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## Meeting Place

Entrance door to the right. Board meeting's are also at the church, on the fourth Tuesday of each month.

*Abe*

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## Tour News

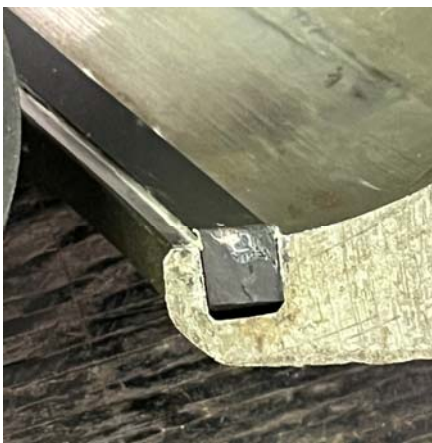
By Steve Estep

Annual April Garage Tour, April 24th 2022 We start this year's tour at Steve Estep and Dana Dillow's place located at 1460 Kendrick Street, in Golden Colorado, 80401. Steve Estep will provide directions to his house under separate cover in this issue of the Distributor, so look for it. Our second stop will be at Bob and Margo Wilson's place located at 8143 S. Otis Court, Littleton, Colorado 80128. They are just north of Chatfield and Pierce, take Pierce north from Chatfield to W. Elmhurst Avenue, turn east to Otis Court, turn right or south and you will find their place at 8143 S. Otis Court. The third stop will be at Trevor and Megan Squires place located just north of the Wilson's. Get back on Pierce north bound to W. Canyon Avenue, turn right or east to S. Lamar Court, turn right or south to 7810 S. Lamar Court. After we visit the Squires and if you are hungry get back on Pierce north bound to **7576 S. Pierce Street which is located on your right. A Dairy Queen Restaurant is located there and normally on a Sunday afternoon a Car Show breaks out there so help yourself to more cars and some eats.**

Happy V-8ing,  
*Jim and Nick*



Wes showing off an awesome gel cushion for kneeling on while working on your cars.#



Square gasket that fits the clam shell perfectly. Its is a 2 inch "PT" coupling from Central States Hose, part number 40YST BUNA N 5/16 gasket, \$2.33

## February Monthly Meeting Minutes

By Scott Turnage

The meeting was called to order by President Abe Jones at 7:30 pm. There were more than 30 members present. The Installation Banquet will be March 20, 2022 from 11am to 2pm at Fox Hollow Golf Club. Same place, same time. Cut off for reservations is March 14, 2022. The cost is \$28 per person. No guests - members only.

We have two new members. Sorry, no names.

Fred gave his treasurer report. We have plenty of dough. Scott gave a Secretary report.

Lots of folks went to the swap meet at the National Western building. There will be no seminars during February.

Steve Estep reports that the March seminar will be Saturday, March 5th at Bernie Sawin's garage at 8:30am.

Jim Nielsen did the CCCC report. He also talked about possible car people who may have been involved in the big Marshall fire in Boulder county.

Steve Kennedy, newsletter editor, would like to include pictures of members cars, as well as short stories about the car, in the newsletter.

Patti Jantz had several announcements about members who have recently passed.

Lou Mraz will attend a board meeting with the national club soon. He also gave praise to the new editor of the national clubs newsletter/magazine.

August 21, 2022 is the date for the club picnic at Anderson Park. Food to be determined.

Member Al Noterman passed away recently. His son, Randy, will have several of Al's for cars. Please contact Randy Noterman for details, 303-818-4547, Slnrjn80@gmail.com. Al owned several 1949-53 Fords.

Steve Kennedy and Wes Johnson did a Show and Tell. Steve showed several options for keeping the transmission from leaking oil around the rear of the transmission.

Wes had an awesome gel cushion for kneeling on while working on your cars.

Jay Svigel did a program about racing in the early days on wood tracks.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm

Submitted by *Scott Turnage*.

