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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

I am thankful for the Hi-Country automobile club as the friendship and common interests keep me alive and allows me to apply my talents. I was at another general meeting the weekend of June 15, 2024 in the mountains, and several board members have "ghosted" the duties creating havoc among the obligations for keeping a club running smoothly. At the end of the meeting, several of the general club members stepped up to be part of the "New" board, and to get the activities and maintenance operations "back on track". I almost volunteered for that board to apply some knowledge, but then I thought there is enough for me to do with the current club I am part of.

Keeping things running smoothly when you think you did your best in the past, then something falls apart, you realize that repairs can always go you one better when you are not expecting it. Another chair has been vacated for our club, so I have been able to apply my talents along with other club members input to keep things "ship shape". We'll see?

Harry Lindsay did a great job of putting together a slide show for the June general meeting, and I'm looking forward to the program for the July meeting that Steve Kennedy is creating.

The Morningstar Assisted Living barbeque on June 27 where Walt Hume is residing, was a fun, sharing, and renewing of good memories. **Call Cheryl Adamson at 303-972-3030 to let them know you will be attending. Come at 10:30am. She will give you additional details if you plan on being there.**

The Tebo Collection Tour was a chance to see some really great cars.

Finally, the Littleton Museum Tour should make us thankful that we don't have to do those kind of chores in our modern life.

Keep that kind of energy flowing in our club, and life will be good.

*President Jay*

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## June Monthly Minutes

President Jay called the Meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

**Vice President: No Report.**

**Treasurer's Report:** Fred was on hiatus at McPherson College. Not to worry, President Jay delivered our finance report and, in short, we spent a little money, collected some too, and still have a bit left over.

**Secretary's Report:** None

**Seminars:** June 8th, at 9:00AM at Jay's garage for a get together. No July seminars yet planned at this point. June 27th, 11:00AM-2:00 Morningstar Assisted Living on South Kipling (where Walt Hume is living) is hosting a BBQ and have invited our members show up with cars. **Call Cheryl Adamson at 303-972-3030 to let them know you will be attending. Come at 10:30am. She will give you additional details if you plan on being there.**

**Tours:** June 29th Tebo Car Collections. Meet at the usual Kings Soopers around 8:00AM and leave by 9:15AM. July 21st Littleton Museum and Living History Farm, time is TBD and Patti is working on the details so stay tuned to this channel for more detail. **NO DONUTS SO BRING YOUR OWN DONUT!**

**Collector Car Council of Colorado:** Jim had a hair raising journey to the meeting on 6/5, took 2 hours to get to the meeting. Legislative update: Summer Months gasoline formula is in effect; cost more, more pollution efficient. Jim asked for a list of Paint shops, Upholstery shop, Mechanic shops willing to work on Classic Cars. Car Council may change By-Laws to allow smaller clubs to remain affiliated. Jim was proud to announce our dues are paid and we are again in good standing with the CCCC. Car Show is August 3<sup>rd</sup>, it's the Council's major fund-raiser. Let Jim know if you are willing to volunteer to help at the show. Jim advises registering your car in Grand County to avoid emission requirements. He says we can use his address...

**National Club:** Lou gave us a teaser on a future report, more to come.

**New Business:** Arnel reported on the Annual Club auction will be in the August time frame but still working on a location and date.

**Old Business:** We looked at some pictures of Dennis Vanderhoof's Shoebox and read a letter from his daughter Sasha, thanking the club for naming our scholarship after her father.

**Newsletter:** Steve has been marked as a Spammer for sending to many email blasts. He is working around this by having Jay sent club email blasts for him until Jay is

suspended from the internet.

**Membership Reports:** No report

**Remembrances:** No report

**Program:** Harry Lindsey gave a presentation on the 1986 National held in Victoria British Columbia. Theme of the show was "Fords and Flowers 86". Beautiful City and fantastic lineup of cars. As a bonus he shared his trip to



2019 Northwest Deuce Days, also in Victoria every 3 years. 1400 cars, mostly 32 Fords.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 8:44PM

*Mark Merritt, Secretary*

## August Club Auction

The club auction for this year will again be held at Bob and Margo Wilson's garage. The date is August 10<sup>th</sup>. The auction will start at 9:00 AM. Please donate the goodie items you want to get rid of, then come to the auction and buy a ton of other goodie items someone else wants to get rid of. Please bring donated items to the Wilson garage on August 9<sup>th</sup>, or early morning on the 10<sup>th</sup> so they can be booked in. The Wilson's home and garage are located at **8143 S. Otis Court, Littleton, CO 80128.** Thanks, Arnel Kimmitt



## May Board Minutes

The May Board Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm on May 23, 2024 by President Jay. Loren, Fred, Patty, Jay, Debra & Abe Jones were present.

