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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 80210.

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

The month of February started off like a normal winter season time, as you plan on doing an outing and mother nature comes along with ideas of her own. Tri-State swap meet was a good seminar weekend as the participants were looking, buying, and selling at the Hall of Education and then they came out to a beautiful snow storm. With the cold and icy Sunday morning trip back to the meet site, you wondered why you left your warm and cozy home. But the love of car parts, and eternal search for something to fulfill your wants list, had you there.

March "In like a lion, out like a lamb", could be a repeat of the previous month of February similar for the Tri-State Hot Rod and Kustom car show? But with warmer weather on the horizon, getting your own car ready for driving season is just as important.

Does that give you any ideas for a seminar or tour that we can do in March! Take the time to put together a plan, find a location, and let it be known of when and where. With our tradition method of spreading the word, it soon will be a "happening" in our car club world. Maybe just a get together at someone's house or garage to see the latest pictures that occurred at the Pomona Roadster show!

Abe Jones is finalizing the April "Garage Tour" day to let us get out and enjoy our fun hobby of "rubber necking" and "sharing" thoughts, sights, and underhood sounds. Get that car ready with some short test runs on late February and March "weather permitting" days.

Ed Gallagher has a "Third" chapter of His hotrod series and that may well be our program at the March general meeting.

Keep active and don't become a "couch potato" and we'll continue to see "the world".

President Jay

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V8 January Board Minutes

President Jay called the Board Meeting to order at 7:00 pm, January 25, 2024.

Attendance: Mark Merritt, Loren Helfenbein, Jay Svigel, Deb Jones, Fred Hower, Tom Webb, Patti Jantz, Abe Jones

Treasurer's Report: Jay and Fred took care of getting Jay on to the bank account for checking writing.

Fred reported revenues and expenses for December 2023. We still have a positive balance and are in good financial shape.

Fred is still on track to meet with his committee of three (Fred, Arnel, Lou) to consider ways we might put more funds to work for worthy causes. Still shooting to be ready to present to the board by March.

Seminars: February Tri-State Swap Meet, May 2024 Seminar at Fred Hower's for a Q&A Session on Project Restoration. Possible seminar with a member who is restoring a '32.

Tours: April is contacting members for a Garage Tour (he needs three garages to tour). Abe is looking for members to volunteer to lead Tours.

New Business: Mark to recap the Installation Dinner in a write up for Steve to put in the Newsletter.

Old Business: Mark is going 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

Open Items:

1. Need a Seminar and a Program Chair. Jay will explore getting volunteers to take a turn at providing a Program each month.
2. 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.

Board still needs to consider reducing the number of Tours, By-Laws currently require seven. Also, possibly reduce Seminars from ten (10) to six (6).

Newsletter: None

Member Reports: Renewals are trickling in, and 69 members have signed up. Abe is going through the list of unpaid members to make a courtesy call and remind folks to send in a check. Deb will provide a copy of the Roster Excel file.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:10PM

Mark Merritt—Secretary

Wanted/For Sale

Wanted:

- Engine pans (All 37-40 Pass/Comm) , LH 91A 6776 RH 91A-6775, (Engine Block to frame)
- Exhaust Pipe (78-5245) 37-39, C/L R EXH to muffler inlet 43.75", (2" OD Pipe)
- Cross Over Pipe 78-5267 (37-41), C/L Exhaust man flange to muffler inlet 19.75", (1 1/2" OD Pipe), 91A - 8157A (39 STD only)
- Chrome center grille (vertical piece)

Tom Webb, 303-827-5446

For Sale: NEW 9 1/2 inch, 8BA Clutch pressure plate, disc, throw out bearing and pilot bearing. Paid \$225, asking \$125, Steve K, 303-489-3955, skennedy@ecentral.com



For Sale: 1940 Ford 4 door sedan, disc brakes, radial tires, leather seats, rebuilt '48 Merc engine, dual exhaust, Folkstone gray, best looking and driving '40 Deluxe sedan in the world, \$25,000 firm!! It is a dandy FORD!!!

