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Hi-Country Regional Group #28 Meeting Place

The Hi-Country Regional Group meets the first <u>Thursday</u> 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

September 2024

Presidents Message

The month of August flew by in a blink of an eye with so many functions to participate in or attend. The CCCC show was in my opinion a flop as the swap meet had nothing of interest for me to buy. Normal problems of getting in along with little volunteers made it a slow day.

The auction was a successful event as I mentioned in another article within the month's newsletter.

The picnic brought out many vintage cars along with many club members not seen for a while. The food was good from our longtime sponsor 4G's, with many memories rehashed among our diverse club members.

Many of our vintage rides have changed ownership, and with that new members keep joining the club to be able to participate in tours and activities.

Unfortunately, as life continues to plod on, we have lost some long time club member whose expertise has also been lost to our knowledge database.

I'm looking forward to some cooler days in the upcoming months as I seem to tolerate hot day less and less as I get older.

Will we see a Turkey Trot this year? I haven't gotten a firm Yes or No at this time. We'll see!

President Jay

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July Board Minutes

President Jay called the July Board Meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

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

Jones, Steve Kennedy.

Vice President: No report

Treasurer's Report: Fred was unable to attend.

Secretary's Report: Mark provided final edited Draft of the Club By-Laws for Board Member review.

Seminars: August 10th at 9:30 AM Club Auction hosted by Bob and Margo Wilson. Members can drop off items to the Wilsons on August 9th or on the 10th between 8:00-9:00AM. No seminar yet for September.

Tours: August 18th - Club Picnic, Anderson Park. Nick has contracted with 4Gs to cater. September 8th All Ford Day. Deb and Abe clarified the All Ford Day logo will be on the front and back of the Tee-Shirts this year. Polo shirts will have the logo on the upper left front portion of the polo shirt.

Colorado Collector Car Council: Annual Car Show August 3, 2024, at Rocky Mountain Regional Airport. CCCC looking for Car Show volunteers, contact Jim Nielsen if interested.

National Club: No report.

New Business:

- Bert Marsh Award: Newsletter editor, Steve Kennedy will start putting request for Bert Marsh Award nominees in the July issue next year. Club members must nominate in writing, their recommendations for the Award, and submit to the Bert Marsh Award committee.
- Rookie of the Year Award was discussed, and the club president will remind members when it is time to submit nominations in advance of the annual installation dinner.

Tom Webb made a motion the club make a one-time \$100 donation to the Littleton Museum, location of the Club's last tour. Motion was unanimously approved.

Old Business: Board approved updated Bylaws. They will be posted on the website and changes listed in the Newsletter.

Newsletter: Steve is working on the next issue.

Membership Reports: None

Remembrances: Patti provided an update on club

members and spouses with health issues.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:10PM Club Secretary, Mark Merritt

Blast Tech

Hello, All Ford V8 Club Members, Blast Tech is a sand or media blasting company located across the street from Auto Wash, Jim Nielsen's shop, we have been a sponsor for some time and we are sad to say we have not had any club members, or they have not let us know they are club members. We know of A-1 Metal Stripping and you go to him but we would like you to give us a try, We can get the job out within a couple of days or less, most big jobs within a week. We are looking forward to seeing you for your work. Come see me. Thanks.

Todd Walker President.

We need to start supporting all of our club sponsors.

Abe

This Month's Cover

This month' cover photo is of Mike Finley's '29 Tub. It started life as a sedan, Mike and his dad, Dennis, did all the work and it looks great!

For Sale

1936 Ford Standard, original engine, hydraulic brakes, Cordoba Tan, rumble seat, runs great. Asking \$40,000 neg.



Dylan, 720-229-4195, dbehan88@hotmail.com

Note: Dylan was planning to join the club, but due to family obligations, is now having to sell the car.

August Monthly Minutes

President Jay called the August Meeting to order at 7:32PM.

Vice President: Tom Webb received a reprimand for disrupting the club meeting while carrying out his duty of extracting fines from badgeless members. He then reminded everyone Replacement badges are only \$10 (equals 40 fines @ 25 cents).

Treasurer's Report: Fred delivered the Treasurer's report. We have money, just not enough to cover the National Debt.