Fred indicated that the club is still in the black.

Jay said June seminar will go on at 9:00am on June 8, 2024 although there are a lot of other venues for members to choose from.

Patti is completing the details for the July Tour at the Littleton Museum.

Nick Morstad is working with Abe Jones for the August 18<sup>th</sup> picnic, and has lined up 4G's to cater the event. Signup sheets will be used to find out how many club members will be attending.

Loren and Abe are working on a future tour to the Shelby Museum.

Debra Jones resigned from the Membership Chair, but will continue to do the "Distributor Newsletter" mailing.

A general discussion was held about the "AFD" progress and what changes may come about.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.

## This Month's Cover

This month's cover photo was taken at the Applebee's Car Show. There were hundreds of great cars on display. See Abe's write up for further details.

A big *Thanks to Applebee's* for hosting this event. Be sure to support them!!



## Finish Master Paints is now LKQ

Yes, *Finish Master Paints* has been purchased by LKQ. The Finish Master on south Santa Fe, just south of Hampden, is now closed. So is the one on Federal and 74th. And LKQ is located at 3225 Himalaya Road, Suite 200, way out east, Tower Road and I-70. But if you drive out there, you need to know that they are not actually on Himalaya, you have to turn north on the road just before Himalaya, the road that goes into the big parking lot. Suite 200 is on south end of that huge building. It does say LKQ on the building. Eli is still there!

## July Tour

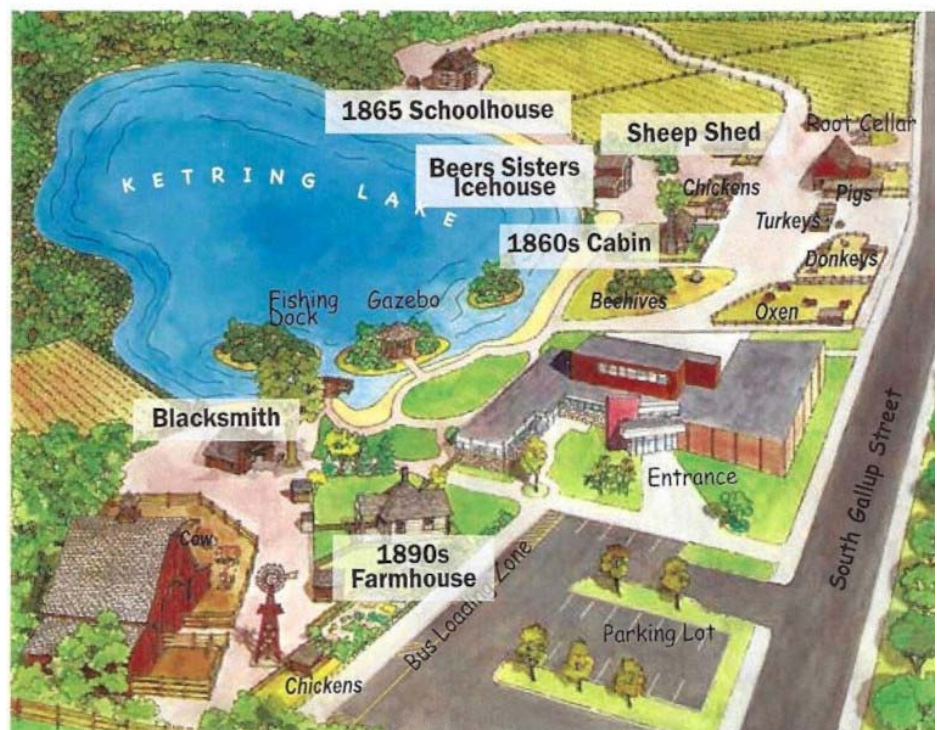
Our July Tour will be Sunday, July 21, 2024 at the Littleton Museum, 6028 South Gallup St., Littleton, CO 80120.

They have an inside museum and lots to see outside including a back smith shop, 1890's farmhouse, 1869 School House, 1860 Cabin and lots more.

