

AN 'AFFAIR TO REMEMBER

To tell the whole story of the 2016 MAFCA National Convention, in Loveland, Colorado, we have to back up first. The Model 'A' Ford Club of Colorado has hosted regional meets regularly since the late 1960's. Our last High Country Tour was in 2009. Just under two years later, we decided it was time to do a National. On April 30, 2011 the club voted to take this task on.

The first step was to find a suitable location. The last several High Country Tours had been held at the Beaver Run Resort in Breckenridge. This venue wouldn't work due to its size and the elevation. So in Loveland we found a home! The schedule was roughed in and the search for volunteers began. It took legions of hard working volunteers from our club and two neighboring clubs to put this together.

Before we knew it, the Model A's were on the way! So many of you came out to play! There were 588 registrations representing nearly 1200 people. They came from 39 states, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand.

As soon as people began arriving the swap meet sprung to life. The outdoor portion was certainly hot, but at least it wasn't raining! The indoor swap meet was full of vendors selling everything from paintings to gas tanks to carburetors.

The hospitality area was located in what became known as the Model A Cave. It was a buzz of activity and conversation throughout the week.

No Model A meet would be complete without seminars. There were at least 12. They included "Getting Started in Era Fashion," "3 Digit Model A's," and "Judging Shocks and Shackles," just to name a few.

Monday evening was the welcome party. It began with the "Affair" where folks were treated to a room full of carnival style games, silly balloon hats, face painting, and a photo booth. Tours ran throughout the week, but began in earnest on Tuesday. There were guided tours through the foothills of

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the Rockies to Masonville, and plenty of self guided options as well. The Grand Tour went to Estes Park, and over a portion of the Peak to Peak highway.

Many cars and trucks were looked at with a critical eye. The Restorer's Class evaluators were on hand to look at the "drivers" and the 75 judges and staff had their hands full looking over the Restored, Original, Touring, and Modified classes in the Fine Point Judging. Once the Judging wrapped up, the doors were opened to the general public. The several hundred who came were treated to Model A's as they were when they were new. Absolutely beautiful!

By Friday, things began to wind down. But not before the battle of parking lot A! Approximately 100 cars took part in six different games including "Ride the Rail," "Slow Poke," "Gone Fishing," "Ring Toss," "Coast," and "Parallel Parking."

The awards banquet wrapped up the week Friday night. Everyone turned out shined and shaved, ate a great meal, and reflected on a full and fun week.

What a week it was. The schedule was packed full of activities to keep young and old busy, but there were options for free time too; a little something for everyone. All of this was attributable to the volunteers who gave their time and resources over the last 5 years. Thank you to them and thank you to all of you who came to "Mile High Country" to play for a week!



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Unfortunately even though it gained the historic designation from the Commission it does not prevent the structure from being altered. It is located in the historic Francisville neighborhood in the Northern section of the City that has recently been undergoing redevelopment. The owner, Mark Kreider bought it at a foreclosure sale 35-years ago and has been operating Overseas Motorworks, a foreign auto sales and repair operation in the building.

Now under a sales contract, developers have submitted a plan to the Zoning Board of Adjustment to split the ground floor up into two sections for business use and to construct a fifty-two-foot high addition on top of it that will be used for residential use.



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Here are images from the Digital Commonwealth Collections of working Cadillacs photographed out on the job. The photo on the right shows an early single cylinder model in Campello, a village in the City advertising an herbal liver and kidney medicine. The photo on the left shows the Brockton Fire Chief's Cadillac and officers in front of Mayor Keith's home.



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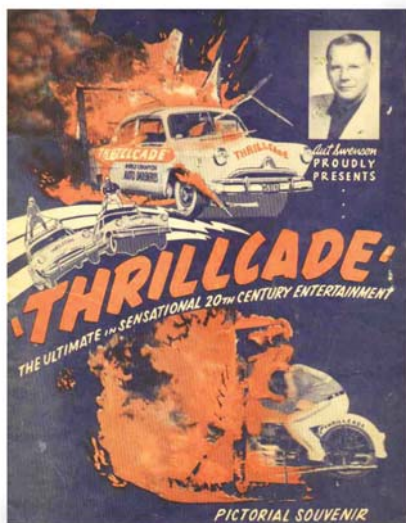
This photo shows a staged parade of Aut Swenson's "Thrillcade" passing through downtown Springfield, Missouri in the mid-fifties. The thrill show used cars, trucks and motorcycles in an act that followed the Midwestern fairgrounds circuit north of its headquarters in Dallas.

The men in the troupe drove the vehicles in the shows and female

daredevils holding on to a substantial strap performed on platforms on top of many of the vehicles.

The Kaiser-Frazier Corporation was connected with the Show for a period in the early-1950s by the use of its cars. The Henry J was named after Henry J. Kaiser – the upscale Frazier was named after Joseph W. Frazer a co-founder of the automaker. Ford had a longer-term association with the "Thrillcade" act, starting as early as 1951 with the automaker's sedans. The parade image shows 1956 Ford models, and its trucks were used as early as 1958-'59; a later photo exists showing the use of the Mustang in the mid-1960s.

In the 1950s, the Show featured a triple Loop the Loop "Death Car Leap" where a manned gravity-powered small car descended a steep ramp and did a triple spin at the bottom followed by landing on its wheels. The act was transported around the circuit by a tractor and semi-trailer behind the Ford pickup truck.



