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The Hi-Country Regional Group meets the first <u>Thursday</u> 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 looked at my Calendar this morning and Spring is just about a week away! Surely that means only two more feet of snow.

Talk about Industrious, Steve E. and Loren are working overtime to get us out and about with Seminars and Tours, so fill up your tanks and get ready to ride.

Oh! And by the time you receive this Distributor you may or may not have experienced The Ex-President's breakfast on March 15th. If you missed it, stay tuned. I'm sure there will be another just past Palliative Care, but before, Hospice!

At our last General Membership Meeting, Gene Pastor said that the response to his Bus Trip Proposal was underwhelming, so it looks like we are walking to Dearborn. Please invest in some new soles.

Talking about souls, the Seminar put on by Ajax Custom Plating's Darrel Bauen at Charlie Palmer's place was really informative and well attended. Thanks Loren Helfenbein for putting that together.

Speaking of Thank You's, Steve Estep guided us through an eclectic Tour of all things Automobile at The Saber's Tri State Auto Show. Thanks Steve.

The last thing I would like to convey, is that last week I am talking to Old Carmack as opposed to New Carmack, like in "Coty" is that "Steve" said to me "I sure do love listenin' to those old twice pipes on my FlatMotor, just makes my heart palpitate" I said, "Steve, just grab a hold of my jumper cables, that'll make your heart jump!"

Hmmm! Nick

#### The Distributor

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Contributions of articles, photos, cartoons, sale or wanted items, etc., are welcome and may be mailed to Steve Kennedy, deadline the 18th of the month.

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### **March Minutes**

The March meeting was called to order by President Nick at 7:30 pm, with 31 members present.

Jay gave Fred's treasurer report. We received a total of 55cents in interest! Jay clarified the donation/funds to the church for our meetings. A comparison of our bank statement and Fred's report was shown. The club gave a positive response. We are not broke, yet.

The March 12th Tour will be to the Tri-State Auto Show. More info and meeting location will appear in its own section of the Newsletter. The annual Garage Tour will be in April. Other tours are in the works. Marty gave details for a possible tour of the WWII Aviation Museum in Colorado Springs.

The March 5th seminar will be at Charlie Palmer's house for stainless steel repair. April's seminar will be at Steve Estep's house for upholstery technics.

Debbie had to send the Annual Roster back to the printer for some corrections.

Jim gave his CCCC report. The usual State House shenanigans. The CCCC car show is set for August 5th.

Forney's Museum is asking for clubs to volunteer for display maintenance.

June 3rd is the pre-war swap meet.

Coty talked about the Concours d'Elegance. An awesome show on June 4th with a \$50 entry fee. It will be at the Arapahoe Community College. The show is a fundraiser for a children's program.

Much discussion about the printing and postage cost of the newsletter.

Eddie Rockwell is back in the hospital after a fall, but is doing well. Steve Carmack is working hard to get out the rehab center. Our newsletter editor is recovering from back surgery.

It was Charlie Clark's 90th birthday. We had cake!!! Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Aurelia and Scott Turnage



### **Cover Photo**

This month's cover is of Scott and Aurelia Turnage's 1940 Standard Coupe.

Scott's dad bought the car in 1957 to use as a "second" family car. From his early memories Scott recalls a flathead with multiple carbs on it, so it didn't last long as daily transportation. In the early sixties his dad replaced the flathead with a 283 Chevy, a black lacquer paint job and button tufted interior. The car was stored in a rented garage so it didn't get driven very often. In 1976 Scott did some work on the car to make it more reliable and drove it to the street rod nationals in Tulsa Oklahoma. It made it there and back with no problems. After that trip Scott didn't see the car again until after his dad died in 2021. His dad left him a car with new paint and interior. The car apparently sat for many years, not good for an old car. Scott replaced the entire fuel system except the tank. He is keeping his fingers crossed on that. He also replaced the entire brake system minus the drums. The engine was pulled to replace the clutch and detail the engine. Finally he got the Columbia rear end to shift. It kept him busy working on it for two years. Now Scott feels he and Aurelia can drive the car about anywhere now. It still has the Chevrolet motor in it and it runs and drives great, but he is still keeping his fingers crossed.



A little wood work and it should buff right out.



