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Hi-Country Regional Group #28 Meeting Place

The Hi-Country Regional Group meets the first **Thursday** of each month at 7:30 pm, at the **Saint Michael and All Angels Church**, 1400 South University Boulevard, (Univ & Arkansas, one block north of Florida) Denver, CO 20210.

The parking lot is on the east side of the Church and we enter the community room through the last door on the south side of the building.

Board meetings are also at the Church, on the fourth Thursday of each month.

President's Letter

I am Honored once again to be your President for 2023. As we embark upon this New Year, we need your input and participation in our planned activities. Steve Estep is heading up Tours, and Loren Helfenbein is in charge of Seminars, they need your thoughts, suggestions, and recommendations for activities. Please bring those to our Thursday February 2, 2023, 7:30 p.m. General Membership meeting. Both Steve and Loren are eager to hear from you.

Speaking of events, make sure you plan on attending our Grand National meet in Dearborn, Michigan, June 11 thru 17, 2023. It is an experience you will not soon forget. It will be fun, educational, and an opportunity to meet great folks from all across the country, with the same interests and passion that all of us have. Mike Welch was talking about hiring a bus so a bunch of us can kick back drink a Pepsi, chew on some peanuts and lie to one another to and from.

We had a fun Installation experience at Cinzzetti's restaurant on January 15th, thanks to the efforts of Steve Estep. The menu was extensive and the thirty nine attendee's enjoyed each other and the fare. Look forward to seeing you soon.

Slower Than Most! Nick

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Summer can't get here soon enough

Cover Photo

This month's cover photo is of Steve Estep's 1951 Ford Panel Truck. He has had the truck for 21 years, on the road for 5 years and 14K miles. It was rusted badly and too far gone to save, but he didn't know any better so he spent seven plus years working on it. Their longest trips were Minnesota and Nashville. They drove it to Minnesota and back with a badly slipping clutch and loudly growling rear wheel bearings. Drove it from Missouri with a leaking head gasket, requiring Steve to almost clean out the bottled water inventory of a Dollar Store in Kansas. The radiator was thirsty. The truck is very comfortable to drive on long trips and has always gotten them home on its own power.

Membership Renewal

ATTENTION

Time is running out on getting your dues paid in time to put your name in the Roster. The cut off dead line is **FEBRUARY 10, 2023**. You can still send your dues in after that date but you will not be receiving any notices or news letters until you pay dues. So please fill out the form completely (including cars) and get it to me ASAP.

Thank you , Debbie Jones, Membership chairperson

Seminar Ideas.

We are looking for seminar ideas. If you have an idea about something you'd like to see, or you can run a seminar yourself, or you can host a seminar in your garage, please contact me. I am also looking for project problems and solutions you can share that would be helpful to the rest of us. I'm sure your experiences would be informative as well as interesting. As always, coffee and donuts will be provided by the club.

Loren Helfenbein

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1940's Ball & Car Show

For those interested, There is a 1940's Ball in Boulder on June 17th. We attended a few years ago and it was a lot of fun. If you attend with a pre-'60s car or military vehicle, you will receive a complementary admission ticket for yourself and one guest. Lots of attendees dress up in period clothing and the event is a lot of fun. It maybe hot during the day, but if you stay for the drive-in movie, be sure to take a warm jacket, chairs and a blanket. If you would like more information, please contact Bree Anne Pappen, vintagetreasureshop@yahoo.com, 719-859-4108 <https://1940sball.org/>



Steve dressed up in a Navy uniform like his dad's and that is his dad's Navy cap. Deanie found a period style dress too.



We intentionally leave errors in, just to see how close you are reading everything

250 Club

Hello everyone, I hope you are safe and warm, I wish to thank everyone that participated in the 250 club for a fun and enjoyable year. We had many events for all to enjoy. Below is a list showing everyone's points. This letter is to let you know the ones that made the 250 points and what year they move up too. I have really enjoyed doing the 250 club events and getting the chance to see all the members of the club. I found that each event I get to see someone who don't make all the events during the year. The reason I am saying this is because we have a new VP and he will be taking over the 250 club events and points. You will be seeing Mr. Mark Merrett at all the events and he will have the books at each event for you to sign in too.

