

TT-West 2011: Driving Tour of Colorado's Rocky Mountains

TT-West 2011 featured a lot of drives through mountain twisties and explored the towns nestled amongst Colorado's majestic "fourteeners". It was held July 25-29, 2011 and started in Boulder, Colorado.

The TT-West event began with an optional drive on Mount Evans, the highest elevation paved road in the US. We saw lots of elk and snow-white mountain goats, as well as several test cars from auto manufacturers seeing how they performed on steep sloped roads at high elevation. Then we traveled to Estes Park for lunch, followed by a tripthrough Rocky Mountain National Park with its many scenic vistas and herds of wildlife. Next we traveled to Aspen, Colorado. We then departed Aspen with a scenic drive to Manitou Springs, Colorado via Independence Pass which is a continental divide point at over 12,000' of elevation, and concluded with two days and two nights in Manitou Springs. While in Manitou Springs, we drive to nearby Pikes Peak, Cripple Creek, the Air Force Academy, and Garden of the Gods in nearby Colorado Springs. A farewell dinner was held Friday evening.