



# THE AMERICAN LEGION



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1655 Simms Street

Post 178

Lakewood, CO

## Record Number of Cars, Attendees Highlight 11th Car Show

Nancy Marshall and Keith Sanders registered more cool cars than ever before at the Post's 11th Annual Car Show September 18th.

Wayne McClimans, Les Metcalf, Bob Nickerson, Lynn Bostwick-Wise, and Steven Lemons hustled to get them all parked while Judy Myers, Jan Casper, Sue Vacilek, David Mull, Mark Ward, and Bob and Jerry Humann were busy serving 176 breakfasts to hungry show goers.

Randy Baria, Bob Black, and Brad Hall took over selling 58 racks of barbecued ribs in a mere 45 minutes. Karen Black and Bob Heer helped all morning whenever needed. Nancy Chandler sold raffle tickets for her beautiful quilt to benefit Veterans, and Della Backes contributed a quilt and some tea cloths to the Bake Sale.

Special thanks to opening ceremony host Ron Remy who introduced Post 178 members Mary Johnson, Hal Mund, Robert Enzenauer, Nick Trujillo, and 106-year-old Harold Johnson, all of whom regaled the assembled crowd with stories from their military careers.

Featured exhibitors Junior Kaiser and Keith Jackson entertained the crown with their crackle cars.

Casey Pearce and Jody Nickerson were instrumental in producing the awards ceremony where Special Honoree Butch Salter presented a slide show of his racing career. And, of course, the JFK High School JROTC Honor Platoon performed flawlessly before taking home just over \$3,300 in donations thanks to the Legion, SAL, Auxiliary, Riders, and a generous contribution from show sponsor Carolyn Windish-Irvin.

### Best of Show

Danny VonFeldt bought his first car in 1971; a faded orange '57 Chevrolet Nomad station wagon which he drove to take his now wife, Patti, on dates. In 2013, after a 10-year restoration performed in his garage at home by Danny and brother-in-law Kent Wilcox, the car emerged wearing brilliant Harley-Davidson "Molten Orange" paint sprayed by Bill La Riviere over a custom John Backes interior, and loaded with 502 horsepower from a 502 cubic inch big block V8 cradled by jaw-dropping pro-street chassis modifications made with help from Frank Peterson.



"One of my 'must attend' car shows of the summer."

— Pat Glenn  
Pro Photographer  
Facebook Post

**AUXILIARY CHAPLAIN**  
*Kim Jackson*

*Our Gracious Heavenly Father, You have created us, You know our hearts and have made known Your love for us and Your desire for our lives. As we proceed with the affairs of The American Legion we ask that you direct our minds, uplift our spirits, and give us the assurance of Your presence. Grant us awareness of Your will in our lives and bless our time together as we faithfully serve veterans of The American Legion. We ask these things in Your holy name. Amen.*



*A fantastic array of edibles covered the Auxiliary's Bake Sale tables at the Car Show. Sales were handled by **Kay Scott, Dee Yurko, Shauna Stockmar, Elene Miles, Lisa Hull and Sue Vacilek.***

***Nancy Chandler's** fabulous quilt was generating raffle sales with assistance from **Judy Eberley,** and **Della Backes** donated a quilt and tea towels to the Bake Sale.*

**COMMANDER'S REPORT**  
*Mark Ward*

In August, Membership approved a \$30,000 budget to repair the parking lot and replace the surfacing to the south entrance. The construction is now close to completion. Mulch for the open space landscape and parking lot striping is still pending completion. The walk from the front of the building to the end of the ramp was funded by members' Girl Scout cookie donations.

The 2022 Legion membership and door cards are now at the bar for the Early Birds to pick up. The **Early Bird Dinner** is scheduled for October 29th. The menu this year will be Signature Legion Prime Rib prepared by our talented chefs. The sign-up sheet is posted and the deadline to sign up is October 15th. Be sure to sign-up. As always, we need volunteers to help with this event.

