Englewood Historic Preservation Society Preserving Englewood Colorado History

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Upcoming Events for Spring & Summer

May 28th - Sunday

Memorial Day Celebration held at Englewood High School featuring a Military Tribute. 1:30 pm: Pre-ceremony, meet outside near the Memorial Monument. 2:00 pm: Program begins in the Fischer Auditorium. 4:00 pm: Post-ceremony, meet outside RSVP KAY HOWARD 303-740-8789 or e-mail kaycastlerock@comcast.net

June 8th - Thursday

Join EHPS in touring the Cherokee Ranch and Highlands Ranch Mansion. 8:45 am - 3:00 pm. \$15 for admission plus lunch. For more details and to RSVP please contact CJ Cullinan at 720.556.6770 by text, or email cjcullinan@msn.com.

EHPS LECTURE SERIES:

All lectures, unless otherwise noted take place the last Monday of the month at 2 locations. FIRST: 2:30 pm at the Englewood Public Library SECOND: 6:30 pm at the BOB, Brew on Broadway, 3445 S. Broadway.

June 26th - Monday

The 1918 Flu Epidemic and Pandemic Planning Today with Cassandra Letkomiller.

July 31st - Monday *The History of Tiny Town with Dave Christopherson, TT train engineer.*

August 28th - Monday General Iron Works, Part Two with Roger Kinney.

SPECIAL Thank You!

LEE WHITELEY

Thank you for a fun tour of Rocky Mountain National Park!

CATHY DARNELL

Thank you for the story of one of Englewood's most important Churches!

CJ CULLINAN

Thank you for putting together the field trip to the Genoa Tower, Hugo Roundhouse, and Limon Heritage Center! NEW & RENEWING MEMBERS Paul Skizinski, Fuiks Family, Dave Paschal, William Gedeon, Bill Eloe, Earlea Schindler Donald & Susan Christensen



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Englewood Historic Preservation Society Mission

To Preserve and share Englewood's history.

THE SENTINEL – JEFF'S AUTOMOTIVE

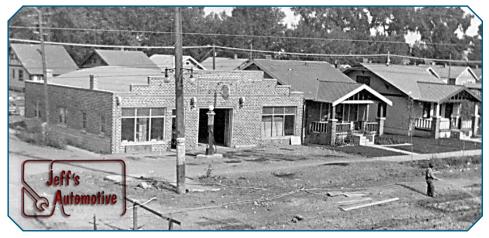


Since 1925, a brick building has occupied the Southwest corner of Cornell at Broadway. At first glance, the building appears to be nothing out of the ordinary. On close examination, however, the brick looks to be quite modern with the textured scarring and warpage found in today's desired designs. In actuality, the bricks used in 1925 were tailing rejects from a kiln. Rejects were free, and Al Hively, who built the building, was more than happy for the use of free bricks. Moreover, the labor was also free. The construction came from prison inmates or rather "road gang" labor. The work project was sponsored by the state.

For Al Hively and his wife Jean, the building was a dream come true. Al left his employ at the Gates plant and opened Hively's All Service Center and also Englewood's first Sinclair gas station. Initially the station mainly serviced farming equipment, but then as the business steadily grew the one gravity-type gas pump was replaced by three more conventional pumps that served the local motorists. A modest one bedroom house behind the station was the Hively's home until they sold the business in the 1940's.

After Hively, the brick building took on a new persona and, for the next 30 years, it was known as Englewood Tire and Battery. The station switched from representing Sinclair products to Texaco.

The '70s began a period of the building hosting various businesses over the next 20 years including the times that the building stood empty. In 1989, Jeff Schneider purchased the empty building and established Jeff's Automotive. For almost the next six years, the building continued to look nearly the same as it did in 1925. In 1995, a front office extension was added to make way for a new hoist in the shop. Jeff made an effort for the office to retain the style of the brick work and keeping the flavor of the building. The office addition doubles as a small museum. On the walls are three Sinclair signs which were found in the building's attic from the days of the Hively's service station. The signs are in pristine condition. In one corner stands an old Sinclair gas pump. An overhead shelf encompasses the four office walls. The shelves are loaded with old Sinclair products, packaging, and memorabilia collected by Jeff over the years. An early oil storage dispenser is displayed in the picture window next to the former entrance. If one stands in the old office area and looks out of the picture window toward Broadway, there is almost a feeling of the experience portrayed in the 1960 George Paul movie "The Time Machine." Rod Taylor played a scientist who, in his time machine, was able to watch the future pass in front of him through his picture windows. Since 1925, the building made from free brick rejects and built by road gang labor has borne witness to Broadway changing from a dirt road to a paved ribbon. The building watched the advent of the street car tracks on Broadway only later to be replaced by the bus system. It has seen the creation of a medical center and the redevelopment of the neighborhood. The old brick structure from 1925 has unknowingly become a historical sentinel continually marking the days of progress and change of the city now under the guise of Jeff's Automotive.



corner adjacent to the counter. Framed pictures of cars past and present decorate the walls along with framed advertisements from the both the Hively station and the Englewood Tire and Battery days. In 1999, the small house behind the shop was raised to make room for additional expansion.

