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Your Gateway to Automotive Art By David Leger

On June 8th, 17 club members and guests ventured forth on our first road trip of the year. We rendezvoused at 9 AM in 9 cars at The Mills. Dirk Biermann did a great job of organizing this trip. He handed out packets which included a list of participants with their cars and cell phone numbers. The packet contained a map and route summary, and a narrative with our plans and historic information along the route. It even included the menu for the restaurant at the resort!

After a breakfast of donuts, we headed west on I-70. Our next destination was Glenwood Springs. We had lunch at the elegant Hotel Colorado. We were expected, and an elegant long table was set in linen and china waiting for us in the main dining room. Members enjoyed a fine meal and soaked in the ambience and history of this old Colorado landmark. After lunch it was westward ho.

Cruising at a leisurely 60 to 65 mph we climbed on up through the canyon. It was amazing how the scenery

changed in just a few miles from the canyon green to the harsh alkali slopes and buttes near Grand Junction. Some of our members chose to stop for gas here (others had filled up in Glenwood Springs). Your club director and I topped off the Tbirdillac (sorry, my 1947 Coupe was in the shop getting the suspension rebuilt). The temperature had risen quite a bit, hitting the low nineties. It was time to be a bit decadent and turn on the air conditioning, despite the top being down.

About 20 minutes south of Grand Junction on highway 141, the scenery changed again. Gone was the bleak arid landscape we'd passed

through. We began entering canyons full of scrub oak and cottonwood trees. Everywhere you looked there was green, and behind it rose bluffs and cliffs in red and tan sandstone. It didn't take long to feel you were some place special. Some place far from the work a day world.

The group had gotten separated, what with gas stops, traffic, and varying driving speeds. Many of us reconnected to stop and see the ruins of the Driggs mansion. These sad abandoned remnants are all that are left of the mansion built between 1914 and 1918.

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***The Summer Season
Starts in Earnest***

***The Director's Column
By John Evans***



Hats off to Dirk Biermann for his expert coordination of the Gateway Tour, the scenery was breathtaking the accommodations were fabulous, the dining at the Hotel Colorado and the Outpost was a cut above, the picnic and Museum visit were a real treat. I've been raving about the trip to anyone who will listen since our return. This one was a definite winner.

With so much to do and so little time, our growing list of RMRCLC Summer events promises to please even the most discerning. Please don't forget to submit your registration form for the 17th Annual Regional Meet at McCaddon Cadillac. Believe me, you won't want to miss this one. Also make sure you pencil in the July 10 club meeting &

cook out where Rod Brewer will open the vault doors to his grand collection for our collective viewing pleasure. Our meeting will be brief and informal, so plan to come see us, grab that camera, drive your classic and bring an appetite. Both Brent and I will be manning the grill, and we know our stuff!

Many thanks to Rod Brewer for all he does for our club, how fortunate we have been to enjoy his generous hospitality and the use of a first rate gathering place for our monthly meetings. Hats off to you, Rod!.

Kindly take a few minutes to look over our list of upcoming club events, and include one or more into your summer fun schedule, we'll be looking for you. So until I see you again, safe and happy summer motoring!.

**Oh To Be a CLC Member:
The Tour to
Durango and
Mesa Verde**

By John Cullinan

On the evening of August 22nd, 2007, I pity folks who aren't CLC members. They will be sitting in front of their TVs watching reruns. That same evening CLC members will be filling their cars with gas, topping up the oil and anti-freeze and packing their trunks. On Thursday the

23rd, some will be going off to work or trying to think of another way to fill a day of retirement.

Our members will be enjoying the cool morning air in Conifer as they congregate before departing as a group up scenic highway 285 toward Durango. From there CLC members will be cresting Kenosha Pass and beholding a panoramic view of South Park, a mountain valley as large as the state of Rhode Island. Adventurous members of the club will be cruising at 10,000 feet across South Park. On the way they will pass the old round house in Como, and see Mount Bross near Fairplay, the mountain that saved Colorado. That will be a story that will be explained in the Durango Tour Guide Book. If you are on the tour you will learn the story.

