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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 need to Thank Patti Jantz for navigating me around our Northern Colorado Annual Garage Tour. I kept looking for the clutch pedal but finally came to the realization it was an Automatic! The walk around at Pinkee's just makes one ask the question? Where does Automotive Design end and Art begin? Just amazing creative stuff. Speaking of stuff, how bout all those Flathead engines they have, saw two V-8 Sixties, a 59 A,B or Z residing in the show room, along with a Blown-Ardun on deuce rails lounging just inside the shop. Eric Peratt, owner of Pinkee's, commented that it was all produced by Ferguson Enterprises out of California. The whole shebang is brand new, with Ferguson casting a new Flathead Block, new Ardun Heads and Supercharger. It just amazes me that after all these years, Henry's touch still abounds.

Then that Bernie Sawin guy blew us all away with a fantastic Seminar on Flathead Blocks. You just can't find a better Tutor then Bernie, he even prepared Cliff Notes for each of us to take home and memorize. There will be a quiz at our next General Membership meeting on June 1st. Oh! May be you ought not plan on coming to our next General Membership meeting! We are just having to much fun for old folks. My son, at the age of 8 or 9, use to say on Family Outings, "Dad you are just making life to 'complicating'".

My thanks to, Patti Jantz, Steve Estep, Loren Helfenbein and Bernie Sawin for another month of fun filled stuff, and now if you will excuse me, I need to go look for that clutch pedal, I know it is around here somewhere. Is a monthly publication of the Early Ford V8 Club of America, Hi-Country Regional Group, a not-for-profit club founded in 1970, dedicated to the restoration & preservation of Ford Motor Company vehicles manufactured from 1932 to 1953.

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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May Board Meeting Minutes

President Nick opened the meeting at 7:00Pm on April, 27th, He immediately had to demonstrate his ability to mediate disputes as, apparently, one of the Board Members parked in the parking spot Reserved for the Church's Council Secretary. <u>Even at night, none of our members should park up</u> <u>against the fence where the reserve names are mounted on</u> <u>the fence</u>. Our most likely suspect was Loren driving Steve K's car, but we kept this little factoid to ourselves so as not to further test Nick's peacemaking skills. Steve immediately moved his car.

The Board called Eddie Rockwell to check on his plan to move to Idaho temporarily while he rehabilitates with physical therapy. He leaves on 4/28/23, plans to return as soon as possible and still intends to make the trip to Dearborn for the National Meet. For all he's been through I have to say Eddie sounded great and has a very positive outlook on his path to recovery. We offered to exercise his 40 Convertible while he is gone and our offer was quickly rejected without any real thoughtful consideration on Eddie's part.

Treasurer's Report: Fred reported our current balances, roughly \$14K in Checking, \$18K in Saving for a total of around \$32K. Of course Fred's report was much more accurate and to the penny but he can talk faster than I can type.

Secretary's Report: Nothing new to report.

Correspondence Report: No new correspondence.

Tours: Trip to Pinkee's on April 30th. The May tour is to the WWII Aviation Museum in Colorado Springs. See Newsletter for details.

Seminars: May 6 at Bernie Sawin's on V8 Blocks. Loren will check with Bernie to help with copies for handout at the seminar. June Seminar will be at Cussler Museum.

Programs: Harry will be presenting a slideshow on Dearborn Meets he has attended in the past. If this plan goes awry, Jay has a backup slide show of his own Dearborn trip from 2018.

Old Business: At the May Member Meeting, Fred will follow up on forming a committee of three to determine potential options for putting more of the club's funds to good use and we discussed Scott Turnage, Club Secretary's, short term conflict with Thursday meetings. No update so for now, we are stuck with Mark Merritt as his proxy. Steve Kennedy provided an estimate for printing full color copies of the Newsletter and it's possible significant increase over our current cost. The board had quite a repartee about the newsletter that ended with the following action plan. Nick will add the newsletter issue as an agenda item for the May Member Meeting. Steve will present the Newsletter cost and Nick will ask for feedback from the members on the following:

A) What should we do about members who elect to get the newsletter in two forms, email and paper?

B) How much sentiment is there for making the paper copy 100% color?

C) If there is a strong sentiment, how would we fund the cost increase? Increase annual member fees, fund the difference with Club savings, etc.?

