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

PREZ'S MESSAGE

July was another action-packed month for the club. Our seminar chairman Mike Jacobs with help from new member Nick Buccola pulled off a super "driving seminar" with Franktown area stops at the garages of Charlie Johnson, Ron Barnes and Art Jennings. On to charter member Bud Orr's garage/shop north and west of Elizabeth. I just wish I had the project dedication in my garage Bud has daily! The last stop was member Gary Hansen's garages east of Parker. A late lunch stop at Parker Road's Hickory House Barbeque Restaurant concluded the day. To get out of the "Big D" for a few hours and parade through the Northern Black Forest with old cars and old and new friends made for a great day, and I'm thanking all of the above folks!

The Friends of Historic Fort Logan hosted their 6th Annual Car Show for our club tour on the 15th. It's fun to participate with other friends and their clubs on such an occasion. It was a good turnout, maybe the largest of this annual event. Many T's A's and flatheads. Two 100th birthday 1918 "T" Tourings were present.

Tour chairman Steve & Deanie Kennedy had a maiden voyage in their "new" '36 Coupe. Newest members Dan & Brooke Dolan from Ft. Collins had her '32 Coupe and Dan's newly acquired '36 Club Cabriolet present. 4 nice additions to the club! Last but not least, after 40 years in progress, the '56 T-BIRD was driven to the Fort on its maiden voyage by Bernie & Elaine Sawin. Long-time Hi-Country members, Kathy & Jerry Worthington, from Canon City, were long distance attendees. Thanks for makin' the drive. Maybe I'll have to put Jerry on my monthly ex-president luncheon list -- ha ha!

The Friends of Historic Fort Logan thank all Hi-Country members for their attendance - from the guy wearing 2 hats!!

Tom

Merrill & Martie Newman's new Phone numbers

Merrill 620-288-4075

Martie 620-288-4078 Thank you.

Passing of a long time V8 Member

Our Vern Holmes died July Friday the 13th. around 10:00PM. Dottie said it was peaceful. She does not want calls and the funeral will be private. Lost a great one.

Mike Welch

Comfort & Concern

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

Vaughn Becker
Roseann Bennett
Connie Welch
Frances Fiechter
Harry Lindsay
Pete Stringer

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New Members

Dan & Brooke Dolan
109 Hartman St
Fort Collins, CO 80521 (c) 970-308-1666
32 Ford 3 window, '34 Ford 5 window and '36 Ford Club Cabriolet

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August 19th Sunday Picnic

EARLY FORD V-8 CLUB PICNIC SUNDAY, AUGUST 19, 2018

ANDERSON PARK PAVILION @ ANDERSON PARK 44TH AND FIELD STREET, WHEAT RIDGE

BAR B-Q BY RICKY BOBBY

MENU: Pulled Pork, Ribs, Hot Links, Potato Salad, Rolls, Utensils supplied

BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS , WATER WILL BE FURNISHED

START PARKING AT 10:00 A.M SET-UP AT 11:30 A.M. LUNCH SERVED AT 12:00 P.M.

GENE PASTOR 303-422-8753

Saturday Aug 4th Tour & Seminar

The August 4th Seminar is a two-fer , The Rocky Mountain Airport (Jeffco) Swap Meet and Car Show. From Hi-way 36 take the Wadsworth Park Way exit then turn left (south) onto Wadsworth Parkway. Take the next right turn onto Interlocken Loop. Turn left onto Airport way destination straight ahead.

Option Two

AND Wayne's Car Show and Pot Luck for those who don't wish to go to a swap meet , Wayne's show fills up the neighborhood with over 300 cars, Starts at 7am till 11 am , bring a chair and a nice Dish to share !

the Address is 3172 East Weaver ave, Centennial CO. , , phone is 303-738-0273

Go south on University Blvd. from Bellevue Ave. past Orchard Ave. go about 6 streets then turn left onto Weaver Ave, house on right side of road.

SO you can GO to Wanye's first for Breakfast then head out to the Swap Meet (avoid the traffic jam)

OR Go to the Swap Meet first and Score some awesome deals then head to Wayne's to help finish off the food !

The EFV8 club Auction is coming up quickly so Please remember to find and bring some COOL Stuff to Auction off at Patty's place the following week.. . . .

Pine Wood Durby is cancelled.