The High Country Hustlers will be dropping out of South Park and starting the descent to Buena Vista where a breathtaking vista of the Collegiate Peaks will be spread out before them.

After filling up with gas in Buena Vista, a slight historic deviation will take the Caddie Caravan to Salida where we will be entering what had been Spanish territory until 1821 and Mexican territory until 1847.

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Behind it rises the steep sides of Thimble Rock. Here we were reunited with Nancy Tucker and her guest, the Coys, and Dirk and his son. We continued on through the Unawep canyon. The scenery just got more dramatic at every turn as new vistas and cliffs opened before us.

It wasn't much longer before we came through a narrow gap between two hills into a valley vista. Ahead was the Gateway Canyon Resort. The resort is a complex of one and two story buildings done in adobe. The color of the adobe is matched to the surrounding sandstone formations, and blends seamlessly into the surrounding area. Just to the east of the resort flows the Delores river. High above the river stands the Palisade, a huge vertical stone formation towering above the surrounding hill. The resort was expecting us and had all our rooms ready. The rooms were well appointed with comfy beds, tasteful southwestern décor, and effective air conditioning. While most members stayed in standard rooms, a few opted for suites complete with Jacuzzis and Nancy and

her guest stayed at one of the casitas. They were warned at check-in that being out on the outskirts in the casita they should not be surprised to hear coyotes during the nights.

After unpacking and freshening up, it was time for dinner. Some chose to try the small diner down the road. This was the old Mobil gas station, which a former chef from the resort converted into a diner. It's the only competition to the resort at mealtime. Folks who tried it said it was quite good. Most of us just wandered over to the resort restaurant; the Paradox Grill. The tables were set with linen and china, and the menu had much to offer. I never heard of someone having a bad meal, and what problems did come up were dealt with promptly.

The next day we had breakfast on our own, then a tour of the museum. The Hendricks Collection is owned by John Hendricks, founder of the Discovery Channel. To say this collection is amazing is an understatement. You start out with a short video presentation in a small theater. The video is done by Walter Cronkite.

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Those on the Tour will learn why Salida was named Salida and get a chance to see the old cribs and brothels near downtown, one of which was operated by the same madam from 1896 to 1950. Those poor souls not members of the CLC, will be be consoled with the choice of small, medium or large fries when they place their order at Burger King's drive-up window in Lakewood.

We will leave Salida and head over Poncha Pass into the San Luis Valley. On our left as we enter San Luis Valley, we will see the impressive Sangre de Cristo Mountains standing tall as they march south to Santa Fe, New Mexico. Before entering Saquache, we will pass through Villa Grove, where the only operating turquoise mine in Colorado is found.

We will start to follow the trail blazed by John Charles Fremont, The Pathfinder, on his fateful winter crossing of 1848-1849. We will lunch at the Chalet Swiss in South Fork at the foot of Wolf Creek Pass and near the source of the Rio Grande River.

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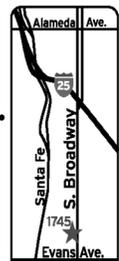
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Throughout the museum there are small video displays in period settings talking about the automotive industry and design. As you'd expect from someone with media ties, they are all very well done.

The galleries are arranged in a timeline. There are low, unobtrusive black barriers around each car. The floors are gloss black, and a variety of halogen lighting provides focused brilliant lighting of each automobile. There are several Cadillacs in the collection from a 1906 model H coupe to a 1928 dual cowl sport phaeton to a 1935 V-16 sedan to a 1947 convertible to 1953 and 1955 Eldorado convertibles. Other notable cars included beautiful Packards, an elegant Pierce Arrow, a huge Duesenberg, and a pair of Auburns. Later cars included a 1957 Chevy convertible, a 1958 Corvette, a 1957 Thunderbird, some hot rods, and even the American Chopper motorcycle done for Mr. Hendricks and the Discovery Channel.

