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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

Change! This time of the year is somewhat unsettling to me, it has to do with the time change, from day light savings time to standard time, cold and snow peak around the corner. On the other hand leaves turn a beautiful shade of color, and our flatheads run cooler. The anticipation of holidays spent with family and friends, well at least friends, simply does make me feel somewhat optimistic that life is good. I hope all of you find this time edifying in your own reflective experience.

Our club is changing too! We have elections coming up for new board members and officers with the promise of new things and places to find. Driving our vintage historical Fords into a new year, what a gift, and to do so with like minded companions celebrating the journey, simply makes me thankful, common along I know you will enjoy the ride.

We have five nominations for 2024: Abe Jones, Debra Jones, Patti Jantz, Tom Webb and Jay Svigel, plus rumor has it may be one or two more. Please plan on attending our December 7th General Election meeting, your vote does count.

**President Nick**

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## October Board Minutes

President Nick called the Meeting to order at 7:00

**Attendance:** Nick Morstad, Stephen Estep, Mark Merritt, Loren Helfenbein, Jay Svigel, Deb Jones, Abe Jones, Fred Hower (by phone).

**Treasurer's Report:** Fred delivered the Treasurer's report the old-fashioned way. He phoned it in. Fred also reported he is feeling better and recovering from his accident.

**Seminars:** November 4<sup>th</sup>, NGD Collector Car Storage, 2155 S. Sheridan. We still need a Seminar for February 2024 and need to remind members to submit ideas for seminars to the Seminar Chairman.

**Tours:** November 11<sup>th</sup> Veterans Day Ft. Logan. December 3<sup>rd</sup> Christmas Party at Broken Tree CC (members responsible for \$20 per).

### New Business:

- Board approved motion for the Club paying \$10 per member for the Club' Christmas luncheon.
- Board approved motion for the Club to reimburse Abe Jones for club member lunches at the Turkey Trot Tour.
- Board agreed to move the money in our savings account to a better interest rate account. President Nick will follow up with Fred to execute the transactions.
- Board approved a motion to have a committee composed of Nick Morstad, Fred Hower, and Jay Svigel prepare a 2024 club financial budget for presentation to the Board in February 2024 for review.
- Mark to modify the By-Laws to make the Alternate Board Member serve a term of three years as all other board members. Article III section (d.) last sentence would be modified to read "The Term of the Alternate expires three years after selection". Also clean up Board rotation language and "Old Car Council" reference. Edits will be presented to the Board at our November Board Meeting.
- Board discussed 2024 Board elections. We confirmed the need for four new Board Members to serve in 2024. Debbie and Abe Jones will run for the Board so we will need two more members for positions before the December election.

**Old Business:** No old business.

**Newsletter:** None

**Member Reports:** None

**Meeting Adjourned:** 8:34PM

## November Meeting Minutes

November EFV8 Club Monthly Meeting

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

**Membership:** No new members. Renewals are coming in. Please have them in before the 31st of December. The renewal form will be sent out separately.

The Late Fee applies after December 31st.

**Seminars:** The Holiday Party is set for Sunday, December 3rd and is counted as a **seminar**. 1:30 for cocktails, dinner at 2. Donations for shirts, socks, shoes in good condition. Cash donations appreciated.

No seminar scheduled for Saturday January 6th, but the Installation Banquet is scheduled for Saturday, January 13th and counts as a seminar.

**Tours:** This is our 13th annual Veterans Day Tour. The November tour will be our Ft. Logan Veterans Day tour. We will meet Saturday at 9 am for breakfast at Monaghan's Bar and Grill. At 10, we will depart for the cemetery. Please do NOT park on the east side of King Street east of Monaghan's. There is plenty of parking on both sides of the street on the south side of Monaghan's and in the school parking lot. There are no other tours scheduled until next year.

**CCCC:** Jim reports that for the SEMA show, there were 15 tickets available and 28 people that wanted to go. 300 east Speer.

The CCCC board will continue from last year as no one volunteered.

Bud Wells, a Denver writer for the Denver Post, has written a book called "The 100-Year Deal". This great book has articles about cars for the last 100 years. There are also two new EFV8 books that have just come out: 1951 mercury, 1935-36 trucks. Jim carries all of them.

