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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

We had a great Christmas Party at the Broken Tee Restaurant on a day of warm weather, plenty of club member's to catch up with each other as to what was happening in their lives. Steve Kennedy received the Bert Marsh Award which was deserving to a dedicated person involved in our Ford Club.

Elections have been completed for the new year of anticipated club events, so the December board meeting finalized who will lead the club for 2025.

Personally, 2024 was a fun year, full of activities to keep the club eventful, as well as some losses of some dear friends. We will have some past club happenings to celebrate anniversaries for to share all those fond memories.

I learned that the State of Colorado is inflexible in its rules for Horseless Carriage license plate renewals, and if you "snooze, you lose". Thank goodness the Postal Service didn't take vacation for the whole Christmas holiday time.

I attended the CCCC final meeting of 2024, and learned that our governing body of club members is also experiencing volunteer issues. Our hobby could be in jeopardy of losing some of its privileges in the coming years.

Thanks to all of the 2024 board members who helped me make this last year a memorable one.

Happy New Year, 2025 **President Jay**

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Contributions of articles, photos, cartoons, sale or wanted items, etc., are welcome and may be mailed to Steve Kennedy, deadline the 18th of the month.

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November Board Minutes

Jay called the November 21, 2024 meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

In attendance Jay Svigel, Patti Jantz, Tom Webb, Loren Helfenbein, Deb and Abe Jones, taking minutes, Steve Kennedy.

Fred announced his resignation as Treasurer. He wrote a resignation letter effective immediately, due to health reasons.

Newsletter has been delivered to the printer. They are having problems with their printing machine. They hope to be up and running next week.

Loren says Tom is going to do a write up and get it Loren to send it to the national.

Patti tried to contact Valassis Taffy's family but has not heard back.

For 2024, Jay has put together a voucher system so all transactions are tracked.

There are a few shirts left over from All Ford Day that Abe is going to sell at the December meeting. Steve K will take the rest to the Holiday Party to sell.

Jay has some posters that he got Walt Hume that he will bring to a future meeting.

Adjourned 8.20.

Co-Secretary, Steve Kennedy

December Monthly Minutes

President Jay called us to order at 7:30PM.

Jay provided an update on Lou Mraz's passing and we are still awaiting details on services. The National Club and Board of Directors have been notified.

Vice President: Tom reminded members with Horseless Carriage tags to pay attention to the mailer from the State of Colorado. Lots of discussion ensued around the complications in getting the renewal so good luck! One thing that was consistent about folk's experience was there is no such thing as consistency at the Colorado DMV.

Treasurer's Report: Jay provided a review of our balance sheet. We still have money in the bank.

Secretary's Report: None.

Seminars: Possible seminar at O'Meara Ford Spring 2025.

Tours: December Tour is the Christmas Party. No tour in January. Installation of 2025 Officers will be at 4Gs in January.

Colorado Collector Car Council: Jim reported the

state of California is trying to get rid of Classic Cars by restricting the use of gasoline powered cars entirely. He also believes the state of Colorado is losing its shirt selling Horseless Carriage tags and the Colorado legislative session starts January 8 and goes for four months. Jim thinks our lawmakers will focus on Classic Car's contribution to the state air quality problems and he encouraged us to contact our legislators to let them know we want their support in preserving our ability to own and operate our cars. Lori Garcia Sander is a good contact at the state of Colorado for DMV issues. She represents House District 65 in the State Legislature. Dick Fritz is resigning his position as newsletter editor and Jim reminded us the majority of CCCC's budget goes to Leo Boyle, our lobbyist. 2025 Airport Show planning starts immediately and they are in need of volunteers. Transportation of spectators is an issue as the previous provided can no longer support the show. CCCC Website: <https://collectorcouncil.com/>

National Club: None

New Business: Club members elected three new Board Members for 2025. Two with 3 Year Terms and one with a 1 Year term to finish out the board position vacated by Fred Hower. Fred recently resigned his positions on the Board and Treasurer. As voted by the members the new board members are, Mike Welch 3 year term, Harry Lindsay 3 Year Term and Patti Jantz 1 Year term. Jay also told us Lou Mraz had reminded him multiple times this year that 2025 will be the 50th Anniversary of the club hosting the National Meet in Estes Park in 1975.

Old Business: None

Newsletter: No Report

Membership Reports: Jay provided a membership report. He has all the information from Deb. Get you dues in by January 31, 2025.

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

Program: Program was a video of English made Fords. The video was from the archives of the Ford/National Motor Museum, Beaulieu, UK.

Meeting Adjourned: Meeting sort of adjourned at 8:34PM for those that wanted to get an early jump on driving home. Jay and the Die Hard members stuck around for the English Ford Video.

