

2017 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS – updated 08/01/17

(subject to change)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 10:

8 am – 10 am **Pick up** Registration Materials In the Sky Ute registration lobby

11:am – **Cruise** to Vallecito Lake and lunch in Bayfield at the Chinese restaurant. Then tour the Cultural Museum next to the Sky Ute Casino before the picnic

4 pm – 6 pm **Pick up** Registration Materials In the Sky Ute registration lobby

Annual Picnic in the Park

Remember that your participation in any and all activities is voluntary. If you have something you would rather do or go see please feel free!

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11:

Cruise the Million Dollar Highway to Ouray (elevation 7792', population 1,033) going over several mountain passes:

Coal Bank Pass – elevation 10,640'

Molas Pass – elevation 10,970'

Red Mountain Pass – 11,018'

We will stop in the historic town of Silverton (elevation 9035', population 630) for a break or for sight seeing for those of us not continuing on to Ouray.

(Ouray Visitor Guide https://issuu.com/durangoherald/docs/ouray_-_official_visitors_guide_201)

(Silverton Chamber of Commerce) <http://silvertoncolorado.com/>

Ouray has been a special destination of world travelers for more than 100 years. This small intimate community is nestled in some of the most rugged and towering peaks of the Rockies. Set at the narrow head of a valley at 7,792 feet and surrounded on three sides with 13,000 foot snowcapped peaks - Ouray is home to hundreds of miles of historic Jeep roads, **sulfur-free hot springs** with stunning views and the world-famous **Ouray Ice Park**.

Remarkably, two-thirds of Ouray's original Victorian structures, are still occupied, and have been lovingly restored in order to preserve their turn-of-the-century charm.

Not to scare anyone off but please be aware this can be a little bit of an anxious drive with no guardrails and steep drop offs in many places, if you are prone to oxygen issues, have COPD, other

respiratory problems or are afraid of heights, etc. you may want to go only part way and stay in Silverton, 9308 elevation. PLEASE ensure your Cruiser is CAPABLE of making this a SAFE cruise,

this means most importantly checking your brakes before you come! Have good tires, wipers, and check washer fluid, oil, transmission fluid, and everything you can think of. BRING plenty of water, sunscreen, jacket/or sweatshirt, 2-way radios, GPS, or whatever else you want to be safe and comfortable.

We go over three passes on the cruise to Ouray

- [Coal Bank Pass](#), elevation 10,640 ft (3,240 m).
- [Molas Pass](#), elevation 10,970 ft (3,340 m).
- [Red Mountain Pass](#), elevation 11,018 ft (3,358 m).

See the following links for more information on the destinations:

Million Dollary Highway https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/U.S._Route_550

Ouray <http://www.ouraycolorado.com/>

Silverton "A mining town that won't quit" in the heart of the high country. In 1860, Charles Baker and several prospectors entered the San Juan Mountains in search of wealth. They soon found deposits of gold and silver along the Animas River, in an area that was later called "Baker's Park". The prospectors stayed through the summer but returned to what is now northern New Mexico for the winter. News spread of the discovery; however, with the Civil War looming and the discovery being located on Ute Indian land, the miners did not return to the San Juan Mountains until early 1870s.

"There's still gold and sliver in those mountains..."

See <http://silvertoncolorado.com/index.php>

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12:

Cruise to Pagosa Springs (elevation 7,126', population 1,727)

Pagosa Springs You will find yourself in the center of nature's playground in Pagosa Springs. With the San Juan Mountains and a variety of outdoor activities at your doorstep, along with hot springs, charming shops, historic sites, and an assortment of artisans, you'll find plenty to do in Pagosa.

<http://visitpagosasprings.com/>

We will be cruising to Pagosa Springs for lunch together as a group at Borde Rio Riverside Restaurant and Tavern for a lunch buffet, We will need to know at registration if you are definitely coming to lunch so we can give them a final count ahead of time, it will be Mountain-Mex, cost is APROX. \$15 and includes your non-alcoholic beverage. Their website is here www.borderiopagosa.com . We will be cruising back to Pagosa Springs via the southern route past Navajo Lake, both directions offer views of Chimney Rock National Monument.

Afternoon is open for everyone to do as you like! You could stay in Pagosa and visit the Hot Springs, the worlds deepest geothermal spring (one of OUR favorite places), shopping, or

sightseeing Treasure falls, Cruise out to Mesa Verde National Park, or closer is the Aztec Ruins about 45 min south of the Sky Ute Resort.

Saturday evening Car Show 6PM-?

Bingo, miniture golf?, Light Show after dark

Questions? Email Rick and Patty at silversurver09@msn.com or Cindy and Pat at ck_liles61@msn.com

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13:

Departure day. Safe travels home and see you all again for CTR XVIII in 2018

Note: the Durango-Silverton Train fills up fast. On July 17 we could not get a seating on the right hand side (scenic side) of the enclosed (narrated) car and took seats in the Open-Air Gondola, train up and bus back to Durango.

For those of you staying around the area, you might consider riding The **Durango & Silverton Narrow Guage Railroad**. <http://www.durangotrain.com/> Standard class is \$89 per person round trip. Return by bus takes less time and costs about \$20 more. Click on the first tab, Ride with Us, to see other options.

Among other scenic areas are:

Aztec National Monument <http://aztecnm.com/> (45 minute drive from Durango)

Four Corners Monument <http://navajonationparks.org/navajo-tribal-parks/four-corners-monument/> (1 hour 35 minute drive from Durango)

Mesa Verde National Park <https://www.nps.gov/meve/planyourvisit/index.htm> (40 minutes drive from Durango)

The park is in southwest Colorado. It's known for its well-preserved Ancestral Puebloan cliff dwellings, notably the huge Cliff Palace. The Chapin Mesa Archeological Museum has exhibits on the ancient Native American culture. Mesa Top Loop Road winds past archaeological sites and overlooks, including Sun Point Overlook with panoramic canyon views. Petroglyph Point Trail has several rock carvings. (a full day visit)

The good folks at the **Durango Rendezvous** motorcycle event have given us permission to link to their excellent web page of their cruises which include maps and descriptions of each route.

<http://www.durangorendezvous.com/rides.html>