**Remembrances:** Leroy Rupp has been kinda up and down. Also, Jim Alger passed away on October 20th in Cheyenne, WY. No other details at this time. Long time member Bob Brown passed away recently.

**Newsletter:** Lou talked about Copyright concerns. Lou said that if we do not have permission from the owner of any item, we cannot use it in the newsletter. This goes for information from other club newsletters as well as magazine and on-line publications. We must obtain permission to use materials even if they are in the public domain.

The national club has taken steps to purchase Publisher's Liability insurance, but this does not mean we can use items without permission, however, Ford Dealer promotional items are ok. Some older advertisements may be ok as well.

Steve talked about his ability to now Text to cell phones from his computer. Having board members called from the Phone Tree does not always work. If you have a cell phone, and would like to receive club notices through



your cell phone, Steve just needs to know your cell phone number and your carrier, the company you pay every month for your cell phone. A sample of the different carriers is elsewhere in the newsletter. The 2024 Calendar was also discussed. Some corrections were made. Also, as discussed in the past, the job of either the Seminar or Tour Chair is to coordinate these event, not come up with all them their selves. If no one steps up to host an event, we will have a meet at a donut shop somewhere. Right now Sloan's Lake has been mentioned as a possible meeting place.

**Board nominations:** The following were nominated for board positions; Abe Jones, Debbie Jones, Tom Webb, Patti Jantz, Jay Svigel. The board position of Alternate is now 3 year position just as the other positions are.

The vote for board members will take place in December. You must be present at the meeting in order to cast your vote. In the event that there is bad weather, the December meeting will be moved to the following Thursday unless a decision is made otherwise.

The November board meeting will be on the 16th.

The December board meeting will be the 21st.

**Good of the Order:** Ivan Fiechter said that has been storing a number of club historical records and other items and he is losing his storage space and the stuff needs to be moved. Someone else needs to take over it.

**Evening Presentation:** Jay showed a short presentation about Iowa roads before the interstate. It talked about how the old two lane roads were slow and unsafe.

Meeting was Adjourned at 8:57 pm

## Director Ballots

**Breaking News.** The ballots for the 2024 National Directors Election are now arriving in the mail. These ballots have a number of problems and **cannot be used.** Please advise your regional group members to discard these ballots. Do not use them. New and corrected ballots will be coming to each member in the near future (probably with the November/December issue of the V-8 Times). These corrected ballots are ones to be used. Please help spread the word. More information (as necessary) will be forthcoming shortly. **Louis Mraz** North Central Director

## Cover Photo

This month's cover photo is of Jim Nielsen's '40 Woodie that he purchased back in October 1987 from club member Roy Hess who owned it for 10 years. Roy had purchased it from Lou Briton in Dallas. In 2012 it took 1st Place in Class at the Oregon Nationals. It did not have a third row seat when Jim bought it, so he made one. The car sold new for \$1000 back in 1940.

## 2023 EFV8 Holiday Party

Our Last Tour of the Year will be our Holiday Party. **Sunday, December 3rd. Location:** The Broken Tree Golf Course, 2101 W. Oxford Avenue, Englewood, CO 80110. Patti needs to have the dinner money in her possession no later than **November 24, 2023.** She needs to give the restaurant a head count on Saturday, November 25, 2023

The price per person this year is **\$20.00**, Cash Bar, 1:00 pm, Dinner 1:30 pm to 2:00 pm. To sign up, call Patti, 303-795-8444, or mail a check to the club post box 3137, Centennial, CO 80122, or directly to Patti Jantz, 6696 S. Lafayette St. Centennial, CO 80121.

**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.





## “Text” Instead of a Phone Call

If you prefer to receive phone calls for club events and changes in events, that's fine. For everyone who does not already get email notifications, or even those that do, and would prefer a TEXT for club notifications, I just found out that there is a way for me to “Text” you from my computer.

If you can tell me who your carrier is, like Verizon, I can use your phone number and the code, as shown in the table below, to text you from my computer. That way I can send you club update messages from my computer, where it is much easier to type and send messages to several people at one time. You don't need to respond to the message, it just comes to your phone as a text. I promise not to text you at night, only between 7 am and 9 pm when there is some update you need to know about. I cannot send the newsletter this way, just messages.

