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### 2008 CAMCA Annual Meeting Greeley, Colorado



COLORADO ASSOCIATION FOR  
MUNICIPAL COURT ADMINISTRATION

# Behind the Bench

It was a very cold, frosty morning with many folks traveling in sub-zero weather to the Annual Meeting held in Greeley, Colorado on December 5, 2008. My car of travelers were scratching ice off the inside of the windows so we could see. The journey was well worth it to arrive to an exceptional training session by Cynthia Geissing, followed by a tasty Mexican buffet lunch, a very thorough overview of DMV and our fun for all door prizes. It's always a treat to be able to get together for the day and to catch up with those from around the state we don't see often and be treated to such a hands-on, practical training and a fun time for all. Our faithful Board of Directors always make sure to take care of official business and swear in new officers. Our past president, Kersten Armstrong, gave an overview of all the great trainings that will be available this year through CAMCA, MSU and NACM. Inside this issue is a review of dates, places and topics. Also included is our annual survey we hope everyone will be able to complete for CAMCA. Two volunteers were gracious enough to write overviews of both the training sessions held at the annual meeting. They are included in the pages that follow.

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Fill'er Up  
Refueling Yourself



Guest Speaker  
Cynthia Geissinger

### We “Filled ‘er Up” by Susan Balzer

I got home in time for the evening news after attending the Annual CAMCA meeting in Greeley and was amused to hear the results of a recent study being analyzed by the serious looking anchor people. Apparently, we were told, laughter is contagious. Even more, the study continued, there is evidence that happiness can also be contagious. As with so many of these studies, I had to wonder first, how much money they spent on something I could have just TOLD them...and secondly, had they been listening to Cynthia speak just a few hours earlier????

Cynthia was our featured speaker at our annual meeting and frankly, those of us fortunate enough to have heard her are the better off for the experience. We learned first hand what the study probably took thousands of dollars to discover; that laughter and happiness are indeed both contagious, exhilarating, stress-reducing and even healing. I have heard many motivational speakers in my long years of public service , but I cannot think of any who made me laugh until I cried as Cynthia did. She did it while delivering a message of such deep personal value that I think almost anyone anywhere would be able to take a small bit of weight out of their life’s “backpack” after hearing her speak. The messages were simple; Stress can be good if you have the skill set to manage it correctly, and be aware that you are in charge of your emotions. Remind yourself to keep a positive outlook. Don’t bring your work home with you; be kind and loving to yourself as well as those you love; remember that change happens. Co-workers will play off your emotional cues, so spread a good feeling around instead of a bad one. Laughter is a gift you give yourself.

What? You’ve heard all that before? But maybe when the person telling you this is able to make you laugh out loud when she says it, you read more into the words than just old sayings being repeated. You see a woman walking the walk and having the courage to live the life she espouses. It becomes that much easier to believe. I make myself recall Cynthia’s facial expressions and it is impossible not to smile. And when the polite applause at the start of her talk turned into the raucous thunder of applause she received at the end, you had to believe we heard her loud and clear.

Spread happiness. *Thank you Cynthia, for making us laugh!*

## DMV Presentation

By Deby Black

Our first presentation was by Penny Thorngate; a very informative segment on DMV Records. The following is an overview of some of the valuable information covered by our DMV experts. Penny let us know how busy they were by reporting that 497,000 documents, 7000 phone calls and 43,000 faxes were processed in 2007. She felt that court clerks can best assist DMV by:

- ◆ Making sure tickets are READABLE. If ticket is not readable, make a two-sided copy of the original ticket and send in only one copy. Do not staple a copy to the original.
- ◆ Have a contact person for each court and when there is a change, please notify them.

### New common codes since 2006:

- 017** Speed Exhibition 42-4-1105(2) **5 Points**
- 018** Speed Exh(Aid & Fac) 42-4-1005(3) **5 Points**
- 170** Under 18(Motorcycle) Must wear helmet  
42-4-109(6.5) **3 Points**
- 312** Interfere traffic signal/electronic  
42-4-607(2)(b) **3 Points**
- 323** Interfere with traffic signal/Causing injury  
42-4-607(2)(b) **3 Points**
- 324** Sell/Possess Electronic Device/Traffic light  
change 42-4-607(1)(b) **0 Points**
- 700** No tire chains when required  
42-4-106(5)(a)(III) **0 Points**
- 701** No tire chains/CMV lane closure  
42-4-106(5)(a)(IV) **0 Points**



DMV is working on a web site for codes rather than printing new books. It's advisable to check the website from time to time for any new information or updates.

DMV would prefer OJW and DEFAULT clearances be mailed. However, if the person is close to or at the end of their 45 days of receiving their cancel/deny letter, fax the clearance to 303-205-8304. (This number can be shared with the public). Also, we can give requesting party a courtesy clearance that should include the court stamp and that can be taken to a DMV office and we would not need to send a duplicate. A default can be posted up to a year from the offense date; an OJW can be posted anytime.



