



# The Distributor



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Our meeting place is the Denver United Church located at 660 S. Broadway Denver Co.  
Meeting held the First Thursday of every month at 7:30 p.m. No meeting in January  
Should you like to go to Board meeting contact President for location.  
Remember when sending mass e-mails do them BCC to protect e-mail addresses.

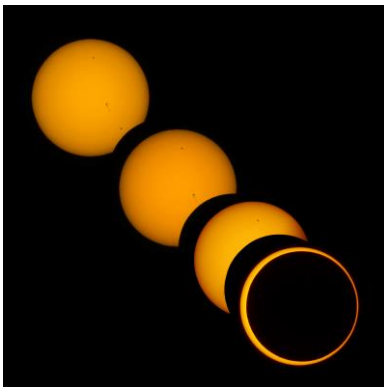
## September Presidents Message

Hello Fellow V8er's

I will be attending the Early Iron Car Show on Labor Day and will be talking with the organizers to see how much they can assist us in hosting the Western Meet. Please don't forget to mail the poll card back so they can be tallied. If the results are favorable we will begin forming steering committees so that we can submit a proposal to the National  
Thanks Bernie Arellano

I will be mailing the survey (Poll ) concerning the proposed Alamosa National Meet on Monday the 21<sup>st</sup>.  
This will get you a Solar Eclipse Stamp that actually changes when you apply your finger on it.

Enjoy Gordon Snow



## Comfort & Concern

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

Correction: Janice Sayles having back surgery not Diane

Frank Sims was in hospital for Heart attack say hi to him and Taffy at the meeting.

Sara Clark not doing well

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## New Members

### New Members

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## The Distributor

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3534 Desert Ridge Cir. Castle Rock, CO 80108, 720-733-2446, or email [len-mary24@outlook.com](mailto:len-mary24@outlook.com)

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

### 2016 Officers & Board:

Bernie Arellano..... President  
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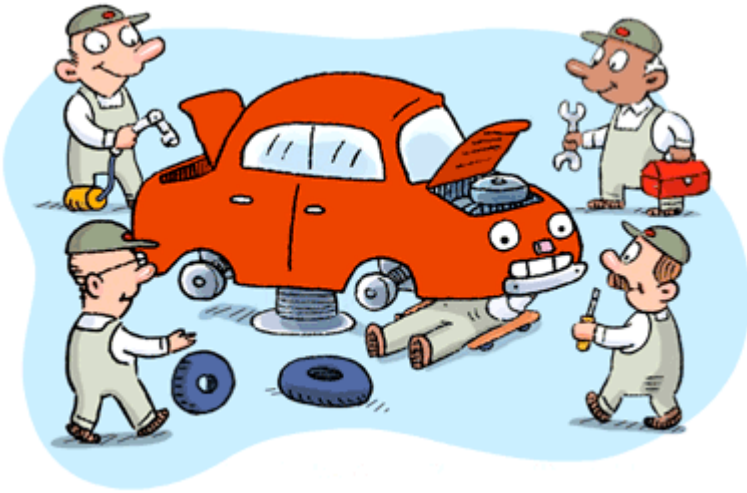
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## Seminar Sat. Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>

Bernie Arellano's 2724 South Pierce St. Denver Co. Time 8:30 with Coffee & Donuts. Seminar at 9:00. Topic: Metal working and fitting as it pertains to restoring Early Fords. 303-524-5163



## Trivia

### Question:

What was America's leading car producer for a brief time before Chevrolet and Ford took the top spots?

Studebaker

Oldsmobile

DeSoto

### Answer:

Oldsmobile made the most cars in America from 1903 until 1905.

### Question:

What American luxury electric car company went defunct in 2013?

Tesla

Fisker

Rimac

### Answer:

Fisker Automotive was founded in 2007 to make high-end plug-in hybrid cars, but did not achieve the same success as some rivals and went bankrupt six years later.

### Question:

What town was the home of Studebaker?

Racine, Wisconsin

South Bend, Indiana

Pawnee, Indiana

### Answer:

Studebaker was founded in South Bend, Indiana, in 1852.