The star of the museum, sitting on a turntable under a mirrored ceiling in its own gallery is the 1954 Oldsmobile F-88 Concept car. This stunning one-off car was shown at the GM Motorama. Mr. Hendricks purchased this car at the January 2005 Barrett Jackson auction for a record \$3.24 million dollars. This 250 hp fiberglass vision of the future for 1954 glows like a jewel in its gallery. I lost track of how many lamps were aimed at it. I spoke with a young man replacing some bulbs. He informed me that there are around 1100 lamps

in the museum and he spends a lot of time replacing bulbs.

After the museum we all met at picnic tables for a nice picnic lunch. As we enjoyed the shade and food, everyone was discussing the cars that they'd seen. After lunch some members took a road trip south to see the hanging flume; the remains of a water flume which carried water to a mill can be seen 100 feet above the canyon floor. One can only imagine working suspended by ropes, using simple hammers and anchoring it to the sandstone cliffs. Beyond the flume we came upon the historic marker for Uravan. While the town is gone, and the area cleaned as part of a federal program, you can see where the hub of Colorado's uranium mining industry once sat. At one time mine tailing piles over 150 feet high surrounded the site. There have been recent news articles about the upswing in uranium prices and mining is picking up again in this part of Colorado.

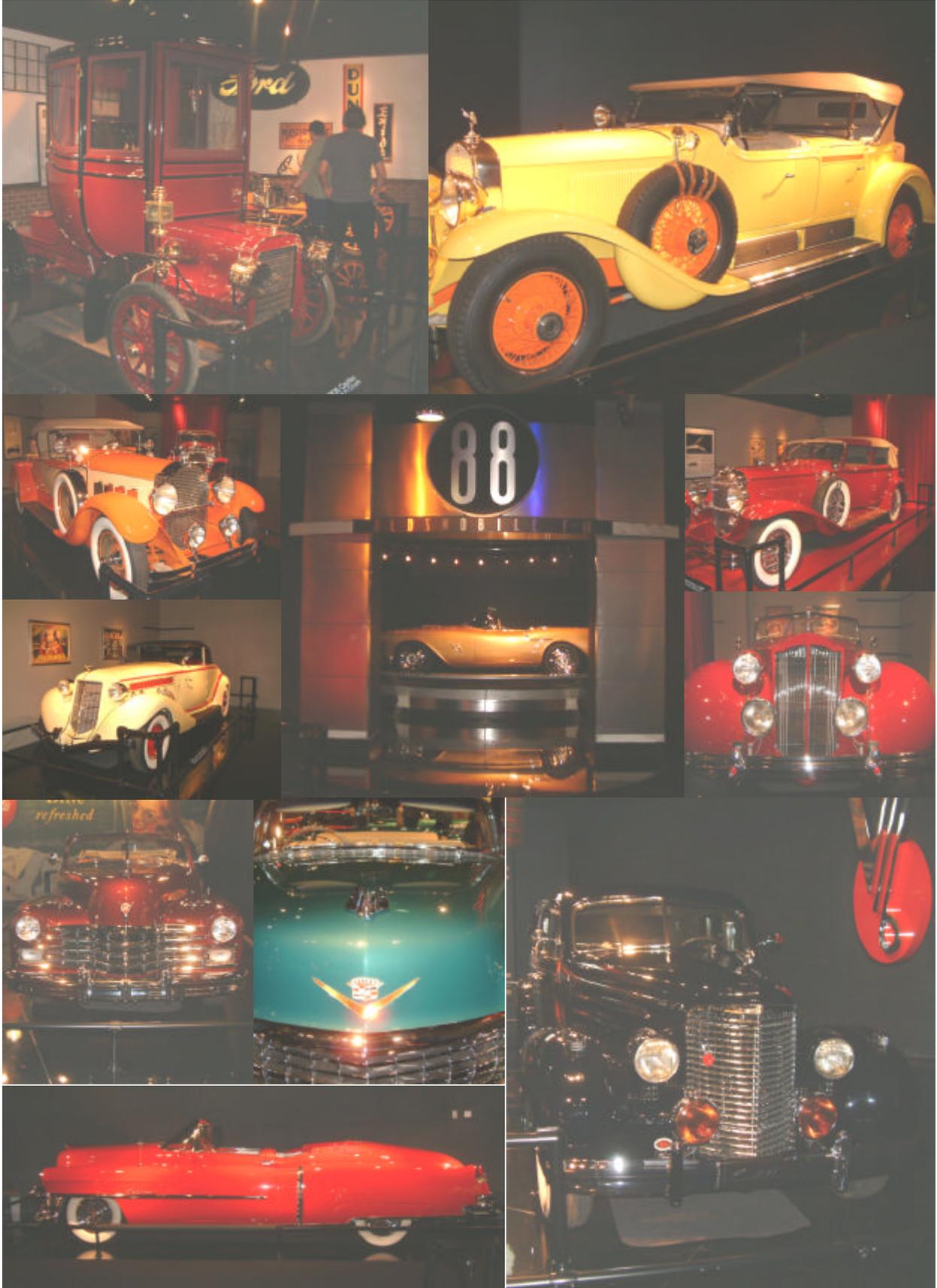
Arriving back at the resort, and with none of our members glowing in the dark, we met for a group dinner at the Paradox Grille. It was prime rib night, with a choice of beef or bison. Everyone seemed to have a good time, and we pretty much closed down the place by 10:30. The next morning it was off to breakfast, then we hit the road. It was a fast drive back to Denver, and a very memorable three days with great cars and great friends.

