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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

Editor Steve says one more tour around the barn yard before we let you out to pasture, just need one more President's Letter, as we don't have a 2024 President for 2024 at the time we go to press.

We had a ruckus good time at The December General Membership meeting, lot's of attendees with many folks suggesting a way forward and I think we finally settled on something that resembles progress.

The one thing I do remember is that we all expressed our unending passion for Henry's Flathead, the seventh wonder of the world. We elected some new board members and bid adieu to others of us leaving the board. Lou Mraz reminds me from time to time of the ancient Chinese proverb "May you live in interesting times" and that we certainly do.

Mark your calendars for Sunday, January 21st 2024, when we will formally install our slate of board members and officers. We will gather at Cinzzetti's Restaurant in Northglenn. Rumor has it that board members may even sign autographs, so keep that napkin handy.

I would be remis if I did not recognize those board and officers for 2023, who kept us focused on our mission to preserve and restore these wonderful old Ford's, Mercury's and Lincoln's. Seminars, Tours and general mayhem allow us all to experience a living history of these treasured automobiles. **Thank You**, you folks are the best. Mark Merritt, Vice President. Fred Hower, Treasurer. Debra Jones, Alternate Board Member and Membership Chair. Scott Turnage, Recording Secretary Steve Estep, Corresponding Secretary and Tour Chair. Loren Helfenbein, Seminar Chair ...and of course these team members who keep us informed. Abe Jones, Keeper of the 250 Club activities for 2023. Steve Kennedy, Distributor Editor, and Photographer. Patti Jantz, Remembrances and Celebrations Jay Svigel, Web-Site, and Monthly Programs, Ed Rockwell, Photographer. Jim Nielsen, CCC Representative. Coty Carmack, Facebook Editor. ...and that's the last gasp from this barn yard, Peace,

*Happily "PAST President" Nick*

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## V8 Board Meeting Minutes

President Nick called the November Board Meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**Attendance:** Nick Morstad, Stephen Estep, Mark Merritt, Loren Helfenbein, Jay Svigel, Deb Jones, Fred Hower, Scott Turnage.

**Treasurer's Report:** Good to see Fred in person again. He delivered the Treasurer's Report and, also clarified a second person on the board needs to be available for him to provide our banking data to in case of emergency. Currently Abe Jones is our designated second person.

- Fred will provide a detailed update in February on club finances and proposed budget developed in partnership with Jay Svigel and Nick Morstad.
- Fred is also leading a committee of three (Fred, Arnel, Lou) to evaluate ways the club might use funds to support additional worthy causes. If he can meet with them over the next three months he will include an update in February.

Fred also moved club funds into a six (6) month CD in the amount agreed to in the November 2023 club meeting. We will see it in future financial statements.

**Seminars:** Besides the Installation Banquet, there are not seminars in January. We still need a Seminar for February 2024, probably Swap Meet at the National Western Stock Show, and need to remind members to submit ideas for Seminars to the Seminar Chairman.

**Tours:** December 3<sup>rd</sup> Christmas Party at Broken Tree CC (members responsible for \$20 per, club will pay \$10 per member). No other tours in December.

**New Business:** None

**Old Business:**

- Mark to develop a presentation on options to define Board of Directors in our By-Laws (Numbers and Terms) and proposed language on what to do if we don't get enough nominees. Presentation will take place at the December Club meeting followed by a member vote to select path forward, followed by election of new Board members.

1. By Laws Stay "as is" and reduce to 6 Members – 5 regular and 1 Alternate. Reduce the current slate of seven (7) to six (6) to align to our By-Laws.
2. By Laws updated to reflect current makeup of the Board with 7 Members, 6 Regular and 1 Alternate.
3. By Laws Update to reflect President Nicks Proposal, 7 Members, all with 3-year terms, No Alternate

4. Steve Estep will create Ballots for the Board Member election.

Mark to modify the By-Laws as necessary to reflect the vote of the club after December elections and clean up Board rotation language and Old Car Council reference. Edits will be presented to the Board in January for review.

**Newsletter:** Steve asked for approval on a change to the Membership Application as it will appear in the Newsletter. Deb will discuss with Steve. **Note:** A decision was made later to separate the Membership form from the newsletter and mail it out separately.

**Member Reports:** None

**Meeting Adjourned:** 8:38PM

*Mark Merritt, Secretary*

## V8 Monthly Meeting Minutes

President Nick called the December Monthly Meeting to order at 7:28 pm.

