



# The Distributor



## Newsletter of the Hi-Country Regional Group #28 Early Ford V8 Club of America

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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.

### President's Message for September 2021

At church recently we talked about Divine Moments, and there have been some in my life time. As I pondered those moments, my mind morphed into divine times, and timing which may not have always been divine but some were special. Relationships both divine as in a higher power, and human speak to how special those times and experiences were and are. Our Regional Group is preparing to experience a Special Time in the form of a 50th Anniversary of our group. Mike, Arnel, Harry and others are working diligently to ensure we all will enjoy such a special time together, so contact Arnel and sign up soon. Tempus Fugits.

Speaking of "soon" we have some other special times planned between now and our 50th celebration. Steve Estep has asked Charlie Palmer to host a seminar on Flathead Speed Equipment. Mark your calendars for that experience, it should be fast.

Abe and Debbie Jones are hosting our annual club picnic at Anderson Park so those of you who have signed up bring your appetite as it will be delicious.

Still on the road to Nirvana. Nick

### V8 Members

Starting Jan 2022 Steve Kennedy will be doing the Newsletter. I have enjoyed the past six years being the club newsletter editor.

Len Harcourt



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  
Dave & Jillyn Szenasi  
719-930-1039  
1950 Mercury Monterey Coupe

## The Distributor

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Day 5- License Plate House Telluride 1981



Day - Back of License Plate House



Day 5- Overnight stay in condos Telluride 1981



Day 5-Galloping Goose # 4 in telluride 1981 page 3

## GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY BANQUET

The Hi-Country Group of the EFV8 Club was started in 1970. Due to Covid restrictions last year, we had to postpone our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Our new date will be Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at the Mt. Vernon Canyon Club on Lookout Mountain. Easiest way to get there is to take I-70 West to Genesee Exit #254. Turn right and go straight 3-4 blocks through the Mount Vernon stone towers. Veer right and follow the road to the club. There are numerous speed bumps along the way so drive with caution. The address is 24933 Club House Circle, Golden, CO 80401. 303-526-0616.

Please arrive around 12:00 pm. The club will have a special parking area for anyone driving an old car. Valet parking will also be available. Our banquet room will be on the lower level (both stairs and elevator accessible) with a great view of the front range. Tables will be set up for displaying photos that you have of members and club activities throughout the years. Please feel free to bring any you want, including those of members/spouses no longer with us. Further, Harry Lindsay will set up two large screens of showing revolving photos with 50 years of remembrances. There is a cash bar in the room and our sit-down dinner will start around 1:00 pm. Conclusion will be in the 3:00 pm range.

Meal entrees will be Steak Medallions, Chicken Marsala or Teriyaki Grilled Salmon. A Vegetarian option will also be provided. All meals will include house salad or soup du jour, fresh vegetables, rolls, dessert and beverage.

Our club will pick up the majority cost for all this fun and great food but it will still cost members and spouses/guest \$15 each. Any additional guest will be \$50. Naturally the restaurant will need a head count ahead of time, so the **cut off date** to sign up, and pay for this, will be September 12<sup>th</sup>. We hope to see everyone there! Arnel Kimmett Mike Welch Harry Lindsay Jay Svigel

### ADDITIONAL ANNIVERSARY INFO

When we first started signing up members for the banquet we thought the food would be buffet style. It has now been changed to a sit-down dinner so we will need info on your meal choice. Those who have already signed and paid, please let me know your choice at either club meetings or other functions. You can also call or email me at 303-798-9660/armav8@msn.com. (Email preferred as it will make it easier). Those who have signed up and not paid, including members who intend to sign up, please let me know your meal choice when you send or provide payment. Please make checks payable to The Early Ford V-8 Club and send to me. Thanks.

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## Johnson Dominates in Vintage Drag Racing Association National Event.

