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**COLORADO CHAPTER EVENT**

**CARBOYS AND ENGINES**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 2015**

**9:30 AM**

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**MOUNTAIN HIGH PERFORMANCE**

**5293 WARD ROAD**

**UNIT 3**

**ARVADA, CO 80002**

**(303) 420-6218**

Bill Arnold will open the doors to his machine shop and welcome the Chapter members (Carboys) in to talk about the process of machining engine parts and rebuilding engines. Bill is a Pontiacer who has done engine work for a lot of us. He is an excellent person to give good info on the does and don'ts of engine rebuilding. We will have coffee and snacks. Everyone is welcome.

Mountain High Performance is in an industrial complex just north of I-70 on the west side of Ward Road.

See you there—Saturday, March 21 at 9:30 am.



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**Minutes of Meeting, 4 February 2015**

The meeting was held at the Classic Restoration facility, 3800 S. Kalamath St., Englewood Colorado. The meeting was hosted by the Farland family. Before the business meeting began, the following guest speakers described events, businesses, and potential event locations:

- Jack Farland: Classic Restorations shop
  - Paul Leuenberger: American National Insurance (CCCC discounts available)
  - Gayle Jetchick: Havana Cruise
  - Mike Nicholas: Georgetown Hill Climb, Monte Vista dirt drags,
  - Marvin Geisner: Georgetown as a venue for car club events
  - Ryan Weeks: Rio Grande Scenic Railroad, Alamosa: scenic RR trips, dinners, concert trips.
  - Michael Hesse and Win Ferrill, Denver Police and Denver Firefighters Museums.
- Christof Kheim, Forney Transportation Museum

Club presidents and other guests were introduced.

The business meeting was called to order at 7:25 pm by President Dick Thompson. Officers in attendance were Dick Thompson, president; Tom Mansfield, 1<sup>st</sup> vice president; Dick Fritz, secretary; and Tom Kay, treasurer. 46 member clubs were represented.

Minutes of the January 7<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved as published.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Tom Kay reported balances as of January 31<sup>st</sup>:

Operating Account:	\$	253.63	
Govt.Relations Account;	\$	3110.00	
Cruise Account:	\$		0.00
Reserve Account		<u>\$24796.03</u>	
Total, all accounts			\$28159.66

Note that all accounts, except Reserve, were set to zero at the beginning of the year.

Tom read the names of the 21 clubs that have renewed so far for 2015. This is a good start, and we urge other clubs to submit their renewals and current club officer information.

**Legislation information:** Leo Boyle knows his way around the capital building, but he managed to get lost trying to find our meeting. He noted that this legislative session will be marked by partisan divisions, with the senate controlled by one party (nameless) and the house controlled by the other party (nameless). CCCC has already attended and spoke at three hearings on bills that are of concern to car collectors. Two bills (SB 15-018 and HB 15-1077) sought to repeal the up to \$100 penalty for late license registration. Due to expected fiscal impact (the fines brought in \$17 million to the highway users trust fund) these bills are unlikely to pass. The third bill (HB 15-1068) proposed to specify measures to define what constitutes impeding traffic on Colorado highways. Opposition from CCCC, the Colorado Highway Patrol, and trucking association led to the bill dying in committee. The CHP prefers more flexibility in interpreting impeding.

Leo has heard rumors that the issue of exempting collector eligible vehicles from salvage title designation may again be brought up. As a certified auto appraiser, Gary George noted that salvage titles cause a serious reduction in resale value, and the Porsche 356 coupe here at Classic Restoration would not be worth restoration or even preservation if were assigned a salvage title.

**Charity contributions:** The council wants to compile information about charities and causes that our clubs, collectively and individually, support. Please send information to Dick Thompson ([Thompson660@cs.com](mailto:Thompson660@cs.com)). This is useful PR with the Legislature and the public.

**Forney Museum:** Christof Kheim stated that although Jack Forney passed away on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Board of Directors of the Forney Foundation will continue operation of the museum as it has in the past. The museum will host a fund raising event "Swing Among The Cars" at the Forney on March 11<sup>th</sup>, 6 to 10 pm. This will feature the Tommy Dorsey Orchestra. Individual tickets are \$110, with the option of sponsoring a table for 10 at \$1000 or 4 at \$400. Please consider joining a table with CCCC members.

**Havana Cruise:** Plans for the June 13 are progressing on schedule. TV Channel 9 will be one of the sponsors. The VIP dinner for volunteer workers will be at the Radison Hotel this year. The first prize in the poker rallye will be an ocean cruise, second prize will be a tool chest. We will be seeking club volunteers in coming months.

**Name badges:** All current club representatives to the CCCC are entitled to receive a name badge. To apply, contact Dick Thompson at [Thompson660@cs.com](mailto:Thompson660@cs.com) or phone 303-929-5533.

**Colorado Collector Car News:** To receive a free subscription to CCCN, send an email to Greg Akiyama at [gakiyama@earthlink.net](mailto:gakiyama@earthlink.net).

