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1655 Simms Street

Post 178

Lakewood, CO

Car Show Benefits JFK High School Honor Platoon and Tuskegee Airmen

Special Honoree Lt. Col. (ret.) James H. Harvey III regaled car show attendees with a slide presentation and the **JFK High School JROTC Honor Platoon** gave everyone a fantastic performance at the Post's 11th Annual Car Show. Thanks to the generosity of the Legion, SAL, Auxiliary, and the Riders, Harvey received \$1,050 for the Tuskegee Airmen. Show sponsor **Windish RV** added \$1,000 to \$650 from the Post for the JFK girls.

W.J. "Ford"

Stoecker brought his 1937 Studebaker President to the show and took home **"Best of Show"** honors.

He created his one-of-a-kind beauty 25 years ago by joining a 4-door sedan from a Waterloo, Iowa junk yard with a panel truck top. (Studebaker never made a panel truck).

The original 8-cylinder flathead Studebaker engine has been replaced with an in-line BMW 3.0 liter inter-

cooled turbo diesel engine in front of a 6-speed manual transmission and 9" Ford real axle. A Mustang II suspension lies under the front end. The interior dash is visually authentic, but all instruments have been upgraded to electronic inputs. The truck has all the modern



conveniences and safety equipment including dual circuit disc brakes all around, power steering, shoulder harness seat belts, air conditioning, stereo, turn signals with 4 way flashers, and functional fog lights

The paint is a grey-green standard catalog color from NAPA and the black band at the belt line was added to give it more of a commercial appearance.

Over the past 15 years, Ford has driven his Studebaker 60,000 miles and taken it on road trips to Alaska, Mexico, Nova Scotia, and Florida comfortably cruising at 65 to 75 mph and going 550 miles between fill-ups.

Post 178 Team Captures Win at SAL Horseshoe Tournament

The Son's 10th Annual Conrad West/Tommy Tucker Horseshoe Tournament on September 3rd was well attended this year with Post members making up 9 of the 16 players. Thanks to everyone who participated. It was a great day of entertainment, food, friends and fun.



Post members **Denny Bendt** (l.) and **Chuck Ross** (r.) pictured with **Tom Davies** were winners of the tourney. Each received \$85 thanks in part to a generous last minute donation from **Donna McKelvy** designated for the tourney winners.



Special thanks to **Brad and Beth Hall, Rodney and Crystal Jones, Tanya Kiger, Randy Baria, Bobby Black, and Wayne McClimans.** See you next year to continue this successful event.

-Tom Davies, Tournament Organizer

AUXILIARY CHAPLAIN
Nancy Chandler

Dear Heavenly Father, as we mourn in unison for the soul of Queen Elizabeth II, we pray for King Charles III that he will follow his mother's quest for peace and family unity, and will put God and Country among his duties during his reign.

Help us live our lives by your grace in concert with the Royals and treat our husbands as Kings and our wives as Queens. Our people need your love, in these days of war in Ukraine, and we pray that it ends soon and that all your people learn to love each other. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

Post Everlasting

Mary White—AUX

COMMANDER'S REPORT
Wes Vanderpool

The **Early Bird Dinner** is Saturday, October 8th. Cards went out on Friday the 30th for everyone who has paid and not picked them up in person at the Post.

To reiterate Bob's latest message, only certified service dogs are allowed in the post and must have their vest and certification in the form of tag or paperwork.

If you are interested in volunteering more at the Post or for the first time, please see me or one of your officers to get signed up. We can find something for anyone to do, and you get a free drink after your volunteer shift. Thank you to all of our volunteers so far and I want to especially thank **Bob Black, Randy Baria, and SAL Commander Brad Hall** for stepping up and fixing delicious burgers on the 5th Friday on short notice. You guys constantly embody the American Legion's base pillar of volunteerism. Thank you also to **Past Post Commander Mark Ward** for all your work on coordinating the kitchen fire safety system install.

AUXILIARY REPORT
Kay Scott

A BIG thank you to all participating in the Car Show Bake Sale! For all those donating their time baking goodies you are most appreciated. To **Beth Hall, Carol Conway, Jan and Charlie Casper, Judy Myers, and Stephanie Vanderpool**, a

much BIGGER thank you for your time and energy 'manning' the bake sale tables.

Nancy Chandler is preparing for the **Bizarre Bazaar** happening every Thursday and Saturday during Bingo for the month of October and first week of November. She would appreciate your donations of individually wrapped baked goods/snacks at her tables.

Also, If you have clean denim (used jeans), she would love to have it for making her quilts, and she needs more quilt batting. Those items can be brought to the Auxiliary Room.

We have started a new project for all of us to donate our time and talents (and maybe a few \$) as colder weather approaches. We want to donate at least 20 items of crochet, knit, sewn, or purchased baby, child hats scarves, and blankets for RCI and to be donated to military families. Deadline for donation is December 10th! You can also use flannel or fleece.

This is an opportunity to use your stash of yarn or purchase some of the latest, softest yarn, then snuggle up in your comfy chair and make something to help keep little ones warm! A labeled tub is in the Auxiliary room for your donations.

We need your help preparing, serving, and cleaning up on Wednesday night dinners! And for everyone else, come on out for a great meal at a reasonable price!

Wednesday Dinner Night Menu: October 5th, Meatloaf, Twice Baked Potatoes, Green Beans; October 12th, Hamburgers, Cheeseburgers, Fish, Shrimp, French Fries, Onion Rings; October 19th, Chicken Wings with Macaroni and Cheese; October 26th, Chili and Cornbread.