(see page 6 for museum photos—I wish there were room to show you all the great scenery and cars—for those who receive an electronic copy, I'll include 4 extra pages—Editor)

Would you like to get emails about club events? Please contact Dirk Biermann at DTB@Benningtonjohnson.com and he'll be happy to add you to the list!







Cheeseburger, Cheeseburger, Coke, Coke *By John Serfling*

June Burger Run Results

Sixteen members of the club showed up at Gunther Toody's on a hot June evening to enjoy each other's company, show off their beautiful cars and take advantage of nickel burger night. The parking area they used made for a nice little car show. Leonard showed up in his '59 Coupe De Ville. Director Evans drove his '59 Sedan de Ville. Gene and Sue Fenton brought their beautiful '50 Coupe De Ville. James Sears had his '65 convertible (with the top up!!). Tom Orton's red '80 Eldorado really stood out in the crowd. Vicki, a first time visitor, joined us in her '93 Allante. Larry and Nancy Dilts arrived in their '79 Sedan de Ville and your VP of Fun drove his '63 convertible. The beautiful, but unusual vehicle in the row of Cadillacs was a '58 Chevrolet pickup that belonged to one of several guests who joined us. A great time was had by all. About eight pounds of hamburger was consumed, surely ten pounds of French fries disappeared and at least four pounds of shakes and malteds (they don't sell malts, they sell malteds) were consumed. The highlight of the evening was the kiss that 'Flo' the waitress planted on Tom Orton. She spent way too much time cuddled up next to him in the booth during dinner. He proved to be quite the ladies man. Just before we left, she loaded up on bright red lipstick and planted a kiss on his cheek. The mark she left on

his cheek perfectly matched his Eldorado. It appeared as if Tom thoroughly enjoyed the kiss, but he had no clue what she had done to him (until someone told him to look in a mirror). What exciting things will happen at the next burger run?

Johnny's in July

The July Burger Run will be to Johnny's Diner at 2323 S. Havana St. in Aurora. It will be on Saturday, July 28th. Let's plan on eating lunch around 11:30, so start arriving around 11:00. We want to get the good parking places and spots to sit inside and you will want to chat with fellow club members and admirers before heading in to lunch.

Johnny's Diner is in the triangle formed by Iliff Avenue, Havana Street and Parker Road. Figure out the best way to get from your house to Iliff/Havana/Parker then look for Johnny's on the west side of Havana, just south of Iliff. That would be about a block north of Parker road. The turnout at Johnny's last year was light, but those who went really had a good time. See you there!

