had a 1949 Willis pickup. Norton convinced him to join the club. He ended up selling the Willis to help pay for his Triumph TR-3. I asked him the age of his TR-3 and he said the front was a 1959 and the back was either a 1956 or 1957 and that's the reason why the doors don't close. He bought it in 2002 and it was a complete junker. It was all parts and pieces with the paint ground off. It had been sitting in the previous owner's garage rusting away for years. He restored it himself in his garage and even painted it himself. He spent about a year restoring it. I asked him how much he had in the car and he said with a new engine, new transmission, and upholstery about \$20,000. I asked him why he decided to buy the old junker. He said that he had always liked the TR-3. He thought they were fun, cool, and sexy. He loved them when he was in college but could never afford one. It should be also be mentioned that Ed Baca considers him his second right hand man (Dan McCollum is first). Many of our events would not happen without people like Bob and Dan. (Article by DorLisa Berg).



Santa Fe Vintage Car Club Website: Charley Yonker has been busy under the hood this summer, but not on his Vette. He has been revamping our website and the new version is now up and running. Check out: www.santafevintagecarclub.org

Seen around town:



This ghost car was seen out by Rancho Encantado just past Tesuque. I think it is a manufacturer test car that is disguised so that it cannot easily be photographed. My best guess is that it is a four door Porsche Panamera

Kingston car show August 11th



I missed reporting on this show in the last newsletter. This show is always enjoyable as it is free and they feed participants. It should also be mentioned they provide seating, shade, and entertainment. In the photograph to the left is young Kailye (who celebrated her 9th birthday on August 29th) enjoying a seat in Russell Call's 1930 Ford Model A. In the photo on the right is our own Larry Schissel singing along with the acapella group that was part of the entertainment. I was going to say he's singing the blues (after all he owns a British sports car), but that wouldn't have been accurate. We had 30 or so cars attend to support the retirement home's open house.

Upcoming events

September 21st - **Cruise night on the Plaza**. \$20 entry fee (proceeds to charity) gets you an event t-shirt. Limited to the first 82 cars that show up. More info: Ed Baca 310-0381

September 28, 29, 30th - **Santa Fe Concorso** at Las Campanas. One of the southwest's premier car events hosted in our own backyard. For more information go to: www.santafeconcorso.com

October 7th - **High Road to Taos Cruise**. This is a tentative event and more information will be available soon by email or call Ed Baca 310-0381 .

Don't forget the opportunity to advertise in our newsletter. Liners are \$5 a month and a liner with a photo is \$15 a month.



I had a little space at the end of this newsletter so I thought I'd include a photo by Sam Jackson from last month's cruise night. You can only get what is in this trunk by participating in the Sept. 21st cruise night. Plus you also get to see Barbara and Judy!