New Business: No new business.

Adjourned at 8:00PM

Temporary Secretary Mark Merritt

May Monthly Meeting Minutes

The May monthly meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by President Nick.

Seminars: Loren talked about the upcoming seminar at Bernie's, where Bernie will talk about the differences between flathead blocks.

Next month, on June 3rd, we will have a seminar at Clive Cussler's. Keith will talk about the collection. The Golden Cruse Day is also on the same day if you want to go on your own. The July seminar is open. If you have a suggestion, please contact Loren, 720-289-2019, lorenhelfenbein@gmail.com.

Tours: Steve Estep talked about the tour, Saturday the 20th, to the Air Museum in Colorado Springs. Everyone is to meet in Parker at 7 am at the Donut House. He asked for a show of hands and a number of members are interested in going. Next month we have a reservation to go to the Rambler Ranch on June 25th.

Future Tours

Saturday July 15, 2023 Tour – Colorado National Speedway, Erie – Show our cars and drive on the track. The actual date may change.

Sunday Aug 20, 2023 Tour – Club Picnic Anderson Park.

Saturday Aug 26, 2023 Car Show (Earn 250 Points) – Eastern Star Masonic Home.

Wes Johnson says the very last race at **Bandimere Speedway** in Morrison will be on July 14th before it closes forever.

Deb says we have one new member, Michell Hanna from California, he has Ken's '37. We currently have 141 members.

CCCC Report: Jim Nielsen says the 5th Annual CCCC Swap Meet and Car Show will be held on August 5th at the Rocky Mtn Air Port. Currently there are no bills before the legislature that will affect the old car hobby for the rest of the year.

Jim says there are big concerns about the ozone problem that could eventually affect the car hobby. Next item of concern is that Forney's need volunteers for the Dusting during the month of <u>September</u>. The Board might want to consider a get together for dusting.

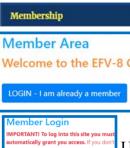
Newsletter: There was discussion about newsletter, as there is some concern that not everyone receives the same quality of publication. Those who receive the newsletter by email receive an All Color copy. Those who receive it by post receive a newsletter with a color cover an a color center page, the rest is back and white. The question is, should everyone receive the same quality of newsletter; either all color, all black and white or color cover and inside and black and white for the rest of it. We currently sent out 97 email copies, 25 people only get hard copy. A show of hands showed that everyone, including those who receive it by post, want to keep the distribution the way it currently is.

Show and Tell: Member Gary Werner, plastech@ comcast.net, 303 808 3519 is looking for parts, although not a flathead, he is looking for a bell housing and 3-speed transmission for a '62 Galaxie.

For the evening's presentation, Jay gave a step by step presentation on how to view the V8 times through the national web site.



Go to national web site https:// www.earlyfordv8.org/forum/



Go all the way go to the bottom, click member area

User id is your membership number. Jser Name or EFV-8 Members

The password is one that you created when you created your account. There are on-line directions if this is your first time.

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displayed.

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EFV-8 Member Area

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Charlie's Story in Last Month's Issue

We received several great complements about Charlie's story in last month's issue. This is a response we got from Trevor Paulson and Ewan Gardiner.

It is interesting that the Fords sold in Australia had a lot of Australian content. For example, our Australian 33 and 34 Fords had bodies completely different to the USA models. They all had wooden sub-frame and floor, as well as the doors were braced with wood. The attached photos shows the wood in a 1933 *Ford Phaeton. The only part of the floor that was* steel was under the back seat. All the rest was wood.

That is why I thought that Charlie's '33 Ford Sedan was such a gem. On the other hand, the Fords sold in NZ were assembled from parts sent in from Canada and were a true copy to the American originals, except in RHD. They got body styles that we never got in Australia, even though Australia was a much bigger market. Regards *Trevor*

I've been sent a copy of your May 2023 newsletter, a great issue incidentally, especially good article from Charlie Palmer documenting the 1933 Ford from Bettys' shed. We all hope to stumble across our own one of those treasure troves one day !!

At the New Zealand Nationals in January 2023, the Southerners came up to the North Island in good numbers, the selection of vehicles in last month's issue are from RG103 (North) and RG117, (South) Islands EFV8 Clubs in NZ.

