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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

Guys, I was tootlin down the Highway of life the other day, double clutching the ol' Merc, when I came upon the realization that there is still time to donate auction items to **The Grand National Meet in Dearborn** this June, so think about it! NO! Do more than think about it, take action by rounding up that wonderful piece of memorabilia that you are tired of dusting and getting it to Steve Kennedy at either 303-489-3955 or "Skennedy@ecentral.com" He promises to personally deliver entrusted items to the meet. So common folks, dig into that treasure trove of special stuff and share it with another demented enthusiast.

Speaking of memorable stuff, Loren Helfenbein persuaded Steve Estep into doing a seminar about his journey with upholstery, and Mr. Estep responded with, hands on real time skill and fortitude. He cut, he glued, he sewed and even had pictures on a big time T.V. screen, showing us how to! Amazing. He even commented that "Dana" had kept "needling" him to get the job done.

Oh, and lest you forget, we have an excellent Annual April Garage Tour, lined up for April 30. Lunch, Cars and Trains, can't get much better than that. Harry Lindsay will lead us in his little orange "Bad News" coupe. So get ready to put the Pedal to the Metal.

Your double clutching president.

Nick

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April Board Meeting Minutes

The April Board Meeting was called to order by President Nick at 7:00 PM. Scott Turnage, club Secretary was unable to attend, so please excuse this feeble attempt to replicate his fantastic work documenting our club proceedings. Here goes:

Treasurer's Report: It was delivered in outstanding fashion by Fred. We still have lots of money in the bank, so the club is in good financial shape. The board discussed various ways we might put some of this money to use on new projects, etc. This has been discussed by the club in the past with no current plan to change our giving strategy. President Nick appointed Fred to form and chair a committee of three, Fred and two club members to be selected by Fred, whose purpose will be to provide recommendations to the board.

Tours: Update was provided by Steve Estep. April 30th will be a trip to Pinkee's Rod Shop in Windsor and May 20th a trip to Colorado Springs to visit the National Museum of WWII Aviation. Thanks to Steve E. for his excellent performance in coordinating these tours.

Seminars: The April seminar will be at Steve Estep's. In May, we will have a Flathead Block seminar hosted by Bernie Sawin to identify the various changes in flathead blocks from one year to the next. And finally in June we will visit the Cussler Museum in Arvada.

Club Picnic: Abe Jones gave an update on the Club Picnic which will be in the same location as last year and Abe has already obtained the permit. Board voted for BBQ as the entree this year. Thanks in advance to Abe for keeping us well fed.

Programs: Jay provided an update on our April program which will be on the Border Affair Tour which was planned and hosted by Lou Mraz. Keep up the good work Jay!

Old Business: We nailed down the actual "all in" cost to publish and distribute our newsletter at \$2.13 per copy. Of course this excludes Steve Kennedy's salary as editor, which adds an additional \$0.00 to the cost.

New Business: By this point we were to exhausted to continue so Nick adjourned us at 8:20PM

Hurry back Scott,
Mark Merritt



April Monthly Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:30 by President Nick.

Treasurer's Report: Jay presented the balance sheet in Fred's absence as he was at the ballpark (28 straight Colorado Rockies Opening Days). We are still well funded.

April Seminar will be held Saturday 4/8/23 at Steve Estep's on upholstery, bring a needle, followed May 6th at Bernie's on flathead engine blocks and then June at Cussler's Museum in Arvada.

April's Tour will be on the 30th to Pinkee's Rod Shop led by Harry Lindsay. Meet up at King Soopers in Broomfield. Lots of talk about the directions, faster than I could capture for the notes so just follow Harry or refer to the April Newsletter, or bring your GPS. Lunch at Mash Lab Brewing and Kitchen, then Pinkee's, then out to Greeley to Train Museum. May's tour will be on the 20th to the WWII Museum of Aviation in Colorado Springs. We will meet in Parker at the Doughnut House to caravan down to Colorado Springs.