Introducing **Department Junior Sergeant-at-Arms Daisi Vanderpool!** Daisi and I attended the Department Junior's meeting in Longmont at Post 32 September 17th. We participated in discussion of upcoming activities and meetings and both left the meeting excited to hopefully include our Unit Junior members and increase our Junior membership.



Just Like Dad's Beef Jerky Project

...is looking for Post 178 family members who are deployed. If you have a mom, dad, brother, sister, child, grandchild, even a niece or nephew who is deployed or about to deploy, Randy and Lori Kipp (aka Push and Summer) would love to gift them with some home-made beef jerky.

Contact Randy at 720-473-3255 or email pushva@comcast.net

BUSINESS REPORT

Bob Heer

The car show on September 17 organized by **Dave Dupree** was a big success for the Post. It took many volunteers from the Legion, Auxiliary, and SAL to make this happen. In addition to the volunteers assisting in registering, parking, and judging cars, Legion and Auxiliary members served 169 breakfasts, the Auxiliary held a bake sale, and the SAL sold ribs. A real Post success story.

The new fire suppression system in the kitchen is currently being installed which will not only bring us up to code but will also hopefully reduce our insurance costs. In addition to his coordinating the install of the new system, **Mark Ward** did an outstanding job of cleaning the floor under the fryer and range as well as the fryers. All it cost me was a glass or two of Batch 19. Thanks again Mark.

We have a new bartender on staff, **Mike Servantes**, who will be working Monday thru Wednesday day shifts. Please stop in and introduce yourself to him. Mike is replacing **Dawn Diment** who has relocated to Cripple Creek. Best of luck to Dawn in her new location.

A notice has been posted in the lounge that going forward only certified vest wearing service dogs are allowed on Post property. Our club rules have been updated to this effect.

SAL REPORT

Brad Hall

Happy Fall to everyone.

September was our Horseshoe Tournament on Labor Day weekend. **Tom Davies** put this together and did a bang up job.

Chuck Ross and **Denny Bendt** were the winners this year. It's the first year the Champions have been members of Post 178. Great job guys.

Thanks to all who helped with the horseshoes; **Crystal Jones, Tanya Kiger, Bob Black, Dave McBrien, Randy Baria, Beth Hall**, and of course it wouldn't be the same if I didn't leave someone out. Everyone's help is greatly appreciated.

Also, props to **Wayne McClimans** for always taking care of the back yard. It looked great as usual.

Get your membership dues in when you can. January will be here sooner than we think, and you don't want to get locked out of the Post without a key card.

That's about it. Thanks to all for supporting our Friday Dinners and Sunday Breakfasts.

Thank a Veteran when you see one.

RIDERS REPORT

Rodney Jones

The **ROMP** was a great success as we had a huge turn out, thanks for everyone's participation! **Joe Calabro** won back the slow drags trophy. Be sure to say congratulations to him.

Welcome to October. This has been a great summer and we are starting to wind down. We've begun a combined effort with Post 161 in Arvada (we hope annually) for a fall colors and toy run. Although this is our first year with them, we have seen much interest from many Posts. We hope to expand on it for years to come.

Our meeting is on the 1st of October at 10:00 a.m. and we welcome anyone interested. Our first dinner night is October 7th. We will be serving Steak, Salmon, and Pork Chops. Don't forget the shrimp for a few dollars more. We will be serving Tacos and Burritos on the 21st.

The rising cost of food is forcing us to increase our dinners to \$11 beginning immediately. This should surprise no one since we're sure you've experienced the results of inflation in everything you buy. We hope this won't dampen your enthusiasm for our dinners which support all of the Rider's charities. Thank You.

Friday, November 4th we'll be serving Tacos and Burritos in conjunction with an evening of live entertainment featuring **Steve and the Cruisers Band**. Come on in and enjoy yourselves! All our dinners are served between 5:00 and 7:00 p.m. Show up early to insure yummy food is still available!

Happy Halloween to everyone and have a frightfully good month!

Paint Pouring Class Sunday, October 23

Class will begin at 1:00 p.m. and conclude at 3:00 p.m. Space is limited to 15, so sign-up early on the sheet on the Auxiliary bulletin board in the hallway. Cost is \$30. All supplies will be provided, but you may bring some of your own colors if you like.

We will explore more about how to mix paints to the correct consistency and perhaps include a new technique or two. Come and cultivate your artistic talent.



Car Show Winners



Bill Henry
1954 Chevrolet Belair
Best Engineered
Judge: Larry Parenteau



Gary E.
1940 Willis
Best Paint
Judge: Marty Bennett



Ford Stoecker
1937 Studebaker
Best Of Show
Judges Choice



Dustin Colaizzi
1951 Ford Convertible
Best Interior
Judge: John Backes

BEST 5



Troy Smith
1931 Ford Model A
Judges Choice



Dan & Patti Von Feldt
1957 Chevrolet Nomad
Judges Choice



Thom Hamrock
1932 Ford Coupe
Judges Choice



Ed
1955 Chevrolet
Judges Choice



Gary E.
1940 Willis
Judges Choice

TOP 10



Vicki & Art Buschell
1930 Buick
James Harvey Pick



Keith Sanders
1970 Olds Cutlass
Legion Pick



Gary Higin
1930 Ford Model A
SAL Pick



Brad Ensign
1932 Ford Coupe
Judges Pick



Terry & Sharon Miller
1925 Ford Model T
Judges Pick



Ed Lappin
1912 Oakland
Lakewood Mfg. Pick



Richard Romero
1971 Plymouth
JFK Honor Platoon Pick



Marten Smyth
1958 Corvette
AUX Pick



Ron & Linda Hanstrom
1915 Tall-T
Windish RV Pick



Stan Anderson
1941 Willis
Riders Pick

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