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**AND MUCH MORE !!**

**December  
Monthly Social  
Dec. 19th—6:30 pm  
Hacienda Real  
8896 W. Bowles Ave.  
Littleton**

This informal get-together is always fun and always the third Wednesday of the month starting at 6:30 pm. Generally someone is there till at least 8, so you can even come late and have dessert. Call Jay at 303-935-8270 for directions, or if you would like more information.

The January 2008 Social will be held at **The Bonfish Grill**, 10438 Towncenter Dr., Westminster. The location of the February Social will be announced soon!

**SEE YOU AT  
THE SOCIAL!**



## Holiday Party Set for December 8, 2007 7:00 PM Aurora Summit Restaurant

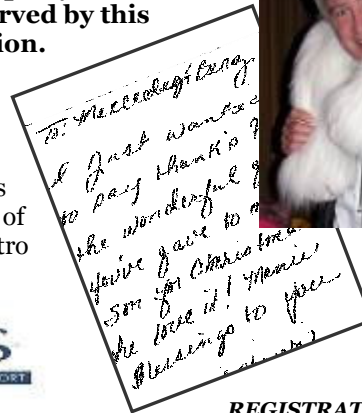
Be sure to set aside December 8th for our annual Holiday party. This year we will be at the **Aurora Summit Restaurant, 2700 S. Havana St. in Aurora** with a private room just off the dance floor. The \$10.00 cost includes one complimentary well drink. **Cocktail hour starts at 7 pm, followed by dinner at 8.**

This year we are trying something new — everyone will have an opportunity order off the menu and pay by separate check. So, whether your appetite is large or small—you can choose what you want. From salads to soups, to steaks to seafood, to scrumptious desserts—you'll have a huge selection of items to choose from. Check out their many menu items at [www.aurorasummit.com](http://www.aurorasummit.com).

After dinner our closed doors will be opened for dancing. The Aurora Summit has excellent food and the dancing afterward will be a new treat for us. Put on your holiday togs and dancin' shoes and get ready to party on December 8th.

In keeping with the MHS Holiday tradition of giving to children of **FACES**, **Please bring one or more NEW, unwrapped toys to the party to be donated to children served by this outstanding organization.**

The mission of **FACES** is to help prevent child abuse, neglect and family violence. **FACES** provides assistance to a wide range of families in the Denver Metro area. —Max Townsend



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## PPS HOLIDAY PARTY SET FOR DECEMBER 16TH—6:00 PM

The annual Pikes Peak Section Holiday Party will be held on Sunday, December 16th at the Pepper Tree Restaurant, at 888 West Moreno Ave., Colorado Springs. Perched on a hilltop high above 8<sup>th</sup> Street, the Pepper Tree has one of the most breathtaking views in the city. Although the atmosphere may be considered a trifle formal (the wait staff wears tuxedos), the location lends its self to a variety of dress, from casual to formal.

The Pepper Tree has a variety of menu items available for this wonderful evening. Cost will be \$52.95 per person, if you make your reservations by November 30<sup>th</sup>. It'll be \$55.95 thereafter. Seating is limited (75 persons, maximum). So, don't delay, pencil us in on your holiday schedule — Sunday, December 16th. Please RSVP to Dori Wald at 711 N Institute, Colorado Springs, CO 80903. Or give her a jingle for more information at 719-471-3299.

## Behind the Wheel

With Jay Hokanson,  
President, Mile High Section



The MHS is wrapping up another very successful year. We are just back from our Annual Members meeting and Board of Director elections and we have just one big event left in 2007, our annual Holiday Party. I want to extend my congratulations to the six returning and two new board members for 2008. See the article on page 4.

Steve Dierks, Rocky Mountain Regional Director presented the MHS with the MBCA's Public Service Award for 2006. Only one Public Service Award is presented nationally per year so it's quite an honor for MHS to receive this award. Thanks to Deborah Hokanson for the hard work researching and writing up the award application and to the many MHS members who participated in the Section's public service activities. The award will be on display at the Holiday Party for all of our members who didn't make the Annual Meeting.

