

Roto-Ray

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APRIL MEETING

The April meeting will be on the 1st, at the new Ralph Schomps BMW building. The meeting will start at 7PM as usual, but come at 6PM for a tour of the whole facility. The building is located at 1190 Plum Valley Lane 1190 Plum Valley Lane, in Highlands Ranch. Take C-470 to Lucent Blvd, and go south to the site.

There will be a very full agenda. Muster 2009, and 2010 will be some of the main topics. By-Laws need to be approved. And the schedule for the summer will be expanded, we hope.

There may be belly dancers also.

DUES ARE DUE

It's that time of the year again. Dues are due, and now are late. So if you found a red dot on your mailing page, that means that you will not be getting any more issues of the Roto-Ray. We don't want that to happen, so please get your dues paid either at the next meeting, or send \$20.00 to our treasurer:

Ellen Benoit
5260 Osceola Street
Denver CO 80213



Note that there is no bail on this type nozzle, and not to be used on our rigs.

GAS PRICES

Conoco-Phillips has finally done something for us antique vehicle owners.

Take your antique vehicle into any of the Conoco-Phillips stations, show the clerk the insurance card, or registration, or other proof of ownership, and they will sell you the fuel that you need for \$1.25 per gallon. This is not a limited time offer. It will be good until cancelled by the company, and they have agreed that this will last at least until January of 2010, and probably as long as they are in business.

Before taking advantage of this generous offer, you might want to look at the date of this newsletter.

THANKS FROM ELLEN

Ellen would like to thank all of those who were kind enough to send cards and expressions of get well to her, while she was in the hospital. She is on the mend and hopes to be at the April meeting.

PRESIDENT'S PODIUM

Well Guys and Gals, it's that time of the year again... time to get the rigs out to show and shine. Also those of us that have jobs for 2010 need to send an update to our Muster Chairmen. It's almost one year away, and I don't want to see us running around at the last minute trying to get stuff done. Events, if anyone knows of some, send an email to Kevin or me so we can get the word out. Keep an eye out for emails about the pump-ins and other club events, these help us to get to know new and old members. Attendance at the meetings are dropping, I know you all have jobs, family, or something else going on, but it would be nice to see more of you. So please try to show up and give us your input.

Thank You Always
President
Garry Lee Aranda

LONGMONT 100YRS

Longmont Fire Depart and the Old Fire house has turned 100 years old so on July 11th there will be a parade, Muster of sorts, and party to celebrate this event. More details will follow, so stay tuned.

It would be nice to have a good showing from the club, we will be inviting departments from around the area as well as club members and all interested in Longmont's celebration.

This would be a good time to meet other departments, and get them interested in our 2010 event.

DEADLINE FOR MAYISSUE

Deadline will be April 22nd. Feel free to snail mail, or e-mail articles or photos, or any info to the editor.

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PHOTOS FROM POMONA



Crown Ex San Marino



Yes, it says 11,000 Gallons Per Minute



NOZZLEMAN'S SPRAY

As this is written, snow is falling nicely, making sure that we have some water to use this coming summer. And speaking of summer, this looks like there will be lots to do, so shine up those trucks, and get them ready for a busy season. Not only shine them on the outside, shine the inside of the engines with some fresh oil, and the chassis joints with some lube. (I'm amazed at how much better the KW steers after a lube job.)

Looks like we will have a great place to do a couple of pump-ins this summer, so get ready for that. Even if you don't have a drafting truck, we can pump to you, or there is a hydrant out there that we can use. We can thank R.J.Floyd for finding that spot.

While not wanting to point any fingers, the number of members that the Crown folks had really did contribute to a fine meeting time. It looks to me like we need to almost double our active membership to do as good a job as they did. There were orange vests everywhere, and they all knew the answer to any question that was posed to them.

This summer there is a National Convention in Indianapolis, IN. It is the last one to see before our event in 2010. It would be a good thing for us to have as many members there as possible. Right now air fares are wonderfully inexpensive. (Not that the planes are any more comfortable.) So make plans now to attend that one. It promises to be a great time. Yes, for you Mack fans, there will be Macks there, and also a lot of Seagrave apparatus too. Bring lots of film, or an empty memory stick for your cameras.



Line-up of Aherns Fox at the museum

NEW MEMBER

The chapter would like to welcome Steve Carmak to our group. He does not have a truck as yet, but will be shopping, and acquiring very soon. Steve lives in Brighton.

WEB MONITORING

For you fire buffs that like to monitor radio traffic try.
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REPORT FROM POMONA

There were four members of our chapter in attendance at the winter meeting. Luke Bernander, Bill Hoeft, Robert Williams, and Ray Bowman.

There were tours on Thursday, and Friday. All excellent, and varied interests. Your editor went on the tour that included the LA Station 112. That's the fire boat location. There is a new fire boat there, and very impressive. The old fire boat is up on blocks, and they hope to have a new building to protect it, and do some serious restoration there.

Friday night, there was a "fire camp" dinner. And it was very filling, and authentic. The apple pie was wonderful!

Saturday was the muster day, and lots of rigs were in view. Of course, there were several Crown fire coach rigs there, including the Crown bus that Mike McDonald donated to the chapter. The California Steamer was there, and they have agreed to come to Colorado again in 2010!! The hit of the show though, was a 1941 Kenworth ex Beverly Hills. (Would you believe that the editor didn't get a photo of it??)

The hotel was easy to find, and a great venue. The staff there was most helpful, and accomodating.

The chapter had some bumps in the road, but they were smoothed out by the time of the events. The original purveyors of the fire camp dinner had to bow out, and the banquet was moved to the host hotel almost at the last minute, but it all worked out very seamlessly.

SCHEDULE

2009

April

1 Regular Meeting Location Schomp's BMW
7PM

May

6 Regular Meeting Location TBA 7PM
23 Car show at Broadway and Ridge 10AM - 3PM

June

3 Regular Meeting Location TBA 7PM
20 Chapter Muster ACC Parade at 10AM

July

11 Longmont 100 Year Celebration.
15-18 Summer Conference and Muster Indianapolis Chapter hosts

August

5 Regular Meeting Location TBA 7PM
12-15 IFBA Convention Washington DC

2010

16 - 19 June National Convention

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