Subject: Vice President note on the July Seminar and Garage Tour

Well just wanted to thank all of the wonderful hosts for the July Garage Tour and Seminar, We had a wonderful turn out and the Garages were simply amazing , The neat cars and collections these enthusiast have amassed was nothing short or astonishing .

Our first stop was Charlie Johnson and his neat old Stagecoach stop and repair barn, Charlie has collected a vary nice collection of classic vintage cars, well worth the trip, Like Henry said, You can have Any color you like as long as it's Black . . .

The second stop was Ron Barnes and his workshop and car collection, The Denver Deton8tors CC staged there for us, had Coffee and donuts, and showed us around with what there are currently working on,

The third stop was Art Jennings and his fantastic collection of Model A's, he restores them and modifies them in vintage performance style, he also runs a Modified speedster at the Hot Rod Dirt Drags and Hill Climbs, they have meets where they run them around a track. very cool stuff, great stop for Model A lovers .

The fourth stop, was Bud Orr, Hot Rod Legend and racer, car builder and he Loves his Banger's, Nicely crafted vintage four cylinder race engines, beautiful cars and craftsmanship, Bud opened his home to our tour and greeted Us with the biggest smile and hospitality Had sandwiches and drinks ready for us and it was really a great pleasure to finally meet this amazing man, thank you

The fifth stop was , Gary Hansen We enjoyed a pleasant 30 minute drive through the country side to reach Gary's home, It was really neat to see and be part of a caravan of classic old Hot Rods tooling down the lane, 30 cars in all just cruising down the road, SO Gary's has built some simply gorgeous Hot Rods and Customs over the years and has interests in vintage bikes, Nice thing is Gary drives the wheels off all of them.

The Final stop was lunch at the Hickory House in Parker, The group had the rear Patio to ourselves and plenty of parking, The BBQ here is out of sight, very good BBQ and food, the Onion Rings are to die for, great service and fair prices, After over Six hours of Cruising and visiting the Ice Cold beverages were mighty fine, The group had grown as we traveled , we picked up a few and lost a few as the tour proceeded but overall What an amazing day of discovery and making new friends, Want to thank Danial Dolan for driving all the way down from Fort Collins to Franktown in the early morning to join Us on the garage tour.

In closing the Garage Tour / Seminar was really nice, Hope everyone who made it had a nice time and enjoyed it, We had a Blast and look forward to doing this again next year. Thank you again, Michael Jacobs

NOT A LONE WOLF III

DRIVING TO THE GRAND NATIONAL V8 MEET IN DEARBORN MICHIGAN By Tom Webb

Day 1 - Wednesday - June 6 2018, Previously in 2013 to the Grand National in Lake Tahoe and 2015 to Charlotte, N.C. I drove with Eddie Rockwell and his beautiful '40 Ford convertible. On this trip to Dearborn I had driving companions in Jay Svigel ('49 Merc Sport Sedan) and Gordon Snow ('53 Merc Monterey Coupe). I left Sheridan, CO at 5:00 am, ahead of rush hour traffic and in the cool of the morning. I-70 east out of Denver to Byers and then US 36 which was our pre-planned route eastward to Indiana. US 36 is one of America's best "blue-highways", which I've traveled before. It avoids much truck traffic which usually travels on the faster Interstate 70.

I knew Jay was behind me somewhere, so I made a stop at Liberty High School (a consolidation of towns Joes and Cope Colorado). My dad always told me about Joes High School that won the 1929 Colorado Basketball championship and went on to finish runner up at the National championships in Chicago that same season. Being a long time basketball coach he always said "you just need the right five players" and obviously Joes had those right five that year! Had a nice visit with the school's secretary and took photos of the trophies. A good read: **THE BOYS FROM JOES** by Nell Propst

Jay finally caught the V8-60hp in Idalia (he left later!) which is near the Colorado/Kansas border. Smooth sailing through west Kansas towns of Atwood, Oberlin and Norton. Drove through a good friends hometown of Smith Center and we made a short detour up to the geographic center of our 48 states. On another trip this "Center" monument in Belle Fourche, S.D. includes Alaska & Hawaii!