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(Oh, you didn't know the mighty Rio Grande started in Colorado?) After a delicious and renewing lunch we will start up our chromed chariots and begin the ascent of steep, scenic, but recently widened Wolf Creek Pass. The views at the summit down into the South Fork valley of the San

Juan River will be awe inspiring. From there we will descend into Pagosa Springs and on toward Durango. Once in Durango, we will check into our hotel, rest a while and then drive over to Allen and Joanna Logsdon's home for a cocktail party and a viewing of his car collection.

The next issue of the Dagmar, will go into more detail on the events for our stay in Durango and our drive to Mesa Verde where Greg Kemp is arranging a special tour for us, with lunch on Saturday. If you want to ride the Silverton train, book for Friday, since we will be going to Mesa Verde Saturday morning. On Friday night we will enjoy the dinner and show at the Bar D ranch.

If you haven't made reservations for the Durango Tour, there are still 3 rooms left at the Ramada Limited in Durango. Call 970-259-1333 and tell them you want to book one of the rooms held under the name of Allen Logsdon. Although the remaining rooms are smoking rooms, the hotel is new and a little air freshener might help you out. But they will try to move you to a non-smoking room, if one comes up. But you have to make that request. And if these are gone when you call, try some of the other motels on Main street near the Ramada.

This will be an enjoyable tour. Please join us. Call John Cullinan at 303-738-3981 to tell him you are will be participating.

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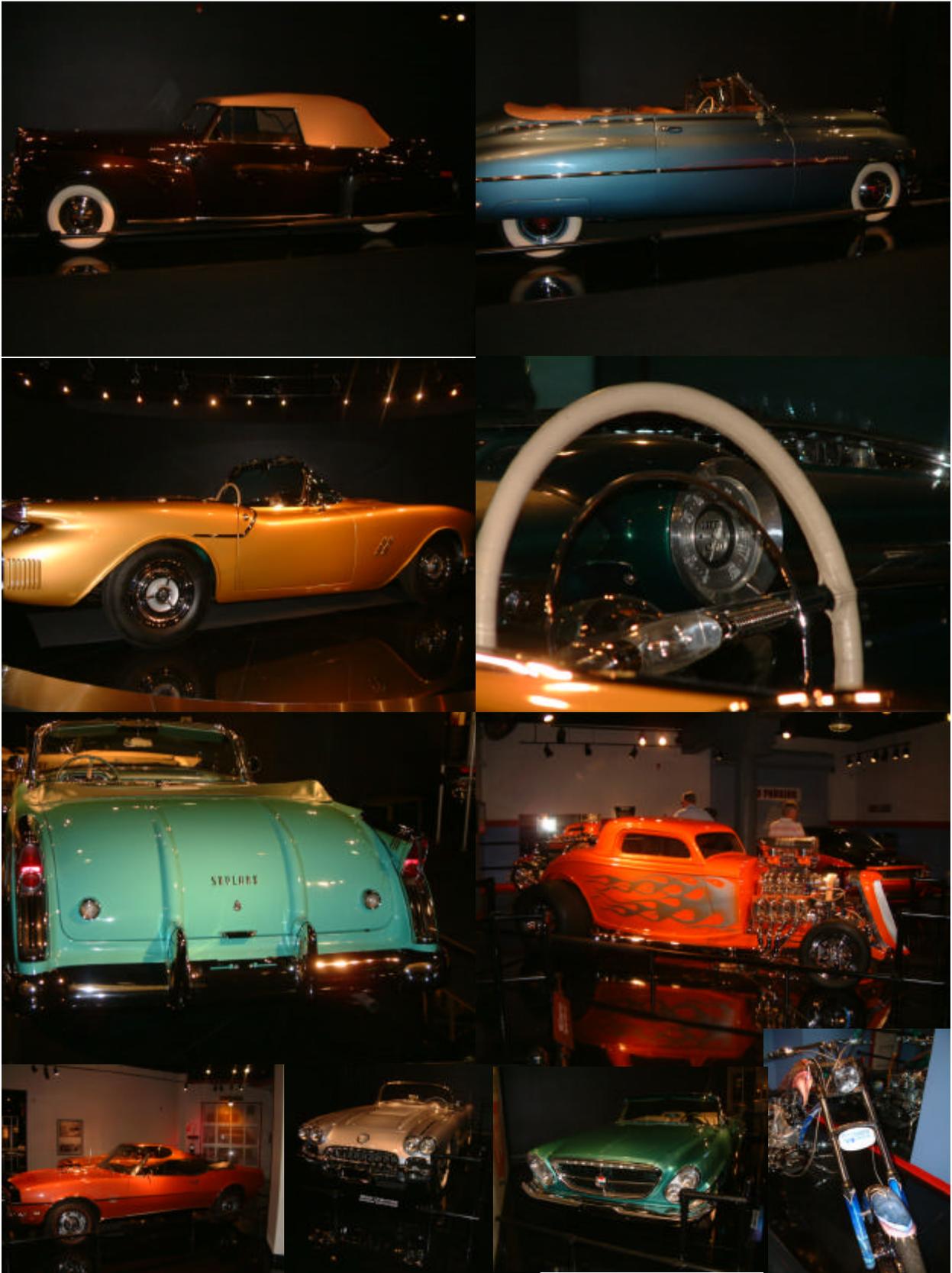
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Have You Asked A Friend to Our July 10 Meeting Yet?
By Dirk Biermann