Secretary's Report: Yours truly let everyone know the Board Meeting minutes will be in the Newsletter and recently approved Bylaws changes will be in it as well. A copy of the Bylaws will also be added to the club website.

Seminars: Arnel reminded members the Club Auction is August 10th at 9:30AM hosted by Bob and Margo Wilson. Members can drop off items to the Wilsons on Friday, August 9th or on the 10th between 8:00-9:00AM. Steve Kennedy and Loren were voluntold by President Jay, to figure out a seminar for September.

Tours: August 18th - Club Picnic, Anderson Park, 10:00AM-2:00PM. Lunch will be provided by 4Gs and Nick needs to know which members are attending by August 11th. A sign-up sheet was passed around. September 8th is our All Ford Day Car Show.

Colorado Collector Car Council: Jim reminded everyone of the Annual Car Show and Swap Meet Saturday August 3, 2024, at Rocky Mountain Regional Airport. July 29th Jim turned 89 years young. He asked members to nominate folks for the Bert Marsh Award this year, then he and Bernie reminisced about all the 32 Fords that got used up by the competitive racing crowd back in the day.

National Club: None New Business: None. Old Business: None.

Newsletter: Steve announced it's too hot in Colorado, so he is leaving for Iceland for two weeks.

If you want anything in the Newsletter, you need get it to him soon.

Membership Reports: None

Remembrances: Patti provided the most recent news on club members and spouses with health challenges.

Program: Lou Mraz shared a presentation on the 2024 Pate Swap Meet held down in Pate, Texas, just North of Ft. Worth. Lots of cool Early Ford stuff, mixed in with some Weird and Wacky stuff. Thanks to Lou for a fun presentation! Steve Kennedy then shared some "how to" photos of his recent Columbia axle housing replacement. Original axle housing broke three years after being installed in Steve's 36. He blamed the axle break on poor brazing. Some members thought it more likely related to Steve's driving habits. But he, Bernie and Loren have proven you can remove and replace the Columbia axle housing without removing the entire rear end.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:35PM Club Secretary, Mark Merritt

Bert Marsh

Distinguished Service

It is that time of the year again, time to come up with nominations for the **Bert Marsh Distinguished Service Award**. All V-8 club members are asked to submit their candidate for the award. The nominee is to be sub-

mitted in writing to a committee member. Any active, paid, V-8 club member is eligible to receive the award.



Note: Members can be nominated by either a club member or a committee member, **BUT** it is not entirely up to the committee to nominate someone for the award.

The committee members are:

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Ray Ziehm's Celebration of Live











Around 15 V8 Members attended Ray's Celebration of Live at the Riverwalk Club house. For those of us that know them, we go to meet Ray's Wife, Margaret and their son Ed.

Littleton Museum Tour

Sunday, July 21st, 26 club members with two guests along with 10 cars all gathered at the Littleton Museum, to take a tour of the of the farm museum. The building where we started held all kinds of informative information of how Littleton started in the 1860's and how it grew from there. They showed posters and pictures how the water system started, the Police Department and Fire Department, there was lots of information for you to look at and read. We had limited time for the tour, it would be hard to talk about everything and put it into the newsletter, if you have time take a tour yourself. Then we moved out side to tour the Farm starting with the 1890s Farmhouse, we meet with a woman cooking just like they did back then, it was hot in the kitchen. We moved out side to see the Chickens. It smelled like a Farm. If you had that privilege like I did, it brings back memories. Then we went to barn and found a Jersey cow with a calf, Blacksmith building was next with lots of interesting tools some we've all used at one time. Then we went over to the 1860s Cabin. We found someone that lives in the cabin, one room with a room upstairs would be cozy on a real cold day with 3 foot of snow, what do think? We went by the Beers Sisters Icehouse, met Ariel and Mary in there I think they wanted some ice. We saw Jay motivating towards the 1865 Schoolhouse. We went to the Sheep Shed, there were sheep in the building, seen more chickens, pigs, Turkeys, couple of Donkeys, then we walked over to the Oxen and met up with Charlie and Randy. I think they wanted to ride one but the signs all over said Do not Touch or Feed the animals. It was definite that one wanted to be touched he leaned hard on the fence, he wanted some attention. We went back to the parking lot to set up for lunch, unfortunately one member had car trouble and didn't make it to lunch, we hope he got it fixed. Patti had arranged for us to go the Cherry Cricket Restaurant for some food. We had 15 members, 1 guest, 4cars. We ordered then it started to rain and boy did it rain, I think all of us was wondering if it will stop in time to go home, well it did and everyone left. Good time was had by all, Thanks Patti for a great Tour.