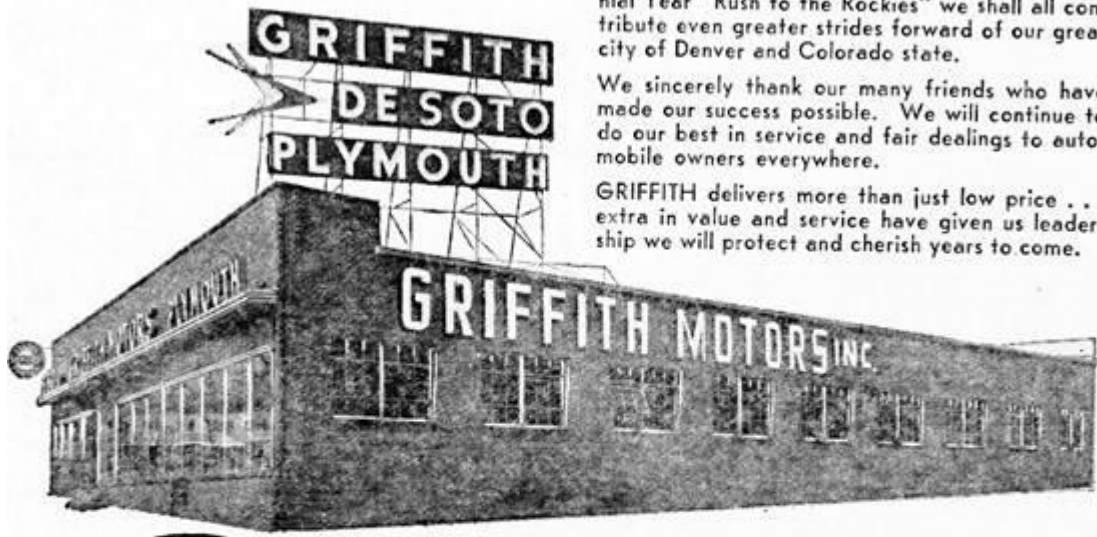
## Old Denver Picture

42 Years in the same location . . Wonderful years ahead too!

As we each play our part in Colorado's Centennial Year "Rush to the Rockies" we shall all contribute even greater strides forward of our great city of Denver and Colorado state.

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### \*\*\* FINAL NOTICE \*\*\*

#### Bert Marsh Award Nominations

It's that time again. Time for everyone to think about a deserving club member to nominate for the annual Bert Marsh Distinguished Service Award. The purpose and eligibility requirements are described in the club roster. Nominee qualities include their contributions to the V8 Club and community.

It's not hard to generate a nomination and doesn't take too much time, and certainly there are members who deserve this effort for what they do for the club.

The selection committee looks forward to receiving recommendations in writing by September 15<sup>th</sup> (verbal nominations won't be accepted).

Submit to **Brad Hunsinger, Gene Pastor, Ed Rockwell, or Tom Webb**. You can also email me at [brhunsinger@msn.com](mailto:brhunsinger@msn.com) or call 303-693-0956 with questions.

Hood Springs  
by  
Arnel Kimmett

If you have a 52-54 Ford or Mercury car and have been having problems with opening the hood, or keeping it up after it has been raised, new springs may be what you need. For the past couple of years I have been searching for new springs for my 53 Merc. The hood would not stay up properly and switching to other used ones did not help. (For you skeptics yes, an old broom handle does the job but that gets to be a pain after a while).

I have now come across a firm that makes new ones. Several people have asked me for contact info and it is Spotlight Kustom, located in CA. 909-724-9235, or website, [Spotlightkustomaccessories.com](http://Spotlightkustomaccessories.com). \$60 for the 4 springs, 2 flat spiral and 2 long extension. After buying and installing new ones from them the hood works perfect, just like it should.

Now part 2. OK, you bought new springs---how in the hell to you put them on. First, prop up the hood with the above mentioned old broom handle. Next place some old rags under the back corners of the hood in case it decides to slide into the cowl in removing the old springs. Work on one side of the hood at a time.

Changing the flat springs is easy, just a little armstrong and they twist off the hood hinge tab. Same with installing the new ones back onto the tab. Now to the long extension springs. Ohhh, you say you can't install the new ones because there is no way you can armstrong them? Trying to pry them on with a screwdriver doesn't seem to work either as the new ones are much stiffer than the old worn out ones. Now you realize the springs will need to be stretched another way, but how? I figured stretching the springs would require either mechanical or hydraulic help. One method that worked for me was using a floor jack. Simply hook one of the spring eyes in the front wheel jack axle and the other eye in the edge of the lifting cup. Stretch it only enough to snugly place pennies (everyone has a jar full of these) up both sides of the spring, bottom to top. Release the jack tension and you are now holding a stretched spring with the pennies very tight in the coils. It may take a little maneuvering but it will now fit in the hinge. Place a shop towel directly under the spring and slowly lower the hood. The spring will stretch a little more and the pennies will fall out, onto the towel for easy pickup. Your hood will work as new.