## Comforts & Concerns

By Patti Jantz

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

None at this time

## New Members

By Debbie Jones

Ken & Cathy Fouty, Salida

## Correction

Sorry about the misspelling error on our new member from last month! John Svec is one of our newest members and a long-time supporter of our club. 15 years as a Roster Sponsor and 10 years for ALL FORD DAY! It's great to have you as a member John!

## For Sale

1949 Mercury grill and trunk lid trim which a working lock and key. Grill \$1000; Latch \$300. OBO. For more info and photos, please contact Jerry Worthington, 719.276.1992, kdw81212@gmail.com



## For Sale/Wanted

Wes Johnson is looking for EAB heads 303-514-4215, wesjohnson1@comcast.net #

Marty Philips is looking for 1932 license plates and 1942 clock.

**Free to good home:** Lincoln banjo rear axle, no driveshaft, no torque tube, no radius rods, no brakes parts. Charlie 303-585-1084



**Wanted:** Does anyone have a quart can of Bill Hirsch '26 to '41 Ford engine green paint?? I need about 4 ounces.

Call Tom Webb @ 303-827-5446.

**For Sale:** Four 16 inch Lester tires, 4-inch whitewalls. Two are 6.00x16 and two are 6.50x16. These tires are at least 15 years old, maybe older. All four are mounted on wide five wheels. The hub cap clamps are in pretty good shape. They were on my '36 when I purchased it back in 2017. Package deal, I don't want to take the tires off of the wheels, but you can. Asking \$200, neg. , Steve, 303-489-3955 or skennedy@ecentral.com.



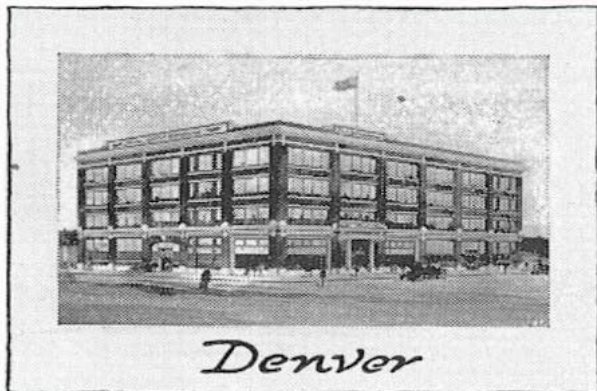
Also have a 9 1/2 inch clutch for the 49-53 8BA. Turns out I needed the 10 inch clutch which I did get from Jim. Paid over \$200 for everything, asking \$150 neg. Steve, 303-489-3955 or skennedy@ecentral.com.





## Ford Plant in Denver

Ford had a number of plants across America and around the world in its beginning. One such plant was here in Denver, it was at 900 S Broadway across the street from the Gates plant. It was producing Fords from 1914 to 1933 so they mostly made Model A's there, but the '32-'33 flatheads would have been assembled there as well.



Bernie Sawin says the building is still there, they just changed the windows and added to the building.



There was also a Ford storage facility at 4503 York St., Warehouse #1.



## 2022 Installation Banquet

Just a reminder about the installation banquet coming up Sunday, **March 20th** at The Den at Fox Hollow, 13410 Morrison Rd, Lakewood, CO 80228 from 11:00 to 2:00.

As it was in 2020, it will be a buffet brunch. The menu will be Dinner Rolls, House Salad, Mixed Seasonal Vegetable Medley, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Rice Pilaf, Roasted Airline Chicken Piccata, Braised Short Ribs, Dessert Bar, Iced Tea, Coffee & water. There will be a cash bar.