Mark Merritt Club Secretary



Holiday Party

The Club Christmas Banquet was held on Sunday the 8th at Broken Tee Golf course, As usual Patti did a great job getting it all set up. The tables were set up nice, with lots of center pieces to be given a way when the time came. The Golf Club did a great job setting up the buffet. There was lots of food for everyone. Steve Bennett kept everything in order and he told some jokes. As usual Steve made it hard to set and wait for the tables to be called, but in a short time every one got their food. The food was good and plenty of it, salad, chicken, beef, mashed potatoes. Enough for everyone to go back for seconds and you could take home extra if you wanted. There was a good crowd with 68 members present, every one got their food and was enjoying it and had good conversations. When everyone was done, the staff was picking up the plates, silverware they cleaned the tables very quickly. Steve B. and Arnel got everything ready to announce the winner of the Bert Marsh award. This year it went to Steve Kennedy for all the work he has done with the Newsletter, they passed the picture around for everyone to see. Then it was time to call the names for the Christmas items on the tables. As the names were called everyone had their choice of a Poinsettia plant or Christmas Ornaments. I think everyone at the dinner received a prize, then everyone started to leave to a good looking day outside.

Thanks again Patti for the great job you did!

Abe

Wanted/For Sale

Wanted: 1 or 2 of the '36-'39 wide five bare wheels (4" wide X 16").

Call Tom Webb,
303-827-5446,
WebbV860@gmail.com



Wide Five Adapter Plate

Loren and Steve K are going to have several Wide Five adapter plates made so they don't have to keep borrowing Jim and Bernie's adapters. Yes, there are some on line, but those all have the larger 5/8 lugs on them. Our Fords have 1/2 inch lugs and that is what we want to stay with. If you want one, the cost is \$65 each. Steve K. 303-489-3955, skennedy@ecentral.com



Installation Banquet

The only club event in January will be Saturday the 18th from Noon til 2:00 pm?

Enjoy another Al Gonzales Mexican buffet. The cost will be \$17.00 per person, including coffee and iced tea. An early "head-count" of members/guests would be nice for Al to make preparations. Pay Patti Jantz, or mail check to Club's P.O. Box. Any questions, contact Tom Webb (303) 789-3956.

Arrive around noon for seating and for drinks. Food will be ready by 12:45. If it's a nice day drive those club vehicles to 4G's. Come support long time members; Mike Welch, Harry Lindsay, and Patti Jantz who stepped up to be on the next Board!

Location: 4G's Restaurant

5950 S. Platte Canyon Dr.

Littleton, CO 80123

Questions, contact Tom Webb, 303-827-5446,



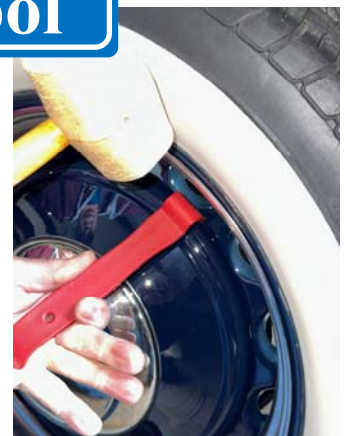
Cover Photo

This month's cover photo was taken at the Holiday Party at the Broken Tee. It's Tom's '39 WITH HIS brand new hood and Steve and Loren's '36 5 windows, or is that Loren and Steve's '36's. Even they get confused.

Hubcap Tool

Hubcap Removing Tool

Loren borrowed a plastic prybar (Cal Hawk Tools CAPTR11 Trim Removal Tool) from Steve E. It keeps the wheel from getting scratched and one Tap and the hubcap comes right off.



Holiday Party



Marty & Debbie Phillips



Steve
Bennett
Our MC



Kay & Dave McCord



Jake Byrd



Deanie & Dana!



Rebecca & Paul Seright



Jay, our Fearless
Leader



Paige Svigel



Our Great
Wait Staff



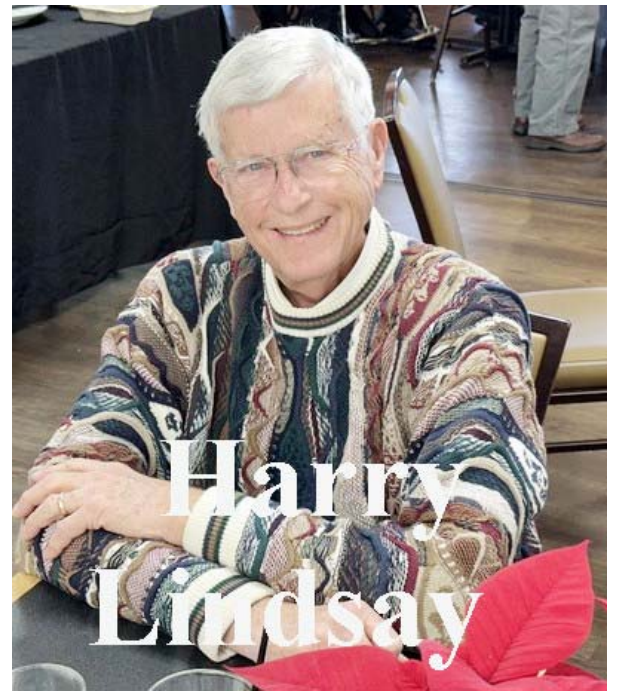
Marianne & Casey
Hayes



For sale 1957 T-Bird . If interested please call Casey Hayes 303-288-5869, or if you can't get him on the phone call Steve Estep at 720-381-8984.