Member Report: 139 members strong

Jim Neilson provided a **CCCC report**, noting the start of baseball season, CCCC income being down to start the year and that we need to send in our dues for 2022 and 2023. August 5th is the CCCC Car/Air show at the airport in Broomfield and Jim expects 500 cars. Two months of Dust & Shines are available at Forney Museum for clubs to volunteer with free admission for volunteers. Gateway Classic cars is donating \$10 per car entered at the Littleton Concourse Show at Arapahoe Community College and the entry fee is \$50. Lincoln Tech will host a Car Show on May 6, same day as the Seminar at Bernie's. After Jim got his second wind, he told us volunteers were needed to hand out flyers at the Airport show and Club's that don't pay dues will be made inactive. No new legislative issues but we need to keep paying lobbyists to protect interest in our hobby. And finally, Jim will be 88 years young on his next birthday.

Newsletter: Steve got pricing on full color for our newsletter and will present to the board in April.

Patty reported Eddie had a relapse with his hip and is going to Idaho to stay with his son while recovering and Steve Carmack is getting out of rehab on Saturday.

Greg Squires has For Sale a 1950 Ford Club Coupe, price \$21K. It's a beauty. Arnel announced Steer and Stop, front end alignment shop, an All Ford Day Sponsor, is going out of business. Members had lots of recommendations on alternative places to go for alignment.

Program: Jay shared the difficulties of converting and editing the various picture and video formats that came out of The Border Affair Tour hosted by Lou Mraz. Whatever the difficulty, Jay did a great job as he presented and narrated an excellent pictorial record of the tour.

Meeting Adjourned. *Mark Merritt*

National Dues Increase

National Membership dues for the Early Ford V-8 Club have changed. This change was effective at the beginning of April 2023, and is mentioned as part of the President's Message in the now arriving March/April issue of the V-8 Times. Unfortunately, the new cost structure itself was not included in the magazine. The following is what you need to know.

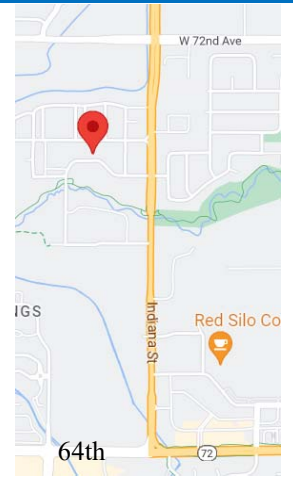
	2022	2023	3 years
Regular Membership:	\$35	\$45	\$125
Joint Membership:	\$38	\$50	\$135
Digital Membership:	\$30	\$25	
Membership W/O V-8 Times or Roster		\$10	

Please note that non-USA membership rates have also increased.

Lou Mraz (Note The Spring Fling in Oklahoma city has been cancelled)

June Seminar

June 3rd, we will meet for coffee at 9 and 9:30 they will open for us early to hear Keith Lowden talk about the late Clive Cussler and his car collection. Keith has known Clive going on 40 years. Address: 14959 w 69th Ave., Arvada, \$10.00 admission fee. This is a very rare selection



April Upholstery Seminar

Our April seminar started with a clear nice day, we couldn't have asked for anything better for the first of April. We had coffee and donuts, as usual, with a beautiful day to start out with. This time we met at Steve Estep's garage or at this time Steve's Upholstery Shop. We had 18 members, 3 guests, and 10 cars, a great showing from the club. Steve started talking about what he did to his 50 Ford front and rear seats including carpet, which he did a great job on. This was his first complete upholstery job he had done, he started talking about the material. The time it took to decide what he wanted, and the price he wanted. He explained the price varies from one type to another. Then he talked about how he learned to make it all work. He talked about the different types of stitches and it looked like there are a lot of them. Steve is a every intelligent person it only took him a year to learn it, and it turned out great. The material he bought was different in so many ways some would stretch when it was sewn together so he had to be careful. When he would sew long distance, the lines would be off, then he would have to start over. He told us he did that few times. He has a good sense of humor at the time he was telling us, but we all know how that works at the time it's not fun. He talked about all the different types of foam to be used in the seats, we found out there is a lot of foam to be used. He told us he needed a new front seat frame. His was worn out so he made all new foam and padding for the front seat. It was done and in the car and it looks real good. So I figure he can be the club upholster, I said he has a good sense of humor, I hope he can take what I just said as a joke. The back seat was a great job as well.

