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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

Activities for the club this year have been fun as I participated in them with club members who enjoy the social aspect of our club. There hasn't been as many because it's takes some planning to have these events, but unfortunately there haven't been enough members to do this planning. Elections are on the horizon with the opportunity for club members to take an active position, to assist or dictate how events are to take place in the club's future. As we evolve, I see how changes need to be made to have our club continue in a positive, active, and socially acceptable manner. Think, if now, is the time to give back to the club in ways that each one of us is capable of doing, even though you may have contributed in the past. Volunteer, if you think the time is right.

The ice cream social was a fun event with young men stopping by to view our vintage cars, and some explanations provided by Lou Mraz. These are times that need to be expanded to try and build our club back with new members. The event went smoothly with Patty Jantz, Patty's daughter-in-law Carin, Carrie Hannum, Paige and Anne Svigel stepping forward to see that everyone was enjoying the nice day.

We acquired some new members after our All Ford Day show who are looking forward to activities that they can take part in. But we need to be able to share those experiences, with seasoned, veteran clubs members who know how to make things work. Think about 2025 and how we can make it a memorable year.

**President Jay**

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## September Board Minutes

**Date:** 09.26.24

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

**Attendance:** Jay Svigel, Tom Webb, Patti Jantz, Deb Jones, Abe Jones, Mark Merritt, Steve Kennedy.

**Vice President:** Tom gave an update on the restoration of his 39 Coupe and he explained how he acquired the Tucker story which was in our most recent Newsletter. He reminded the Board of ways in which we can enhance the Newsletter by providing interesting stories (like the Tucker example) and photos of cars with names of owners.

**Treasurer's Report:** Fred reported we are in good financial shape and Jay filed our 2024 Periodic Report with the State of Colorado.

**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:** October 12th, at 10:00AM will be at Patti Jantz's, , program will be an Ice Cream Social. Ice Cream, Pie and Coffee. Board estimated 13 Gallons will be needed with lots of debate over the flavors. Potential Seminar with Brian O'Meara (O'Meara Ford) in November 2024 or Spring 2025.

**Tours:** All Ford Day was a success with lots of cars and member cars. Board discussed car show expenses. Fred will prepare a P&L for the event once all the bills are paid. October Turkey Trot is not looking good (Update, the Trot is ON) and we may not do a tour for that month. November 11th (Monday) will be Veterans Day Tour, Fort Logan National Cemetery. Foreney Museum/Great Scott's may be a future option. Patti is still working on a place for the Christmas Dinner (Update, The Broken Tee will be the location).

**New Business:** None

**Old Business:** None

**Newsletter:** Steve had nothing new to report on the Newsletter.

**Membership Reports:** No report

**Remembrances:** Patti provided news and status on current club members with health issues.

**Program:** Next Club Meeting, Leave It To Beaver episode featuring Hot Rods. A suggestion from Ed Gallagher.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 8:15PM

*Club Secretary , Mark Merritt*

## October Monthly Minutes

**Date:** 10.03.24

President Jay thumped the Meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

**Vice President:** No report

**Treasurer's Report:** Fred, our CFO, says 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:** October 12th will be at Patti Jantz's, Ice Cream Social, coffee, ice cream and other goodies. Bring your sweet tooth. Possible seminar in November O'Meara Ford or could be Spring 2025.

**Tours:** October Turkey Trot is still up in the air at this point (Update the Trot is ON). Lots of discussion about options for October and the impact of Road Construction Projects on the options. Abe is still working on it. November 11th will be Veterans Day Tour, Fort Logan National Cemetery. December will be the Christmas Party and Patti is working on the venue (Update, The Broken Tee will be the location).

**Colorado Collector Car Council:** Jim reminded us that today we had a break from 90 degree temperatures and it was only in the 70s. He let us know Ted Rossie, whose family was active in the Classic Car hobby, is not in good shape. DMV no longer allows Classic Military vehicles to be licensed on the road. Rick Rhule will lead the annual car show in 2025. Rumor is The Scoop will no longer be available in print version at the end of 2024, only available On-Line. Jim is still looking for Shops that are willing to work on classic cars. If you have any referrals get them to Jim and he will pass along to the CCCC. **National Club:** Lou gave us an update on the financial impact to the National club caused by the previous Business Manager and advised that we be careful when it comes to all matters financial, personal or professional.