Keep up the good work. Best wishes,

Ewan Gardiner (New Zealand International representative. EFV8 Club of America)



Pinkee's Tour

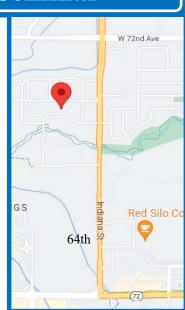
Hello club members, Another fantastic day in May. Everyone gathered at the King Soopers in Broomfield. Harry Lindsay set up a garage tour with Pinkee's Rod Shop in Windsor & the Colorado Train Museum in Greeley. It a started in the parking lot around 11:00 AM. The morning started with a lot of members showing up, some with their cars and some with out, we're just glad they showed up. It was nice to see the members in the parking lot. We all stood around and visited, Steve Estep handed out the directions to Pinkee's and explained the directions were easy. Steve Kennedy was taking pictures of everyone, then Steve Estep told everyone to start their engines and get in line to get on to 287 (Wadsworth), every one pulled on to 287 and headed north. It looked great to see all the club cars but as you know the members. started to spread apart. Other traffic started to pull in line and that made us spread even more. That was fine because we got to catch up with each other later. The drive was great, lots of things to look at along the way. We drove through Loveland, Lafayette, and Longmont. We noticed the country has changed a lot. We got to Pinkee's and found a place to park. I noticed there were a few members already there so that brought the numbers up. The final count I could get was 33 Members, 17 guests, and fifteen club cars, which I feel was a great turn out. Every one was ready to go eat at the Restaurant next door to Pinkee's shop, they enjoyed the meal and conversation, the place was packed.

After everyone had filled up, we went next door to Pinkee's Rod Shop. All I can say is" what a shop". I would give someone's right arm to have a shop like that. The four engines sitting on the floor just in side the front door were fantastic looking. There was nice V8 60 that I had never seen before. I asked Charlie Palmer what it was and he told me it is a JIGGLER CONVERSION with one value in the block and one with over head valve look at the picture in the news letter Steve took the picture. The roadster sitting next to engines was pretty nice too. When we walked in to the other part of his shop and had a chance to talk to Eric Peratt, the owner, and master mind of this out of sight shop and he is a nice gentleman to talk to. He opened up his shop for everyone to enjoy and look at what he is working on, '32's, '34's and a couple of Corvettes, and a '55 Chevy Nomad. Did anyone notice the Snap On Tool Box in the corner? I think you could live in it, it would take a small fortune to fill it. We walked around and looked at the work they do in a shop that has all the equipment you can have.

After some time Steve Estep told us we needed to get ready to go to the train museum in Greeley. So again we lined up and followed Steve. It wasn't long I was lost because I don't know Greeley at all. We stayed behind Steve all the way to the museum, we had 14 members, 4 quests, and 6 cars. We went inside to a very large building with train tracks everywhere, some were running on their lay outs. Very interesting. They have every type of train you could imagine, the lay outs had to have taken some time to put together. The staff that was working was very friendly and was willing to answer your questions. The pictures in the newsletter will show you some of the things we got to see. Then it was time to leave as they were closing up, so we all got in our cars and left to find a gas station and headed home. I would like to thank everyone for not giving me a hard time because I drove our PU, the Merc is having new upholstery. Thanks *Abe*

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 of cars from the 1920's to the 60's.



Cover Photo

This month's cover photo is of Harry Lindsey's '32 Ford Three-Window Coupe. He purchased it here in Denver in February, 1960 from Don McIntosh. It was powered by a 283 Chevy V-8 with a '39 Ford transmission and a stock rear end. The car was driven on the street for about a year, at which time a Corvette 4-speed transmission, and a '56 Chevy rear end, were installed for reliability. In 1961, Harry decided to drag race the car, and completely changed the engine. After 5 years of great success racing, he parked the car in his garage. It sat in the garage from 1966, until 1998, when he started a complete rebuild of the car that you see today. It has a 327 Chevy engine, a Richmond 5-speed transmission, a later Ford rear axle, and the original '32 Ford frame, with modifications. Harry has driven the car 9,295 miles in the last nine years. He says it's really fun to drive on the highway.

Wanted/For Sale

Wanted: Good used or new 17" tires. 5:50 x 17"

For Sale: NOS 6V seal beam headlight bulbs. \$10.00 each, Charlie Palmer, 303-585-1084, chasj34@comcast.net

Pinkee's Garage Tour





Bill Magnusson wants to thank those who stopped to help him with his Sea Foam Green'50 the day of the drive.





