Don't Miss the All-Golden Tour of Solar & Sustainable Homes This Saturday

Every fall I look forward to the local tour of solar and energy efficient homes, but this year is differ-

ent for me in two ways. First, all of the homes have Golden addresses. instead of being spread across the metro area. And, second, my own home is on the tour!

Six of the homes are within the city limits, and five others are outside the city but have Golden addresses — four on Lookout Mountain, and

one in The Trails subdivision just north of Golden.

This is not just a tour of homes powered by the sun. My home, for example, is solar powered, but it also provides an education in the degree to which a home can be weatherized and daylighted to save energy. You'll learn about air source heat pumps and the proper insulation of crawl spaces.

committee (Golden Earth Days)

has been to shoot video tours of every home on the tour — and I really learned a lot in the process!

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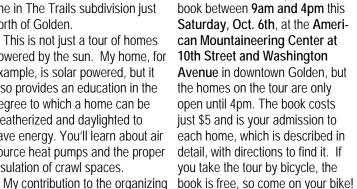
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On **Friday evening**, from 5 to 7, you came!

there is a reception with complimentary wine and hors d'oeuvres at the AMC, plus the electric The website for this and hybrid vehicle round-up described at right.

Both Friday evening and all day Saturday there is a Green Expo in the conference room of the American Mountaineering Center, where several solar and energy efficiency nel at www.YouTube. companies — and Golden Real Estate — will have booths and give out useful information. Our booth You can register for will be accepting polystyrene (aka "Styrofoam") for recycling.

Every solar tour I've taken has taught me things I didn't know about solar power, sustainability and energy efficiency, and this year's tour is no exception. Be prepared to learn something that you will want to implement in your own home. Get your guestions answered about

electric cars, weatherization, heat pumps, and so much more. I promise you'll be glad

Electric & Hybrid Vehicle Round-Up

Are you attending the First Friday Street Fair in downtown Gold-

en tomorrow? If so, be sure to walk one block north, across Clear Creek, to the American Mountaineering

Center, where there will be an Electric & Hybrid Vehicle Round-Up from 5-7 p.m. At this event, you won't just see the same plug-in Priuses, Nissan Leafs and Chevy Volts that you've seen before. You'll also see some electric vehicles that aren't yet in production, including a Chinese

SUV that is totally electric and goes 185 miles on a single charge

(see picture). You'll also see one or more electric motorcycles and possibly an electric truck. Also ex-

pected: a Mitsubishi MiEV, a Ford Focus Electric, a Fisker Karma

sports car, and a Ride-Kick trailer that motorizes bicycles.











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