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The Council is an organization comprised of many of Colorado's motor vehicle clubs, our Associate [business] Members and our Individual Members too. The Council exists and acts to be a watchdog over and guardian of the Rights of Colorado's Motor Vehicle Enthusiasts, no matter what type, brand or vintage Motor Vehicles their interests embrace. The Council works to guard the Rights of you - the Colorado Motor Vehicle Enthusiast to own, operate and enjoy the use of your Motor Vehicles, against any adverse legislation, regulations, or ordinances whether pending or proposed.

Join one of our Member Clubs. Or join us. Help us support you. Look us up at www.oldcouncil.org .

***The Council's April General Meeting
is in
Colorado Springs !!!***

Find date, time, directions in Minutes - inside.

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Who's New...

- **Dan Guersey, new Prez VMCCA, Royal Gorge..** ..made the trek up in March, good to meet...

What's New...

- **My Regrets...** ..at running late getting NL out. For last couple months have been hit with 'matters legal' to deal with *that have to be* taken care of. Of course, I'm sure it's just coincidental that all this 'stuff' arrives at time *ex-to-be knows* I will be starting Council NL? Well, as Dad and Mom always told us, life is full of difficult decisions, e.g. "Let's see, which would I rather have ticked off at me, the Judge in D court - or NL recipients?" So which would you choose? Yep, me too! So, bear with me..?
- **Hey Mutha Trucker - or Poppa Trucker for that matter...** ..word from our friends down N.M way: a movie company is shooting "a 1940's setting Alien flic" at Bonanza Creek Ranch near the Ead's Ranch between Abq and Santa Fe, they need two vehicles; a 1940's Military Transport Carrier [a 6x?] w. rag top and a 1940's pickup? If of interest contact Brent Morris at 505.903.9802 or e-m: brent@indieproduction.com for info, etc.

- **2VP Dick Thompson, tells us about Todd Gold, Owner of “Streamline”** starting an on-line glossary of ‘terms automotive’ on his web site. One that you can contribute to no less. Take a look at:

<http://www2.gennieshifter.com/techtalk/dictionary.php>

- **Dick T. Also sends you the ff:**

“An open Letter to the OCCC from Dick Thompson:

For those of you who don’t know who I am, let me introduce myself. I am Dick Thompson. I am the alternate [club] representative for the Mile Hi Cobra Club to the Old Car Council of Colorado. And I have been elected to serve as 2nd Vice President of the OCCC for 2009. I have also been appointed as the chairman of the Cruise Committee and the Marketing Director of the OCCC by past President Keith Hall and the current President Joe Baker.

The Mile Hi Cobra Club joined the OCCC about 5 years ago. The reason we joined was to find a way to get the titling on our replicas of Cobras to be more similar to the Street Rods in Colorado. Shortly after joining I found that we needed to bring someone in from the MHCC to help coordinate the efforts on the Kit Car Bill. That is when I talked Keith Hall into becoming the representative for the MHCC to the OCCC. With the help of Leo Boyle and Don Whissen, Keith was able to get the Kit Car Bill passed a few years ago.

When that happened - Keith and I did not leave the Council and run off to celebrate our victory. We instead decided to repay the Council for their help by working as much as we could for the OCCC. Our goals for the OCCC were two fold - one was to help the OCCC survive long term by finding some new sources of revenue. And the second was to get involved in the legislative activities because Don Whissen had expressed a desire to retire.

I would like to take a little of your time to discuss my feeling about both of these goals. These are my feelings and I do not intend to express the opinions or feelings of anyone else.

1) Legislative Issues. I think we should all remember what Nancy Pelosi said recently, “We Won.” The Democrats are in power not only in Colorado but also in Washington and they won by a wide margin. They will (because Americans and Coloradoans have told them to) continue to proceed on a path as they feel they should. They really do want to improve the world, the country and Colorado. By standing and yelling into the wind we will do nothing. We must intelligently negotiate to win a few concessions from them. I feel that Keith and Leo do an excellent job of this delicate process. This is the best country in the world and (I believe) the best State so we need to support those who want to improve it, not bitch all the time. Also, instead of bitching about the way things are going to each other, do something. You can write to the editors expressing your opinion, you can write to your legislators expressing your opinion and you can work to rebuild the Republican Party to become what it was when Ronald Reagan was alive.

And BTW. I do not think Ronald Reagan ever bitched about anything. He fixed things. And so he is my hero.

2) The future of the OCCC. We can continue to hope that the Member Clubs will allow us to increase membership fees as needed and hope that Leo Boyle never retires. In my opinion this is like driving by looking at the rear view mirror. The OCCC will crash. Or we can look forward and find new and innovative ways to fund the growing expenses of the Council and be prepared to find a replacement for

Leo. We know from talking to other organizations that we would most likely have to pay a replacement for Leo up to \$100,000 per year. If we want to pay for this by increasing fees and dues that will break the bank. 50 clubs would each have to pay a total of \$2,000 average per year. Can your club afford this?

Because of this we have decided the Swap Meet, Colfax and Havana Cruises are our future financial providers. But where does the money come from? How does it work to have these events and make money? The answer is **sponsors**. That is what I have worked so hard for the last 3 years to get. Sponsors and their money. And I think I have been pretty good at that in that we made money on the Colfax Cruise in year one and almost broke even the second year. We also get a contribution of \$2,500 per year from our support of the Havana Cruise. I really do feel that the potential of the Colfax Cruise is somewhere North of 6 figures based upon the Woodward Dream Cruise in Detroit. Of course this will take many years to get to that level and an improved economy.

