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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

It's that time of the year again for you to complete the 2025 registration form that was found in the November newsletter or you can download it from the Club's website. Get this to the membership chairman on or before January 31, 2025 or your personal club information won't appear in the "Early Ford V8 High Country Region Roster for 2025. I am the Membership Chairman for 2025 as the previous chairman has stepped down.

We had a great Veteran's Day breakfast and driving event and maybe our picture will appear in the National Club's regional section.

The November general meeting brought some volunteers for our "Voting" at the December meeting for "Board Members" for 2025. Many ideas have been floating around as to how we can "Streamline" our club for this new year, so if you have some thoughts as to how this can be accomplished, please discuss them with a board member.

Thanks to Loren Helfenbein and Patti Jantz for being important members of the 2024 Hi Country monthly board meetings and providing important input to address the ongoing procedural functions.

Sign up for the Christmas party that will again be held at the "Broken Tee" restaurant on December 8, 2024 with Patti Jantz. Details are in the November Newsletter.

Merry Christmas to All.

President Jay

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October Board Minutes

President Jay called the board meeting to order at 7:30 pm October 24, 2024. In attendance were: Jay Svigel, Patti Jantz, Tom Webb, Loren Helfenbein, Abe & Deb Jones, Steve Kennedy (taking minutes for Mark)

Newsletter: Steve asked what everyone thought of the newsletter with staples holding it together. Everyone liked it.

Comforts and Concerns: Patti says Steve Carmack was back in the hospital, he is home right now.

Membership: Jay says all the membership forms are to be sent to the club address. Members are to call Jay if they want a printed copy of the renewal form.

Deadline on membership form is January 31st if you want your name the roster as it is going to print February 1st. Your membership form must be in the club's possession by January 31st, not mailed on the 31st.

Tours: Tom says the is the 14th year in a row that the club has honored veterans by being at Ft. Logan on November 11th.

Elections will be held at the December meeting. There are two board positions open and the following three club members are running for those positions: Patti Jantz, Mike Welch and Lou Mraz. Ballot will be handed out at the December meeting. You must be present at the meeting to vote.

Ice Cream Social: There were 27 members, 13 club cars at the ice Cream Social at Patti's on October 13th. Loren said that Jim Nielsen has National V8 Hats available.

Next month's program will feature several local club events. Ed Gallagher is the director and editor of the program.

The board meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Steve Kennedy
Co-Secretary

the Yellow '40 Ford, got 118 points in just a few months.

Installation Banquet on Saturday January the 18th. It will be at 4 G's on Platt Canyon Road \$17 per person, coffee and soft drinks with the meal. Send your check to the club post office box or give it to Patti.

Membership: Deb Jones has stepped down from Membership Chair, so Jay is filling that spot. Please fill out the form that was in last month's Distributor. Even if you don't have any changes, please fill out the form and get it to Jay. That goes for Life Members as well, please send in the form. Dues must be in by January 31st. The Roster goes to press on February 1st, 2025.

Turkey Trot: Abe said that everyone enjoyed the Turkey Trot.

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.*

Comforts and Concerns Valassis Taffy passed away. Megan Squire had a knee operation. Steve Carmack is doing better.

CCCC Meeting: Jim Nielsen says the CCCC did not meet this month. There was not much going on anyway. Jim did receive a post card from a friend that attended an event at Lowery. For their desert menu, they had the menu on a post card with Ike standing in a '54 Lincoln Convertible.

Jim has a Lincoln that was loaned to Ike whenever he was in Denver. It was owned by a Denver police officer. Jim says he has been in the club since 1975 and this is the first year for changes to Horseless Carriage plates.

Newsletter: Steve went over the 2025 calendar, so it is ready for next year's newsletter.

We do not have a meeting in January .

November Monthly Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Jay at 7:30 pm.

Jay welcomed everyone, even though it was a week late due to last week's snow storm

Fred Hower gave the treasurer's report, we have money and all the bills are paid.

Tom says the **250 Club**, we had no tours in February and March and no seminars in March, May or July so the total points for the year would be 160 points if you attended all the events that were available. Rob, with

Photos of Eddie's '40 are in the last V8 Times magazine. He won the 1st in class and longest distance awards.

2025 Board: The following three members have volunteered to run for the two open board positions: Lou Mraz, Mike Welch, Patti Jantz. Loren was on the board for three years and Patti completed Scott Turnage's one year position. Fred's term as treasurer is also up, so we will need a new club treasurer next year.

Presentation: Ed Gallagher brought a program about the Street Rod Nationals in Pueblo, Golden '32 Ford Car Show, Deuces of Colorado, the Denver Hot Rods NSRA, the Broadway Cruise Night, Rocky Mtn Air Port Air and Car Show and a How To Rebuild a 97 Stromberg carburetor. There were lots of flathead pictures and it was a great presentation. Dedicated to Duane Helms. The presentation was produced by Ed Gallagher. Great presentation, thanks Ed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40.

