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Hi-Country Regional Group Meeting Place

The Hi-Country V8 Club meets at the Englewood Bible Church, 3190 So. Grant St., Englewood CO, at 7:30 PM, on the first Tuesday of each month except January. Parking is on the east side of the building with the entrance being the East side.

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

President's Letter

Hello club members, I hope every one is well and safe and ready for the summer months. It's time for all of us to get ready to do things with the club. Last month was great, we had a month full of activities that started with the club meeting which was well attended. Then the club went to the Tebo's Car collection makes a person jealous we don't have the money or the room. Next we had the Front Range Tour put on by Jay Svigel. Every one that went on the tour had a good time. Next was the Memorial Day car show at the 1st bank and Applebees, which was attended by several club members. The day started cold but then got better as time went on. June was good for activities. Gene and I went to the Pre-war swap meet at the Adams County Fairgrounds. It was a good afternoon. We had a good turn out at the months meeting, it's always nice to see all the members there. We had the Nederland Seminar on June 11th and everyone had a great time. Then our next event was on June 18th at the Fitzsimons Hospital to benefit veterans. The next day, June 19th, was Fathers Day. I hope every one had a fantastic day with their families. That pretty much wraps up the month of June, which for me went by way too fast; the summer will be over before we know it. Hope to see all of you members down the road. **STAY SAFE AND DRIVE CAREFUL.**

Thanks Abe Jones

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Give -a-Friend A Lift



*If you need a ride,
or can give a fellow club member
a lift to an event,
please let a board
member know.*

Mountain Seminar

By Loren Helfenbein

The June seminar took place at Len Cole's in Nederland. Len is a long-time restorer of old cars and we were interested in hearing about his experiences with old cars. About 30 of us met at 8:30 AM at Golden High School, Steve Estep brought coffee and donuts. By 9 it was already getting hot, so a few of us decided not to chance the heat with the old cars and drove newer cars. We headed up Highway 6 in Clear Creek Canyon for a 1.2-hour drive, stopping for a break near Blackhawk. A few had to turn back then because of the heat, the rest of us continued on. It was a scenic drive, there were many good views of the snow-covered mountains and green forests. An hour later, we arrived at Len's place (about 20 of us made it, including 5 old cars and 2 guests), ready to enjoy the views and a pizza lunch Steve Estep picked up in Nederland. Len and his wife, Peggy, provided salad, lemonade and tea. Len had three of his cars there for us to see, a 1957 Ford Skyliner, a 1957 Ford Ranchero and a 1953 Buick Woodie. The Skyliner and the Ranchero looked like they came off the showroom floor, they were beautiful! He has many more old cars stored in Denver. Len talked a little about restoring cars as well as about the ore mines on his property which his family had mined. The views from Len's place were impressive. We visited until about 2:30, then began the long ride back to town. The trip was a challenge for our old Fords, some had no trouble, some didn't make it. That day ended up breaking a high temp record, making the drive home a hot one!

Photos on page 9.

For Sale

1953 Ford Victoria

3-speed stick with over-drive. Needs minor attention. Red body, white top, engine completely rebuilt. Please call Roger Di Donato for more details, \$13,500 neg., 303-526-9376



Wanted: A good survivor **Heater Plenum**, for my 53' Mercury. Mine had seen better days. I know I can buy a re-pop from Mac's etc., but I would prefer to have a good survivor.

Roy Lange, (303) 838-2028,
royd13483@aol.com



Al Noterman's cars for sale.

Parts cars probably

51 ford 4 door \$600

50 Ford Crestliner \$600.

Randy Noterman call leave a message or text
303-818-4547, slnrjn80@gmail.com #

FLAT HEAD DRAG RACE

The Vintage Drag Race Association (VDRA) racing is underway. The first race of the season at Julesburg was cancelled due to fuel prices and racers waiting for ordered parts to complete their racing projects. The second race, at Bandimere, had a small turnout. Member Paul Dozoretz was number 1 qualifier though. Our next race was the 11th of June at Bandimere Speedway. Again Paul was number 1 qualifier and member Wes Johnson, driving for his son Mark, was number 3 qualifier. Well, the Hi-Country Regional Group members met up in the final round of eliminations, with Paul taking the win over Wes. Congratulations Paul!

Their next outing will be July 23rd and 24th in Pueblo Motorsports Park followed one week later, July 30th and 31st, at Bandimere speedway for the VDRA NATIONALS.

July 17th Tour

The July tour will be a return visit to Kenny Schell's fabulous Hot Rod collection east of Longmont. We will leave The King Soopers parking lot located at 1150 N. US 287 in Broomfield no later than 8:45.

We will travel north to Highway 52, turn right and continue east to CR #1, turn left and go north to CR 20 ½ and go west to 1580 CR 20 ½.

