

The 25'th Anniversary TT West Drive in the Colorado Rockies

Shortly before the start of the 25'th anniversary of TT West that explored much of the Colorado Rockies, TT West alumni received the awful news that one of the jewels of TT West 2013, the North Rim Lodge of the Grand Canyon, was destroyed by a forest fire. We posted the news and many past participants expressed fond memories of our visit there and said it they never would have seen had it not been for TT West.

In fact, TT West has created 25 years of unique memories for their participants. Forging personal relationship memories like the son bringing his father shortly before the father's passing, or mother-daughter, spouse, sibling, and best friend bonding trips. Also, new relationships were created from the TT West annual "Gathering of Friends". Over the years, participants have come from the entire US and western Canada.

Memories were also created by exploring the West from Banff Canada to southern New Mexico, and from the Pacific coast to the Badlands of South Dakota. TT West strives to find the most scenic roads like the Pacific Coast Highway and the Going-To-The-Sun- Road in Glacier National Park. We also seek the most challenging roads like Arizona's Coronado Scenic Byway Trail that has 460 turns in 129 miles.

Where TT West differs from most other drive events is every morning and afternoon includes at least one scenic or historic stop so that participants can relax and explore before attacking the roads again. We've visited the big sites like Yosemite, Yellowstone, and Grand Canyon. We've also visited the less traveled spots like the Grand Canyon North Rim, and local fossil sites and museums.

TT West 2025 covered 1,250+ miles in 5 days. Colorado Scenic Routes driven included the Legends, Frontier, Gold Belt, Mount Blue Sky, Cache lo Poudre, Colorado River Headwaters, Lariant, Top of the Rockies, and West Elk. We crossed the Continental Divide multiple times.

The crown jewel of the trip was the morning spent in the Rocky Mountain National Park traveling the Trail Ridge Scenic Byway. Other stops included the Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument and many scenic vista points. Additional photos and videos of the 2025 event are on our Facebook page.

What is the future of TT West? TT West participants have evolved from primarily owners of the Mk 1 (2000-2006) to owners of the Mk 3 (2016-2023). TT sales in North America ended in 2023 with no comparable Audi replacement in place. As the TT fades away, TT West may evolve into "Audi West" or "German West" to appeal to a wider car owner base. In any case, it will continue as an event exclusively for ACNA members.