**Hagerty Insurance event:** Hagerty is sponsoring a gathering to celebrate 2015 Colorado car events at their location hosted with The Intrigue Collection (formerly Club Auto), 11100 W. 8<sup>th</sup> Ave., Lakewood CO. Time is 6 to 9 pm on Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup>. There will be a strolling dinner and cocktails. RSVP: [sbain@hagerty.com](mailto:sbain@hagerty.com)

**Havana Auto Parts discount:** reminder: Havana Auto Parts offers a discount to CCCC club members. The code to use is 2039.

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, March 4, 2015, at the Forney Transportation Museum, 4303 Brighton Blvd., Denver Colorado.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm. Once again, we thank Jack, Trina, and Fo Farland of Classic Restoration for hosting this meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Dick Fritz, secretary

From Fo Farland: "Think of yourselves not as collectors but rather as preservers of automotive history."

The Forney Museum of Transportation began as a private collection and has expanded into one of the finest transportation collections in the country. Mr. J.D. Forney, founder of [Forney Industries](#) in [Ft. Collins, Colorado](#), became interested in antique and classic cars after his wife and children gave him a 1921 [Kissel](#) yellow Tourister, the same model he used to court his wife Rae.

Forney Industries has produced many products such as the [Fornair](#) airplane, a central vacuum system and portable [vacuum cleaner](#), auto generators, and battery chargers, but the best-known products are the different models of electric welders and welding supplies.

Mr. Forney started taking in old cars and carriages as trades on some of the welder sales. In 1961 the Forney Museum incorporated in Fort Collins, Colorado. In 1964 it became recognized as a 501 (3)(c) non-profit organization.



The museum displays locomotives to baby carriages, a first generation snow mobile to bicycles, steam farm implements to motorcycles; a varied collection of historic vehicles

The [Forney locomotive](#) 0-4-4T was designed and patented by Matthias Forney, and this "Forney" tank-type of engine was built by several manufacturers. The one displayed at the Forney Museum of Transportation was built by Porter in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in 1897. This type of engine was commonly used on elevated railways, such as the *New York Elevated Railway*, the *Brooklyn Elevated*, and the *Chicago Elevated*. They were called the "Little Giants," and more than 500 were in service around 1900 hauling both freight and passengers. Steam-powered engines on the elevateds lasted only a few years, as they were replaced by the new electric engines. Forney engines were then sold off to buyers all over the world for mining, lumber, plantations, and short-haul freight and passengers. The Forney locomotives hauled both freight and passengers in the Denver area. The *Denver, Lakewood and Golden Railway* and the *Denver Circle Railroad* were the best known systems using this model.

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The Big Boy Union Pacific #4005 is the major attraction at the museum and it is one of the few remaining examples of the world's largest steam locomotives, a 4-8-8-4 type. Only 25 were ever built, and eight remain in museums. The #4005 was involved in a crash on April 27, 1953.

About fifty feet away from Big Boy is a 1928 Oakland. Due to the trading manner of acquiring vehicles, the origin of the Oakland is unknown. Until recent times, the Oakland was in poor condition and would not run. With the help of Ron Carpenter, the car runs and is more correct in appearance. The car smokes excessively, but is a good museum piece.



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**For Sale:** 68 Bonneville 2 door HT, 455 ci engine, automatic. Carter Brooks (303) 343-8106. (303) 483-8002.

**Wanted: Ash Tray** for 1979 Catalina Wagon. Brian Davis at [b.e.davis@comcast.net](mailto:b.e.davis@comcast.net).

**For Sale: Convertible Top hardware** for 64—? Lemans. Dean Kuhloie (303) 888-4188

**Free; 1928 Pontiac Engine, not perfect, but good for parts. Ted Rossi (303) 618-3935**

**Wanted: 1959 Pontiac Gas Cap. Francis, 970 871-0319**

**For Sale: 1977 Gran Prix - 48,000 Original Miles**, One Owner, purchased in California right off the show floor. Runs GREAT, no leaks. Body straight, upholstery in good shape. Contact Lark 303-521-1019 Aurora, CO. \$6,000 negotiable

**Wanted: '57 Chieftain 2 door hard top.** Monty Henkel 303 450-2311

**For Sale: 1972 GTO Completely re-done 3000 miles ago. Extensive upgrades. Herb 720 328-8116.**



**For Sale: 1973 Chevy Blazer K-5, 350 ci engine, Very low mileage, garage kept and all original. Linda & Jerry Baptic, 303 690-2320**

**For sale:** set of four, 70's vintage, 15" Pontiac honeycomb wheels including the center caps. The wheels need to be refurbished. What is the best way to see if any of your club members can make use of these original wheels? Dave in Greeley; [ouray4whl@aol.com](mailto:ouray4whl@aol.com).



The Buick Pontiac Olds Cadillac show will be held on May 30, 2015 at Shepler's Western Wear, Greenwood Village. This is a great show hosted by the Rocky Mountain Olds Club and us . . . . The Colorado Chapter of the Colorado Chapter of POCI.