The last step he had to show us was the right door panel, completely new, showed the material he was using. This time he was using two different types of material, the first was the hard board that the material would be glued to. He cut that panel to fit the door frame placed all the holes for handles, then it was time to cut the cloth material. Then we got so see Steve set behind a sewing machine and make those two fit like a glove, Then he showed the type of seam needed to sew the two together. He did a great job and it looked wonderful. Then he showed us how he glued the material together, He used a spray gun from Harbor Freight. It works great, the only thing I noticed was the fumes from the glue was strong, I can see why Steve is always in good humor/another joke, Steve. He sprayed the panel and the material and placed it on the hard plane. He finished the door and placed the panel to the door and the job was about done. Great job Steve you did a nice job. I'm sure everyone enjoyed the Seminar. Thanks Steve.

Abe

Cover Photo It Found Me

by *Charlie Palmer*

One hot afternoon in August 2022 while Pat and I were enjoying an ice cream in downtown Golden I received a phone call from the younger sister of my high school car buddy and business partner. She had received a call from her best friend in high school looking for help. Her friend Betty was cleaning up her parent's property because she had sold it, after renting it for twelve years, and only had two weeks before closing. Betty's dilemma was when she opened the old dilapidated garage, she discovered a 1932 Ford with four flat tires and didn't know what to do. Kim knew I had old cars so she called me to see if I could help Betty. I told Kim to give me Betty's phone number and I would talk to her.

Betty's folk's property from the 1940's was where she grew up in the 60's and was three miles from my house. A time and date were set for me to meet Betty at the property and look at the car. Betty is a petite, small lady who has had Polio since she was three years old and used two arm stabilization crutches to walk. Days before our meeting, when she opened the garage to see what was inside, not only was a car in there, but she also discovered the garage had become a hoarder's paradise for storing discarded items. She was taken a back as she already had more than she could handle cleaning up the property. Her high school sweetheart husband had recently experienced a minor stroke and could not help with the cleanup. Her son runs his own business so he could not take time off during the week to assist. So, she was tackling this huge task by herself. Thus, the call to Kim seeking help with what to do about the car.

She had no idea the car was in there or when her Dad acquired it.

I told her that the car removal would not be a problem and that I could store it inside safe and sound until she could decide what to do with it. I told Betty I would clean out the garage while she tended to the other three outbuildings. A 40 cubic yard container was in the gravel driveway a few feet from the garage. The car turned out to be a 1933 Fordor Deluxe not a 1932.

Both being Golden natives, close to the same age and knowing many common friends we quickly became pals. The garage was a small 1940's garage with accordion doors, one of which literally fell off when she opened it. The '33 was just part of the hoarder's mess. Rubble was up to the top of the grill, on the front fenders, on the hood, on the top, on the running boards, inside and underneath. Two fifty Ford pickup front fenders were on the hood, (sadly I removed them before taking the photos). You could not walk to the front wall of the garage. Most of the refuse went into the dumpster. I set aside items that I thought Betty should make the decision on as to keep or throw away. When the day came to remove the car, she brought her husband with her to witness the removal because she thought it would be quite a chore. I took all four wheels and tires off and put on four I had in my inventory. I winched it on the trailer, tied it down and we were ready to take it to storage. The first 40 cubic yard dumpster had been removed the day before allowing access to the car. Being a native, she knew exactly where I lived. I told her to follow me home so she and her husband could see where and how it would be stored. She expressed that a huge load had been lifted off her.

With nothing but time on my hands I told her I would help her with the rest of the outbuilding and property clean up. Using my Dad's 1934 pickup I ended up hauling two overloaded loads of scrap steel away for her. For a change the steering on that ol' 34 Ford was very easy and due to the load the truck swayed back and forth on the way home. In the end we completely loaded two 40 cubic yard dumpsters and she was able to meet the deadline. Working with her and watching her though this whole ordeal I labeled her "Miss Inspiration" which humbled her.

After the break from the work, stress and closing, a week or so later Betty agreed to meet to discuss the fate of the '33. Somewhere along the line I had articulated an interest in purchasing the car.