On August 1st, Wes Johnson was able to put both of his Flat Head powered dragsters into the finals of the Flathead/Inline class at Bandimere Speedway during their ALL FORD DAY event. Between the two cars they put away every competitor they faced. Qualifying was called off after two passes were made on Saturday due to weather. Sunday was a beautiful day for drag racing and the Annual All Ford Car Show. One more qualifying pass was allowed on Sunday Morning. Driver, and son Mark, qualified #2 and cousin Tom Waring qualified #7. This was the first time that Wes has ever put two cars in the finals. He has accomplished putting both into the semi finals three times. Tom ran three thousands of a second off his dial-in to beat Mark who broke out (ran too fast) in the finals. This was the second time Tom has won this National event in Wes' 1962 front engine dragster. Mark is currently the points leader in their class. Plans are to have the championship car on display at Charlie Palmer's seminar on Saturday August 28th.

Wes Johnson





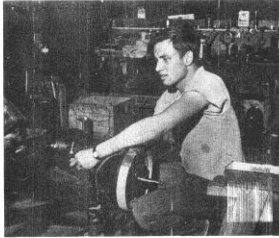
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Jim Neilsen  
Denver, CO

*He Drives a Ford V-8*

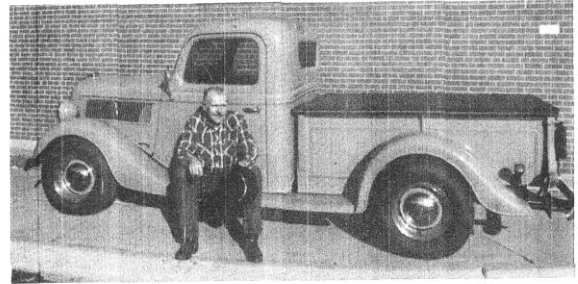
**Wes Johnson wins First and Second Place at Flathead/Inline Nationals at Bandimere Speedway with his three-car team. August 1, 2021**

After many years of drag racing, both in and out of the cars, Wes Johnson has pulled off a first in his racing career. His team won First and Second Place at the VDRA Flathead/Inliners Nationals meet at Bandimere Speedway. Tom Waring, Wes's cousin and driver of the Black 1962 dragster pulled off the victory after a day of consistent driving. Mark Johnson, Wes's son, driving the Red 1988 Dragster had a winning day, coming home with respectable second after a very close loss to Tom in the final. Tom had a dial-in time of 12.90 in the final and crossed the finish line at 12.905, just 5/1000 of a second over his dial-in. He had that kind of consistency all day long. They had a photo finish in the last race, with Mark breaking out of his dial-in time causing a loss. Mark said later, "If I have to lose the race I want it to be because I went too fast" Both Tom and Mark worked their way through a 14 car field of Flatheads and Inline cars which brought them to the final. Wes's grandson John, driving his inline 6 Maverick, broke out, and lost in the first round to his Dad, Mark. My observation was that the family team won the day based on preparation and execution.

Their next race will be Saturday August 21, 2021 at Julesberg, the oldest continuously operating NHRA track in America.

Steve Estep

## *Notes from the President!*



The Board has elected your officers for 1992 at its December meeting. They are: President - Walt Jantz; Vice President - DeWayne Ford; Recording Secretary - Jerry Worthington; Treasurer - Rocky Haight; and Corresponding Secretary - Walt Hume.

Three years ago I was nominated to the Board and eagerly accepted! I enjoyed my first year and looked forward to the next. In my second year I was nominated for Treasurer. Well, it's one thing to discuss issues, make policy, etc., with eight other Board members and quite another to assume responsibility as an elected officer.

Phooey, I joined the V8 Club to get help, I needed parts, information, literature, etc., I didn't need a job! My business has enough responsibilities, employees, customers, vendors, government, taxes, bookwork, etc. I didn't need a job!

I remember and am amused, looking back to the Board meeting held at Dick Adams' house that snowy December evening. Nominations of officers were being made for the coming year. The President nominee wanted to be President, the Vice President nominee wanted to be Vice President, the Recording Secretary nominee was reluctant but accepted. All six remaining members were nominated for Treasurer, and all declined including Yours Truly! Ivan refers to these matters as "The Night You Hear The Train Whistle." I suppose I wasn't as vocal as the others, my nomination stood. I was asked to retire to a designated room by myself. Upon my return it was announced that by a vote of 7 for and 1 dissension, I was Treasurer. Imagine that (I'd like to know who the dissenter was, He's my kind of guy).