Stayed in Belleville for the night. Drove down to the High Banks Race track, where club member Gene Pastor circled many times in a midget car. (451 mi driven)

Day 2 - Thursday - June 7, Jay and his '49 Merc had some starting issues in the morning and of course it was raining! Got the Merc pulled across the street and nosed into a filling station, where the rain became a no issue! Procured a distributor cap at a farm implement store. Only one in town - next option KC and delivery sometime the next day! With mid west hospitality from Duffy and Mike we were on our way! Drove through the nice town of Marysville and over the Missouri River at Saint Joe, MO. US 36 becomes mainly divided highway and 4 lane and the shortest distance across the state. Beautiful farm country and nice towns of Chillicothe and Macon. Made it to our day's destination of Hannibal for the night. (378 mi driven)

Day 3 - Friday - June 8, In the morning hooked up with Gordon Snow and his '53 Merc Monterey. Gordy left a day earlier than us to visit with relatives in Hannibal. We were now 3 cars when we crossed the Mississippi River into Illinois! US 36 now becomes I-72, but roads were smooth and traffic light as we circled Springfield to the south. I attended a 2014 Central V8 Meet here. Getting around Decatur with much road construction was a little hassle but we were back on 36 straight to the Indiana line. As we crossed into Indiana we were immediately on the Ernie Pyle Memorial Highway. Ernie was born and raised in Dana, Indiana and became probably the most famous of the World War II news reporters of the time. He spent much time on the front lines and kept folks back home abreast of the news. He was known as the "foxhole correspondent". He was on the front lines from Africa to Okinawa. The War in the Pacific was nearly over. Machine gun fire killed him on the island of Ie Shima near the coast of Okinawa. I took a ferry to the site in 1970 when stationed on Okinawa. I've also visited his adopted home in Albuquerque. Pretty neat seeing where it all started! Left 36 at Rockville and started heading north and east towards Auburn. Spent the night in W Lafayette, the home of Purdue University. (318 mi driven)

Day 4 - Saturday - June 9, Drove north and hooked up with Jay who stayed in Monticello, which was on US 24. 24 turned out to be a nice blue-highway route, but to avoid Ft. Wayne and Interstate travel drove north to Columbia City. The diagonal State 205 took us to the road just south of the V8 Club Foundation. I had been here before on my trip to Boston in 2014 so I knew the way! Toured the grounds and museum the day before the big open house day on Sunday. Drove up to Auburn where we toured the Car & Truck Museum which I had not seen on my previous trip here. Found the Auburn Inn where we hooked up with many Hi-Country V8 friends for the night's stay. Anyone visiting Auburn in the future I'd recommend it! (short driving day - 171 mi driven)

Day 5 - June 10, Good breakfast, checked out of the Inn and we were at the ACD (Auburn, Cord, Duesenberg) Museum when it opened. It's a must stop if you're in Auburn. It was the 2nd for me and if there is a 3rd I'll go again. The building is worth the ticket and then the autos! How many beautiful cars were built in Indiana in the day? Drove south, from ACD the back way to the V8 Foundation mainly to see the people and new arrivals. Hit the road to get into Detroit fairly early. I suggested a route I'd been on before - US 20 across Northern Ohio to Toledo and then north on US 24 through Monroe, Flat Rock, Taylor where it intersects Michigan Ave. and east to Dearborn and the Edwards Hotel. Arrived at our destination. (shorter day - 168 mi driven)

Loan Wolf continued

Day 6 - 10 - June 7 - 11, The 55th ANNIVERSARY OF THE EARLY FORD V8 CLUB & IT'S GRAND NATIONAL MEET

The Grand National V8 Meet is held every 5 years in Dearborn, MI. This is the home of Henry Ford and the Ford Motor Company's World Headquarters. With few exceptions, including 5 years ago at So Lake Tahoe which I attended, the Grand National meet here was a "bucket list" event for me, since I'd never been before! Lake Tahoe's Meet was the Golden Anniversary of the Club (1963 - 2013). It was celebrated where the first meet was held.

The week included a Tuesday bus tour of the Ford Piquette Avenue Plant where Ford built autos from 1904 - 1909. This old factory now houses many of the original Fords from 1903 - through the Model A's ('28 -'31).

