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Our meeting place is Englewood Bible Church. 3190 So Grant St. Englewood Co. Meeting time is 7:30 PM. First Tuesday of the month. 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.

Vice president message

Good evening from the Vice President, Nick is still in rehab and has asked me to write something up for the July News Letter. I hope I can live up to all the other Presidents so here goes. The church has opened up so our club meeting will be upstairs if you need a table to sit at, it's there. I managed to get the TV back upstairs so it is a little easier to hear see the screen. The last meeting, we had I was asked to perform the duties which I was a little nervous not having done this before. It's one thing to say a few words but to keep everyone's attention that's a little different.

The seminar went well. Although I could not make it due to a previous activity but Deb was there and told me that everything well. Arnell did a super job setting this up and his information was good. He also had some help from Bernie Sawin these two guys know their stuff on the 36 & 37 Fords. I also want to thank all the members who brought their cars to the Seminar for all to see what all the differences were. I want to thank everyone that helped Deb with the information for me and the 250 club. She was interested in the differences in these cars.

The following Day we had the opportunity to drive our old cars out to Craig Cooley's to see all the stuff this guy has and when I say he has stuff I mean he has stuff stacked on top of stuff. Ford cars and trucks in the 50's He likes his 57's 58's and a couple of 60's. As everyone could see he has a few projects in the works. Steve Estep brought out coffee and donuts for everyone to enjoy on this early run. Unfortunately, Jim Hatfield could not make is so he asked Tom Webb be in charge. The route was set up good and it kept us off the Highway. We saw a lot of open land and some building projects. Deb and I was talking about where do all these people work when they live out in the middle of nowhere/ The housing is going strong out there. Tom did a good job and we arrived just a little late but we won't hold that against him. Good job Tom.

The calendar showed a Flathead race at Bandimere unfortunately I just didn't have the time to go but I hope everyone raced well and they all had a good time. I hope to hear more about it.

Be safe and let's drive our cars.

Thanks Abe

Up Coming Club Picnic

Good evening all club members on this July day. I finally got a call from the city regarding the park set up for our CLUB PICNIC at Anderson Park in Wheat Ridge, we have been there before in the past. The date is set for Sunday Aug 22nd and it is set to go. We will have the park from 10am til 5pm. Not knowing what will be happening later this month I would like for you to please call me or Deb at 303-232-9458 or 720-641-3179 and let us know if you are coming. I need a count so I can let Michael know for the food. This year will be Italian food from Valentes The cutoff date will be AUGUST 1st. The city asked to try and keep the number down and they are requiring MASKs. to be worn when not eating and social distancing. This is the same as the rest of the city. Right now, the park is open but please be advised things can change very fast at this time. I hope you will call me and let us know of your plans. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call me I will do anything I can to help.

>Thanks Abe & Deb

Fellow members, we have started including the pictures from our club's seven-day tour of southwestern Colorado in 1981.

This tour was organized by Mike Welch and Gordon Campbell.

I took a lot of pictures on that trip, so bear with me if you see too many of my 1940 coupe.

I'm just trying to include every stop along the way.

As the photos progress through each day of that week, I hope those members that drove on this great trip will send in their memories for inclusion in the Distributor each month.

Harry Lindsay

Comfort & Concern

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

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New members

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Will Host Their 8th Annual

Friends & Fords at the Fort Car Show & Festivities

With Cake & Ice Cream

Celebrating the 75th Anniversary of the Decommissioning of Fort Logan May 1946

Sunday July 11th, 2021 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. 3742 W. Princeton Circle, Fort Logan

Invited Guests and their Fords:















Harry Lindsay's past club trip

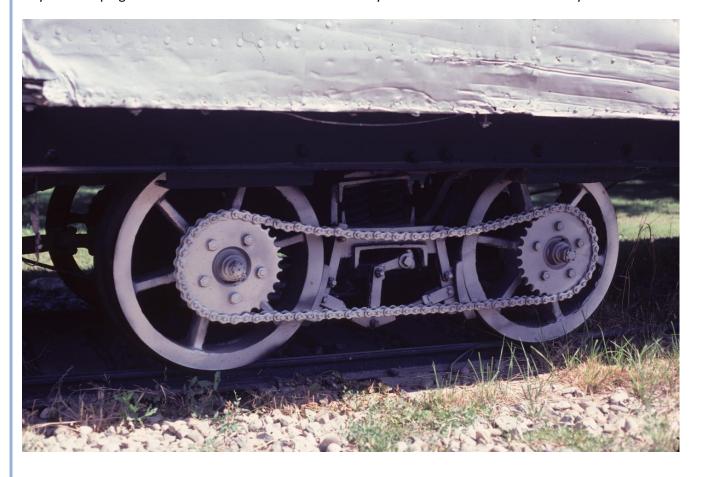


Day 5. Downtown Dolores, west of Durango. Harry, Gordon Campbell, Ivan Fiechter, Mike Welch

Harry Lindsay's past club trips



Day 5. Galloping Goose #5 at Delores. One of seven built by the Rio Grande Southern Railway



Day 5. Dolores, west of Durango. Galloping Goose chain drive on rear wheels. Page 4

Lindsay's cont.