*Steve Carmack, 303-589-4803,
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Cover Photo

This month's cover photo is of the Club's Board and officers, left to right: Loren Helfenbein-Board Member, Mark Merritt-Secretary, Patti Jantz-Remembrances and Concerns, Tom Webb-Vice President, Abe Jones-Tour Chair, Steve Kennedy-Editor, Fred Hower-Treasurer, Jay Svigel- 2024 President, Debra Jones-Membership and newsletter distribution.

February Minutes

Jay called the February monthly meeting to order at 7:32 pm.

Jay welcomed everyone to the February 2024 meeting. He says it should be an interesting year. The church had the meeting room set for a banquet the weekend following our meeting, so there were nice table cloths and plates in front of everyone.



Orrie Klassen is here from Kansas for the stock show and was visiting with Mike Welch. Mike has known Orrie since 1972. Mike joined the club in June, 1970 and says he was the first non-charter member of the club. Charter Membership was cut off just before he joined.

Tom Webb is our vice president and with that job goes the **250 club books**. Tom will have books available at events, but it is up to you to fill in your part. Bernie S. has been a member of the 250 club for 40 years.

Treasurer Report - Fred, says we have money. Lou & Fred are looking for suggestions for how to invest the club funds.

Seminars - **As no one has stepped up to be Seminar Chair**, if you have an idea for a seminar that you would like to head-up, let Steve Kennedy-Editor, know and he will put it in the newsletter. Otherwise, we will just figure out where to meet for a Cars and Coffee and Donuts.

The Tri-State Swap Meet is our first seminar of the year. Tom had free tickets for the Tri-State swap meet on Sunday only. Marty got Sunday tickets.

March 9-10 is the Tri-State Hot Rod and Kustom Car Show at the National Western Complex.

Membership - Debbie has received a number of renewals. You need to get your completed membership form Need to Debbie by the February 10 deadline for getting your name in the roster. You can still pay after that but you will not have your name in the roster.

Tours - , Abe says Greg Squires and Bob Wilson will host the April Garage Tours. Details to follow.

CCCC - Jim Nielsen says the meeting is not til the week after the club meeting so no report yet. The Airport has a new manager. Jim says he has tags that say how many years you have been a member of the club. Jim also has Restoration Guides available for most models.

Old Business - We had a good turnout at Cinzzetti's for the Installation Banquet. Nick got a very nice gift Mark Merritt with a framed photo of Nick's Navy

ship.

New Business - Mike Welch went out to Ivan's and went through all the stuff that belongs to the club that Ivan has been storing for years. There were several file cabinet with lots of documents, several photo albums and lots of historical items. There were also 12 sets of 4 each stanchions (48 total) that were used to protect the cars when we did car shows at malls as well as a 12 x 10 tent and tables. Steve Estep says he has room for items that he has could store outside. Mike says he will find a place to put the file cabinet. Mike Welch is going to be the club historian. Bernie remembered that he and Marty made the stations years ago.

Patti says she has pictures of the garage that JR Marshall built and the club donated to tiny town.

New Business - None.

Show and Tell - Randy passed around an odd tool that J.H Williamson & Co. made, just interesting to see. It was a 48 in 1 multi-socket wrench.



Web Site: Alan White has been doing a great job on the club web site.

Remembrances - Patti, talked to Eddie, he hoping to make home in February. Mercedes said Dick is doing about the same. Megan Squires, Trevor's wife, had more surgery. Beverly Rupp fell and broke her hand. Pat Eakins hopes to come back in the spring and sell their house here. Mike Welch talked with Ivan and Fran is still in rehab. Steve Carmack is still in rehab.

Good of the Order: Tom reminded everyone to wear their name tags.

Jay showed a YouTube presentation The Model A Ford in Everyday Life During the 1920's and 1930's. of all the different ways that Model A was used back in the day.

Adjourned at 8:29



What Makes it Tick?