Wednesday was Greenfield Village picnic day, which Gordy and I skipped knowing we'd see it again on Saturday - Motor Muster Day. I'd heard a lot about Edsel and Eleanor's beautiful estate at Grosse Point Shores. So the Coupe hit I-94 east 24 miles through Detroit with Gordy and the GPS navigating. We were the 1st tour of the day - just us and the docent. I asked 3 people including the bus driver about the possibility of a photo of the Coupe in front of the mansion - which they said was possible, but very unlikely. As Gordon and I finished our walking tour of the grounds and back to the parking lot. Our bus driver drove up and said "follow me, you've got 5 minutes or less for your photos". So the only other old car there was Ron's beautiful '41 pickup (from the No Illinois V8 Club) and the Coupe followed him to that front door. I guess it never hurts to ask! Our docent came to the door and came out to say "I can't believe you pulled that off", since that had happened very few times in her 18 years of work there!

On our way back west to the hotel I had one more stop - Hitsville, USA, the Berry Gordy Motown Studio and Museum. You gotta see what you want to see. I figure I'll only be in Detroit once! Founded on Jan 12, 1959 Motown quickly became another Detroit factory where the Big Three produced automobiles, Motown assembled the soul and pop classics that changed America. Martha and the Vandellas, Smokey Robinson and the Miracles, The Temptations, The Four Tops, Diana Ross and the Supremes - to name just a few - changed what we listened to in the 60's and 70's - thanks to Berry Gordy and his Motown records. When a Motown song came on your car radio - you knew it. What a great visit! A parking spot on the street right in front of the museum opened up for our arrival!!! Got photos right out front - Life is good!!

Thursday was concourse day and a great judges breakfast. Only the second time to judge for me. Sadly restorations of our flathead V8 cars is on the decline! 15 judges on one '40 Deluxe Coupe! A good selection of vehicles to look at and good conversation with friends from past meets and interesting "new" folks made the day fun.

A bus trip to Rouge Factory (4:30 to 8:00 pm) was very interesting. We saw Ford pickups being mass produced. Henry's assembly line at its best. The Ford Pickup is the company's #1 seller. King cab, full glass roof, short box "grocery getter" I suppose! But that's what customers want!

The two Merc's I traveled to Dearborn with and I hooked up for a photo shoot at HENRY FORD ESTATE FAIR LANE MANOR, the home and estate (1915) of Henry and Clara Ford. 7:00am is a great time for photos and being there alone. Given to the University of Michigan upon Clara's death, it was a conference center for meetings etc. The money wasn't there so it's interior was sadly neglected. Recently given back to the Henry Ford Foundation in 2010. Restoration started in 2013 and is still going. Much of exterior is complete and this was good for our photos.

The meet concluded with the awards banquet Friday evening. It was a good event. Colorado's Hi-Country V8 group was well represented - 32 members attended with 10 cars and 7 were driven.

Vern Holms long time member

Photos by Greg Squires



July Tour Data Iron Mountain Data Center



Casey Hays Birthday Party



Thank You Casey for a wonderful time Len Harcourt

photos by Ed Rockwell

July Garage Tour

First stop Charlie Johnson



Second Stop Ron Barns



Third stop Art Jennings



Forth Stop Bud Orrs



Fifth stop Gary Hansen



Four of the Garage Owners



Helping a Friend Bernie



Gordon Snows Mercury



Gordon



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Club Auction Sat Aug 11th

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A Dear Friend

Hopefully, somewhere between March 11, 1932 and July 13, 2018 you were able to enjoy the friendship of Vern Holmes. I'm glad I did for about 30 years. It seemed from the first time we met, we were old friends. Thanks to our friendship, I got to do many things I may not have otherwise done; LA Roadster Show, Bonneville, 75th Anniversary of the '32 Ford in Detroit, Lonestar Round Up in Austin and On and On.

He was (almost) always happy and looking for the next thing to do. Happy to help, Vern would be there in an instant. Stories to tell. He had a great life. Like the one about him chopping the top on his coupe in the alley behind a laundry using coat hangers to weld it together. Someone kept spying on him as he worked. One day this guy came out of the shadows. The stranger said Vern could have a corner in his shop to use if he would sweep up. The stranger turned out to be Fireball Roberts. Vern had stories that never ended.

I could write pages and pages but here I just wanted to say I miss you Vern and I love you.

Greg

Fords at the Fort

Bernie & Elaine's new T-Bird



Kennedys new Ford



Getting Ice Cream



Those were the days.

