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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

Howdy once again, man how time flies, seems like just a couple of months ago I was pushing snow off my driveway, and of late it feels more like hades. Perhaps it's El Nino or may be Global Warming that has the Weather angry these days, it certainly couldn't be my advancing years.

We have had kind of a mixed year with respect to our Tours and Seminars, some have been well attended others not so much. This experience has prompted me to ask, are we keeping up with what club members enjoy and find valuable or have times and circumstances changed. A couple of my observations are number one, folks really enjoy coffee and donuts before our seminars, so much so some find it hard to break away from conversations to focus on the seminar. Second thought involves Tours, the one at Colorado National Speedway drew four vintage Ford products with one of those being a Flathead. My sense is that there just isn't as much interest in Tours as there use to be. There are valid reasons for that, some of which are, traffic and driving a Flathead is less enjoyable, in some situations down right dangerous, another could be weather related, i.e. to hot, rain and possible hail. Some Tours have been on Saturdays which interferes with other plans. The Board has chatted about these things and at the last General Membership meeting, I suggested we reduce the number Tours to one a quarter and Seminars to one every other month, and perhaps just coffee and donuts get together. At the last General Membership meeting, I asked how many folks are building a car and to my surprise a half dozen hands went up. So me thinks a half dozen Seminars that could be enjoyed. Please give some thought to these ideas and give us some feed back. This is your club, so help us (The Board and Chairs) help you to enjoy this journey.

Steve Kennedy is anxious to start putting together next year's calendar so your thoughts and suggestions are welcome and timely.

Thanks, *Nick*

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July Board Meeting Minutes

President Nick called the July Board Meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Treasurer's Report: Fred updated our finances as of 7.27.23. the Board discussed possible movement of balances into accounts with better interest rates.

Seminars: August 19th is the Club Auction/seminar at Charlie's, shop. September 9th is the First Choice Reconditioning seminar. September 24th is a tour at Bandimere, October 7th is Auto Restoration Masters of CO., 1980 S. Quebec, November seminar is OPEN. No seminar in December. As some attendance has been low, the Board also discussed potential to forgo some future Seminars in favor of Cars and Coffee.

Tours: The August Tour is the Club Picnic on 8/20 at Anderson Park. The September Tour is the **All Ford Day**, be sure to sign up and order your shirt. The October tour is the Turkey Trot. Saturday, November 11th Veterans Day Ft. Logan, December Christmas Party (Patti Jantz and Steve Bennett are organizing it).

Membership: No new members.

Colorado Car Council Report: 8/05/2023 is the date for the Car Show/Swap Meet at the Broomfield airport. CCCC needs volunteers, if interested call Jim Nielsen.

Newsletter: Steve K expressed concern that some members want both the newsletter and notifications emailed, while others want only the newsletter emailed, and some others want only notifications emailed. It gets to be really difficult when sending out information. The Board voted to eliminate the option for members to receive Either/Or. Some times event schedules change at the last minute and if you want to stay up to date, you'll get an email. If members have an email address listed, they will receive both emailed newsletter AND emailed notifications. They may still receive a printed newsletter if they like.

Those who DON'T have an email address will continue to receive a printed newsletter and a call for Notifications.

If you do have an email address and want to stay up to date on the latest club information, be sure to include your current email address when it comes to be renewal time. AND please write clearly so we get your email address correct.

New Business: The Board reviewed Call List process. The Club President should notify (phone call or email) Board Members when something comes up that

requires executing a Call List for members without email.

The Board discussed the custom of providing doughnuts and coffee at Seminars. Announcements will be made at Seminars to remind members of the price of the doughnuts and coffee is \$1. for A donut and A cup of coffee. If you want more, then another dollar Please! Donuts and Coffee are supposed to be on a Break-Even basis. Rather than buying 3 dozen donuts and sometimes having some left. It will be changed to 2 dozen donuts and when they are gone, they are gone.