**Treasurer's Report:** Fred provided a report on our finances and has successfully moved some of our assets into accounts with a higher rate of return.

**Secretary's Report:** None.

**Seminars:** Seminars complete for 2023.

**Tours:** Tours complete for 2023.

**Colorado Collector Car Council:** Jim Nielsen reported the possibility our next legislative session in 2024 could produce laws with a negative impact to collector cars owners. CCCC Board Members unchanged for 2024 and a new person has volunteered to Chair the 2024 Car Show. The airport has a new manager, an attorney, so negotiations could be difficult. Jim also announced that, unlike the price of lots of things that keep going up, up, up, the dues for CCCC will remain the same for 2024. Thanks Jim!

**National Club:** No report.

**New Business:** President Nick open discussion of Board Member election. First, Jay Svigel read a letter from Tom Webb about our Board situation and Nick provided a review of the Board's evolution. This was followed by a presentation from yours truly outlining confusion in our By-Laws around Board Members numbers and potential ways to resolve the issue. Then all heck broke loose with various competing member proposals from the floor. But President Nick, in his best impression of the Speaker of the House, and after a robust discussion among membership, wrestled us forward into a vote that passed as follows:

*Eliminate Alternate Board Member position and main-*

tain six (6) Board Members with three (3) year terms.

To bridge into this structure, this year we elected three (3) new Board Members, two (2) with three (3) year terms and one (1) with a one (1) year term to replace Scott Turnage. Starting in 2025 we will be electing two new Board Members each year. If we lose a Board Member before their term expires, the club will hold a special election to replace the member. Our incoming Board will update the By-Laws to reflect these changes. Based on the number of votes cast for each candidate, the three newly elected Board Members are Jay Svigel and Tom Webb with three (3) year terms and Patti Jantz with one (1) year term replacing Scott Turnage. Thank you to all the members who volunteered or were nominated to be on the ballot.

Next Board Meeting 12/21/23 at 7:00PM. Current and New Board members must attend to elect 2024 Officers.

Installation Banquet - Sunday, January 21, 2024 - 12:00 to 2:00PM.

Location: Cinzzetti's - All You Can Eat Italian Feast (near I-25 and 104th Ave.)

281 West 104th Ave., Northglenn, CO 80234, north end of the parking lot, north of Lowes.

**Old Business:** None.

**Show and Tell:** None.

**Newsletter:** No report.

**Membership Reports:** Deb reminded everyone to send in their dues and to include their National Club membership number.

**Remembrances:** Patti provided an update on members and member spouses with health-related issues.

**For Sale:** Greg Squire's 1950 Ford "She's a Beauty Shoebox", Arnel is looking for a radio for a 79 Ford Ranchero. Jake 41 Ford Hood available.

**Program:** No Program

**Meeting Adjourned:** 9:20PM

*Mark Merritt*

*V8 Secretary*

## 2023 Christmas Party

The 2023 Christmas Party was the last Tour for this year. Hope everyone that attended had a good time. A lot of the members said the food was good. I'm happy that I picked the right menu. Loren called Eddie and Steve B held the microphone close to Loren's phone so everyone could hear Eddie. He hopes to get back down here soon. We want to thank Steve and Rosanne Bennett for their help with the donations for the Samaritan House. Steve did a great job doing the announcing, and his humor was great too. Also, I did want to thank my friend, Carrie, for helping me set the tables up on Saturday.

Hope everyone has a very Merry Christmas and a Wonderful New Year.

*Patti Jantz*

## Samaritan House Donations

We just wanted to let our members know what a generous number of donations were received in support of Bud Roth's Charity to donate socks and underwear to the Samaritan House. We received \$60 in cash and \$35 in checks and 39 individual packages of clothing for men, women and children, which amounted to dozens of items.

Here is a little information on the Samaritan House: We hope we can continue this tradition at every V-8 Holiday party.

Most Coloradans know at least a little something about Samaritan House. The first building in the nation built specifically to serve people experiencing homelessness, Samaritan House has been a Denver staple since 1986. Since that time, thousands of people have been served and found safe shelter, nutritious meals and support services at Samaritan House. Today, our focus is primarily on serving women, families and veterans who are experiencing homelessness and food insecurity. The community we serve has evolved; our mission remains the same.