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## **Eddie Update**



A couple of us dropped by to see Eddie after the Stainless Steel Seminar. He is back out of the hospital after his fall a couple of weeks

ago. He is not out of the woods yet, but he is doing a lot better. We hope to see him back in his '40 this summer. His son,



Glen, spent a few weeks with him getting him better. Eddie also donate this great air hammer

set for the Dearborn raffle, thanks Eddie. If you have something you would like to donate, please contact Steve., skennedy@ecentral.com, 303-489-3955.

## **Membership Update**

The membership is finally ready to take a rest for the rest of the year. We had 138 Members renew this year with two that sent their renewal in after the Roster had been sent to the printers. You can add them to your 2023 roster. They are:

David McQuire - same info as last year

Greg Moore - Same info as last year

That brings us up to 140 members. We had several that quit and several that did not respond to our notices.

It has been suggested that we start a ladies interest column. It can include your interests, great recipes, flowers and how to care for them sewing. Anything you would like to put in to try to get the women of the club more connected. Please send your entry to Steve Kennedy, skennedy@ecentral.com Lets try to get something started next month!

Thank you *Debra Jones* 

# Dearborn

If anyone has items they would like to contribute to the raffle items donated to the Dearborn Diamond Jubilee, June 11-17, please either bring them to an upcoming meeting or make arrangements to get them to me. We live near 80th and Indiana. We plan to leave for Dearborn on June 9th.

Below are the items that were donated when we were planning on hosting the 2020 Alamosa event. If you would like to donate any additional items, please contact Steve, 303-489-3955, skennedy@ecentral.com.



## Wanted

Wanted: A 1940 Ford Tudor sedan front seat. Ed Gallagher, ehgallagher67@yahoo.com, 303-840-6378H, 818-200-5121C



Abe does a terrific job at keeping all of us checked in for the 250 club



## **April Upholstery Seminar**

The April Seminar will be about upholstery and will be held at Steve Estep', 1460 Kendrick St., Golden.

#### April 2023 Seminar – Upholstery

Saturday April 8, 2023 at Steve Estep's Garage

8:30 Donuts 9:00 Seminar

1460 Kendrick St, Golden, CO 80491 720-381-8984

Steve Estep is a first time upholsterer and is in the process of completing the interior for his driver 1950 Shoebox. That includes carpet, seats and door panels. He will demonstrate how easy it is to do your own upholstery. If you are experienced upholsterer, please come and provide tips that you have learned. Steve will not have any tips for advanced custom show car upholstery.

During the seminar, with your help, we will complete a portion of the Shoebox interior.

#### Directions:

- 1. From the south & east end of South Golden Rd, near Indiana and Colfax, **turn north onto Isabell Street**. Isabell only goes north and is located right next to the overpass of I-70.
- 2. From Isabell turn left (west) onto 13<sup>th</sup> Ave.
- 3. Go two blocks and turn right (north) onto Juniper St.
- 4. Go one block and turn left (west) onto 14<sup>th</sup> Ave.
  5. Go one block and 14<sup>th</sup>
- 5. Go one block and 14 turns right to become Kendrick St.
- 6. Go to 1460 Kendrick St.



Warren Tech Central Auto Customization 13300 W 2nd Place Lakewood, Co 80228

Red Rocks Community College Community College Foundation

Dear Selection Committee:

A big Thank You from Warren Tech

Thank you for the scholarship I received for the 2022-2023 school year. I am currently in my second year of the Auto Customization program. I attended Warren Tech my senior year while at Lakewood High School. This scholarship has given me the opportunity to continue my education in the Auto Customization industry. My goal is to one day earn my associates degree. In addition to Auto Customization I have been able to take a photography class on campus.

My parents were both born in Africa and have worked really hard to support myself and brothers and sisters. I was born in Democratic Republic of Congo. I am the second in my family to attend college. I am currently working two jobs at Home Depot and Walmart to support myself and help my family. This scholarship has helped support my future. I want to work very hard and create a life for myself. I know education is important.

I have learned many skills at Warren Tech. I know how to repair dents, remove and replace parts, sand, weld, and glass repair. I am grateful for this opportunity. Recently I had an opportunity to participate in the SkillsUSA regional competition. I finished second in Auto Body Repair. Thank you again for this scholarship opportunity.