Steve Kennedy
Co-Secretary

Hinge Pin Puller

Loren borrowed Greg Squires' hinge pin puller, really a pusher. Anyway, with a really thick piece of leather behind the bolt part of the tool, it took several tries and lots of lube to get it to push out, but Loren did get the pin out and got his wing mirrors installed. A thought would be



to replace the hex head bolt with a socket head bolt that takes a large allen wrench. A hole would also have to be drilled in the bolt to receive the pin pusher.

14th Annual Veterans Day Tour

November 11, 2024 is the 70th anniversary of the official change from Armistice Day to Veterans Day. October 8th, 1954 President Eisenhower signed a proclamation expanding the observance to include all who have served in the US military.

Our 14th Annual Tour to remember and celebrate started at Monaghan's (Est 1892). We've been here many times in the past with good food, good friends and many good stories. This year long-time member Arnel Kimmitt brought to the gathering the standard Japanese issued bolt actioned rifle they used throughout the War. His dad



was a Navy Hospital Corpsman on Guadalcanal and like many soldiers' and sailors' "souvenirs" were plentiful and confiscated to bring back home. A pretty interesting weapon and its weight and length 5'6" with bayonet doesn't seem it could be handled easily by a slightly built Japanese soldier!

Seventeen club members were present this year bringing 10 cars. The National Cemetery at Ft. Logan, roadways and parking lots were dry, but with a recent 14" of snow made the rest of the cemetery a winter wonderland. Blue skies and old Fords and Mercs make for good photos! Thanks to all who were present.

Tom Webb

This Month's Cover

This month's cover photo is of Randy Allen's pickup taken at Ft. Logan when the club paid honors to our fallen soldiers.



Lost Spider

While on the Turkey Trot, we happen to lose one of our Spider hub caps. No idea where, we did retrace the route and it was no where to be easily seen. Fortunately, I did have an extra. But, that made me think, whoever might find it, would probably be glad to return it, but they have no way to do that. So I cleaned the rest of the hub caps I have and took one of those Paint Pens, magic marker would work too, and put my phone number in each of them. I know most of you will say, "Well, I don't need to do that, I have never lost one." Well, neither had I til now. And now mine are returnable if someone does find one of them and now they can!!!!



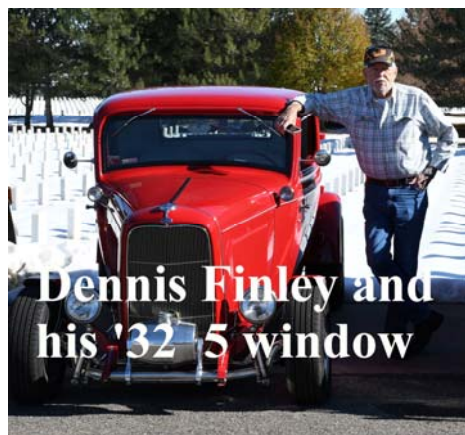
Installation Banquet

An early heads-up for our 2025 Board of Directors Installation Banquet. The only club event in January will be Saturday the 18th from noon til 2:00 P.M.? Enjoy another Al Gonzales Mexican buffet. Coffee and tea will be included in your \$17.00 a person cost. Pay Patti or send check to our Club P. O. Box. Any questions, contact Tom Webb (303-827-5446) Arrive around noon for seating and for drinks. Food will be ready by 12:45. Location: 4G's Restaurant, 5950 S. Platte Canyon Dr., Littleton CO 80123

2024 Turkey Trot

The Early Ford V8 Club had its Turkey Trot, Poker Run on October 20th. We started at the Wheat Ridge High School parking lot. The day was fantastic, all the sun you could handle. Just a great day. As the members started to show up, everyone started talking with each other. That was a good sight. We had 27 members and 12 cars show up at the parking lot where we all gathered together for the drivers meeting. I gave out the instructions and the first card, I had sent the card givers out earlier to their locations. I sent the first car out and I asked everyone to give a couple of minutes between cans so they wouldn't all bunch at each stop. It was good to see Steve & Deanie Kennedy with their '36. It was nice to see everyone with their Fords. Steve & Dana, Randy, Joyce, Gordon, Gary & Karen Hansen, Patty, Lou & Donna, Russ, Jim Nielsen, Charlie & Pat, Gene & Claudia, Paul & Rebecca, Jay, Scott & Aurelia, Nick, and Jeff Malwitz. They all came in their Fords. Every one left and I came up at the tail end to make sure everyone made it. Jay told me he might have to drop out for a personal issue and he did, too bad. Every one made the drive with no problems, Mr. Kennedy was worried a little but he made it just fine. We got to MALONES, everyone a chance to talk some more while they had their meal. The restaurant did a great job as always. After everyone had some food, I announced the winners of the porker run. 1st place was Randy Allen with a pair of 6's and 3-9's and second place was Nick & Jeff Malwitz with 5 spades. I gave them some gift cards. I want the THANK everyone that came to the Turkey Trot run this year, I really want to thank those members that took a check point and gave out the cards along the route, thanks to Debbie, Steve & Dana, Charlie & Pat, Gene & Claudia, I gave out the first card and sent them on there way. THANKS EVERYONE for coming I hope you enjoyed the run and the weather I ordered.