**New Business:** None

**Old Business:** None

**Newsletter:** Steve is also the editor of his Jaguar Club Newsletter and placed pictures of our club member Fords in the most recent edition. He even had a Jag Club member remonice about his '35 Ford high school car. Apparently it was such a big hit they had Steve buy up all the copies and reprint them. If you would like one of these collector's editions, please see Steve.

**Membership Reports:** No report

**Remembrances:** Patti provided her monthly update on current club members with health issues.

**Program:** Ed Gallagher suggested tonight's program Leave To Beaver, Wally's Practical Joke which features the gang pulling a prank on Lumpy and his very cool 1940 Ford Convertible. Watch this episode if you want to see a very efficient way to remove the rear end from your Early Ford.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 8:34PM

**Mark Merritt, Club Secretary**

## 2024 EFV8 Holiday Party

Our Last Tour of the Year will be our Holiday Party. Sunday, December 8th, Location: The Broken Tee Golf Course, 2101 W. Oxford Avenue, Englewood, CO 80110.

The price per person this year is \$35.00, Cash Bar, 1:00 pm, Dinner 1:30 pm to 2:00 pm.

To sign up (as soon as possible) call Patti, 303-795-8444, or mail a check to the club Post Box 3137, Centennial, CO 80122, or mail it directly to Patti Jantz, 6696 S. Lafayette St. Centennial, CO 80121.

**Special Note:** The Bennett's will be collecting underwear and new clothing for the Samaritan House. Please bring donations, unwrapped. We do this in honor of Bud Roth's memory who initiated this project.

## 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Veterans Day Tour



This is the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Veterans Day Tour to Ft. Logan National Cemetery. It will be Monday November 11<sup>th</sup> and will begin at Monaghan's (3889 S. King St). We will meet there at Sheridan's oldest continuous business (1892) for breakfast at 10:00 am. This is an hour later than usual, and might help with "rush hour" traffic! Try to arrive around 9:30 and we'll order at 10. Any veteran stories of family, friends or yourself are welcomed.

Hopefully it is still important to all of us to reflect on the Day! We'll leave Monaghan's around 11 am for a short drive to the Cemetery. I would like a group photo of the club cars and all the participants '32 – '53 only as in the past.

If you are new to this event and location, give me a call at 303-827-5446. Sign up at the general meeting (the 7<sup>th</sup>) or get a hold of me earlier so I can let their staff know the number of folks who will eat. If you are not eating, arrive later for the cemetery drive.

**Tom Webb**

## This Month's Cover

This month's cover photo is of Mark Merritt's '36 very orange Roadster. He did not make it to the Ice Cream Social because either his Columbia or transmission gave out. He said it just made a terrible noise and quit moving.

After a ride home on a flatbed, he took one of the brake drums off and found this. Fortunately easy fix!!!



Battery Charger, Car Jump Starter Booster **6V** 12V Automatic Power Bank Portable

eBay item number: **314055836360**

**Battery Charger, Car Jump Starter Booster 6V 12V Automatic Power Bank Portable**

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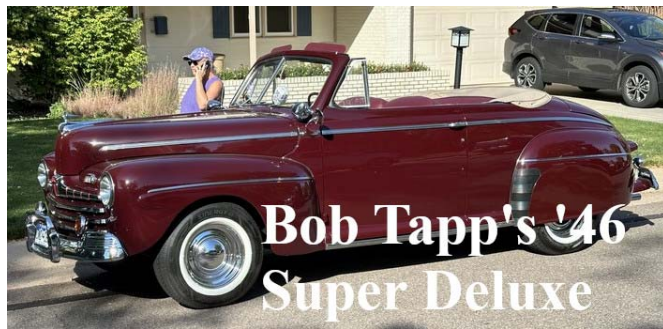
# Ice Cream Social

On October 12th, the Early Ford V8 club had the Ice Cream Social at Patti's home and her garage. We had 31 members come and they brought 20 classic cars. The weather was great, lots of sun, The cars parked on her street, and that brought a lot of attention and a lot of public traffic looking at the cars, nice show. Jay and Anne brought the Ice Cream, lots of it. Along with the Ice Cream, Patti had a lot of cookies, pies and donuts, just about anything you would like with your Ice Cream. Patti had a lot of ball caps of all brands sitting on the back of her PU, hats from anything you would like. She was selling them for \$1 dollar each and the money will go towards the Christmas banquet. I saw several members walk away with some hats. Jay made a few announcements and then the Ice Cream was flowing freely and everyone was enjoying the Ice Cream and all the pastries that were available. Patti and Carrie and Anne were scooping Ice Cream for everyone and there was all kinds of flavors to choose from. Several members moved to the patio and the conversations were about everything. Lots of conversation out on the patio and in the garage. Later, as always the party started to die down and the members started to leave. There was a lot of Ice Cream left over so Patti offered her freezer to store the Ice Cream until the next event. Thanks Patti for the use of your garage and patio and putting on our Ice Cream Social, I think everyone had a good time I know Debbie and I did.