The list of members that made it in the 250 is as follows: Abe Jones with 427 points, Tom Webb with 401 points and get his 14th year, Steve Estep with 389 Points and gets his 1st year, Charlie Palmer with 283 point and gets his 1st year, Steve Kennedy with 276 point and gets his 2nd year, Loren Helfenbein with 263 points and gets his 1st year, Dennis White with 261 points and gets his 6th year, Nick Morstad with 257 points and gets his 8th year, Gary Hansen with 252 points and gets his 2nd year. I want to thank members for all their hard work and good times.

I want to thank all the LIFE MEMBERS who continue to support the 250 points even when they have received their 20 year pin. The top life members that show up to the events, I can always count on Bernie Sawin he is always good for a seminar or two each year and he got his 20th 40 plus years ago he a fantastic member always ready to help anyone in need of help. He has helped me a few times Thanks. This year he made 288 points and helped a few member along the way. Arnel Kemmett 254 points and he is always willing to help you, Gene Pastor 299 points, he is another member that is willing to help if you need, Down the list we have Eddy Rockwell 202 points, Lou Mraz 187 points, Walt Hume 151 points, Steve Bennett 107 points, Harry Lindsay 10 points, Mike Welch 95 points, Dick Fell 64 points, Ivan Fiechter 37 points, Leroy Rupp, J.R. Marschall, All of these member are always there for you, We are proud to be with this club.

This time of year please be safe and stay warm and I hope to you at the Installation Banquet.
Thanks Abe

Allen Randy 186
Applegate Jay 69
Arelliano Bernie 136
Becker Charlies 10
Becker John 57
Bennett Steve 107
Benton Sam 46
Bonger Woody 19
Buccola Nick 122
Bird Jack 123
Carmack Steve 40
Carmack Coty 94
Carper Steve 12
Clark Charlies 84
Comin Joyce 39
Daniels Gary 24
Dozoretz Paul 46
East Neal 99
Fell Dick 64
Fiechter Ivan 37
Finnley Dennis 54
Francis Bob 34
French Gary 16
Gallagher Ed 86
Gminski Leonard 12
Graffenberger Danny 73
Harcourt Len 42
Hatfield Jim 20
Hayes Casy 40

Helms Duane 116
Holcomb Lloyd 21
Hower Fred 113
Howes Mark 66
Hume Walt 151
Jacobs Michael 115
Johnson Wes 80
Klassen Orrie 9
Koester Bret 43
Koester Rich 30
Lang Roy 20
Lindsay Harry 104
Loptein Don 16
Malwitz Jeff 47
McCord Dave 97
McQuire David 6
Merrett Mark 88
Moore Greg 27
Moore Mel 15
Mraz Lou 187
Naccarato Gabe 20
Newnes Russ 144
Nielsen Jim 117
Noterman Randy 63
Overholt David 192
Phillips Marty 117
Snow Gordon 176
Squires Greg 143
Squires Trevor 80

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Starr Jim 46
Svec John 41
Svigel Jay 194
Svigel Wayne 37
Tap Bob 134
Terpstra Jim 50
Turnage Scott 162
Vandegrift Norman 12
Wienel Doug 82

Welch Mike 95
Wentworth 34
Willis Gary 48
Wilson Bob 154
Zetterman Bob 46
Ziehm Raymond 63

Just a reminder, this is in front of the roster showing how points are calculated

Attendance at a General Meeting.....	5
With a Ford V8.....	4
Bring family or guest.....	1
Sponsor a tour, Committee Chairman.....	20
Assist with a tour.....	10
Attend a tour.....	15
With a Ford V8.....	4
Bring family or guest.....	1
Attend a restoration Seminar.....	6
With a Ford V8.....	4
Sponsor a new member.....	10
Write a story for newsletter.....	5
Provide program at meeting.....	10
Seminar Restoration Host.....	20

TECH CORNER

Last month's tech corner was based on Este Scheve's discussion of various finishes and plating methods for Early Ford V-8 fasteners. One of those finishes is cadmium or cad plating. This seemed like a good time to re-run a Tech Corner from the January 2009 Road Chatter. We hope you find it interesting and maybe helpful. Note that a couple of updates are added in blue.