Some of you may ask "How does Dick sell sponsorships?" Good question and the answer is that I do what I have always done in sales. I find a need for the customer and fill it with my product. Then service after the sale.

The need of the sponsors is to sell their product to car people. So we give them what ever they need to get to as many potential customers as possible. The Cruises provide 3,000 to 4,000 people for them. By including the membership of the OCCC in this list of potential customers I can show them a potential customer base of several thousand more.

Service after the sale is doing all I can to promote these sponsors and get them additional business from the membership of the OCCC. There are thousands of people out there asking all the businesses to support their cause and buy their products. There are limited funds available for this type of activity. The successful events are the ones who deliver new business for the sponsors by having their members support them. The others go away and are never heard from again.

Now my rant and complaint to the representative of the OCCC. It became clear to me during the meeting on 3/4/09 that a large number of you feel we should "take the money and run" when it comes to support of our sponsors. I felt your comments about Tracey at The Latest Scoop were expressions of that way of thinking Tracey has given the OCCC a lot of free advertising over the years (if you notice we pay for 2 months ad get the third for free) and continue to support us with editorial space and ads. I have subscribed to The Latest Scoop ever since I found it by mistake at a King Soopers and thought - this is great - lists everything you could ever want to do with your car) I also have been criticized for bringing some of the sponsors to meetings (I.E. Chrome Insurance) because I like them. Well, I do like them. I like them because they sell a great product for our hobby (of which I own myself) and also they have been one of the major supporters of the Cruise. In my opinion these sponsors pay for and should receive our support. All I ask is that you give them a shot. Look at The Latest Scoop and also compare what you have for insurance to Chrome. Or take you daily drivers to a Colorado Select Care Center for a tune up and oil change. Or eat a lunch at Piflers. These are all things you do and pay for anyway - why not support those who support your hobby? And by the way - my own personal business "Thompson Financial Services" has been a sponsor for over 4 years. I guess a big question I have is what have you done to support the businesses who support your hobby? If the OCCC proceeds on the path of "Damn the torpedoes & other commercial ventures who complain)." As one of you wrote recently - then please explain to me how you wish to proceed with the future of the OCCC.

Thank you for your time and please let me know how you feel.

Dick Thompson


- **Clarification, good news from Leo Boyle... ..is:**

“I want to point out the language that appears in the enacted version (the final law), of SB 108 that specifies that collector series plates holders will pay the surcharges for road and bridge funds only once when they renew the plate every five years and that the fee will be the one specified in the bill, in most cases \$41.00 combined [*per vehicle wbc*]. See, pages 60 and 61 of the Act, bottom of page 60 and top of page 61, the words in capital letters are new language added to existing statutory language that indicate that the surcharge is only paid at the registration period anniversary and is not an annual fee. Since these are 5 year registrations the law limits the surcharge to the five year period, not to the annual taxes and fees that are mentioned earlier in the same paragraph at the bottom of page 60.

Leo

[..please remember to thank Leo, Keith H, Harold N, Dick F, and all others who contributed.. wbc]

Club Views & News...

- **Vintage Chev Club, Mile High...** ..are gathering, going to tour the revamped “Wings Over the Rockies,” then do lunch at “Rosie’s Diner.” Will tour “Carousel of Happiness” in Nederland in April. Have guest from DA’s office coming to meeting to speak on identity theft. [*..check his ID..?*]
- **Arkansas Valley Car Club...** ..is a group who’re really on the ball. But this month the ball will have three holes in it - Bowling Night! Starting work on annual Mountain Mania event, plus *they do get around*. So many tours, so little time... But tour they do.
- **Sunday Afternoon Car Klub...** ..Mar/Apr NL has pix on cover of neat ‘51 Hudson Commodore cvt in lt yellow w blk top taken at Scottsdale Barrett-Jackson. Otherwise, locally some met for breakfast before heading to the Tri-State Swap Meet. One article has pix of 2010 Camaros in production, can see same at <http://www.5thgen.org/forum/showthread.php?t=10311>
- **Rocky Mtn Performance MOPAR...** ..NL has good reminder that regular carburetor cleaner should never be used to clean the throttle bodies on electronic fuel injected [EFI] systems, because it causes the mass air flow [MAF] sensor to burn out. [*..geez, don’t ya miss the good ole days. Got two-fers in Summer? Remember slowly pouring a half quart of “Marvel Mystery Oil” down the carburetor, then dump the rest to flood out the engine. Cleaned out the carbon **and** any nearby mosquitos...]*]
- **Cadillac and LaSalle Club, Rky Mtn Rgn...** ..are another group who like to tour a lot. Are planning a tour to Crested Butte for Summer windshield time. Side trips will run off from there. NL cover has neat pix, note. Tell of folks touring in New Zealand stopping for gas, pardon me, “Petrol.” In rolls a 1912 Cadillac to also top off it’s tank. Not your everyday event here, much less in Eastern Colonies...
- **Southern Colorado A’s...** ..NL cover reminds one and all right up front about St. Pat’s Day  Guess how? HA... And hey! NL also had a “Remember When” - a copy of an F.W. Woolworth Co. lunch counter menu! Remember them? How bout a Ham Salad Sandwich for 30¢? Then you have your “Super Jumbo” Banana Split for - 39¢. My fav’ there used to be a Strawberry Ice Cream Soda with Vanilla Ice Cream - the Extra Rich one - 25¢. Now I am reminded of and why as a young boy I always asked Dad for a quarter when he’d take me along to downtown on biz, then just mysteriously disappear for a few minutes. Am sure he knew of course...