Dennis Finley and his '32 5 window



Pat & Charlie and their new, old '33



Randy's '34



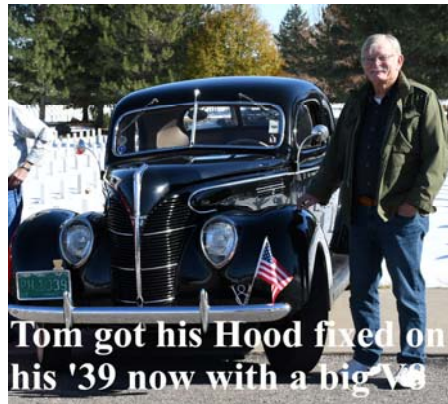
Gordon and his '35



Loren still loves his '36 Coupe



Patti's '37



Tom got his Hood fixed on his '39 now with a big V8



Steve E's '51 Panel



Deb & Abe and their '53 Mercury



2024 Turkey Trot Around the Golden/Arvada Area



Jim's Woodie Collection



1st Place Randy Allen



2nd Place was Nick & Jeff Malwitz



2025 Membership Form

**Dues must be received by the club by January 31st.
The Roster goes to press February 1st.**

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 ____ **Yes** ____ **No** ____ **and/or Regular Mail** ____ **Yes** ____ **No** ____

Important Notices by Email ____ **Yes** ____ **No** ____ **and/or Phone** ____ **Yes** ____ **No** ____

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.

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Mail to: Membership Chairman

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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.



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.

November

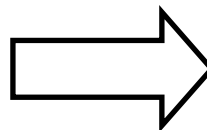
3rd Daylight Savings Time Ends

7th, **Monthly Meeting ***

11th, **Veterans Day Ft. Logan (Tour) ***

21st, Board Meeting

28th, Thanksgiving



December

5th, **Monthly Meeting ***

8th, **Sunday, 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 ***

18th, **Installation Banquet at Cinzzetti's ***

23rd, Board Meeting

26th, Polar Bear Swap Meet-Adams Cnty Fairgrounds

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2nd, **NO Monthly Meeting***
4th, **NO Seminar or Tour in January ***
18th, Installation Banquet *
23rd, Board Meeting
26th, Polar Bear Swap Meet-Adams Cnty Fairgrounds

February

6th **Monthly Meeting ***
8-9th **Tri-State Swap Meet***
16th **Tour***
27th, Board Meeting

March

6th, Monthly Meeting *
8th, **Seminar***
9th, Daylight Savings Time Begins
16th, **Tour***
27th, Board Meeting

April

3rd, **Monthly Meeting ***
5th, **Seminar***
13th Palm Sunday
20th, Easter
24th, Board Meeting

May

1st, **Monthly Meeting ***
3rd, **Seminar***
11th, Mother's Day
18th, **Tour***
22th, Board Meeting
26th, Memorial Day Car Show at Applebee's
on west Colfax & Miller

June

5th, **Monthly Meeting ***
7th, **Seminar***
7th, Pre-war Swap Meet, Adams County Fairgrounds
14th, **V8 Tour***
15th, Father's Day
21st, **Drive Your Ford Day Tour***
22nd to 26th Central Meet
26th, Board Meeting

July

4th, Independence Day
10th, **Monthly Meeting ***
12th, **Seminar***
20th, **Tour***
24th, Board Meeting
30th, Henry Ford's Birthday

August

2nd, **CCCC Car/Air Show ***
7th, **Monthly Meeting ***
9th, **Club Auction-Seminar***
17th, **Anderson Park Car Picnic (Tour) Abe ***
28th, Board Meeting

September

1st, Labor Day Car Show at Applebee's
on west Colfax & Miller
4th, Monthly Meeting *
7th, **All Ford Day (Tour) Abe ***
25th, Board Meeting

October

2nd **Monthly Meeting ***
4th **Seminar***
6th-10th Hershey Swap Meet
18th October-fest Swap Meet, 9755 Henderson Rd.,
Brighton
19th **Turkey Trot (tour), Gene & Abe***
23rd Board Meeting
31st Halloween

November

2nd Daylight Savings Time Ends
6th, **Monthly Meeting ***
8th, **Seminar***
11th, **Veterans Day Ft. Logan (Tour) ***
20th, Board Meeting
27th, Thanksgiving

2025 December

4th, **Monthly Meeting ***
7th, **Seminar, Holiday Party**
14th, **No Tour***
18th Board Meeting
25th, Christmas
31st, New Year's Eve

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December 2024

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