Harry and Steve giving directions



A nice vintage lineup



JIGGLER CONVERSION





A great place for lunch



'32 Roadster



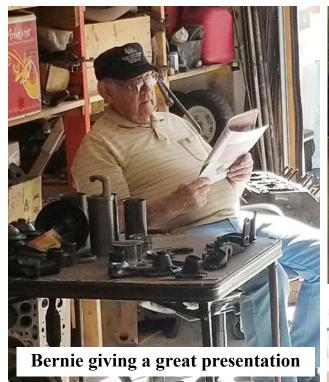




Eric and Cristin Peratt Owner's of Pinkee's#

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Flathead Seminar at Bernie's





Everyone enjoying Bernie's Flathead Seminar







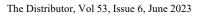
Randy's '34 pick up



Charlie's '28 pick up roadster



Doug Weinel's '34 Roadster





Loren's '36 Fordor Hump



Greg's 1955 Station Wagon

Bernie's Seminar



Good afternoon club members, Well we had another seminar this time it was on Flat Head engines ant it was held at our lead teacher BERNIE SAWIN'S garage and the weather could not have been better. Coffee and donuts were there for everyone to enjoy. The good weather brought out 33 member and 4 guests and they brought 13 cars for a great showing. Bernie was in great form as always once again he showed us he knows his stuff when it comes to flat head engines. With the help of Gordon Snow, he helped Bernie put together a great 17 page manual. THE FLAT-HEAD FORD V-8 ENGINE ALBUM By Scot Kohler. Bernie went through each page and talked about the flat head engine.

Bernie started, first talked about the flat head 4 cylinder then talked about the '32 flat head and all the things Henry Ford did to make there engines work so well from 1932 to 1953. He started with the 1932 for flathead, when you look at it, you see a lot different things the distributor was mounted in the front the coil set on top, the fan mounted on to the generator, the water pumps on each side of the block. As he talked about the flat head, he talked about the internal works of all the engines which was very interesting. The different parts that were used, one had no cam bearings, rod and main bearing were babbitt material as most of you know the valves are in the block. The flat head used cylinder sleeves to get the correct bore, and depending what engine a different size sleeve was used. With the valves in the block the angle of the was to close to the cylinder, it would sometimes crack between the valve and the cylinder, as you know that was not a good thing to happen. You had to go looking for another block and that at that time was not easy. He talked about the different size crank sizes and bearings. The cylinder heads were different for the water inlets were located depending what engine you had, some were 21stud some were 24 stud there again depending on the block. There was lot different water pump mounts, along with motor mounts. He talked a little about the V8 60 a much smaller engine that had 60 HP and they did have a tin side plate. One article was covered about dating the engine this article was writing by IVAN FIECHTER it showed where the casting number were located on the block. The dating stared in 1941-1948. Bernie showed the different blocks he had on hand. In 1947-51 there was 6 cylinder H Series engine with a number G. There were a number of different carburetors to fit all these engines, one barrels and 2 barrels, Several different types of distributors some in the front run off the camshaft in front of the engine, then they mounted it up front on the right side with distributer pointing at an angle it still ran off of the camshaft. Bernie covered all the different motor mounts and transmission mounts. The engine compartment needed different oil pans to fit the different cross members. In 52-53 came the 6 cylinder I-block 215 cu.in. Bernie covered a little bit about the French Flathead. They were made all the way up in to the 80's I think I heard that but I might wrong. Everyone had a good time.

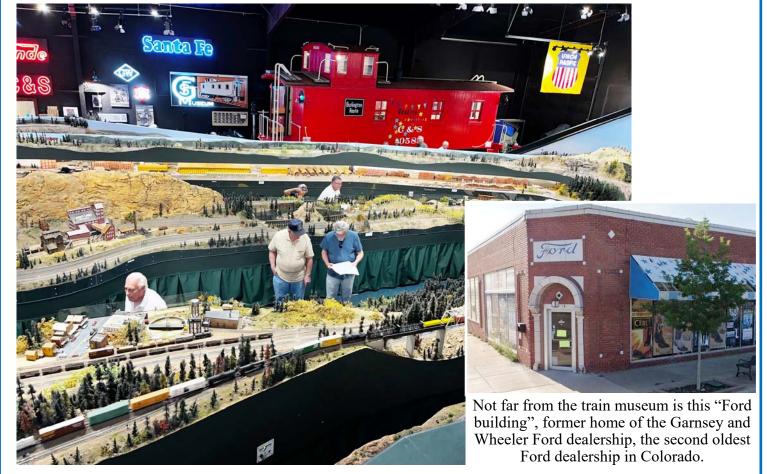
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Greeley Train Museum Tour