*Thanks to all who donated.*

*Steve and Rose Ann Bennett*

## Cover Photo

This month's cover photo is of the Washington Blue '36 that used to be Walt's, used to be Pete Lansing's, and is now Loren Helfenbein's. At Pete Lansing's Garage Tour in November, Steve K noticed a for sale sign on the '36 5-window and he knew Loren was looking for one.

Walt says it has a Studebaker overdrive in it, it looks like a Borg Warner. Walt bought it 27 years ago and it came from Utah, Pete owned it for 7 of those years. Now, Loren has it and he is really happy with it!!!

## Comforts and Concerns

Fran Fiechter fell and is in the hospital. Mary Morstad had surgery. Eddie is doing better. Carl O'Loughlin is not doing well.



## 2024 Club Officers Installation Banquet



**Sunday January 21, 2024 12:00**

**Cinzzetti's Italian Market Restaurant, 281 W 104<sup>th</sup> Ave,  
Northglenn, CO 80234**

**Bring \$30 cash per person which Mark Merritt will collect. This will cover meal, tax and tip. Drinks are extra, pay the wait staff.**

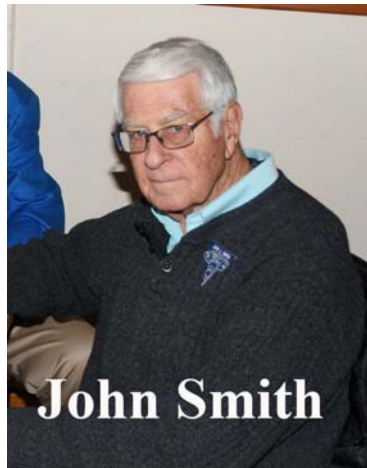
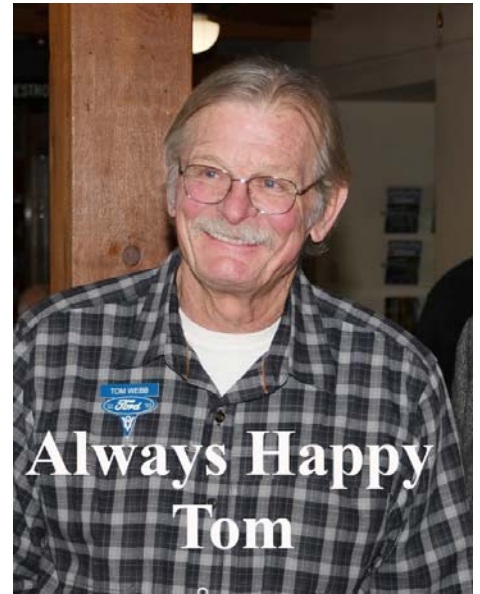
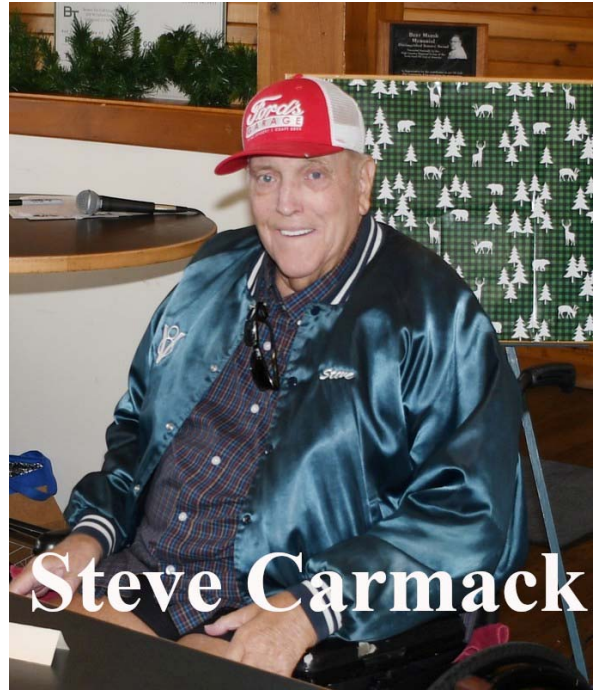
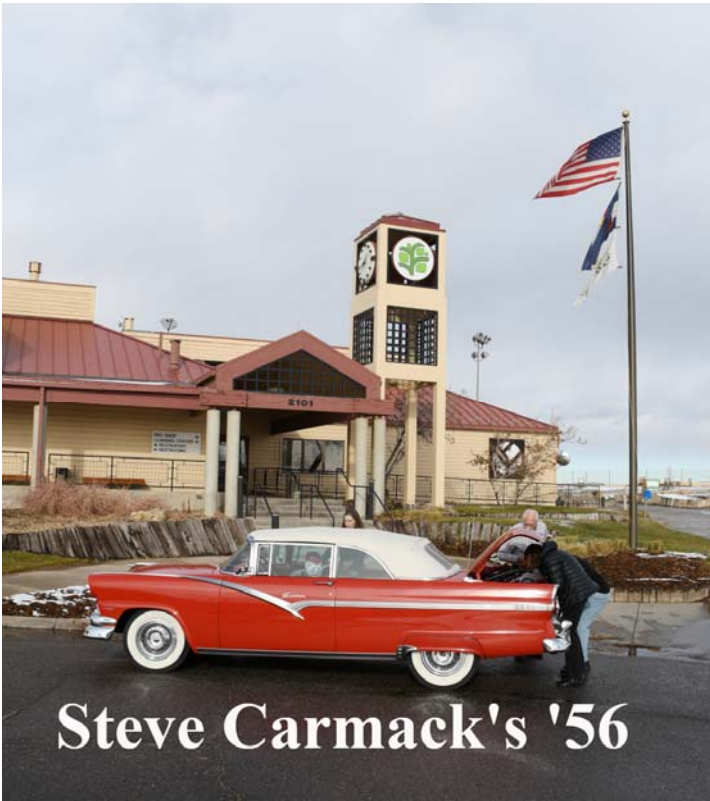
**Take I-25 to 104<sup>th</sup> Ave, go west to the third traffic light and turn right (North) on Market Place, into the Northglenn Marketplace Mall. Go to back (North end) of the mall to Cinzzetti's.**

