

the Lower Chautauqua Neighborhood Newsletter

NSX from opposite page...

Brian Hansen, a 54 year old web marketing developer, says "my daughter calls it Dracura and my girlfriend calls it Little Red. And my license plate reads MIDLIFE. I figured if I was going to look transparent and obvious, like I was at my midlife or something, I might as well spell it out for people, and not hide it." Cruising with his dark sunglasses on and sitting low in the sports car, the tall Hansen says he fits really well. "This car is perfect, beautiful and being behind the wheel is very satisfying. How did it happen that he found this car? "I was out looking for a car for my son who was graduating. He did really well in school and so I wanted to buy him a car as a reward. I tried a few out and then my auto broker mentioned the NSX and I fell in love bought it for myself and gave my son my Subaru instead. And after the purchase, I realized the next thing I needed to purchase was a radar detector. This car is just so fast! "I call mine the Little Race Car," says Bruce Henderson, 55, Communications director at the ATLAS Institute at University of Colorado and a partner at 3-D Embodiment, a startup company that does 3-D stereo display and sells 3-D stereo equipment. After customizing the car and beefing up the engine he gets to 60mph in about 4.3 seconds. That's on a track where you will find Henderson many weekends throughout the year. Henderson, who for many years was ranked at racquetball, now seeks his adrenaline rush on the race track. The moment for me in this car is on a track, at over 100 miles per hour, on the long sweeping turn when you "feel it" when you hit it just right when you feel like you're at the car's limit and then suddenly this really smooth action takes place all the way through the turn. It happens almost on its own. There's no feeling like that, says Henderson. Recently Henderson won first place in the mildly modified category at an NSX convention in Portland, Oregon for the custom hood adorning his ride. "On the subject of rubbernecking," says Henderson, "my wife doesn't get it. We pull up to a stop light and people will scream out to us how cool this car is and she just doesn't understand what the big deal is. I just laugh and wave. It happens all the time. Near as I can tell, that's not all it's about. It's about the fun these guys have and the feeling they get behind the wheel. It's possibly about getting to a place away from the everyday... even if it is at high speed.

And no, none of these fellas has received a speeding ticket yet!

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news & notes...

Vote 2008! - Be prepared for November 4th election. visit www.voteboulder.org for all the information you'll need to make informed decisions this election season. There are numerous ballot issues so show up with plenty of time to spare, that is if you are not doing a mail-in ballot.

- **Ace Closes** - Ace Hardware, which housed a handy little US Postal Service counter, shuttered in September.

- **Want to leave your vehicle at home?** Your neighborhood block could be eligible for **Eco Pass** bus passes offered by RTD. For more information call our new neighborhood Eco Pass coordinator Jim Hartman @ 303-448-1823

- **Hop 2 Chautauqua** The city of Boulder hoped to alleviate some of the parking pressure by introducing the a pilot bus that runs every 15 minutes between noon and 10 p.m. from May 10 through Aug. 24. Was this a success? According to RTD it's questionable. Guess we'll have to wait till 2009 to find out.

- **Adopt-a-Park/Median!** At the intersection of Mariposa Ave and Bellevue Ave. there is a space available for adoption through the city. There is also an adoptable median at Bellevue and Sierra. Contact info to volunteer to keep these medians clean and pretty is 303-413-7116 or email rosatop@ci.boulder.co.us

- **Chautauqua** - Become a member and take advantage of membership while supporting our local and National Historic Landmark - www.chautauqua.com

- **Lower Chautauqua Yahoo! Group** - Subscribe today (see website address above) and discover what you've been missing out on. This has become a valuable resource and there's no cost to you. It's fun, safe and secure. We average only about five messages per month so your email inbox shouldn't be overwhelmed. You're free to unsubscribe at any time.

The benefit? Learn from topics ranging from dentist referrals and wild life sightings to local events and city news affecting our neighborhood.

- **Share!** A reminder to contact me if there are events you want neighbors to know about. And if you have a special story to tell about the neighborhood or a resident please contact me and I will share it with readers in the next "On the Corner". Also feel free to email pictures with captions and I will be happy to publish them next time.

- **On the Corner** back issues - Finally here are back issues of "On the Corner" loaded to my website in the coming weeks. Check it out at <http://www.jonhatch.net/on-the-corner/> and share with friends and family around the world.

- **Metalsmith referral!** The interactive skunk sculpture at the Broadway underpass, near the end of Mariposa Ave. is broken. Do any of you know a metalsmith who might be able to investigate and possibly repair the skunk. If so please contact me.

- **Free Larkspur Seeds** - Neighbor Doris Haas wants share with you her surplus of larkspur seeds from her yard and as her tradition goes she wants to give away the abundance of seeds to you. Please call Doris at 303-443-7087 if you are interested.

- **Real Estate!** See "market watch" on opposite page for 2008, 3rd quarter sales results compared to the same time in 2007. Feel free to contact me for more information on our market and how recent market and mortgage trends and credit tightening may affect the sale of your home or investment property.

- **the Glass House** - No new updates on the Glass House for sale for \$22million. Last I read there was a bid scenario advertised in the Camera. For more details and pictures of the Glass House go to www.boulderglasshouse.com

- **Let's look at how real estate statistics in 2008 compared to 1998** - Find out in the next edition of "On the Corner"

Have a great fall season. By the next edition we'll be wearing down coats, sledding on hills and shoveling our walks. Best to you all! *Jon Hatch*

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Name this bug we found in our back yard and win a free ride on the famous Banjo-Billy's Bus Tour of Boulder!



Snapshot!

photo by Jon Hatch



The next time you use the Skunk Creek tunnel, under Broadway, at the east end of Mariposa Ave. please feel free to pitch any trash you see into the new trash container provided by the City of Boulder. I empty out the trash bags there regularly and thank you for pitching in, on behalf of the Boulder City Improvement Association 2.

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