Day 5. Sign in the park in Dolores

Looking back Forney Museum

Continued Good morning everyone, just a little note about the Forney Museum that we had on Sunday the 23rd. It started out dry and sunny but it started to sprinkle when everyone started to show up. It didn't last long, just long enough to spot up the cars with the construction that was going on across the street. They're taking down the overpass and they were working with all the big equipment making dust and noise. We had a good turn out with 24 members, 15 cars, and 13 guests. There were a few other people that showed but not with the club and it looked like we had the building to ourselves. Lots of room to walk around and see a lot of nice cars of all years. The cars covered the mid-50s all the way back to model Ts some looked like barn finds but all were in good shape. One room covered the bicycles of long ago many Indian motor cycles, Harleys and other motor cycle. So much to talk about maybe we should go back again sometime maybe we can have more members go. The staff at the museum really liked our cars and the number of members and guests that came to help out their cause. The building was very clean and well set up so you could walk around every easily. I hope everyone that went had a good time and enjoyed the rest of a sunny afternoon.

Thanks Abe & Deb









Looking back Forney museum cont.





Looking Back April garage Tour Craig Cooley Collection











More Photos from June Seminar by Ed Rockwell







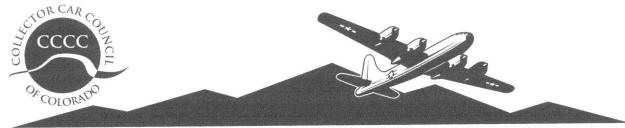






Save The Date

The Hi-Country Group was started in 1970 and we were supposed to have a 50th Anniversary party last year. However, we had to postpone it due to Covid-19. We have been able to schedule it for this year and it will take place on 9-26-21. It will be a luncheon at the Mount Vernon Country Club. More details to follow but please save the date for an entertaining and fun get together with fellow V-8er's.



ROCKY MOUNTAIN CAR SHOW, SWAP MEET

Saturday August 7th, 2021 8 am - 2 pm

ROCKY MOUNTAIN METRO AIRPORT US 36 & HWY 287

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Open 8am - 2pm Move In Fri. Noon - 5pm · Sat. 5am - 8am	
Name: Email: x \$40 each Number of Car Coral Spaces x \$20 each Special Accommodations?	Make checks payable to: Collector Car Council of Colorado and mail to: CCCC P.O. Box 1888

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Beware of Your Perceptions

By Lou Mraz

Sometimes your perceptions of a situation can lead you down the wrong path. We've all been there. How do I know this? Read on. A couple of years ago, when I was doing a scouting/pre-run for what eventually became the 2019 National Parks V-8 (driving) Tour, I found myself in Norwood, Colorado, at lunch time, and I was hungry. Norwood is a small town (and just about the only thing around) in the south west portion of the state. You know the kind of place --- a single main street on which most of the businesses are located, with a few more streets located on either side of the main drag. And no stoplights anywhere.

As I was sedately driving down the main street, I noticed a small hotel, with a rather nice-looking restaurant attached. The set-up appealed to me. Did I mention there wasn't much else around? Anyway, that is where I headed for lunch. It turned out to be a very good choice, cozy and comfortable. I was seated at a window facing the main street. After ordering, I glanced out and immediately noticed a big (and mud splattered), 4-wheel drive pickup truck parked across the street. It was definitely large and impressive, with oversized tires, raised up a bit, and equipped brush bars as well as a winch up front. This was a serious working truck, definitely not a city truck. A tough looking piece of machinery for sure, but it certainly did not look out of place here. As I remember, it was parked out in front of what appeared to be a combination hardware and feed store of some sort, so I rather expected to see a couple of cowboys to come out and jump in. This is ranch country.

About that time, my lunch arrived, so my attention returned to that. As I was eating, I began to notice some of the other folks in the restaurant, solid working-class people mostly, characteristic of this part of the world, but non seemed to be the type that would belong to the truck. My thought then was --- the owner must be somewhere else in town. Moving on with my casual survey of the diners, one person in particular did seem to stand out, but only because she seemed to be a bit out of place. This was a sweet looking older lady, by herself, with her lunch and a pot of tea. I finished my lunch, but hunger was still with me, so I ordered a small dessert, and that is where my attention went. After a while, the lady finished her lunch, paid the bill, corralled her cane, and started to leave. My immediate thought was to wonder when the Senior Center bus arrives to pick her up. I had noticed the Center out near the edge of town as I drove in. But she disappeared out the door, and my attention returned to finishing my lunch and getting on with my tour pre-run. It was later in the day than I had planned, so I needed to be on my way.

