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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

If One relies on the weather to tell us what season or month we are in, seems to me you would be hard pressed to know. The neat thing is that the grass is green and the water bill is reasonable, and those little white moth ball things are somewhat troublesome so watch out for them. Our Club, however, knows what season we are in! It's called drive 'em' season, and drive 'em we did! The World War II Aviation Museum, The Cussler Museum, The Rambler Ranch, Applebee's Memorial Day Car Show, The Squire Boy's Seminar and coming up, Colorado National Speedway Tour, Shriner's Drive Around. I'm sure glad I'm re-tired so I can save up enough energy to enjoy it all, Oh! almost forgot we have a club picnic in August too!

Me thinks we need to keep the pedal to the metal so as lose the double clutching skill learned many decades ago! That is why we have two legs, right?

**Nick**

## July Monthly Minutes

**President Nick called the meeting to order at 7:30**

**Treasurer Report:** Fred updated our finances and called for two volunteers to assist in evaluating new opportunities to use club funds. Marty Phillips and Arnel Kimmett volunteered to be on the committee.

**Seminars:** July 8, 8:30 AM at Greg Squires house, 7090 W. 29<sup>th</sup> Ave. Wheatridge. Help align his '36 Ford Sedan Delivery's frontend sheet metal. August seminar at Charlie's, Club Auction.

**Tours:** July 22<sup>nd</sup> to Colorado National Speedway see hand out and previous Newsletter for details. August Tour is the Club Picnic.

**Dearborn Report:** Steve Estep reported on the National Meet at Dearborn. Several club members made

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the trip and were winners as follows:

- Steve Estep's Panel Truck - 1<sup>st</sup> Place
- Steve Kennedy's '36 5-Window - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Touring A - People's Choice
- Coty Carmack's '36 Roadster - 1<sup>st</sup> Place Concourse
- Arnel Kimmett's '53 Mercury - Dearborn Medallion
- Steve Carmack's '53 Mercury - Dearborn Medallion
- Marty and Deb Phillips attended but they flew in.
- Loren Helfenbein - Raffle Winner
- Gordon Snow - Should have gone to Vegas instead of Dearborn. He won a 50/50 Raffle, a four-night stay at the hotel, a model bank and a vendor sponsored door prize. Dude is rich.
- Steve Kennedy has a photo album of the Show which he can share as a future club meeting Program. Arnel reported forms were passed out at Dearborn for a free one-year on-line subscription to the V8 Times. Contact him if interested.

**Membership:** No change in membership.

**Colorado Car Council Report:** July meeting. Jim Nielson and daughter got a bit discombobulated looking for the Hagerty office in Highlands Ranch, then it stormed, then attendees could not gain entry to Haggerty (this sounds like a past episode of one of our Board of Directors Meetings), then Jim called it a day and went home. End result? No report for July. June meeting. Jim had better luck, our club dues were paid and CCC now has 45 member clubs. Meeting was in Longmont at ColoRODans Car Club, 209 Kimbard Street and Jim says they have a nice clubhouse. Leo Boyle, our Lobbyist, is doing a good job maintaining our ability to drive classic cars on the road, CCC's 501C status is pending review of application and 8/05/2023 is the date for CCC's Car Show/Swap Meet at the Broomfield airport. Call Jim if interested in attending the 2023 SEMA Show in Vegas (15 spots available). Gordon will probably be all over this offer given his recent winning streak.

**Newsletter:** Steve took minutes at the last meeting and, in error, included the club's financials. No, the club financials are not to be disclosed in the newsletter. He asked for volunteer proofreaders and....wait for it.....got no takers. He then received a hearty round of applause for his otherwise great work on the newsletter. Dearborn pictures he captured will be ready for the next edition and to present as a Future Program.

**Remembrances:** Nick Buccola passed away on Father's Day. Memorial service will be held July 18<sup>th</sup> at Hudson Gardens, 6115 S. Santa Fe Dr. Littleton. If attending, contact David Nickles 303-888-5448, wear your best Car Show shirt and drive your classic

car. Great news, Eddie Rockwell is in remission with no cancer at his most recent screening. For now, he's staying in Idaho for additional recovery time. No change with Dick Fell health situation and Casey Hayes took another tumble and broke his other foot so is back in rehab in Loveland.

**New Business:** Jay reported he saw an odd Colorado license plate on his way to the recent License Plate Convention, and it was a new plate. Colorado plates can now be obtained in Plain Red, Blue or Black background. Old plates can't be transferred to another car anymore and must be surrendered. Deb said that Colorado has 154 different new plates available.

