



The Distributor



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Our meeting place is Englewood Bible Church. 3190 So Grant St. Englewood Co. Meeting is the **Stay Tuned for meeting times**. Parking will be on the east side of the building with the entrance being the East side. Entrance door to the right. Board meeting's the fourth Tuesday. Board meetings will also be at the church. Also no Meetings in January..

No February Meeting

President's Message

Howdy! Life is sure different these days, still hunkered down in the homestead looking to find a periscope to see if there is still a lighthouse out there and if life will return to whatever remnant of normalcy still exists. I guess the vaccine is that lighthouse but it seems to be a little more distant than I hoped.

The General Membership meeting for February is canceled so stay tuned to your Distributor and e-mail as to when we will meet inside the church again. The Board meeting will continue as normal, but the church has requested that we limit gatherings to no more than ten people for the time being. The Board had a brief discussion about our annual Garage Tour in April but nothing firm about that yet.

A couple of passing's have occurred recently, name Zach Turnage, the Son of , Scott and Aurelia Turnage, The result of a Skiing accident, Twenty Eight years old, and Mike Woodard died of Covid 19 complications. Our condolences, thoughts and prayers go out to those families and friends. At least two other members are experiencing health issues. Ivan Fiechter fell and gashed his head but is now home and on the mend. Dick Fell is at a Rehab Center after experiencing a number of health issues, from a knee, Covid 19 and nerve ending issues but is slowly making progress on all fronts. Again, prayer's and best wishes to these two fine V-8 er's.

Between the virus and politics', I find myself mumbling a lot these days. On a more positive note, I have asked Harry Lindsay, who has a boat load of photos and slides accumulated over the past 50 years to share some of those images in the Distributor and if you attended or participated in any of those events to send a comment, story or reflection of that experience to Harry and or Len so we can include those musings in the following Distributor. Thanks to Len for keeping all this stuff in front of us that we might share with one another in this our life journey. Oh! and don't forget to get your dues in by January 31, 2021 so your name will appear in the Club Roster!

Ain't Life Great in an Early Ford V-8. Nick

DEADLINE FOR YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES IS FEBRUARY 1, 2021

YOU WILL NOT BE IN THE 2021 ROSTER AND WILL NOT BE RECEIVING

A DISTRIBUTOR UNTIL PAID.

DEBRA JONES,

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON

Comfort & Concern

The following members are in our thoughts & prayers for medical or other issues:

Dick Fell: In rehab for mobile issues

Ivan Fiechter: He fell and is at home

Leroy Rupp: Fell

Walt Hume: Had surgery and is at home

Mike Woodard : Passed away

Jay Svigel: had spine surgery & still in hospital

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New Members

JM) Keith & Maureen Holloway: 1940
Standard Tudor cell 1- 903-283-3900
Colo Springs

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V8 Club condolences to Aurelia and Scott Turnage whose son Zach passed away on January 2nd in a skiing accident. Zach attended many club functions with his dad riding "shot-gun". A private ceremony was held recently, but a Celebration of Life can possibly happen at safer times and warmer weather.

Club Member Ed Gallagher (III)'s Father Ed (Jr.) passed away after a long battle with Cancer on January 1st. He, like his son, was a "car guy", owning a '64 Thunderbird and attending many All Ford Day and Ft. Logan Car shows. V8 Club condolences to Ed and his family.

250 Points Hello Club Members, we hope your staying safe. The last time I sent a letter in 2020 it was a rough year but we made it through all that went on. This year is not going well either. Were in the same boat with the situation about the same except it has hit some club members hard. Our hearts and thoughts go out to everyone that has had any dealing with it. I am hoping that the time will go by quick and we can get back to having our good times with each other again. But who knows what is going to happen with the news saying one thing then changing it the next day? All we can do is wait and see what our Governor will have say about. I have decided to let everyone know how they did with the 250 points. Unfortunately, this was poor. We did not manage to have some events which were a lot of fun. Before I forget I want to thank everyone every event they felt they could feel safe going to. I especially want to thank all the LIFE members. I felt when they showed up the event was worth going to. I thank, Arnel, Bernie, Dick, Eddie, Gene, Harry, Ivan, Lou, Mike, Steve B, and Walt for continuing to support the events that we put on. Thanks Guys. I want to let everyone know their points for this slow year. I will do the same thing this year so try and come to as many events possible. This list is in alphabetical order.