Sincerely

Joe Ngoma

## **February Tour to Monument**

We had 24 members gather for the leisurely drive down Hwy 105 to Monument. There were 6 early Fords and one early 60's Pontiac Catalina. The speed was slow, maybe too slow for Charlie Clark's Pontiac shakedown cruise. The car has a LS3 engine and I believe a 6 speed automatic.

On the way to Monument we stopped for a short break at the Sandstone Ranch open space area, and then continued on so we could arrive at Rosie's Diner in Monument before they closed. The donut shop was closed, but Dana and I brought donuts. Debbie Jones had called ahead to Rosie's. They set up a table for us and said they would stay open while we ate. After a donut appetizer many of us sat down at Rosie's table. The food was excellent – Gordon Snow and I had pot roast and it was delicious.

After lunch we took off in several directions to make our way home. Some went back up 105. Dana and I, in the panel truck, paired up with Loren and Denise to take 105 East to 83 North. Charlie Clark went up Interstate 25 so he could let the Pontiac engine breathe. Russ Newnes and Patty Jantz were his passengers for this tour.

#### Steve Estep













Photos by Loren and Steve K

#### **Stainless Steel Seminar**

We had our March Seminar at Charlie Palmers shop and museum. Charlie was nice enough to let us use his shop once again. We had a good turnout with 38 club members, 9 quests, and 7 cars. The weather started out a little cool but the sun came up and stared warming things up, the coffee and donuts really hit the spot. We had time for everyone to walk around and talk with each other. We were told that the roster would not be ready until later but they call us Friday afternoon so we got them ready to start handing them out. Deb handed them to the members at the seminar which worked real well, she will start getting the rest ready for the April meeting and mail to the rest of the members.

When coffee and donuts where done we moved over to Charlies shop to start the seminar on how to repair and polish Stainless Steel on our cars. The speaker was Darrel Bauen of Ajax Custom Plating, he brought a friend with him John Best as a guest. Darrel talked about how he would prepare the metal if it was rusty or bent he would take the dents out of the body moldings, sand it until it was smooth and ready to sand paper with different grits of paper.

Then he takes it to the buffing wheels with different compounds to make it smooth and shine. He had several different types of metals and moldings to show us the different stages the metal would be in. The seminar was very interesting and it looked like he knows what he is doing. Thanks Darrell for taking the time come and show us you skills. If you need some work done his address is, 1423 S Broadway Denver, Co. Phone number is 303-777-8930.

Thanks again for your time. Abe



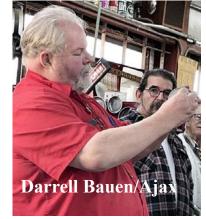
















## TRI-STATE AUTO EXHIBITION

The March Tour was at the Tri State Auto Show located at the National Western Complex March 11th & 12th. The show was good the cars were all of high class, every type you can think of the count was over 230. If you have ever been to the complex you know the size of the main floor. It was covered front to back. It's hard to imagine the amount of money that was setting in the building. It was hard to walk through all these cars and wonder how the owners or builders come up with the ideas to build these cars and trucks. The venders were lined up all the way around the out side walls, the sales looked good and if you have been there you know the food from the concession stands are WAY over priced. I bought a cup of coffee Saturday morning, a small cup was 5 dollars and 3 dollars for a refill and coffee was not good.

When the public was allowed to come in, there were lots of people and kids of all ages some quiet and some loud. They spread out and within a few minutes it was crowd and looked good. During the weekend I saw 19 club members, 5 guests, 5 club members cars was in the show. Steve Estep and Dana Dillow had their '51 F1 Panel Truck, Bob Wilson and Margo had their '48 F-100 truck, Abe and Deb had their '33 Chevy Pick up, Steve Bennett and Roseann had their '86 Buick Grand National, Trevor and Megan had their '65 Chevy Sport Van.

We have 2 club members that won awards for their bright and pristine vehicles, they have worked hard and long to get to this point. Congratulation on your win, Steve and Danna Estep, Bob and Margo Wilson.