Patti Jantz announced that Masonic Club Home is hosting a car show August 26<sup>th</sup> at 2445 S. Quebec, Denver at 12:30. Drive around the home 3 times then park so residents can see cars up close. Contact Patti at 303-795-8444.

Marty Phillips reported on the Great Race, a 9-day drive from Gainesville, Florida (Go Gators!) to Colorado Springs, CO. Saw lots of flathead Fords and after working the pit crew for Wes in Pueblo, on the way back home on I-25 he saw many of the Great Race participant cars on the road. We were all reminded Gordon Snow drove his 35 Tudor in a past Great Race.

**Facebook:** Coty Carmack has the Club's Facebook page up and running.

**Old Business:** Abe Jones reported on Club picnic August 20<sup>th</sup> and reminded us, our club pays for members, but members must pay for non-member guests.

**Program:** Harry Lindsay presented a slideshow on the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Grand National in Lake Tahoe, which many Hi-Country members attended, and finished up with photos of the 2023 Vintage Car Club of Castle Rock's Father's Day Car Show.

**Meeting adjourned:** 8:55PM

**Meeting Minutes:** *Mark Merritt*

## First VDRA Meet of 2023

The first Drag Race of the year for the vintage cars was held May 27<sup>th</sup> at Badimere Speedway. Racing with the VDRA that day were about 20 Gassers, 10 Nostalgic Eliminators, and 8 Flathead/inline vehicles. In the FH/IN class, Mark Johnson, driving Dad's red dragster, was #1 qualifier. He was up against member Paul Dozoretz in the semi-finals, when the officials told Mark to shut his engine off due to leaking oil at the starting line. Wes' cousin, Tom Warning driving Wes' 1962 vintage dragster, made it to the finals where it was his turn to run against Paul and his Blown Flathead powered Model T Ford Roadster. Tom's victory over Paul was very, very,

very close, MOV (Margin of Victory) was .3926 seconds. It takes a human about a third of a second to blink, .3000 seconds.

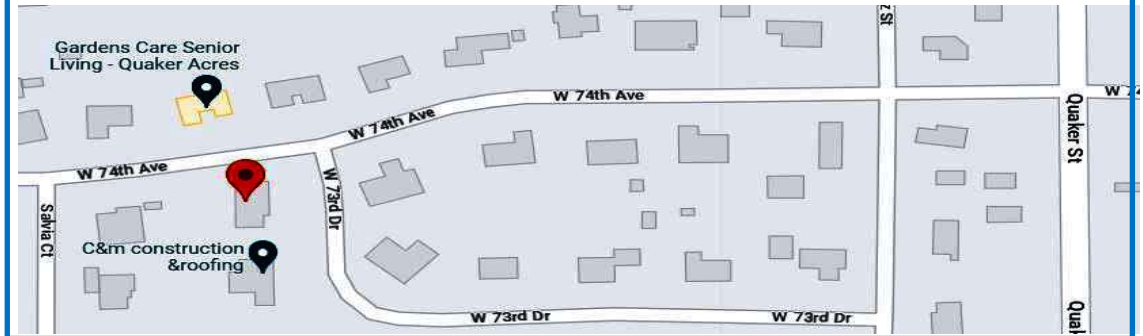
The next outing for the VDRA will be July 1st and 2nd in Pueblo. Their next race at Bandimere will be the nostalgic nationals, July 29th and 30th. There will be a complete race on all four of those dates.

**Wes Johnson**



## September Seminar

For the September seminar on 9/9, Jeff Albert, owner of First Choice Reconditioning since 1993, will share how to repair and refinish automotive plastics, body side moldings and small parts. He also restores headlights, improving their light output and appearance. He can show us how he matches paint and the steps required for the repairs. The seminar will be at his house, 16748 W. 73<sup>rd</sup> Drive, Arvada. Donuts and coffee at 8:30, seminar starts at 9, bring your own chair. Lunch will be at Malone's, 14455 W 64<sup>th</sup> Ave, Arvada, 80004.

