

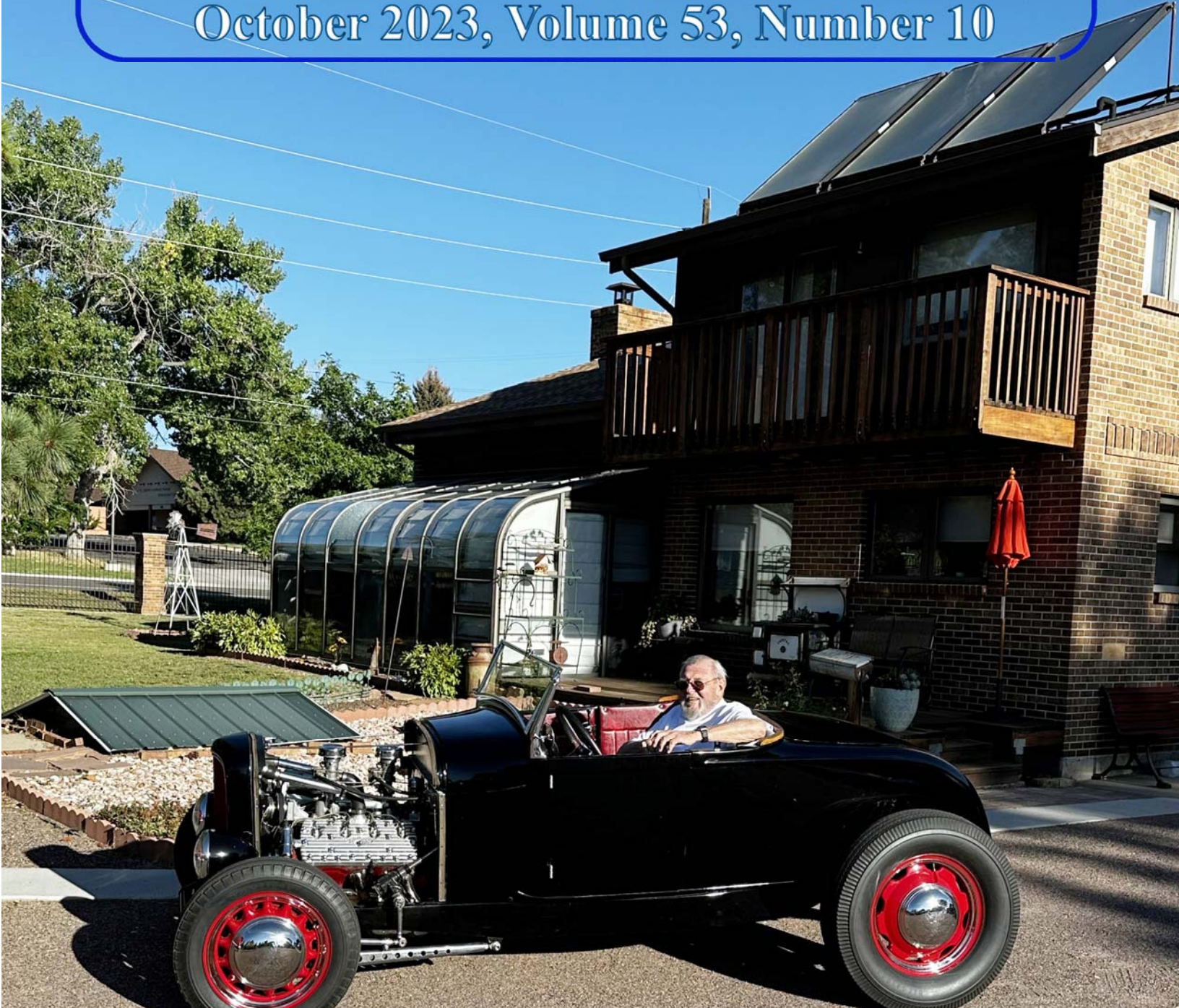


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Hi-Country Regional Group #28 Meeting Place