By Abe Jones

I had a call from Al Orahood, a club member, asking me if I would help a member with his 46 Ford PU which he saw and bought from our Distributor. Todd Hoose was at a loss, he has been working on



his truck for a couple of years it looks real good but the engine has not run for some time. Todd and Al have been working to get it running but it just wouldn't corporate. I went over and looked at the engine (looked nice and clean) so I started with the basic, with the fuel which was flowing good. Then I started with the distributor we saw the point gap was almost closed so I showed Todd how to set the gap. Checked the wiring in the distributor cap was good, checked out the plug wires. Todd wasn't sure on the firing order so we checked every thing it was good. Time to see if it would start, nope it didn't. As Al was pushing the start button I thought I could hear a snap, we checked the coil, no fire. Todd and I stood there and talked about what might be wrong, He told me everything he had done and he was at a lose. I ask him to find me a jumper lead he asked why, I told were going to steal this truck. He was a little confused so I showed him you **put the lead on the battery and the other end to the battery side of the coil.** Guess what it started and the engine sounds real good. Todd was really happy to hear the engine run. We talked for awhile and the radiator started over flowing he had the water level to top I told him flatheads will take their level. Al and I left, end of morning. Todd is out of town a lot so maybe when he has time we will see Todd with his truck out and about with us on our runs. Good Luck Todd

Abe

I decided to stop calling the bathroom the "John" and renamed it the "Jim". I feel so much better saying I went to the Jim this Morning.

"There isn't a person anywhere who isn't capable of doing more than he thinks he can!"

Henry Ford

From the Editor

The deadline for the April issue will be March 9th as we will be out of town for a couple of weeks. But don't wait til the deadline to send stuff in as I start working on the next issue right after each monthly meeting. I need time to put everything together, Jay needs time to proof it and we go back and forth a few times before it is done.

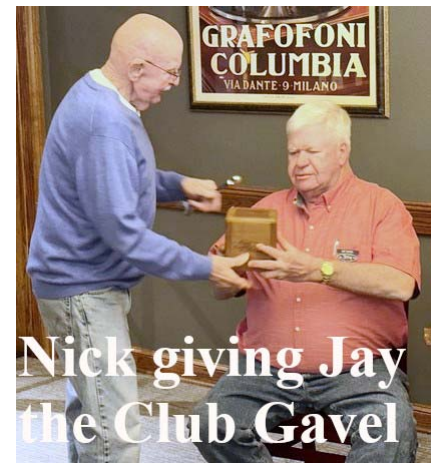
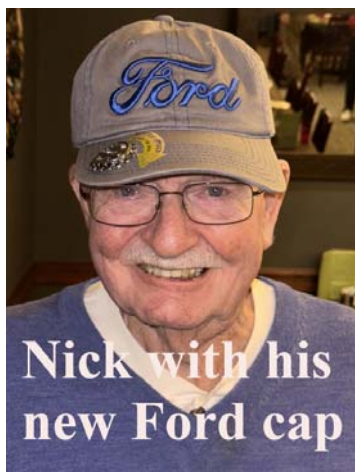
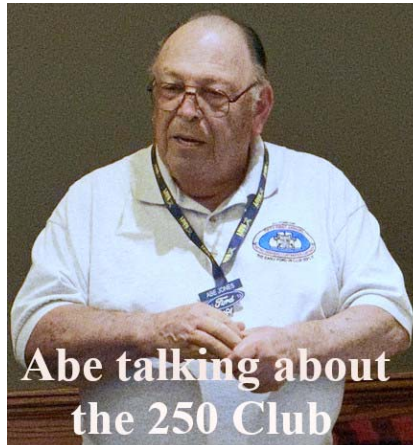
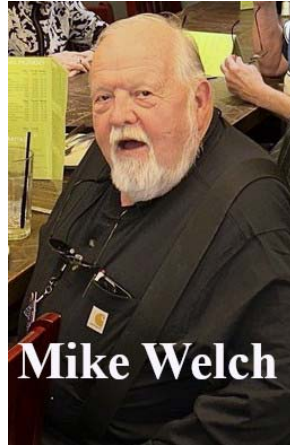
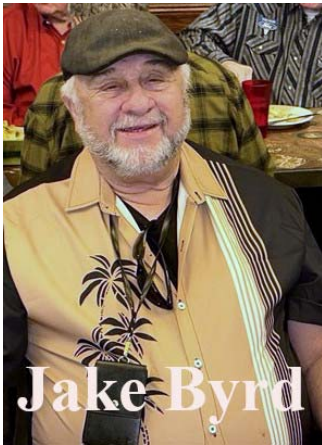
Tri-State Auto Exhibition

The March Tour will be the Sabers of Denver, Tri-State Hot Rod and Customs Auto Exhibition March 9th & 10th, Saturday from 10 am to 10 pm, Sunday from 10 am to 3:30 pm at the National Western Complex. Admission \$20.