You have a wonderful opportunity to share one of Colorado's premier collections of mostly original cars with fellow auto enthusiasts. At the suggestion of some out of town members, we will be changing things up for our July meeting. Rather than our normal monthly business activities, we will shift the focus to a club sponsored cook out and a special showing by Rod Brewer of his impressive collection of automobiles. If you haven't seen Rod's collection it's darn well time you did, and if you have seen it, it's likely time you saw it again! "Hot Rod" Brewer will, of course, be there to share interesting tales about his Cadillacs and LaSalles.

You may want to bring a lawn chair or two. Anyone who is

interested in flipping burgers or otherwise helping out, please get hold of Brent or Dirk.

We are especially hopeful that this event will draw some of you out-of-towners we rarely have the pleasure of getting together with. If any of you know prospective members for our club, please feel free to bring them along. What better way for them to see some great iron, discuss their passion with others afflicted by the same incurable "disease" (Cadillacs and LaSalles), and socialize with a wonderful group of folks?

Bring a Cadillac or LaSalle to the meeting! If you've got a new addition, and/or a treasure you haven't shared with us, what better opportunity to show it off to people who will undoubtedly appreciate it?

Rod, thanks again for your wonderful hospitality.

Rocky Mountain Concours d'Elegance
By David Leger

Your club officers received materials on this event. This inaugural event takes place at the Broadmoor's west golf course on Labor Day weekend, 2007. The event will include automotive and motorcycle related activities spread out over the three day celebration.

The event organizers are looking for 5 cars from each of 14 local car clubs to represent those clubs at the event. Registration is \$350 per car. If you are interested in participating, please contact John Evans (contact information on page 8) for further information, or see:

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Summer Splendor Tour By John Serfling

At the June meeting your Vice President of Fun (that's me) told you that we would drive from Idaho Spring to Bergen Park over Squaw Pass to see the beauty of the Colorado mountains with a picnic lunch at Echo Lake. On the Monday after Father's Day Rick and I went hiking at the Elk Meadow open space near Bergen Park. Since we were at the terminus of the Summer Splendor Tour route, I decided to take it backwards to Idaho Springs. The tour plans have now changed!

Driving from east to west one gets to see the majesty of the entire front range. Long's Peak is to the north, Mount Evans is to the south and there are stunning peaks in between the two. This is the direction to drive. Just west of the summit of the pass there are three forest service picnic grounds. We will aim for the middle one, which is the Eagle's Aerie picnic ground. This spot is actually a lot prettier (in my not so humble opinion) than Echo Lake. Driving up the east side is also a gentler grade than driving up from Idaho Springs, although it is a longer grade. It is 18 miles from Bergen Park to Echo Lake, the last two or three miles of which is downhill. It is another 12 miles down to Idaho Springs, where we will be forced to eat ice cream at Skipper Gorman's former establishment.