Abe



Charlie and Pat's '34



Bob Tapp's '46  
Super Deluxe



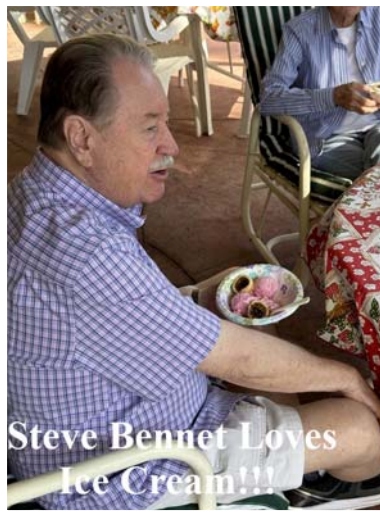
Arne's '53 Convertible



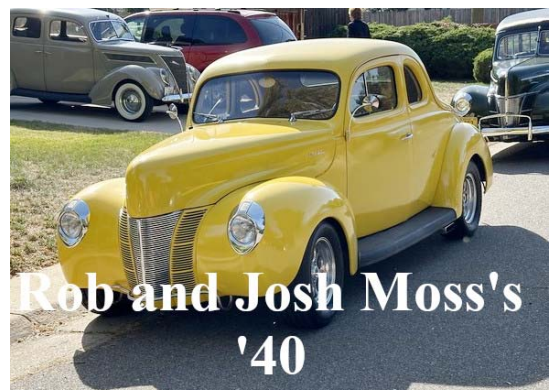
Randy's '34 pick up



Tom should have his hood back soon



Steve Bennet Loves Ice Cream!!!



Rob and Josh Moss's '40



Patti's '37 Fordor



Abe and Deb's '53 Merc



Donna and Lou Mraz



John going for 2nds



Patti's Garage



Steve checking on Mark



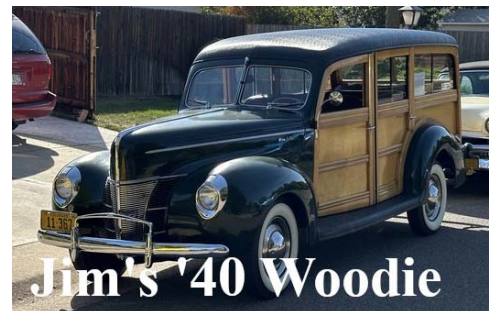
Patti's (Walt's) '37 Pickup



Jim and Wayne



John Beste's Coupe



Jim's '40 Woodie

# O'Meara Car Show

The O'Meara Ford Dealership hosted a great car show September 14th. There were easily 300 to 400 cars of all kinds and manufacturers there. Even a couple of our own members were there, John Beste with his '32, Fred Hower with his Model A and he is wanting an old T-Bird, Loren with his '57 Retractable and Steve K with his '36, 5 window coupe.

Around 1 pm, Loren and Steve got to meet Brian O'Meara, the boss of O'Meara Ford. Brian even gave them a private tour of some of the areas of the dealership. Brian told the story of how his grand father actually worked for Henry Ford.

Loren is working with Brian in hopes of getting us a private tour of the facility and history sometime in the spring.



## Prospective Board Members

There are two positions on the board for next year. The following members are interested in running for these positions.

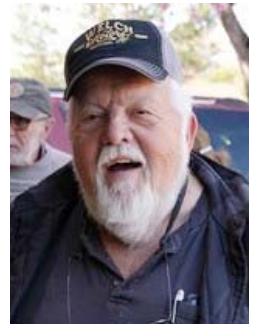
### LOUIS MRAZ

I have been a member of the Early Ford V-8 Club of America continuously since 1967 --- some 57 years in total, and yes, I have learned a thing or two about our hobby and the Club in that period of time. During the time I have belonged, I've also been an active member of 4 regional groups --- located in California, Massachusetts, and Colorado (47 years). Additionally, in this same period of time, I have served on the Board of Directors for two RG's, as well as at the National Club level for more than 25 years. Additionally, I have been National Club President twice, and RG President four times (3 times with High Country RG), as well as having served in most RG offices. What all of this means is a wealth of experience dealing with problems, issues, and opportunities. But, as song writer Bob Dylan has written, "The Times They Are A-Changin'," and to keep the RG strong and healthy, we must also recognize this fact. We definitely do have challenges to face --- and face them we must. I am currently serving on the National Club Board of Directors, and we are dealing with many of the same problems, issues, and opportunities.