Steve discussed the highlights of the recent National Board Meeting. Two items from the National Meeting are of particular interest to MHS members. The first is the opportunity to create Sub-Sections within the Mile-High Section to better serve our members who live outside the Denver Metro area. MHS will be developing a plan for Utah in the next few months. To better assist the MHS in planning, I am requesting comments from Utah members, and looking for members from Utah who would like to help organize the sub-section. A big advantage of the sub-section is planning for local activities without the extensive paperwork and reporting requirements of a full Section.

The second item of interest is MBUSA's new Loyalty Rewards program for 2008. MBCA members in good standing for one full year can receive a gift card of up to \$1,500 after the purchase of a new or used Mercedes (AMG models are excluded). The offer has even been extended to the purchase of used Mercedes vehicles purchased from any licensed automobile dealer, not just Mercedes dealers. Check [www.MBCA.org](http://www.MBCA.org) or the Star for additional details. Don't let your MBCA membership lapse for even 1 day during the year if you are planning to take advantage of this program. — Jay

**Have a safe Holiday Season**  
**as we expect to see you at our activities in January.**

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!!!

- Margaret & Keith Platte
- Robert Prado
- Jason McKesson
- Ken & Terri Jarvi
- Brian Hickox
- Ricardo Aguirre
- Michael Collins
- Alex Rostenburg
- Reed & Susan Jensen
- Rocky & Deborah Burt



If you have not received your New Member Packet, please contact Laura Lass at 303-776-8276 or [lwlass@hughes.net](mailto:lwlass@hughes.net).

Please feel free to contact any member if you have questions, or would like more information on club activities!

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT OUR NEXT EVENT!**

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**COMING IN JANUARY 2008**

**COOKING DEMONSTRATION  
AT LE CENTRAL**

**112 E. 8th Ave., Denver • January 19, 2008 2:00 pm  
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Please plan to attend this special event. Cost for this outstanding culinary experience is just \$43.00 if you register by December 20th (\$47.00 after Dec. 20th). Because we are limited to 30 attendees, please register as soon as possible. Contact Randy Williams 303-799-4806 or Jay Hokanson 303-935-8270 for more information.



*IF YOU LOVE TO EAT OR IF YOU LOVE TO COOK YOU WILL NOT WANT TO MISS THIS OUTSTANDING EVENT. MORE INFORMATION WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE HOLIDAY PARTY DECEMBER 8TH.*

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**TECH  
SESSION  
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UPHOLSTERY**

**2613 w. 64th Ave., #A  
January 26, 2008  
10:00 a.m.**

Here is your chance to see the master at work! With over 25 years' experience, Ron Nelson promises an outstanding tech session with lots of good information. Ron will give us the inside scoop on classic and antique vehicle restoration, leather work, convertibles and covers, and more. Light refreshments will be served, and we'll meet somewhere for lunch afterward. Don't miss this fun and informative tech session. Cost: \$10.00.

For more information, contact Jay Hokanson, 303-935-8270 or jhokanso@comcast.net. Register by January 15, 2008.

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## ANNUAL MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 17, 2007 AT THE FORNEY MUSEUM OF TRANSPORTATION 2007 Election to the Mile-High Section Board Brings on Two New Directors



Elections for new and returning members of the Mile-High Section Board of Directors were held on November 17, 2007 as part of the general membership meeting held at the Forney Transportation Museum. Six directors were up for re-election. Ryan Bunn, Reiner Haubold, Randy Williams, Mike Redel, Niels Haubold and Richard Thorpe were all re-elected. Long time Director, Dale Grace, decided not to run again due to work commitments. Members of the MHS are excited to welcome two new members to the Board. Harvey LeCato and Randall Potter were nominated and elected to the MHS Board and will serve two year terms. Congratulations to all.

In 2007 the total membership of the Mile High Section increased by 39 members (8.6%), bringing the number of members in the MHS to 453. The MHS held or participated in 22 major events during 2007 (7 of which were in conjunction with a charitable cause). Events included the Children's Miracle Network Radiothon, The CP of Colorado Charity Car Show, the Make-a-Wish Charity Car Show at Cherry Creek, Sounds of Silence Rally, Oktoberfest Rally, Steamboat Springs leg of the Heart of America Tour, Susan G. Komen Race for Cure, and four technical sessions. All tolled MHS held 45 events with a total of 950 member participations.