Any questions please call Jim Hatfield, 303-877-2722

Our First National Meet

By Steve Estep

Dana and I drove the panel truck to our first national V-8 Club meet – 2022 Eastern National Meet in Franklin, Tennessee June 1 through June 4. Having previously driven the panel truck on road trips to Minnesota and twice to Missouri, we were confident it would get us to Franklin and back. It did. We accumulated 2800 miles, cruising speed 65 mph and average of 16 miles per gallon. We spent about \$750 for gas and ½ quart oil. One issue we had was rivulets of water getting past the windshield rubber seal during three hours of heavy rain and high wind in Missouri. Dana handled the leak control. Also the oil pressure gauge dropped to zero on the way back, in Kansas. I pulled over quickly for diagnoses – appeared to be the sending unit. Back home I got a new 12v sending unit, on warranty, from Autozone. Fixed.

Using no interstate highways it took us four days to get to Franklin and three days to return. We did tourist stops on the way – Dodge City Museum in Kansas, Bob Dylan Center and Woody Guthrie Center in Tulsa, Sandpiper Refuge in Oklahoma, and Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art in Bentonville, Arkansas. We highly recommend the Bob Dylan Center and the Crystal Bridges Museum, which was founded by Alice Walton, wife of Sam Walton.

On the way home, we stopped at McPherson College in Kansas, to see if we could catch up with Fred Hower, our club treasurer. He was taking the one week course on painting. We found him wearing a painting outfit, as he had just stepped out of the paint booth. We saw his sheet metal panel hanging in the booth. The paint looked great! Fred was able to take a break and give us a tour of the shop. It is a very nice, fully equipped shop.

Eddie Rockwell and his son Glen made the trip in Eddie's '40 Convertible. Eddie has so many long road trips under his belt, there was no doubt he and car would complete the journey. He did have fuel pump issues and tire problems (tread came off of one and another started separating above whitewall), but those annoyances only slowed him down a bit. When he arrived at the meet location on Wednesday evening, after being stuck in stop-and-go rush hour traffic, he experienced vapor lock at a traffic light one block from the meet. He raised the hood to cool the engine and several meet attendees noticed. They ran over and gave him a push towards the parking lot concourse area. Later in the week at the awards banquet, Eddie received the Long Distance Award. During the presentation the Master of Ceremonies Ken Bounds said, "Eddie claimed a distance of 1205 miles to win this award, but the judges have reviewed and changed the distance to 1204.9 miles, since he was pushed the last 1/10th of mile."

The meet had 180 attendees and 128 cars – 50 were Concourse cars, 60 were Touring cars and the rest were Display cars. Eddie won a 1st Place trophy in the Touring A class, while Dana and I won a 2nd Place trophy in the Display class. During the meet the evening events included a Meet and Greet, a Welcome Party, the Grand Ole Opry and the Awards Banquet. The daytime events included seminars on Pin Striping and Distributors, tours to a billionaire's muscle car collection and the Lane Motoring Museum, hanging out in the Concourse parking area chatting with other owners, Swap Meet and Raffle Prizes. At the swap meet, I found some Shoebox seat parts and Eddie found a '40 rear fender. We did alright on raffle prizes also – I won a Bob Drake Wheel Wizard Tool and Eddie won a hydraulic floor jack and a complete set of new brake shoes. I picked up Loren's raffle prize – a new Dennis Carpenter 59A carburetor. All of our swap meet and raffle items went into the back of the panel truck for the trip home.

The weather was great at the meet, and it was a fun experience. I would do it again. Jim Nielsen has arranged with Coker to get Eddie's defective tires replaced on warranty, so he will be ready for the trip to the 2022 Western National Meet in Washington State. Get your car ready and meet Eddie up there!

July 9, 2022 Seminar at A-1 Metal Stripping in Golden— We will see John Svec's operation for media blasting and chemical stripping. John is a club member and roster sponsor, and will be the host for this seminar. We will meet at A-1 Stripping at 8:30 AM for coffee and donuts. Seminar starts at 9:00. **BRING YOUR OWN CHAIRS.** Directions to A-1 Metal Stripping at 4321 Kilmer St, Golden 80403:

From Hwy 58, take McIntyre exit north. Go 1000 ft., Turn right (east) onto 44th Ave. Go 500 ft., Turn right (south) onto Kilmer St. 4321 Kilmer St is on the right.

August 13, 2022 Seminar – Annual Auction—We hope to have this at Bob and Margo Wilson's garage again. The Wilson's are checking their schedule. Stay tuned. Steve Estep

Franklin Meet, hosted by the 97 Volunteer Group

Photos by Eddie Rockwell



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Gee!!, I'm still using mine!