It Worked for Me – Cad Plating By Ken Bounds

Last month (December 2008) I told the story of how our 1950 Crestliner, Old Nettie, was restored. While much of the restoration, like painting, upholstery, and trim is rather straightforward, one particular challenge is to get the plating right on the hundreds of fasteners, brackets, etc., under the hood and on the chassis. Ford used a variety of finishes for these items and in 1950 the most common were cadmium, zinc, and "raven". Cleaning up and re-plating these parts can add significantly to the longevity of the car, finishes off the restoration, and is important in the judging process because the point deductions for incorrect fasteners can add up fast.

The first challenge is determining the correct plating for all those nuts, bolts, screws, and washers. An invaluable source is a Ford Chassis Parts catalog. These massive catalogs list every part on a Ford car, along with part numbers, descriptions, and often illustrations. Fasteners have a suffix after the part number indicating the original finish. For example, S7 indicates cadmium plate, S8 indicates zinc plate, and S indicates "plain". The '49-'52 chassis catalog lists 20 different fastener finishes.

In researching plating, I learned that the sources for having such small parts re-plated are drying up due to environmental concerns; also, the cost is becoming nearly prohibitive. In addition, for me it would be impractical to remove every fastener on the car and send them in bulk to a plater. Roy Nacewicz Enterprises (now Third Gen Automotive in Tennessee) does provide fasteners for most V-8's, but he does not stock every bolt for the '50 and some I ordered from him just weren't the same as the original bolts on my car. (Note: Michael at Third Gen has a wider stock of correct fasteners). Fortunately, I learned about a way I could plate these parts myself, so I could remove them, refinish them, and re-install them a few at a time. A company named Caswell, Inc. in Lyons, New York, makes a wide variety of plating kits and restoration supplies. I purchased a kit called Copy Cad that allows you duplicate both the cadmium and zinc plate finishes.

Caswell provides nearly everything you need to get started. The plating kit includes two plating "tanks" (buckets), one for a degreasing solution and one for the plating solution. The degreasing solution is mixed with distilled water and heated with a supplied aquarium heater. In the plating tank, you place another heater with a thermostat control, a pump for agitation, two zinc anode plates, and the plating solution mixed with distilled water. I also purchased a 3 amp constant

FINISH OF STANDARD PARTS

(BOLTS, SCREWS, NUTS, WASHERS, Etc.)

The "S" suffix on numbers covering Standard Parts represents the finish of the part as shown by the following list:

SUFFIX	FINISH	SUFFIX	FINISH
S	Plain	S15	Oxidized
S2	Raven finish	S16	Lead coated
S3	Black Japan	S18	Coke hardened
S5	Copper plate	S19	Brass plate
S6	Nickel plate	S21	Locquer for identification
S7	Cadmium plate	S23	Restless steel—hard polished
S8	Zinc plate	S24	Hot tin coated
S10	Tinned	S25	Polished
S12	Locquer to match trim	S28	Enamel coating
S13	Chrome plated	S32	Black point or prime

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2023 Installation Banquet



Steve had hats made for both Deb and Abe.

For Abe's: ABE JONES on one side. PRESIDENT 2022 on the other side.

For Deb's: DEB JONES on one side. BOARD MEMBER on the other side .



Installation Banquet

I want to thank everyone who came to the Banquet to see the out going club officers and the new incoming officers. We had a good turnout with 39 members. I hope every one got enough to eat because if you didn't you missed out. Three members brought their old Fords, it was a nice day to drive them only problem was the traffic, a lot of it.

