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MARCH CHAPTER EVENT

CARBOYS AND ENGINES

SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 2016

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 Pontiacs and other car related items. 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.



The Colorado Chapter of POCI is an active member of the Collector Car Council of Colorado.

Going Ons in the Colorado Chapter

The Colorado chapter now has a full complement of officers; Rich Galvin has agreed to serve as vice president. The officers will be working to make improvements in the chapter. We will plan some consistently quality events, we will have an accurate email list, and our chapter roster will be accurate.

Looking ahead, there will be a car and aircraft show along with a swap meet at Front Range Airport on May 28, 2016. Plans are being finalized and the chapter will probably have swap space and a food concession. On June 4th is the BPOC show at the Boot Barn in Greenwood Village and we are a co-host of this show. On June 11 will be Cruzin' Havana with the Chapter managing one of the site on the cruising route. And, the National POCI show will be in Bettendorf, IA in July. Bettendorf is not a bad drive from Colorado so let's be talking about a caravan to the convention..

Our fiscal year is May 1 to April 30 which means that dues notices will be sent out in a few weeks. The dues will remain at \$25 per year. A portion of the dues goes to the Collector Car Council Of Colorado to support their efforts to be involved in the State legislature watching out for our interest in the car hobby. We also make charitable contribution to area organizations.

The Collector Car Council has set up a Political Action Committee (PAC) to support State law makers who are considerate of people involved in the car hobby. More information on the PS is in minutes of the CCCC –see pages 3 and 4 of this newsletter. Financial support can be made by individuals.

Spring is not far away. Let's enjoy the cars and get involved in the Chapter activities along with the may car events in Colorado.

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Colorado Chapter POCI Tee Shirts are available for purchase at \$12 each. All sizes available. To get a tee shirt, contact Gary Canady: gccanady@comcast.net.



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Minutes of Meeting, 3 February 2016

Presidents Night

The meeting was held at Classic Restoration, 3800 S. Kalamath St., Englewood Colorado.

The meeting was called to order at 6:54 pm by President Dick Thompson. Officers in attendance were Dick Thompson, president; Tom Mansfield, 1st vice president; Samantha Baker, 2nd vice president; Dick Fritz, secretary; and Tom Kay, treasurer. 42 member clubs were represented. Guests, club presidents, and others (mostly significant) were self-introduced. Pizza and soft drinks were provided.

Guest speakers:

Jack Farland, our host for this meeting and the president of Classic Restoration, described their shop as one-stop full restoration facility, doing work on domestic and foreign vehicles, generally post-brass era. He introduced several of the shop's technicians. He described several restoration projects, including an Arnolt Bristol that was completed in time to accept an invitation to enter the 2015 Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance.

Mike Nicholas the founder and still chairman of the Hot Rod Hill Climb described the event that invites vintage hot rods from the pre-1954 era. After several successful years at Georgetown and the Guanella Pass road, this year the event (Sept.18-20) will move to Central City. For details, check www.Hotrodhillclimb.com. They also put on the Dirt Drags at Monte Vista (June 10-12).

Kris Sigman described the Casino Night sponsored by *Rollin' Dreams* (March 10, 7-10 pm) which is a fund raiser for youngsters with cancer. Location is the Vehicle Vault, 18301 Lincoln Meadows Parkway in Parker. For information, go to www.rollindreams.org.

Gayle Jetchick from the Havana Business Improvement District spoke about the Cruizn' Havana event which is sponsored with the CCCC. This will be our 9th year. There will be four sites this year and as always sponsors, vendors, and volunteers are needed. The event is on June 11. The logo car for 2017 will be selected from photos taken at this year's event.

Dick Thompson also recognized sponsors who were unable to attend: Paul Leuenberger of American National Insurance who provided the pizza and soft drinks at this meeting; and Tracey Ellis of *The Latest Scoop*, provider of free issues of TLS.

Political Action Committee (PAC): Leo Boyle and Ted Rossi described the plan to approach interacting with Colorado Legislators by creating a PAC to encourage sponsorship of bills that support car collector hobbyists. Leo has noted that most other special interest groups already have PACs and this does encourage sponsors of bills that support their interests. A name for the PAC was discussed. It was moved (R.Nelson) and seconded (S.Baker) that the name **Friends of Collector Cars PAC** be adopted. Motion passed unanimously. Checks identified with this name should be sent to the CCCC treasurer who will establish an account separate from CCCC accounts. The PAC will be involved only with Colorado state offices and not with candidates for national offices. Ted Rossi, Dick Thompson, and/or Leo Boyle can attend club meetings to explain the FOCC PAC. The CCCC Legislative Committee will determine distribution of PAC funds and will handle reporting requirements set forth by the Colorado Secretary of State.