We sat at the sprint car right rear wheel and tire glass top table in the museum and had the greatest time visiting. As I said above, we had become pals. When she and her husband were here to see where the car would be stored, they viewed the museum. When we finally got around to talking about the '33 she told me that she had discussed it with her husband, son, daughters, family, and they concluded it belonged here. (Continued on page 6)

Needless to say, I was overjoyed. I told her if the car could talk, I thought it would be very pleased to be at a home with several like siblings. She chuckled and agreed. Consequently, a deal was consummated. Later, while working on the paperwork to process getting a title, I told her that I believed divine intervention is what landed this car in my possession where it would be appreciably cared for and loved. She agreed it was meant to be. On her part she believed divine intervention was what caused our meeting enabling me to help with the clean up because she was extremely worried and stressed not knowing how she was going to make the closing deadline, especially after discovering the crammed full contents and car with four flat tires in the garage. IT FOUND ME !!!



April Upholstery Seminar

Steve's Upholstery Shop



Heating a socket



Cauterization the hole with the hot socket



Bernie's 3-Window



Finished Product, Open for Business



Steve's 5-Window



Gary & Karen Hansen's '40



Tom's V860 Standard



Dennis' Phaeton



David Overholt's '40 Std Tudor



For Sale: Greg Squires is selling his 1950 Ford Club Coupe, price \$21K., 303-239-9122, gregsqires@yahoo.com

May 2023 Tour-National Museum of WWII Aviation in Colorado Springs

Saturday May 20, 2023 7:00 AM - Meet at The Donut House, 9807 Parker Rd, Parker 80134 and we will go as a group to Colorado Springs.

Destination is the National Museum of WWII Aviation at 775 Aviation Way, Colorado Springs, CO 80916. We will attend a presentation and then tour with a guide. After the presentation and tour, the museum will fly one of their many restored flyable planes. The scheduled for May 20 is the F3A Corsair, see attached flyer. The cost for the day at the museum will be \$20.

Schedule for the Day:

7:00 AM – Gathering Point: Meet at The Donut House 9807 S Parker Rd, Parker CO 80134 Located at Parker Marketplace strip mall on the west side of Parker Rd at Lincoln Ave. This location is just south the E-470 toll road. Maps will be handed out.

7:15 AM – Drive: Depart from The Donut House for drive to Museum. Head south on Parker Rd (Hwy 83) for approximately 39 miles. Turn left (south) onto Hwy 21 (Powers Blvd), go about 13 miles. Turn left (east) onto

Aeroplaza Dr. and go to next street. Turn left (north) onto Newport Rd. Drive past Vapor Trail and then turn left onto Aviation Way. The museum is on the right.

9:00 AM – Museum: Sit down
Presentation: Battle of the Coral Sea, Mariana's Turkey Shoot featuring the Corsair