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

As I sit down to pen this letter, the temperature outside is fifty six degrees with more rain in the forecast. The change from the mid nineties is welcome, but come mid January or February I will be longing for a mid nineties, so celebrate the fact that we live in a temperate climate that changes all by itself without any human intervention. Speaking of change our club is entering it's annual time of change in developing a calendar for Seminars and Tours and Board elections that can be both exhilarating and/or frustrating at the same time. Steve Kennedy is in process of laying out dates, e.g. General Memberships, Seminars, and Tours which can be a bit challenging as we work with peoples schedules and availability. All of this speaks to ideas, topics and places. We in the form of the Board, Chairs, and Members, need your input, so please bring forth your thoughts and ideas. Example, how about a seminar on glass for our Fords, there are businesses that cater to that. Another idea! How about a Seminar not specific to our cars but a Seminar on Generators/Invertors, since our electrical grid is some what vulnerable, especially with electric cars coming on stream. Lastly how about running for the Board. We need folks who bring energy, insight and passion to this old Ford thing. There is an opportunity for you in this Club, please seize it. Thanks, Nick



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August Board Minutes

The August Board Meeting was called to order by President Nick Morstad at 7:00 PM, August 24, 2023. In attendance were Nick, Abe Jones, Deb Jones, Steve Estep, Loren Helfenbein, Fred Hower and Jay Svigel.

Treasurers Report: Fred reported that we have a lot of money. To add to that we collected a bunch of money for All Ford Day and the auction.

Seminars: Loren thanks Charlie and Pat Palmer for holding the successful club auction at their garage. The auction made \$1,982. Next seminar is Sept 9, 2023 at First Choice Reconditioning. It was agreed by the board that, at future seminars, coffee will be free and donuts will be a **\$1.00 each**.

Tours: Thanks to Deb and Abe for another great picnic with 81 members attending. Next tour is All Ford Day on Sept 9, 2023.

Membership: Deb reported four new members – Charles Dallas/Paula Lucey from Lakewood with a 1940 Tudor Deluxe, and Alan & Linda White from Thornton with a 1935 Roadster.

New News Discussion: Loren suggested a thank you note for those people giving a seminar or tour. Nick brought up the fact that the seminar and tour chairmen are taking responsibility for finding and setting up locations for the seminars and tours. In the past it was the members who volunteered to do these events. It was decided by the board that we will call for volunteers for future events. In the months where no volunteers come forward for seminars or tours, we will just meet for coffee and donuts at a park, some member's house or a centrally located donut shop. Debbie Jones created a new membership renewal form that Jay will add to the website and Steve Kennedy will include in the newsletter. Nick adjourned the meeting at about 8:30 PM.

By Steve Estep

September Meeting Minutes

President Nick called the Meeting to order at 7:30 and related the hair-raising Road Rage incident on his way to the meeting. Two new members introduced Charles Dallas with a 40 Tudor with 38K original miles and Alan White with a 35 Roadster.

Treasurer's Report: Fred reported club is still has plenty of money to pay the bills.

Seminars: September 9th at Jeff Alberts, First Choice Reconditioning. He will show us how to remove paint scratches, headlight repair and then we do lunch at Malones. October 7th at Pete Lansing's Automotive Restoration Masters. Then on November 4th at 2100 South Sheridan MVD Collector Car Storage and a seminar on getting aging collector cars that have been

collecting dust running again and road worthy. November 4th is also my birthday, gifts are optional.

Tours: September 10th All Ford Day and Abe asked for members to bring their Ford Trucks if they have them, then on October 22nd Turkey Trot, followed on November 11th its Veterans Day at Ft. Logan. Wes discussed an opportunity to attend races at Bandimere Speedway as a club on 9/24. Members pay a \$20 spectator fee and must sign a waiver saying you could get killed so make sure your affairs are in order before going. Wes will arrange for a behind the scenes tour of the track and he gave an excellent overview of the way things operate on race day to make sure drivers and teams have a fast time. It's a lot to think about.