- **Plymouth Owner's Club, Rky Mtn Rgn...** ..OK, it's not quite stepping back into an F.W. Woolworth's but having a meeting up at Johnson's Corner is like a step in that direction, you think? Meeting brought a good turnout who all brought good appetites for the buffet there. Roadtime? Looking towards Labor Day weekend tour to beautiful *very-suburban* Kearny, Nebr. to tour Berkheimer's Auto Collection, the largest Plymouth Collection in the country. *Beep! Beep!*
- **Ye Olde Auto Club...** ..just struck me? If "Olde" why not "Clubbe" too? Anyway, club member Eric Nelson made his 'replica' of the "**GENERAL LEE**" Dodge Charger from the "Dukes of Hazard" available to be used by the City of Aurora in various promo materials and at the Fox Theatre on opening night. Deal made, Eric and 'the General' were both there. Good work by Eric, some help by club contacts. Some good PR work done for our common cause by such positive exposure.

But - the best part? Several 'officials' from the City and from the State went out of their way to go have their picture taken with the General. Better yet!? Eric took time to 'chat' with certain State Reps, offer his views re the Guv's "fee plans," tactfully of course... [*atta boy Eric..!*]
- **Model A Ford Club, High Country...** ..do a real good NL. Consistently! Also did a St. Pat's Day reminder on NL cover. But I sorta hear Mommas dad, William Bernard **Reilly**, wondering - "why were their **Shamrocks** => **♣ ? ?**" HA..? Club did a tour to Loveland to drop off their Valentine Cards, several folks dressing Valentinishly [?] for the occasion. NL notes that club member **Jim Cahn**, played the Mighty Wurlitzer Pipe Organ at Denver's historic Paramount concert. Talent abounds here...
- **Hudson-Essex-Terraplane Club, Rky Mtn Chap...** ..NL tells us of their visiting the LeMay collection in Lakewood. Lament [?] only H-E-T's were outside in the parking lot. Also learn that Eric Jacobson drove his 1934 Hudson Coupe that Eric and his now departed dad, "Buggs," drove across the country in a past "Great American Race" to the day's event. And more talent yet! Met at noted sculptor Dawn Weimer's Studio in Loveland, they say check out some of her works at www.dawnweimer.com Group then motored off to have lunch at Johnson's Corner.
- **Walter P. Chrysler Club, Rky Mtn Rgn...** ..have all kinds of neat tours and events planned. One I haven't heard of sounds interesting? A tour of CDOT's "Colorado Traffic Management Center" in Golden. But next one I do know of, the Panda King Super Buffet - and my check book knows all too well of the nearby "Stage Stop Antique Mall" also on W. 44th Ave. where they'll tour next. Enjoy both... [*..so BTW, think you guys be doing more Italian lunch stops if the Alfa deal goes thru..?*]
- **Rocky Mountain Thunderbird Club...** ..say their annual Chili Cookoff was again a well attended, successful event - tasty too! Will be heading off to the Rambler Ranch to tour Terry Gale's collection of those neat Ramblers from all eras. Are already busy bookin' for "the Parade of the Years" up in Estes.
- **Model T Club, Mile High Chap...** ..had a good gathering and a good time when they went off to visit "the Wildlife Experience." Coming up are a visit from "the Legendary Ladies" for their April meeting. This is said to be a good event, time to let 'em get notorious and whatever else made them legends?
- **Colorado AMC Club, AMO...** ..touch on something to be concerned about from several directions. Security. In particular suggesting that in these more difficult financial times, there is more need for some thieves to loot even more. In extreme cases, there are those who will set homes, cars, whatever on fire to destroy any 'tracks,' e.g. fingerprints, loose hair [DNA], clothing threads, etc.

One common suggestion is converting to using deadbolts that require use of a key on the inside. Be aware - **this is against Building and Fire Codes!** Picture your children, grandchildren playing with fire,

get things all ablaze and then cannot find, work a key. Has happened. Is why it is National Code.

On the less dramatic side of things, I once had a condo with only one door into the unit. Being safety minded, I'd put an inside key deadbolt on. Year later gave folks in the office lots to laugh about, because called in to "...cancel all my appointments, I'm locked in." They all start asking "is she really that good?" Regrettably - was only there waiting for locksmith. Wasn't going out by, leaving a window open.

- **MG Car Club, Rocky Mountain Centre...** ...are doing St. Pat's Day Parades! Yep, gonna do both Colorado Springs and Denver, two different groups of course. And note that it will be busy in Glenwood weekend they do their umpteenth annual Rallye. The "Ride the Rockies" bike folks will be in town too. So if you're thinking Glenwood that weekend for whatever reason, book now - or bring a tent...
- **Falcon Club, Mile-Hi Chap...** ...did lunch and show at Heritage Square Music Hall, fun for all there. 'Nother fun place they're heading off to meet at will be Old Chicago. Going to go tour the WWI Aero Museum after they do a breakfast. From 'things that go high' they plan to tour Royal Gorge, a really deep subject there... Lots more planned for the coming months, lots of good events on calendar.
- **Studebaker Club, Pikes Peak...** ...gathering at the Dinosaur Resource Center in Woodland Park, later head off to Circle H Smoke House for lunch and meeting. Are planning to show some of their toys at the "Outlaw Car Show and Swap Meet in Pueblo at the State Fairgrounds, have fun, get exposure...
- **Early Ford V-8 Club, Hi-Country...** ...must have gotten their Fishing Licenses early this year, are going to the Downtown Aquarium..? If there's any extra, I like the whitefish, lots of lemon & butter, char some... NL does good informing members about the Caucuses being formed around the country by legislators who have one and/or just support our motor vehicle special interest area. Would be good news to have more such in office. Here in Colorado..?
- **American Truck Historical Society, Intermtn West...** ...has pix of the neatest early 'big' trucks. Tells of their planned trip to Cheyenne. Going to gather there to watch a MVPA convoy roll into town. This is a reenactment of a 1919 military convoy that crossed the US on "the Lincoln Highway" quite a feat.
- **Studebaker Club, Conestoga...** ...did lunch at La Sandia Mexican Kitchen before they headed on down to the "Wings Over the Rockies Museum." Did it right, guided tour took three hours to make the circuit. Next casual meeting will be at Alamos Verdes Restaurant in Arvada.
- **VMCCA, Royal Gorge...** ...did a Spring dustoff cruise to the Henhouse Restaurant in Pueblo West. Then backtrack to Canon City to tour the bronze casting studios of Robert Henderson. Natch, they're busy already for their annual show at Holy Cross Abbey.