Alie Herb 6	Gminsky Leonard 16	Mraz Lou 37 Allen 6	Graffenberger Davy 10	Newnes Russ 36	
Almquest Marvin 6	Hall Marvin 6	Nickles Dave 56	Arellano Bernie 41	Hanson Gary 150	Nielsen Jim 84
Applegate Bret 10	Harcourt Len 69	O'Loughlin Carl 32	Applegate Jay 30	Hatfield Jim 44	Orr Bud 5
Applegate Jim 6	Hayes Casey 31	Overholt David 49	Becker John 30	Helfenbein Loren 36	Palmer Charlie 102
Bennett Steve 101	Helms Duane 76	Pastor Gene 182	Benton Sam 6	Holcomb Lloyd 56	Pfaff Scotty 6
Berg Norm 5	Hower Fred 26	Rockwell Eddie 197	Becker Charles 5	Humes Walt 76	Sawin Bernie 136
Bower Jim 6	Jantz Patti 205	Sayles Mike 40	Buccola Nick 121	Jacobs Michael 162	Seright Paul 31
Bendt James 5	Jones Abe 283	Snow Gordon 139	Carmack Steve 66	Kennedy Steve 156	Squires Greg 31
Carpenter Keith 46	Kemmett Arnel 204	Squires Trevor 42	Carper Steve 5	Klassen Orrie 5	Steas Kevin 44
Cumin Joyce 19	Rick Koester 6	Svigel Jay 136	Dolan Dan 25	Lindsay Harry 68	Svigel Wayne 5
Dozoretz Paul 20	Loptien Don 6	Tutnage Scott 131	Durlin Larry 5	Lund Don 15	Vandergrift Norm 6
Eakins Jack 6	McCord Dave 51	Webb Tom 274	East Neal 84	Merritt Mark 50	Weinel Doug 25
DeJohn Tom 31	Monaco Frank 10	Welch Mike 16	Estep Dave 54	Moore Greg 5	White Dennis 107
Fell Dick 38	Moore Mel 5	Woodard Mike 36	Fiechter Ivan 10	Morgan Stephen 6	Zetterman Bob 36
Gallagher Ed 60	Morstad Nick 72	Ziehm Raymond 12			

Again, I want to thank all of you that helped in this program Lets do it again.

Please stay safe and Happy New Year.

Thanks Abe and Deb

The members in the back ground

I would like to give a big thank you to John (Jack) & Pat Eakins for there many years of doing the newsletter circulation. Now Debbie Jones will be doing the Newsletter circulation.

Also, to Brad Hunsinger for continuing the job of keeping the Roster updated.



Early Ford V-8 Club Seven Day Tour – 1981

The Hi-Country chapter of the Early Ford V-8 club, in 1981, organized the first of several seven-day tours originating in Denver and traveling through western Colorado and eastern Utah. The concept was to drive 100-200 miles a day with several stops along the way.

On day #1, we left Denver and drove to a resort at Mt. Princeton, located in south central Colorado at the foot of a mountain range known as Collegiate Peaks. This range has 6 peaks above the 14,000 ft. height.

Day #2 took us over Monarch Pass to Gunnison, then up to the once famous mining town of Lake City. The last part of this day was a drive over Slumgullion Pass in a hard rain storm and down just past Creed to the town of Wagon Wheel Gap. We stay at the Cottonwood Cove motel. We crossed the Continental Divide twice this day.

Day #3 brought clear weather as we headed west over Wolf Creek pass, through Pagosa Springs and into Durango. The following day almost everyone rode the Durango & Silverton narrow gauge train up to the mining town of Silverton and back. This is a three and a half hour ride each way with a two hour layover for lunch and shopping in Silverton.

On day #5 we headed west out of Durango to Dolores, then north to Rico, over Lizard Head pass and on to Telluride for the night. This was before Telluride had really developed in a high dollar ski town.