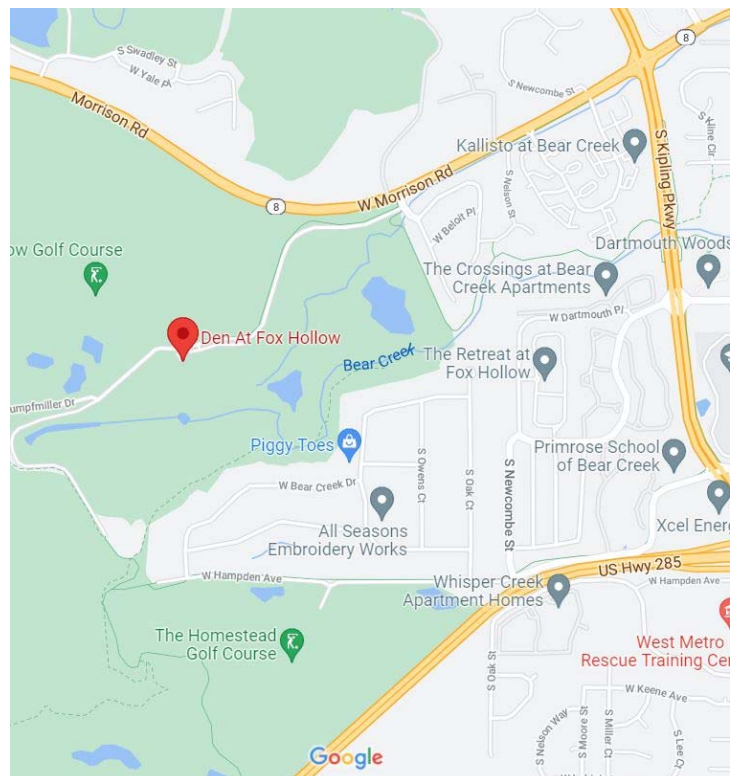
The cost is \$28 per person. Please make your reservations by **March 14th**. If you have already put your name on my list and have not already paid, please send me your money right away.

Please let me know as soon as possible by phone 303-232-9458 or by email [abej2850@gmail.com](mailto:abej2850@gmail.com).

Please! Hope to see every one there for the last event.

Thanks Abe Jones      303-232-9458  
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Wheat Ridge, CO 80033





# Newsletter Exchange

We exchange newsletters with V8 clubs across America and around the world. I got a very nice email back from Peter Hibbert from Australia. In a number of e-conversations, I asked him what flatheads he owns and has owned. Peter likes to buy and sell, sort of a hobby within a hobby. Here are some of the photos I got back from him.



1937 Club Roadster



'40  
Ford



'49 Merc  
Convertible



'50 Merc  
4 door  
Sedan





# 1980's Arkansas Valley Chapter Car Show

Starting In the 1980's, the Arkansas Valley chapter of the VMCCA, put on a Mother's Day weekend car show on the grounds at the Holy Cross Abbey in Canon City.

This was a one-day car show, on grass, with various kinds, and styles of cars on display.

Our club attended almost every year. Most of the time we drove down on Friday afternoon, and went to dinner at Merlino's Belvedere Italian restaurant.

The show was Saturday, then we headed home, later that afternoon.

Our club always had a large caravan of cars at that car show.

Here are a few photos from the 1988 show.