Just Misc Bits of...

- **WAY TO GO up there in Flint, Mich...** ...God Bless the **U.S.A.** and the folks at Buick! Check it out, Buick rated as '...the most dependable vehicle...' by a J.D. Power study. Under "Reviews & Articles."
http://editorial.autos_msn.com/articles/industryinsider/
- **Compare to this...** ...got little envelope in mail, kinda lumpy? Open it, discover my new lapel pin from Pontiac-Oakland Club International's HQ, my "35 year member" pin. Was nice to get, do like the pin. But made in - **China!** *Sigh-h-h...*

- **Interesting info on Forbes.com. Lists and ranked 2008's 1,062 billionaires from around the world.** Out of curiosity, scanned thru top 100. Here is partial snapshot of where they are/ made it:
 - . U.S.A - 33
 - . **Russia - 19 ! ! !**
 - . India 10
 - . Hong Kong - 3
 - . Germany - 3
 - . U.K. - 2

So, from 'bout 1990 til now, *at least* - NINETEEN have made themselves multi-billionaires in Russia's now 'basically' Capitalist society. Seems basic evidence which socio-pol system is best to live in eh? Well which system do you think is better for your economic health, for opportunity, for your children? Tragically, those 'now seated in D.C.' are quietly, incrementally moving us *to Socialism?* [*..can't you just hear 'em in DC, cursing "that damned Cowboy President" aka R. Reagan? Him with those principals of his - right from our founding fathers guidebooks. " He just had to go mess with that good Soviet Communist system - and the Proletariat there loved it so much too..."*]

If it interests you at all, you can look at all the 2008 listed "bille's" at:

www.Forbes.com/2008/03/05/richest-people-billionaires-billionaires08-cx_1k_0305billie_land.html

and/or you can also look to see who is where now from Forbes home page...

- **Think it's time for Spring tune up, maintenance...** ..get your daily driver ready for vacationing, etc.? Well, 2VP Dick Thompson fwd'd image of a postcard mailing to offer services, rebuilding to folks in their local area 'a while back.' Postcard [original is aged/discolored] reads as follows:

Dear Sir:--

We're writing this letter to you today because we want to help you get your money out of your Model T.

It's still as good a car as it was the day the new Model A Ford was announced and there's no need to sacrifice it.

The Model T Ford is still used by more people than any other automobile. Eight million are in active service right now and many of them can be driven one, two, three and five years and even longer.

Bring your car to us and let us look it over. You'll be surprised to see how little it costs to put it in tip-top shape.

New fenders, for instance, cost from \$3.50 to \$5.00 each, with a labor charge of \$1.00 to \$2.50. Tuning up the motor and replacing commutator case, brush and vibrator points costs only \$1.00, with a small charge for material. Brake shoes can be installed and emergency brakes equalized for a labor charge of only \$1.25. A labor charge of \$4.00 to \$5.00 will cover the overhauling of the front axle, rebushing springs and spring perches and straightening, aligning and adjusting wheels.

The labor charge for overhauling the average rear axle runs from \$5.75 to \$7.00. Grinding valves and cleaning carbon can be done for \$3.00 to \$4.00.

A set of four new pistons and rings cost only \$7.00. For a labor charge of \$20 to \$25.00 you can have your motor and transmission completely overhauled. Parts are extra.

**Very truly yours,
Bottineau, N. Dak. C. R. GLEASON CO.**

Well, that's the way things were, back then. As was offered on a true, really was "a Penny Postcard" that was dropped into the mail to "Chester Bjorngaard Maxlass, ND" back on June 29, 1929.

[..ready to 'freshen up your toys,' have the parts, wouldn't it be nice to just tap a lapel 'communicator,' say, "Scotty! Beam my 19xx XYZ and parts back to C. R. Gleason Co. sometime in late June of 1929, I have some work for them..." Only pay those rates..?]

Other Matters...

- **Orwell was right! Just had the year wrong...** ...as we see more big brother by the day? Bill of Rights? Headed for the History books! Smile, say hello, wave to all the cameras. Be sure it's known where you are, what you're doing? <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/29681527/?GT1=43001> It is **not** about the public's safety and well being! It's about REVENUE production - *hey, gotta buy more cameras...*

- **Global Cooling?** Starting car the other day, radio comes on at end of newsmen saying "...so these scientists believe we'll soon be going into a couple years of **'a cycle' of global cooling...**"

"A cycle?" *NOT something ongoing, caused by mankind?* Heard anything on this? Could sure burst bubbles of those trying to sell the natural cycles of earth's climate as 'man caused' - just working to get ever more control over your life? TBD? Have a source, a link? "The rest of the story..?"