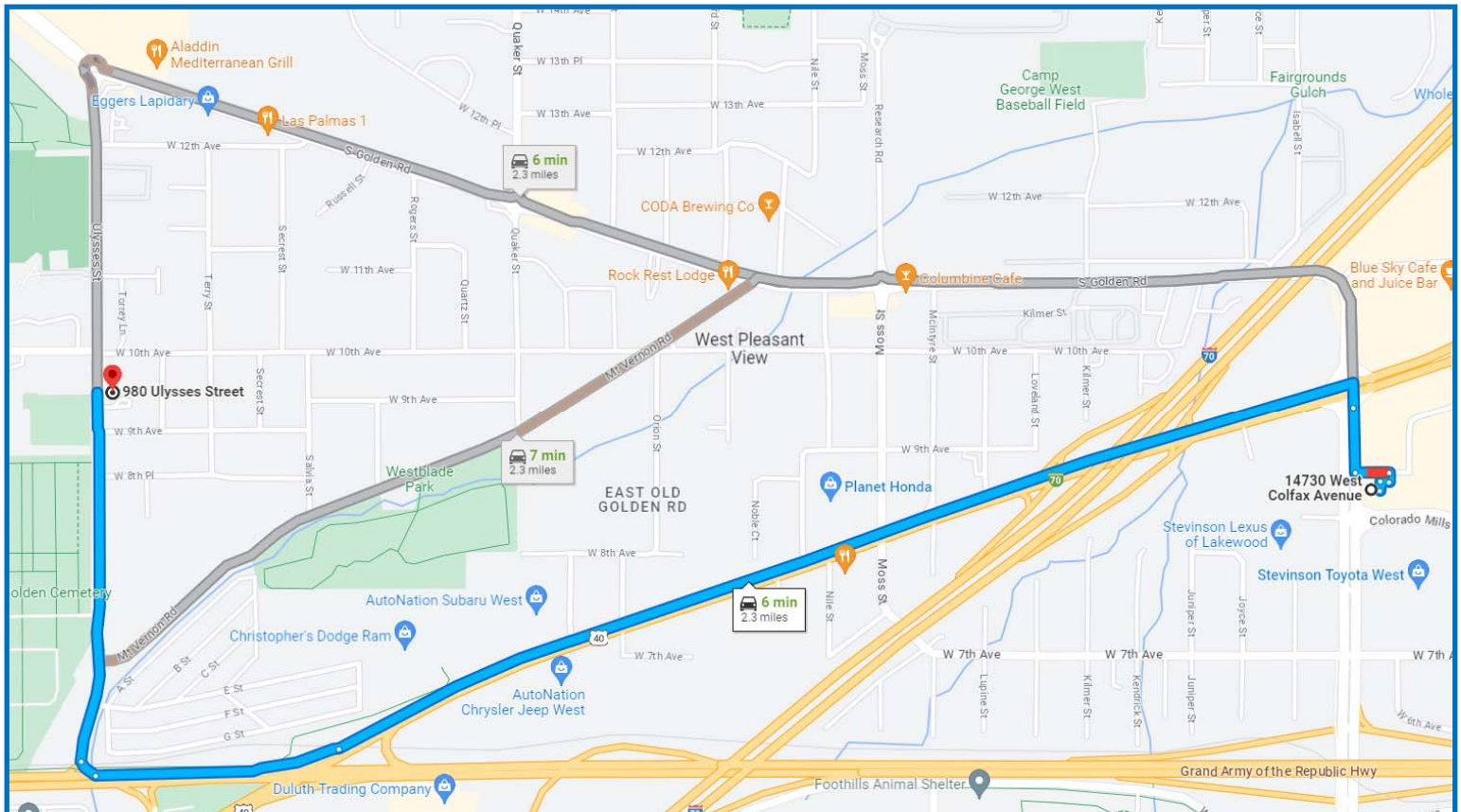


## Club Auction at Charlie's

This year the annual club auction will be held at Charlie and Pat Palmer's house, 980 Ulysses St Golden on Saturday August 19. Arnel will be the auctioneer. Donuts and coffee at 8:30, the auction will begin at 9:00 AM. Bring your chair.

Start gathering items to donate to make this another successful event. Please call Charlie at 303-585-1084 after August 16th to arrange for drop-off at his house, 980 Ulysses St Golden.