**Join us for the installation of the new 2024 Model club officers. They will be all revved up for the upcoming year, having been elected by the 2024 Board, which consists of new Board Members Tom Webb, Jay Svigel and Patti Jantz who are joining returning Board Members Mark Merritt, Loren Helfenbein and Fred How-er. Say goodbye to retiring Board Members Nick Morstad, Scott Turnage, Debbie Jones and Steve Estep who will be motoring down the road, for now.**

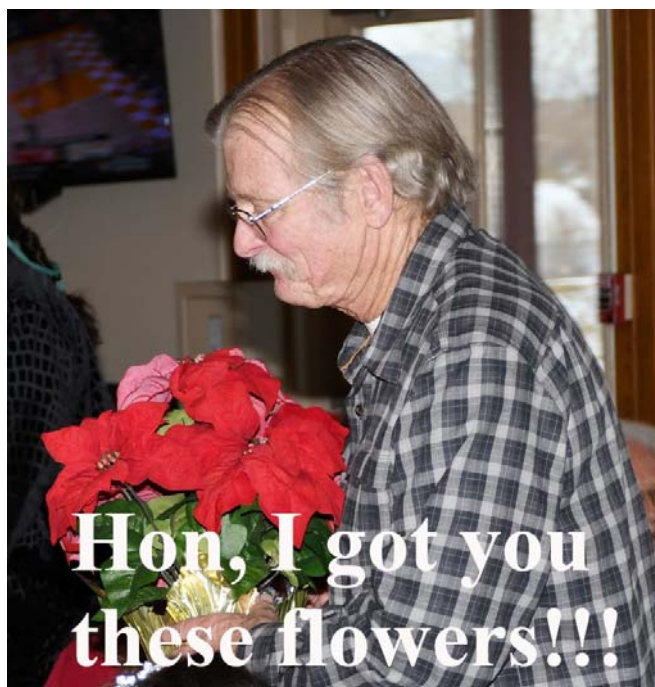
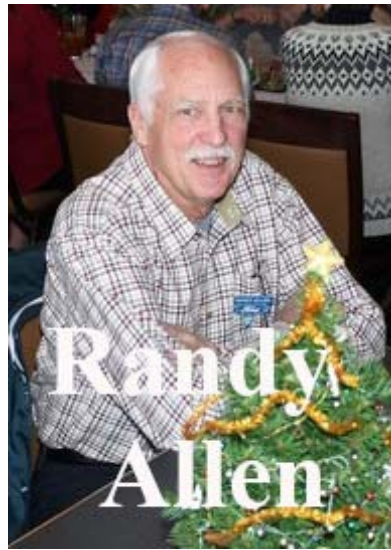
**Come hungry, it's all you can eat smorgasbord— delicious food and desserts. Drive your old cars: Steve Estep will buy a drink for all those that drive their Early V8 Fords.**

