President’s Corner

Wow, I can’t believe we are now in the second half of the year. There are still a lot of events planned for the rest of the year so if you haven’t signed up look through the list in this GAS LINE and consider coming out and joining us. Carol Strom and others have done a great job to line up events. I want to thank everyone who hosted and helped with the events and especially you who participated so far this year.

Donna and I took the ’47 to the Elbert Parade last year and enjoyed that. So we are doing that again this year on July 8th. We could use some more cars so consider signing up for it. We also have signed up for the Cody, WY heritage tour in August and will sign up for the Hastings, NE Revival AAA Glidden tour.

Remember we have a very important special meeting July 14th, same place same time, to vote on assuming THE ABBEY CAR SHOW function. Bob Wade has prepared a synopsis outlining details and it has been reviewed and approved by the board and provided to the membership. I want to see all of you out for this meeting and I have prepared a paper ballot for the vote.

Again, Carol is doing a great job with our events this year. The calendar of events/tours is listed in the GAS LINE. Summer touring season is here so let’s get out and tour! Oh I almost forgot, there is not a color tour in the event list this year yet. Please someone, if you have a good idea for one let Carol or I know.

Erv
Happy Birthday

CALENDAR

JULY
8  Elbert Day Festival Parade - 9:00 line up at the Elbert High School
8  Grier Manning Tribute - I 25 Speedway-Pueblo
11 Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo Parade
14 Special Membership Meeting - Gold Hill
16 County Fair Car Show - Calhan
19 Pizza Night - Leon Gessi’s
22 Rosemont-Pueblo-Will Webb and Family
29-30 Regional Tour/Meeting - Leadville

AUGUST
5  Clive Cussler Museum and White Fence Farm Tour
12 Black Forest Parade - Information coming
14-19 Cody Wyoming Heritage Tour
16 Pizza Night - Leon Gessi’s
26 McAllister House

SEPTEMBER
4  Fountain Valley Labor Day Parade
8  General Membership Meeting - Gold Hill
17 VMCCA Picnic @ Fox Run Park
17-22 72nd Revival AAA Glidden - Hastings, NE
20 Pizza Night - Leon Gessi

OCTOBER
7  Penrose Apple Day Parade
13 General Membership Meeting - Gold Hill
21 Forney Museum Dust and Shine

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GET WELL SOON!

Mildred Morton
Bob Tittel

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JULY
Clark Absher
Fern Dillow
Carol Donachy
Mary Lou Fehr
Mark Hamlin
Mildred Morton
Paul Nelson
James Nielsen
Mona Nielsen
Jason Shaver
Janora Tittle
Robert Tittle
Craig Wheeler

AUGUST
Karen Absher
Connie Accinni
Connie Arnold
Michael Davis
Chuck Donachy
Jim Drehle
Martin Emeson
David Holt
Jeannie Koll
Dee Shaver

SEPTEMBER

OCTOBER

Visit the Pikes Peak Chapter
 VMCCA Web Page
 You can find it at
 http://www.pikespeakvmcca.com/index.html
On Saturday, May 13, 2017 Carol Strom led a tour to the first rejuvenation of the Pikes Peak Antique Machinery Days show at the Western Museum of Mining and Industry (WMMI) in Colorado Springs. The show was complimented by several days of nice weather which was perfect to enjoy old cars, tractors, and engines.

From the mid 1980’s through 2000 there was an annual antique engine and tractor show with a tractor pull at the WMMI. The show was discontinued in 2000 for multiple reasons but with a new regime of leadership at the museum there has been desire to revive the show for a couple of years. The Arkansas Valley Flywheelers antique tractor and engine club, with which I am involved, accepted the invitation to hold a tractor pull this year in conjunction with the Front Range Antique Power Association (FRAPA), members of which were the primary exhibitors of antique engines and stationary equipment.

The VMCCA group met for breakfast at the IHOP on Powers, and after eating, made their way to the WMMI where all visitors in antique/classic cars were welcomed with free admission. There were around 37 club members who visited the show between the folks who met for breakfast and other members who came separately. Lyle Pierson competed in the tractor pull with his 1927 Fordson and had the oldest tractor in the pull; there were a couple of tractors on display of earlier vintage but they did not pull.

Admission to the permanent museum was included, there are several very nice displays of mining and industrial equipment of which the 1895 500 HP Corliss Cross Compounding steam engine is the “star” attraction. The good turnout of cars, tractors, and engines seemed to garner a positive response from all who attended.

Thanks to Ron Theisman for providing the abundance of photos to choose from for this article.

