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WESTERN COLORADO



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August 2021

Upcoming Events:

- **Monthly Board Meeting: Tuesday, August 10, 2021 8:00am, Spoons, Outside**
- **Ice Cream Social, Sunday Aug 15th Jeff Parker's Home**
- **No Day Trip in August taking time to regroup**
- **Day Trips planned for September and October**
- **Updated calendar to be sent later**

August is a little bit unique, most of the time at least. In a standard year, there is no other month that begins on the same day of the week as August. In a leap year, however, August begins on the same day of the week as February.



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August 15th is **Lemon Meringue Pie Day**— (our ice cream social day!!!!)

**August is
also Peach
Month.**

Hint! Hint!



**Anyone want to surprise us with
these goodies at the ice cream social?**

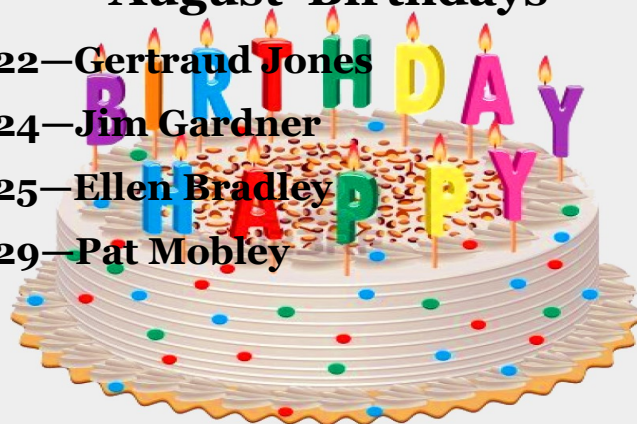
August Birthdays

22—Gertraud Jones

24—Jim Gardner

25—Ellen Bradley

29—Pat Mobley



Council Leader's Message

Hello Western Colorado members,

Summer is for picnics and ice cream and pool parties. Well, your club has planned 2 out of 3 of those events. The picnic last month at Rocket Park was a great success. My thanks to all of you who braved the heat and came out for fried chicken and fellowship. Special thanks to Kathy N., Claudia W., and Barbara S. for handling the picnic set-up. Please join us for the Ice Cream social on Sunday, August 15, in Jeff Parker's backyard. You will see the details later in this newsletter.



Last month's day trip to Montrose and Ouray is in the books. It was a delightful mix of history (Ute Museum) and exploration (Box Canyon Falls). There is no day trip scheduled for August due mostly to the expected heat. There will be scheduled day trips in September and October. Watch for details in the next couple of newsletters. Contact either Rebekah or Dan when you decide to join the group. If you want to be a driver, let them know.

The travel plans to visit the Northern Colorado club have stalled, as there were not enough hosts for the timeframe we were pursuing. However, I am still hopeful that there may be a way to plan a 2-3-night stayover on the front range, even if we must find our own lodging. There are plenty of sites and activities there to build an itinerary for a small adventure, while introducing ourselves to fellow Friendship Force members in front range clubs.

Lastly, I want to remind everyone that we are once again planning to go up on the Grand Mesa for roadside cleanup this year. The date is Monday, September 13. The club has been assigned a 2-mile section of the Grand Mesa Road (route 65) near the turn off to the observatory. This is a fun, outdoors activity, taken at your own pace. It is usually cool in the morning, and we have been known to eat lunch afterward, before coming home. Additional details will be given in the September newsletter. If you want to come along, please contact me and I'll put you on the list.

Looks like the fall is shaping up to be quite busy for our club.

Stay safe!

Picnic at Rocket Park, Sunday July 18 4:00—7:00pm

Everyone enjoyed getting together!



Dan Clancy talking with former member, Elsie Blink. One of our newest members, Colleen Anderson is to the left, and DJ's guest, Nancy Wood, was meeting other guests.

Kathy Nielsen and former member, Jim Witt, long time friends, enjoy catching up. It was good to see him again.



Introductions were made after we sat down. Renate', Rita Silva's guest was enjoying not only the food but lively conversations with the table. Again, you notice that Jeanine keeps things lively.



Jeanine Wehner introduces Bob Zaha to Bill Moyer, a guest of Judy Sealy. Bob is a guest of Rebekah McDermott.

Greeting old friends.....meeting guests A lively, fun, and delightful way to kick off our annual picnic.

With 4 guests plus 2 former members in addition to 21 members, there were lots of conversations, hugs, laughter and fun!!

Thanks to each one for the amazing varieties of sides to go with fried chicken. AND THE DESSERTS!



Notice the **Red** **White** **Blue** worn by so many who attended. Thanks

Picnic at Rocket Park, Sunday July 18 4:00—7:00pm

A plate for you.....a plate for me...