MHS President Jay Hokanson calls the meeting to order and recaps Section activities and accomplishments for 2007.



Deborah Hokanson accepts the MBCA Public Service Award for 2006 from Regional Director Steve Dierks.



After the election, the Section held its first Board of Directors meeting with the newly elected Directors. The primary purpose of this first meeting is to choose the officers for the coming year. All officers agreed to continue in their current position for another year. For 2008 your officers are, President, Jay Hokanson; Vice President, Mike Redel; Secretary, Reiner Haubold and Treasurer, Max Townsend. Deborah Hokanson will continue as Constellation Editor and Laura Lass has agreed to continue as Membership Chair.



## HEY VALENTINE

I've called upon ol' Cupid  
And asked him to convey  
This very special notice  
About Valentine's Day.

A very special party  
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Who have so much in common  
And who love Mercedes-Benz.

**The 2008 Mile-High Section Valentine's Party will be held February 16, 2008 at the Mt. Vernon Country Club. Cocktails will start at 6:00 pm followed by a buffet dinner at 7:00 pm.** Cost for this event is \$37.50 per person.



We have all had such a great time in the past. We look forward to seeing our members both old and new. More details to follow in the January and February 2008 issues of *The Constellation*.

Till then...mark February 16th on your calendar, and be ready. You never know where Cupid will show up, or what surprises he'll have in store.

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## A Bevy of Beauties, a Bounty Hunter, and a Mysterious Buck-toothed Pregnant Woman Add to the Fun at Jerry and Jan's Halloween Soiree.

This years Halloween Party was a real 'hoot'. The costumes were a fun as always and the food was excellent. Nothing is better then good friends and good food topped with silliness. We enjoyed a fun hayride through the neighborhood. The cool air brought everyone closer together under the blankets. We did the customary costume contest. The winner of the female costume category was Dottie Whiting (Laura's mother) dressed like a buck-toothed pregnant woman. Best male costume went to Max Townsend decked out in a sumo- wrestling outfit. And the best couples' get up went to Ron and Laura Lass. They came, and provided security, as 'Dog the Bounty Hunter' and Officer Naughty.

We had the World Series Game on the big screen so we could cheer for the Rockies (usually we watch Young Frankenstein—but occasionally, some traditions are worth exchanging) . Thanks to everyone who came and we look forward to next year's spooktacular event. —Jerry Kappler



Jan and Jerry setting the tone for a great time!



This stunning ensemble wins Dottie Whiting a prize for best costume.



There was no shortage of classy dames at this party.



Looks like "Dog" is having a little trouble choosing between these two hotties!

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- COOKING DEMONSTRATION AT LE CENTRAL # Attending \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$47.00 person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_**  
**January 19, 2008 - 2:00 pm, 112 E. 8th Ave., Denver** \$43.00 if registered by 12/20  
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- TECH SESSION AUTO WEAVE UPHOLSTRY # Attending \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$10.00 person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_**  
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## Calendar of Events ALL EVENTS ARE MILE-HIGH SECTION EVENTS UNLESS NOTED AS PPS

### Dec. --- No Board Meeting in December

**8th** — MHS Holiday Party—Aurora Summit —Jay 303-935-8270

**16th**— PPS Holiday Party—Pepper Tree Restaurant in Colo. Springs

**19th** — Monthly Informal Social at Hacienda Real, 8896 W. Bowles Ave. 6:30 pm—Jay

### Jan.

**2008 3rd** — Board Member Meeting at the Hokanson's — 7:00 pm — Jay

**16th** — Monthly Informal Social—Bonfish Grill, 10438 Towncenter Dr., Westminster—Jay

**19th** — Cooking Demonstration—Le Central—Randy Williams—303.799.4806

**26th** — Tech Session—Auto Weave Upholstery, 2613 W. 64th Ave. — Jay

**Feb 7th** — Board Member Meeting at the Hokanson's — 7:00 pm Jay

**13-15th** - Children's Miracle Network Radiothon — Max Townsend— 303.770.1128

**16th** — Valentine's Dinner at Mt. Vernon Country Club 6:00 pm — Max—303.770.1128

**20th** — Monthly Informal Social (Location TBA)

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