

Clive Cussler Collection



In May, the Rocky Mountain Thunderbird Club visited the Cussler Museum to view some of the wonderful automobiles that Clive Cussler has collected. To say this collection is impressive is a vast understatement. If your club has not toured this collection it is well worth your time. The museum is located at 14959 West 69th Avenue, Arvada, CO 80007. The museum is open regularly Monday - Thursday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., May through September. You can call them to set up a special Saturday viewing at 303-420-2795. Their web site is: www.cusslermuseum.com

Here are just a few of the cars that are on display. Of course, many of these automobiles were highlighted in Clive's books. If you have never read any of Clive's books, and you like action, adventure, you are missing out. Enjoy!



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Please come out and enjoy the day at the Havana Cruise

I don't make it a habit of writing editorials in my newsletter — in fact this may be the first time — but I am making an exception to take a few moments to talk about the Havana Cruise. I have been personally involved with this event for many years, and I can say honestly, that this is one of the great events of the summer. It's fun from beginning to end, and it is a unique opportunity to get out and enjoy a car show and a cruise with thousands of folks who share your interest and passion for collector cars.

Gayle Jetchick from On Havana Street, and Dick Thompson from the Colorado Collector Car Council put in a ton of time and effort each year to see that the Havana Cruise is a quality event. Suffice to say the Cruise could not happen without the efforts of both of these folks and the people that help them behind the scene as well as the many car clubs that volunteer their time to work the event.

The Colorado Collector Car Council is vitally important to our hobby. It's the council and the lobbyist they employ that keep a constant look out for legislation that might directly or indirectly have a negative effect on our collector car hobby. The Havana Cruise is vitally important to the financial well being of the Council, which is why the Council has taken such an active partnership in the event with Gayle and her folks.

So, come out and enjoy the day at the Havana Cruise and in doing so, realize you are helping the Havana Street merchants and the Colorado Collector Car Council. That's a virtual "win-win" situation.

Thanks for taking the time to read this, and let's go cruising!

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The Colburn Automobile Co. / Denver, Colorado / 1906-1911

The Colburn Automobile Co. was formed by Judge Ernest A. Colburn, pioneer and wealthy mining man from Cripple Creek, Colorado. The Colburn was designed and built by his two sons, Ernest A. Colburn, Jr. and H. C. Colburn.

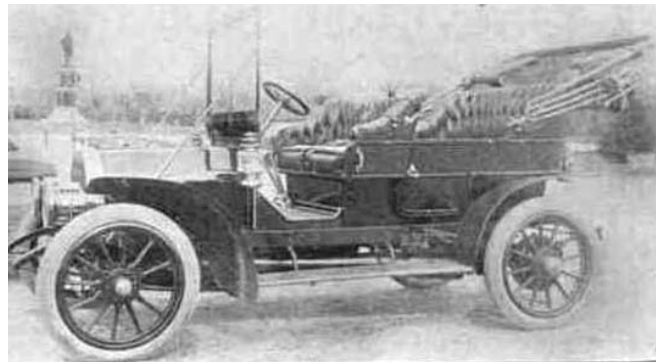
The Colburn was built in Colorado and this state was not a particularly good place for American Automobiles.

The Colburn brothers built the first four cylinder engine especially designed to perform in high altitudes. Colburn automobiles were very popular in the Rocky Mountain region.

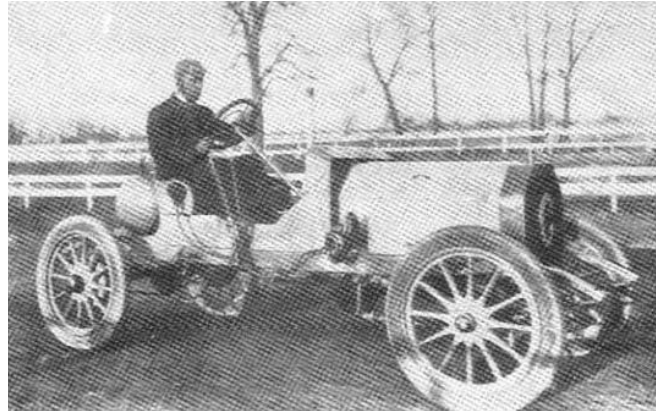
Colburn production included interesting model names. In 1906 a Model C Touring Car and Model D Roadster also known as the "Rex Alta" was produced on a 107 inch wheel base. These automobiles were equipped with a four cylinder water cooled engine that developed 25 horsepower.

A new Colburn called the "Skyscraper" (shown above) entered the market in 1908. It had the same high altitude four cylinder engine as the "Rex Alta".

In 1909 a 30 horsepower Touring Car and Roadster were made by The Colburn Automobile Co. In addition they



Colburn 1907 Skyscraper Touring Car



Colburn 1909 Model D Roadster

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produced a large 116 inch wheel base 40 horsepower Model H Touring Car. Colburn automobiles were exceptionally fast and the 1909 model shown above won a 200 mile road race near Denver, as well as many track events.