Day #6 took us north to Placerville where we spent a couple of hours at a once thriving Chrysler dealership, then on to Ridgeway. The final leg this day, brought us to the small town of Ouray, known as the "Switzerland of America".

The next morning, Day #7, after visiting a spectacular waterfall (Box Canyon Falls) inside a huge rock formation, we all headed out north through Montrose to Delta. We turned east at Delta and were on our way up over McClure Pass to our next night in Redstone at the famous Redstone Inn. The trip over McClure was interrupted by some ranchers on horseback herding several hundred sheep down the road to lower meadows. The delay caused some overheating of our flatheads at that altitude.

Finally, the last day was upon us and we all headed out to Glenwood Springs, then through fantastic Glenwood Canyon alongside the Colorado River. Once past Vail, we climbed Vail Pass, then down to Copper Mountain and Frisco. After lunch we drove up to, and passed through, the Eisenhower Tunnel under the Continental Divide, then on to our homes in the Denver area.

In all, we drove over the Continental Divide four times, plus nine other mountain passes along the way. The total mileage was about 949 miles. We visited the small mountain towns of Gunnison, Lake City, Creede, Wagon Wheel Gap, South Fork, Pagosa Springs, Durango, Silverton, Dolores, Rico, Telluride, Placerville, Ridgeway, Ouray, Paonia, Redstone, Frisco, Silverthorne, Georgetown & Idaho Springs. This became the first of several week-long trips for our V-8 chapter.

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Day One – Denver to Mt. Princeton Lodge, 132 miles.

Kenosha Pass	10,001 ft.
Red Hill Pass	9,993 ft.
Trout Creek Pass	9,346 ft.

Day Two – Mt. Princeton-Gunnison-Lake City- Wagon Wheel Gap, 205 miles.

Monarch Pass	11,312 ft.
Slumgullion Pass	11,361 ft.
Spring Creek Pass	10,901 ft.

Day Three – Wagon Wheel Gap-South Fork-Pagosa Springs- Durango, 117 miles.

Wolf Creek Pass	10,850 ft.
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Day Four – Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Train. (3 ½ hours each way)

Molas Divide	10,910 ft.
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Day Five – Durango-Dolores-Rico-Telluride, 122 miles.

Lizard Head Pass	10,222 ft.
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Day Six – Telluride-Placerville-Ridgeway-Ouray, 57 miles.

Dallas Divide	8,970 ft.
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Day Seven – Ouray to Redstone, 130 miles.

McClure Pass	8,755 ft.
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Day Eight – Redstone to Denver, 186 miles.

Vail Pass	10,666 ft.
Eisenhower Tunnel	11,158 ft.

Total miles = 949

Mountain Passes = 13



Day 1. Overnight at Mt. Princeton Lodge. Harry Lindsay, Marty Newman



Bernie Sawin, Jim Corbett, Gordon Campbell, Jim Nielsen



Marty Phillips, Mike Welch, Ivan Fiechter.



Mount Princeton Lodge courtesy wagon.

Mikes Obituary

Mike Woodard, one of the Clubs more recent members passed away Jan.1 2021. Since high school Mike had a fondness and love of Model A Fords. His first car was a 1929 Model A coupe.

He served his country honorably as a United States Marine in the Vietnam theater earning many Marine recognition awards.

His accomplished career was in the field of office equipment technology rising to VP positions for different companies. After retiring, Mike moved back to Colorado with his beloved wife Mary settling in Wheat Ridge. At the time he had an immaculate 1947 Ford Sedan "Martha". Shortly after getting reestablished Mike's itch to own another Model A overwhelmed him and he purchase my 1929 Model A tudor, with a V8 60 mill. Mary fell in love with "Myrtle". Mike took Mary to the nearby Walmart parking lot and patiently taught her how to time shift the '39 crash box tranny. She drove "Myrtle" often with the grand kids soaking it up in the back seat, Mike riding shotgun no less. Mike later purchased another Model A tudor "Mable" with a modernized banger and an overdrive. He made styling changes, such as a dropped front axle, radial tires and some induction modifications.

His vision and improvements for "Myrtle" was a pepped up V8 60, a rebuilt trans and a Columbia overdrive. At his time of passing, he was actively building another V8 60 power plant. He had Schneider grind a performance cam, purchased aluminum high compression heads, a two two intake with 81 carbs and a set of headers. He also had the tranny ready to assemble and a Columbia built.