We also discussed revising Tour and Seminar Schedules and updating the By-Laws to reflect any changes. Currently the By-Laws call for 10 Seminars and 7 Tours each year, however, some tours have had less than expected attendance, some with only a handful of members present. President Nick asked board members to submit proposed By-Law revisions prior to the August Board Meeting for further review and discussion before presenting a recommendation to members. He also suggested a future review of the section of the By-Laws dealing with dissolution of the club and any balance of funds.

Facebook: No report, but Coty tries to keep the club Facebook page current.

Old Business: Fred will follow up with a readout from his committee charged with developing recommendations on additional ways to put club funds to use.

Programs: Jay Svigel reported August program will be a Dearborn report with pictures from the event plus a presentation on a 1930 Ford Paddy Wagon.

Meeting adjourned: 8:55PM Meeting Minutes: *Mark Merritt*

For Sale

1950 Lincoln Flathead, 336 cubic inch, complete Engine with air cleaner. Engine is stuck. \$400 Randy and Sheri Noterman, slnrjn80@msn.com, 303-818-4547



August Monthly Meeting Minutes

President Nick called the Meeting to order at 7:30PM

Treasurer's Report: Fred reported our club is still solvent and can afford to buy donuts.

Seminars: August 19th, Club Auction at Charlie's shop in Golden. You can drop off parts beginning August 16th. After the auction, we will have lunch at Rock Rest Lodge, 16005 Mt Vernon Rd, Golden. September 9th, First Choice Reconditioning will show how to remove paint scratches, etc. October 7th will be a visit to Automotive Restoration Masters.

Tours: August 20th Club Picnic at Anderson Park; September 10th All Ford Day; September 24th, Bandimere tour, October 22nd Turkey Trot; November 11th Veterans Day Ft. Logan.

Colorado Car Council: Air and Car Show August 5th. Our lobbyist is concerned the recent Suncor pollution debacle could lead to state legislation limiting our old cars to driving October-May. He will monitor the situation.

New Business: President Nick reviewed Board conversation about limiting Tours to one per quarter as opposed to 7 a year and doing Seminars every other month with Cars and Coffee events an option. Overall idea is to reduce the burden on those organizing both club functions. Nick also suggested a calendar review to fill in events from member recommendations when seminars and tours are not scheduled. Steve Estep provided an update on a project car: Wyoming State Police, 1930 Paddy Wagon. It hasn't run in many years so

they are bringing it down to Steve's garage so he can help get it running. On August 26th Eastern Star Masonic Home at 2400 S. Quebec is hosting a parade at 12:00. Parade is around the facility so residents can see the classic cars.

Old Business: Neal East thanks everyone for suggestions on where to get his tubed tires mounted at Walt's Tire Service in Golden. Charlie Palmer helped him find a tire shop near Charlie where they can work on Kelsey 5x5 wheels, Walt's Tire Service. Abe asked for members who have not signed up for the Club Picnic to do so, and several did.

Newsletter: Steve Kennedy proposed members with email be consolidated to one list for both newsletters and notifications. Feedback from the club was generally favorable. Those without email will remain on the call list and to receive the printed newsletter. Others who do have email but also want the printed newsletter will continue to receive it.

Member Reports: Bill Strong reupped his previous membership which had lapsed.

Remembrances: Herb Allie funeral August 10th. Lynn Cole's wife Peggy passed and her funeral is August 19 at 10AM at 51 Thunder Ridge Road, Nederland, CO.

For Sale: Club member Lloyd Holcomb has a 1950 Club Coupe for sale, call for a price. He is in the Club Roster

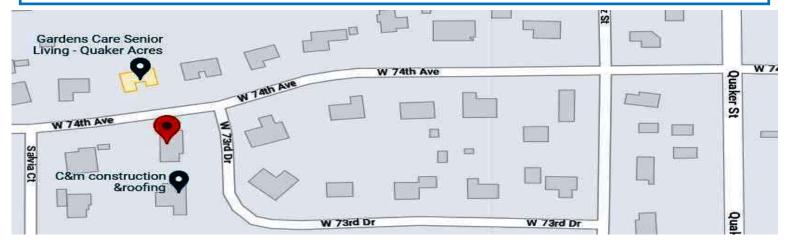
Program: Great picture montage of cars and tours from Dearborn narrated by Steve Kennedy and other members who attended.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:50

Mark Merritt

September Seminar

For the September seminar on 9/9, Jeff Albert, owner of First Choice Reconditioning service 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. 73rd Drive, Arvada. Donuts and coffee at 8:30, seminar starts at 9, bring your own chair. Lunch will be at Malone's, 14455 W 64th Ave, Arvada, 80004.



