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Member Automobile Profile: Bob Gates and his 1916 Model T

"This car was born in 1916 and reborn in 1976," says Bob. The model T was first produced in 1908 for the 1909 model year and they stopped producing them in 1927. According to Bob, "That's when Ford quit making cars and he started making model A's." He kept on changing the letter designation with major changes until the model T. "In this period, 1909 through 1927" Bob says, "Ford produced over fifteen million model T's and they still made the model T engine up until 1941 for replacements." The only modification Bob has made to his model T is an oil pump of his design inside the engine to facilitate pressurized bearing lubrication. There are several period correct after market additions that Bob added including wire spoke wheels, a luggage rack on the running board, battery and battery box and coil spring shocks. According to Bob, "Some of the other after market parts available were a pickup bed or a mother-in-law seat that you would bolt in place of the turtle deck." Options back then were, it seems, in reverse of what we see now. Bob stated, "Some of them came out with no top, no headlights or no lights at all." Other additions came from later model T's like an electric starter, generator and electric lights, which were all added to the model T by 1919. "This model has quite a bit of brass," Bob said. "Somewhere in mid 1916, they stopped using all that brass because of the war effort when they had to have the brass for all the shell casings, so everything was black steel after that." There were four different models of T in 1916, a roadster (Bob's model), a touring open two-seater, a couplet convertible closed coupe, and a town sedan with open front for the driver and closed rear for the rich people. All these models ran on the same chassis.

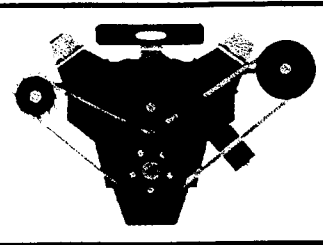
Bob did all the work himself from the ground up and he put it together "a piece at a time". He reported that he "did all the scraping, blasting, rust removal, painting, upholstery and polishing the brass and this and that." Some other facts he reported about the model T are, "The cooling system is a thermal siphon system, the engine and transmission are integral together and the engine oil also lubricated the planetary transmission, which is pretty unique itself. The transverse leaf spring suspension is a three-point system, which allows the car to go into a terrible twist allowing one wheel to go way up or down on the rough terrain while the opposite corner wheel could do the same. This was necessary due to the bad state of roads back then."

Bob drives his model T quite a bit. He said, "We went on a trip to Deadwood, South Dakota (trailed from Omaha, Nebraska) in 1982. There's two national model T clubs and for the first time I think, ever they got together at a meet there. Then we went from there to Devils tower in Wyoming. That was an all day trip, which may have been the longest trip I've taken in it."

When riding in the model T, you get in on the passenger's side. There is no door on the driver's side due to the levers (parking brake and 2 speed rear end) and steering wheel in the way. You sit pretty high in the T, or maybe it just seems that way because of the really short hood. You get a sense of how it may have been back in 1916 pattering around on some dusty road thinking to yourself, "Boy howdy, this is so much better than that horse and buggy we traded in."

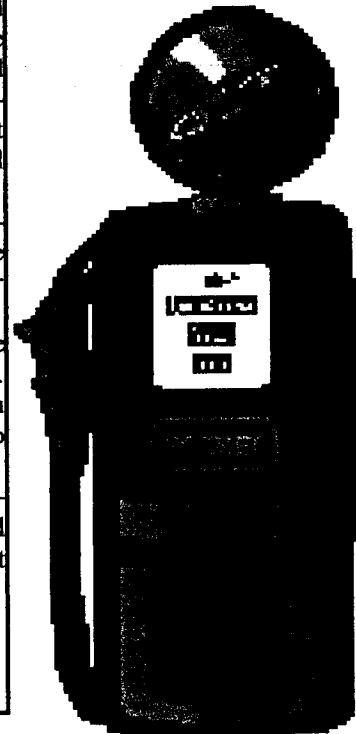
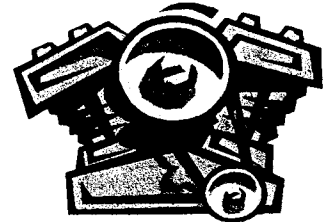
Bob has also attended many car shows and cruises. Some of the shows he's attended are: all of the BCC annual shows (except one) where he has won a few awards, the National Model T Club assembly in 1982 in South Dakota, a show in Belleview, Nebraska in 1985 and at the Ute Trails car show in Delta where he took home a beautiful plaque.

