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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

Happy New Year!

We're off to an exciting new year of new faces, new activities and new people in new places.

As president, I will work tirelessly on keeping this club busy, with things that increase awareness of cars, social activities, and sharing of hobbies related to 1932-1953 Ford, Mercury, and Lincoln automobiles. Be it restoration, social get togethers, or driving these fun cars.

In keeping up with current activities, Steve Kennedy will again continue to produce a fine monthly publication. Alan White will keep our website up to date with his presenting of interesting items to keep us informed. Tom Webb will always have something to say with his vast experience of restoration practices. Mark Merritt will continue to document the happenings of both general and monthly board meetings. Loren Helfenbein will be submitting stories to the National Club on our functions to let the national members know of those happenings. Abe Jones is our Tour Chairman, along with Debra Jones continuing as Membership Chairman.

We are in need of a **Seminar Chairman** as no one has stepped forward to volunteer to find talented people to share their skills. As was researched in 2023 we will revert to a "Doughnut Get Together" on those Saturday Seminar Days when no Car related activity is scheduled.

Fred Hower will continue as club treasurer, Jim Nielsen as CCCC representative, Patti Jantz with Remembrances, and various club members have volunteered to present monthly programs for our general meetings. Coty Carmack will continue to work as our Facebook coordinator.

Our first board meeting will be January 25, 2024 at the Church and all members are invited to attend and address any concerns that they think is important. The installation dinner will be at Cinzetti's Restaurant which will be a good time to drive in that vintage car.

Till next month.

Jay

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Contributions of articles, photos, cartoons, sale or wanted items, etc., are welcome and may be mailed to Steve Kennedy, deadline the 18th of the month.

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## V8 Monthly Board Minutes

**Date:** 12.21.2023

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

**Attendance:** Nick Morstad, Stephen Estep, Mark Merritt, Loren Helfenbein, Jay Svigel, Deb Jones, Fred Hower, Tom Webb, Patti Janz, Abe Jones

### Treasurer's Report:

- Fred confirmed he will work with Jay Svigel and Nick Morstad to formulate a 2024 budget in February.

Fred will also work with his committee of three (Fred, Arnel, Lou) to evaluate ways the club might put its funds work for worthy causes. He is shooting for being ready to present to board by March.

**Seminars:** May 2024 Seminar will be at Fred's for a Q&A Session on Project Restoration.

**Tours:** None

**New Business:** Abe Jones gave an update on the 250 Club and the need to purchase new 250 Cards and Pins. Board approved a motion to reimburse Abe both.

- Motion to elect new President Jay Svigel was passed unanimously by the board.
- Tom Webb was nominated as Vice President and approved unanimously by the Board.
- Fred Hower will continue as Treasurer and Mark Merritt as Recording Secretary as voted on by the Board.
- Loren Helfenbein was nominated as Corresponding Secretary and unanimously approved by the Board.
- Deb Jones volunteered to continue as Membership Chair.
- Patti Jantz volunteered to continue as Remembrance Chair.
- Jay will check with Steve to see if he will continue as Newsletter Chair
- Abe Jones will continue as All Ford Day Chair and Picnic Chair

**Open Items:** Need Tour, (Abe later volunteered as Tour Chairman) Seminar and Program Chair. Jay will explore getting volunteers to take a turn at providing a Program each month. Nick volunteered to take an inventory of the Club's historical documents which are currently being stored by Ivan. We may need to relocate the document and other memorabilia.

President Jay planted a seed with the Board to think about the potential of reducing the number of Tours, By-Laws currently require seven. Also, possibly reduce Seminars from ten (10) to six (6). Patti also suggested Cars and Coffee as Seminar replacement.

**Old Business:** Mark to modify the By Laws as necessary to reflect the vote of the club after December elections and also clean up Board rotation language and Old Car Council reference. Make sure to record the names of the Board of Directors on the Board at the time the By-Laws were changed. Research how to incorporate the edits in By Laws

**Newsletter:** None

**Member Reports:** None

**Meeting Adjourned:** 8:14PM

## From the Editor

A BIG thanks to Harry Lindsay this month for providing lots of pictures from past events. With the cold weather we had, there was not much of anything going on. If we had had the Installation Banquet a week earlier, just before the newsletter goes to press like we usually do, not sure how many would have attended with it being 11 below. And Harry had some great pictures from past events that we thought everyone would enjoy, Thanks Harry.