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June Tour to Rambler Ranch

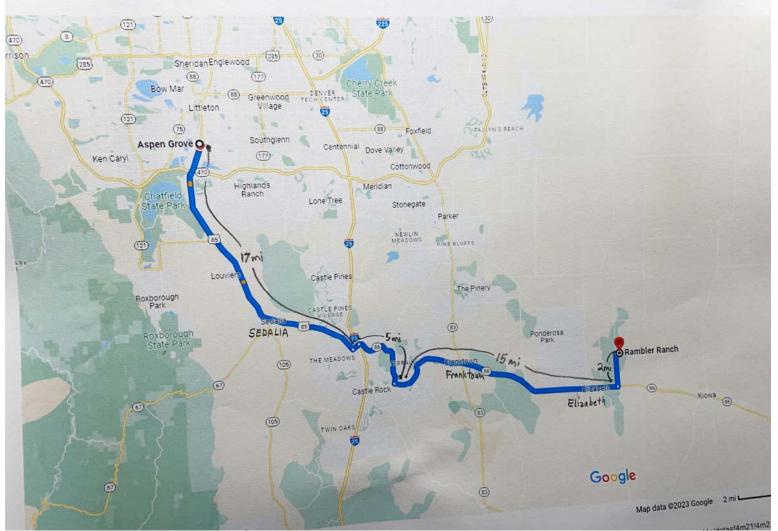
The tour to Rambler Ranch will be on Sunday, June 25th. Rambler Ranch is a car museum that is located near Elizabeth CO, open from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. The owner suggests we each bring a sack lunch from home to eat in his picnic area. The owner attributes the location of the Rambler Ranch to a chance meeting he had with an Early Ford V8 Club tour many years ago. Maybe we can get him to tell the story. Because of the short viewing hours at the museum, we need to meet at Aspen Grove Shopping Center, 7301 S Santa Fe Dr, Littleton, CO 80120, (we have met there before) at 9:00 AM. The shopping center is located on Santa Fe Dr. between Mineral Ave and Aspen Grove Way, about one mile north of C470 and five miles south of Hampden (Hwy 285).

We will leave as a group shortly after 9:00 for the trip to the Ranch.

Directions from Aspen Grove to Rambler Ranch 5257 Co Rd 146 Elizabeth, CO 80107 - Trip is 39 miles, 54 minutes.

- 1. From Aspen Grove head south down Santa Fe/Hwy 85 for about 15 miles until you come to stoplight at Meadows Parkway.
- 2. Turn left (east) onto Meadows Parkway. Meadows Parkway becomes Founders Parkway/Hwy 86. After 5 miles, you will come to a stoplight where you must turn left to stay on Hwy 86.
- 3. Turn left (east) to continue on Hwy 86. Go about 15 miles, passing through Franktown and Elizabeth. Just past Elizabeth watch for County Rd 21.
- 4. Turn left (north) on County Rd 21. Drive 2 miles and look for County Rd 146, a gravel road.
- 5. Turn right (east) onto County Rd 146. Go 1/3 mile.
- 6. At the first left turn into the Ramble Ranch driveway.

Aspen Grove, 7301 S Santa Fe Dr, Littleton, CO 80120 to Rambler Ranch, 5257 Co Rd Drive 39.2 miles, 54 min 146, Elizabeth, CO 80107



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, <u>NO Monthly Meeting*</u> 7th, <u>NO Seminar or Tour in</u>
- NO Seminar or Tour in January *
- 15th
- 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 Applebee's 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 17th, Drive Your Ford Day 18th, Father's Day 22nd, Board Meeting 25th, Tour to Rambler Ranch

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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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June 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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				V8 Monthly		V8 Clive Cussler Seminar
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