Story written and submitted by Vern Willis



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UPCOMING EVENTS & SHOWS

October 14th	Adopt A Highway Cleanup HWY 550	Montrose, CO
October 15-19th	Run to the Sun	Lake Havasau, AZ
October 31st	Halloween Night at Friendship Hall	Montrose, CO
November 15-16th	Good Guys Car Show	Scottsdale, Az
December 2nd	Club Christmas Party at Friendship Hall	Montrose, CO
December 6th	Parade of Lights Downtown Main St	Montrose, CO

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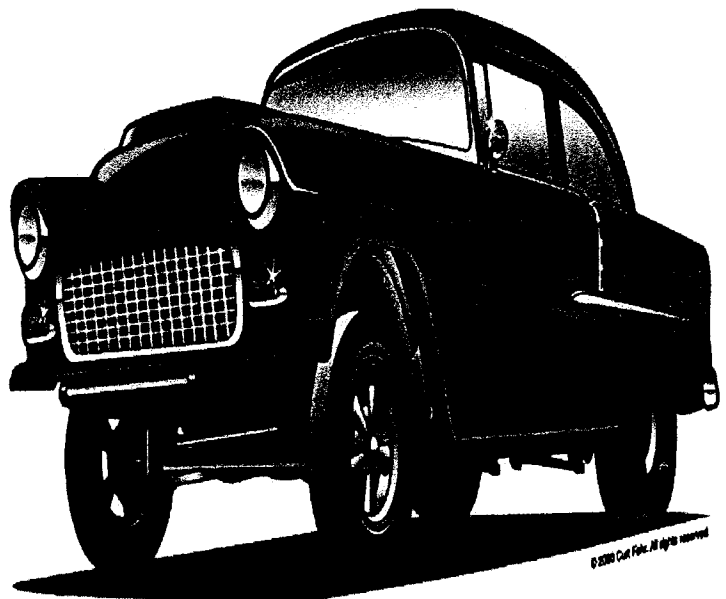
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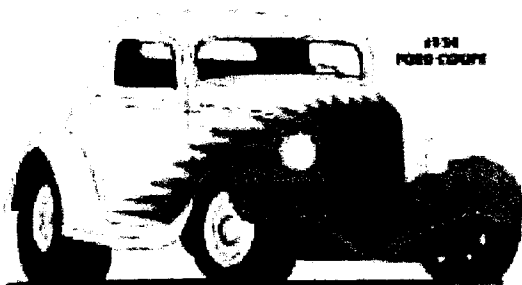
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Christmas Party 2004

The club members at the October meeting voted on a change for this year's Christmas party. It will be a catered affair on Tuesday, December 2nd, 6:00 pm at Friendship Hall. The cost of the dinner will be \$12 per person and your RSVP and money is due by November 20th. You can either contact Frank Kinion @ 249-6051 or mail your check to Black Canyon Classics, PO Box 3056 Montrose, Co 81401. The caterer will be the Daily Bread and attendees are asked to bring a dessert. There will be an optional gift exchange (\$10 maximum) per person and gifts need to be marked either guy or gal.

A portion of the proceeds from the Glenwood Car Show (\$200) will be used to rent Friendship Hall and the remainder will be set aside for a member appreciation day next summer. Hope to see all of you there!



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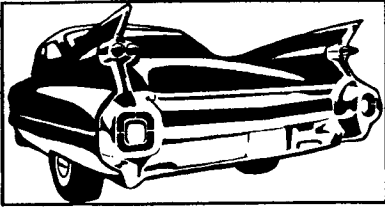
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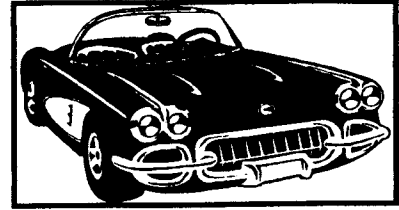
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The Editor's Page

Adopt A Highway Cleanup

Please mark your calendars for Tuesday October 14th at 5:00 pm as all members are encouraged to participate in the cleanup of our stretch of Hwy 50. We will be meeting at the parking lot just south of the Montrose Airport on the east side of the highway. Trash bags and safety vests will be provided but you need to bring water, gloves and a pointed pick up stick if you have one (a broom handle with a sharpened nail in the end works great). This is another club sponsored community project and we hope to see all of you there. For more information call: **Bob or Peggy Brahler @ 323-5844**

Halloween Night

Our cruise night location has been changed to Friendship Hall to participate in a Community Fall Festival Halloween night being sponsored by Parents for Pomona. This event runs from 5:30 to 9:30 pm and all BCC members are asked to bring their cars and a bag of candy to hand out. This is a great way for our kids to have fun, stay safe and off the streets on Halloween night.