Colorado Car Council: Car Council meeting happened to be tonight so Jim could not attend but he would like to get comments from members on their experience at the Car Council Car Show. Leo Boyle is working on our behalf to prevent State Legislation on Air Quality and Emissions that could have a negative impact on our ability to operate our cars in the future.

New Business: President Nick reminded members of the Board conversation about limiting Tours to one per quarter as opposed to 7 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.

Old Business: None

Show and Tell: Charles told us about how he obtained his 1940 Ford Tudor from a collector up in Silver Plume. He is working on getting it back on the road, starting with the brakes. He believes the car is original and unrestored with 38,000 miles on the odometer.

Newsletter: Steve Kennedy forgot to send the last newsletter to the printer but will take steps to prevent that from happening in the future. I think we can give him a mulligan.

Member Reports: New Membership Form will be in the newsletter this month.

Christmas Party: 2023 Early Ford V8 Christmas Party Our last Tour of the year will be our Christmas Party. It will be held Sunday, December 3rd, at the Broken Tree Golf Course, 2101 West Oxford Avenue, Englewood, CO 80110 (same place as last year). The price per person is \$30.00, cash bar, 1:00 pm, Dinner 1:30 pm to 2:00 pm. There will be a sign-up sheet at the October and November Meetings. You may also call Patti to sign up or mail a check to our PO Box or to Patti at 6696 S. Lafayette St., Centennial, CO 80121, Phone 303-795-8444.

Hope to see you all at the Party!

Patti

Special Note: The Bennett's will be collecting underwear and new clothing for the Samaritan House. Please bring donations unwrapped. We do this in honor of Bud Roth's

memory who initiated this project.

Masonic Home Parade: The Masonic Home Parade Date Changed to October 7th, 2445 S. Quebec St. Yes, this is the same date as the Garage Seminar, which is only 6 blocks south of our seminar. If you can make the parade, please let Patti know, 303-795-8444, if you plan to attend. We would like those interested to be there at 12:10 pm.

Patti

For Sale: Nick Buccola's son has some of Nick's 1940 parts for sale. Contact him at (303) 748-1770 for more information.

Program: Jay presented Trevor Paulson's pictures of Fords from Australia. Lots of great cars and lots of Utes from various years. I have one of those on my bucket list.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:50PM

August Club Picnic

We had our club picnic on August 20th and I want to thank all our club members for making it a very enjoyable, successful day, the weather was the best, lots of sun shine. The temperature was hot in the direct sun but it was nice and cool under the pavilion with a slight breeze. The morning started about 7:30. Deb & I started getting the tables cleaned off with the help of Pat and Charlie Palmer, Steve Estep, Deanie Kennedy, Steve was there but he had baby sitting duty, Blain Engdahl worked hard to get things ready for all of us to enjoy the day. I was down in the parking lot helping Gene set up the pylons and the club banner, Steve Estep came down and helped Gene, then I went to open the gate but I found the code number was wrong. I started calling the park Department and guess what, no one would answer, so we had to carry some of the supplies up by hand, then by chance I saw a City truck come into the parking lot. I flagged him down explained what I needed and he left to find some one to help. Some time later he come back and gave me the code. The city gave me the wrong number the new worked and we finished unloading my truck. This made me happy because I was not looking forward to carry all the food from the parking lot to the tables.

I went back to the parking lot to start parking cars and take down names of all the members that came, some drove their club cars and some drove their modern cars which is fine, as you know I have always said drive what ever you want just be there for our event. I had the list of everyone that let me know if they were going to come to the picnic and as they came I would check them off. The members were slow in showing up this year and as time went on I started to worry how many would show up, but then everyone started to show, that made me happy. I had 91 people sign up and unfortunately 7 couldn't make it so 86 people enjoyed the party. I ended up with 52

members, 34guests, 22 cars. I hope everyone had a good time. People where sitting in the shade under the trees having a good time talking with each other. It was great to see these folks enjoying this time to see each other.