# 2023 V8 Holiday Party

More Photos at the club web site <https://hicountryv8.org/gallery/> just click on a picture and Facebook











**Dana & Steve**



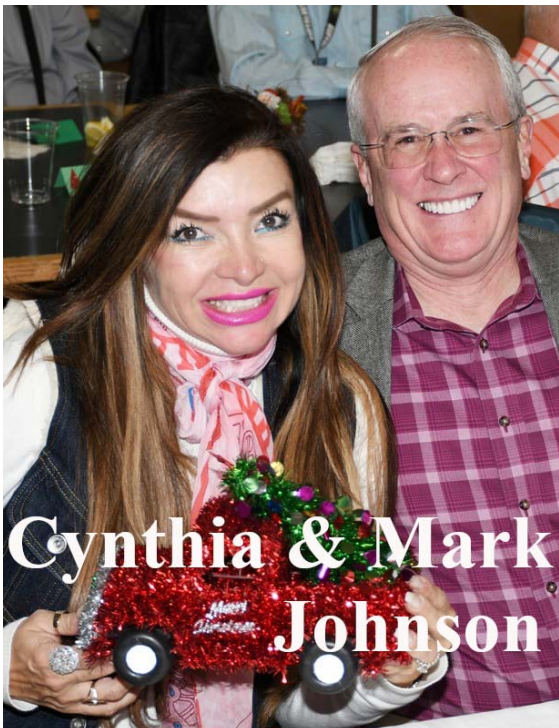
**Linda & Alan  
White**



**Lou and Donna  
Mraz**



**Jay and Anne Svigel**



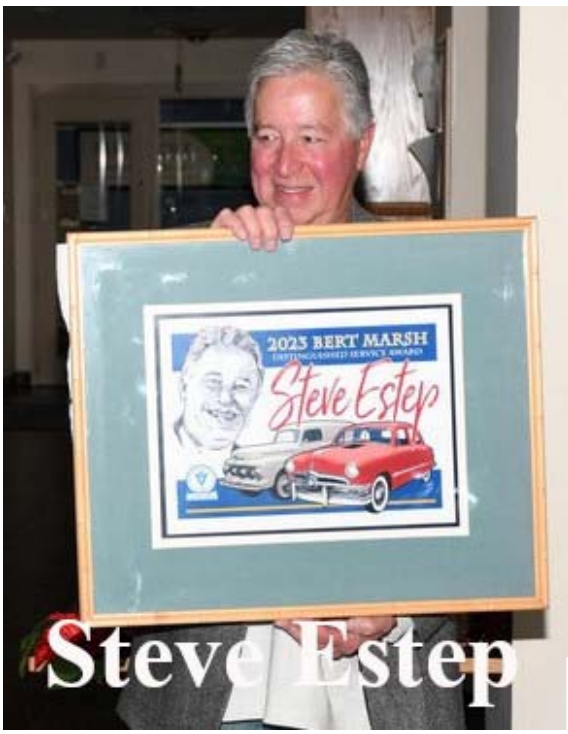
**Cynthia & Mark  
Johnson**



**Elaine & Bernie  
Sawin**

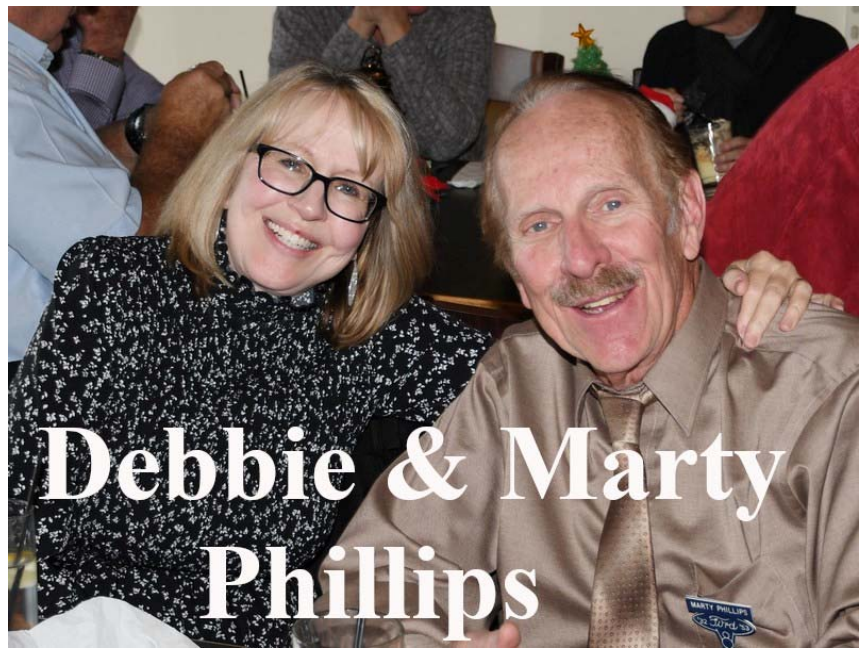






**Steve Estep**

**Received the Bert Marsh Award**



**Debbie & Marty  
Phillips**



**Aurelia Turnage  
got a Santa**



**Sue got a  
Snowman**



**Deanie got  
a Center Piece**



**Ray Ziehm**



**Loren got  
a Truck**



**Steve & Deanie**



# 250 V8 Club Points

NAME#	TOTAL#	NAME#	TOTAL#	NAME#	TOTAL#
Allen Randy	284	Haye Casey	32	Overholt David	116
Arellano Bernie	84	Helfenbein Loren	270	Palmer Charlie	288
Applegate Jay	35	Helms Duane	48	<b>Pastor Gene L</b>	<b>271</b>
Almquist Marvin	0	Holcomb Lloyd	21	Phillips Marty	180
<b>Bennett Steve L</b>	<b>172</b>	Hower Fred	109	Richter Bill	26
Benton Sam	65	Howes Mark	21	<b>Rockwell Ed L</b>	<b>0</b>
Bonger Woody	38	<b>Walt Hume L</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>Sawin Bernie L</b>	<b>200</b>
Byrd Jake	121	Jones Abe	439	Seright Paul	16
Carmack Coty	101	<b>Jantz Patty</b>	<b>311</b>	Smart Keith	6
Carmack Steve	88	Johnson Wes	109	Snow Gordon	190
Carpenter Keith	84	Kennedy Steve	268	Squires Greg	147
Carper Steve	15	<b>Kimmatt Arnel L</b>	<b>241</b>	Squires Trever	66
Christensen Larry	58	Klassen Orrie	6	Starr Jim	69
Clark Charlie	145	Koester Brett	15	Sraght Bill	6
Comin Joyce	51	Koester Rick	19	Svigel Jay	174
