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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

As we head into the cooler months of the year, escape from the excessive heat is a joy.

A successful All Ford Day that was held on September 8th and was a great tire kicking experience. There was a nice variety of cars making their presence accessible and all owners were able to answer a variety of questions.

Abe and Debra Jones made the day go smoothly, as I was able to watch the comings and goings from the Non Registered Tent manned by Steve Estep.

Many members came by to offer suggestions on how we could change our "Club" way of business and make it more viable. I took notes on these items, to be able to address them one by one at a future board meeting. I'm looking forward to the ice cream social that will be held at Patti Jantz's house on October 12, 2024. I'm sure the weather will cooperate, just as member's will do the same.

We have some new member's to the club as the result of All Ford Day attendance and look forward to having them join us for club functions.

Keep those suggestions coming!

President Jay

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August Board Minutes

Date: 08.22.24

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

Attendees: Jay Svigel, Tom Webb, Mark Merritt, Patti Jantz, Abe Jones, Deb Jones

Vice President: No report

Treasurer's Report: Fred could not attend but reports, through Jay, that we are still in good financial shape.

Secretary's Report: Board Meetings Minutes for 8.22.2024 will be posted in the next Newsletter.

Seminars: October 12th will be an Ice Cream Social at Patti Jantz.

Tours: September 8th is All Ford Day Car Show. Abe has secured door prizes to use at the show. November 11th will be Veterans Day Tour, Fort Logan National Cemetery.

Colorado Collector Car Council: No report

National Club: No report

New Business: President Jay reported he now has a card on the club account and can use it in lieu of writing checks, submitting receipts and vouchers, etc. He just needs vendors to send invoices to him for payment. Patti Jantz is working on the Christmas party location and provided a progress report. Prices for meals and a private room have skyrocketed since last year. Tom Webb reported he has secured 4Gs for Installation Dinner 2025.

Old Business: None.

Newsletter: Handoff issues between Steve Kennedy and Jay have been resolved and Newsletter sent via email seems to be running smoothly. Some minor challenges remain with the volume of email addresses. Not sure if this is an issue with Comcast or Jay's home computer. The Club Secretary, yours truly, who works for Comcast, is pretty sure it is the latter and not the former so stay tuned for future updates.

Membership Reports: No report.

Remembrances: Board was asked to use our call list and let members know about Duane Helms memorial service.

Program: None discussed

Meeting Adjourned: 7:45PM

Mark Merritt, Club Secretary

September Monthly Minutes

President Jay called the Meeting to order at 7:31 PM.

Vice President: No report.

Treasurer's Report: Over the roar of the crowd, and with the aid of a microphone, Fred was able to deliver an update on our finances. All is well with our bank accounts.

Secretary's Report: Updated By Laws are approved by the Board. President Jay will send the new version to Alan so he can replace the version on the Club Website with the new one.

Seminars: September Seminar will be Duane Helms Memorial Service on September 7th. October 12th will be at Patti Jantz's, the program will be an Ice Cream Social, or some other good thing to eat.

Tours: Abe updated us on All Ford Day September 8th and is looking for volunteers to park cars and assist with Car Show logistics. He assures volunteers he will find a job for them to do and he also told the club he will take a break from Car Show Chairmanship in 2025 as Deb has him working on too many other projects. He expects attendance may be down as at least four other shows are happening this same weekend. October Turkey Trot is still up in the air at this point. The Turkey is not up in the air but the event is up in the air. November 11th will be Veterans Day Tour, Fort Logan National Cemetery.

Colorado Collector Car Council: Jim went to Gateway Classic Cars on Tuesday for the latest CCCC meeting. It was an adventure finding the place. He recommends checking out the 300 classic cars in storage at the facility. A club visit is an option for a future Turkey Trot. Attendance was light and review of the By Laws was delayed until early 2025. CCCC is trying to compile a list of shops willing to work on, or who specialize in Classic Cars. So if you know of any, send the info to CCCC or share with Jim.

Jim also shared that he ran into a problem renewing registration on one of his cars. According to the DMV his title/registration was purged from their archives. Patti Jantz added that she recently had the same problem but was able to get assistance at the Downtown DMV office where they apparently still have the chiseled stone tablet records from back in the day.

National Club: No report.

New Business: Marty shared a story about his 1951 Ford Woodie. He recently ran into a 30 year old and a 50 year old neither of whom knew that station wagons were once made out of wood. That's what Marty gets for being a 6 volt guy living in a 12 volt world.