Debra & Smiling Abe



**Harry
Lindsay**



**Lisa & Danny
Graffenberger**



Tom & Julie



**Steve K. Receiving
the Bert Marsh
Award, THANKS!**



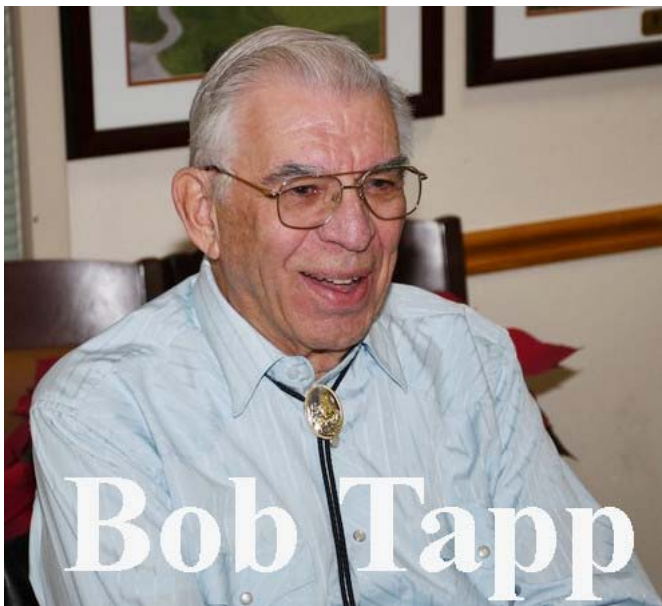
**A Big Thanks to Patti
for Another Great
Holiday Party**



Nick and Gordon



Becky & Jeff Malwitz



Bob Tapp



Pat & Charlie



Deb & Abe's
'53 Mercury



Dana & Steve E's
'50 Ford



Jim's '40



Bob's '46 & Charlie's '34

Lou Mraz's Passing

Our Friend, Lou Mraz



I met Lou Mraz in 1975. We hosted "Colorado Drive 75". My co-chairman, Gordon Campbell and I were very excited to have someone come from Massachusetts! Lou and I stayed in touch. In 1977 Lou, Donna and family moved to Colorado and settled in Aurora. Lou and I became close friends. I served on the National Board from '79 – '82. When my term was up, I suggested he run for the open spot. He did and served 3 terms on the Board. He was also National President.

He was very active in the High-Country Regional Group and served as President and other positions. Lou planned many week-long driving tours in Colorado and other states. Lou



was very much a believer in driving our V-8s whenever possible.

He had several V-8s—Ford and Mercury. He was a big supporter of trying to recruit younger members. It is very hard to focus on the fact that he's not here. Lou, we'll miss you and your jokes. Our deepest regrets to Donna, and family.

Regards, Mike Welch

Lou Mraz

Lou has been a wonderful member of the Early Ford V-8 Club, both local, and on a National basis.

Not only is he on our list of past Presidents, but Lou has been on the Board of the National V-8 Club several times. He was one of our most active members. And best of all, Lou created more driving tours than any of our local members. In my opinion, since I joined the club in the late 1970s, I have always claimed that our seven-day driving tour through Southwestern Colorado in 1982, was our greatest tour of all time.

And the seven-day driving tour in 1987 was another special tour. Thanks to Lou Mraz.

We have lost a true leader, a man who worked hard to make this a better club, and one of the nicest guys I have ever known.

Harry Lindsay

Other Club Members We have Lost During the Year



Fran Fiechter



Ray Ziehm



Carl O'Loughlin



Duane Helms

Note: We could not find a picture of Nick. If you have one, we can run it next month.

Nick Buccola



Hi Country Early V8 Club
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Centennial, CO 80122

December 9, 2024

Dear Hi Country Early V8 Club,

This letter is from the Friends of Historic Fort Logan Museum Board. Recently, a generous donation of \$50 dollars was given to the Board from the Hi Country Early V8 Club in memory of Duane Helms.

Per IRS Regulations, this letter serves as a receipt for your donation. No reportable goods or services were received.

On behalf of the Board, we would like to thank your Club for the support of the Friends of Historic Fort Logan. The donation will assist in keeping the legacy of the Museum going.

Thank you again for your support of this effort, it is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Friends of Historic Fort Logan Museum Board
LuAnn Hiler, chair

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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)

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

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

Mail to: Membership Chairman

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HI- COUNTRY REGIONAL GROUP

2025 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

2nd, **NO Monthly Meeting***
 4th, **NO Seminar or Tour in January ***
 18th, Installation Banquet at 4 G's *
 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)***
 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)***
 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

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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INSTALLATION DINNER AT 4 G'S RESTAURANT SATURDAY, JANUARY 8TH

January 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 New Years	2 No V8 Meeting	3	4 No V8 Seminar
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 V8 Installation Banquet
19	20	21	22	23 V8 Board Meeting	24	25
26 Polar Bear Swap Meet	27	28	29	30	31	