- **And now, for 'the Other Side of the Story' - GRC Chair Keith Hall passes this along...** ...from monthly newsletter of Jeffco County Commissioner Kathy Hartman [D], an open invitation to come to her April Town Hall Meeting. If you can, maybe go to hear what the perspective, info is? Tell us..?

Coming in April - "Climate Change and the Role of Renewable Energy"

Dr. Charles Kutscher from the National Renewable Energy Lab will be my guest at the April South Jeffco Town Hall, Saturday, 18th, from 9-11 am at the Peak Recreation Center. *[..no addr given wbc]*

Dr. Kutscher is a Principal Engineer and Manager of the Thermal Systems Group at the National Renewable Energy Laboratory in Golden, Colorado where he currently leads the research on parabolic trough solar collector systems. He is a Past Chair and a Fellow of the American Solar Energy Society (ASES) and was General Chair of the SOLAR 2006 national solar energy conference held in Denver, which led to the 200 page ASSES report, Tackling Climate Change in the U.S., available at <http://www.ases.org/climatechange>. He has given many invited presentations around the country on renewable energy and climate change. He was the keynote speaker for the first "Colorado's New Energy Economy" Conference in October 2007, and this past January he received the 2008 Governor's Excellence in Renewable Energy Individual Award. *[..for the many of you who have by now recognized that I definitely carry the original gene for "puns," sick and/or black humor - the "Outhouse Brown" text color of the heading of this - is just as was passed on from Keith. I didn't do it..!]*

- **Optional Medical Payments Benefit Auto insurance...** ...piece in "Rocky Mountain Health Plans" NL explains: You may have recently received a letter from your auto insurance company about a new law that went into effect January 1st. All Colorado auto insurance policy holders are now required to have a medical payments benefit added to their policy, unless they opt out and waive the medical payments coverage. The medical payments benefit will give you \$5,000 worth of coverage per auto accident or auto-related incident for authorized drivers and passengers of your insured vehicle in case of injury.

When you are covered by this medical payments benefit, the first \$5,000 of medical claims resulting from an auto accident will be paid by the auto insurance policy automatically to first responders and trauma care providers. This amount will also be applied toward the unmet deductible and/or accident-related coinsurance of the injured person's medical health plan for that year.

If you choose to opt out and waive this medical payments coverage, any injured people will be responsible for all deductible and accident-related coinsurance amounts due under their medical health plan. People without health insurance may be responsible for the full amount of all medical claims.

Some Known Bills / Actions of Interest in / to Colo. are...

Status of Bills in Colorado. To not duplicate, those Bills reported on by Council Lobbyist Leo Boyle during the last General Meeting are reported on in the 'Minutes of the General Meeting.' Listed briefly here are Bill numbers and brief abstract of those believed to be of impact or possible impact on the Enthusiast, whether currently being worked or in waiting.

- **HB 09-1042. Re / aka “the Slowpoke Bill” will penalize drivers who backup 5 or more vehicles on 2 lane roads.** Hallelujah! Now if they'd only *enforce* keep right except to pass...
- **SB 09-002. Re raising license fees ‘to fund emergency medical services.**
- **SB 09-107. Re extending time to 1 year that a notarized bill of sale exempts vehicles at least 25 years old from having a bonded title.**

Updates and Items from SEMA...

This is info received by Joe Baker, who may paraphrase to send to the Council. Joe does a real service to us in doing this. More complete info can be obtained from Steve McDonald at SEMA, stevem@sema.org on specific issues.

- **Once again, we get to say, “we hope that no news is good news.”**

Items from SAN Newsletter...

Info from SEMA Action Network's monthly NL, passed on to keep you and your Club Members informed of things in other states - that you can bet will come here too - if they create revenue or give more control.

SOLUTIONS...

- SEMA has led the way getting people informed about the proposed National “Cash for Clunkers” program, and from there many thousands of people wrote and/or called their legislators, leading to it not being included in the so called “Economic Stimulus Bill.”

But remember - it has only been forestalled. It hasn't gone away. Like “Arnold warned” - I'll be back!

New Stuf'...

- **Sound good to you maybe...** ..looking for help with vintage radios? Check these out:

www.vintagecarradio.com www.olderadioworks.googlepages.com www.grillecloth.com

- **Antiques, and other good stuff...** ..we all seem to wind up on mailing lists we have no idea how we got onto. Here is one I stay on because of architectural, building related items, and they do get other 'items of interest.' Like vintage, special interest cars, trucks, etc. Last year they had, sold, "the Moxie Horse" auto! Remember it being in a Labor Day parade when I was nine, back in Mass. Real unique vehicle...

Might check them out? www.rbantiques.com Once on home page click on "COLLECTIBLES," then click on "VEHICLES," then scroll down to see what's available...

- **And then - for sheer WOW Factor...** ..you gotta check this out! This was sent by 2VP Dick Thompson. Don't make mistake I did - going to site with computer's volume turned up near max. The blast startled me half out of my chair! But then - what a way to go! *Play it again Sam...*

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m0jrPrjW3Oc> Plus, if you really like "Ferrari Red" here's more:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zvq_7GuzOkY&feature=related <= Ferrari Enzo

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aBXUOomynxw&feature=related> <= Ferrari F1 Sounds V12

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fYF3T2LMZCM&NR=1> <= Ferrari F1 Sounds V12 (Part 2)

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RqiQ_DhfkMs&feature=related <= Enzo vs Porsche Carrera GT

- **Vacation time coming - "To Tour, or Not to Tour"...** ..well much doom and gloom is heard every day about the economy, and tragically, about folks losing their homes, etc. Thought perspective might cheer some of you up? Might rethink going off on that long tour, go to your National Convention, whatever?

