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OCCC — Havana Cruise

On Saturday, June 19th, the Old Car Council of Colorado held its annual Havana Cruise. This year the festival sites were held at the Stampede, Gibby's, Wells Fargo Bank, Stevenson Toyota East & Scion, and Gateway Mazda.

The weather was perfect for cruising, and the event was attended by thousands of enthusiastic car owners and their vehicles. The event was a giant success for the OCCC and for the merchants up and down Havana Street.

Many thanks to Dick Thompson for heading up the effort. This is a huge job, and we are lucky to have Dick doing the coordination. Also many thanks to the clubs who worked at the various festival sites (Looking Glass Corvette Club, Rocky Mountain Thunderbird Club, the MOPAR club, Mile High Cobra Club, the Pontiac Club, the Cadillac Club, Early V-8 Club, Studebaker Club, FOMOCO Club, Chassis Lassies Club, Packard Club and the AACA.





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Club meeting ideas

We've all had this dilemma from time to time. Where to go for car club meeting and outings. It seems over the years, we've been everywhere and done everything, multiple times. Well, we aim to please, so here are some ideas of places for your car club activities:

1) *Missile Site Park / Greeley*

Missile Site Park is an old Atlas E missile silo built in 1959 and became operational in 1961 during the Cold War. Although short lived, the Atlas E program was pivotal because it paved the way for the current ICBM system. Missile Site Park is the only deactivated Atlas E missile site in the country. Missile Site Park is located at 106011 Spur 257, just off of U.S. Business 34 about 7 miles west of Greeley. Free tours run about an hour. To schedule a tour, call Pete Ambrose at 970-381-7451.

2) *Greeley Freight Station Museum / Greeley*

The Greeley Freight Station Museum has a large collection of rail road memorabilia and an amazing 5,500 square foot HO scale model railroad that Mountain Railroader

magazine dubbed "The ultimate mountain layout". With 20.5 scale miles of mainline track, this is the largest model train railroad between Chicago and San Diego. The Greeley Freight Station Museum is located at 680 10th Street, Greeley, Colorado 80631. Their phone number is 970-392-2934. Admission cost is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children.

3) *Music Organ Museum / Denver*

This is a private collection of wonderful music boxes, dance organs and coin operated pianos. Some of these organs are several stories tall. These organs remind us of days gone by, and bring back great memories. To schedule a tour, call Bill or Rosanna Harris at 303-868-0745 or 303-431-0799. The museum is located in a warehouse at 5815 West 52nd Avenue, Denver, Colorado 80212.



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*For membership information please call:
 Ken Hoehner at 303-424-4631.*



Car of the Month

Second chance '57 Chevy

Owned by Daryl and Linda Troute



Daryl's '57 Chevy from high school



Daryl and Linda's current '57 Chevy



Daryl and Linda in high school



Daryl and Linda today

Back in the day of long hair, bell bottoms and flower power, Daryl and Linda met in Jr. High band class. They were both drummers and Linda was always First Chair until Daryl came on the scene. You see, Linda became infatuated with the new cute drummer boy and all of her talent just twitter patted away (*according to Daryl*). In high school they dated for a couple of years. They played gigs in Estes Park and taught music in Grand Lake at a band camp. They traveled in style in Daryl's 1957 Chevy Belair, Sierra Gold and Adobe Beige, 4 door sedan. They were inseparable. ALMOST!

Then, Daryl went off to college and learned some things about love, respect, life, etc. Linda, who already knew about love, respect, life, etc, had already planned out her life with Daryl. Daryl's plan was a bit different. He decided he wanted to explore the world and meet new people. Linda was heartbroken, but got over it and married someone else.

After college and after wrecking his '57 Chevy, Daryl was still looking for love (in all the wrong places). He met his future ex-wife at the No Frill's Bar and Grill. Obviously, neither Daryl's or Linda's first marriages lasted. (They did get some great kids out of the deal, however).

Now, in the day of baldness, wrinkles and elastic waistbands, Daryl and Linda have a second chance at love and a healthy, happy life together. Daryl wrote in Linda's 1975 high school yearbook, "I will marry you someday Linda." She had it in writing and she held him to it. Twenty five years later, they finally got married...Yippee! One thing was still missing, their '57 Chevy Belair, Sierra Gold and Adobe Beige, 4 door sedan. They found one in the Denver paper and when they first saw the car they wondered if this was the original one from high school. (Not the exact one, but so close you would not know the difference). They are now Inseparable! Daryl, Linda AND their '57 Chevy of course.



DJ at the Gateway Mazda site.



Little GTO lookin' mighty fine.



Dix's Toy.



Just cruisin' through.



T-Bucket brigade was out in full force.



Gotta love Betty Boop.

ED: I am looking for other Cars of the Month. These cars do not have to be concours award winners, just cars that have owners who are proud to own them. (Don't we all feel that way?) To nominate a car and owner, please contact me at gakiyama@earthlink.net. Thanks.

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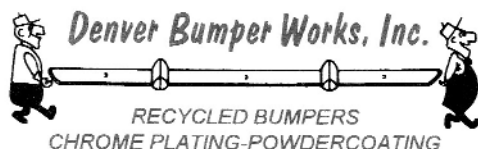
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