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Our meeting place is Englewood Bible Church. 3190 So Grant St. Englewood Co. Meeting time is 7:30 PM . First Tuesday of the month. Parking will be on the east side of the building with the entrance being the East side. Entrance door to the right. Board meeting's the fourth Tuesday. Board meetings will also be at the church. Also no Meetings in January.

President's Message

Last month when I sat down to pen this note snow was a flyin and by golly the same can be said about this month. The difference is I see green peeking out of the ground now, so common spring and good bye Covid. When last I looked at the extended weather forecast the prediction for Sunday April 25th was partly cloudy and 75 degrees, so kick the tires dust the fliver and let's head to the Carmack's. Steve and Donna will have coffee and donuts and a welcoming spirit, so let's go.

We finally have a full compliment of folks to fill out our activities for 2021. Jim Hatfield is our Tour Chair, Steve Estep has stepped up to do seminars, Harry Lindsay is standing in for Jay Svigel on meeting programs until Jay is ready after his surgery and Arnel Kimmett will replace Steve Estep as Corresponding Secretary. Deb Jones is still the Chair for Membership, and Jim Nielsen is the CCCC Representative. Our Officer's and Board Membership, plus Newsletter/ WebSite staff is unchanged.

The National Club has some important things going on too. Their first priority is to find a new Editor for The V-8 Times as Jerry Windle is ready to hand that off fairly soon, so if you like challenge they would love to hear from you. Their second priority is to find ways to assist Regional Groups in putting on a National Meet. Third, find ways to increase our membership, which is declining.

Things To Remember

1. Virtual Car Show deadline which is May 1st, 2021.
2. Drive your V-8 Day which is June 19th, 2021.
3. National Membership Drive, starts May 1st and runs through August st, 2021.

Finally our Board, Chairs and Officers will develop a schedule of seminar and tour dates in the next issue of this Fifth Estate, aka, The Distributor.

Thanks to All who make this club happen. Nick

Fellow members, we have started including the pictures from our club's seven day tour of southwestern Colorado in 1981. This tour was organized by Mike Welch and Gordon Campbell.

I took a lot of pictures on that trip, so bear with me if you see too many of my 1940 coupe

I'm just trying to include every stop along the way.

As the photos progress through each day of that week, I hope those members that drove on this great trip will send in their memories for inclusion in the Distributor each month.

Harry Lindsay

Day 3 took us from Wagon Wheel Gap, near Creede, to Durango. The view on the West side of Wolf Creek Pass is absolutely beautiful".

Comfort & Concern

The following members are in our thoughts & prayers for medical or other issues:

Gus Turnage passed away

Rich Kellogg passed away

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Day 3, Wolf Creek Pass, Jim Corbett, 40 Tudor built by Mike Welch



Day 3. Beautiful valley on the west side of Wolf Creek Pass.



Day 3. Overnight in Durango at the Holiday Inn.



Day 4. Most of us rode the narrow gauge train to Silverton, and back.

Memories of
~~VACATION~~ Colorado Drive II
BY

Frances Fiechter

A year and a half ago, my family and I spent a summer vacation, of ten days, in our Colorado mountains. This was a working vacation. We are members of a Car Club and our regional group was the host for the Western National Meet.

The actual preparation for this occasion was begun about two years prior to the event. We have a fairly large club, so the work was well distributed. The members were willing workers, if not as Chairpersons then certainly as committees. Meetings to organize, report progress, and discuss funds were all in the form of an informal party atmosphere. While everyone was executing individual jobs, no one was stressed; however, we knew that this jovial, casual attitude would become much more intense for our work load would greatly increase as the Meet date drew closer.

The location that we chose to hold the affair was Beaver Creek in Avon, Colorado. This is a relatively new area. In fact, The Charter, which was to be the headquarters for all activities was far from being completely built when our decision was made. We proceeded with plans based on the questionable promises of Vail Associates. Brave souls!

