

Friends of Raymer

New Raymer, Colorado

November 1, 2018



WINNERS IN THE 2018 CAR SHOW COMPETITION

Classic Car	Daryl Frank	Cheyenne, Wyoming
Late Model Car	Dale Ruch	Sterling, Colorado
Custom Car	Bob Fabry	Wiggins, Colorado
Truck	Becky Nickal	Sterling, Colorado
Motorcycle	Carson Summers	Greeley, Colorado
Tractor	Wayne Thomas	Greeley, Colorado

Tom Mertens traveled the farthest and also received the New Raymer Historic Auto designation for his 1963 Ford F100.

Jim Mertens received the New Raymer Historic Auto Designation for his 1950 Farmall M Tractor

Jube Kester received the New Raymer Historic Auto Designation for his 1939 Studebaker Coupe Express.

Paul Mertens received the New Raymer Historic Auto designation for his 1948 IH Farmall M tractor.

Thanks everyone for your support by
Participating in the 2018 Car Show!!

Many thanks to Betty Jo Ehn for sending in these photos of her grandparents, Charles and America Hoar and family. Charles is pictured in the Ford dealership in New Raymer, which he owned from approximately 1917 to 1920. Betty Jo said all of the children attended the New Raymer school. Charles came from Kansas to Colorado along with his wife, America Roark Hoar, in 1912. The following is taken from a Kansas Genealogy Trails website page regarding the Hoar Family History (Do you think the population figure of 2000 was a typo?—maybe it was 200.):

"In 1912 Charles and America moved their family to Kiowa County, Colorado. According to family "gossip" America always wanted to live on a farm and raise chickens, while Charles was happy being a school teacher. So west the family went! America's sister, Effie Ann and her husband Milton Moyer, moved with the Hoar family to Kiowa County. Charles filed under the Homestead Act for property located 15 miles southeast of Sheridan Lake, in what is called McComas and Pleasant Hill School District. He taught at Pleasant Hill School. Life had been very difficult on the prairies of Kiowa County. After four or five years the family decided to make another move. The town of New Raymer was their new destination. Charles owned and operated a filling station on Main Street in New Raymer, Colorado. Charles served as Justice of the Peace and taught part time in the school. On February 19, 1917, the town voted to incorporate and on April 4, the first city election was held. The town had a population of 2000 and business was thriving. Charles' garage and Ford dealership was one of three such businesses in town.

By 1920 New Raymer started to decline. Charles' garage and car dealership was not profitable and he and America once again decided to move. In the early 1920's they moved to the Hartman and Bristol area of Prowers County, Colorado. Charles returned to teaching and farming. It was here in Hartman, that their daughter, Clara Myrtle married Russell McCracken."

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Just a friendly reminder from Friends of Raymer to renew your membership for 2018/2019. The membership expires at the end of September every year. Don't forget we are a 501(c)(3); and therefore, donations and even your membership can be claimed as deductions every tax year. A Family Membership for \$20.00 is a pretty good deal. Here's what we have accomplished through your donations!

- Designation of the historic mercantile known as the Truxaw & Kruger Grocery/Seldin's Cash Grocery, effective 6/1/2018.

This was possible through the good work of Ron Sladek, a historian that is an expert at digging for the historic facts!

- Friends of Raymer became the proud owners of the mercantile, through the generosity of Kenneth Thompson.
- Eligibility of the Raymer State Bank for the state historic register. Now we are working on getting it designated in June, 2019.
- Eligibility of the Texaco station on the national historic register, and now we are working on getting it designated!
- Filing of an application for a Historic Structure Grant with the state historic fund, to get started on the mercantile! We are working with a talented architect, Barbara Darden.

We have accomplished a lot in a short time. The car show has been a hit and a great together! And that trip to the Buttes was spectacular!! If you would like to be on our mailing list or know someone who would like to receive a newsletter on our projects, please let us know! We have opportunities to get more involved as members--just ask!!

If you would like to renew by credit card online, please go to our website at www.friendsofaymer.com. All the helpful information is there, or you can mail your information to Friends of Raymer, P.O. Box 82, New Raymer, CO 80742.

Friends of Raymer Inc. Membership Form

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- ☐ Check enclosed payable to: Friends of Raymer Inc.
- ☐ Cash enclosed.



☐ New Member

☐ Renewal

**Annual Membership
\$20 per Family**

***Membership expires September 30 of each year.

Preference for communications from "Friends of Raymer": (Check any or all)

☐ Written ☐ Email ☐ Phone/Text

How did you hear about Friends of Raymer?

- ☐ I would be willing to volunteer to help with projects, activities, fundraisers, etc., that "Friends of Raymer" may plan.