Harry Lindsay



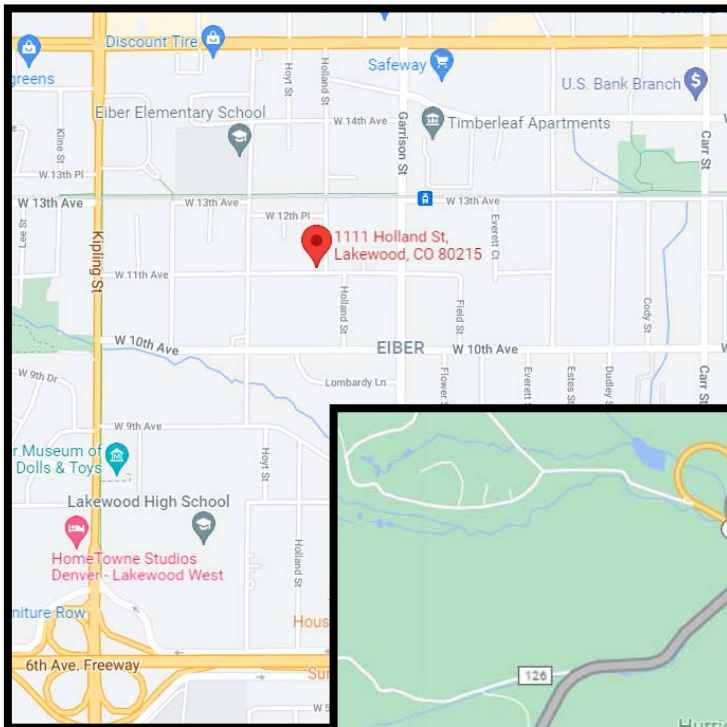
# Seminar News

By Steve Estep

**Feb 5 Tri-State Swap Meet** – The swap was a success, noted by the large crowd on Saturday. Sunday was quieter. I hope everyone found a deal among all the parts and tools.

**March 5, 2022 Seminar** – Bernie Sawin is hosting the seminar on steering boxes. We are hoping for a nice warm day at Bernie's garage located at 1111 Holland St, Lakewood 80215. For new members, that is off 11th Ave between Kipling and Garrison.

**9:30!! AM Coffee & Donuts, 10:00AM Seminar Begins. BRING YOUR OWN CHAIR!**

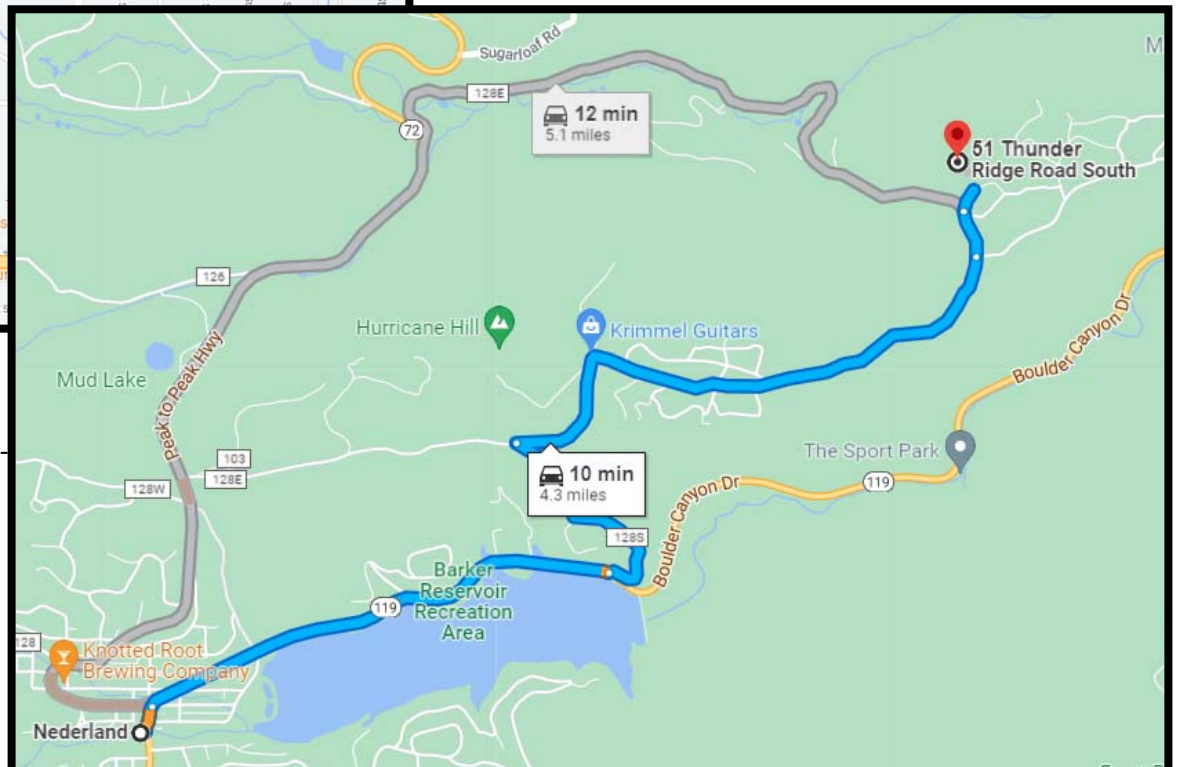


**April 9, 2022 Seminar** – Len Cole in Nederland is hosting the seminar. This was set up by Loren Helfenbein, who consults with Len on Ford **Starliner** restoration. Len is a long time car restorer, does fine work and has a collection of cars. Len's address is 51 Thunder Ridge Rd, Nederland 80466.