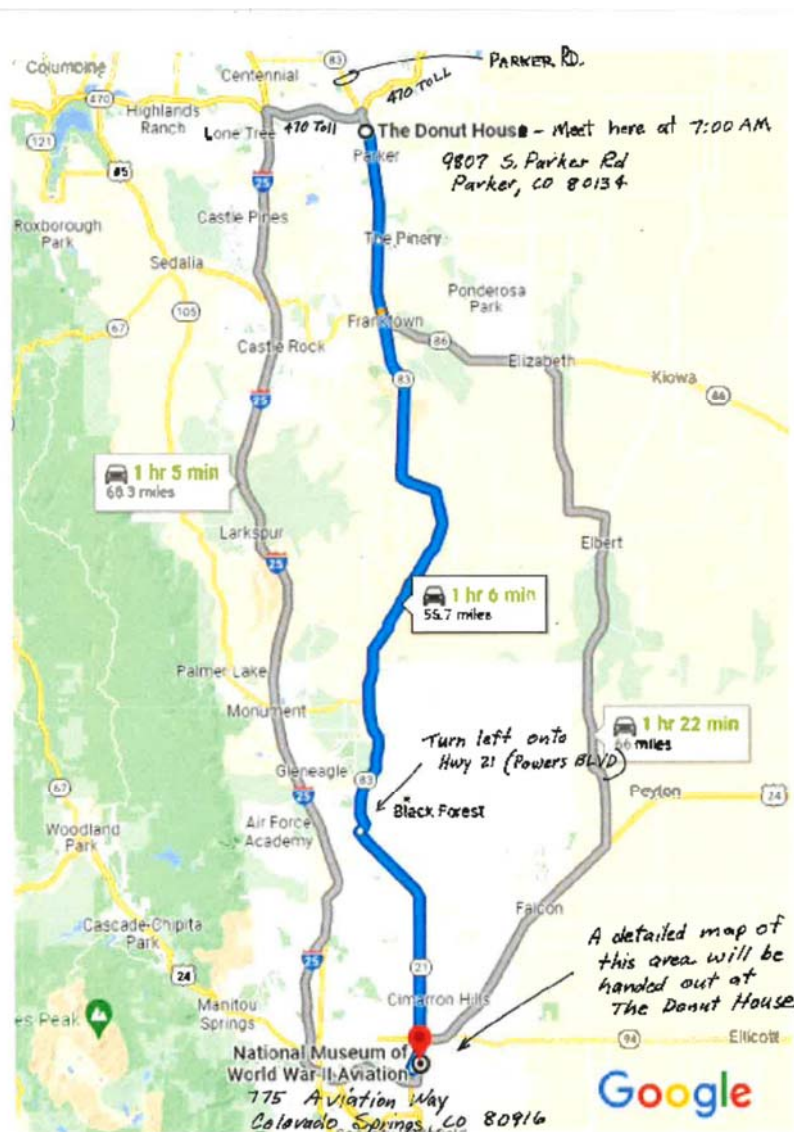
11:30 AM – Museum: Guided Tour

1:00 PM – Lunch: Three options:

1. Pack a lunch.
2. The Airplane Restaurant – 1665 Newport Rd .Colorado Springs 80916 719-570-7656
3. Go back north on Powers Blvd. for fast food or other, including Golden Corral.

2:00 PM – Back to Museum or Home: Museum is open until 5:00 PM.

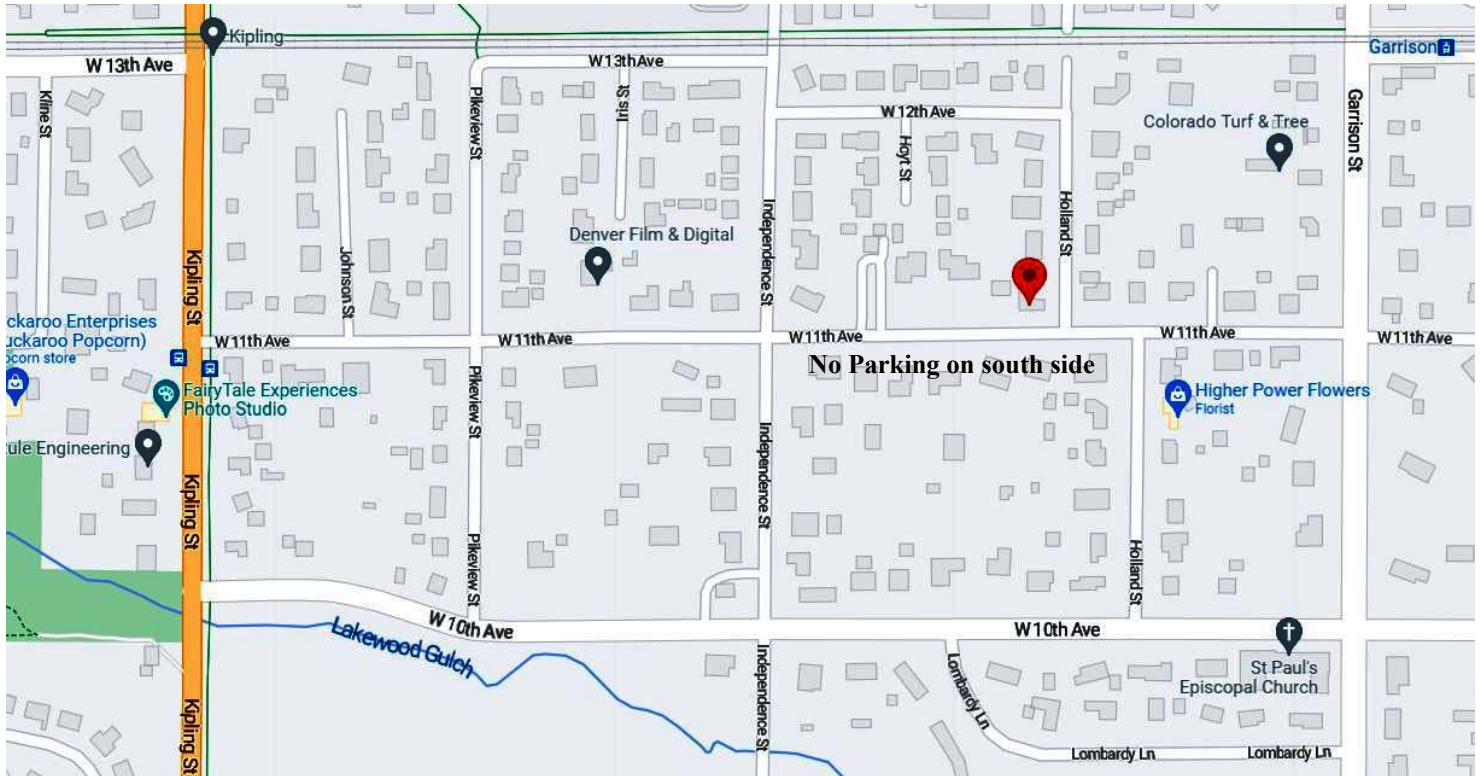
(Detailed maps will be handed out on departure)



