

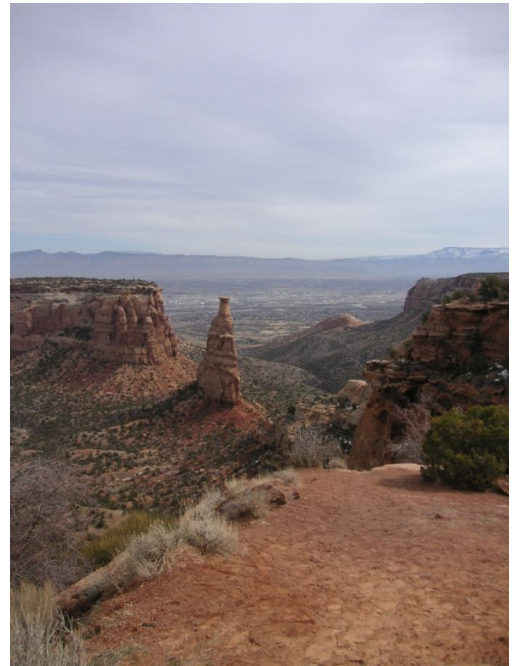
928 Function at the Junction Grand Junction, CO July 4-7, 2013

**Clarion Inn - 755 Horizon Dr, Grand Junction, CO 81506
(Call 970-243-6790 for Reservations)**

This event is open to all 928 enthusiasts at whatever level your interest might be. The convention hotel and headquarters is the Clarion Inn just off I-70 at Exit 31 (31 miles East of Utah). Registration for rooms in the block set aside for this event will be directly with the hotel at (970) 243-6790. Identify yourself with the “**928 Function**” to get the Group Rate and to be a part of the block of rooms currently set aside for us. The room rate is \$79.00, plus applicable taxes, per night. A portion of the blocked rooms is also available for the night of July 3rd for those who can complete their travel by then. An extensive breakfast is complimentary with the room.

For the very early arrivals (before Thursday morning) there will be some suggestions about how the morning can be spent, aside from just resting up from the trip.

The Function will open at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday the 4th with attendees picking up their event materials at the registration tables. For those who have arrived before 1:00 p.m., up to about 40 persons with transportation of their own, will depart the hotel for the



Mystery Paleontology Expedition. That event will involve a cruise of about 40 miles (each way) and over an interstate highway, a state highway, and what is the equivalent of a forest service access road (for about 3 miles) to the site of this Mystery activity. Four wheel drive will not be required. Near the end of this trip to the site, but before the final 3 mile segment, the state highway is one of the windiest roads in the state and one of the few, if not the only one, with a 25 mph speed limit for several miles that is not associated with some kind of settlement or other development. This final highway segment also crosses the face of the fastest moving mountain in the state. They all move a little

bit, but this one, or a large part of it, moves quite a bit and fairly often; often enough and moving enough that a good part of the highway has to be replaced when it moves.

The trip for the MPE will begin at about 1:00 p.m. with a cruise to the site and will end whenever individuals are through, with the last Expeditionists leaving the site by about 4:00 p.m. for the return to the hotel.

Those attendees who did not arrive early enough Thursday to join the MPE will be directed to other sites in town such as the Museum at Allen Unique Autos, Art on the Corner in Downtown Grand Junction, or perhaps a short tour of some local wineries.

Thursday evening at 6:00 p.m. to about 8:00 p.m. or so will entail a cocktail party at the Taste of Heaven Catering Facility about four miles from the hotel. The hors d'oeuvres will be hosted (and probably sufficient to pass for dinner) and drinks will be a cash bar. By the end there will be information about the location(s) for viewing fireworks unless the expected drought has raised the fire risk high enough to cancel them.



Friday, the 5th, will be a big day for all. There will be three main events out of which two will be available to each participant. However, the day will start at 7:30 a.m. with a breakfast meeting. Each will obtain their hotel provided breakfast in the atrium (starting at about 7:00 a.m.) and bring it into the designated meeting room. This breakfast meeting will entail the detailed instructions about the remainder of the Event activities.

Following the Breakfast, at about 9:00 a.m., all the attendees will travel by their own transportation to the east entrance to the Colorado National Monument. After entering the Monument and within about ¼ mile everyone will gather in the parking lot at the Devil's Kitchen Picnic Ground (on the right – not the left one which is parking for the trail head).



At this point a decision will have been made by each participant about which excursion will be taken by them for the afternoon – either the second take of the Mystery Paleontology Expedition, for any of those who did not go the previous afternoon, or a tour of about 50 miles to Gateway, Colorado for lunch and a tour of the Auto Museum there. Those who did MPE on Thursday will be designated to go to Gateway in the afternoon, so they will be the first to depart the picnic ground for the tour over the Monument. They will be departed in a staggered fashion so as not to create a traffic jam at any one of the nine major overlook points.

By the way, entrance to the National Monument is \$10 per car for the day. However if you are over 62 and you already have an interagency pass it is good here. Or, if you are over 62 you can buy your lifetime pass for the same \$10 and use it anywhere else in the Country.