It was about noon when the food arrived. I managed to get the padlocks to work and Jerry backed his truck up to the pavilion with his BBQ and the food was set out on the table. I had no idea there was going to be so much and different types of food. Every one was hungry and ready to eat, but as usual I have to make my little speech. After that everyone got in line to partake in all the food. When you got in line, you had the chance to meet all the servers Patti, Claudia, Anne, Elaine, Pat, Deanie, and Deb. I hope I didn't miss anyone; if I did I do apologize. The food started with Corn Bread, Biscuits, Corn salad, Garlic masher, Potato salad, Macaroni & cheese, Beans, Pork sausage, Chicken, Pork, Brisket, BBQ sauce. There was more food than the plate would hold. Lot of food to eat. Looking around it looked like everyone was enjoying the food, I liked to see that. When everyone got their fill I told everyone to take food home, which they did. Everyone started to leave and go home. It was a fun filled day. I appreciate and thank everyone that showed up for this event. THANKS to all the members that helped and all of those that came.

Abe & Deb

Seminars & Tours

The October 7th Seminar will be a visit to Automotive Restoration Masters, 1980 south Quebec St. Donuts at 10:00.

October 22nd is the Turkey Trot. We will meet at the Kings Soopers in Broomfield, 1150 US 287 (Wadsworth) at 8:30, Depart at 9 am.

The November 4th seminar will be held at NGD Collector car storage. Owner Dave Fitzgerald at 2155 S. Sheridan Blvd., the old Target building on the west side of Sheridan and the entrance on the north side of the building. He has invited us to see his collection and to hear how he makes older cars more dependable to drive. He has had us over before and is looking forward to seeing our club again. Have your chairs handy and we will have coffee and donuts at 8:30.

Note: The Coffee is Free, the donuts are a dollar each!!!

Cover Photo

This month's cover photo is of Duane Helms' 1928 Model A Roadster. He paid \$300 for it back in 1980, it took 3 or 4 years to build it up the way he wanted it. It sits on a '34 chassis that he had to narrow and shorten, it has a '32 grille, a '40 dash, a '48 flathead, and a Halibrand quick change 4:11 rear end, 18 inch Kelsey Hayes wheels.

Paint Touch-Up Seminar, Photos by Loren Helfenbein



This is the September Seminar, First Choice Reconditioning with Jeff Albert the owner. He talked about how he would match the paint with his paint mixer and a scale, he mixed one drop at a time to reach a certain weight on the scale. He talked about when he worked with car dealers doing touch up work. He showed us the tools of his trade, and how they worked, he showed us what it took to repair a small scratch. He was working on a plastic front bumper from a new Acura, there was small dent that he filled with a type of glue, Cyanoacrylate, It set's up hard and fast, and you can work with it and be done with the job. He also talked about how he could repair burn holes in the interior. If someone poked a hole in the seats he showed us his tools and supplies to fix the seat. He said he could match the material so it would look just like the original material. Very impressive on what he could do.

Scratch's were brought up so he went out and looked at Gene Pastor's car and showed us how to fix a scratch on the side of his car everyone gathered around. Every one watched Jeff show us how to remove a scratch then rub the paint back to the way it was before. Then he went on to show us how to repair the common gravel nicks, he showed us a very interesting tool it looked like a pen with a small cup at the end with a fine needle looking end. Worked great. I think everyone wanted this tool, I know I did I'll try and find one if possible. We finished up asking a bunch questions which he was happy to answer. We then went to a restaurant, Malone's for lunch. Myself & Deb along with Loren, Denise, Loren's wife, Jeff Albert, & Gene. We talked and had a good time with Jeff. Then we left and went home. Everyone had a good time. A Big Thanks to Jeff Albert.

Abe

August Club Picnic



Club Auction at Charlie's

Photos by Loren and Steve K



Charlie's current project





Comforts and Concerns

Paul Seright has had some problems and Megan squires is having problems as well. Rick Sayles has not been doing well. Leroy Rupp still can't get out of bed and Eddie Rockwell says he is doing better.



