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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

By the time you get this edition of the Distributor, it will officially be Summertime, that time of year when we get the most and best opportunities weather wise to drive our cars. Let's all keep fingers crossed for rain and hail storms to take place during the week and for weekends to remain high and dry. On the other hand, keeping those flatheads cool while the weather heats up is a part of the Summertime bargain as well.

I've heard from reliable resources that a good time was had by several members who got together on June 15th over at Morningside Assisted living for an impromptu car show and visit with club member Walt Hume. An article will follow with all the details. On the Monthly Club Events front, by the time you are reading this we will have held our June event on the 22nd with a visit to Rambler Ranch. I've never been so I can't wait to see all the Rambler, Nash and American Motor Company products, plus all the other cool stuff they have to see as part of the museum. Circle July 26th on your calendars because, thanks to member Dave McCord, our next monthly Club event will be at Wings Over The Rockies with lunch at 11:00 AM followed by a guided tour at 12:00PM. (CHECK DETAILS ON THIS STEVE, DAVE MADE AN ANNOUNCEMENT AT THE LAST MEETING). The museum is a community treasure and it's always fun to see and learn about the history of the Vintage aircraft they have on display and Colorado's aviation history.

Up and down the Colorado Front Range, Car show events are in full swing and this past weekend I ran into fellow member Harry Lindsay at the Castle Rock Cruise -In where he was showing his 1940 Ford Coupe. You may have seen and heard about it as he has shared pictures and the build history with us in a previous Club Meeting Program. Well pictures don't do it justice. It is a magnificent machine and I thank Harry for showing me all the small details that make it such a great car. Speaking of Car Shows, All Ford Day will be September 7th and Tom Webb as our Car Show chairman needs your assistance. Most folks have no idea the amount of work it takes to plan and orchestrate a well run car show and we appreciate Tom's commitment. So call Tom and ask how you can help make this the best All Ford Day ever.

May All Your Pistons Keep Poppin,
Your Prez, Mark Merritt

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June V8 Club Monthly Minutes

President Mark rang the axle bell to call the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

Mike Mraz, Lou's son has joined the club. He says he will be selling some of Lou's stuff in the future, just not sure what or when.

Charlie Dallas got the engine running for his '40 deluxe. He says he had to mill the heads 30 under to get them to match and be flat.

Jay continues to refine the treasurer's presentation so it is readable at the meeting on the screen. He said the deposit for the All Ford Day at the Sheridan High School on September 7th has been paid. Prepaid registration may enter through the east gate beginning at 7 am. We do need some early morning volunteers to manage the gates. Non-registered may enter through the west gate beginning at 9 am. Tom said that All Ford Day has been in existence for 54 years. It is the longest continuous car show in metro Denver, but, unless someone else wants to take over All Ford Day, September 7th, will be the last All Ford Day.

Our Board Member, Mike Welsh, says we will meet at the southwest corner of Parker Road and Arapahoe on Sunday, June 22nd for the Rambler Ranch tour.

Dave McCord talked about the Wings over the Rockies tour. It will be \$16 per person at the gate. We will meet at 11 am on Saturday, July 26, at the Beer Garden next to the museum. We will enter the museum at noon.

The Club Auction will be on August 9th at Charlie Clark's.

Jim reminded everyone that the CCCC Car/Air show will be August 2nd at the Rocky Mtn. Air Port (Broomfield). Jim also mentioned that there are 42 CCCC club memberships that have paid their dues. The SEMA Show in Las Vegas is November 4-7, 2025. It is a big show with lots of vendors, tickets are all sold out.

Forney Museum: The Forney is still recovering from the flooding that occurred about a month ago, but luckily it didn't affect the display area where our meeting was held. The Forney will feature station wagons in June and July and they would welcome hearing from owners willing to include their vehicles in the display. Contact Christof or Dan at 720-297-1113.

Rodz and Bodz Movie Car Museum Auction: The Rods and Bodz museum is drawing down their collection in preparation for a move to another location. The museum will close on August 2nd. There will be an auction of items at 401 Englewood Parkway in Englewood on August 22 and 23. Info: info@KraftAuctions.com.