I want to thank every one that helped me out this year, I had a good time seeing every one at all the events and putting on the events that I had the opportunity to put on. I do thank every one for the support and help. I hope to see everyone out there at all our events. Thanks again. *Abe*



Denise & Loren Helfembien



Anne & Jay Svigel



Steve & Roseann Bennett



Arnel and Mary Kimmett



Aurelia & Scott Turnage



Arnel and Tom and Steve

TECH CORNER

current DC power supply to provide the voltage needed for plating. The positive lead is attached to the anodes and the negative lead is attached to a copper rod across the top of the tank.

After removing fasteners from the car, the first step is to clean them up before plating. Cadmium and zinc plating provide a sacrificial or cathodic coating: over time the plating corrodes away, sacrificing itself for the benefit of the underlying steel. After 58 years, the plating on most of the fasteners on Old Nettie was just gone. Some of the fasteners were rusty, some had been painted over. For lack of better equipment, my main method of cleanup was the wire wheel to remove the bulk of the rust or paint, and any vestiges of the original plating. This was followed by a bath of diluted acid to neutralize any remaining rust. The picture to the right is a "before" picture. This ugly pile of rusted or painted items is just a portion of the fasteners used to hold the grill in place.



Before

Next comes the fun part, a trip to the plating tanks. Each item to be plated is attached to a length of thin copper or brass wire so it can be hung into the degreasing and plating tanks. Five minutes in the degreasing tank, heated to 150° or so will remove any dirt or oils. After a rinse in distilled water, the part goes into the cad/zinc bath. The wire is wrapped around the copper rod to conduct electricity to the part. The real trick here is experimenting to determine the exact number of amps to use and the time to leave the part in the bath. Too many amps will "burn" the part and turn the cad black. Too few amps will fail to thoroughly plate the part. Too little time will also reduce the thickness of the plating. The rule of thumb is approximately .14 amps per square inch of surface of the part. Even determining the surface area takes a lot of experimenting. I found that plating the parts for about 20 minutes worked best. For small items, you can string several on a wire to reduce the overall time. To get the plating right on large pieces I only did one at a time. The picture in this paragraph is the same pile of grill fasteners after cleanup and cad plating. Please note that the flash picture makes these items look brighter than they actually are. The cad plating leaves the desired dull, gray finish.



After

This brings up a point about zinc plating. The brighter zinc finish is achieved by adding a zinc brightener to the plating bath. After several parts are plated, this brightener is eventually consumed and the bath returns to the cad finish. This leads to a juggling act between parts that you intend to have a cad finish or a zinc finish. Through experimentation, I learned that you can also brighten the finish if it is too dark or gray by lightly buffing with a Dremel wire wheel.

This briefly covers my first plating experience. Although the cleanup of the parts was a lot of work, the plating was fun and rewarding. I also wanted to mention that there are some "cad" paints available from restoration supply sources. I tried paint and was not happy with the results. Not only does the paint not really look like cadmium, but paint will not protect your precious parts as well as plating. The plating worked for me!



February 2023 Tour

February 2023 Tour-Highway 105 to Monument – Sunday Feb 19 (Foul weather back-up date Feb 26)

We will begin the new year of tours with an easy drive down Highway 105 to Monument, CO. We'll gather at the Aspen Grove Shopping Center, 7301 S Santa Fe Dr, Littleton, which is located at Mineral and Santa Fe, and is about 1.5 miles north of C470 on Santa Fe. Gather at the Alamo Cinema at 1:00 PM so we can start the drive at 1:30.

Our route will take us south on Santa Fe to Sedalia. Turn right (west) on Highway 67 for about 1.5 miles, then go south on 105, which will take us all the way to Monument. About halfway between Sedalia and Monument we will stop for a restroom (porta-potty) break at Sandstone Ranch Open Space. Once we get to Monument we will gather at Horseshoe Donuts, 481 W Hwy 105 Suite 202, Monument, CO, which is behind Rosie's Diner. If you are really hungry you might want to eat at Rosie's. The official tour will end at Monument. You can then either retrace the route back up 105 to the Denver area, or continue east on 105 to Highway 83 (Black Forest). Then take 83 north to Parker. I will probably take 83 to Parker.