Our plates won't be full for long. YUM!!!!
Then dessert——



Do we have to wait for everyone to finish lunch before we can get DESSERT????? There's peach cobbler, peanut butter cookies, brownies and berry pie. I'll have one of each if you don't mind.

Patently waiting to get in line.....Some people are soooo slow and we are hungry!

Don't let our smiling faces fool you, we won't wait much longer!!!!!!



Picnic at Rocket Park, Sunday July 18 4:00—7:00pm

"OK, what piece do I want?" thinks Claudia Kellar



Jeff, always helpful, making sure Shirley has her plate and gets seated..



All is well!!!. And each one seems content and happy....

Chicken eaten — time for dessert..

So many choices, soo much to eat,
smells divine and I 'll take one of every-
thing! Now don't rush me,,,,,



Picnic at Rocket Park, Sunday July 18 4:00—7:00pm



Verna Bunn is deep in thought.....what might she be hatching up now??? You know she has held every office since joining the club way back in the beginning....Claudia Kellar and Renate' are all ears.

Ron & Ellen
Bradly are quite
relaxed so I
don't know
what startled
Jennifer
Swayne.



Shirley Schultz, our amazing 99 year old member, is having a delightful conversation with one of our newer members, Judy Sealy. Bill Moyer, Judy Sealy's guest does what most men do when women talk, he stays quiet and inside his own head...



Dan Clancy, our multi-tasking leader, prepares to share upcoming news with us. What exciting events does he have planned for the future?

Well, you best come to the meetings to get the latest.....

And bring a guest, too.

Friendship Force of Western Colorado
invites you to our annual

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Sunday, August 15th
4:00—7:00pm

Jeff Parker's Home
787 N. Sedona Court
Grand Junction, CO 81506

**Ice Cream and Beverages
provided by FFWC**

Bring cookies, brownies, nuts, Peach Pie, or
other goodies to enjoy with the ice cream!

Bring your lawn chairs too

RSVP by Aug 11th: Dan Clancy
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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Co-Chairs: Rebekah McDermott &
Claudia Kellar

With 3 day trips behind us, our members are reuniting with the joy of traveling, fellowship and adventure. August's heat will only help us better enjoy the ice cream social. This event is a grand time to bring a visitor. Details on page 7

Did you make time to visit with our guests at the July picnic? It is obvious people are wanting to get out, meet, greet, eat, and even travel. The 4 guests who attended want to be included in this too. So if you previously did not chat with them, look for them at the next events.

- Ice Cream Social
- Future Day Trips

Visiting were Bill Moyer, guest of Judy Sealy, Bob Zaha, guest of Rebekah McDermott, Nancy Wood, guest of Dan & DJ Clancy, Renate', guest of Rita Silva

At the picnic we also enjoyed visiting with former members Elsie Blink and Jim Witt. Visiting once again makes these friendships seem sweeter and memories dearer.

PS: Bob & Nancy joined our the club as of 7/30/21. WELCOME!

**I'M SO GLAD
FRIENDS DON'T COME
WITH PRICE TAGS.
I COULD NEVER AFFORD
THE WONDERFUL
FRIENDS I'VE GOT.**



Day Trip to Ouray, Thursday, July 29, 2021. 10 members left Grand Junction at 8am and Rita Silva joined the group at the Ute Museum in Montrose.

Our first stop was the Ute Council tree. You can see from the size of the trunk that our members reached only 1/2 way around the base.

After this stop we were eager to visit the Ute Indian Museum in Montrose. ↓



With primitive tools, the Indians created intricate art on their apparel as well as on tools. Each of us was enthralled and awed by the beauty as well as their ability to survive.

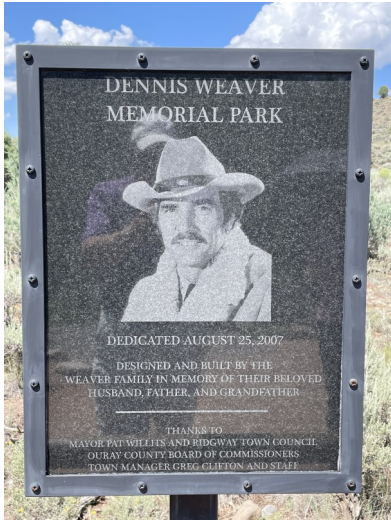


A special treat was meeting the tribal leader and curator of this museum, Oglala Lakota. She also shared from her own life of the pride in her people and the joy of this museum.