In case you should wonder what all this long term planning was about, let me explain. Car Clubs are big business (excuse me! recreation) and the Colorado mountains are the ENTIRE worlds' favorite place to play _ Summer or Winter. We had to plan on providing lodging for three to four hundred families. No small task! But it pales by comparison to the fact that we had to provide parking for possibly twice that many cars. Participants often drive the family car while the almighty Ford V-8 follows behind, via a trailer, to be shown. The side of a mountain, for all its beauty , does not lend well to parking.

Due to the capable leadership of our ~~Meet~~ Co-Chairmen, the reliability of all our club members and, thank God, to a light Winter and early Spring which allowed the completion of The Charter, we were ready.

We arrived in Beaver creek two days early, full of optimistic, if nervous, anticipation of the busy week ahead of us. We found that the condominiums at The Charter were the most exquisite of accomodations. The setting spectacular. Each unit had a balcony. Ours opened onto a thick wooded area that had a joyful little stream bubbling through it. The quiet was intense. The fresh air was exhilarating.

There were constant activities available to all who came to "Colorado Drive II". (Oh yes! We had done this before, but some folks never learn.) You could do as much or as little as you cared to. There was to be a

participants trophy given on award night for that V-8er who accumulated the most points, thus the majority of events were geared to the man and his family, and envolved the car where possible.

Some of the driving events included gymkhana type games, like doing a cone lined course blindfolded. The wife gives her husband verbal directions, which he follows carefully. The score is based on time taken and number of cones knocked down. This is the stuff that divorces are made of!

Game tables offered further opportunity to acquire points. Here one needed to identify such wonders as distributors, cigarette lighters, hub caps and running boards by the proper year and model.

The big driving tour was an all day trip to Leadville, Colorado. My husband was the chairman for this event. He had grown up in this mountain town. This had been ~~an~~ most enjoyable for him because he had renewed numerous friendships while executing all the details. The participants whole family was involved. A parade of mint condition Fords, from 1932 to 1948, of every body style, wound its way over the back roads to the destination. A scenic sight for those involved as well as those observing the procession. Once there, the participants were given an historical questionnaire. The population of this small mountain town delighted in sharing a wealth of knowledge so that the experience was fun for all. The trip, in addition to being

very beautiful, gave the out-of-staters a full range of weather. We had sunshine, rain and a short-lived snow storm.

When not busy with competitive events, the men could attend seminars given by experts to assist in the various aspects of restoring the V-8 that had been left at home in the garage. There was also a swap-meet where undecscribable treasures could be purchased, or the ever-popular beer drinking, tire-kicking and tale-trading, about that V-8 that got away, could be indulged in.

Concours' day is of utmost importance. This is the day on which the cars are judged. Each car is given points on a scoresheet based on it's own merit, not as compaired to another car. Thus several cars of the same year and body style are capable of recieving a first place. This presents a true challenge for the trophy committee. Every man at the meet, be they participant or host group, is busy on this day. Many are polishing and pampering the automobile they are showing, while others are doing the judging and still others are in charge of photography.

Ladies events were less regimented. They, of course, took part in family happenings and any of the games they cared to. Shuttles into the town of Vail brought shopping quickly available. A Ladies luncheon was done with entertainment provided by "Baby Doe Tabor", who told the story of her life in Colorado, while dressed in period

costume. A nice touch for the many unfamiliar with our mountain history.

My responsibility was that of chairman of childrens' activities. Daily, I sent and greeted busloads of youngsters to and from such places as Nature Day Camps, swimming in the hot springs in Glenwood Springs, field days at the Avon Recreation Center. Movies were shown at various hours throughout the day. These I had to start and also be there for the finish. There was a hot-dog supper for the pre-teens and a poolside barbecue for the teenagers that I was responsible for. Babysitting arrangements were also made through me. Busy? You bet! There was always time, however, to go back to the condos where we were really away from all the flurry. So relaxing and away from it all, that all of us found our rushed times much easier to tackle.

culmination
The cumulation of the weeks happenings is the Banquet. The finery comes out of the suitcases as the tension mounts. There was an elegant meal with entertainment of a musical nature. This is followed by the presentation of awards. As each winning car was announced, it's picture was flashed on a giant video screen. The final award goes to that hardy person who took part in all the activities offered and accumulated, by chance or true wisdom, the most points.