When we are driving as a group on 83 and 105 we will be going slow enough to frustrate fast drivers. You might want to leave extra following distance so the faster drivers can pass one early Ford at a time.

If we have foul weather on Feb 19 we will use Feb 26 as a backup date. If it is not obvious that we need to go to the backup date you will receive an email or phone call.

I hope to see you at Aspen Grove at 1:00 on Sunday Feb 19.

Contact me if you have any questions.
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Steve Estep



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2023 Schedule of Events

Monthly Meetings are held the first Thursday of the month
Seminars are held the first Saturday of the month, unless otherwise rescheduled.

Tours are held the third Sunday of the month, unless otherwise rescheduled.

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

January

5th, **NO Monthly Meeting***
7th, **NO Seminar or Tour in January ***
15th, Installation Banquet *
26th, Board Meeting
28th, Polar Bear Swap Meet-Adams Cnty Fairgrounds

February

2nd, **Monthly Meeting ***
4th, **Seminar ***
4-5 Tri-State Swap Meet at National Western Complex*
19th, **Tour to Monument***
23rd, Board Meeting

March

2nd, Monthly Meeting *
4th, **Seminar ***
12th, Daylight Savings Time Begins
19th, **Tour**
23rd, Board Meeting

April

6th, **Monthly Meeting ***
8th, **Seminar ***
9th, Easter
16th, **Tour ***
27th, Board Meeting

May

4th, **Monthly Meeting ***
6th, **Seminar ***
14th, Mother's Day
21st, **Tour***
25th, Board Meeting
29th, Memorial Day Car Show at 1st Bank
on west Colfax & Miller

June

1st, Monthly Meeting *
3rd, Pre-war Swap Meet, Adams County Fairgrounds
3rd, **Seminar ***
4th, ACC Show (we have been invited)
11th to 17th Dearborn
11th Car/truck/motorcycle show at Fitzsimmons/
V.A. Hospital in Aurora
11th, **Tour ***
18th, Father's Day
22nd, Board Meeting

July

4th, Independence Day
6th, **Monthly Meeting ***
8th, **Seminar***
16th, **Tour ***
27th, Board Meeting

August

3rd, **Monthly Meeting ***
5th, CCCC Car/Air show in Broomfield
12th, **Club Auction (Seminar) Wilson ***
20th, **Anderson Park Car Picnic (Tour) Abe ***
24th, Board Meeting

September

4th, Labor Day
7th, Monthly Meeting *
9th, **Seminar***
10th, **All Ford Day (Tour) Abe ***
28th, Board Meeting

October

5th, **Monthly Meeting ***
6th-9th Hershey Swap Meet
7th, **Seminar***
22th, **Turkey Trot (tour), Gene & Abe***
26th, Board Meeting

November

2nd, **Monthly Meeting ***
4th, **Seminar***
5th Daylight Savings Time Ends
11th, **Veterans Day Ft. Logan (Tour) ***
16th, Board Meeting
23rd, Thanksgiving

December

3rd, **Seminar, Holiday Party at _____ ***
7th, **Monthly Meeting ***
9th, **Seminar***
25th, Christmas
28th, Board Meeting
31st, New Year's Eve

2023 Membership Form for New or Existing Hi Country V8 Club Members

Member Name: _____ Spouse Name: _____
Joint Membership Yes _____ No _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ Cell _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Membership Number for the National Early Ford V8 Club _____

Changes to your roster listing. Yes _____ No _____

If Yes, list changes (Year and Car Models)

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

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(Note: you may receive the newsletter by both email and regular mail)

Important Notices by E-mail _____ by Telephone _____

Your E-mail Address listed in the Roster? Yes _____ No _____

Annual Hi-Country Early Ford V8 dues are \$30.00, or \$35.00 if received after December 31st.
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**Dues are
 PAST
 Due!!**

February 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 V8 Meeting	3	4 Tri-State V8 Seminar
5 Tri-State	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 Valentine's Day	15	16	17	18
19 V8 Tour to Monument	20	21	22	23 V8 Board	24	25
26	27	28				