If you would prefer to be contacted this way, please call me (Steve, 303-489-3955) and tell me who your carrier (the company that bills you ever month) is.

Here are the codes: If yours is not listed, tell me who it is and I will figure it out.

*Steve, Newsletter Editor*

*PS, with the TEXT about the National Ballot problem, I found out that texting is limited to around 120 characters, so you may receive two text when there is something you need to know right away.*

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### Veterans Day

Well folks we are winding down the summer events for 2023 we had our last Tour this Saturday at Fort Logan for the Veterans Day event. Tom Webb set this event up and it was fantastic, we started with the club members meeting at Monaghan's for breakfast there were 21 club members 7 guests and 15 classic cars. Every one came in and got seated. Tom talked about Monaghan's when it started how long it has been there, it's the oldest continuous business in Sheridan (1892). Bernie Arellano talked a little about his father's service then Ray Ziehm also talked a little. Then the food started to from the kitchen and it got quiet while every one enjoyed the food which was every good as always. Then Tom explained how we would proceed.

Once in the parking lot everyone made it to their cars and got ready to head out to the Cemetery we got in line the best we could, other

## Hi Country V8 Website

Hello early ford v8 club members who know what a computer is and choose to use it for something besides a paper weight. Our website <https://www.HiCountryV8.org> has been greatly improved with the skills of one of our newest members, Alan White. His knowledge of computer programs like WordPress, Google, and various other computer files has changed the way the website looks. Added security, ease of navigation, and items of interest are easily found.

Pictures of recent events with the help of Steve Kennedy, Alan, and other club members are slowly finding their way onto the website for everyone to enjoy. The seminar of Jeff Albert is there so that those that were unable to attend can see what Jeff showed us about paint and upholstery repair. Newsletters can still be found if a person needs to find information as to what is going on within the club.

Take the time to research and enjoy what the club has to offer, and if you have suggestions as to how we can keep our website intriguing, let Alan White, Jay Svigel, or Steve Kennedy know.

cars wanted to be in line with us so that broke up our parade, but we managed to get to the parking lot thanks to Tom leading us. Once in the parking lot, Tom started to park the cars so they were all in line. Once in line we were asked to get away from the cars so Steve Kennedy could take pictures of the cars all in a line. After those pictures were talking then we were asked to all stand next to our cars for another set of pictures. I forgot to mention the weather was fantastic, not a cloud in the sky, the temp was just a little cool but still warm enough you could wear a long sleeve shirt, it was nice everyone stood around for awhile then it was time to go home. Thanks Tom for putting on this special event on this special day. The only thing wrong was they no longer have the VETERANS DAY CEREMONY and no Flags. Fun day.

*Abe*

## Turkey Trot & Poker Run

Well club members, we managed get another Turkey Trot Tour over with fantastic weather, it started out a little cool on Sunday October 22nd. We started getting to gather at the ASPEN GROVE CENTER off of South Santa Fe in the Chick-fil-A parking lot. Everyone started showing up around 9:15 am and they had time to visit with each other until it was time to go. They were all ready to get going, but I held them up for few minutes. I asked the 5 members that volunteered to pass out the cards for the poker run to show up at 9:00. Gene Pastor was the lead car to show each member where there spots where going to be. I asked Gene to start at 9:15. His first stop was S Santa Fe and Sedalia and that stop belonged to Steve Estep. I was the was the last car to follow up to make sure no-one had any car trouble, I was pleased no one did. So when we left for stop number 2, Steve and I had to stop to watch heard of Elk cross the road. I counted 8 cows and one large Bull with a nice rack. We went on to the next stop number 2, on State HWY 86. I meet Gary and Karen Hansen. We finished there and went to stop number 3 on State HWY 83 where I found Charlie and Pat Palmer. We went on HWY 83 to E HWY 105. There I found Nick Morstad. I picked him up and we traveled on 105 straight in to Monument and to the restaurant La Casa Fiesta. We have been there before they have good food. We met up with Gene Paster in the parking lot collecting up the cards and the forms for the Poker run. There was a large group of members in the restaurant eating.

