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Front Range AIRPORT

AUGUST 20 SEMINAR

By Dick Fell

Instead of Adams County Fairgrounds, this year the CCCC Swap meet will be held at the Front Range Airport (5200 Front Range Parkway) near Watkins, CO. Buyers will pay the usual \$5 per car or FREE when you have your car entered in the Classic Car Show which is running at the same time at the airport. The Front Range Airport is holding its' 7th Annual Classic Aircraft and Car Show at 9:00 am until 3:00 pm on August 20th including fly-overs by antique aircraft all day long. Classic/restored cars should register either on the internet: www.ftg-airport.com/classic or by calling (303) 261-9100 and tell Laura who you are and that you are part of the Early Ford V8 Club and want to park with the Club. (You must be into the airport prior to 8:00 am and you will also receive a free pancake breakfast) You will be parked on the ramp close to the swap meet area as well as the antique airplanes parked there. If you are only interested in the swap meet you can enter anytime during the day (and leave anytime) but pay the \$5 parking fee. Any questions on this, call **Dick Fell** (303) 761-6121. The directions to Front Range Airport are: Go east on I-70 to the Watkins exit (#295) where you exit and go north (over the freeway) and turn right on Colfax/Co 36 and go about 1 mile to Imboden where you turn left and go to 48th Avenue.

Proceed east on 48th and turn left on Front Range Parkway into the airport where they will tell you where to park. By the way, if you are a vendor you must buy a booth/space from **Jim Nielsen**. Also: There will be a Aerobatic show by Don Nelson's flyboys and free prostate cancer screening available during the day. Help support the CCCC.

Littleton Museum Tour

Sunday August 14

By Patti Jantz

Our in-town tour for August will be to the Littleton Museum at 6028 S. Gallup Street (just off Littleton Blvd) in Littleton. The museum is free, but they do have a donation box. After touring the museum, we will have an early dinner at Delvickios Restaurant at 819 W. Littleton Blvd (Huron is the nearest cross street). Plan on being at the museum from 2:00 to 3:30 pm or so. We will then head to the restaurant for a 4:00 pm dinner start. The restaurant has a separate area for us, and there is a big parking lot so parking will not be a problem.

Our previous visit to the Littleton Museum was in the winter time, so this visit should be a lot nicer (and warmer). Please contact **Patti Jantz** (303-795-8444) if there are any questions.

MEETING NEWS

*Thursday, August 4, 2011
Denver Design Center*

The August general meeting program will be on Wynn's Friction Proofing Oil. (No it's not a commercial, but a history of its development and involvement in auto racing.) Hosted by **Jay Svigel**. (Story on Page 4.)

REMINDER: The **Jerry Grosbold GRAND COUNTY TOUR** (full description is in the July Distributor) counts as an August tour for 250 points.

Prez's Message

Thanks goes out to **Casey Hayes** for setting up our 42nd Annual Hi-Country Picnic. 95 members, wives and guests attended. Our club strongly supports events where good food and longtime camaraderie is involved! Plank owners (original members) **Cy & Janet Boutwell, Ivan & Fran Fiechter, Denny & Sandy Gorkin, Casey & Marianne Hayes, Arnel & Mary Kimmett** and **Mike & Connie Welch** were present.

Prior to the club auction, I received a call from an international V-8 Ford club member from New Zealand, asking if we had any events scheduled. They just happened to be in town on a cross country auto tour and were able to attend the Club Auction on Saturday and the picnic on Sunday. I would say their timing was perfect! **Gerald and June Scales** own a '36 Coupe.

Back tracking a little – I'd like to thank **Patti Jantz** for hosting our annual Club Auction. **John Paulus** and **Doug Weinel** did a great job as auctioneers and I thank them, their helpers, and our generous donors at this well-attended event.

Continuing my monthly recognition of one of our club members who quietly does much for us, my quiet Hero of our club for August is **Bernie Sawin**. Bernie is the club's "go-to" guy when it comes to us learning about our cars, troubleshooting their ailments and keeping them going down the road. His expertise on our early V-8's and willingness to share his knowledge is definitely a hi-country treasure. When I go to Bernie's garage, I've always said "it's a teacher going back to school"! Thanks Bernie for what you've done and are doing for me and our club! **Tom**

Bert Marsh Distinguished Service Award

By **Walt Hume**

The committee for the Bert Marsh Distinguished Service Award is seeking nominations for 2011. Each August, we begin reminding our club members to come forward and nominate an active club member to receive this award. This is the 17th year for the award and is presented at our annual Christmas party and dinner. The committee is looking for the club member who has worked hard this past year with full devotion for the betterment of the club and community. Please refer to the club roster for needed details to write a full description of the contributions of your selected candidate.