**Leaving the Museum
heading toward
Ouray..... See next**



DAY TRIP TO OURAY AND MONTROSE continued

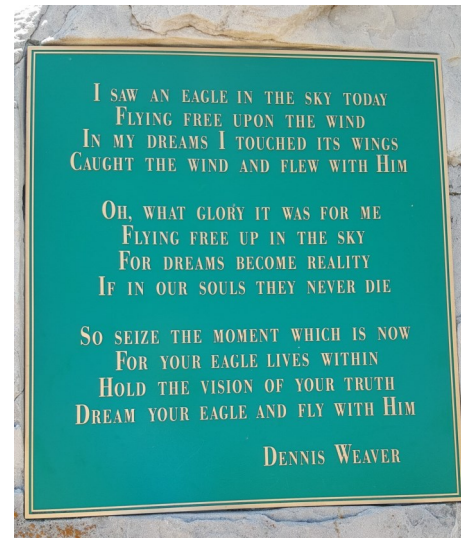


Sue Palmer suggested that since we were going by the Dennis Weaver Park, why not make a quick stop. "Yes". You get an idea of the grandeur as well as the fun.

The eagle wing span is 21 feet and weights 2800 pounds. An amazing artistic and mechanical feat to suspend in air such a splendid monument.



This specially built outdoor musical instrument, entitled "Eaglet", drew all to it try. Do we have hidden talent? Both DJ Clancy and our newest member Nancy Wood jumped right in to create melodic sounds.



We have worked up an appetite. Onward to the True Grit Grill in Ridgeway. Yah Who!

DAY TRIP TO OURAY AND MONTROSE continued

Lunch at the True Grit Grill .Though not part of the agenda, one of the joys with our club is our ability to be flexible.

And let's not forget that by this time it was closing in on 11:30—— food was needed.

Slow service did not dampen these spirits. These smiles lasted all day



Our food was delivered quickly, Could being at the same table with Shirley be the reason?



By 1:30 we were fortified and back in the cars headed for Ouray and Black Box Falls. Our drivers for the day: Sue, Kathy and Judy certainly had their work cut out for them as we wound higher and higher to see the top of the falls. Way to go gals.

Next stop Black Box Falls...

DAY TRIP TO OURAY AND MONTROSE cont. BLACK BOX FALLS

These pictures give you the feeling of the majesty and power of this rushing water.



After cooling off from the water spray, we head back to the entrance where still more natural delights await. While Nancy views all the birds, Judy is fascinated by the chipmunk. And DJ is trying to get her phone to work so she can also take pictures. More to see than can be taken in at only a brief glance.

Next stop the top of the Falls for the view below

DAY TRIP TO OURAY AND MONTROSE cont. BLACK BOX FALLS

Standing at the top of Black Box Falls the view below is breath taking. Well, so is the view all around us.

We take time to pause, reflect, enjoy and let our souls fill with the peace and quiet.



A quick gust of wind. Hold tight!

And this is the view.

Ouray

Switzerland of America



Our trip ends with a slow meander thru Ouray, a stop at the ice cream shop (and none of us thought to take pictures) and then back into the cars for home. In my car the conversations were about all the fun of the day and the sights we saw. AND anticipation for the next trip. COME WITH US

Laughter is Good Medicine!

Never be afraid
to try something
new. Remember,
amateurs built the
ark. Professionals
built the *Titanic*.

If you think you are
smarter than the
previous
generation...50
years ago the
owners manual of a
car showed you
how to adjust the
valves. Today it
warns you not to
drink the contents
of the battery.

My body needs a
refresh button!



Don't get all weird about
getting older!
Our age is merely the number
of years the world has been
enjoying us!!

JUST IMAGINE HOW
AWESOME LIFE
WOULD BE IF BISCUITS
AND GRAVY MADE
YOU SKINNY.

i think it's adorable
they're putting jokes
on the side of snacks
now. like listen to this
one:
serving size: 3 cookies

Laughter: ENJOY and **Share**



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Have a friend who likes to travel?

Share with them the FFI website and let them see all the great places they can go.

Be sure to invite them to our activities so they can see what we do and decide if it is for them.



WANTED: Stories of your trips (with pictures is great), local travels, trips with your family, places of interest for us to see, quips & jokes, etc.

Send to rebekahmcdermott@gmail.com.

Deadline for your submissions is the 25th of each month.

The Newsletter is sent to you via email the 1st of the month.



YOUR IDEAS!!!!!! Because our current project with CDOT expires this year, we are open to new service projects in which our members could participate. This could be a project a couple of times a year, and could even be indoors. Please let Dan know of your thoughts.



Friendship Force Pledge

As a member of the Friendship Force I recognize that I can make a Difference.

I recognize that I have a mission; that mission is to be a friend to the people of the world. As I embark upon this adventure, I know that others will be watching me.

I know that through my example to my own fellow citizens and the people of other nations, the cause of friendship, love, and peace will be furthered.

I can make a difference.

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ABOUT THE CLUB

Friendship Force Western Colorado, located in Grand Junction, CO., was formed in 1982.

General meetings are now face to face. See newsletter or monthly email for location.

Membership is open to all who are interested in the goals and purposes of the Friendship Force program.

Check our website or the newsletter for updates.

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