Dallas Charles	5	Kreider Larry	6	Svigel Wayne	22
DiGesualdo Scott	34	Lang Roy	0	Tapp Bob	199
Dozoretz Paul	0	<b>Lindsey Harry L</b>	<b>156</b>	Terpstra Jim	27
East Neal	162	Lund Don	6	Theisman Ron	10
Engdahl Baine	142	Malwitz Becky	31	Turnage Scott	128
Estep Steve	382	McCord Dave	60	Webb Tom	296
Finley Dennis	73	Merritt Mark	89	Weinel Doug	71
Francis Bob	19	Moore Greg	45	<b>Mike Welch L</b>	<b>80</b>
Ivan Fiechter	10	Morgan Stephen	19	Wentworth Tom	39
Gallagher Ed	60	Morstad Nick	290	White Allen	85
Gminski Leonard	30	<b>Mraz Lou L</b>	<b>165</b>	White Dennis	85
Graffenberger Dan	97	Naccarato Gabe	49	Werner Gary	5
Hansen Gary	121	Newnes Russ	162	Willis Gary	19
Len Harcourt	6	Nickles David	17	Wilson Bob	56
Haye Casey	32	Nielsen Jim	184	Zetterman Bob	36
Helfenbein Loren	270	Noteman Randy	48	Ziem Raymond	124
Helms Duane	48	O'Loughlin Carl	16		

I want to thank all the club members that came to all the events they could make this year. This year we had a couple of members made into the 250 club, I was glad to see all the members at this year events we had fun and enjoyed all the visiting with each other. I hope to see you attend as many events next year. I want you to see your points you received this year, if you have any questions please call me, H 303-232-9458 or C 720-641-3179. I would like to hear from you with your questions.

**Thanks Abe**

## For Sale

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



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



1941 "Standard" Hood for sale, \$100. Local Pick-up Only, no shipping. Jake Byrd, jlb9368@yahoo.com, 303-885-3288.