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Send/forward a recommendation (typed is preferred) to a committee member. The committee includes: **Dick Adams** (Chairman), **Walt Hume**, **Ed Hurt**, **Gene Pastor**, **Ed Rockwell**, and **Don Whissen**.

BOARD MEETING NOTES

By Arnel Kimmett

The June Board of Directors meeting was held on 6-30-11. Discussed were the many activities that will be taking place in July including the annual club auction, which this year is hosted by **Patti Jantz**. Other July activities will be the club picnic planned by **Casey Hayes**, tour to Colorado Springs and end of the month tour to Trail Ridge/Winter Park areas put together by **Jerry Groswood**.

As of this writing the auction and picnic have taken place and both were very fun and successful. **John Paulus** and **Doug Weinel** were great auctioneers. I think everyone is very appreciative of the people hosting and planning club events and a big hand of thanks for those who volunteer their time and services.

The main topic of discussion at both the board and general meeting involved All Ford Day. Business ads are being solicited to help with AFD expenses. The tee shirts to be sold at AFD will be L & XL this year. Also, AFD registration forms will be available on the club website.

CLUB AUCTION NETS \$1,128

A good turnout and a beautiful day greeted those club members who attended the annual club auction. Auctioneers **John Paulus** and **Doug Weinel** did a great job of extracting dollars from many a wallet while keeping the auction moving at a good clip.

There were a number of volunteers who helped with the auction including **Greg Squires** who logged the items and winning bidders, **Patti Jantz** and **Carrie Hannum** (Patti's friend) who collected from the winning bidders, and **Jim Hatfield** who helped in logging the donated items. A special BIG thank you goes out to all the people who donated items for the auction. There was an impressive array of interesting and valuable items (everything sold!!). Thanks also need to go out to those who took the time to bake items for the auction. Patti would also like to thank those who helped in returning chairs and tables to her basement.

The auction resulted in over \$1100 for the club coffers.

Christmas Party Chairperson Needed
Still needed is someone to step up as Christmas Party Chairperson. The venue is secure, and last year's chairwoman (**Patti Jantz**) is willing to assist. Easy way to get involved in your club!



Early Iron Festival

Labor Day Weekend

By Patti Jantz

Several club members and I are going to the Early Iron Festival this year. The festival runs from September 2nd through the 4th. We will leave for Alamosa on Friday, Sep 2nd. We plan on meeting between 10:30 and 11:00 am on Friday at the McDonalds on the north side of Castle Rock, closer to the outlet stores. (Last year several people ended up at the other Castle Rock McDonalds, so call if you need help with the location.) The show is open to 1972 and older vehicles only. You can register at www.earlyironclub.com. Please contact **Patti Jantz** at 303-795-8444 if you need more information. Note that the departure time may change as we get closer to the date of the festival.



Auctioneers **John Paulus** and **Doug Weinel** encouraging bids from the deal seeking attendees at the July club auction. Photo by Ed Rockwell

WYNN'S FRICTION PROOFING

By Jay Svigel

In 1939 Chestien Wynn, a 70 year old retired attorney with an interest in lubrication chemistry, discovered a formula he named "Wynn's Friction Proofing" Oil. This surface treatment for metal actually changed the chemistry of the metal, making it softer and better able to withstand friction and wear.

Chestien Wynn would mix a batch of his product in his one car garage workshop, fill and label glass bottles with it and sell them to the local service stations and garages. Motorists, who used the products once, wanted another bottle of it.

Son Carl E. Wynn joins the company and moves production into his two car garage. On May 28, 1947 the company was incorporated under the name Wynn Oil Company at 1222 Duarte Road, San Gabriel, California. An average of 40 cases of products per day was produced.

"The Deep Sea Test" was run in Newport Beach, CA in June. Two motors were immersed into salt water and left for fourteen days. One of the motors was treated with Wynn's Friction Proofing Oil and the other was not. RESULTS: While still wet, the motor treated with Friction Proofing started without difficulty, the other did not.