*Steve*

## Cover Photo

This month's cover photo is of Bernie talking with Gus AND Jeannie Turnage in their '40 during the Cañon City Abby trip.

## Comforts and Concerns

Megan Squires had more surgery, but she is home and doing better.

Fran Fiechter had a fall and is in rehab right now. Steve Carmack has been in the hospital and he is in rehab now.

Carl O'Loughlin is doing better.



## National Midget Auto Racing Hall of Fame

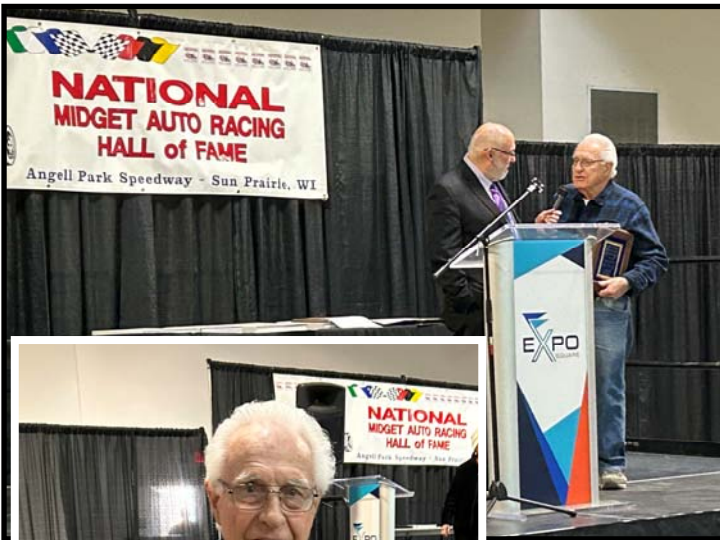
One of our Hi-Country Regional Group members, Gene Pastor, was inducted into the National Midget Auto Racing Hall Of Fame, located at Angell Park Speedway, in Sun Prairie, Wisconsin.

During a ceremony on January 12, 2024, at the Chili Bowl Nationals, in Tulsa, Oklahoma, Gene was recognized for his long association with midget auto racing. Both as a driver, retired in 1979, and as an official. He served with multiple racing associations as an official and was also a flagman. He was on the Board of Directors for the Rocky Mountain Midget Racing Association, RMMRA from 1991-2009.

Gene is a longtime member of the Early Ford V8 Club, and is very active in club activities.

Congratulations Gene!

*Russ Newnes*



## Dues are Due

The deadline for getting your name and info in the 2024 Roster is **February 10**.

You can pay late dues any time **but to be listed** I must have your form filled out completely and payment by February 10.

Stay warm and safe.

*Debra*

## 2021 Texas Tour

Photos by Jay Svigel





# 1980 Tours to Cripple Creek

Photos and Stories by Harry Lindsay



Years ago, the club made several trips to Cañon City for their Cañon City Abby car show and tour on Mother's Day weekend. Around 20-25 club members and 15 cars attended the three day event. There was a good display of Flat-head Ford on the grass and everyone had a lot of fun. The event went for 30 or 40 years, not sure it is still being held.

Back in the 80's, the club did a lot of 3-day short vacation trips. Another trip was to Cripple Creek. There was another trip to Leadville in 2007 for a parade they were having, can't remember what the occasion was, could have been a July 4th weekend. Just another fun weekend. They have a great National Mining Museum. These 3-Day weekends were quite a trend back then. Yes the cars and members are all older now but maybe we should do something like that again sometime.

*Harry Lindsay*





# 2007 Weekend Leadville

Photos by Harry Lindsay



Red 49 Coupe – Ed & Judith Hurt  
Black 37 Fordor - Steve & Roseann Bennett  
White Cougar - Arnel & Mary Kimmet



Green 40 Coupe – Frank & Taffy Sims



'36 Roadster  
Dick & Mercedes Fell



1951 Merc, Rick & Joyce Comin





# 2014 Weekend Car Show at the Cañon City Abby

Photos by Harry Lindsay



Bernie, Tom, and Dick, talking with Gus & Jeannie



Mercedes, Connie, Mary and Elaine visiting



Model T's



Plymouth & Bantam Woodies



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## National Newsletter Competition



2023

*Honorable Mention*

***The Distributor***

*High Country Rg. #28, Denver, CO*

*Steve Kennedy, Editor*

Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024

Dear Fellow V8'rs:

I am proud and honored to announce to you the winners of the 2023 National and International Early Ford V8 Club of America Newsletter competition. My few years of involvement, in this important facet of the Early Ford V8 Clubs' efforts to secure a prominent place in Ford automotive history, has been an enjoyable one. I regret the sands of time will prevent me from doing this in the future. To whomever takes the reigns of this function in the future, I pledge my full support. An Early Ford Club's newsletter is one of the most important activities to help keep and grow a club. Few last long or well without a vibrant and effective newsletter.