Minutes of the January 6th meeting were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Tom Kay submitted balances as of the end of January:

Operating Account:	\$ 562.12
Govt.Relations Account:	\$ 3692.00
Havana Cruise Account:	\$ 0
Swap Meet Account:	\$ 0
Total, All Accounts:	<u>\$ 4254.12</u>
Reserve:	<u>\$ 24839.30</u>
Total:	\$ 29093.42

One individual member and 23 member clubs have renewed for 2016 as on January 31st. The treasurer's report was approved unanimously.

Swap Meet at Front Range Airport: Tom Kay reported that we have not received a contract from FRA but that should be forthcoming soon. Since the plans for a vintage car auction have not materialized the option for having a car corral (cars for sale) is back. Vendor move in will begin at noon Friday, May 27. Vendor fees will be \$35 for swap spaces, \$20 for car corral. The meet itself is on Saturday, **May 28**. The War Bird Air Show and Car Show will be both Saturday and Sunday.

Colorado Collector Car News (CCCN): Representatives and club presidents were encouraged to support the CCCN which is published by Greg Akiyama. Email subscriptions are free.

Open discussions: Among the concerns from clubs were the issue of front license plate requirement; salvage title proposed changes; and club liability and insurance.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 2nd, 2016 at the Forney Transportation Museum, 4303 Brighton Blvd., Denver Colorado. The April 6th meeting will be in Colorado Springs at the Falcon Police Station.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 pm. Visitors were welcomed to tour the Classic Restoration facilities.

Respectfully submitted, Dick Fritz, secretary

SVIGEL AUTO PARTS TO CLOSE AND LIQUIDATE OLD AUTO PARTS

MICHAEL ANDERSON

Englewood, Colo.—For more than eight decades, four generations of the Svigel family have been buying and selling new and used auto parts in Colorado. During that span, the Austrian family name has become synonymous with hard-to-find used, new old stock (NOS), and replacement new old stock (RNOS) parts for all makes of vintage and classic cars dating back to the 1920s, said Jim Svigel Jr., who currently owns the business with his cousin, Wayne Svigel. Jim Svigel Jr.'s son, Chad, also works in the family business.

But due to poor market conditions and a probable eminent-domain closure to accommodate development for a nearby RTD light-rail stop, the cousins announced that they plan to liquidate their parts and vehicle inventory, and ultimately shutter the seven-and-half-acre scrapyard and parts business.

Although city officials have not given notice for renewal projects yet, Svigel said he received a hand-delivered letter in December 2003 when he owned a property just north of his current location and was forced to vacate with nine month's notice.

One-of-a-kind parts inventory

“Right now, we're just letting people know what's going on,” Svigel said. “It'll be a process liquidating the inventory.”

The parts inventory, most of which is stored indoors and is sorted by product category in each aisle, ranges from gaskets, shocks, exhaust and mufflers, to carburetors, and every type of part that existed before computer-controlled emissions, Svigel said. He wants those rare parts, many of which are still in the original OEM and supplier boxes, to land in caring hands — organizations such as car clubs, niche recyclers, and parts suppliers.

Outside, the yard contains hundreds of cars dating back to 1949, many of which remain intact with emblems and trim on them, since no customers were ever allowed to “pick and pull” parts from the yard, he said. Those, too, are rare and valuable, he added.

Custom glass lives on

The one portion of the business that Svigel said he and Chad will carry on is their custom flat glass-cutting business. When he was six years old, he said he learned how to cut glass from his grandfather, Joe Svigel Sr., founder of the business. There are more than 2,000 patterns on the original cutting table, he said, for vintage restorations, hot rods, and rat rods.

Most of the flat automotive glass used is sourced through Pittsburgh Glass Works (PGW), he said, formerly known as PPG. All automotive glass used is 1/4-inch thick,

Svigel Auto Parts (cont'd)

A storied past

It isn't the first time the business has been subject to eminent domain, Svigel said. The original business that opened in 1930, known as Joe's Cottage Camp, after his grandfather, Joe Svigel Sr., is now the site of the South Santa Fe Drive and Hampden Avenue interchange. After several restorations and reconstructions of the building over nearly three decades, the Svigels were forced to relocate to their current location at 4393 S. Santa Fe Drive in 1959.