Here's a report on things in housing, and on where Denver stands. [..was done by a group in Forbes..?] Anyway, the ten best, ten worst markets for home values/ sales:

#1. New York City [best]	#91. Miami, Fla.
#2. D.C.	#92. Tampa, Fla.
#3. Charlotte, N.C.	#93. Atlanta, Ga.
#4. Portland, Ore.	#94. Cleveland, Ohio
#5. San Diego, Cal.	#95. Chicago, Ill.
#6. Denver, Colo.	#96. San Francisco, Cal.
#7. Boston, Mass.	#97. Minneapolis, Minn.
#8. Dallas, Tex.	#98. Detroit, Mich.
#9. Los Angeles, Cal.	#99. Phoenix, Ariz.
#10. Seattle, Wash.	#100. Las Vegas, Nev. [worst]

So the good news for you/ us? Metro is # 6! While perhaps not as good as we'd like things to be, maybe 'the sky isn't falling after all?' So line up the luggage, picnic baskets, and spare parts and let's hit the road this Summer. We got 'em. Let's use 'em!

- **Electric ~~Horseman~~ Mustang...** ..nope, it's not R. Redford on the tube, just local interviewer Dan... But Buick Club personality, talent, bon vivant, NL Ed Dave Felice sends this link to see what some local guys are doing to take new Mustangs and 'get wired..' [*..what's up next Doc, a DeLorean..? HA...*]

http://www.mustangblog.com/blog/1019158_electric-ford-mustangs-available-from-plug-in-motors
[*..a future happening: Pull up beside car at stop light, call over to driver, "Hey lady! Your dress is hanging out the bottom of the door. Oh, and you're dragging your electric cord too..!"*]

- **New kid on the block...** ..seen the ads from **FedEx** Auto Transport? Yep, closed box transports. Do they take Visa, MC, Amex for that service too..?

NL Humor for the Month...

- Well, either the typical lotsa gray skies of Feb - Mar have had NL folks humor down or I just plain missed finding it? Dunno...
- Stopped for coffee, from a booth somewhere behind, overheard this:

“Ah-h-h, Hello Mr. President? President Obama Sir? Thank you for taking my call sir.

Ah, may I please ask you a question sir? Oh yes, thank you Mr. President. My question is, if it is you, your Party, your Administration, the Federal Government who are saving us all.

Then why is it that all of America’s non-welfare, non-subsidized, working Americans tax money is funding all this..? Hello? Hello? Hello? Mr. President..?”

The line and it’s delivery were cute. Sounded like something from Bob Newhart. But unfortunately, the truth of it isn’t funny at all...

Words From The Wise...

***If you ever let the bankers control the issue of your currency,
they will first inflate prices and then deflate prices,-
and your children will wind up homeless.***

*Thomas Jefferson, 1743 - 1826.
American Patriot, Founding Father,
Author of the Declaration of Independence,
3rd President of the United States of America*

- Remember, the “Federal Reserve Banks” are NOT Federal. They are privately owned. You will find them listed in the newest Metro Denver commercial phone directory on page 219 about 2/3 of the way down in the center column. Not listed in the Blue Page Sections reserved for governmental agencies.? And now, what is it they are being proposed to get control of - as saviors? You figure it out...

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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING of Wed. Mar. 04, 2009.

Held at the Forney Transportation Museum 4303 Brighton Boulevard Denver, Colo. 80216.

The Meeting was called to order by 2009 President Joe Baker at 7:32 PM.

President Baker asked if there were any new reps present:

- New Prez of VMCCA, Royal Gorge, Dan Guernsey intro'd self, noted bringing some flyers for their annual Holy Cross Abbey show.
- Jim Neilson intro'd several guests from the Early Ford V-8 Club.
- Joe made special note to thank Leo Boyle, Keith, Harold, Dick and others who have worked SB 108.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting.

President Baker asked if there any corrections to or omissions from the minutes. There being none raised, it was moved, seconded and voted affirmatively to accept them as submitted.

Secretary's Report. 2009 Secretary Pro Tem, Bill Colburn.

- 47 clubs were represented tonight.
- to date, 31 clubs have renewed; there are no new clubs; there were 54 clubs in the Council in 2008.
- to date, 0 Associate Members have renewed; there were 2 in the Council in 2008.
- to date, 1 Individual has renewed; there were 3 in the Council in 2008.

- Last month the NL was sent to 190 by e-m and to 58 as hardcopy.
- **ALL Clubs should be** mailing a copy of each issue of their newsletter to the Council, or pdf to occc.secy@gmail.com.

- Secy. Colburn explained that most of the info that goes into the NL doesn't come in until around the 15th, sometimes later. So to get info included, not be content free he sometimes has to wait a bit longer to get things wrapped up, sent out.
 - . President Baker added that the procedure that has been implemented, and is working well is that if anything is of real importance, we have been doing Special Alerts by e-mail. It has worked very well to date, and seems the way to go. Joe further added that for those clubs whose officers do not have e-mail you should try to ID someone in your club to whom we can send alerts, who can relay them.
 - . Secy Colburn reminds to not stock up stamps, an increase in Postal Rates is expected sometime around Mother's Day, TBD?