Bring your own picnic lunch. If we are lucky and not many people have stopped to eat

before we get there, there should be enough tables for all of us. There are restrooms at the picnic site.

After lunch we will continue on to Echo Lake. The intrepid souls among us can pay their \$10 and drive to the top of Mt. Evans. Those who wish to walk around Echo Lake are welcome to do so. The rest of us will continue on down the hill to Idaho Springs. Cross I-70, take the first right turn (Idaho street), drive two blocks and you should be at the parking lot behind Skipper's Ice Cream Parlor. We'll roam around Idaho Springs for a while, have some ice cream and then head home.

We will start the Summer Splendor Tour at the Colorado Mills main parking lot, north side, across from the Chipotle Grill and Peabody's. This is the meeting place that is being used for the Biermann/Russell Hill Climb on July 1.

Plan to arrive shortly after 9:30 AM for a 10:00 AM departure. We will take I-70 to Evergreen Parkway, Colorado Highway 74. Evergreen Parkway intersects Colorado Highway 103, the Squaw Pass road, about a quarter of a mile south of Bergen Park. From there it is about a half hour drive to the picnic site. The road is curvy, but in good shape. Some stretches were repaved just last summer. The speed limit is only 30 over most of the route, so we won't be in any hurry and our old cars shouldn't have any trouble handling the grade or the curves.

Neither the drive nor the planned activities are particularly strenuous, nor does it take all day to accomplish. Please join us for a nice relaxing drive through the mountains fairly close to town and enjoy the splendor of Colorado in the summer.



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Biermann Hill Climb-Sunday, July 1

Georgetown Parade-Wednesday, July 4th

Cook Out, club meeting and viewing of Rod Brewer's collection-Tuesday, July 10

Summer splendor drive-Sunday, July 15

Luau-Saturday, July 21st

Burger Run-Saturday July 28, 11:30 am @ Johnny's

Regional Meet-Saturday, August 11, McCaddon Cadillac in Boulder

Keenesburg Parade-2nd or 3rd Saturday in August

Burger Run-Wednesday, August 15, 6:00 pm

Anasazi Adventure Durango Trip-Thursday through Sunday, August 23 through 26

Louisville Labor Day Parade-Monday, September 3, Breakfast @ Tim & Liz Coy's Lowry

Retirement Community Car Show & BBQ-Saturday, September 15

10 to 2:30 PM, contact Blaise Flaherty at (303) 302-5768 for information OCC Colfax

"Cruise the Fax" is tentatively scheduled for Sept 22 4 - 8 PM Kool 105 is involved, and they plan on having 3 Festival sites, 1 in Aurora, 1 in Denver, and 1 in Lakewood. Car Clubs are wanted to host the festival sites and they could promote their club and sell T shirts, there would also be food vendors at the sites and car show.

Leaf Peeping drive-Saturday, September 29

Denver Veteran's Day Parade-Saturday, November 10

Other Events

July 11th, 15th Annual Craig Hospital Motorsport Day 2425 S. Clarkson, Denver—arrive between 5 AM and 9 AM, show is 9 AM to 1 PM. No registration fee.

This year's "Hot Cars" show on Old South Gaylord is Sunday, July 29 from 9am to 1pm at the closed-off intersection of South Pearl Street and East Florida Avenue, right in the middle of one of Denver's best Historic Shopping and Restaurant districts and directly adjacent to their regular Farmers Market on the 1500 Block of South Pearl. The Farmers Market has live music, a whole lot of great food and other vendors, and a significant following of people that really have enjoyed their annual car show. They give out a "Peoples Choice" award, and the event has really been a lot of fun for everyone who has participated. The show is open to anyone with a nice classic or street rod. For more information call RMRCLC member Mark Gill at 303-282-7777 (office) or 303-870-3321 (cell).

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