Patti: Remembrances-Marian Hayes broke her wrist. Steve E talked with Eddie. Eddie and his son are going to drive his '40 to the Central Meet. Donna Carmack has some empty garage spaces if anyone wants to store their cars. Not sure how much yet, but probably not much.

Remembrances: Patti talked about just having a car show at the Morning Star Retirement on south Kipling from 11 til 2. This is where Walt Hume is living now.

It was mentioned that Bob and Margo Wilson just rejoined. Each of them thought the other had sent in their renewal.

Jay's presentation was about some old pictures he had. Some were from the RDL Machine Shop in Commerce City that the club toured.

Mark adjourned the meeting at 8:30 pm.

Steve Kennedy

May V8 Club Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order by President Mark at 7:04pm. Absent board members: Harry Lindsay, Mike Welch **First item** for discussion by Tom was that Carrie Hannum was to become an honorary club member which passed unanimously. **Second item** was that AFD has the deposit paid, insurance for the day from the national club has arrived, and the music for the event will be Mike Shaug. Charges will be: \$25 for sponsors, \$15 for preregistered car owners, and \$25 for "Day of Show" car owners. A Tee shirt Design is in the works. **Third item** was that Mark Merritt will generate an advertisement for Rob Moss to give to the show sponsors who signs up to advertise at AFD. **Fourth item** was the program for the general meeting which Jay said could be "The Red Barn". **Fifth item** was that the club is still in the "Black"! **Sixth item** was the Auction that will be held at Charlie Clark's house.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:08 pm. **No Board Meeting for the month of June 2025.**

Jay

Memorial Day Car Show

We had another great Memorial Day show on May 26th. But Mother Nature played a trick one every in the morning. I got there at 6:00 am and all I can say it was COLD. The cars were not lined up as usual. They came in very slow. I started my inspections, I had 12 lined up first thing to do, started to sprinkle. Not bad just enough to notice. I forgot my jacket and my hands got real cold so COLD. So I used lot of radiators to warm my hands up so I could do my paper work. The weather started to warm up later in the morning and the crowd started filling up the parking lot. Unfortunately, I was doing some inspections around 10:00 so I was not at the music wagon so Debra stayed there to keep on eye out to see how many came. We did see Randy, Jake, Mark Howes, Steve K, Mark Merrit with his roadster, Loren, Larry Christensen, Bob & Margo , Abe & Debra, I hope I didn't miss anyone. We managed to do 27 inspections with the weather and a short show. Thanks for everyone coming to the show.

Abe



'58 Retractable



Fieri '40 Tudor

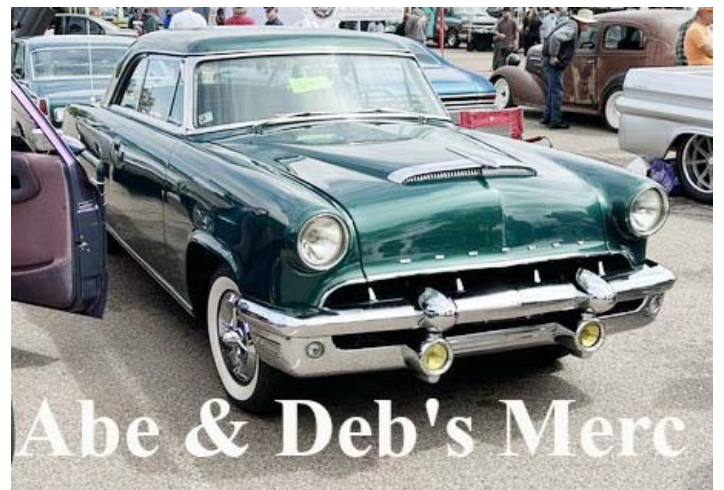


Sorta a '37



'34 Very Hot Rod





South African 3-Window '36



South African 3 –Window



Australian 5 –Window



Bottom fenders of the South African '36 3-Window fender curves inward.

For comparison, Bernie's '36 3-Window on the left and Alan White's '35 on the right.

Neither have the curve that the South African has.

We have a Ford friend, Trevor Poulsen in Australia. His brother, Graham, attended the Cooly Rocks-On Car Show on the Queensland's Gold Coast.

