



When part of the Boulderado's stained-glass canopy ceiling fell in 1959 after a snowstorm, a lot of the panes were carted off out of the lobby and to the city dump.

— All modern photos by Johnny D. Boggs —

Legend has it that Fery created the painting to pay for his hotel bar tab. That's a lot of Jameson Ginger Smashes at McCormick's Fish House and Bar.

Delaware Hotel

Antiques Roadshow would love this place.

Built in Leadville in 1886 as part of the \$60,000 Delaware Block, the Delaware—named for the home state of the owners, the Callaway brothers—was a 60-room hotel that also housed businesses. It also was reportedly one of the first buildings west of the Mississippi River with a built-in vacuum system.

The Silver King magnate's wife Baby Doe Tabor used to walk

from the Matchless Mine to the hotel office, where she'd sit and write letters. Gunslinger Doc Holliday reportedly stayed here.

Today, owner Gail Dunning's hotel has 36 rooms, including four two-room suites, and hallways lined with antique furniture, most of which is for sale.

"Our goal here has been to interpret history at every turn of the road," she says.

Hotel Bristol

Opened in 1948 and named after its owner in Steamboat Springs, Police Chief Everett Bristol, the Hotel Bristol has gone through many owners over the years. Like Steamboat Springs itself, the hotel has morphed from attracting cowboys to winter sports enthusiasts.

Then in 1994, Andy Van Baak bought the property. Today, it offers 23 cozy units, plus an indoor hot tub.

Meeker Hotel

This charming hotel and cafe—with a chicken-fried steak that will make a Texan swoon—was built in Meeker in 1896, with east and west wings added in 1904.

"No two rooms are alike," says owner Kimberly Ritchie. "Each of the tin ceilings is unique, and we have four original clawfoot bathtubs."

The Meeker has had plenty of historical guests too. President Teddy Roosevelt visited in 1901, and actor Gary Cooper stayed here. Oh, and someone signed the hotel registry "William H. Bonney." Of course, that was on July 6, 1889—roughly eight years after Billy the Kid was killed. But the real Billy would have enjoyed his stay, and the fake Billy probably did too.

Hotel Colorado

Opened in Glenwood Springs in 1893,

the "Grand Dame of the Rockies" is sprawling and elegant, but comfortable.

In 1905, Roosevelt stayed here, and he loved the hotel so much, he kept coming back; it even became known as the "Little White House of the West." Hotel legend has it that maids presented the president with a stuffed bear, and the "Teddy Bear" was born. "That's our story," manager Larry Welch says.

The 130-unit hotel has undergone many changes since its founding—it was a convalescent home for the Navy in

the 1940s—but remains a spectacular place to visit. Since the hotel was modeled after Rome's Villa Medici, chef Ron Jackson dishes out mouthwatering, Italian-inspired cuisine with a touch of Colorado.

Hotel Jerome

You may find it hard to believe, but Aspen was once a wild mining town. Then Jerome B. Wheeler, who co-owned Macy's in New York, decided to build a hotel that would bring civilization here.



CDs for the Ride: *The Grand Dame of the Rockies* by Jon Chandler (Western Dog); *C.W. McCall's Greatest Hits* by C.W. McCall (Mercury Nashville). **Honkytonks Worth the Stop:** Serving up daily specials, live music (local, regional and national acts), dance lessons and plenty of grub, Denver's Grizzly Rose has been a Country-Western hit in Colorado since 1989.