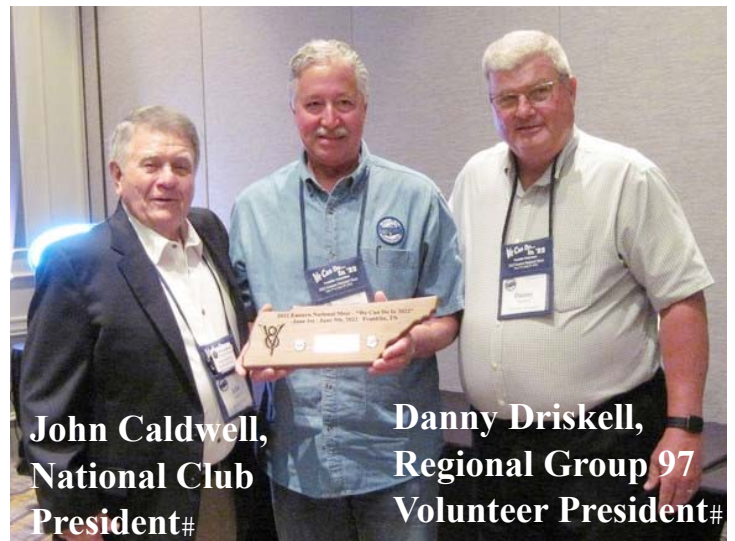








Steve holding the carburetor that Loren won



Steve receiving the award for 2nd place in the Display Class

Mountain Seminar

There was a great turn-out for the Mountain Seminar. We had a dozen or so cars show up for the Coffee and Donuts that Steve Estep brought. By 9:15, it looked like everyone who wanted to attend, was there, so off we went. We drove up Highway 119 through Blackhawk which was a much gentler hill than just going up Golden Gate Canyon. Most of the cars made it up. Len talked about the history of his property and how mining claims were laid out in large, sometimes overlapping, rectangles.



Everyone enjoying the Coffee and Donuts



Tom's '39 did just fine



Our host, Len Cole



Gene and his '50 Merc



Charlie's '27 T that he built when he was 14



Arnel checking out Mike's '36 pick up.



Everyone had a great time.
Thanks Loren and Steve E!!!



Peggie, Brook, Len, and Loren

Fitzsimons Un-Tour

Points, we got em! The Non-Points Tour scored some big points today. The V-8 Club in the person of Eddie Rockwell, Tom Webb, and Janice Sayles, scored a clean sweep with their Fords on Saturday June 18th at The Veterans Community Living Center, Fitzsimons. These folks swept the awards and the appreciation of the Vet's who reside at the community center. Oh and that rascal Gene Pastor walked away with a wardrobe of clothing with one of the drawings. We had 19 members, 5 guests, and eleven Ford's in attendance. Thanks to Melissa and her staff at the center for a well organized and fun event, they also appreciated your donations. Thank You All for making the event special and my birthday special too. Ford's Forever Y'ALL. Nick



Steve and Donna Carmack 51 Merc Convertible



Vet's who reside at the community center



Eddie Rockwell#



Tom Webb#



Janice Sayles#



Gene Pastor #



Arnel's 53 Ford Convertible



Tom Webb's '39#



Janice's 27 Ford T Roadster

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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

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

February

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

March

- 1st, Monthly Meeting *
- 5th, Steering Box Seminar at Bernie's *
- 13th, Daylight Savings Time Begins
- 20th, Installation Banquet *
- 22nd, Board Meeting

April

- 2nd, Golden Shakedown Cruise *
- 5th Monthly Meeting *
- 9th Seminar-Fuel Pump at Estep's
- 17th, Easter
- 24th Garage Tour starts at Steve Estep's *
- 26th, Board Meeting

May

- 3rd, Monthly Meeting *
- 8th, Mother's Day
- 14th, Seminar-Tebo Collection *
- 15th, Front Range Affair Tour*
- 24th, Board Meeting
- 30th, Memorial Day Car Show at 1st Bank
on west Colfax & Miller

June

- 1st–5th Eastern National Meet in Franklin, TN *
- 4th, Pre-war Swap Meet, Adams County Fairgrounds
- 7th, Monthly Meeting *
- 11th, Seminar in Nederland *
- 18th Car/truck/motorcycle show at Fitzsimmons/
V.A. Hospital in Aurora
- 19th, Father's Day
- 28th, Board Meeting

July

- 4th Independence Day
- 5th Monthly Meeting *
- 9th, Seminar at A-1 Metal Stripping *
- 7th- 14th, Western National Meet
Wenatchee, WA *
- 17th, Tour to Kenny Schell's *
- 26th, Board Meeting

August

- 2nd, Monthly Meeting *
- 6th, CCCC Car/Air show in Broomfield
- 13th, Club Auction (Seminar) Wilson *
- 21st Anderson Park Car Picnic (Tour) -Abe *
- 23rd, Board Meeting

September

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

October

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

November

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

December

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

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**A-1 Metal
Stripping
Seminars
July 9th**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS						(*) Indicates Points Event	July 2022
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
					1	2	
3	4 Independence Day	5 V8 Monthly Meeting *	6	7 Western Nat'l Meet Wenatchee WA	8 Western Nat'l Meet Wenatchee WA	9 A1-Metal Stripping Seminars* Western Nat'l Meet Wenatchee WA	
10 Western Nat'l Meet Wenatchee WA	11	12	13	14	15	16	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
24 Tour to Kenny Schell's*	25	26 V8 Board Meeting	27	28	29	30	
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