During his distinguished career Mike had a side hustle of upholstery which began just out of high school when he used to hang out at a neighbor of his in Lakewood who did upholstery. Over the years he became a seasoned craftsman at this trade and his work was spectacular. He became acquainted with Steve at Bert's Model A Store and did a lot of work for customers of Steve's. Mikes friends also had him do upholstery work. Reupholstering household furniture was another one of his specialties. Mike put on a well-attended highly informative Club seminar, on upholstery, with people coming from as far away as La Veta, Colorado to attend.

Not only was he an outstanding upholsterer, but his skills also included fine wood working and tile setting which he did a lot of as another side hustle. His in depth understanding of all things mechanical allowed him to thoroughly enjoy working on "Henry's Lady" and flathead Fords.

Besides his devotion to his hobby of old cars Mike was a dedicated family man. Mike cherished taking Mary and the grand kids fishing and camping, highly valuing the private quality time camping provided them. Cooking up and savoring the days catch was always a fun entertaining thing for him. He liked to share the majestic beauty Colorado's great outdoors has to offer.

Mike was one of those individuals who became instant friends with everyone he met. His politeness, friendliness, smiling disposition, was infectious. Everyone loved Mike and he would lend a helping hand to anyone. His love for Mary and enthusiasm for life was open and unmistakable.

His sudden passing was a shock to everyone. Damned Covid.

Mike set the bar high for graciousness and respect.

Rest in peace brother we all love you.....

Charlie Palmer

I have visited and enjoyed the Peterson Museum in the past. Attached is a two-hour full tour of the museum. Please share with the club.

<https://robbreport.com/motors/cars/petersen-automotive-museum-video-tour-1234584528/>



[You Can Tour the Petersen Museum From the Safety and Comfort of Home – Robb Report](https://robbreport.com/motors/cars/petersen-automotive-museum-video-tour-1234584528/)

December 3, 2020 You Can Now See the Petersen Museum's Vast Collection of Cars in a Video Tour The two-hour video even includes the museum's new special exhibit on the history of the supercar.

Are These Cars Still Around?

In going through some of my wife, Deanie's grandfather, Fred Becker's stuff, I ran across these records for old Fords that he had owned. Just wondered if any of them are still around. **Receipt** form Hilton Motor Company, 2985 Federal Blvd., for a used 1935 Ford Tudor, 18-1984440, purchase price \$536.62, dated 7/24/36. **Receipt** from Hover Motors, Federal at North Speer, for a 1955 Ford Custom Fordor, U5KG 159056, \$1331.35, trade in, 1936 Ford Panel, 18-2251725, \$100, September 13, 1957.

Ford SALES SERVICE

HILTON MOTOR COMPANY
2985 Federal Blvd. DENVER, COLO. No 3189
CAR INVOICE

SOLD TO Fred J. Becker DATE 7/24/36 1936
ADDRESS 2837 Yates Street, Denver SALESMAN Douglas
FORM 21 NOTICE DES., PRINTING, OKLA. CITY. TERMS STRICTLY NET CASH, NO DISCOUNT ALLOWED

DESCRIPTION	PRICE	AMOUNT
1 Used 1935 Ford Tudor Our #1660 As Is	525 00	
Sales tax	7 50	
1936 taxes	3 18	
Transfer of license and title	2 00	
Allowance on 1929 Studebaker Sedan		150 00
By cash		2 50
Cash on delivery		380 12
TRANSFER TO HILTON MOTOR COMPANY		
	<u>537 62</u>	<u>536.62</u>

Just thought if any of these cars are still around that the current owner would like to see this paperwork. I couldn't find the paperwork for this, but here is Fred Becker with his '36 Tudor Humpback. **Photo** of the '35 with Deanie's father and sister at the cabin in St. Vrain Canyon, probably in 1936 right after they bought the car. **Receipt** form Hilton Motor Company, for a used 1938 Standard Tudor, 18-4329075, \$555.90, June 24, 1939