**AUXILIARY REPORT**  
*Judy Meyers*

Thank you to our wonderful members who contributed to and worked the bake sale table at the Car Show. **Kay Scott, Dee Yurko, Shauna Stockmar, Elene Miles, Lisa Mull and Sue Vacilek** took care of the table most of the day. **Nancy Chandler** had her quilt on display for the **Veterans Day** drawing as well as her fidget quilts. Thank you to **Della Backes** who donated a quilt and some tea towels. Thanks also to **Karen Black** for her donation of the King Soopers gift cards for an auction.

We appreciate all of the Post 178 members who donated to our **School Supplies Drive.**

On Saturday, October 9th we will be holding an **Initiation Ceremony** for all new members since 2019. It will be at 11:00 a.m. in Janssen Hall. All members are welcome to attend.

A free **Early Bird Dinner** of prime rib is scheduled for October 29th for people who pay their dues and sign up on the sheet at the Post by October 15th.

October meals include our regular burger, fish, and shrimp menu on the first two Wednesdays of the month. The third Wednesday will be \$2 tacos and the 4th Wednesday will be beef stew.



*Special thanks to **Della Backes** who perennially hand crafts and donates sets of tea towels and a beautiful quilt to the Auxiliary's Car Show Bake Sale.*

**BUSINESS REPORT**  
*Bob Heer*

A big thank you to **Dave Dupree** for organizing the September car show. From all indicators this was the best show yet.

Dave was very successful in securing sponsorship from **Windish RV Center** and **Lakewood Manufacturing** to fund the increased number of awards presented at the event.

Now that we have a service walk completed to access the South lounge door for individuals parking in the North parking lot our East door will again be restricted to members with key cards. Having only one door for guest entry has made it easier on our staff to ensure guests properly sign in.

We have had great volunteers step up and serve lunch on Thursdays but they need a break. To provide these volunteers some relief please contact me if you can help out.

**RIDERS REPORT**  
*Rodney Jones*

Although September has ended it was a very exciting month for us. We had 90 riders from across the state participating in

our **Ride On Military Pride (ROMP)**. **Joe Calabro**, our Road Captain, led us on a spectacular ride over Monarch Pass, along Gunnison Valley, and across Cottonwood Pass, ending in Buena Vista where, unfortunately, our 3-time champ (Joe) was defeated in the slow drags. Congratulations to **Jim Christianson** of Post 22. I am positive Joe will be practicing his slow speeds for next year.

**Heather Travis'** visiting father, **Mitch Clark**, placed first in the 3-wheel slalom race. Fun times were had, and we're looking forward to an even bigger venue next year.

This October, we will begin with another excellent meal of steak, pork chops and salmon on the first of October. However, on the 15th we are going to have a burrito/taco night, buffet style. All profits from this dinner will go towards **Heather Grove Assisted Living Center** residents for whom we plan spectacular **Christmas and Thanksgiving Dinners** and gifts. The buffet on the 15th will be a special night for all of us as we work to provide gifts to each of the residents, all of whom are all veterans and many have no family left. Thanks in advance for coming out to support the Riders.

**New Members**

*Jon Normandin, USA*  
*James W. Ruddick, USA*  
*Nicholas Kobs, USN*  
*Ron Diedler, USA*

**Deceased**

*Ron Lubinski*



Ninety Riders from all accross Colorado participated in the recent **Ride On Military Pride (ROMP)**. Riders set out over Cottonwood Pass (below left) and finished in Buena Vista where **Mitch Clark** (above left) claimed the trophy presented to the 3-wheel slalom race winner. **Jim Christianson** of Post 22 took top honors in the slow drag competition, dethroning Post 178's 3-time champion and event **Road Captain, Joe Calabro** (below right).



## 9th Annual Tommy Tucker & Conrad West SAL Horseshoe Tournament



Tournament organizer Tom Davies holds the trophy awarded to winners Tim Jennings and Kelly Huff. Thank you volunteers Brad and Beth Hall, Tanya Kiger, Randy Baria, Bobby Black, Wayne McClimans, Crystal Jones, and Dave Dupree.



## Post 178-Sponsored Arvada Junior Shooters Receive Awards



The Arvada Junior Shooting Sports Team out-targeted the competition recently to become the Colorado Junior State Champions (above). Individual awards were handed out at a banquet for the team held at the Post. Congratulations, and thanks for being an important part of the Post 178 family.