Abe

Littleton Museum Tour

























Rocky Mtn Car & Air Show

August 3rd was the CCCC Car and Air Show at Jeffco Air Port. It was a great clear day, started out slow then they opened up the gates and cars came in and stared to fill up the parking lot, and as usual the planes were flying in and out. As the morning progressed so did the heat but we had a slight breeze that helped. Deb and I were there to do our Safety Inspections. We saw Steve Estep, Steve Kennedy, Loren, Lou and Ed Gallagher. Unfortunately Steve Kennedy had problem with his car and went home on a flatbed. Fred stopped by our tent to cool down. It was nice to see these car guys at the show. At noon the air show began with 6 planes doing there fly by while the National Anthem was being played, Great Show. There were lots of food and drink venders to handle the large crowd. Great day was had by all. Then the awards were given out then every one went home.

Abe



















Early Ford V8 Club Auction Recap

Photos by Steve E. and Mark M.

We had another successful auction because many club members had plenty of merchandise that no longer worked with their life ambitions!

Again, it took good organization from Arnel Kimmett, Patti Jantz & friend Kerrie, Debra Jones and other unnamed individuals to make it a "WIN".

Our wonderful hosts, Margo & Bob Wilson provided the location to hold the auction, provided a courtesy lunch for those that wished to grab a hot dog with condiments and they were extremely patient with our wants and whims.

The auction action started about 9:00am with Arnel again being the auctioneer, who kept the bidding brisk, and items handed to successful bidders.

Purchased items were paid for, and loaded into vehicles to have the "Goodies" move on to their new home by 12:30pm. Weather cooperated and there were no leftover items to have to worry about.

President Jay













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IN MEMORIAM

We acknowledge with sincere thanks

your gift of \$50.00 to the Carl O' Loughlin

memorial fund.

In accordance with the IRS, no goods or services were exchanged for your contribution. Trinity Episcopal Church is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Tax ID #84-0462073.

Please keep this card for your tax records.

Trinity Episcopal Church 3800 W. 20th Street Greeley, CO 80634 (970) 330-1877

Wanted/For(D) Sale

1950 Ford truck, V8 flat head, 6-volt rebuild, truck rebuilt from ground up, new rims and tires, red and black fenders, new wood in bed of truck. Cheap at \$25,000. Call Henry Peepgrass 303-798-4018.





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

EARLY FORD V8 CLUB OF AMERICA HI- COUNTRY REGIONAL GROUP

2024 Schedule of Events

Monthly Meetings are held the <u>first Thursday</u> of the month
Seminars are held the <u>first Saturday</u> of the month, unless otherwise rescheduled.
Tours are held the <u>third Sunday</u> of the month, unless otherwise rescheduled.
Board Meetings are held the <u>4th Thursday</u> of the month, unless otherwise rescheduled.

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January 4 th , NO Monthly Meeting* 6 th , NO Seminar or Tour in January * 21 st , Installation Banquet * 25 th , Board Meeting 27 th , Polar Bear Swap Meet-Adams Cnty Fairgrounds February 1 st Monthly Meeting * 3 rd Seminar Tri-state Swap Meet * 18 th Tour* 22 nd , Board Meeting	•
March 7 th , Monthly Meeting * 9th Tour (Tentative)* 9-10 th , Tri-State Hot Rod <u>Car Show</u> 10 th , Daylight Savings Time Begins 16 th Seminar (Tentative)* 21 st , Board Meeting 31 st , Easter	[;
April 4 th , Monthly Meeting (1st Thursday)* 4-7 Denver (New Car) Auto Show, at the Convention Center 6 th , Seminar (Tentative)* 21. st Charlie, Bob & Trevor Garage Tour* 25 th , Board Meeting	
May 2 nd , Monthly Meeting * 4 th , NO Seminar 12 th , Mother's Day 19 th , Seminar at Wings Over the Rockies (Lowry)* 23 th , Board Meeting 27 th , Tour Memorial Day Car Show at Applebee's on west Colfax & Miller	
June 6 th , Monthly Meeting * 8 th , Seminar at Jay's Garage* 8th, Pre-war Swap Meet, Adams County Fairgrounds 16 th , Father's Day 17 th to 24 th Central Meet 27 nd , Board Meeting]