Old Business: None.

Newsletter: Steve asked for volunteers to take pictures at All Ford Day as he will not be in town.

Membership Reports: No report.

Remembrances: Patti provided an update on current club members with health issues.

Program: Lou Mraz, provided the program with photos of a past V8 tour in 2016.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:00PM

Mark Merritt, Club Secretary

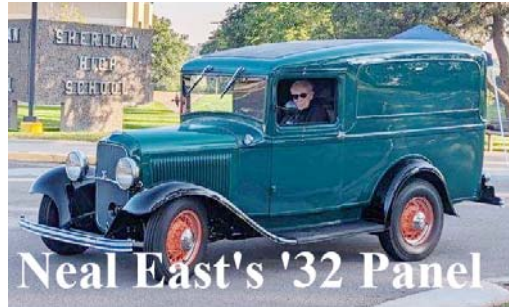
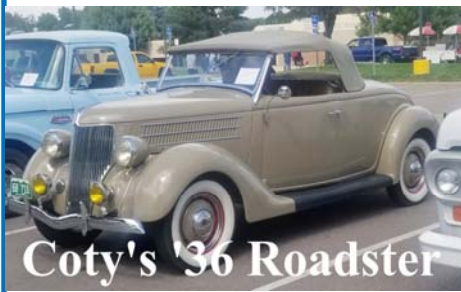
This Month's Cover

This month's cover photo was taken by new member John Beste at the AFD show of his 1932 Victoria that he has had around a year. It has a small block Ford motor so it is still all Ford, 671 Supercharger.

All Ford Day Show

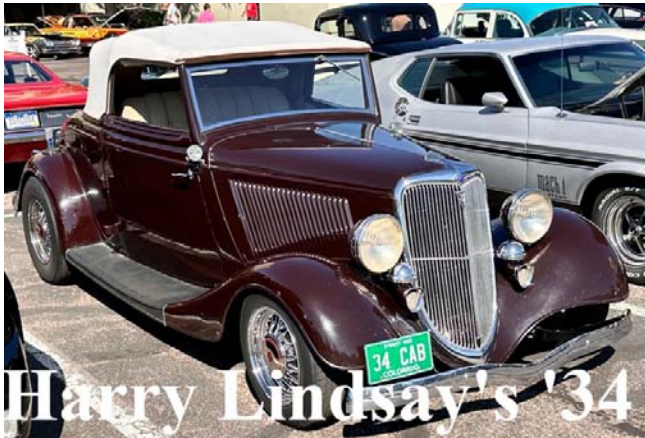
Well we had another wonderful All Ford Day Show on Sunday, September 8th at The Sheridan High School parking lot. The weather was great sunny and no clouds. The morning started at about 6:30 am in the dark. Even though it was dark a couple of cars were already there, I think they wanted to power park. Debra and I started to unload everything, tables, shirts, door prizes. As always, people showed up and wanted to register but we were not ready. I asked them to set in their cars until we were ready. The day continued fantastic. The crowd started to fill up the parking lot, the Thunderbird club started first. I want to thank all the club members that came to help, Steve Estep was setting up the west late registration. Gene Pastor was setting up the East entrance by setting the pylons and signs and he would send the pre-registration in. Patty Jantz would check them in, Randy Allen helped Patty. Then he went and helped Gene for a while. I was helping Debra set up the tables for the T-Shirts, door prizes late registration. Fred Hower stopped by and ended up helping Debra. I helped Ted, the music man, set up his speakers and his wiring. I went up to help Gene and Randy and give them a break, Gene left to get something to drink. Jay came by to get his shirts and went over to Steve Estep location. By this time the parking lot was looking good. As the morning went on cars continued to come in on both sides and filled the lot with 98 cars. Loren came by after church with his friend Jay, they helped us get things picked up. Steve and Deanie came in from their road trip and helped pick up a few things as well. This year the music man played the National anthem along with good music, I had a lot of compliments on the music. At this time I would like to thank all the club members that came to the show and helped work. We had 44 members total at "All Ford Day Car Show 2024". Again I wish to thank everyone that came to the show.