## **DMV Presentation (cont.)**

**Electronic Citation Processing** was covered by Kevin Acker. Colorado courts electronically transmitted approx. 836,000 records in 2008. DMV accepted and updated approx. 590,000 of these records. That is an acceptance rate of 90.4%; 2,341 records daily. Currently 16 Municipal courts and all County and District courts are participating. The benefits of electronic transmission include better customer service, limited opportunity for data error, records updated daily, and cuts down on faxes, phone calls and hard copy documentation. Any court interested in exploring electronic processing should contact Kevin Acker or Susan Woods. They can send you a getting started packet and help with any questions. Kevin's email address is: **kacker@spike.dor.state.co.us.**

Renee McClaugherty did an overview of **Customer Service** issues. She indicated that we need to send in convictions of person(s) providing alcohol to minors. They will receive a six month suspension of their drivers license (42-2-127.6).

The fee to reinstate, as of September 2, 2008 is \$95.00. It is possible to reinstate in Full Service Driver's License offices for the following suspensions: suspension of out of state tickets, child support, points suspension, and cancel and deny for OJW and default. Other suspensions must still be reinstated through the mail.

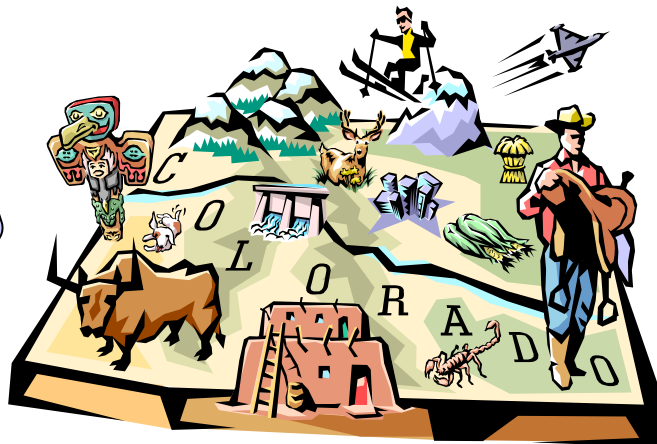
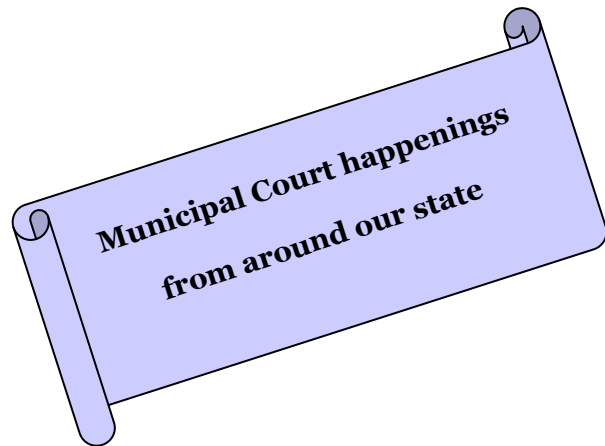
When a customer is applying for reinstatement who has been convicted of auto theft, trespass auto, or criminal mischief resulting in damage to an auto, they will need to supply a restitution form. It can be a form or a statement on letterhead, stating that restitution was not ordered, or that it was paid in full. It will need to include: Name, DOB, Ticket Number, Driver's License Number (if known), Signature, Date and Court Seal.

Even if the customer is a juvenile, they need this information for him to re-instate. If a conviction was reported, they need to know the status of the restitution.

Please check the web for full service Driver's License offices and for further information and forms.

**[www.colorado.gov/revenue/dmv](http://www.colorado.gov/revenue/dmv)**





### Gunnison Municipal Court

Welcomes their new Court Clerk, Melissa Miles. Melissa, a Gunnison native, started the end of September and has brought a refreshing, younger generation viewpoint to the team. Previously, Melissa worked for the Gunnison County Planning office and the City Finance Department. She is busy planning to be a “blushing bride” in June.

### Brighton Municipal Court

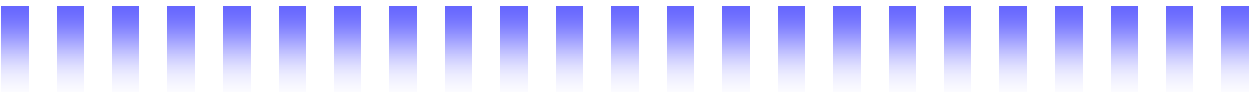
Brighton announces that Rita Haddick has been named their new Court Administrator replacing Janet Duran, who retired from Brighton Municipal Court in August 2008.