Beautifull car



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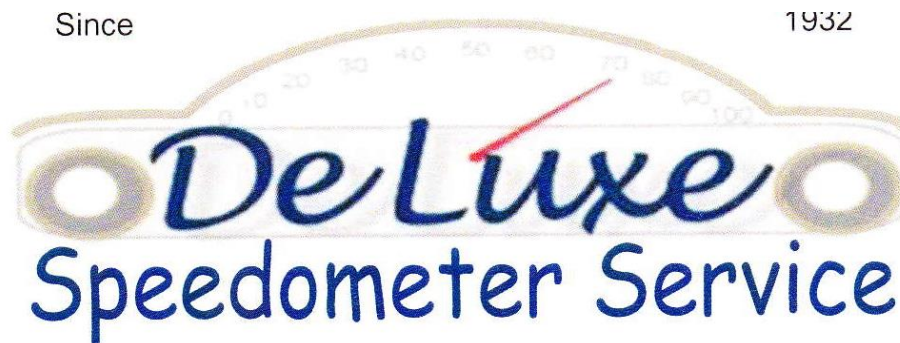
I know Dennis was with us when we all gathered to celebrate his life and the fine gentleman he is. Seeing the "old cars" — polished and shining was a special joy.

I know Dennis was smiling and very happy to see you all at Bethany.

Our combined families thank you very much for your presence

*Sincerely,
 Carla Blake Emch*

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Bert Marsh Distinguished Service Award

By Brad Hunsinger

It's hard to believe that the time has come to start thinking about deserving candidates for the Bert Marsh Distinguished Service Award. This yearly award is the most prestigious award given by the club. It reflects a members' significant contributions to the Hi-Country Regional Group of the Early Ford V8 Club of America as well as contributions to the early Ford community. A full list of award criteria is described in the club roster.

Members should start thinking about candidates for this award. All you need to do is provide a written recommendation by Sept 15th for consideration by the selection committee. Final selection will be in October 2018. (Please note that verbal nominations won't be accepted.)

Please review the selection criteria as described in the Club Roster, and then generate your nomination.

1. Describe the accomplishments, contributions, and services made to the V8 Club by your nominee.
2. Ensure your nomination includes all work both inside and outside the club that promotes the early Ford era and the Hi-Country Regional Group #28 of the Early Ford V8 Club in a distinguished fashion.
3. Provide this nomination to a committee member (**Gene Pastor, Tom Webb, Ed Rockwell or Brad Hunsinger**).

Wanted:

A pair of 1936 Ford headlights with lenses. Also 1960's Chevy three speed transmission with overdrive. It will have a seven bolt side cover Charlie Palmer 303-585-1084.

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For sale:

- (1) 40 ford deluxe Fordor, restored 10 years ago. Owned and driven since. No radio or heater. Asking \$20,000. Larry Durlin 303-427-1513 (H) 303-907-9871 (C)

(2) 1956 Model -600 Ford tractor. This is an "update" of the earlier "N" series Ford tractors. This model 600 is equipped with a power take off rotary mower in back and a snow plowing blade in front run by a separate hydraulic system. Engine is a four cylinder overhead valve. Transmission is a four speed. \$2,400 Chris Pipho (303) 424-7585

History note: Berie Sawin remembers when a company sold a conversion kit to put a flat head V-8 in a Ford tractor. A V-8 would look and sound good in a vintage Ford tractor.

(3) Two 8ba blocks one complete; one set 59 ab heads; one 4 carb manifold; one plated oil filter; Side mount generator bracket; One side shift transmission; Two oil pans; Three sets water pumps early & late; one set 49-51 water pumps; 32-34 Alum head # 406049A2R; also misc ford engine parts Contact Gene Pastor 303-422-8753 c-303 906-2050

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Bandimere Raceway

Hi-Country Regional members Wes Johnson and Paul Dozoretz both lost in the first round of eliminations at Bandimere Speedway on July 1st. The two went another three rounds to meet up against each other in the finals of the Consolation Rounds. Wes, with son Mark driving, had to spot Paul 5 plus seconds, but was able to reel him in before the finish line. Wes is in 2nd place and Paul is in 4th place after 5 races of the 12 race season. Next races are in Pueblo, 14th and 15th of July. Eddie Rockwell and his black 1940 Ford Convertible, was the tow vehicle for Wes

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19 *Tour Club Picnic	20	21	22	23	24	25	
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