When we were at the parking lot at Aspen Grove, I counted 30 member and 14 guests and 18 classic cars, all ready to get started, so I let Gene get going with the 5 card members, then I started letting the rest of the members go with a some time between so they didn't all bunch up at each stop. It was great to see all member with their cars out and driven them on this route. I would like to name everyone but I think Steve Kennedy would freak out with the space it will take in the news letter. Steve and Deanie drove their '36 the full distance, good job Steve. When we got to the restaurant it was nice to see that everyone made the drive and was inside eating, talking and having a good time. Gene and Steve Estep and myself started looking at the paper work with everyone's cards after some time we come up with 2 winners, First place went to Scott Turnage with a hand of 2 pair 9's and 8's then we find our second winner Charlie Clark also with a hand of 2 pair 4's and 3's, it was a little odd the hands were pairs not a higher hand. I had the privilege to hand out the gift cards to the winners.

Everyone was still eating and having a good time, then it was time to make the drive home. I know some were going to go back on 105 which is a great drive, you drive through Palmer Lake then you turn on to 105 and after a few miles you pass by Perry Park your on the way back to Sedalia our first card stop. You get on Santa Fe and it will take you back to Aspen Grove where some left there cars.

I would like to thank every one for coming this event and also for bring there classic cars, I am sure they got a lot of waves from passer by, I now I did. Even those that drove their modern cars.

*Thanks from Gene and Abe*







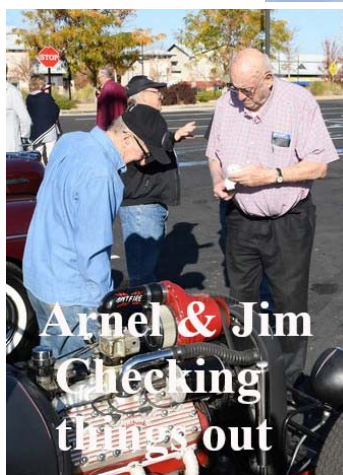
Another one of Charlie's Collection



Randy's '34



Gary Hansen's '50  
& Steve & Deanie's '36



Arnel & Jim  
Checking  
things out



Scott & Aurelia  
Turnage's '40 Tudor



Harry & Connie  
Lindsay's '48



Trevor's '35 Tudor



Gene, Deanie and Charlie



Mary Kimmett  
& Connie Lindsay



Jim's '48 Woodie  
& Doug's '36 5W



Keith Carpenter's '51



Donna & Lou Mraz



Abe & Deb's '55 Mercury



## For Sale

Nick Buccola's son has some of Nick's 1940 parts for sale. Contact him at (303) 748-1470 for more information.

**PS:** Sorry for the mix up in the phone number last month, it is 303-748-1470

**Wanted:** Two 1936 Ford Hub Caps, preferably Washington Blue, but anything will help and the Under Radiator Pan for the '36. Loren 720-289-2019, [lorenhelfenbein@gmail.com](mailto:lorenhelfenbein@gmail.com)

### 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

**1941 Ford Coupe:** Engine overhauled several years ago but never installed. Most all the parts are there but in boxes. \$5000 neg. Gary Werner, 303-808-3519, calls only, no text or email.



### **1936 Ford Deluxe Fordor Humpback Sedan For Sale**



Washington Blue with metallic in it. Great Condition. Fresh rebuild on the 59AB motor with 800 miles on it. \$26,000 neg, Loren, 720-289-2019, Denver, CO [lorenhelfenbein@gmail.com](mailto:lorenhelfenbein@gmail.com) for more details.