In 1950, Wynn sponsors the first of many race cars and drivers. That year, Johnny Parsons, driving the Friction Proofing Special, won the Indianapolis 500 race.

The establishment of a new world's land speed record on the Bonneville Salt Flats by the Wynn's Friction Proofing "Streamliner" continued the company's high performance publicity occurred in 1957. Driven by Roy Leslie (a distributor) the sleek car, powered by three tandem engines, traveled more than 270 mph to reach the best one-mile land speed ever obtained.

A rear-engine racer was one of five Wynn's Friction Proofing Specials competing in U.S.A.C. Championship and Sprint races in 1964. Built by A.J. Watson, whose cars have won five of the last eight Indianapolis 500-mile races. This Leader Card Offenhauser was piloted by Wynn's ace driver, Don Branson.

In 1966 Don Garlits, superstar of the developing sport of drag racing, learned that his powerful dragster's engine was protected against piston scuffing when Wynn's was used. His voluntary use of Wynn's led to company sponsorship of his car, an association which was to last many years.

In 1969 Don "The Snake" Prudhomme began his 30 year association with Wynn Oil.

In 1972 Wynn's products were used by NASA on lunar missions to protect critical equipment in extreme heat



1950's

and cold.

In 1995 Chrysler approves Wynn's patented engine coolant recycling system.

- Audi/VW approves Wynn's Fuel System Tune-up and Injection System Purge.
- Renault approves Wynn's France industrial Fluid.
- Citroen and Peugeot approved eight fuel system products and services.
- Exclusive contract signed with Dow Chemical North America for on-site coolant recycling inhibitor chemicals.

In 2005 Illinois Tool Works Inc. acquires the assets of Wynn's Oil Company. Under ITW's decentralized structure, Wynn's operates as a separate division and continues its tradition of providing innovative automotive specialty chemicals and service equipment to the professional installer market world-wide.

HENRY FORD'S SOY BEAN CAR

By Brad Hunsinger

Did you know that in 1941 Henry Ford developed a car that was made out of soybeans? And did you know that this car ran on ethanol?

This article is based on my research resulting from a short announcement out of Dearborn Michigan (from Plasticnews.com) that the Ford Motor Co. will use a soybean urethane foam blend in the seats for the next generation of its Explorer sport utility vehicle. Ford claims it will use soy in "nearly 100 percent" of its vehicle fleet by the end of 2010. The Ford Motor Company was the first major carmaker to begin using soy urethane blends beginning with the Mustang in 2007. It now uses blends with at least 5 percent soybean oil in seats, seat backs, headliners and other interior parts, estimating that the blend helps it cut its annual petroleum use by 3 million pounds. The use of soy beans as a manufacturing material is not new to Ford. Most club members, especially '42 to '48 Ford and Mercury owners, know that the dash plastic along with other plastic parts on these cars were made from a soy bean derived plastic.

Henry Ford engineers experimented with soy bean derived plastic parts for automobiles in the early 1940s. Dash plastic, steering wheels, dash knobs, and horn buttons are examples of these plastic parts. Eventually, these experiments resulted in what was described as a "plastic car made from soybeans". The "Soybean Car" was actually a plastic-bodied car unveiled by Henry Ford on August 13, 1941 at Dearborn Days, an annual community festival. It was also trucked to the Michigan State Fair Grounds for display later that year.

The frame, made of tubular steel, had 14 plastic panels attached to it. The car weighed 2000 lbs., 1000 lbs. lighter than a steel car. The exact ingredients of the plastic panels are unknown because no record of the formula exists today. One article claims that they were made from a chemical formula that, among many other

ingredients, included soybeans, wheat, hemp, flax and ramie (Ramie is a flowering plant which is native to Asia. It is harvested and processed to yield strong fibers, also called ramie, which are used in the production of textiles, twine, and upholstery.).



Henry Ford's Plastic Car

There were several reasons why Henry Ford wanted to build this car: 1.) He was looking for a project that would combine the fruits of industry with agriculture. 2.) He also claimed that the plastic panels made the car safer than traditional steel cars; and that the car could even roll over without being crushed. 3.) Another reason was due to a shortage of metal at the time. Henry hoped his new plastic material might replace the traditional metals used in cars. The outbreak of World War II suspended all auto production, and therefore the plastic car experiment. A second unit was in production at the time the war broke out, but the project was abandoned. By the end of the war the idea of a plastic car had fallen through the cracks due to energy being directed towards war recovery efforts.