The Colorado National Monument is a sort of canyon rim drive of about 12 to 15 miles or so and incorporates about nine major scenic overlooks including those pictured with this Event write-up. These views are some of the most spectacular in the world.

This tour over the monument will not be a race or any kind of timed event, but in order to encourage everyone to attend and to stop and look at the views or overlooks, it is going to be conducted as a Poker Run. At about six of the nine major overlooks there will be given an envelope with a playing card stapled in it. Each registered attendee (excluding children under six) will be entitled to have a card at each of the locations. You will sign the envelope and then at the completion of the tour, at the visitor's center near the west end of the Monument you will receive your seventh envelope with its card, and you will turn them all in to the person in charge there. The envelopes must not be opened. They will be stapled together and then returned to you for the final card game at the Banquet Saturday evening.

At the Monument Visitor's Center you can shop for souvenirs and you will be interested to watch one or both of the 12 minute movies about the Monument and its geology. Those who finish early, the ones scheduled for the tour to Gateway will all depart by about 11:30 to 12:00 for a cruise to Gateway for lunch and a tour of the Auto Museum there. From here this will be about 65 miles.

The trip to Gateway is back down the Interstate to GJT, through town, then southeast on Highway 50 to Whitewater, then Highway 141 through the Unaweep Canyon. This canyon is itself a beautiful drive, and it is unique in that it has two rivers (creeks) flowing opposite directions in it, (Again, that is the result of the gradual movement of these mountains.)



The major development at Gateway, including the Auto Museum and the café, is the brainchild and home of John Hendricks who was the originator of the Discovery Channel. His car collection in the museum does not include any Porsche 928s, but it is a very interesting collection with some very rare cars. Admission to the Museum is \$_____ and lunch is on your own. Return from Gateway can be a direct reverse of the drive there, but as a significant alternate the longer route South from Gateway, still on Highway 141, to Uravan and Naturita, then Highway 145 to Ridgway, with or without a side jaunt to Telluride, then North on Highway 550 to Montrose, and back on Highway 50 to Grand Junction, is both challenging from a 928 exercise standpoint, is very scenic, and is not so long as to put you back in GJT too late, even assuming you stop for dinner on the way. That alternate route from Gateway is about 200 miles total, not including the Telluride leg, if that is taken, so with a stop for dinner, perhaps in Montrose for an hour or so, you could be back at the hotel by 8 or 9 easily. I have arranged for a possible group gathering for dinner in Montrose at the Stone House, on the left, right across from Walmart just as you enter Montrose.

The other part of the group which will be finishing the Monument Tour/Poker Run basically last will be the



fairly nice sit-down meals with quite a bit in between.

The back parking lot of the Clarion Inn will be dedicated to the exclusive use of event participants. There will be car washing facilities and maybe Horatio will be present to wash cars for his nominal fee. He has a portable/mobile car washing service in this neighborhood.

Friday evening and early Saturday morning will be good times to clean the 928s out and up for the car show which will start Saturday morning at 10:00 until about 3:00 p.m. This car show will be open to the public for a small admission for the benefit of the Mesa County Pro Bono Project which is a worthwhile program sponsored by the Mesa County Bar Association to provide legal services to and for the indigent. The car show will include some of the local rod and custom “Iron” and will feature all or nearly all of the 928’s in attendance. The show will be held at and in conjunction with the Taste of Heaven Catering Service and will be held at their front and rear parking lots. Lunch will be provided for the 928 attendees in the car show and their party.



second group to leave the Visitor’s Center and will drive the short distance to Fruita for lunch, as a group, but on your own. From there, by about 1:30, this group will do the MPE which, if everyone from the day before has been true to their sworn pledge of secrecy, will still be a Mystery for this group. This group will also be limited to about 40 persons since that is the limit of the equipment available for the expedition which will be on loan for these two occasions.

Aside from the above, Friday evening will be on your own. There are about 14 or 15 food service establishments within reasonable walking distance from the Clarion Inn, including Pantuso’s at the Hotel, and ranging from fast food to

Saturday evening will be the Awards Banquet. This too will be at the catering facility. Cocktails will begin at about 6:00 p.m. and dinner at 7:00. There will be door prizes, (a door prize drawing is not a raffle), and the final hand of the Poker Game from the Monument will be played, also for a nice prize. That will be based on the best 5 card poker hand with Jokers wild. It may also be based on an additional two cards being dealt face up as in stud poker to be combined with the players’ cards, which will be returned to the players at the Banquet.

On Sunday morning it is expected that many attendees will be departing early for their trip home. For those who wish to depart a little later, there will be another opportunity for a Winery Tour, Art on the Corner Downtown, or maybe a search for a box of the best peaches in the world if our crop has not been lost due to the recent April frosts and if there are any “on” that early in July.

Jerry Feather, Event Organizer

Upload the attached Registration Form and send the completed application with your payment by PayPal to <mailto:jfeather@bresnan.net?subject=Registration Form> or, print the Registration Form and mail it with your check to: Jerry Feather

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