

## 2019 190SL Convention – After The Ball, May 23-25, 2019 Los Alamos, Alamosa, Trinidad

The 2019 ATB will make overnight stops in Los Alamos, New Mexico, Alamosa and Trinidad, Colorado. We'll have the opportunity to visit some, but probably not all, of the sights of Bandelier National Monument, Bath Tub Row, Bradbury and Los Alamos Museums, Georgia O'Keeffe's Ghost Ranch, the route of the Cumbres and Toltec RR (by car), Jack Dempsey's birthplace, the San Luis Valley, the Great Sand Dunes National Park, the artist community of La Veta, the back road between the Spanish Peaks and Culebra Pk (14er) and the old coal mining vicinity around the newly vibrant community of Trinidad. This gorgeous big country in Northern New Mexico and Southern Colorado will show us mesas, high plains and forested mountains. We will be close to the headwaters of the Rio Grande.

You may also bag some Passes that you probably haven't heard of: Cumbres and La Manga (Both >10000 ft), La Veta (9413) and Cuchara (9941). A total 3 day driving distance between about 385 and 435 miles.

### Reservations:

5/23, 1 night Comfort Inn in Los Alamos, 505.661.1110, 21 rooms \$104

(<https://www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/KC03X8>)

5/24, 1 night Comfort Inn in Alamosa, 480.676.5495, 21 rooms \$129

5/25, 1 night Days Inn in Trinidad, 719.497.8080, 16 rooms \$115

The hotel in Santa Fe sort of pulled the rug out from under us recently for rooms for the ATB. So, these accommodations were selected without the usual preview. Alamosa, in particular, was running out of rooms because of graduations, so book soon.

If you choose to tour on your own, there are several interesting places to visit:

Durango and the Durango-Silverton Train is an interesting destination. There are still rooms available for the 23<sup>rd</sup> in Durango and seats on the train are available for the 24<sup>th</sup>. It's a little more than 200 miles (allow at least 4 hours), and awfully nice. So, if that's something you'd like, make reservations soon. Train and hotel choices will get more limited later.

For the even more adventurous, the Mogollon Loop in West Central New Mexico is a good choice. It goes west from Socorro and loops south and back east to Las Cruces (US 60, NM 12 and US 180). Also, more or less due south of Santa Fe is a long trip through Roswell to Carlsbad Caverns and Guadalupe Mountains National Parks.