SOY BEAN CAR (Continued)

Note: The famous picture of Henry Ford hitting a car with an ax is not a picture of the soybean car. It was actually Ford's personal car (1941 sedan) with a plastic rear deck lid made to fit it. He liked to demonstrate the strength of the plastic, and the ax he used would fly out of his hands, about 15 ft. (a rubber boot was placed on the sharp end of the ax) into the air. (Source: Benson Ford Research Center)



About 95 club members and guests attended the annual club picnic in the Westminster Elks facility. This facility provided tables, chairs, and most importantly, shade. **Photo by Ed Rockwell**

WANTED OR FOR SALE

WANTED TO BUY: 1940 Colorado license plate, especially with prefix 11 for Jefferson County. Can also trade another, '40 for '40. **Jim Bower** 303-674-3700

FOR SALE: 1955 Ford Fairlane Club Sedan, fully restored. Car is straight, rust free, & in excellent condition. Runs, drives, & looks great! \$15,500 OBO. **Larry Thuet** 303-818-2152 or lsthuet@comcast.net

SEPTEMBER SEMINAR PREVIEW

By Dick Fell

The September 10th seminar will be on "restoration of vehicles -- cars and trucks" and will be given by **Arnel Kimmett** and hosted by a new member, **Vince Carabelos** at his garage. Vince just recently acquired a couple of old trucks which are pretty complete w/motors but need total restoration. Truck drivers especially need to come to this seminar, but all aspects of restoration will be covered. More info will be in the next newsletter including directions to Vince's place. **Photo by Dick Fell**



As the North American International Auto Show kicks off in Detroit, TIME and Dan Neil, Pulitzer Prize-winning automotive critic and syndicated columnist for the Los Angeles Times, look at the greatest lemons of the automotive industry

1909 Ford Model T

Uh-oh. Here comes trouble. Let's stipulate that the Model T did everything that the history books say: It put America on wheels, supercharged the nation's economy and transformed the landscape in ways unimagined when the first Tin Lizzy rolled out of the factory. Well, that's just the problem, isn't it? The Model T — whose mass production technique was the work of engineer William C. Klann, who had visited a slaughterhouse's "disassembly line" — conferred to Americans the notion of automobility as something akin to natural law, a right endowed by our Creator. A century later, the consequences of putting every living soul on gas-powered wheels are piling up, from the air over our cities to the sand under our soldiers' boots. And by the way,

with its blacksmithed body panels and crude instruments, the Model T was a piece of junk, the Yugo of its day.



RED HAT QUEEN MOM NEEDS IDEAS!

Anyone with an idea of a neat place for us to visit? It would be great to have another event this summer. All you have to do is call or email me with your idea and we'll collaborate on fixing a time, etc. I do most of the notifying via email, and will even send invites to the 5 who have only snail mail, if you like. Just give me an idea so we can act on it before summer is gone and we have to contend with snow worries. Contact **Jan Haight**, Queen Mom

Time To Stop

A traffic cop pulled alongside a speeding car on the motorway. Glancing into the car, he was astounded to see that the young lady, who was driving, was knitting.

Realizing that she was oblivious to his flashing lights and siren, the policeman wound down his window, turned on his loudspeaker and yelled, 'PULL OVER!'

'NO!', the young lady yelled back, 'It's a SCARF!'

COMFORT & CONCERN

Best wishes for a speedy recovery goes out to **Marianne Hayes** who broke some bones in her wrist while on vacation

Also, our prayers go out to **Roseann Blake** who may need surgery in the near future.

\$800,000 1947 FORD TRUCK??

There have been a number of reports from various sources about a 1947 Ford truck that sold (to the Ford Motor Co) for \$800K. Reportedly, it is one of only 35 documented



originally built, it may be the only remaining original numbers matching example that can be authenticated. From what I can tell, researching a number of websites, this is just a hoax. **Brad**

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS		(*) Indicates Points Event					AUGUST 2011
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
*Tour: Grand County 31	1	2	3	*Membership Meeting 7:30 p.m. Denver Design Center 4	5	6	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
*Tour: Littleton Museum 2:00 14	15	16	17	18	19	*Seminar: CCCC Swap Meet 20	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	
28	29	30	31				