Cover Photo

This month's cover photo is of Abe and Deb Jones 1953 Mercury. Here is their story on the car.

We bought the 1953 Mercury about 6 years ago from Jack Norton, an ex member of the Ford club; Jim Nielsen was selling it for him. The first thing I had to do was repair the rear end. The right axle bearing was bad and fell apart. It put a lot metal stuff in the oil and passed through the rest of the bearings, so all the bearings had to be replaced. In time, I replaced the clutch to try and stop a real bad chatter, found the disc was wrong so I put in all new parts. The car ran good but then I started having trouble with the overdrive. I also had to replace the wiring harness, there were too many splices, now it works good. About 3 years ago, I blew a head gasket coming home from Pueblo and had to put the poor thing on a flat bed tow truck, that was a bad day. Pulled the heads off replaced the gaskets; that was a lot of money for copper gaskets, I put it back together and found I now had a knock in the engine, so the work began. The engine was in and out 4 times and I had several member come look and listen and ever one walked away scratching there heads wondering what it was. I told Deb I was not putting it back together until I found the problem, I pulled the engine down for the 4th time checked everything, I even had a friend come over and look at it. Butch Hardman took the engine and checked it over he found nothing. I think by accident I found Number 5 piston was pretty loose I ordered a new set, put it together and my knock was gone, after a long time and a lot money, I could drive it again. You all know about the tire story, that day was one to remember. I decided to go from 6 volt to 12 volt so while I was working on that, my upholster called me after 2 years and told me could do my seats, good timing while I was trying to work under the dash, that gave me more room, I got the wiring done and the seats were done looks good and runs good. As most of you know sometimes they become a money pit as I have been told by my wife. Hopefully we can enjoy the car for a while before something else needs to be done. This has been the adventure of my 1953 Mercury that I thought was all done and ready to enjoy from then on. Everyone Drive and Enjoy Your Cars.

Thanks Abe

CCCC Car and Air Show

Hello all for Club Members. Saturday, August 5th the club was invited by Jim Nielsen to the CCCC Car and Air Show at the Airport in Broomfield. The weather was great lots of sun just a slight breeze just enough to keep the temperature just right. It started at 7 am for Deb and I, we set up a tent and tables for the inspection booth. We worked all day for the NSRA club. I did inspections all day and met with a lot of Early Ford members. I walked around enjoying the cars and there were several Air Planes lined up in the back of the parking lot. You could get up close to them and admire all the dif-

ferent engines. I myself, like the Radial Engines, the ones that they had there were 7 cylinder, I would like to have one in my front yard so I could fire it up once in a while just to shake up the neighbors. Back to the show, walking around I saw just a little over 200 cars and trucks and even a boat car. Some great food venders were there to feed everyone and the music man, Van Jeffreys, provided good tunes to listen to.

The Forney Museum was there with their Pin up Girls walking around. You could get a picture with the girls and Your Car.

The club members that I talked to were: Steve Kennedy & he drove his '36, Loren drove his '36 also, Lou Mraz, Bernie Sawin came with Steve Estep in Steve's Shoe Box, Arnel Kimmett, Steve Bennett, Fred & Dee Hower, Charlie Clark, Sam Benton, Gabe Naccarato, Mark Howes, Bob Tapp, Cody Carmack and his mom and dad, Steve Carmack, Jake Byrd, Abe & Deb Jones. I hope I didn't miss anyone, if I did I apologize, too many cars and people. 17 Members, 2 guests & 10 cars I hope. The day was fun and the air show was great, we got to watch planes fly all day long and at noon the show began with the planes flying right in front of us then they split up and went different directions, nice flying. They flew by several times doing different things each time about 1:30 the awards were starting to be given out and wouldn't you know it, the wind started coming up so it was time to take the tent down before it flew away with the planes. We left at that time. We were tired from the sun and the wind, we loaded every thing into the Merc and fought our way out crowd. I think a good time was had by all.