FORM 11
PARTICULARS

HILTON MOTOR COMPANY
2985 Federal Blvd. DENVER, COLORADO
Telephone 64-2195

CAR INVOICE
No 5311

ABLES MOTOR CO. CUSTOMER'S COPY

SOLD TO Fred J. Becker DATE June 24, 1939
ADDRESS 2839 Yates Street SALESMAN Weiner

NEW OR USED	TYPE	MOTOR NO.	KEY NO.	AMOUNT
1	Used 1938 Std. Tudor	18-4539075		
	Our as is #87			545 00
	TRANSPORTATION			
	GASOLINE, OIL & LUBRICATION			
	ACCESSORIES			
	Colorado Sales Tax			10 90
	TAX REIMBURSED MANUFACTURER			
	CASH SALE PRICE			
	TIME SALE PRICE DIFFERENTIAL			555 90
	TIME SALE PRICE			
	DEPOSIT ON ORDER			
	CASH ON DELIVERY			
	ALLOWANCE ON TRADE-IN			
	MAKE <u>Ford</u> TYPE <u>MOTOR NO. 18-</u>			295 00
	TOTAL CREDIT			
	DEFERRED BALANCE			260 90
	PAYABLE IN PAYMENTS OF \$ EACH.			
	TOTAL			555 90

NEW PHONE NOS.
Glendale 3676-3677

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P. O. NO. _____

REG. NO. _____

DEALER'S LICENSE NO. 65

HOVER MOTORS, INC.
Authorized Sales and Service
FORD
Federal at North Speer
DENVER, COLO.
Telephone Glendale 5-3474

CAR INVOICE
No 13494

SOLD TO Fred J. Becker DATE September 13, 1957
ADDRESS 2837 Yates St. SALESMAN Roberts
Denver, Colo.

NEW OR USED	YEAR	TYPE	MOTOR NO.	KEY NO.	COSTS	AMOUNT
Used	1955	Ford Cust Fordor	U5KG 159056	TC 4861		1295.00
		ACCESSORIES				
		Cash Delivered Price with Accessories and Equipment				1295 00
		SALES TAX				11 95
		State Tax				23 90
		20 Day State Permit				50
		TOTAL CASH DELIVERED PRICE				1331 35
		DEPOSIT ON ORDER				
		CASH ON DELIVERY				1231 35
		ALLOWANCE ON TRADE-IN				
		(486B)				100 00
		MAKE <u>1936 Ford</u> MOTOR NO. <u>18 2251725</u> TYPE <u>Panel</u>				
		DEFERRED BALANCE				
		TOTAL				1331 35

If anyone wants to see these records, please let me know. Steve Kennedy, skennedy@ecentral.com, 303-489-3955

Chuckle

Eggs Benedict served on a hub cap, because there's no place like chrome for the hollandaise

Merry Christmas

- Dave McCord



Items for sale or buy

FOR SALE: 1940 Ford Convertible. Built to drive with Mitchell overdrive, electronic ignition, twin 94 carbs, alternator, front disk brakes, power top and more. Fresh engine with 4" crank. Drive anywhere. \$45,000 Call Brad Hunsinger at 720 251-9307 for details and/or questions.



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Very nice glass display cabinet-for family pictures, car parts or whatever, electrically wired from yesterday. You will never see another glass display unit like it.

Two antique trunks- plus other items

41 Ford motor for rebuild with-out parts, needed.

41's Ford & Mercury convertible, with rebuilt engine & transmissions

NOS radiators, spring & seat springs still covered (better than new)

Frames and under carriage powered, wheels blasted. NOS fenders. Bodies bead-blasted. NOS & nice steering columns w/NOS steering wheel for Merc. All instruments needed for dash plus NOS top motors.

Super Deluxe Model A Roadster, same condition as above cars, except body is painted. NOS top bows. Need top cloth material & glass

Contact Jim Alger daughter Paula Dillard H 970-834-0966 C 970-420-7482

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS				(*) Indicates Points Event		February 2021	
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
	1	No meeting Stay Tuned 2	3	4	5	6	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
14 	15	16	17	Distributor 18 Article Submission Deadline:	19	20	
21	22	Board meeting 23	24	25	26	27	
28							
			12				