Abe









Γrevor's Van

## **April Garage Tour**

# April 2023 Garage Tour to Pinkee's Rod Shop in Windsor & the Colorado Model Train Museum in Greeley.

On Sunday April 30, 2023, 11:00 AM, we will meet at the King Soopers in Broomfield, 1150 /US-278 (Wadsworth). **Maps will be handed out there.** 

Longtime member, Harry Lindsay, has arranged an exciting garage tour for this year. We will meet at the King Soopers in Broomfield at 11:00 AM, and then Harry will lead us up Hwy 287 to Pinkee's Rod Shop. Pinkee's Rod Shop is one of America's most respected custom car builders, with more than a dozen national awards including America's Most Beautiful Roadster, and the Ridler Award. As soon as we arrive at Pinkee's, we intend to go right next door to Mash Lab Brewing & Kitchen for lunch. After lunch, Eric Peratt, owner of Pinkee's, and Grand National Roadster Show Hall of Fame member, will give us a tour of his shop. Following the shop tour we will load up and cruise east to Greeley for a visit at the Colorado Model Train Museum (\$12 admission). A model train buff I know, says it is definitely worth seeing. We have a planned route, kinda the back way, which will take us right past the Pelican Lakes Resort and Golf Course. No guarantee we will see pelicans, but they do have palm trees. After the train museum visit, you can find your own way home, maybe taking Hwy 85 south for a straight shot to Denver.

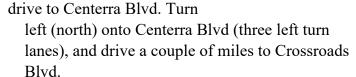
Directions to King Soopers 1150 Hwy 287
Broomfield 80020: From the intersection of
Wadsworth Blvd, 120<sup>th</sup> St. and Hwy 36, go north on
Wadsworth Blvd to the top of the hill. Miramonte
Blvd will be on the right. That takes you to King
Soopers. They have coffee, donuts and restrooms.
You might come a little early if you want coffee, so
we can leave in a timely manner.

# Directions to Pinkee's 4395 Highland Meadows Parkway, Windsor 80550 from King Soopers:

1. Get back on Hwy 287 north (Wadsworth) and drive about 40 miles to Loveland.

We will pass through Lafayette, then Longmont, past Berthoud, to Loveland.

- 2. At the north end of Loveland, we turn right (east) onto Hwy 34 (Eisenhower Blvd).
- 3. Cross over I-25, and



- 4. Turn right (east) onto Crossroads Blvd.
- 5. Turn left (north) just past Wagner Equipment's large yard of equipment, onto Highland Meadows Parkway.
- 6. Pinkee's Rod Shop is one block ahead on the left.

# Directions to Colorado Model Train Museum 680 10<sup>th</sup> St. Greeley 80631 from Pinkee's:

- 1. Out of Pinkee's turn left (north) onto Highlands Meadows Parkway.
- 2. Turn right (east) onto Steeplechase Dr.
- 3. Go straight at the first round-about where Steeple chase becomes New Liberty Rd.
- 4. Continue on New Liberty Rd. through two roundabouts, then turn left onto Crossroads Blvd.
- 5. Turn right (south) onto Hwy 257.
- 6. Take Hwy 257 to Business 34 east.
- 7. Business 34 becomes W. 10<sup>th</sup> St, still going east.
- 8. Take W. 10th St almost all the way through Greeley to the Colorado Model Train Museum at 680 10<sup>th</sup> St on the right.

The train museum is open until 4:00, admission \$12. Directions from Colorado Train Museum to Hwy 85 south:

- 1. From the museum parking lot take 7<sup>th</sup>Ave north to 8<sup>th</sup>St
- 2. Turn right (east) onto 8<sup>th</sup> St, which will take you to a right turn onto Hwy 85 south.

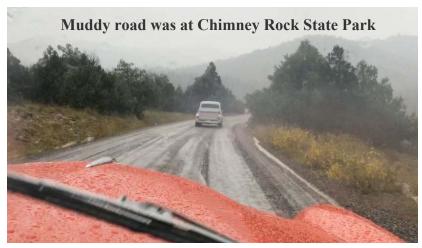


#### The Border Affair

The Border Affair, a 2022 National Driving Tour, was successfully completed in September 2022, with everyone thoroughly enjoying the adventure. The tour began in Trinidad, Colorado on September 16<sup>th</sup>, and finished eight wonderful days and approximately 900 miles later in Chama, New Mexico. All the participants had a great time and thoroughly enjoyed the adventure. Major attractions included crossing the Continental Divide four times, driving over a 11,500 ft. mountain pass, a day-long trip riding the Cumbres and Toltec (narrow gauge, steam powered) Scenic Railroad, as well as visiting the Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve. We start in Trinidad, and then visit La Veta, Fort Garland, Alamosa, Antonito, Great Sand Dunes National Park, Saguache, Gunnison, Lake City, Creede, South Fork, Pagosa Springs, Chimney Rock National Monument, and finally Chama (home of the Cumbres and Toltec Scenic Railroad), as well as experiencing a lot of other neat stuff to see and do in between. If you would like more details, please contact *Lou Mraz*, 303-548-0168, lfmj60@aol.com.