I want to thank all the club members that attended as we are all a part of the CCCC and thanks to Jim Nielsen for telling us about it.

Thanks Abe

Comforts and Concerns

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

Patti

Bert Marsh Award

There is still time to make nominations, see last month's newsletter for details, page 8.

2023 CCCC Car/Air Show



































Bandimere V8 Club VDRA Special Event Tour

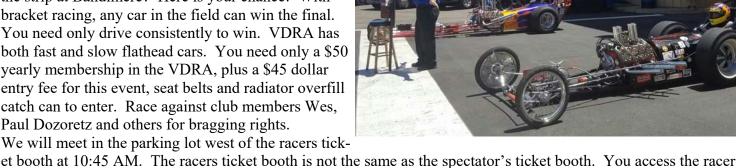
Sunday September 24, 2023

Attend this VDRA (Vintage Drag Racing Association) event at Bandimere's Thunder Mountain location. See classic Flatheads/Inlines, Nostalgic Eliminators and AFX/Gassers compete in one of the last races at Bandimere. See member Wes Johnson's #1 drag team, Johnson & Johnson, compete against other flathead and inline vehicles in this bracket racing event. Wes and his team have won the VDRA championship before, and this season his alcohol burning flathead V8 dragster, driven by Mark Johnson, is leading the class in points, as they head into the final races of the season.

In addition to the racing, Wes will give us a behind the scenes, Bandimere approved, tour of the facility, including the fuel station, ET time slip booth, concessions, staging and starting lanes, and the control room at the top of the

tower. These areas are off-limits to the average spectator.

Have you always wanted to run your flathead down the strip at Bandimere? Here is your chance! With bracket racing, any car in the field can win the final. You need only drive consistently to win. VDRA has both fast and slow flathead cars. You need only a \$50 yearly membership in the VDRA, plus a \$45 dollar entry fee for this event, seat belts and radiator overfill catch can to enter. Race against club members Wes, Paul Dozoretz and others for bragging rights.



et booth at 10:45 AM. The racers ticket booth is not the same as the spectator's ticket booth. You access the racers ticket booth by taking the A Gate from Rooney Rd. We will have coffee and donuts, then take our cars, as a group, into the pit area. Time trials start at 11:30 and racing should be complete by 4:00 PM. Food will be available at Bandimere's concession stand. Spectator cost is \$20 plus \$10 for pit parking. If you have questions please call Wes Johnson (303-514-4215) or Steve Estep (720-381-8984). We'll see you there.

Bandimere Speedway Vintage Drag Race

by Wes Johnson

Bandimere Speedway hosted the biggest vintage drag race of the season over the last weekend of July. Club member Wes Johnson brought out his Hilborn Injected flathead powered dragster, son Mark driving. Mark made it to the Finals and took home the Champion trophy on Saturday after spending 16 hours at the track.

Wes also had out his Joe Abbin, Roadrunner Engineering, Super Charged dragster for the first time, Cousin Tom Waring handling the driver duties. The car was the #1 Qualifier Saturday, .014 reaction time and # 2 qualifier Sunday. Sunday at the "Fun Ford Day" event Tom made it to the semifinals where he red lit, so he took third place. Not bad for its initial showing.

Others with ties to our club, racing that weekend, were past member Ed Piz showing up with his front engine dragster and his 1934 Ford Coupe, both with high performance flatheads. Wayne Svigel, brother of club member Jay, arrived with his brand X, inline six powered pick-up truck. There were 14 entries in the flathead/Inline class, 7 brand X, 1 MOPAR slant six and 6 Ford/Mercury Flatheads. The next race is August 27, then September 24th, and finals will be October 1st, all three at Bandimere Speedway.