July 4th, Independence Day 11th, Monthly Meeting * 13th, Seminar* 21st, Littleton Museum Tour* 25th, Board Meeting 30th, Henry Ford's Birthday 1st, Monthly Meeting *
3rd, Rocky Mtn Car & Air Show
10th, Club Auction Same August 10th, , 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

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

29th Tebo Collection Tour *

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Turkey Trot October 20th

September 2024						
Sunday	May	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Labor Day Applebee's Car Show, Colfax and Miller			V8 Monthly Meeting*		V8 Seminar*
8 All Ford Day V8 Tour*	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	Newsletter Deadline	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	V8 Board Meeting	27	28
29	30					

Ray, Rockets & Satellites

Ray and Margaret moved to Denver in 1957 shortly after the Glenn 1. Martin Company won the contract to build the nation's first storable Inter Continental Ballistic Missile (ICBM), Titan 1. He had been working in Dearborn, Michigan for the Ford Motor Company as a design engineer on Ford engines. Ray was an automobile enthusiast since he was a young boy and remained one his entire life.

Martin was selected as the ICBM contractor partly because Denver was considered to be a site that was far enough inland to be invulnerable to Soviet sea launched ballistic missiles. Furthermore, the Rocky Mountain hog backs west of Denver provided a perfect place to test the new engines because of their sound muffling properties.

The chance to work on rockets and live in Colorado - Ray went to work immediately as a test engineer on the test stands where the rocket engines and Titan I structures were validated.

In the early 1960's Martin won the Viking contract from the NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California. The primary mission objective was to deliver two landers on the surface of Mars for the first time in history. These landers were to study the surface of the Red Planet and its atmosphere for the purpose of understanding if life ever did, or could, exist there.

Ray became the program manager for the Viking PEP program, which was to develop the parachute system needed to land these Viking landers safely on Mars. It was a demanding assignment because of the uncertainties of the density of the Martian atmosphere. Ray spent many months in New Mexico at the White Sands Proving Ground on this critical project managing this development. The Viking program successfully landed two vehicles in 1976.

After the successful launches of the two Viking spacecraft, Ray was assigned to the SCATHA (Spacecraft Charging at High Altitude) spacecraft proposal for the Air Force Space and Missile Organization. When Martin Marietta won the contract, Ray was the lead systems integration engineer and remained with the project through its successful launch in 1979.

Ray subsequently spent many years working many proposals and studies for Advanced Programs. His last assignment was as the Program Manager for a major classified national security subcontract.

He retired from Lockheed Martin in Denver after 35 years of service in 1992.

Ray was well recognized by his peers and senior management, for his knowledge and innovative approaches to difficult problems. He made many contributions to the advancement of space technology and to the nation's security during his years at Martin Marietta/Lockheed Martin.



All Ford Day Registration Form Sunday, September 8, 2024 Sheridan High School 3201 West Oxford Avenue, Sheridan



To fill this form out on your computer, Press the Tab key to move from field to field, fill in the information, print it and send it to the address noted below.

Gates will be open at 7:00 for pre-registered cars and 7:30 for un-registered cars. To facilitate easier entry to the display area, pre-registered cars will use the east ramp, and un-registered cars will use the west ramp. We would like all display vehicles to be in position by 9:00AM.

You can pre-register for just \$15 or pay \$20 at the gate which covers our cost of school facilities rental and other basic expenses. Make checks (preferred) payable to "EARLY FORD V8 CLUB". Shirt orders must be received by us by August 16th. *No Shirt Orders the day of show.*

All checks are to be mailed to 8521 W. 32nd Avenue, Wheatridge, CO 80033. If paying in cash, correct change would be greatly appreciated, as we can't make change for large denomination bills.

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