Treasurer's Report. 2009 Treasurer, Tom Kay.

Treasurer Kay reports the following summary, as of 28-Feb-2009:

ASSETS:

- Balances of Accounts:	<u>Current.Bal</u>	<u>\$ in.</u>	<u>\$ out.</u>	<u>Prev.Bal</u>
Operating Account	\$1,913.29	875.00	20.00	\$1,058.29
Governmental Relations Acct	6,902.00	4,252.00	0.00	2,650.00
Swap Meet	13,131.59	0.00	540.00	13,671.59
Swap Meet Pre-Reg'n deposits	350.00	0.00	0.00	350.00
Car Show	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Colfax Avenue Cruise	+ 1,166.13	+ 0.00	- 0.00	+ 1,166.13
Total - Accounts.	<u>\$23,463.01</u>	<u>\$5,127.00</u>	<u>\$560.00</u>	<u>\$18,896.01</u>

- Liquid Assets in Deposit:

Checking Acct	\$23,463.01	5,127.00	560.00	\$18,896.01
Swap Meet Deposit	300.00	0.00	0.00	300.00
CD Acct	+ 0.00	+ 0.00	- 0.00	+ 0.00
Total - Liquid Assets.	\$23,763.01	\$5,127.00	\$560.00	\$19,196.01

LIABILITIES:

- Amounts Owed / Liabilities:	<u>Current.Bal</u>	<u>\$ in.</u>	<u>\$ out.</u>	<u>Prev.Bal</u>
Lobbyist [\$3,750: Mar, Jun, Sep, Dec]	\$ 0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Pre-paid Swap Meet Deps	350.00	0.00	0.00	350.00
<i>Other - none at this time</i>	+ 0.00	+ 0.00	- 0.00	+ 0.00
Total - Liabilities.	\$350.00	0.00	0.00	\$350.00

Net Worth. \$23,413.01 +\$5,127.00 \$560.00 \$18,846.01

- **Acceptance:** President Baker asked if there any questions or corrections. There being none, it was moved, seconded and voted affirmatively to accept the Treasurer’s Report as submitted.

Governmental Relations Committee / Lobbyist’s Report. 2009 Chair; Keith Hall.

This committee exists to pro-actively seek to identify and acquire copies of statutes, regulations, ordinances, rules, etc. both proposed and in-place that will, or do affect any aspect of your ownership, taxes, insuring, maintaining, repairing, or uses of your vehicles; to study them, report on all such, make recommendations to the Council as to nature and/or actions to take; to act to build good relations with any appropriate Colorado Legislators, governmental agencies, quasi-governmental agencies and/or NGOs to defend, promote and support the best interests of the Council.

Keith reports:

- ..see Leo’s report ff.

Lobbyist Leo Boyle reports:

- This FASTER Bill moved very, very quickly and it was pretty clear to me that it was going to pass. So the strategy that we took on it was to amend it to make sure that as many as of our concerns as we could would be addressed. Now that doesn’t mean to say that any of you that opposed it, opposed the Bill were wrong. But whether you opposed it or not it was going to pass. It was wired. I mean that...

And it had the support of big sections of the business community, the Denver Chamber of Commerce, lots of the Counties, Municipal Leagues, Contractors, Labor Unions, etc. This Bill is both a job creator and a means of addressing the issue of bridge repairs and highway maintenance.

The way this Bill was originally introduced there was no exemption for Horseless Carriage plates. There is now an exemption for Horseless Carriage plates, and we were successful in getting that. The intent of the sponsors of the Bill was to make sure that the five year Collector Plate would only pay the additional fee one time. Now, I’ve got to go back, I’ve got to reread the bill. It’s been marked up so much, now with the final copy it’s hard for me to tell what it is now. I’ve got to go back to it.

The problem with the Collector’s Plate is that there is approximately a hundred thousand cars out there with the Collectors series plates on them, or eligible. I’ve got the data, there’s 97,000 cars with the

plates. And, in order to make the tax proposal work from the standpoint of the proponents of it [*i.e. for revenue creation*] they had to have a large number of people.

And the problem is there is some large number of people using those plates who are not serious Collectors. They are using them on daily drivers. Now in SB 03 we're going to cut that down. We're going to be limiting the use of them to 1975, so we'll be limiting the growth of that.

The Horseless Carriage affects a smaller number of people, some 2,577. Now as more cars become eligible to use the Horseless Carriage I imagine more people will have an economic incentive, do it.

The Governor signed the Bill on Monday. It's a big Bill, it's a long Bill, it's a complicated Bill, it changed radically from when it was first introduced. But it could be modified in the future if things are not exactly right. [*..more to come later...*]

Some questions, discussions came from the floor. Keith offered that the truckers, the rental car industry and others wanted to kill the Bill, and no concessions were made. We got practically the only concession made. We got consideration for our historic cars, Horseless Plates, etc. Several other points and considerations were discussed. But this is the meat of the matter, and ends up OK for us.

Was clarified that the fine for registering late stays at current \$10 rate for existing residents, the \$25 per month that was first proposed is intended to apply to people new to Colo. who delay registering here.

Other Bills are in process, are not adverse to our interests. Leo will report on their status in April.

Significant point made from the floor was that Leo's efforts have more than repaid us the cost of his services. This message should definitely be brought back to all clubs.

SEMA Report. 2009 Contact and Reporter; Joe Baker.

SEMA, the Specialty Equipment Manufacturers Association is a trade group whose members are the people who manufacture all the aftermarket products used to maintain, repair, upgrade, improve or modify your Motor Vehicles. This group has done more to inform and guard against harmful acts than any other.