# 2021 Rocky Mountain Air & Ground Festival

Hello from the VP again. Just to let you know how the CCCC car and air show went on Aug 7th. The weather started out with a lot of smoke and it got worse as the day went on. The sun came out some and the wind started to blow so you had to hold onto your hats and tents, when the show was over the wind was blowing even harder. The air show was great the Renegades a flying team flew for a long time and did some amazing things, they said it was the last show of the season, they said they will be back next season. Their planes were real impressing, they are all Colorado pilots. The pictures show the other planes, that flew most of the morning. There were some planes you could get a ride for a fee but I didn't see any price. Lots of military vehicles, you could see what they had back then. Some pretty scary to be sitting next to. The car show was great with several club members there with their cars. The swap meet was very interesting with a lot of stuff to buy. Duane a had booth set up and was selling a lot. The club members there, just first name to save space, Abe & Deb, Walt, Arnell, Doug, Lou, Duane, Mark, Steve K, Paul D, Tom DeJohn, Charlie C, Steve B, Gary W, Stephen M. Steve Bennett won a Best of Show with his Buick in that class, Congratulations on the win. I want to thank all the members for showing up and supporting the CCCC. I hope they did well this year. I would also like to thank Steve K for the great pictures, it would have been hard to take pictures of everything because there was so much to see. Thanks Abe and Deb



Great display of military planes and vehicles

Some girls having fun posing with the jeep





# REGISTRATION FORM

(Please complete all address **OR** email fields (*preferred*) for next year's mailing)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

YEAR: \_\_\_\_\_ MAKE: \_\_\_\_\_ MODEL: \_\_\_\_\_

ENTRY FEE (\$15.00/vehicle) \_\_\_\_\_ \*\$15.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

T-SHIRT (Royal Blue with LOGO on the front – See logo below. Logo will be in color)

(S, M, L, XL) \_\_\_\_\_ \* \$16.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(2X through 5X) \_\_\_\_\_ \* \$18.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Polo Shirt (Blue with Embroidered LOGO on the front)

(S, M, L, XL) \_\_\_\_\_ \* \$20.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(2X through 5X) \_\_\_\_\_ \* \$22.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL ENCLOSED = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Send check payable to **ALL FORD DAY** to:

EFV8 Hi-Country Regional Group

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## Colorado State Patrol Museum

The day was perfect to drive the old cars no clouds to worry about. The morning started out with coffee and donuts and good conversation with everyone, almost everyone drove their cars so we had a good showing. We had about 40 members show up to enjoy the fun. Lt Col Barry Bratt was our host and he was very impressed with our club members and the cars. He started the tour of the museum talking about the 1935 Ford Patrol car and that some of our club members had worked on it at some time or other. He talked about the other patrol units they have had over the years, they had a lot of Chevy Camaros, a Mustang, Dodge, many cars to look at. A lot of communication equipment for way back, Radar, Sirens. Then we went into another room and found so much stuff to look at I think it would take you all day to see everything. Patrol hats from everywhere, badges from all the years. So much to look at it was hard to take it all in that was there. I think everyone had a good time which made it a very enjoyable morning we sit around and talked then people started to leave.

Abe







## **Seminar Chairman's Report September 2021**

### **State Patrol Seminar Saturday July 24, 2021**

The Early Ford V8 Club was fortunate enough to be the first group to tour The Colorado State Patrol Museum at Camp George West. For many of the forty in attendance, there was more to see and learn than we expected. We saw restored patrol cars – Mustangs and Camaros, and a 1970 Plymouth Fury that the museum purchased from the family of the Patrolman who drove the car on patrol. We also saw the 1935 Ford Tudor Sedan which was restored as a replica Courtesy Patrol Car. More on the cars later.