Engine Block Seminar

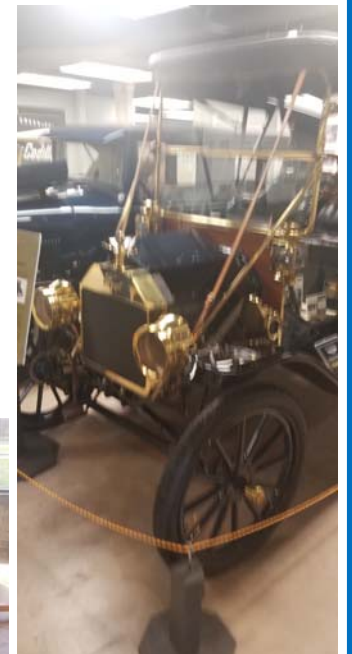
Saturday, May 6th, Bernie Sawin will be hosting a seminar on the difference between the various flathead blocks. Donuts at 8:30, seminar starts at 9. **Bring your own chair.**

Directions to Bernie's: From Kipling, go east on 11th Ave., about 4 blocks to Holland St. From Garrison, go west on 11th Ave., about 2 blocks to 1111 Holland St., Lakewood, CO. Please park either in the gravel parking area in front of the house, or in the big drive way by the garage, or on the north side of 11th Ave. **PLEASE DO NOT** park on the south side of 11th Ave.



Kansas City Museum

While Loren and Denise were on vacation, they visited a small museum in KC, that has different car clubs every month as well having lots of automobile history posters.



Borrowed from The (New Zealand) Southern V8'er. Thought it would be fun to see some photos from down under.



EARLY FORD V8 CLUB OF AMERICA HI- COUNTRY REGIONAL GROUP 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, **Stainless Steel Seminar ***
12th, Daylight Savings Time Begins
12th, **Tri-State Car Show Tour ***
...15th, Ex- President's Breakfast (See Pg 3)
23rd, Board Meeting

April

6th, **Monthly Meeting ***
8th, **Upholstery Seminar at Estep's***
9th, Easter
27th, Board Meeting
30^h **Tour-Pinkee's Rod Shop in Windsor ***

May

4th, **Monthly Meeting ***
6th, Engine Block Seminar at Bernie's*
14th, Mother's Day
20th, **Colo. Springs WWII Air Museum 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 at the Cussler Museum ***
4th, ACC Show (we have been invited)
11th to 17th Dearborn
11th Car/truck/motorcycle show at Fitzsimmons/
V.A. Hospital in Aurora??
17th, Drive Your Ford Day
18th, Father's Day
22nd, Board Meeting
25th, **Tour to Rambler Ranch**

July

4th, Independence Day
6th, **Monthly Meeting ***
8th, **Seminar***
15th, **Colorado Nationals 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

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Engine Block Seminar At Bernies's May 6th

May 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6 V8 Block Seminar
7	8	9	10	11 V8 Monthly	12	13
14	15	16	17	18 Newsletter Deadline	19	20 V8 Tour to the Springs
Mother's Day	21	22	23	24	25 V8 Board Mtg	26
27	28	29 Memorial Day Car Show at 1st Bank	30	31		