Here are the winners for 2023:

### NATIONAL AWARDS:

First Place: HOOSIER VIEWS, Indiana RG #56, John Emmering, Editor

Second Place: ROAD CHATTER, Northern Illinois Rg #8, Ken Bounds, Editor

Third Place: UNCLE HENRY'S BULLSHEET, Rg #29, Central San Joaquin, GA, Debbie Sanders, Editor.

Honorable Mention: THE COLUMBIA OVERDRIVE, Rg #10, Columbia River, Oregon, Kathy Brunscheon, Editor. THE DISTRIBUTOR, Rg. #28, High Country, Denver, CO, Steve Kennedy, Editor. FLATHEAD TIMES, Rg. #64, OK City, OK, Marguerite Claybaugh, Editor.

### INTERNATIONAL AWARDS OF MERIT:

V8 FORUM, Rg. #102, Early Ford V8 Club of Norway, Kare Foss, Editor

FORD V8 SIDORNA, Rg. #158, Stockholm, Sweden, Uffe Carlen, Editor

Awards and certificates of participation will hopefully be in the hands of winners and participants by the time these results are printed in V8 Times.

Again, thank you all for allowing me to participate.

Bill Wilson  
Judge  
Editor, The Crankshaft  
Peach State #160 EFV8 Club of America  
Fayetteville, GA

## Newsletter Award

The Hi Country Regional Group #28 club received an Honorable Mention for *The Distributor*.

*The Distributor* does not get turned out on its own. I want to thank:

Nick Morstad for getting the President's Letter to me last year. Mark Merritt for getting the Board and Monthly minutes to me so promptly each month.

Abe and others for their contributions for the different events, those stores and the old magazine ads that Charlie Palmer has donated, really help make the newsletter fun.

Jay Svigel for reviewing it many times turning the month.

Abe and Deb for picking it up each month from the Minute Man Printer and getting it in the mail.

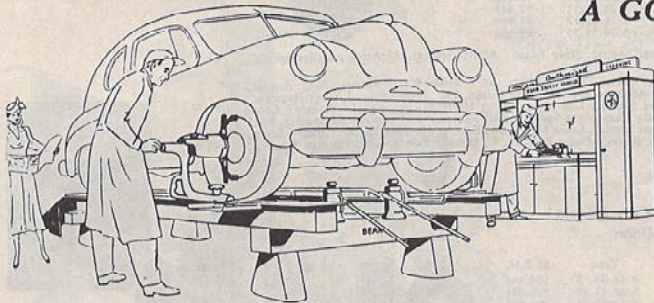
*Steve, Editor*



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# 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 Tri-state Swap Meet \***  
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> **Tour\***  
21<sup>st</sup>, Board Meeting  
31<sup>st</sup>, Easter

## April

6<sup>th</sup>, **Seminar\***  
11<sup>th</sup>, **Monthly Meeting (2nd Thursday)\***  
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  
15<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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**February 3rd,  
Tri-State  
Swap Meet**

**March 9-10,  
Tri-State  
Car Show**

## February 2024

| Sunday                | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday             | Thursday                        | Friday | Saturday                                       |
|-----------------------|--------|---------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|--------|--|
|                       |        |         |                       | 1<br><b>V8 Monthly Meeting*</b> | 2      | 3<br>Tri-State Swap Meet<br><b>V8 Seminar*</b> |
| 4                     | 5      | 6       | 7                     | 8                               | 9      | 10   |
| 11                    | 12     | 13      | 14<br>Valentine's Day | 15                              | 16     | 17   |
| 18<br><b>V8 Tour*</b> | 19     | 20      | 21                    | 22<br>V8 Board Meeting          | 23     | 24   |
| 25                    | 26     | 27      | 28                    | 29                              |        |  |