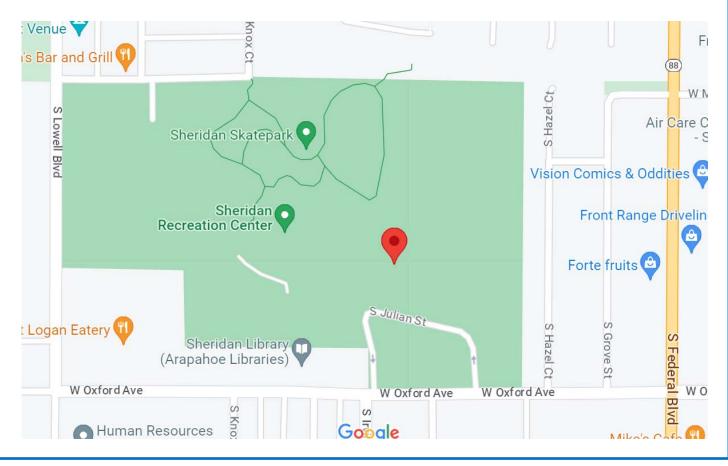
Wes on the left, John Bandimere in the center, Mark Johnson driver/winner in the Saturday Flathead/Inline class, on the right.

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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.

Innuary	July
January 5 th , NO Monthly Meeting* 7 th , NO Seminar or Tour in January *	4 th , Independence Day
7 th , NO Seminar or Tour in January *	6 th . Monthly Meeting *
15", Installation Banquet *	19 th , Seminar at Trevor Squires* 22 th , Colorado Nationals Tour *
26 th , Board Meeting	22 th , Colorado Nationals Tour *
28 th , Polar Bear Swap Meet-Adams Cnty Fairgrounds	27 th , Board Meeting
February	A4
2 nd Monthly Meeting * 4 th Seminar *	August 3 rd , Monthly Meeting * 5 th , CCCC Car/Air show in Broomfield 19 th , Club Auction at Charlie Palmer's *
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23 rd , Board Meeting	19 th , Club Auction at Charlie Palmer's *
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March	24 th , Board Meeting
	26 th , Masonic Club Home Car Show
2 nd , Monthly Meeting * 4 th , Stainless Steel Seminar *	
12 th , Daylight Savings Time Begins 12 th , Tri-State Car Show Tour *15 th , Ex- President's Breakfast (See Pg 3)	September
12 th Tri-State Car Show Tour *	4 th , Labor Day
15 th Ev President's Breakfast (See Da 3)	7 th , Monthly Meeting *
23 rd , Board Meeting	9 th , Seminar*
25, Board Meeting	7 th , Monthly Meeting * 9 th , Seminar* 10 th , All Ford Day (Tour) Abe *
April	24 , Bandimere
6 th , Monthly Meeting *	28 th , Board Meeting
8th, Upholstery Seminar at Estep's*	
9 th , Easter	October
27 th , Board Meeting	5 th Monthly Meeting *
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May	22 th Turkey Trot (tour), Gene & Abe*
4 th , Monthly Meeting *	26 th Board Meeting
6 th . Engine Block Seminar at Bernie's*	
14 th . Mother's Day	November
20th, Colo, Springs WWII Air Museum Tour*	2 nd , Monthly Meeting *
20 th , Colo. Springs WWII Air Museum Tour* 25 th , Board Meeting	4 th , Seminar*
29 th , Memorial Day Car Show at Applebee's	5 th Daylight Savings Time Ends
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June	23 rd , Thanksgiving
1 st , Monthly Meeting *	,
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3 rd , Pre-war Swap Meet, Adams County Fairgrounds 3 rd , Seminar at the Cussler Museum *	3 rd , Tour, Holiday Party at*
4 th , ACC Show (we have been invited)	7 th , Monthly Meeting *
11 th to 17 th Dearborn	25 th , Christmas
17th, Drive Your Ford Day	28 th Board Meeting
18 th Father's Day	31 st , New Year's Eve
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