Lunch will be at Rock Rest, 16005 Mt. Vernon Rd. Golden





# EFV8 Diamond Jubilee 2023

Photos by Steve E, Arnel, Gordon, Coty, and Steve K

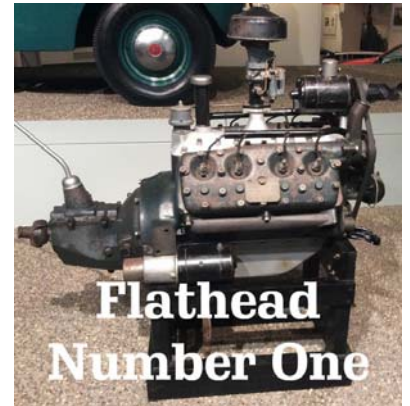
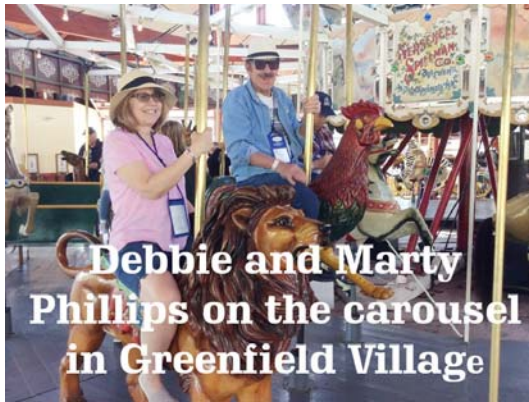








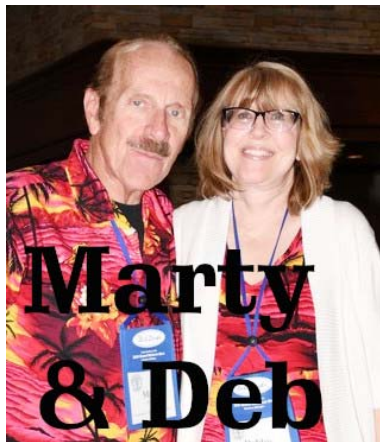
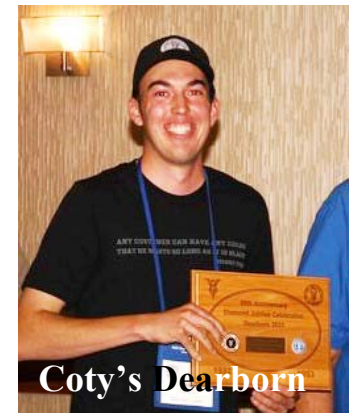
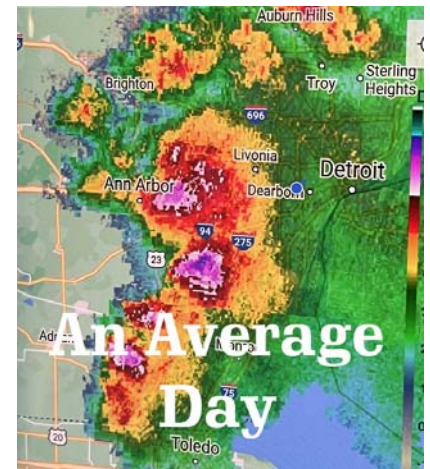
## Photos by Arnel Kimmitt



## Photos by Steve Estep







## Bert Marsh Distinguished Service Award

It is that time of the year again, time to come up with nominations for the **Bert Marsh Distinguished Service Award**. All V-8 club members are asked to submit their candidate for the award. The nominee is to be submitted in writing to a committee member. Any active, paid, V-8 club member is eligible to receive the award.

### The committee members are:

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## '51 Mercury Woody Wagon

After numerous years we are gaining progress on our '51 Mercury Woody Wagon. Got the flathead back from the machinist Doug. We got it painted and now to be patient and let it cure. Then put it in the car!! Randy has had the car since 1977. He just put the windshield in and the wipers

*Sheri and Randy Noterman*



## August Picnic

To all club members, I would like to remind you of our — **CLUB PICNIC — AUGUST 20TH at ANDERSON PARK**, 4355 Field St., Wheat Ridge Co. This is the same park we have used for several years it works for us because it has a large parking area, The covered pavilion works great with plenty of seating area for all to enjoy. We have the park from 8 to 5pm we will start setting up around 8, if anyone would like to help, I would appreciate it. We need to wash off the tables from the homeless that some times stay at night.

This year we will have Jerry's BBQ with extra stuff. Lots of meat will be served; we have containers for you to take some home if you like. You will need to bring what YOU want to drink. As always this is for club members and Spouse or other person, If you wish to bring some friends they will need to pay \$14.00 dollars per person, The price has gone up due to the price of meat and supplies.

When you read this, please do me a favor and call me to let me know how many will be in your group, please let me know ASAP so I can start making a list. My home Number is 303-232 9458, my cell is 720-641-3179, email [abe-j2850@gmail.com](mailto:abe-j2850@gmail.com), If I am not home, please leave a message, If you have any question please ask me. Thanks for your help *Abe*

## Cover Photo

This month's cover photo is Arnel's '53 Ford taken at the Early Ford V8 Foundation Museum after his and Gordon Snow's several day drive to Auburn, IN.