# EARLY FORD V8 CLUB OF AMERICA HI- COUNTRY REGIONAL GROUP 2024 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

4<sup>th</sup>, **NO Monthly Meeting\***  
6<sup>th</sup>, **NO Seminar or Tour in January \***  
21<sup>st</sup>, Installation Banquet \*  
25<sup>th</sup>, Board Meeting  
27<sup>th</sup>, Polar Bear Swap Meet-Adams Cnty Fairgrounds

## February

1<sup>st</sup> **Monthly Meeting \***  
3<sup>rd</sup> **Seminar \***  
3-4 Tri-State Swap Meet at National Western Complex  
18<sup>th</sup> **Tour\***  
22<sup>nd</sup>, Board Meeting

## March

7<sup>th</sup>, Monthly Meeting \*  
9-10<sup>th</sup>, **Tri-State Car Show-Tour \***  
10<sup>th</sup>, Daylight Savings Time Begins  
17<sup>th</sup>, Ex- President's Breakfast  
21<sup>st</sup>, Board Meeting  
31<sup>st</sup>, Easter

## April

6<sup>th</sup>, **Seminar\***  
11<sup>th</sup>, **Monthly Meeting \***  
21<sup>st</sup>, **Tour\***  
25<sup>th</sup>, Board Meeting

## May

2<sup>nd</sup>, **Monthly Meeting \***  
4<sup>th</sup>, **Seminar\***  
12<sup>th</sup>, Mother's Day  
19<sup>th</sup>, **Tour\***  
23<sup>th</sup>, Board Meeting  
27<sup>th</sup>, Memorial Day Car Show at Applebee's  
on west Colfax & Miller

## June

6<sup>th</sup>, **Monthly Meeting \***  
8<sup>th</sup>, **Seminar\***  
8th, Pre-war Swap Meet, Adams County Fairgnds  
16<sup>th</sup>, **Drive Your Ford Day Tour\***  
16<sup>th</sup>, Father's Day  
17<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> Central Meet  
27<sup>nd</sup>, Board Meeting

## July

4<sup>th</sup>, Independence Day  
11<sup>th</sup>, **Monthly Meeting \***  
13<sup>th</sup>, **Seminar\***  
21<sup>st</sup>, **Tour\***  
25<sup>th</sup>, Board Meeting  
30<sup>th</sup>, Henry Ford's Birthday

## August

1<sup>st</sup>, **Monthly Meeting \***  
3<sup>rd</sup>, **Club Auction-Seminar\***  
18<sup>th</sup>, **Anderson Park Car Picnic (Tour) Abe \***  
22<sup>nd</sup>, Board Meeting

## September

2<sup>nd</sup>, Labor Day Car Show at Applebee's  
on west Colfax & Miller  
5<sup>th</sup>, Monthly Meeting \*  
7<sup>th</sup>, **Seminar\***  
8<sup>th</sup>, **All Ford Day (Tour) Abe \***  
16-24 **Eastern Meet**  
26<sup>th</sup>, Board Meeting

## October

3<sup>rd</sup> **Monthly Meeting \***  
5<sup>th</sup> **Seminar\***  
7<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> Hershey Swap Meet  
20<sup>th</sup> **Turkey Trot (tour), Gene & Abe\***  
24<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting  
31<sup>st</sup> Halloween

## November

3<sup>rd</sup> Daylight Savings Time Ends  
7<sup>th</sup>, **Monthly Meeting \***  
9<sup>th</sup>, **Seminar\***  
11<sup>th</sup>, **Veterans Day Ft. Logan (Tour) \***  
21<sup>st</sup>, Board Meeting  
28<sup>th</sup>, Thanksgiving

## December

5<sup>th</sup>, **Monthly Meeting \***  
7<sup>th</sup>, **Seminar, Holiday Party**  
15<sup>th</sup>, **No Tour\***  
19<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting  
25<sup>th</sup>, Christmas  
31<sup>st</sup>, New Year's Eve



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**Installation  
Banquet  
Sunday  
January 21st  
NOON**

No other Tours or Seminars  
in January

## January 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 New Years Day	2	3	4 NO V8 Monthly Meeting*	5	6 NO V8 Seminar*
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 *
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 V8 Installation Banquet	22	23	24	25 V8 Board Meeting	26	27
28	29	30	31			