**Directions:**

From 119 (Boulder Canyon Dr) take Hurricane Hill Dr (128S) north. (This turnoff is located east of downtown Nederland at the eastern edge of Baker Meadow Reservoir.) paved The total distance from 119 to Len's is about 2.7 miles. Take a right (east) onto Ridge Rd (still 128S). paved Take a left (north) onto Cold Spring Rd (now 128E). gravel/dirt Take the second road to the right, which is Thunder Ridge Rd. (Note: the first road to the right was also Thunder Ridge Rd, but it is a loop. You might still find Len's place but you have to go around the loop.) gravel/dirt Go to 51 Thunder Ridge Rd on the left (north). I will drive the route on Friday the 8<sup>th</sup> and send an email if the route is impassible. If you don't hear from me by Friday evening, I am either still lost or the drive is good.

**8:30 AM Coffee & Donuts, 9:00AM Seminar Begins. BRING YOUR OWN CHAIR!**



## Future Seminars

Model T Collection with a rumored rare T. Set up by Loren.

Use of fuel pump on Early Fords.

Warren Tech

Steve Estep 720-381-8984



# Lone Wolf Tour XII

By Tom Webb

Day 1 – Tuesday, 28 Sept. 2021 – Left Sheridan about ½ hour before the crack of dawn at 0600. Magnetic reflective tape on rear bumper and on lower trunk lid would keep me safe south to Sedalia. CO Highway 105 is always a good start on any trip. No cars goin' south to Monument on the road for 33 miles! East on 105 to Colorado 83 and SE to Black Forest.

Club member Marty Phillips lives near “downtown” and with his map and one phone call I was there. I’d never been to Phillips’ Compound and it was quite a treat for me. He has accumulated a lot of good stuff over his years here.

Drivable finished cars, unique project cars,



and a large detached garage covered in signage were noticed on the tree lined property. Would have liked to look over all the “cool stuff” a little longer, but I’d planned a long drive day, so hopefully I can get another look in the future.

Left Marty and headed east at Ellicott. Thanks Marty for the entertainment! I’ve never traveled 94, now I’ve traveled all of it! Ended at Aroya and US 40, traveled through Kit Carson East to Cheyenne Wells and lunch. Drove 32 mi out and back from the Kansas border to finish US 40 across Colorado from Dinosaur. US 40 travels 487 mi from Utah border to Kansas. South on 385 to Sheridan Lake and west 14 mi to an aborted attempt to see the Sand Creek Massacre Nat’l Historic Site. Pulled off pavement to travel 8 mi of gravel road to the site and drove a half a mile of the worst washboard I’ve ever been on! With 7 ½ mi to go I thought No Way! I could turn around in the road, but a large Motor home would have to back out! Big disappointment for this trip. This Colorado History guy won’t be back.

The 27 mi drive from Sheridan Lake to Granada on US 385, the Coupe finished this road from Nebraska near Julesburg to Oklahoma near Campo, CO. The day ended in the End of the Line RV Park west of Granada. Rebecca was a friendly host and suggested a nice quiet spot for the Webb Hilton! (348 mi driven)

Day 2 – Wednesday 29 Sept. 2021 – Up early, broke

down gear and called John Hopper to see if I could get in the Granada Amache Camp Museum. Talked to John at 7:00 am and said he’d unlock the building because he was going by on the way to school, but had “duty” that morning so he couldn’t stay. It rang a bell for the days of outside/hall duty before school started. (22 years ago, for me!) I had an hour visit inside taking many photos of displays, photos, art work, maps, signage and personal memories of Japanese internees.