Abe & Debra



Applebee's Car Show

Well, we are winding down the Summer, already into October, Labor Day car show at Applebee's, last one this year and as usual lots of cars came to enjoy the good weather and visit with all there friends. I had the chance to see and visit with several club members, Steve Kennedy and Loren, they where taking pictures and visiting with people. As Deb and I walked around looking to do inspections, we saw Dave Overholt, Larry Christensen, Steve and Donna Carmack, Charlie and Pat Palmer, Nick Morstad, Bob Tapp, Greg Squires, Dennis and Mike Finley, John Beste, I hope I didn't miss anyone, if I did I'm sorry. There were lots of cars to look at and lots of vendors, food and other things to look at. The weather was great, warm with a little breeze, lots of music to listen to. At the end of the show there is a Magic show, then the awards were handed out for all years, old to new. Deb got another trophy, then it was time to go home. Good times was had by all. *Abe*



Harry Lindsay's '34



Abe and Deb's Great Cars



Greg's '36 Sedan Delivery



Charlie and Pat's '34



Hopefully soon to be member Dylan's '36 S window

August Picnic

Photos by Loren, Mark and Steve E





Gordon's '35 Sedan and Randy's '34 Pick-up



Steve Carmack's 1953 Ford Convertible



Dennis Finley's '32 3 Window



Bob Tapp's '46



Gabe Naccarato's 1932 3 Window Coupe
Larry Christensen's 1932 5 Window Coupe



The Carmack's

New Members

Mike and Theresa Finley
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Westminster, CO 80031
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Mike and Theresa have a 1928 Ford Tub.
Mike's Tub was on the cover of the September issue.



Matt McLaughlin & Kim Spaulding
8209 S. Albion Street, Centennial, CO 80122
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Matt and Kim have a 1947 Ford Tudor.

"My Ford '47 retains the original patina and is all new underneath. It has a modified Ford Y-block, Tremec 5-speed, disc brakes, A/C, Mustang II front end, and so forth. Fun to drive." Matt



Looking through some pics, I came across this photo of Fast Eddie Rockwell and I getting gas in Nevada. We were on our way to Oregon for a national meet in 2017. We certainly couldn't pass up this gas station to fill up!

Arnel Kimmett



We all scream for ice cream!

On Saturday October 12, 2024 at 10:00am there will be an ice cream social at Patti Jantz's home at 6696 South Lafayette Street, Centennial, 80121. Bring a big appetite to make this event successful.

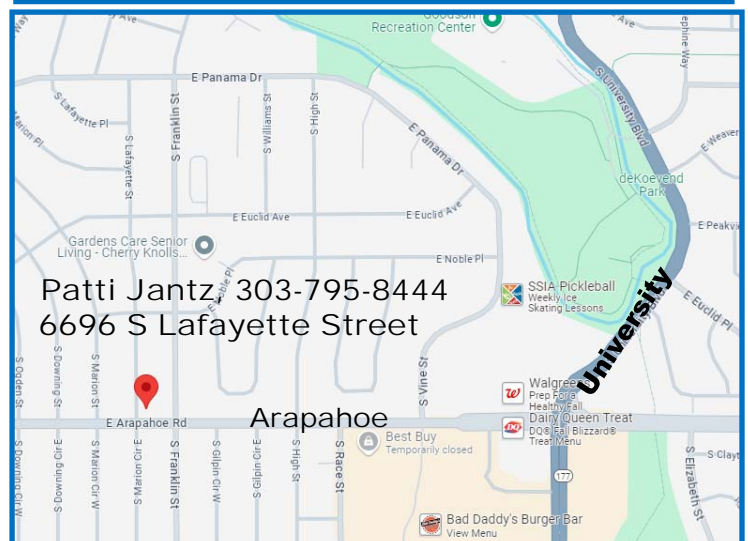
Weather permitting we will again make use of her patio, or garage areas#

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A good thing to have, in case of an emergency is a Jump Starter in case your battery dies. They do make them for 6Volt cars, they are just a bit hard to find, but great to have when you need it.



Club Picnic

On August 18th, we had our Club Picnic at Anderson Park, the weather was great started cool in the mornings. We set up the tables and covered them. As the morning went on the club members started to show up and get parked, I helped Gene get the banner set up and set up the pylons. It started to warm up quickly. As the members started to show up, they looked at the cars and talked with each other. They put their chairs under the trees for shade and talked some more. It was nice to see all the members show up again. Nick and I kept looking for everyone and check them off the list that he had. I was glad to see all the members that came. It was nice to talk to them. Al from 4G's showed up at the right time. I helped him set up all the food and there was a lot of food no chance for anyone to go hungry. Then it was time to call everyone to the dinner table where they found lots of food to choose from. It looked like everyone ate all the food they wanted. I want to THANK all the ladies that served the food to everyone. They did a great job, I hope they got to eat all food they needed. When everyone was done, we had containers for everyone to take food home and I hope they did. I helped Al load up all of his equipment. Members were leaving so that meant it was time to go home. I want to thank all the members who drove their cars to the picnic, it was great to see all there cars out and about, there were a couple of new cars I had not seen before. I counted 23 cars, I think Loren was talking the pictures as Steve Kennedy is on a boat some where. Overall it was great to see all the members and their cars at the Club Picnic. Nick and that all of you for coming.