After coffee and donuts we gathered around so I could introduce our host, Lt. Col. Barry Bratt, the driving force behind the restoration of the patrol cars and the layout of the museum. When I scheduled the tour with Barry he asked if we could clean up his existing tool kit display, which had Model T wrenches, Model A wrenches and one '35 wrench, all mounted on a used cabinet door. After Barry's introduction, we presented him with the correct tool kit for the '35 Ford. The display we donated ended up looking pretty good as a result of help from the following members:

Nick Morstad – Donated pliers.

Bernie Arellano – Donated screwdriver.

Ed Rockwell – Donated grease gun.

Steve Kennedy – An expert on tools, Steve identified the correct tools required for the '35 kit, researched available tools on-line, went to swap meets and local vintage shops and then provided tools from his extensive Ford tool collection. Thanks Steve. By the way, he made the reproduction tool pouch and is co-authoring a book on Jaguar Tools. If you want to know about Ford tools, he can probably help.

Following the tool kit presentation we all posed for a group picture, then Barry began his tour. Barry pointed out that the Mustangs, Camaros and the Fury were all retired patrol cars. Barry personally restored, including paint, the Camaros in his garage at home. He's a car guy like all of us. When the 1970 Plymouth Fury was retired, Patrolman Lou Baughman purchased his former patrol car for personal use. His family used it for many years then parked it when it developed an expensive engine problem. Barry learned that the Fury was stored in a barn and contacted Lou who agreed to sell it to the museum. The museum is not funded by the Colorado State Patrol, but by donations and volunteers. At the time there were 600 Patrolman in Colorado, so they each donated \$1 and the Fury was purchased for \$600. Barry and the Patrolmen used their spare time to do all the mechanical work and Hagerty Insurance funded the body and paint work. Bill Roushey, the Fleet Manager for Hagerty, attended our seminar, driving his beautiful mid-engine Lotus Europa, which he restored.

Barry explained to us that in 1935 the number of accidents and fatalities from motor vehicles was on a steep rise due to faster cars and more of them. There was no state wide traffic enforcement so the Colorado Legislature created the Colorado Courtesy Patrol, with the name changing to the Colorado State Patrol in 1945. The '35 Ford commemorates the start of the Colorado Courtesy Patrol. The Ford has been restored twice with the Hi-Country Regional Group participating in one of those restorations. The available history on that work is somewhat vague. It does appear that Dreith Auto Body did the paint that we see on the car now. Barry has worked weekends and used vacation days to do the restorations and set up the museum displays, and he also trailers the cars to shows and events, and wins trophies. Barry found the numerous '35 Ford trophies, which it has won over the years, in storage.

In addition to the cars, the museum displays equipment used in patrol cars – sirens, lights, radar, radios and more. There is an extensive display of license plates, photos of patrol cars through the years, uniforms, cameras, hats, records and promotional literature. Barry had a current working patrol car brought over for viewing. It is capable of 150 mph.

**Steve Estep**

### **Flathead High-Performance & Racing Seminar Saturday August 28, 2021**

Report to follow in October

### **Annual Club Auction Saturday September 11, 2021**

Bring your unneeded parts and your unneeded cash, so you can get rid of the old stuff and replace it with new old stuff. Money collected for sold parts goes directly into the club treasury. The rule is if your parts don't sell you must take them back home with you. The auctioneer will be Paul Dozoretz. Once again our hosts for the event will be:

Bob & Margo Wilson

8143 S Otis Ct

Littleton, CO 80128

Coffee and donuts by Vice-President Abe Jones at 8:30 AM. Bidding starts at 9:00 AM.

### **Speedometer Seminar October 2021**

John Rullo at Deluxe Speedometer Service will host our members and show us what he does to restore our speedometers to make them look and work well. Final date TBD.

### **Purchasing Cars & Parts Seminar November 2021**

Jim Nielsen will host our members at his shop to discuss how to select the right car to purchase with consideration for finding parts. Final date TBD.