On February 19, 1942, 2½ months after Pearl Harbor President FDR ordered the forced removal and internment of all persons of Japanese ancestry from the West Coast. Of the 126,000 Japanese – descended people living in the U.S. two-thirds were native-born U.S. Citizens. Many of the internees had a week or less to dispose of any property they could not carry in two suitcases. Cars, stores, houses, pets, toys and clothing were sold for pennies on the dollar or abandoned!

Construction of Amache Logan in June 1942, opened in August and was filled to capacity by October. At the peak, capacity was 7,597 internees mainly from Central and Southern California. Of the 10



Japanese Internment camps built in 7 western states Amache was the smallest with Poston in Arizona, the largest at 20,000 people. Amache became the 10<sup>th</sup> largest city in Colorado. Internees confined to one square mile; the camp was 50% more densely populated than New York City.

After the Museum visit, I drove ½ mile West and ½ mile South to the site of the camp. I noticed some nice improvements since my Lone Wolf I trip in Sept. of 2009. Two Barracks buildings, a guard tower and a tall water tower with tank have been built back like original. Granada High Teacher John Hopper, (now Principal) and staff and students should be commended for their efforts towards this project. It was designated a National Historic Landmark on Feb. 10, 2006. It’s def-

initely worth a stop when in SE Colorado!

On to Lamar, with a stop at the Lamar Welcome Center which is in the restored A.T. & S.F. Railroad Depot. Needed new Colorado maps – who needs GPS! Back on US 50 through Las Animas to La Junta. Fueled here with no service stations 80 mi to Trinidad. US 350 was my desolate route along the Mountain Route of the Santa Fe Trail. This route is 100 mi longer than the Cimarron cut-off Route through Oklahoma, but had reliable access to rivers and springs from Bent's Fort over the Raton Mts. and Pass into New Mexico where the more direct route didn't. I would follow the many Santa Fe Trail signs to Trinidad. Noted only 4 vehicles goin' my way to Trinidad! US Highway 350 is a 73 mi NE-SW US Highway entirely within the state of Colorado. Just finished a very short US Highway! At Trinidad a phone call here changed my plans of driving north to Aguilar and west over Cordova Pass to Cucharas Pass on mainly dirt/gravel roads. A friend in

LaVeta after a drive the day before in a modern car found it very rough and probably not a good idea for my Ford. Again, wash boards and losing momentum are big obstacles. Made the decision to take paved Highway 12 as in LW I. I remembered the last push to the top of Cucharas Pass (Elev. 9,941) as long, steady, and steep in Low gear O/D made the ascent. The Highway of Legends was a beautiful drive, but not quite prime with Fall color.

Tried the 2 in-town campgrounds in LaVeta unsuccessfully. The Octoberfest was that weekend and had plenty of space. This was Wednesday night, not Friday! Anyway, it was getting late so I gave Shari and Keith Smart (Hi-Country V8 Members) a call to see if they had room for the Hilton. Come on up was the answer! Been here twice before for Octoberfest in 2011 with the V8 Club and Bernie Arellano and I stopped by to see if Keith would head-up our swap meet at our Western Nat'l Meet, which he would! Keith has been selling early Ford V8 parts new and used for years in Colorado Springs and LaVeta and also a retired shop teacher! Never put up the Hilton, but was inside and warm and dry as it rained all night "thunder-boomers" during the night, I heard nothing!

Side Story....Keith came down the hill to open his electric gate and I pulled the Coupe in past the gate to a loud "concerning" noise. Fan belt came apart with one grocery string of rubber left on the pullies. I changed that belt on LW II coming down from Wyoming's Devil's Tower in 2010, 64,000 mi ago! No fraying of that belt when I left home and it could have happened anywhere, but on the level of Keith's road?? Got out my new belt from my stash behind my seat and we changed an easy fix. Lucky Man! (253 mi traveled)

Day 3 – Thursday, 29 Sept 2021 – Shari served up a wonderful breakfast as we watched a "not so good" weather report on TV. I thank them both for their hospitality.