The Meet was over. We had all worked very hard. Thankfully, our efforts were worthwhile. Everything had not been perfect, but the overall outcome was rewarding to

everyone____ host group as well as all the families who had traveled to Beaver Creek, some from as far away as Scotland. Visitors expressed a love for the locale of our Meet and waved goodbye with cries of looking forward to the next one we would hold.

We stayed on for one extra day after all our guests had departed. A day of repair. A day to pat one another on the back. We were content with our success. We were replenished by our tranquil surroundings.

Whenever I think of this vacation in my own Colorado backyard, and I do often, I remember the work as enjoyable satisfaction. I recall the commune with nature as the farthest away I've ever been. The words from John Denver's song come to mind, "almost home (heaven), Colorado".

V8 Club members

I have been aware like all of you that e-mails get hacked. I don't know if this info will help. I have outlook and the have a second authentication step for logging in. It is a code sent from them to my cell phone. So if you all could look at your e-mail account you may be able to do it. I wish you all well with this issue

Len Harcourt newsletter editor

Good morning everyone, I hope everyone is safe and staying warm offer this little snow storm. For most of you that have lived in Colorado you know this use to be a regular occurrence during the winter months. Only difference is, we are a little older which makes it just a little harder to move. If it wasn't for my snow blower I would have been in trouble. Even with the large blower it was time consuming and at the end of the day I felt like I had been run over. Enough if my stories. I hope everyone is getting their shots and feeling good about getting out here in a few weeks. I really hope the April tour will happen and every one can make it. This should be good time for a shake down run for the cars that have been sitting for a while. And a shake down for the club members that have been sitting around waiting for this time to come. We had a club meeting at the church March 2nd. The church allowed us to use the down stairs open room which had enough for a bigger crowd we had 22 members on the 2nd and we had a lot of room for members so plan on coming for the April 6th meeting. The entrance is on the east side. There are some steps to go down to the room. The church would request that masks been worn and try hard to distance yourself the best you can. We can only hope things will change sometime soon and get back to somewhat normal status. Well, I rambled enough so I will sign off and remember if you need anything please let me know. Thanks

Abe

Memberships

Hi, I hope everyone survived the big storm with no mishaps.

I want to apologize for a mistake I made on the phone number for

Charles Becker. Please make note to change phone number to 720-270-8369.

Hope to see everyone soon at an outing.

Debra Jones

For sale,'37 Ford Tudor Standard, hump back, 59AB (w/extra trans, builder '37 engine available), '37 commercial red paint, Naugahyde upholstery, wide 5s, hydraulics. The good: older resto of very straight and rust-free Colo. car, the not so good: garaged but not driven, trans 1st gear faulty, \$12,000. David McCord, Denver 303-388-1259, dmccord60@earthlink.net

Wanted :

Vent window housings (both sides) for 52' Ford or Mercury, 2 door hardtop or convertible. The part with the arrow will be stainless steel, not pot-metal. The easiest way to check, is a magnet will stick to stainless steel and not pot-metal. Vent window and the rest of the housing, not required. Thank you, Roy Lange (303) 838-2028 royld13483@aol.com

Vintage Drag Racing 2021 Schedule:

May 29 Bandimere

June 12 Bandimere

July 31 Bandimere **Qualify for FH/IN Nationals**

August 1 Bandimere **Eliminations FH/IN Nationals**

August 21 Julesburg **"Tri-State Hot Rod Revival"**

August 22 Julesburg

September 18 Bandimere

October 3 Bandimere



The High Country V8 Club turn out for Rich Kellogg's service



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS		(*) Indicates Points Event			May 2021	
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	3	* Meeting 7:30 4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	Distributor Article Submission Deadline: 18	19	20	21	22
23	24	Board meeting 25	26	27	28	29 Bandimere
30	31					
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