### Lakewood Municipal Court

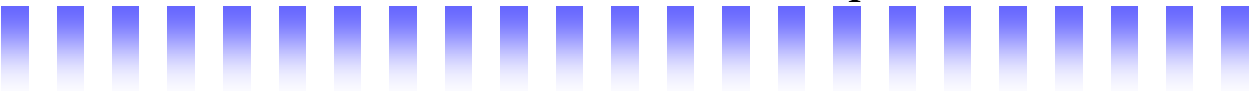
Judge Elliott retired from Lakewood after 21 years of service and they would like to welcome their new Presiding Judge, Anne Stavig. They have also added new Court Tech’s, Cori Acree and Lindsay House-Burke and welcomed Court Tech Sheri Rangle who rejoined their staff.

### Alamosa Municipal Court

Alamosa Municipal court announces their addition of Sharon DeHerrera as a new Court Clerk. Sharon has been with the City of Alamosa for 27 years and transferred to the court in August 2008.



***The 2009 CAMCA Annual Survey has been included in this issue of Behind DeJiacomo by April 1st, it would be greatly appreciated by the CAMCA Board and all the membership.***





**2009  
CAMCA  
Trainings**



<p style="text-align: center;">C.A.M.C.A.—Court Basics I Hosted by Parker Municipal Court March 6, 2009</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">NACM Annual Conference Boston, Massachusetts July 7—11, 2009 (Please note NACM's change in days to: Tues-Sat)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">NACM Mid-year Conference Portland, Oregon March 8 - 10, 2009</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">C.A.M.C.A.—Court Basics III Hosted by Westminster Municipal Court August 7, 2009</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">C.M.J.A. / C.A.M.C.A. Conference Glenwood Springs April 23—25, 2009 (MSU Course offering*: Court and Community Communications)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">C.C.E.C. / C.A.M.C.A. Conference Breckenridge September 13—15, 2009  Responsibilities of Courts)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">C.A.M.C.A.—Court Basics II Hosted by Greenwood Village Municipal Court May 8, 2009</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">C.A.M.C.A.—Management Tools Hosted by Arvada Municipal Court October 9, 2009</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">C.A.M.C.A. / MSU Judicial Administration Certification Course Hosted by Broomfield Municipal Court June 12, 2009 (MSU Course offering*: Information Technology)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">C.A.M.C.A.—Court Basics I Hosted by Northglenn Municipal Court November 6, 2009</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">C.A.M.C.A.—Court Basics / Nuts + Bolts Hosted by Grand Junction Municipal Court June 19, 2009</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">C.A.M.C.A.— Annual Meeting Hosted by Littleton Municipal Court December 4, 2009</p>

## **2009 CAMCA TRAINING REGISTRATION**

Please complete one registration form per Court when possible

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Municipality: \_\_\_\_\_  
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City, State: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Fax #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Total Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Fax Registration to:** Terrie Cooke @ 720-865-8250 **Checks Payable to:** CAMCA

**Mail Checks & Registration form to:** Terrie Cooke, CAMCA Treasurer, City & County of Denver Court, 1437 Bannock Street, Room 108, Denver, CO 80202

**Deadline:** 14 days prior to class. Light snacks provided by host Court. Lunch on your own.

**COURT BASICS I:** *Where do I fit in? DMV, Records Act, Customer Service, Court Lingo*

\_\_\_\_\_ **March 6, 2009** Hosted by Parker \$40/CAMCA Member; \$50 Non-member\*

\_\_\_\_\_ **November 6, 2009** Hosted by Northglenn \$40/CAMCA Member; \$50 Non-member\*

**COURT BASICS II:** *Bonds, Court Appointed Counsel, Interpreters, Collections, Rules*

\_\_\_\_\_ **May 8, 2009** Hosted by Greenwood Village \$40/CAMCA Member; \$50 Non-member\*

**COURT BASICS/NUTS + BOLTS**

\_\_\_\_\_ **June 19, 2009** Hosted by Grand Junction \$40/CAMCA Member; \$50 Non-member\*

**COURT BASICS III:** *Appeals, Jury Management, Case Flow & Records Management*

\_\_\_\_\_ **August 7, 2009** Hosted by Westminster 40/CAMCA Member; \$50 Non-member\*

**MANAGEMENT TOOLS:** *Conflict Management, Security, Ethics, Hiring, Problem Analysis*

\_\_\_\_\_ **October 9, 2009** Hosted by Arvada \$40/CAMCA Member; \$50 Non-member\*

\*\$40 applied to the cost of the class. \$10 will pay your CAMCA membership fee for one year (if active but not the only member from your court, if you are the **only** member the cost is \$70)

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Stay updated with all of CAMCA's  
activities at : **CAMCACOLO.COM**



**Don't forget to celebrate St. Patrick's  
Day on March 17th and join in the luck  
of the Irish !!!**

**"May your pockets be heavy and your  
heart be light, may good luck pursue you  
each morning and night. "**

**"May you live a long life  
Full of gladness and health,  
With a pocket full of gold  
As the least of your wealth.  
May the dreams you hold dearest,  
Be those which come true,  
The kindness you spread,  
Keep returning to you."**