For Sale

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1932 Ford Pickup

Uncut original frame. 1932 Ford rear end, 1939 Ford Transmission, 1940 Ford rear brakes, 1956 Ford Steering Box, 1956 Ford F100 front brakes, 15" Steel Wheels, Walker Radiator, 283 Chevy Motor, **Price \$22,000 OBO**, Grant Shelton, a friend of Charlies, TEXT TO (303) 870-1844

Turkey Trot

We will meet at the Kings Soopers in Broomfield, 1150 Hwy 287, where we usually meet at 8:30. The Turkey Trot will leave there at 9 am.



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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 Len Hardcourt, 720-560-7204, len-mary24@outlook.com



New Members

We have two new members join the club this month,
Alan White with a '35 Roadster and Charlie Dallas with a '40 Tudor Deluxe.

Alan White was doing some historical research about the City of Thornton. He thought it would be worthwhile to replicate this leased 1957 Ranch Wagon shown in this photo. This is about the only reference to the first Thornton Police car he could find.



During one of his periodic searches in June 2023, he ran across this auction on Hemmings. Love at first sight.



The seller of this 1935 Ford Model 48 Deluxe Roadster says that it is an "older Restoration that still looks beautiful" and "it runs and drives well". Alan had the car shipped from Ormond Beach, Florida by non-stacked enclosed transport carrier. The car drives very well and the mechanical brakes sort-of work. His wife and I named her "Betty"....full name "Betty Ford". His first upgrade addition for Betty was some vintage license plates. Now he is working on installing some Flathead Ted "energizers".



Charlie Dallas saw a photo of a '40 Tudor Deluxe at the Bandimere swap meet in May. He has wanted a '40 Tudor Deluxe since his older brother built one in 1960. Charlie bought the car with the help of his nephew, John, who was born during the build of the '40 back in the '60s so he has a deep connection to this model car.

The car was in Silver Plume, sitting outside, it had not moved for at least ten years. Sunburned paint & interior, blistered windows, flat tires, etc. But no rust or dents! The body was perfect and complete, the engine was free. The odometer reads 38798. The only things missing were the dash ashtrays & door armrests.

Charlie felt like he was learning a new language working on this car. Positive ground, craziest distributor ever, 4 brake adjusters per wheel! All foreign to him!

So he got it running after a couple of weeks. Al Orohood, friend & neighbor, sent him to Jim Bishop for help with the distributor & carb. Gas tank is full of alien debris so he hooked up a boat tank in the trunk, started it up and amazingly it moved under its own power!

He continues to work on brakes. The engine runs great,



sticky valve in #5. Moving forward slowly, needs tires and some wax on the body. He does plan to keep the body as it currently is, not sure about the glass though.





2024 Membership Form
for New or Existing
Hi-Country Early Ford V8 Club Members

Member Name _____ **Spouse Name** _____ **Joint Member Yes**__ **No**__

Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

Phone _____ **Cell Phone** _____

Email Address _____

Membership Number for the National Early Ford V8 Club _____

Distributor by Email ___ **or Regular Mail** ___

Important Notices by Email ___ **or Phone** _____

Email address listed in roster _____

List Year and Car Models

Annual Dues are from January 1 to December 31 and are \$30 Plus \$3 for Joint Membership.

Late fees are \$35 plus \$3 for joint membership.

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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 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**

July

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

August

3rd, **Monthly Meeting ***
5th, CCCC Car/Air show in Broomfield
19th, **Club Auction at Charlie Palmer's ***
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, Restoration Masters***
22th **Turkey Trot (tour), Gene & Abe***
26th Board Meeting

November

2nd, **Monthly Meeting ***
4th, **Seminar, Fitzgerald Collection***
5th Daylight Savings Time Ends
11th, **Veterans Day Ft. Logan (Tour) ***
16th, Board Meeting
23rd, Thanksgiving

December

3rd, **Seminar, Holiday Party at Broken Tree***
7th, **Monthly Meeting ***
9th, **Seminar***
25th, Christmas
28th Board Meeting
31st, New Year's Eve

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**Turkey Trot
October 22nd
Meet at the
Kings Soopers
in Broomfield
at 8:30**

October 7th
Automotive Restoration
Seminar at Pete Lansing's

October 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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