Ethanol Free Gas in Aurora!

Alrighty, you East Side V8ers! The brand new "MAVERICK" C-store and gas station at South Potomac and East Mississippi (I-225) offers Ethanol Free gasoline at all pumps, 87 octane. \$2.51-9 August 16.

Merrill Newman





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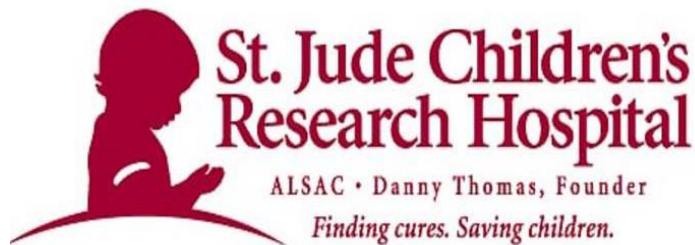
The Seminar at Ivan's was well attended. It gave us all a mental picture of all the tools that have been and are currently being used in the automotive industry. And thanks to collectors as Ivan for showing them Len Harcourt

## Annual



### All Ford Product Car Show

SEPTEMBER 23, 2017  
5000 S. BROADWAY, ENGLEWOOD, CO 80113  
9:00AM – 3:00PM  
FREE REGISTRATION NO ENTRY FEE  
CASH PRIZES  
1<sup>st</sup> PLACE=\$500 2<sup>nd</sup> PLACE=\$300 3<sup>rd</sup> PLACE=\$200  
FREE COOK-OUT AND BEVERAGES  
SUPPLIED BY DEALERSHIP



THIS EVENT IS BEING HELD IN SUPPORT OF THE CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES THAT ARE BATTLING LIFE THREATENING DISEASES AT ST. JUDE CHILDREN'S RESEARCH HOSPITAL. ALTHOUGH THERE WILL BE NO COST TO YOU FOR PARTICIPATING IN THE SHOW AND ENJOYING THE AMENTIES SUPPLIED BY THE DEALERSHIP, YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO BUY A WINNING TICKET FOR THE ST. JUDE' DREAM HOME GIVEAWAY

IF YOU BUY YOUR TICKET BY **OCTOBER 13**, YOU WILL ALSO BE ELIGIBLE TO WIN A **BRAND NEW LINCOLN MKC**

GO TO THE **ST, JUDE DREAM HOME GIVEAWAY WEB SITE** FOR MORE INFORMATION

REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE HOSPITAL WILL BE ON SITE TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE.

PLEASE COME, JOIN US, AND ENJOY THE DAY. Pg 7

## 46TH ALL FORD DAY

The club tour for September is ALL FORD DAY on Sunday September 10th. Pre-registration \$10.00 entry fee will be available until September 6. All vehicles at the gate will be \$15.00. All club members have received a registration mailer via newsletter or email. All non-members who were present last year have been notified also.

As you read this T's and Polo's have been ordered and received. You can pick up yours at the September general meeting.

All cars will enter at the far west school entrance (Irving St.) with Fords going into the parking lot ® and other brands & general public continuing on and parking on the west side of the school and the Rec Center parking lot. There will be no driving through from the east.

Please volunteer to help as in the past or you'll be "selected" if we need you at the event. The more volunteers the easier and smoother the show becomes.

Car registration starts at 7:30 am so if you are helping Patti there or Jim Hatfield's parking crew arrive at 7:00 because "they'll" be there early!

Looking forward to a good day!

Call Tom Webb, 303-789-3956 for any questions

## New Board members needed

It's soon that time of year to elect new board members. We will be losing two. Patti Jantz and Gene Pastor's term will end. We will also need an alternant to replace Dennis White.







*Sunday September 10th  
Sheridan High School  
3201 W. Oxford Ave  
9 AM - 1 PM*

**For Sale**

The Wells family vehicles are now for sale. Appraised values are; '41 Ford Convertible \$48k, '51 Merc coupe \$20k, '55 Ford pickup \$20k. To view, talk and drive contact Merrill Newman, 303-949-9093 email [mrn3443@gmail.com](mailto:mrn3443@gmail.com).

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS				(*) Indicates Points Event		September 2017	
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
					1	2	
3	4	5	6	*General Meeting: Denver United Church 7	8	* Seminar Body work repair 9	
* Tour All Ford Day 10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
17	Distributor Article Submission Deadline: 18	19	20	21	22	23	
24	25	26	Board Meeting 27	28	29	30	
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