In attendance was this recently imported 1936 Ford **Three Window Coupe** from **South Africa**. Being from South Africa, it was factory Right Hand Drive.

What his brother thought was unusual was the bottom of the rear fenders, they curve in towards the body.

Australia never got the three Window Coupes, only Five Window Coupes.

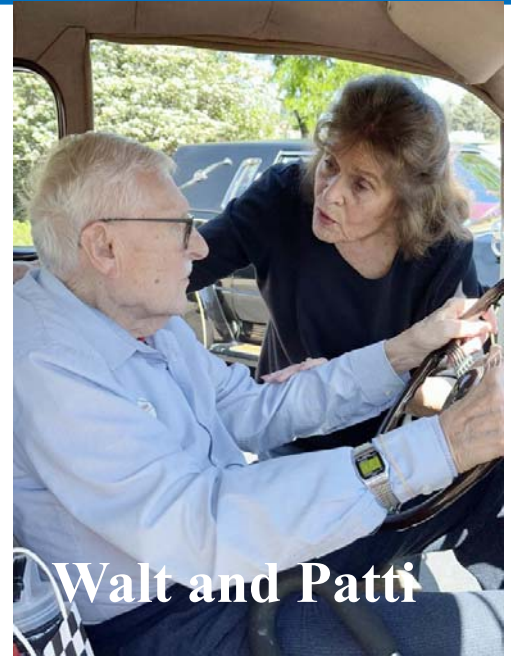
The owner of the South Africa Three Window Coupe says he intends to add a 327 Chev engine - what a real pity. Finally, just for your interest, the Five Window Coupe in the upper right was also in attendance.

Regards Trevor

Morning Star Retirement Car Show



Walt and Loren with "Their '36"



Walt and Patti

The Early Ford Club was invited to go and visit our long time club member, Walt Hume, at Morning Star, it was great day clear sky and it was hot. It was great to see Walt and talk with him. He looks good and he told me he is doing good. He was happy to see the club members and all the member that showed up had the chance to visit with him. The living center appreciated the club members and their cars which turned out to be 6 club cars, 10 members, and about 40 cars in total when every one showed up. The center supplied everyone with lunch, hot dogs, chips, and watermelon and all the water you could drink. It was a great day to visit with our friend and club member.

Abe



'52 COE



Charlie's '34 Tudor Sedan



Rob Moss's '40 Deluxe



Abe & Deb's '53 Merc



Tom's '39



Patti showing off her painted tattoo on her arm



Patti and her '37 Fordor



Arnel's '53 Merc



Wings Over the Rockies Tour

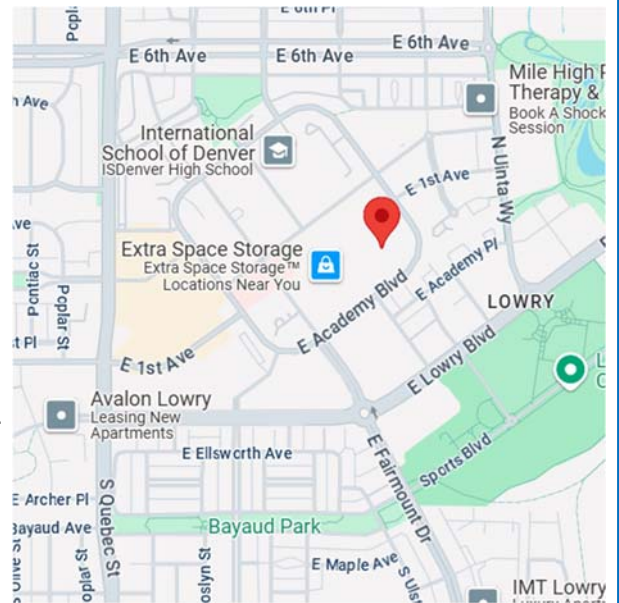
For the Wings over the Rockies tour, **we will meet at 11 am on Saturday, July 26, at the Beer Garden next to the museum.** We will enter the museum at noon. It will be \$16 per person at the gate.