2024 Installation Banquet

Photos by Loren & Steve K





Mark presenting Nick with a gift of appreciation



Deanie Kennedy

Scott & Aurelia
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Francesca
Merritt



Gary & Karen Hansen

Jake Byrd



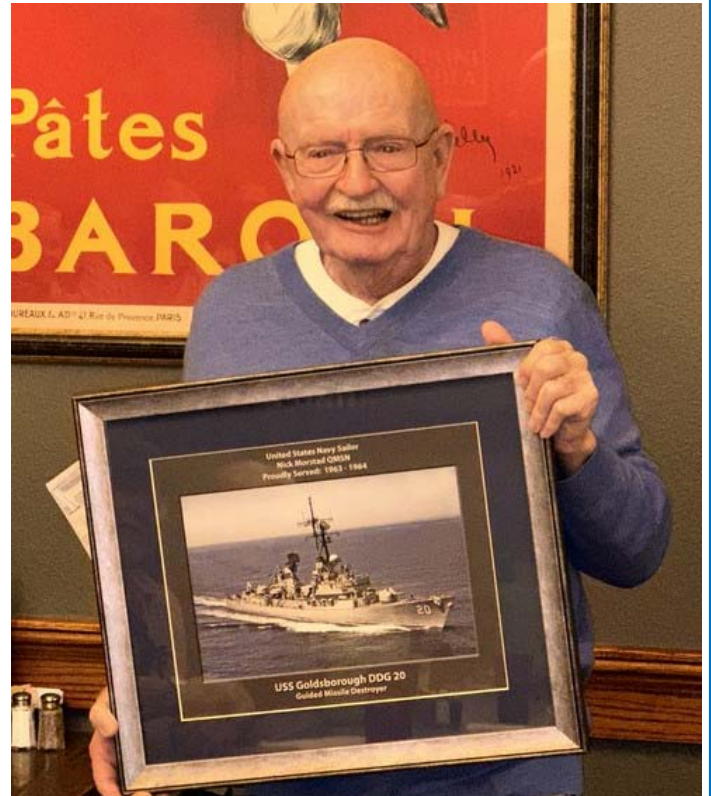
Steve E.

Tom

ANCHORS AWEIGH

by Nick Morstad

By golly, at our January 21st Installation Banquet, the Club presented me with something other than a caricature of me and a vintage vehicle. That rascal, Mark Merritt, must have been listening to one of my rants about my days in the Navy. Low and behold, he found a photo of the U.S.S. Goldsborough DDG-20 which at the time was a brand new Guided Missile Destroyer. She was constructed at the Navy shipyard in Bremerton, Washington, which is close to Seattle. As part of the commissioning crew I became a Plank Owner, which is a throwback to the wooden ship era. The Goldsborough was a ship that utilized Guided Missiles as part of her armament, and was a surface-to-air device. The Goldsborough was invited to the Coral Sea celebration in Australia, along with two other U.S. Navy ships. The Coral Sea celebration honors the resistance in Australia and the United States preventing the Japanese from entering the Sydney, Australia harbor and laying waste to that country. We stayed a week in Sydney and a week in Melbourne, before returning to our home port in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, stopping in Pago Pago (pronounced Pango) American Samoa en route. Our next assignment was "WesPac" or the Western Pacific Tour with visits to Midway Island, Yokosuka and Sasebo, Japan, Buckner Bay, Okinawa, Hong Kong, Vietnam, Subic Bay, Philippines and Koughsiung, Taiwan.



Three weeks before our WesPac deployment, I was promoted to QM3 (Quartermaster Third Class) and transferred to the U.S.S. Walker DD-517, a World War II destroyer. The Walker at the time was the second oldest destroyer in the Pacific Fleet, so the change was significant. The Walker was commissioned in 1943 and the Goldsborough in 1963. We got underway in November of 1964 for WesPac. The Walker and the Goldsborough were part of the same destroyer squadron "Desron 11" a.k.a. Destroyer Squadron Eleven. We as Desron 11 escorted the U.S.S. Yorktown CVS 10, an anti-submarine aircraft carrier on our WesPac journey. The Walker is a whole new chapter in my Navy experience; so I won't go any further, except to say after a couple of stops in Japan, and then Hong Kong, President Johnson escalated our involvement in Vietnam and that changed our mission from Peace Time to War Time.