A bit after that, I was paying my bill and again looked out the window. I saw the lady that I had noticed earlier, walking with her cane, crossing the main street, slowly. I expected to see the Senior Center bus arrive momentarily. You can imagine my astonishment, when she headed directly for the big pickup truck. To this day, I really don't know how she managed it, but she opened the door, stuck the cane into the cab, and then somehow swung herself in. This city boys' jaw immediately dropped to absolutely wide open! She then fired up the big mother, put it in gear, and drove off with authority. I wasn't really sure I had actually just seen all that happen.

My wait person then arrived to collect the bill. And with some amusement, apparently after noticing the incredulous look on my face, casually mentioned that I had just seen Mrs. so-in-so, and added that she owned a big working ranch south of town, clearly was the boss lady, running the place by herself --- and then added that she was one tough cookie. My astonishment continued, and I found all of this all hard to believe, but also had to laugh at myself for my initial impressions and suppositions.

The moral of this story is clear --- do not make assumptions, and don't be misled by your perceptions. You could, and probably will be, all wrong.

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Vintage Drag Racing 2021 Schedule:

May 29 Bandimere
June 12 Bandimere
July 31 Bandimere *Qualify for FH/IN Nationals*August 1 Bandimere *Fliminations FH/IN Nationals*

August 1 Bandimere *Eliminations FH/IN Nationals*August 21 Julesburg "*Tri-State Hot Rod Revival*"

August 22 Julesburg

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July 24th Seminar News

8:30 AM Coffee and Donuts, 9:00 o'clock Start: Camp George West is located on South Golden Road near Indiana and Colfax. The museum is at 15200 South Golden Rd at Kilmer St. Kilmer St heads north but the museum is on the south side of South Golden Rd. Drive between the rock arches into the State Patrol property. The museum is a plain building ahead and slightly to the right.

I am also trying to put together an original looking tool kit for a 1935 Ford Police car. I was able to find an original tool bag and a few wrenches at the Tri-State swap meet but could use the rest.

So far, I have the bag and the very common Head/Spark plug wrench and F adjustable spanner, although it is a bit rough. I need everything else, including the tire iron.

If you can help, it would greatly appreciate!

We will be seeing this car on Saturday, July 24th but I would like to have the tools before that if possible.

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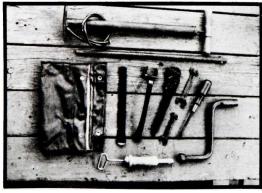


Fig. 23. 1935 Ford tool kit from Mike Burch's Cabriolet, shown here less jack, handle, and pliers, includes the '35 grease gun, an Alemite No. 6178.

July Seminar

Visit to the Colorado State Patrol Museum at Camp George West in Golden Saturday, July 24, 2021 at South Golden Rd. and Kilmer St. (South side of South Golden Road) Coffee and doughnuts at 8:30 AM. The museum exhibits include patrol cars, trooper equipment, license plates and history from over 85 years of Colorado State Patrol service to Colorado. A 1935 Ford Patrol Car is on display.

Looking back June Seminar News

Our most recent seminar was a comparison of the '36 and '37 cars, highlighting the changes in 1937. Many '36 and '37 cars attended with their owners, but the direct comparison cars were Loren '36 Fordor and Steve Bennett's '37 Fordor. Arnel ran through the changes starting front to back, and bottom to top. The information provided will be helpful for restoration. Several knowledgeable members added interesting comments. Below are some of the highlights.

Differences between the 1936 and 1937 Ford Fordor Sedans, seminar by Arnel Kimmett, article by Steve Kennedy









Exterior: The '36 has a dip in the center of the bumper while the '37 has a straight bumper. The '36 has a cloth roof insert, under which is chicken wire used as an antenna; the '37 was the first year that Ford had an all-metal roof and the antenna is centered above the windshield. The '36 was the last year for externally mounted headlights, the '37 had the headlights in the fenders. The '36 was the last year of the pre-war Fords to have an external mounted spare tire; the '37 is the first year to have the spare tire stowed inside the trunk.

Interior: The '36 deluxe model has a banjo steering wheel with five parallel support rods; the '37 deluxe model has a steering wheel that has fanned or spread as it joins the center hub of the steering wheel. The '36 had an optional clock that was located in glove box door, or located in the review mirror for the open cars;





Engine: The '36 has the 21-stud flathead motor has the water pumps mounted in the front of the block; the '37 is the first year for the 24-stud flathead motor, the water returns are located in the center of the heads.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS (*) Indicates Points Event		July 2021				
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
Harris Car July	5	* Meeting 7:30	7	8	9	10
*Tour 11 Fort Logan car Show & Museum event	12	13	14	15	16	17
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25	26	Board meeting	28	29	30	Bandimere 31 Qualify FN/IN Nationals
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