Joe reports:

- Joe has forwarded information for you throughout the month - not being part of the General Meeting, it is provided to you in the Newsletter. *wbc*]

WebMaster Report. 2009 webmaster, Keith Hall.

Keith reports:

- No report tonight.

Car Show Committee. 2009 Chair; *open*.

The Car Show Committee is responsible for studying, proposing, then organizing and conducting an Annual Car Show event to bring to prominent display, some quality, representative vehicles from all of our member clubs for the purpose of exhibiting and evidencing to the general public that our Collectible, Special Interest and Historic Motor Vehicles are of positive areas of interests. Objective, to educate and gain public support.

Committee presently inactive.

Swap Meet Committee. 2009 Chair; Gary Canady.

The Swap Meet Committee is responsible for studying, proposing, then organizing and conducting an Annual Swap Meet at which the Council has vendors come in to present for sale their variety of NOS, NORS, repro or vintage original parts to all our Motor Vehicle Enthusiasts and the general public. Objective is to support the needs of our Colorado Motor Vehicle Enthusiasts and to help create operating funds for the Council - as it has since 1968.

Gary reports:

- this year the Meet will be a one day event. It will be held at Adams County Fairgrounds on Saturday Aug. 22nd, 2009.
- Things are on track, flyers available at back of the room.

Colfax Avenue Cruise. 2008 Chair; Dick Thompson.

This proposes and organizes an annual event to be held along Colfax Avenue in Metro Denver. Objective is to hold a largish event for Colorado Motor Vehicle Enthusiasts to bring out, drive and have an 'adult show & tell.' Meant to be an enjoyable event for all, and as another opportunity to visit with and exhibit ourselves to the general public as responsible and respectable, to gain public and legislative support.

Dick reports:

- The Havana Cruise will be held on Saturday June 20th, 2009 flyers are available.
 - . The Havana Biz Improvement District will again donate \$2,500 to the Council.
 - . Volunteers are needed to be greeters pass out programs, guide people coming thru, etc.
 - . Traffic control will be by police rent-a-cop services.
 - . Clubs to be involved so far include Pontiac-Oakland, MHCC, Early Mustang, Early V-8 and AACA.
 - . Dick tells us Cruisin' 950 is the oldies, Hal Moore, Jay Marvin, etc. are going to be the major media sponsor for both cruises this year. And this year they are holding concerts at Hudson Gardens, and we may be able to set up a booth for exposure there. Will also have a booth at the Miss Wheelchair Colorado car show.
- The Colfax Avenue Cruise will be held on Saturday Sep. 19th, 2009.
 - . More details to be out next month, is shaping up well.

Old Business.

- No Old Business discussed tonight.

New Business.

- Dick T tells us we are going to get two pages of publicity in the forthcoming "Streamline" catalog.
- Dick invites anyone to write up things about any related subject to be published in 'the Latest Scoop.'
- Dick relates that Tracy called him from the Latest Scoop, she was very mad, hates our calendar in our NL. The problem that Bill has is that he tries to create it from information that is carryover from last year, is picking it up from various sources and what she hates about it is it is two fold, it is often inaccurate and the second is it is competition for her. And Tracy has been a supporter of the Council and our special interest area. And you publish a calendar that tries to put me out of business? Dick says

I suggest you do not publish a calendar in our NL, just refer everyone to the Scoop.

- . Discussion, comments followed from the floor, that the Council has no intent nor desire to compete with the fine job Tracy does, and she does such a good job there is surprise she'd feel that way?
- . Point was made the initial purpose of founding the Council was to coordinate events, and publishing the calendar of member clubs events is the mechanism for doing that. Many spoke up that they support and subscribe to the Scoop and will continue to, but want to maintain what is being done.
- . Secy Colburn reminds the header of the calendar requests that all clubs provide info on events in writing, so accuracy [his typos aside?] is up to clubs, to provide info as early in the year as possible.
- . Prez Baker, suggests everyone think about this, can discuss further in future...

Announcements, Reminders & Miscellanea.

- Pres. Baker notes that Brighton High School Car Show will be 25-Apr 10-14:00, info at 303.655.4194.
- Kirk Johnson informs of "Engaging Loveland" a non-profit group working for many local non-profit beneficial groups will hold a car show July 11&12 at the Civic Center Park/ Foote Lagoon 303.921.8849.
- The Holy Cross Abbey Car Show will be capping at 100 cars this year, so sign up early, forms here.
- Ted Rossi updated on status of the annual Rossi Run, has been rescheduled to 31-May, see flyers.
- Rich Somers tells us of his operating "Old Auto Special Events" which coordinates getting together people who want to get use of a car for some special occasion and those willing to make their vehicles available.
- Gary Canady informs that there will be an open house at the Tebo Collection on 16-May.

Possible Agenda Items for Next Months Mtg.

- Update on legislation in process.
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Next General Meeting.

- **Note that the April Regular Meeting will be held on Wednesday April 01st at 7:30 PM, at the Falcon Police Station located at 7850 Goddard - in Colorado Springs.**

DIRECTIONS: exit I-25 at Academy exit, after crossing past the Interstate go So. about one block to first traffic light, turn right onto Kelly Johnson Boulevard, go about one block, turn left onto Goddard Street. Police Station will be on your right. **NOTE:** ..please park on street, PD's parking lot is bit cramped, so don't want to inconvenience our hosts...

Meeting was adjourned at 8:47 PM by President Baker.

Respectfully Submitted,

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William B. Colburn, 2009 Secretary Pro Tem