The old office had occupied the East corner of the building with a large

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Touring: World's Wonderview Tower, Hugo Roundhouse & Limon Heritage Museum

What a wet and cool day on April 22 to head East on I-70 and meet Christopher Fox of the Roundhouse Preservation Board (Hugo, CO). It is the last surviving brick roundhouse as well as one of only three historic roundhouses in Colorado. The amount of time and money invested in this 1909 Union Pacific facility is evident in its reconstructed 20+ft doors and windows. They anticipate a grand hall for events, an office space for a Tourist Center, Gift shop and conference room, and a railroad artifacts collection and restored Bay 8 all under one roof.

Then off to the 1926 World's Wonder View Tower with Patty Calhoun of Westword fame with one of the 4 other partners, Reed Weimer showing us the apartment, showrooms, and, of course, the Tower. US Hwy 24 pavement can still be seen passing by. The amount of items collected by the late Jerry Chubbuck has continued to cause a work in progress in removing and "moving along" literally tons. In 1995, they earned placement on



the Colorado State Register of Historic Properties. This year, the Tower and its campus is named one of Colorado's Most Endangered Places. There are dreams and plans in the works, but this private tour was a unique opportunity to our Society.

After lunch, we headed over to the Limon Heritage Museum and Rock Island/Union Pacific Train Depot listed on the National Historic Register. These buildings and artifacts make for an overwhelming appreciation for the work and maintenance of Mary Anderson as Operations Manager and her Board with community involvement. The Depot is beautifully restored as well as a oneroom Schoolhouse. They are open from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

Our brains and hearts were full of such wonderful history, its preservation and presentation by so many dedicated volunteers and professionals. Wishing you all a trip out East to check it out.

~ CJ Cullinan

DID YOU KNOW? Reusing Historic Buildings...

By Doug Cohn Lincoln in 1974. The Wellspring Church



Have you ever noticed the church looking building on the corner of Pennsylvania and Dartmouth?

That piece of ground has been a worship location for a long time. In the early 1920s, the Mormons had a meeting structure there. It was a dug out area covered with a big canvas top.

In 1923, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints built the current building. It was built as the first church of the Englewood Branch of the Western States Mission. They outgrew the site and moved to a larger building in the open country just east of Clarkson on Tufts in 1955.

In 1958, the property was sold to the Salvation Army. The Army consolidated the Denver area operations in the new location. The name was changed from the Denver Temple Corpsto the Englewood Temple Corps. They retained their focus of helping the sick, the poor, the homeless and the addicted with physical and spiritual help During the summers they held camps for kids in the Englewood parks. On Sundays, vans would pick up kids from the trailer parks and bring them to Sunday school. They offered puppet shows and other activities in the Youth Center next door to the Church. In the aftermath of the 1965 flood, the Englewood Salvation Army provided clothing and other supplies to those in need.

They got big enough they needed a new house of worship and bought the Cherrilyn Baptist church at 4300 S.

Lincoln in 1974. The Wellspring Church meets there now.

In 1994, the Army moved to Arapahoe Road and Colorado Boulevard. The Army sold the Englewood building to two talented women who started a music school in 1979. It is called the Grenoble Studio of Musical Arts run by Barbara Grenoble and Peggy McCreary. The music studio has been teaching and creating performances for kids from kindergarten through middle school. There are also classes for the adults. The classes provide children with the basics of music through movement, percussion, ensemble and voice.

A great example of repurposing of historic buildings can be seen in the former Shobert's Grocery store which was across the street, now home to KZ Smith home designers & remodelers.



FREE EVENT 3800 So. Logan Englewood, Colorado 80113 Pre-ceremony outside <u>1:30 PM</u> near flag poles Program starts <u>2:00 PM</u> in Fisher Auditorium

For more details call Kay 303-740-8789 See: Facebook page "Englewood High School Military Memorial" Rolling Thunder "Missing Man Ceremony"

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