*Lou*

My name is Mike Welch. I want to be on the Board. I have been in the local club for 54 years (since it started), am a life member of the 250 club, I have been on the board of directors 3 times. I have served as the president, vice president, and several different other positions. I served as chairman of Colorado Drive 75, co-chairman Beaver Creek 84, Chief Judge Steamboat 94, site selection Colorado Drive 4, Keystone, housing chairman Colorado Drive 5, Alamosa. I have also served a term on the Nation Board of The Early Ford V-8 Club (vice-president). I produced the 1983 Grand National Early V-8 meet in Detroit as the board liaison. Our club needs to make changes in meeting times, and other activities to be able to serve the needs of all our members who can't or don't want to drive at night. We need to TRY and get some younger people involved in the club to keep our hobby going.



*Mike*

My name is Patti Jantz, I am running for a 3 year term to the board of directors. I have been a member of the club for 40 years. 20 years with Walt, 20 years on my own. I have served in several positions. I have done the Christmas Party, I just hosted the Ice Cream social. I am in charge of the club mail box (getting the mail for lots of years). Let's continue to move ahead in a positive direction.



*Patti*



Photo by Tom Cerkez (a friend of mine) taken in Palm Springs, CA.

**2025**

**Membership Form for Existing Hi-Country Early Ford V8 Club Members.**

**Member Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Spouse Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Joint Membership Yes** \_\_\_\_ **No** \_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_ **City** \_\_\_\_\_ **State** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please look at last year's Roster. If there is not one single change to information, Please check this line** \_\_\_\_\_. **If there is information that needs to be updated, please complete the remainder of this form.**

**Email Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership Number for the National Early Ford V8 Club** \_\_\_\_\_

**Distributor Newsletter by Email** \_\_\_\_\_ **and/or Regular Mail** \_\_\_\_\_

**Important Notices by Email** \_\_\_\_\_ **or Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email address listed in the Roster** \_\_\_\_\_ **Yes** \_\_\_\_\_ **No** \_\_\_\_\_

**List Year, Make (Ford/Mercury) and Model of Car(s)**

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**Annual Dues are from January 1 to December 31 and are \$30 plus \$3 for Joint Membership. Joint Membership is a spouse only. A brother, cousin, friend, or blood relation requires a different new form and separate dues payment.**

**Make check payable to: EARLY FORD V8 CLUB**

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## 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.



Your New Mexico members, Jim, Joyce & Will Clements attended the Eastern National Meet in Clayton, New York. The locale was on the St. Lawrence River in the 1000 Islands area. We drove our 1940 Ford Standard coupe there and back, a total distance of 4,597 miles. With a few roadside repairs (fuel pump and electrical), we made it there and back to New Mexico. We had no major problems, no mechanical breakdowns, and the engine ran like a top when the nickel and dime stuff was all coordinated. The weather



## 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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Steve Bennett, 303-757-2266, rabsbenn@msn.com

was beautiful, and we really enjoyed the people and activities there. We won the Long Distance award and a 3rd in Touring. The pictures are the coupe on the show grounds, Jim & Joyce with Ken Bounds (Chief Judge), the coupe with the St. Lawrence River in the background, and the awards at the banquet.

*Jim, Joyce & Will Clements*

## 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

### November

3<sup>rd</sup> Daylight Savings Time Ends

7<sup>th</sup>, **Monthly Meeting \***

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 \***

8<sup>th</sup>, **Sunday, 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

### January 2025

2<sup>nd</sup>, **NO Monthly Meeting\***

4<sup>th</sup>, **NO Seminar or Tour in January \***

19<sup>th</sup>, Installation Banquet \*

23<sup>rd</sup>, Board Meeting

26<sup>th</sup>, Polar Bear Swap Meet-Adams Cnty Fairgrounds

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# HOLIDAY PARTY AT THE BROKEN TEE SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8TH

## November 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3  Daylight Savings Ends	4	5	6	7 V8 Monthly Meeting*	8	9
10	11  Veterans' Day Tour (Seminar)	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21 V8 Board Meeting	22	23
24	25	26	27	28  Thanks Giving	29	30