**Steve Estep**



**For Sale** 1950 Ford 2 Door Custom V8 \$5,750 All original and complete Colorado car. 53,450 miles

Stored in a garage since purchased from second owner several decades ago. Ran last time moved about 10 years ago. Engine will turn. Needs minor body work and paint. Has original radio and glass is intact except for a crack in drivers side window.  
Club member Larry Kreider 303 526 2299



### Wanted:

Right and left, vent window handles, with spring, pin and button, for 1953 Mercury Convertible. Part numbers: Right Hand: BA 7622916-A and Left Hand - BA 7622917-A. I know you can buy them new or repo, but I am looking for originals. I think they are the same, for 52'-54' Mercury and Fords - "**convertible and hardtops**".

Thank you

Roy Lange (303) 838-2028 [royd13483@aol.com](mailto:royd13483@aol.com)



**Bandimere Race Way Look at that crowd. I was driving by going on a camping trip. Len Harcourt**



### Vintage Drag Racing 2021 Schedule:

May 29 Bandimere  
June 12 Bandimere  
July 31 Bandimere *Qualify for FH/IN Nationals*  
August 1 Bandimere *Eliminations FH/IN Nationals*  
August 21 Julesburg *"Tri-State Hot Rod Revival"*  
August 22 Julesburg  
September 18 Bandimere  
October 3 Bandimere

### HI-COUNTRY REGIONAL GROUP EARLY FORD V8 CLUB OF AMERICA

[www.hicountryv8.org](http://www.hicountryv8.org)

Invite all Ford Vehicle Owners to  
Participate in Our 50th Annual

**ALL Ford DAY**

Metro Denver's Oldest Continuous Car Show

**Sunday, September 12, 2021  
Sheridan High School**

3201 West Oxford Avenue, Sheridan, CO

Who is invited?

**Ford Motor Co Vehicles Only**  
(engine make doesn't matter - it's your ride!)

From Model T's to Present.....

- Hot Rods
- Race Cars
- Customs
- Restored
- Retros

(LATE REGISTRATION STARTS AT 7:30)

Flyers & Registration Forms On-Line at [www.hicountryv8.org](http://www.hicountryv8.org)



**REGISTRATION:** Pre-registration (by Sep 4) is **only \$15!** Complete the Registration Form, and send check payable to **All Ford Day** to:

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P.O. Box 3137  
Littleton, CO 80122

**Entry is \$20 at the gate, so register early!! Early Registration ends September 4th. Registrations accepted until we reach our 230 entrant limit.**

Stop the speculation, we're moving full steam ahead!

Steam Club members are getting the first look at the

route for the **Big Boy 2021 Tour**. Big Boy No. 4014

will depart Cheyenne Wyoming, Thursday, Aug. 5,

traveling through Arkansas, Colorado, Kansas,

Illinois, Louisiana, Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma,

Texas and Wyoming. We're still working out the

details of overnight Following the Denver stop on

Labor Day Cheyenne. Stay tuned to the Steam Club

for more details, but we wanted to get the word out so

you can save the dates! weekend, the Big Boy and its

crew will return to and whistle-stops along the way,

but we can tell you the Big Boy will be on display at

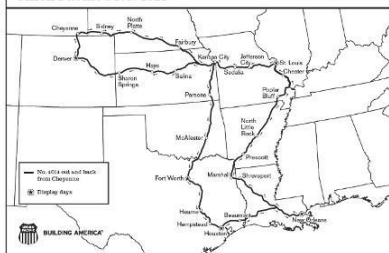
the following locations: so you can save the dates!

Monday, Sept. 6: Denver, Colorado

UP 4014 will pass thru  
Strasburg Westbound on  
Monday, Sept. 6. Hopefully  
will stop for water.  
Will overnight in Sharon  
Springs, KS Sept. 5th.  
Union Pacific Steam Club  
Update June 14 2021

Wayne Russert -Rocky Mt.  
Model A Club

### 2021 Steam Route Union Pacific's No. 4014



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS				(*) Indicates Points Event		September 2021	
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
			1	2	3	4	
	UP 4014 6 run thru Strasberg	* Meeting 7 7:30	8	9	10	11 *Annual Club Auction	
12 *All Ford day	13	14	15	16	17	18 Bandimere Raceway	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
*Golden 26 Anniversary Banquet	27	Board 28 meeting	29	30			
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