We will find a place for a late lunch or an early dinner. We will meet around 12:00 noon at the museum. Hope to see you there.

**Patti**

## Living History Farms Map





# Applebees Memorial Day Car Show

Photos by Alan White, Loren Helfenbein and Steve Kennedy

Hello club members, On Monday at Applebees Memorial Day Car Show started around 8 am when registration opened. But some of the car people showed up at 4 am the get there and find their parking spot, set in their cars and sleep. I got there at 6 am to start the day and get ready to do the Safety inspections and found 8 people where waiting for me to show up and get started, and the day was on it way. I did 12 cars before Deb got there. We did 30 that day. Around 10 am I saw some club members start to show up and some of us talked in front of the music trailer. Then I had to leave the group, I thanked them for coming and told them to go look at all the cars. This year was a fantastic year for the number of car that came. I have not heard how many cars were there but the parking lot was completely full. If you know the area the lot is big and it was full and they started parking on the side street and in Lowes parking lot, When I hear the total I will let you know. The food venders were out in force. The clothing venders, you could get pictures of your car, and other things for the car. Around 2pm the magic show started and when the show was over the awards were given out. I wore Deb out doing inspections. She went to sit and watch the awards and I continued checking cars. When I was done, I went to the truck and Deb came back and handed me a box. The truck got the Applebees Pick for 1st place. That was a surprise. Both Deb and I were tired. It was a long day, I would like to thank everyone that showed up from the club. My thanks to Steve Kennedy, Steve Estep & Dana ,Loren Helfenbein, Bob Tapp, Gary Willis, Greg Squires, Charlie Palmer & Pat, Jake Byrd, Larry Christensen & Sue, Bob Wilson, John Beste, Jimmy Veneers.

I hope everyone that was at the show enjoyed themselves and had fun looking at all the cars. I had the chance to inspect John Beste '32 Ford Vicky and Larry Christensen's '67 Camero, they both passed all the safety points. Thanks to everyone that showed up.

*Abe*











Charlie's latest Truck



# License Plates, Toys, and Fords, Oh My!

The June 8<sup>th</sup> seminar at Jay & Anne Svigel's was a successful outing as members of the club were treated to good weather and interesting eye candy. With coffee and doughnuts, we sat in the backyard enjoying the early morning coolness catching up on what each member had recently completed.

At 9:00am the seminar started we both Jay and joint member, Anne talking about their hobbies of collecting license plates, vintage Schuco mechanical, and Tootsie toys. License plate stories were shared by many members of the club of how they procured their "year of manufacture" plates for their vintage cars. Historical information was shared as to when license plates are made by the prison system which started in 1926.

Jay spoke of toys or salesman samples that were made here in Denver, Colorado that he has a great interest in. Questions were asked and answered regarding if they were successful or not. Time passed quickly as items were examined and passed around.



At the end of the morning, Anne gave a tour of the antiques in her home, which brought back childhood memories as the club member's recalled early days of growing up. Their house was built in 1924 and very little has been modernized with woodwork or furniture.

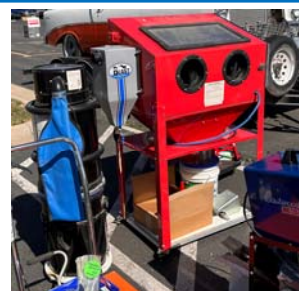
It was a fun and informative seminar that everyone seemed to enjoy.

*Anne & Jay Svigel*

## Coy's Swap Meet

The Coy's Swap Meet was held the same day as Jay's Seminar. Loren and Steve went to the swap meet, which was held in the big parking lot at 6th Avenue and Kipling. It was formally at the Bandimere Speedway. It was well attended with lots of vendors, but not too many Flathead parts. One of Loren's friends was there and he had a supercharged 8BA that he sold for \$8500. He also a great looking sand blaster cabinet that he only wanted \$250 for, no idea if it sold. And a flat head block made out of tin to be used for setting up intake and exhaust manifolds.

Another vendor had a couple of grilles and lots of intake manifolds, but overall, not much flathead stuff. Hopefully it will be held there again next year.





# An Easy Way to Test for Spark

This was new to me, but I asked my brother about an easy way for one person to check an electrical issue - Betty Ford (our '35 Ford roadster) would not start. I tried several different times with no success. There was absolutely no hint of gas being ignited.