James Perry
Ron and Joe’s Magical Mystery Tour

We didn’t know where we were going till we got there. A group of us met at the Sears parking lot in Chapel Hills to travel together to the McDonald’s up in Monument where we joined up with the Thunderbird club. After the hellos and directions were given out we began the mysterious adventure through the back and east side of Monument. Somehow we got to 83 then Academy up and around Woodmen to go thru the Garden of the Gods, where we made quite an impressive old car showing for the tourists, they saw us coming and going, as we just did a U-turn at Balance Rock and around Ship Rock, to end up going back out the way we came, onto 30th to the Mason Jar where the mystery ended and lunch was served. Good drive, good food, good friends. Thank you to all who joined in and those who helped put on this mystery tour.

ROSEMOUNT HOUSE TOUR

Tour of the Rosemount House, Pueblo CO, July 22, 2017

We will depart Sears South Gate at 8:00am (this will give us a little more time for the coffee stop).

Coffee will be provided at Coyote Den Coffee in Penrose CO. We will then depart at 9:20 and proceed on Hwy 50 to Pueblo in order to arrive at Rosemount at about 10:15am

Tour cost is $4.50 per person, payable at Rosemount, and the guided tour will take about 1 hour and 15 min.

Lunch will be at the Cactus Flower at 12:00 noon.

After lunch you are free to explore Pueblo, there are some good things to see at the River Walk, antique shops on Union Ave. Union Depot where you can see the restoration activities on the Santa Fe Northern Class Locomotive, number 2912, built in 1944, which provided service between Pueblo and Los Angeles, CA.

Come join us for a fun day! Please email Will and Nancy at wwebb76@gmail.com if you would like to attend.

Thanks.

Will, Nancy and CC
McAllister House Open House
and Antique Car Display

Saturday August 26th is the annual McAllister House Open House and Antique Car Display. For many years our chapter has been supporting this car display and the Colonial Dames who operate the McAllister House have asked us to participate again. This event serves as a fund raiser for this historic downtown home (142 years old this year) and the old cars really help to draw people in. The house has needed many repairs this past year, so I know they are hoping many people come and tour the house, and our lovely autos will help them do that.

This is always a nice event, so come enjoy the lemon-aid, brownies and the cool shady lawn, where you can share your car with others. They prefer pre-war cars, but please consider coming even if you have a post war car. Also, in the past we have had one or two members give rides, so if that is something you are willing to do, it is also appreciated. For information on the historic house see their website: http://mcallisterhouse.org/

The event is from 10:30am until 2:00pm. Please call or email Will Webb if you would like to attend wwebb76@gmail.com or 266-5946

Grier Manning Tribute and Celebration of Life Events

Two events are being held to pay tribute to Grier Manning who was a long time member of our club and a friend to our hobby. On July 8th there will be a tribute to Grier and his racing career that will be held at I 25 Speedway just north of Pueblo. There will be a full racing program but during the intermission there will be vintage midget race cars on the track. The #42 Shaver/Wendt Chevy II that Grier raced in the region will be on the track and will lead the tribute with John Hollansworth at the wheel.

The other event will be held on July 10th from 11:00 - 2:00 at Maggie Mae’s on Pikes Peak Avenue. The family will be providing some sandwiches and snacks for those who want to come out and share your memories of Grier and see some of the photos and memorabilia the family has gathered. The #42 midget will also be on display at the restaurant in case you missed seeing it in action.
FOUNTAIN VALLEY SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER CAR SHOW

THEY LIKED WHAT WE BROUGHT

On Friday June 16th, 9 of our Vintage Motor Car Club of America members, from our Pike Peaks Chapter, showed up at the Fountain Valley Senior Citizens Center to show some of our vehicles for their annual open house day. The senior citizens did come and truly enjoyed the activities of the day including a noon lunch for which a number of us joined them for a refreshing treat. It was a good beginning to the Father’s Day Weekend. It really is fun and interesting to listen to the nostalgic stories of the vehicles they used to have or perhaps a vehicle a friend might have shared with them.

I certainly want to thank those who brought their rides out for the day. The weather was pleasant and so was the fellowship. Let’s get even more out for next year.

Al reporting.

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VMCCA Mountains and Plains Regional tour July 29-30, 2017

Leadville, CO

Please join your fellow Mountains and Plains regional members for a simple weekend overnight tour to Leadville, CO. Although your old car is encouraged, we completely understand if you can’t bring yours because of the elevation. We really just want you to join us in person!

We start off with a ride on the Leadville Colorado and Southern Railway Wildflower Special train. See the alpine flowers at their peak, splashing the mountain with vibrant color! Join experienced tour guides for a 20-minute walk through pine forests, aspen groves, and open meadows. View a multitude of wildflowers at the water tower, including Indian Paintbrush, Lupine, and wild strawberries. Remember to bring your walking hiking shoes, a water bottle, and a camera. This hike is for people of all capabilities and interests and is a perfect opportunity to view the mountain scenery at its peak! The train departs at 10:00 am and arrive back at the depot at 1:00 pm. A catered boxed lunch will be provided on the train.