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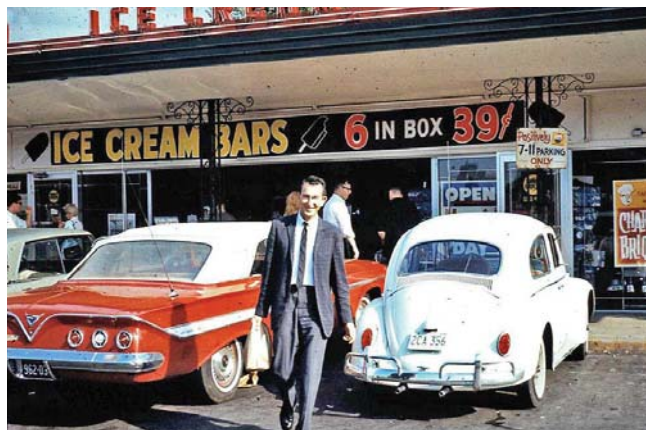
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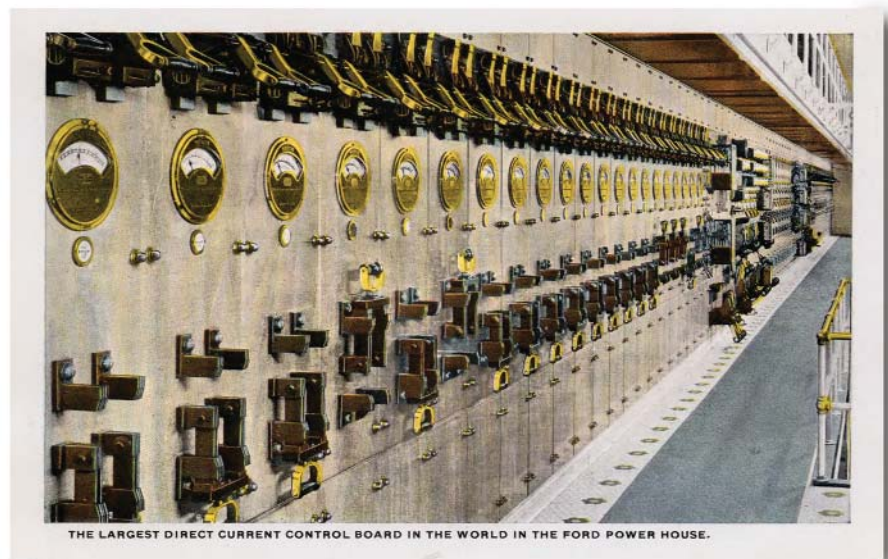
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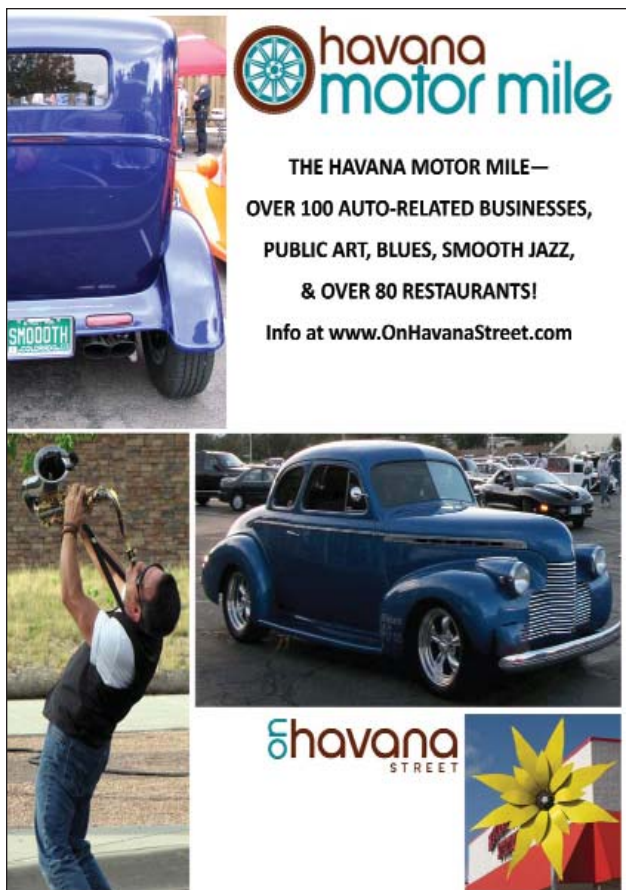
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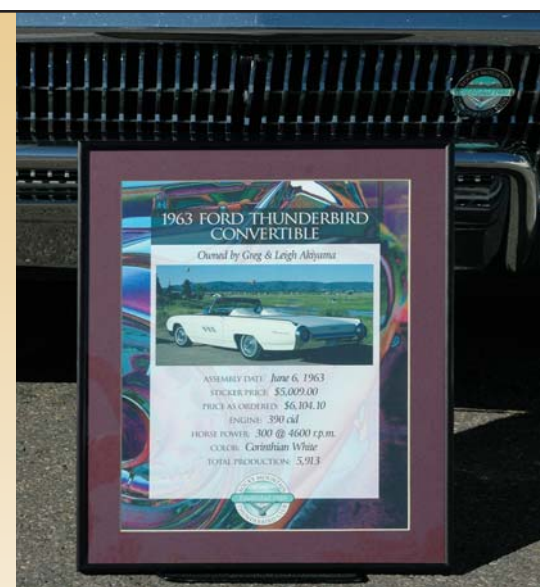
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