I was proud to have served my Country on both the Goldsborough and the Walker, and equally proud to have served the Early Ford V-8 Club in various capacities over the past 46 years, most recently as President in 2023. Anchors Aweigh V8'ers!

Nick Morstad

U.S.S. Goldsborough DDG-20#



CAN YOU KICK THE HABIT?

Alcoholism and drug addiction are recognized as illnesses and are treated as such. However the collecting of old cars has not yet been recognized as an illness and no known treatment devised.

The early symptoms of this illness are shown by a slight interest when an old car passes on the street or viewing an old film on television. You say to yourself, "I wouldn't mind owning one of them." This slight interest is followed by just happening to look at the antique car section of the wants ads. Upon following up several ads and looking them over you have reached the "point of no return." There is no turning back. A feeling comes over you, I just have to have that car. The illness is now in your blood stream and has already attacked the nervous system. Kicking the habit is still possible at this point but leaves one nervous, tense and fraught with anxiety.

After a short while one fix (car) is not enough to satisfy this craving. Another one must be obtained at all costs. Pleas by the wife are futile. The fact that the family car is already out of the garage and parked on the street makes no difference. With this second fix (car) one is hopelessly hooked and no known cure has been effected after reaching this point. In some cases of this illness parts of ~~xxx~~ old cars appear in the home used as book ends, picture frames, lamps, etc. The basement has long been turned into a parts supply warehouse. Telephone calls from other "addicts" at all hours of the day or night are common place. Even the family vacations are affected by this ~~x~~ illness. Instead of enjoying some remote mountain scenery or lake cabin resort the addict directs his gaze upon a rusted hulk behind some farmer's barn or to ~~xxxxxxxx~~ an abandoned junk yard with tall grass and trees growing among the pride and joy of an ~~xx~~ era which has long passed but will never be forgotten. Where normal people take golf clubs, boats, fishing tackle and etc with them on vacation the "addict" arms himself with hammer, chisel, hack saw and wrenches. He does not wish to miss the opportunity of being able to cannibalize some rusted out hulk.

It is now apparent to the "addicts" family that ~~xx~~ his condition can not be cured. However it is possible to go on and live a normal life except for occasions when his condition flares up resulting in the purchase of several more cars or more parts. At these times the family must show extreme patience to the "addict" as these phases soon pass and soon resumes normal behavior.

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Re: Dad's Creative Writi

Yes, Feel free to use in your Club Newsletters. My Dad would have liked that.
John



Sam had a set of tires that Coty bought



Sam and Sam



Gene making a deal



Polar Bear Swap Meet



Bernie has Stuff



EARLY FORD V8 CLUB OF AMERICA

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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

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

February

1st Monthly Meeting *
3rd Seminar Tri-state Swap Meet *
18th Tour*
22nd, Board Meeting

March

7th, Monthly Meeting *
9-10th, **Tri-State Hot Rod Car Show-Tour ***
10th, Daylight Savings Time Begins
17th **Seminar (or Cars and Coffee?)***
21st, Board Meeting
31st, Easter

April

4-7 Denver (New Car) Auto Show, at the
Convention Center

6th, Seminar*
11th, Monthly Meeting (2nd Thursday)*
21st Tour*
25th, Board Meeting

May

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

June

6th, Monthly Meeting *
8th, Seminar*
8th, Pre-war Swap Meet, Adams County Fairgnds
15th, **Drive Your Ford Day Tour***
16th, Father's Day
17th to 24th Central Meet
27nd, Board Meeting

July

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

August

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

September

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

October

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

November

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

December

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

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Tri-State Hot Rod & Kustom Show March 9-10

March 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5	6	7 V8 Meeting Meeting*	8	9 Tr-State V8 Seminar* Newsletter Deadline
10  Daylight Savings Begins	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 V8 Seminar* or Cars and Coffee	18	19	20	21 V8 Board Meeting	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 Easter						