Svigel said during the Great Depression, his family sold Dixie gasoline, tires, wheels, and hubcaps to Italian and German immigrants traveling from Denver to Pueblo to work in the steel mills. When their cars broke down and were beyond repair, he said his grandfather would purchase them, which gave birth to their salvage business.

It also served as a boarding house for travelers, complete with a lunch counter and grocery store. Times were so tough, Svigel said, that overnight patrons were constantly stealing toilet paper and light bulbs. That eventually led his grandfather to close the boarding house when the business was rebuilt and renamed Joe's Service Station in 1938. Then tragedy struck in 1944, he said, when that building burnt to the ground.

Despite the hardships of WWII, the business was rebuilt at the same site with the help of James Kessler, owner of Diamond Gas and Fuel, and was renamed Joe's Service & Auto Parts, he said, adding that it was then that his grandfather began selling new parts. The second generation — Joe Svigel Jr. and Jim Svigel Sr., Jim's father — began in the mid-1940s.

In 1959, the Colorado State Highway Department condemned the location for the new interchange, he said, resulting in the business relocating to its current location. It was then that the business was renamed Svigel's Auto Parts Inc.

For Sale: 1978 Pontiac Trans Am, Pontiac 400 ci engine, Automatic, 123 k miles. New tires, well maintained and all records available since purchase in 1987. It runs well and needs no major mechanical work. The light blue interior is in great shape except it need a head liner. There is some rust by the fenders and it needs a paint job. Asking \$7000 negotiable. Jennifer (303) 322-8099



ADVERTISEMENTS

Advertisements in **Wide Tracks** will be run free for members for a period of **three months**. New or revised ads should be sent to *Colo. Chapter, POCI*, P. O. Box 56, Arvada, CO 80001 or by e-mail to gccanady@comcast.net.

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

For Sale: 1985 Pontiac Trans Am. Car has a rebuilt 305 engine with 3000 miles and has been well maintained, automatic transmission, spoke wheels. A good project car or driver. Kay (303) 202-0243.

For Sale: Lyle Ladefoged is selling late 30's Pontiac parts and literature. He would sell the parts as a lot. The parts are in Colorado Springs. Contact Garrie Fox 729 338-5051

Gary Canady is cleaning out his garage and storage units and offers first dibbies to Pontiacers. There are 61 thru 64 full size Pontiac parts, 50 years or car magazines, car books, tools and more will be for sale at reasonable prices. Call me and let me know what you are looking for; 303 632-8727 or gccanady@comcast.net.

The Palmers are cleaning out there treasures: 230 ci engine and 3 speed transmission, OHC block, OHC heads, 4 bbl OHC intake and exhaust manifolds, OHC crankshaft, OHC camshaft covers, a lot of other OHC stuff, 389 block, crank, head and sheetmetal. Contact Chris at www.bockbmq@aol.com.

For Sale. '64 4bbl carb & manifold \$50, 4-15x7 Rallye wheels \$100, 389 crank,'57 short block \$100, 57/'58 AFB carb \$25, '55 Hydramatic \$200, '67/68 Firebird side glass and wing glass, misc. 63 & 64 Pontiac and '67/68 Firebird parts, Chevy Edelbrock Torker 4bbl for small block \$50 Harlan Smith 970-352-6206.

For Sale: Jim Hume is trying to help some work contacts find a good home for their genuine 1965 GTO convertible. Owned, garaged, and driven as a collector car by the current owners for over 15 years. Straight and rust free. White with white top over black interior. Correct 1965 Tri-power, unknown block, #143 heads, PS, PB, automatic, beautiful console, AM, Cragar SS wheels, aftermarket wood steering wheel. Nice original interior, but dash needs minor work. Owners have receipts for work they have had done. Please call Dawn at 303-619-9255.

Wanted: 421 block or engine. Contact Terry Henry 303 618-6777.

For Sale: 1967 Buick Riviera. This is a very nice car that has been at several Shepler Shows. Contact Jim at 303 520-8948

For Sale: 1967 Bonneville fender shirts and '63 GP right fender. Contact Lee at 303 751-6823.

For Sale: 1956 Chieftain 2-door station wagon automatic, ps, pb, ac. Car is rebuilt - needs paint. Contact Arthur at 720 629-9526.