Thanks

Abe

Picnic Photos by Loren



A DREAM COME TRUE

For so many years, we wanted a Tucker. The dream came to fruition in October of 2006. A little bit of history about Tucker. There were only 51 Tuckers manufactured. Of those only 47 now exist. Most are in museums around the country and there are about 15-16 in private ownership. We bought #17 from Fred Hunter. Fred had completely restored #17 to its “off the line perfection.”



But the story of #17 goes way back. It was sold to a Brazilian distributor in 1948. For a reason no one knows it was returned to the factory after only a month and many improvements were made including the installation of a Y1 transmission. A series of owners owned the car for the next 20 or so years. One of the last owners started to restore #17 and completely disassembled the car, sandblasted it to bare metal and let it sit under a shed for several years. Bill Hamlin, who was a Tucker expert, found and bought the car in 1971. He took the car and boxes of parts to his home in California. After assessing what he had, he thought that the car should be used as a parts car because of its insanely poor condition. But along came Steve Nicas who said, “no, no, I want to buy it.” It was agreed Mr. Hamlin would get the engine running. Bill got the car running and Steve redid the interior and painted #17 in a burnt orange color. He showed it at several shows around the California and Nevada area. Eventually, #17 ended up in the San Diego Museum. Mr. Nicas died and his son tried to sell the car at auction, but was unsuccessful. We heard about #17 being for sale and traveled to California to look at it. It was in such bad shape and there was so much Bondo. The price was a whopping \$250,000. We decided it was more than we wanted to tackle. Several months later we were attending a Muntz Jet meet along with Fred Hunter who we had become friends with a few years earlier. Fred announced that he had bought a Tucker for \$250,000 and, of course, we knew which Tucker he had bought. Fred took the next 3 years (approximately 2003 to 2006) to restore #17 back to its original glory. It was painted back to the original color of green, and it was refurbished from top to bottom. Unfortunately, just as Fred was finishing the car, he was dying from cancer. He did get to take #17 to a Tucker meet, but died shortly thereafter. We then saw an ad in Hemmings for a Tucker and realized it was #17 that Fred had bought and restored.



To make a long story short, we acquired the car in October of 2006 and brought it home. We were beside ourselves with joy because we had waited probably 30 years to buy a Tucker. We had many car clubs come to visit and Preston as we lovingly named #17 was taken to concourses around the country (Amelia Island, Lake Mirror to name a few). Best of Show trophies were won at several shows. In 2018, we were invited to Pebble Beach where 13 Tuckers were on display. It was probably the thrill of a lifetime to show “Preston” at Pebble Beach.

Earlier this year, we determined that we needed to transfer ownership to someone else to take care of our beloved Preston. #17 was donated to the University of Nebraska at Kearney where we attended college and the University sold Preston to the Dream Car Collection in Manhattan, KS. The money that was paid for #17 by The Dream Car Collection went to our scholarship fund at the University for a total of approximately 57 scholarships. We were thrilled to see #17 go to that collection. The Dream Car Collection is a fantastic collection, and they display their cars so well. It was a thrill to see it displayed there. If you wish to view the Reveal Party, you can go to YouTube and search for “1948 Tucker #1017 Reveal Party” and watch the reveal. So, this is the end of an era for us in our ownership of #17. We miss the car every day, but now it is in great hands.

A final note: Eileen was the only one who ever drove #17 during our ownership.

Story submitted by Keith and Eileen Carpenter, Hi Country V8 Club Members

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.



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 submitted 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.

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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.

October

3rd Monthly Meeting *

7th-11th Hershey Swap Meet

12th, Ice Cream Social at Patti's

20th Turkey Trot (tour), Gene & Abe*

24th Board Meeting

31st Halloween

November

3rd Daylight Savings Time Ends

7th, Monthly Meeting *

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

January 2025

2nd, NO Monthly Meeting*

4th, NO Seminar or Tour in January *

19th, Installation Banquet *

23rd, Board Meeting

26th, Polar Bear Swap Meet-Adams Cnty Fairgrounds

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