## NSRA Nationals

When Deb & I went to Pueblo for the NSRA National we saw several club members down there enjoying the great weather, this year was dry and sunny and close to being hot around 85-90 degrees and no rain. Our job was to do Safety Inspections and we did a lot of them, we were there for four days and it gets hot in the Fair grounds it stays hot, and when you get cars driving around, that keeps it hot. As I was out walking and doing inspections, I ran in to some of our club members. I saw Nick Morstad, he had his pick-up there and we talked for a few minutes, Bob & Margo were there. Bob asked me to inspect their '48 Ford F1 and it passed, he owes me now. As I walked on, I saw Gene Pastor's '50 Merc, Charlie Palmer's '29 Ford pick-up. Harry Lindsay was there, but I didn't see his car so I'm not sure what he had there. And Deb & I drove our '53 Mercury and it drove great no problems, that was a relief for once. While I was inspecting cars, I was also looking for a car for my pick. I heard that Scott and Aurelia Turnage were chosen for his '32 Roadster. He was in the Roadster Right -A- Way area so I congratulated Scott for & Aurelia on their win. Happy 4th this month.

*Abe*

## Wanted/For Sale

**Wanted:** A throttle body, for a '53 Merc "Teapot" carburetor. This is a LIST 882 or (1) or (2). Additionally, looking for a piece of the accelerator linkage, for the same carburetor.

Roy Lange, [royd13483@aol.com](mailto:royd13483@aol.com), (303) 838-2028

## Comforts and Concerns

Ivan Fiechter said Fran can't leave the house because she is getting so frail.

Jack Eakins passed away a few days ago as the result of cancer. I talked to Jack's wife and their daughter's are planning things. When plans are firmed up, they will let us know.

*Patti*





# July Seminar

We had our July Seminar at Trevor Squires shop, to work on Greg Squires '36 Sedan Delivery, to straighten out the front hood lines. We had a great turn out with 18 members and 9 cars. Abe and Deb brought there '53 Merc, Doug Weinell's '36, Steve Kennedy's '36, Bernie Sawin's '36, Greg had his '36 up on the rack to be worked on. Trevor's 39 sedan, Tom Webb's '39 standard coupe, Randy Allen's '34 PU, Charlie Palmer's '34 5-window, Dave Overholt's '40 Tudor Std, Nick Morstad's '57 PU, Arnel Kimmett's Ranchero, and Patty Jantz's Ranchero. As you can see in the pictures every one jumped right in to give their ideas and thoughts on how to fix the problem which at time every one was talking at the same time it was hard to keep up. Deb and Loren felt with the coffee donuts and went well as always. The day was fantastic and every one had a great time looking under Greg's Delivery. This has to be short because of the room and pictures. I am sorry to have missed all the other members but we ran out of room.

Thanks *Abe*

Photos by Loren and Steve





# 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

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

## February

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

## 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

## 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 \***

## May

4<sup>th</sup>, **Monthly Meeting \***  
6<sup>th</sup>, Engine Block Seminar at Bernie's\*  
14<sup>th</sup>, Mother's Day  
20<sup>th</sup>, **Colo. Springs WWII Air Museum Tour\***  
25<sup>th</sup>, Board Meeting  
29<sup>th</sup>, Memorial Day Car Show at Applebee's  
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 at the Cussler Museum \***  
4<sup>th</sup>, ACC Show (we have been invited)  
11<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> Dearborn  
17<sup>th</sup>, Drive Your Ford Day  
18<sup>th</sup>, Father's Day  
22<sup>nd</sup>, Board Meeting  
25<sup>th</sup>, **Tour to Rambler Ranch**

## July

4<sup>th</sup>, Independence Day  
6<sup>th</sup>, **Monthly Meeting \***  
19<sup>th</sup>, **Seminar at Trevor Squires\***  
22<sup>th</sup>, **Colorado Nationals Tour \***  
27<sup>th</sup>, Board Meeting

## August

3<sup>rd</sup>, **Monthly Meeting \***  
5<sup>th</sup>, CCCC Car/Air show in Broomfield  
19<sup>th</sup>, **Club Auction at Charlie Palmer's \***  
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

## 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

## 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



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**Club Auction at Charlies  
on August 19th  
Anderson Park Picnic  
August 20th**

**July 22nd, Colorado  
Nationals Tour**

**August 2023**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 V8 Monthly Meeting	4	5 CCCC Car/Air Show in Broomfield
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 Drop off Auction items	17	18	19 V8 Auction At Charlie Palmers
20 Anderson Park V8 Tour	21	22	23	24 V8 Board	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		