Wings over the Rockies is located at 7711 E Academy Blvd., east of Quebec St. take E. 1st Ave east to stop sign, turn south, around the curve you will see the B-52, former Lowry AFB. Lunch at the Beer Garden at 11:00 AM and tour at 12:00 noon. We will have a guide.

New Exhibit: 2theXtreme: Discover how math powers our world through 20 different hands-on stations. You can race a snowboard, drive a rover, create a 360° freeze-motion video and so much more. This high-energy, interactive exhibit is included in the price of admission; at the Air & Space Museum through September 7.

Other Exhibits: A full size model of the Boom aircraft from Centennial where it's real counterpart exceeded the speed of sound three times in recent test flights. The company is planning a MACH 1+ passenger aircraft. Others: Viet Nam spotter plane, MIG 23, HUEY, F-4, Ball Jetwing, and fighters from the F-100 series. -

David McCord



Cover Photo

This month's cover photo is of Mark Merritt's '36

August Picnic

This is for all Early Ford members, once again I will be putting on the Club picnic. It will be at the Anderson Park on August 17th in Wheat Ridge. What I would like for all the members who have not already signed up at the meeting, that are planning to go please let me know by calling me either my Home 303-232-9458 or Cell 720-641-3179, or email abej2850@gmail.com.

If I miss your call please leave me a message, tell me who will be there. I need a count to order the food. The menu will be Italian more information will be coming.

Thanks

Abe





Photos by Loren

EARLY FORD V8 CLUB OF AMERICA HI-COUNTRY REGIONAL GROUP 2025 Schedule of Events

Monthly Meetings are held the first Thursday of the month
Seminars and Tours are held as volunteers organize them.

Board Meetings are held the 4th Thursday of the month, unless otherwise rescheduled.

January

2nd, **NO Monthly Meeting***
4th, **NO Seminar in January ***
18th, **Installation Banquet at 4 G's—Tour***
23rd, Board Meeting
26th, Polar Bear Swap Meet-Adams County Fairgrounds

February

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

March

6th, **Monthly Meeting ***
8th, **Seminar***
March 9th, 1932 , First Flathead was introduced
9th, Daylight Savings Time Begins
16th, **Tour***
27th, **NO Board Meeting**

April

3rd, **Monthly Meeting ***
5th, **Seminar***
13th Palm Sunday
20th, Easter
22nd, Board Meeting

May

1st, **Monthly Meeting ***
4th, **NO Garage Tour ***
11th, Mother's Day
22th, Board Meeting
26th, Memorial Day Car Show on west
Colfax & Miller

June

5th, **Monthly Meeting ***
15th, Father's Day
June 16th, 1903, Ford Motor Co was founded
22nd to 26th Central Meet
22th, **Rambler Ranch V8 Tour-Mike W.***
26th, NO Board Meeting

July

4th, Independence Day
10th, **Monthly Meeting ***
24th Board Meeting
26th, **Wing over the Rockies Dave McCord ***
30th, Henry Ford's Birthday

August

2nd, **CCCC Car/Air Show ***
7th, **Monthly Meeting ***
9th, **Club Auction-Charlie Clark***
17th, **Anderson Park Car Picnic***
28th, Board Meeting

September

1st, Labor Day Car Show on west
Colfax & Miller
4th, **Monthly Meeting ***
7th, **All Ford Day***
25th, Board Meeting

October

2nd **Monthly Meeting ***
4th **Seminar***
6th-10th Hershey Swap Meet
18th October-fest Swap Meet-Adams County Fairgrounds
19th **Turkey Trot (tour)***
23rd Board Meeting
31st Halloween

November

2nd Daylight Savings Time Ends
6th, **Monthly Meeting ***
11th, **Veterans Day Ft. Logan-Tom W.***
20th, Board Meeting
27th, Thanksgiving

December

4th, **Monthly Meeting ***
7th, **Christmas/Holiday Party**
18th Board Meeting
25th, Christmas
31st, New Year's Eve

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JULY 26TH WINGS OVER THE ROCKIES!

August 9th,
Auction at
Charlie
Clarks

July 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4 Independence Day	5
6	7	8	9	10 V8 Monthly Meeting	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 NO V8 Board Meeting	25	26 Wings over The Rockies Museum Tour
27	28	29	30	31		