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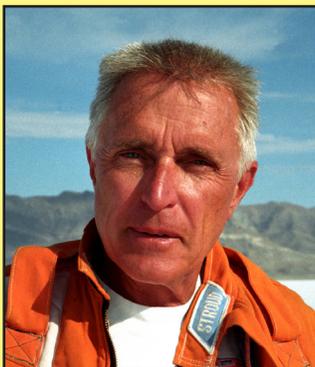


Post 178 Hosts Special Forces

Five years ago veteran buddies **Nick Trujillo** and **Al Weltzheimer** were maintaining contact by having Saturday breakfast together. After settling on Post 178 for their meeting place word spread, and since then the gathering of Special Forces soldiers that have breakfast every month at our Post has grown into the group pictured at the left. Our Post is pleased to host them.

Photo by Scotti Zahn

Bonneville Champ Butch Salter Named Car Show Special Honoree



Butch Salter was a student at Denver's North High School when he cut off the top of his first car and thus turned the 4-cylinder 1928 Model A into a roadster he could drag race. The little Ford engine was later installed into a dragster of his own construction and in 1962 replaced with blown, small block Chevrolet power. Butch continued drag racing at strips all around Colorado until 1972.

In 1990 he turned his attention to the Bonneville Salt Flats, setting four land speed records over the next few years competing in the D/Blown Gas Roadster Class. He set a career high speed of 225 mph in 2002.

In 2006 Butch began building the "Rocky Mountain High Boy" in which he achieved a speed of 193 mph at Bonneville in 2014. Since 2015 he has driven his roadster in the "Colorado Mile" at Front Range Airport, clocking a top speed of 185 mph at the high-altitude flying mile.

Butch is a member of the Bonneville 200 MPH Spin Club and was inducted into the Colorado Motorsports Hall of Fame in 2019. His application to join Post 178 is currently pending approval.

The Rocky Mountain High Boy will be on display at this year's Car Show, and Butch will deliver a photo presentation about his career during the 1:00 p.m. Awards Presentation.



AUXILIARY CHAPLAIN
Russ Scott

Oh God, guard our homes, churches, schools, our entire land, and all therein from harm and destruction. Preserve the integrity of this nation founded on religious principles by protecting it from all enemies within and without. We pray for our friends and allies in Afghanistan, and all Americans. Bring them home safely. Amen.

COMMANDER'S REPORT
Mark Ward

During the August 3rd monthly Membership Meeting, the design to fix the south parking lot asphalt and replace dangerous and deteriorated concrete was presented. A \$30,000 budget was approved, and contractor bids were received. Work has begun and is scheduled to be completed the first week of September.

Thanks so much to those who have made contributions to help pay for the project. We are short on funds, so please contribute whatever you can to help the cause.

Many have signed up for the **FREE Line Dance Instruction Classes** starting soon. **Mary Feltes** is the instructor and classes will be held each Monday at 5:00 p.m. Be sure to sign-up on the sheet by the pickle cage.

If you have not renewed your membership, please do so and be an **EARLY BIRD**. The Executive Committee is planning the **Early Bird Dinner** and will soon announce the deadline to sign-up.

AUXILIARY REPORT
Judy Myers

With the **Car Show and Bake Sale** coming up soon (Saturday, September 18), I'm once again asking for donations of cookies, breads, or candy. All items need to be packed in ziploc baggies and preferably in portions that might be enjoyed while walking around admiring the beautiful cars, e.g. 4-6 cookies, 2-3 slices of bread. Please bring all items to the Post on Friday, September 17 or early on September 18 so we may price them. If you prepare something that is gluten free, please mark it GF. This event is one of our biggest money-makers allowing us to be generous in our donations to Veterans' causes.

Post Everlasting

*William Harris
Gene Omalley, USA
Herman Mares, USA
Claudia Martin, USMC
Earnest Hanslip, USN
Lawrence Roe, USA
Carl Goodman, USN*



Ranya Kelly accepted her award as Colorado's Unit Member of the Year at the recent Legion Auxiliary convention in Phoenix. She is pictured on the left with **National Auxiliary President, Nicole Clapp**, and on the right with **Post 178 Auxiliary President, Judy Myers, Chris Harvey, and Margot Myers**. Congratulations Ranya.



Post member **David Still** is credited with keeping Post 178 cool during the hottest summer months.

BUSINESS REPORT

Bob Hearn

Since we are not having anything special happening on Labor Day, our lounge will open at the regular weekday time of noon.

This past month Legion member **David Still** removed and replaced two of our old swamp coolers. David only charged us his cost for the new units and installed them for \$85 each. This generosity on his part is extremely noteworthy as other vendors would have charged more for just labor on removing and replacing one unit than David charged us for both units. Can't thank you enough David. For those of you who don't know David, he is over 80 years old and certainly climbs a ladder better than me! He is a regular at Saturday morning breakfasts, so tell him "thanks" for keeping us cool.

Bob Black has donated a specially designed serving unit for pickle drinks. If pickle juice and vodka, or vodka infused pickles lights your fancy we now offer pickle shots.

When the back hall and yard are rented for special events by our members everyone is asked to refrain from going to the back patio to smoke or hang out.

RIDERS REPORT

Rodney Jones

The Riders would like to thank everyone who

helped with our **RCI Ride**. A special thanks to **Megan** and **Les** for cooking. We raised \$4,300 dollars in donations.

This month we have a special ride; the **Ride On Military Pride (ROMP)**. IT is a ride for our entire state to get together and celebrate as ALR members. We will spend two days riding through the mountains of Colorado, finishing with a bike rodeo.

We all want to thank everyone for your support at our **Friday Night Dinners**. We appreciate your continued patronage, which allows us to continue supporting our deserving ALR charities.

New Members

Scott Curtis
Duane J. Corts
Gary Gulick
Shaun C. McHalfey
Arther Apple
John Browne
Christopher Degolier
John Flint

Killian Hearn
Michael Holland
Justin Lewis
Lawrence Lopez
Henery Reeves
Roger Suggs
William Trujillo
Eric Wetherall



Riders assemble in front of Post 178 before heading out on their RCI Ride. The run raised \$4,300 for Ranya Kelly's Redistribution Center Inc. (RCI).

SAL REPORT

Brad Hall

September already. Seems

strange the way it takes so long for Summer to get here and how quickly it goes away.

We did a rib cook on August 27th and had a pretty good turn out. Thanks for coming and supporting the SAL. **Randy and Bob** did a great job on this batch of ribs and along with the other volunteers, **Steve Peterson, Dan Wessel, Mike Black, Brittany Ness, JD, Rob Dynes, and Kathy Schwab.**

The **Horseshoe Tourney** will be on September 4th so will let you know about that next month.



A. Wayne McClure

Thank you Wayne from all the members of Post 178 for everything you do to keep us functioning and looking beautiful.