Saturday afternoon will be open for each person to visit the sights, shops and antique stores of downtown Leadville! You may schedule your own tour or visit one of many sights including the Tabor Opera House, the National Mining Hall of Fame and Museum, or the Baxter cabin.

Dinner is arranged at Quincy’s Steakhouse at 6:30pm. 416 Harrison Ave Leadville, CO. We have a private room with space to have our annual meeting afterward. Dinner options are listed below and include baked potato; wedge salad with specialty house dressing; and soft, sweet bakery bread. Drinks are not included, but a full bar is available. Please make your selection on the second page of this form.

The regional meeting will be held after dinner at approximately 8:00 pm at Quincy’s Steakhouse. All are welcome and encouraged to join.

Accommodations are at the Super 8 Motel in Leadville. 1128 US-24, Leadville, CO 80461

Call (719) 486-3637 to make your reservation from our block of rooms. Use Code VMCCA.

Continental Breakfast is included with the room.

King rooms are $108 a night and doubles are $116 a night. There are only 13 rooms available, so book fast. Additional hotels are available in town, but they fill up fast. Rooms were blocked at the group rate for Saturday night (July 29) only.

Sunday is on your own, as many of us must return home that day. Take a drive over one of the scenic byways at the top of the Rockies! Tennessee Pass to Minturn is open and beautiful and has near it Camp Hale, the training grounds for the Army 10th Mountain Division. Independence Pass is open for a spectacular trip to Aspen. Fremont Pass returns from Leadville to I-70 in Copper Mountain. The options are endless!

We hope you can join us for this exciting tour and our annual regional meeting. Please call Regional Director Alex West at 303-514-6587 with any questions.

IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO ATTEND THIS TOUR I WILL EMAIL THE REGISTRATION FORM TO YOU OR CALL WELDON SHAVER FOR A COPY. THIS TOUR IS COMING UP SOON AND LOOKS TO BE A GREAT EVENT. Gas Line Editor
It was a beautiful day for a parade. We met at the Round House on 21st St and convoyed up to Cripple Creek. On the way up we passed several Model As also heading to Cripple Creek. We were too late for the pancake breakfast at the firehouse but maybe next year! So we had coffee and rolls at the Aspen Mine Center while we were waiting for the parade to start.

We also went through the Jail Museum and wandered by all the vendors on Bennett St. They are in their 86th year and it is a very popular event for Cripple Creek. After the parade we had an excellent lunch in the Century Casino.

And of course what would Donkey Derby Days be without Donkeys!

Erv Fahrenkrug

ANNOUNCING A NEW CHAPTER PROJECT – CORRECT MAGNETIC SIGNS

With the recently approved VMCCA organizational name change, the Pikes Peak Chapter Board recommended new correct magnetic signs for our cars should be made available as quickly as possible. The new design will include the name change and also feature a statement recognizing our status as “THE TOURING CLUB”. The exact cost of a pair of signs has not yet been determined but we hope to have an accurate price by the July 14th meeting. Bob Wade will be taking orders at the July meeting with the intent of having them available by the latter part of the summer. Please support this excellent method of getting our name in front of the public and hopefully fostering opportunities for developing new memberships.
ANNUAL VMCCA PICNIC
Sunday, September 17, 2017

Our picnic this year will be at Fox Run. It’s time to mark your calendars and make your reservations! Cost will be $4 per person (free for children 5 years old and under). Bring a salad or dessert and your own service. The club will provide fried chicken, beverages and bread.

YOUR $4 ARE YOUR RESERVATIONS AND THEY MUST BE RECEIVED BY SEPTEMBER 11TH.
There are ample opportunities to get your reservations to Elsie or Lavonne at upcoming events (the July 14th special meeting, Rosemont tour, pizza, etc.) You may also mail them to Elsie at 2502 Logan Circle 80907 or Lavonne at 1917 Crest Haven Circle 80909.

CUSSLER CAR COLLECTION AND WHITE FENCE FARM TOUR
AUGUST 5, 2017

THIS MIGHT BE THE 2017 TOUR THAT YOU DON’T WANT TO MISS - A great car collection combined with a much better than average meal stop. Renowned novelist Clive Cussler has accumulated an excellent array of fine automobiles which are displayed at his West Denver Museum. And the White Fence Farm has been a widely acclaimed West Denver “eating spot” for a number of years. The opportunity to visit both during a scenic summer tour should attract most of our “car appreciating and food loving” membership. Final details and, in particular the required time scheduling, are still being finalized but all issues should be determined in time for disclosure at the July 14th special meeting. Please make sure you are included on the Tour Sign Up List if you have ANY interest in this tour. Either Carol Strom or Bob Wade can confirm your registration.

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