I headed off around 9 AM in a cold foggy drizzle – felt like it could snow! Third time goin' west on North LaVeta Pass (College at Adams State '67, LW I '09 and today) With 2 lanes going up much safer than before and an easy pull. Driving into the San Luis Valley we found sun, blue skies and no more rain.

Cruising downhill on US 160 through Ft. Garland and Blanca I turned North on never traveled Colo. 150 to Great Sand Dunes Nat'l Park. The original plan was camping at the Park, but everything was reservations only and probably dark by then on Wednesday. This wouldn't have worked anyway! After driving to the Visitor Center and no movie available and standing outside to be let in to the gift shop one at a time in the freezing wind. I figured this place wasn't even worth a photo. Nothing happened good in the Park this day. I felt good I had the ol' guy free Seniors pass and I didn't pay \$25.00 a car like most. A refund would have been nice for all, but I guess they need it for the road at Sand Creek!

Twenty mi West to Colorado 17. This road is called the "Gun Barrel" by locals and is believed to be the longest straight stretch of road in Colorado. Driving my Model A South to college in Alamosa (Fall 1966) thought I'd never get there! North to Hooper for fuel. The road was recently paved this summer, so it was a nice smooth drive. The Sangre de Christo Mt. Range, to the East, was beautiful with the night's dusting of snow. Over Poncha Pass (elev. 9,010') is easier from the South with a nice downhill ride into Salida. Sal-e-da in Spanish means exit. My geology professor at Adams State's theory was the Arkansas River here went straight South through the San Luis Valley, but the uplift was faster than the eroding away of the river, which caused the river to head due East at Salida. Who knows after millions of years, but a good theory that I remembered!

A beautiful drive downhill, following the river into Canon City was a trip change with more clouds gathering. A trip from Texas Creek to Westcliff and then into the Wet Mountain Valley east could happen another day.

I decided against a trip over the Skyline Drive – I suppose 3 previous trips were enough! New road CO 115 South of Canon through Florence was nice! Finished Colo. 67 South, finished that road for me (Sedalia to Wetmore). Seven miles East on Colo. 96 I turn South on a gravel road "short-cut" to Beulah. Wrong! 17 mi of slow-go I arrive an hour and a half on pavement near Beulah. Probably never again, but an adventure. Arrived at Eric and Nancy's home as in my last trip (LW XI). I appreciate the stay and their hospitality! (270 mi traveled)

Day 4 – Friday 1 October, 2010 – Up early and off to Pueblo, Colorado Springs, Monument, Highway 105 and home. (140 mi traveled).

***Lone Wolf Tom Webb***



# EARLY FORD V8 CLUB OF AMERICA

## HI- COUNTRY REGIONAL GROUP

### 2022 Schedule of Events

Seminars are held the first Saturday of the month

Tours are held the third Sunday of the month.

Board Meetings are held the 4th Tuesday of the month, unless otherwise rescheduled.

#### January

- 4<sup>th</sup>, NO Monthly Meeting
- 8<sup>th</sup>, Steering Box Seminar—Cancelled\*
- 16<sup>th</sup>, Installation Banquet—Cancelled\*
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Polar Bear Swap Meet-Adams Cnty Fairgnds
- 25<sup>th</sup>, Board Meeting

#### February

- 1<sup>st</sup> Monthly Meeting \*
- 5<sup>th</sup> NOOO Seminar at Surplus Tools
- 5-6 Tri-State Swap Meet at National Western Complex\*
- 22<sup>nd</sup>, Board Meeting

#### March

- 1<sup>st</sup>, Monthly Meeting \*
- 5<sup>th</sup>, 9:30, Steering Box Seminar at Bernie's \*
- 13<sup>th</sup>, Daylight Savings Time Begins
- 20<sup>th</sup>, Installation Banquet \*
- 22<sup>nd</sup>, Board Meeting