I wanted to check if the spark plugs were sparking. I had seen an inductive spark tester that I liked the looks of, but it was out of stock everywhere except for a few dubious places that had marked the price up. With it, the test lights would stay lit until you reset it. Perfect for a one-person operation.

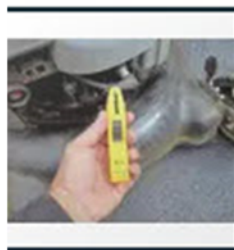
My brother suggested using a timing light to check the spark. Since most timing lights require 12 volts and Betty still has a 6-volt system, I found a self-contained one that uses two D-cell batteries. The cord was also long enough for me to operate it from the cockpit while I cranked the engine.

It worked great. The light flashed as I turned the engine over, so the electrical side was working.

About that time Betty started...she evidently just wanted me to spend some more money on her.

Anyway, you two probably knew about the timing light approach but thought I would pass my brother's idea along for future reference.

Cheers, Alan



**Ray Ziehm's Celebration of Life** will be held Sunday July 28th, 2 - 5 pm at River Walk Clubhouse, 2751 W. Riverwalk Circle, Littleton, CO. Margaret has requested casual attire, and **I'll accept RSVPs from club members** so she can get a head count for planned food. Text or call Tom Webb, 303-827-5446, by **Saturday, July 20th** if you plan to attend.





## Wanted/For(D) Sale

### 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.



**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,  
FirehouseSteve@msn.com*

## Club Web Site

We want to invite our club members and visitors to the website and have now added a music Jukebox carousel. If you have a favorite song you would like linked to the carousel, please let Alan know.  
[twowhites@gmail.com](mailto:twowhites@gmail.com)



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Three Washington Blue 1936 **Reproduction** hub caps **WITH** Red stripe for sale, \$75.  
Loren, 720-289-2019, [lorenhelfenbein@gmail.com](mailto:lorenhelfenbein@gmail.com)

### 1932 Ford Pickup For Sale

Restored like new, 1936 V8, Mitchell overdrive, fog lights, beige (light tan), red powder coated spoke wheels, new upholstery. Asking \$33,000 or reasonable offer. Fred Selensky, Oklahoma City, [selenskyf@sbcglobal.net](mailto:selenskyf@sbcglobal.net) , 405-550-6503





# 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<sup>th</sup> **Tour (Tentative)\***
- 9-10<sup>th</sup>, Tri-State Hot Rod **Car Show**
- 10<sup>th</sup>, Daylight Savings Time Begins
- 16<sup>th</sup> **Seminar (Tentative)\***
- 21<sup>st</sup>, Board Meeting
- 31<sup>st</sup>, Easter

#### April

- 4<sup>th</sup>, **Monthly Meeting (1st Thursday)\***
- 4-7 Denver (New Car) Auto Show, at the  
Convention Center
- 6<sup>th</sup>, **Seminar (Tentative)\***
- 21<sup>st</sup> **Charlie, Bob & Trevor Garage Tour\***
- 25<sup>th</sup>, Board Meeting

#### May

- 2<sup>nd</sup>, **Monthly Meeting \***
- 4<sup>th</sup>, **NO Seminar**
- 12<sup>th</sup>, Mother's Day
- 19<sup>th</sup>, **Seminar at Wings Over the Rockies (Lowry)\***
- 23<sup>th</sup>, Board Meeting
- 27<sup>th</sup>, **Tour Memorial Day Car Show at Applebee's  
on west Colfax & Miller**

#### June

- 6<sup>th</sup>, **Monthly Meeting \***
- 8<sup>th</sup>, **Seminar at Jay's Garage\***
- 8<sup>th</sup>, Pre-war Swap Meet, Adams County Fairgrounds
- 16<sup>th</sup>, Father's Day
- 17<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> Central Meet
- 27<sup>nd</sup>, Board Meeting
- 29<sup>th</sup> **Tebo Collection Tour \***

#### July

- 4<sup>th</sup>, Independence Day
- 11<sup>th</sup>, **Monthly Meeting \***
- 13<sup>th</sup>, **Seminar\***
- 21<sup>st</sup>, **Littleton Museum 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>, **Rocky Mtn Car & Air Show**
- 10<sup>th</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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Tebo Tour  
June 29th

## July 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 Independence Day	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 V8 Meeting*	12	13 V8 Seminar*
14	15	16	17	18 Newsletter Deadline	19	20
21 V8 Tour Littleton Museum*	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30 Henry Ford's Birthday	31			