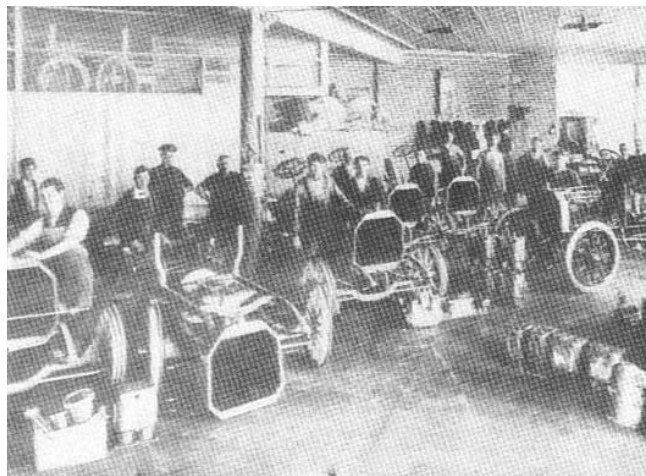
In 1910 The Colburn Automobile Co. announced that they were going to handle Renault automobiles in Denver for the State of Colorado. The new cars had reinforced axles, heavy duty springs and extra high clearances. The radiator was mounted behind the engine and had a sloping hood. These Renault Touring Cars and Roadsters were re-branded as the Model E Colburn's.

Additional 1910 models included a Model M built as a Touring Car and Roadster with a 112 inch wheel base and a four cylinder engine that developed 30 horsepower. A large seven passenger Touring Car with 114 inch wheel base and a four cylinder engine that was rated at 45 horsepower.

In 1911 a much larger seven passenger 122 inch wheel base Colburn Model N was made. It was their last American Automobile. It had a four cylinder engine rated at 38 horsepower, sliding gear transmission using the selective type of operation and having four forward speeds.



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The first logo of ALFA was designed in 1910 by Romano Cattaneo, and has an interesting story. He was once waiting for a tram at the Piazza Castello station in Milan, when he was inspired by the Red Cross on the Milan Flag and the Coat of Arms of the Noble House of Visconti. The words ALFA and MILANO were written around the two symbols separated by two Savoia Dynasty Knots, to honor the kingdom of Italy.

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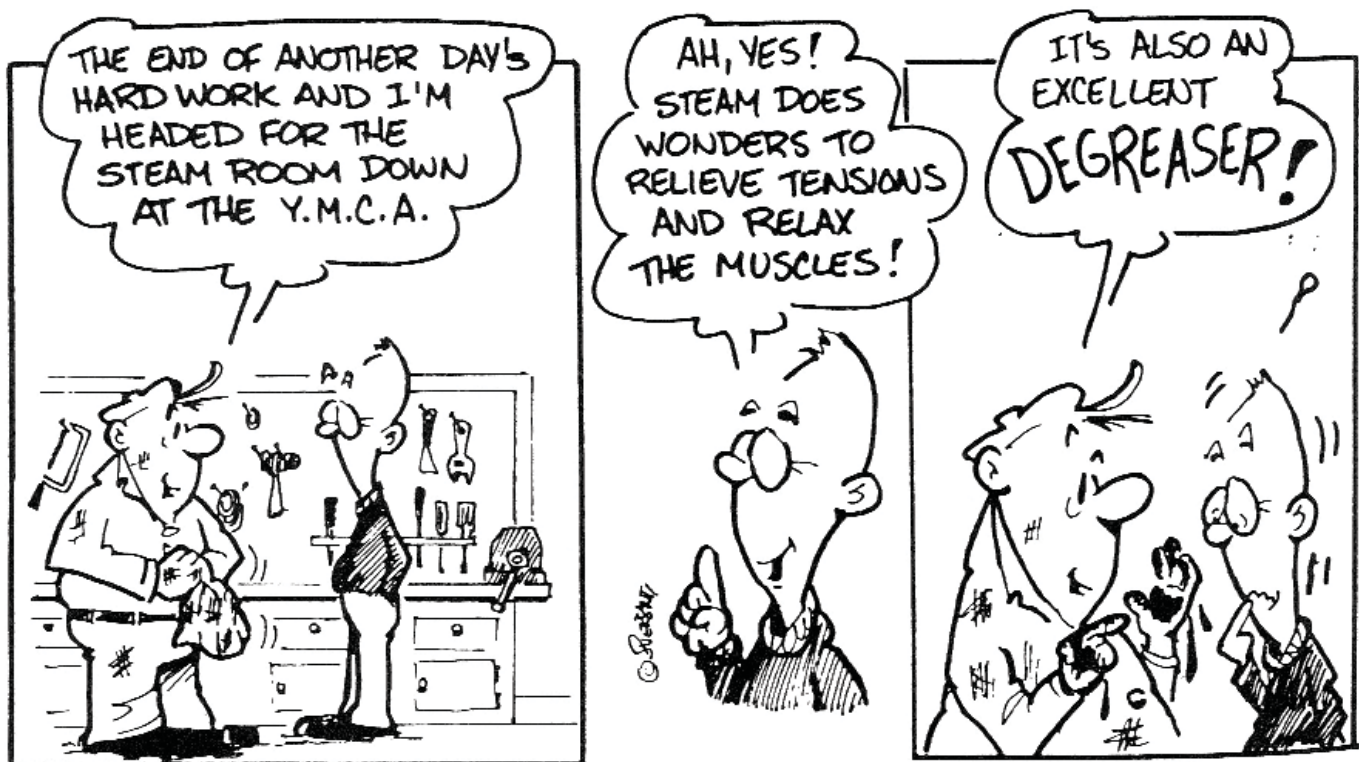
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ED: I am looking for other Cars of the Month. These cars do not have to be concours award winners, just cars that have owners who are proud to own them. (Don't we all feel that way?) To nominate a car and owner, please contact me at gakiyama@earthlink.net. Thanks.

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