#### April

- 5<sup>th</sup> Monthly Meeting \*
- 9<sup>th</sup> Seminar at Len Cole's in Nederland \*
- 17<sup>th</sup>, Easter
- 24<sup>th</sup> Garage Tour starts at Steve Estep's \*
- 26<sup>th</sup>, Board Meeting

#### May

- 3<sup>rd</sup>, Monthly Meeting \*
- 7<sup>th</sup>, Seminar at \_\_\_\_\_, Host? \*
- 8<sup>th</sup>, Mother's Day
- 15<sup>th</sup>, Front Range Affair Tour\*
- 24<sup>th</sup>, Board Meeting
- 30<sup>th</sup>, Memorial Day Car Show at 1st Bank  
on west Colfax & Miller

#### June

- 1<sup>st</sup>–5<sup>th</sup> Eastern National Meet in Franklin,  
TN \*
- 4<sup>th</sup>, Seminar at \_\_\_\_\_, Host? \*
- 7<sup>th</sup>, Monthly Meeting \*
- 12<sup>th</sup>, Tour at \_\_\_\_\_, Host? \*
- 19<sup>th</sup>, Father's Day
- 28<sup>th</sup>, Board Meeting

#### July

- 4<sup>th</sup> Independence Day
- 5<sup>th</sup> Monthly Meeting \*
- 9<sup>th</sup>, Seminar at \_\_\_\_\_, Host? \*
- 7<sup>th</sup>- 14<sup>th</sup>, Western National Meet  
Wenatchee, WA \*
- 17<sup>th</sup>, Tour \_\_\_\_\_, Host? \*
- 26<sup>th</sup>, Board Meeting

#### August

- 2<sup>nd</sup>, Monthly Meeting \*
- 6<sup>th</sup>, CCCC Car/Air show in Broomfield
- 14<sup>th</sup>, Club Auction (Seminar) Wilson \*
- 21<sup>st</sup> Anderson Park Car Picnic (Tour) -Abe \*
- 23<sup>rd</sup>, Board Meeting

#### September

- 5<sup>th</sup>, Labor Day
- 6<sup>th</sup>, Monthly Meeting \*
- 3<sup>rd</sup>, Seminar at \_\_\_\_\_, Host? \*
- 18<sup>th</sup>, All Ford Day (Tour) -Abe \*
- 25<sup>th</sup>, Annual Banquet \*
- 27<sup>th</sup>, Board Meeting

#### October

- 1<sup>st</sup>, Seminar at \_\_\_\_\_, Host? \*
- 4<sup>th</sup> Monthly Meeting \*
- 5<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> Hershey Swap Meet
- 25<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting
- 23<sup>rd</sup>, Turkey Trot (tour), Gene & Abe? \*

#### November

- 1<sup>st</sup>, Monthly Meeting \*
- 5<sup>th</sup>, Seminar at \_\_\_\_\_, Host? \*
- 6<sup>th</sup> Daylight Savings Time Ends
- 11<sup>th</sup>, Veteran's Day
- 20<sup>th</sup>, Tour at \_\_\_\_\_, Host? \*
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Board Meeting
- 24<sup>th</sup>, Thanks Giving

#### December

- 4<sup>th</sup>, Holiday Party (Seminar) at \_\_\_\_\_ \*
- 6<sup>th</sup>, Monthly Meeting \*
- 18<sup>th</sup>, Tour at \_\_\_\_\_, Host? \*
- 25<sup>th</sup>, Christmas
- 27<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting
- 31<sup>st</sup>, New Year's Eve

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## EARLY FORD V-8 CLUB

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**9:30!! Coffee & Donuts,  
10 am Steering Seminar  
at Bernies on March  
5th**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS						March 2022	
(*) Indicates Points Event							
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
		1 *Monthly Meeting	2	3	4	5 10 am Steering Box Seminar at Bernie's	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
13  SPRING	14	15	16	17	18 Distributor Article Submission Deadline	19	
20 Installation Banquet*	21	22 Board Meeting	23	24	25	26	
27	28	29	30	31			