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

#### **2023 Schedule of Events**

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

Tours are held the <u>third Sunday</u> of the month, unless otherwise rescheduled.

Board Meetings are held the <u>4th Thursday</u> 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*	July  4 <sup>th</sup> , Independence Day  6 <sup>th</sup> , Monthly Meeting *  8 <sup>th</sup> , Seminar*  16 <sup>th</sup> , Tour *  27 <sup>th</sup> , Board Meeting  August  3 <sup>rd</sup> , Monthly Meeting *  5 <sup>th</sup> , CCCC Car/Air show in Broomfield 12 <sup>th</sup> , Club Auction (Seminar) Wilson *  20 <sup>th</sup> , Anderson Park Car Picnic (Tour) Abe *
March  2 <sup>nd</sup> , Monthly Meeting *  4 <sup>th</sup> , Stainless Steel Seminar *  12 <sup>th</sup> , Daylight Savings Time Begins  12 <sup>th</sup> , Tri-State Car Show Tour * 15 <sup>th</sup> , Ex- President's Breakfast (See Pg 3)  23 <sup>rd</sup> , Board Meeting	20 <sup>th</sup> , Anderson Park Car Picnic (Tour) Abe * 24 <sup>th</sup> , Board Meeting  September  4 <sup>th</sup> , Labor Day  7 <sup>th</sup> , Monthly Meeting *  9 <sup>th</sup> , Seminar*  10 <sup>th</sup> , All Ford Day (Tour) Abe *  28 <sup>th</sup> , Board Meeting
April 6 <sup>th</sup> , Monthly Meeting * 8 <sup>th</sup> , Upholstery Seminar at Estep's* 9 <sup>th</sup> , Easter 27 <sup>th</sup> , Board Meeting 30 <sup>h</sup> Tour-Pinkee's Rod Shop in Windsor *	October 5 <sup>th</sup> Monthly Meeting * 6 <sup>th</sup> -9 <sup>th</sup> Hershey Swap Meet 7 <sup>th</sup> Seminar* 22 <sup>th</sup> Turkey Trot (tour), Gene & Abe* 26 <sup>th</sup> Board Meeting
May  4 <sup>th</sup> , Monthly Meeting * 6 <sup>th</sup> , Seminar * 14 <sup>th</sup> , Mother's Day 21 <sup>st</sup> , Tour* 25 <sup>th</sup> , Board Meeting 29 <sup>th</sup> , Memorial Day Car Show at 1st Bank on west Colfax & Miller  June  1 <sup>st</sup> , Monthly Meeting * 3 <sup>rd</sup> , Pre-war Swap Meet, Adams County Fairgrounds 3 <sup>rd</sup> , Seminar * 4 <sup>th</sup> , ACC Show (we have been invited) 11 <sup>th</sup> to 17 <sup>th</sup> Dearborn 11 <sup>th</sup> Car/truck/motorcycle show at Fitzsimmons/ V.A. Hospital in Aurora?? 11 <sup>th</sup> , Tour *	November  2 <sup>nd</sup> , Monthly Meeting *  4 <sup>th</sup> , Seminar*  5 <sup>th</sup> Daylight Savings Time Ends  11 <sup>th</sup> , Veterans Day Ft. Logan (Tour) *  16 <sup>th</sup> , Board Meeting  23 <sup>rd</sup> , Thanksgiving  December  3 <sup>rd</sup> , Seminar, Holiday Party at*  7 <sup>th</sup> , Monthly Meeting *  9 <sup>th</sup> , Seminar*  25 <sup>th</sup> , Christmas  28 <sup>th</sup> Board Meeting  31 <sup>st</sup> , New Year's Eve

17th, Drive Your Ford Day

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