Black Canyon Classics Cook Book

The car club now has its own cook book of recipes submitted by our members. The cookbook will make a great Christmas gift and can be ordered now for a mere \$10. The book will be available around the first part of December. To place an order or for more information please call: **Melody Krebs @ 970-323-0279 or Betty Seale @ 970-835-8205**

2004 Car Show Charity

At the October 7th meeting the members voted for the Montrose Medical Mission as the recipient of the proceeds from the upcoming 2004 show.

2004 Show Shirt Winners

The drawing was held at the October meeting and Mona Sherrill and Mary Hocevar were the lucky winners to select the car s (their husbands') for next year's show shirts. Congratulations ladies!

To contact the editor for comments, classifieds or information, call Al Hocevar @ 970-240-4714

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE CAR CLUB CONTACT ANY OF THE FOLLOWING :

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November 4, 2003 Club Meeting - City Chamber 6-8 pm

December 2, 2003 Christmas Party -Friendship Hall 6:00 pm





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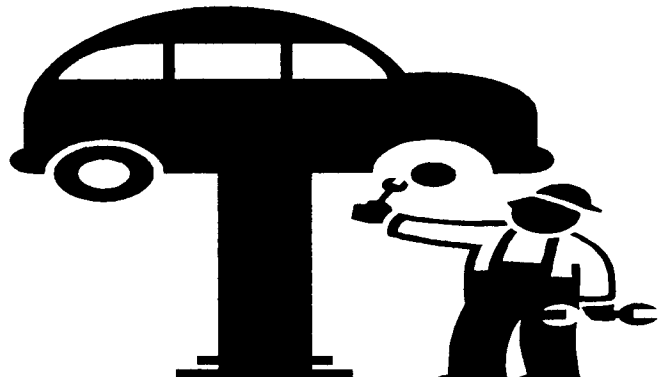
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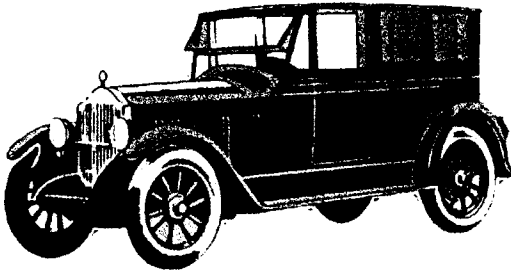
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OCTOBER

Friday	Oct 10th	Los Jilbertos	Montrose	6:00 to 9:00 pm
Sunday	Oct 12th	Dairy Queen	Delta	3:30 to 6:00 pm
Friday	Oct 17th	Sonic	Montrose	6:00 to 9:00 pm
Sunday	Oct 19th	HWY 65	Cedaredge	3:30 to 6:00 pm
Friday	Oct 24th	Arby's	Montrose	6:00 to 9:00 pm
Sunday	Oct 26th	Carl's Jr.	Delta	3:30 to 6:00 pm
Friday	Oct 31st	Friendship Hall (Halloween)	Montrose	5:30 to 9:30 pm

NOVEMBER

Sunday	Nov 2nd	Dairy Queen	Delta	3:30 to 6:00 pm
Friday	Nov 7th	KFC	Montrose	6:00 to 9:00 pm
Sunday	Nov 9th	HWY 65	Cedaredge	3:30 to 6:00 pm
Friday	Nov 14th	Sonic	Montrose	6:00 to 9:00 pm
Sunday	Nov 16th	Carl's Jr.	Delta	3:30 to 6:00 pm
Friday	Nov 21st	Arby's	Montrose	6:00 to 9:00 pm
Sunday	Nov 23rd	Dairy Queen	Delta	3:30 to 6:00 pm
Friday	Nov 28th	A&W	Montrose	6:00 to 9:00 pm
Sunday	Nov 30th	HWY 65	Cedaredge	3:30 to 6:00 pm