## **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.

#### **December**

3<sup>rd</sup>, **Holiday Party at Broken Tree (Seminar)\***

7<sup>th</sup>, **Monthly Meeting \***

21<sup>st</sup> Board Meeting

25<sup>th</sup>, Christmas

31<sup>st</sup>, New Year's Eve

#### **January 2024**

4th, NO Monthly Meeting

6th, NO Seminar

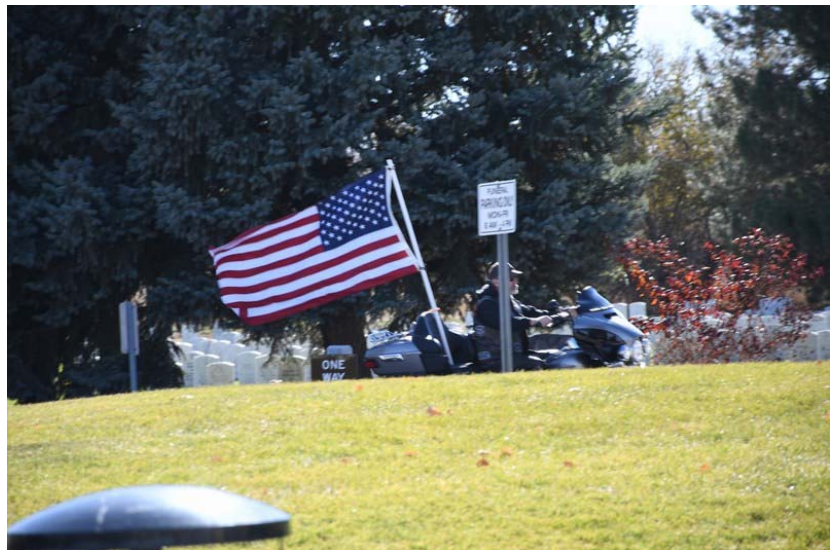
13th, **V8 Installation Banquet (Seminar)\***

21st, **V8 Tour\***

25th, V8 Board Meeting



# Veterans Day







## November 11<sup>th</sup> Tour Veterans Day at Fort Logan

By Tom Webb

The Hi Country V8 Club enjoyed a third straight Blue-Sky Day for our 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Veterans Day. Twenty-nine folks enjoyed a breakfast/brunch at Sheridan, CO's Monaghan's. It's one of my families' favorite dining places, so I like to share it with my friends. It's located at the Northgate of Fort Logan, one half block east of the long-gone Ft. Logan Train Depot. The "Uncle Sam" train would bring in the troops of Soldiers from Denver's Union Station. Many detoured here before arrival for duty. The Fort was active from 1889 to 1959. The train platform for the arrivals and departures still exists across the street from Roy Monaghan's business, 130 years later.

We always have interesting story telling of Veteran's experiences. Bernie Arellano's father started his Army life at Ft. Logan (1940) and was separated there in 1945. He was a Pearl Harbor Survivor and was MIA in the jungles of New Guinea for over a year. Ray Ziehm told of his older brother KIA in France during WWII.

New Members are always good to see. Alan White brought his wife, Linda, and maybe on another nice November Day their '35 Roadster! Other guests were Tommy Newnes (Russ' son), Grant Shelton, Charlie Clark's friend Albert, and Loren Helfenbein's friend Jaedon. Three 90 year old club members were present; Charlie Clark, Walt Hume and Ray Ziehm.

At 10:30 we were off to the beautiful grounds of Ft. Logan National. 15 Flathead Era vehicles took a slow lap around the center of the Cemetery and then parked at our annual photo shoot. I drove Patti's beautiful '37 Fordor to lead this parade, (only other flathead I've driven in 20 years, but...the Coupe will be back!). I have to mention all who participated on this drive and Day! (No. to So.) Gary & Karen Hansen '40 Coupe, Grant Shelton '32 Coupe, Abe & Deb Jones '53 Merc, Steve Kennedy '36 Coupe, Bob Tapp '46 Ford Convertible, Charlie Clark '40 Coupe, Arnel Kimmitt '53 Convertible, Loren Helfenbein '36 Fordor, Steve & Dana Estep '50 Tudor, Gordon Snow '35 Tudor, Randy Allen '34 PU, Steve Bennett '37 Fordor, Bernie Arellano '40 Coupe and Patti Janz '37 Fordor. Thanks Patti again, I had a wonderful Day and hope you all did too. Oops forgot a few: Lenny Gminski rode "shot gun" in Patti's '37, Rita & Woody Bonger were also present. Last, but not least, our club President and Navy Veteran, Nick Morstad is a longtime participant of Veterans Day outings!



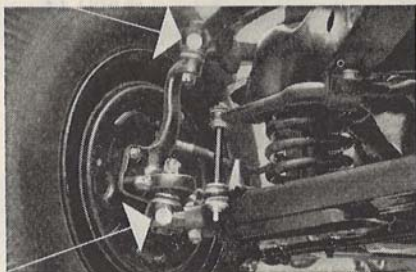
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