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## December Tour: Christmas Party

By Patti Jantz



**REMINDER: You must prepay by 28 November!**

Remember to attend the annual Christmas Party on December 3rd hosted by **Gene Pastor** and **Patti Jantz**. We will celebrate at the Beef Palace, in the Hall of Education, National Western Complex, 1390 E. 47<sup>th</sup> Ave. There will be a cocktail hour (cash bar) from 6 pm to 7 pm with dinner to follow. This year the price will be \$28.50 per person and it needs to be pre-paid by November 28<sup>th</sup>. You may also call **Patti Jantz** (303 795-8444), or **Gene Pastor** (303 422-8753). Please make checks out to the Hi-Country Early Ford V8 Club. Also, as is our custom, we will be collecting donations of underwear and socks for the Samaritan Shelter for men, and the Gathering Place for women and children.

## INSTALLATION BANQUET

**January 14<sup>th</sup> - Reserve the Date**

By Doug Weinel

The 2011 Installation Banquet will be held on Saturday, January 14th, so reserve the date. It will be held at the Lakewood Country Club. Details will be in the January issue of the Distributor.

For the newer members, the Installation Banquet is where the Board of Directors for 2012 will be introduced.

This year the club will be defraying \$10 of the cost for each person and one guest as an incentive to attend. See you there.

## Dyno-Tuning is Subject of December Seminar

By Dick Fell

The date is December 3, Saturday morning at 0900. Go to South Santa Fe and C470. Continue past C470 south on Santa Fe for 1 1/2 miles to Brandon Way and turn west on Brandon Way. Go past Split Rail Fence Co (NW corner of Santa Fe and Brandon Way) to Dumont Way where you find **Lou Rivera's Machine Shop** (12495 Dumont Way). Lou's shop is in the SW corner of the building. Bring a chair -- we'll have the coffee and donuts there. Lou owns a Chassis Dyno and will have my 1936 Cabriolet strapped down and ready to go. He can read the air/fuel mixture throughout the rpm range as well as the torque and horsepower. He can allow for the difference in hp for our altitude as well as the difference between flywheel power and rear-wheel power. He can tell us a lot about the tuning necessary for correct power -- distributor settings and carburetor settings. Lou will also have another car with a lot more power (500+ hp) to demonstrate also. So, if your flathead seems weak or just isn't running right, come to this seminar to find out what might be wrong! Snow or shine.

### **GENERAL MEETING PROGRAM**

"Central Meet, Auburn 2011" through the camera eye of **Merrill Newman** will be the topic for the December general meeting. Pictures taken on the way as well as the sights at the meet itself will be displayed. Merrill will provide the commentary for the presentation.

# Prez's Message

We were greeted by beautiful fall weather on our Veteran's Day Tour. Fifty-one members brought out 32 classic cars (21 flatheads) for this event. Our newest members, **Len** and **Mary Harcourt** drove their newly acquired 40 Deluxe Fordor up from Castle Rock to join us on their first club tour. Welcome! **Gordon Snow** attended our November seminar and this tour, coming from Loveland. I'd say that's "goin' the extra mile"!

Many guests also present including **Mark Trapino**, son of long-time beloved member **Tony**. The '35 Coupe is still in the family and maybe, just maybe.....

Thanks to all those who attended, I sure enjoyed the day and hope you did too.

They say the older you get the faster time flies and this holds true for the 2011 year I served as club president. The December 1st General Meeting will be the last I preside over. They also say "time flies when you're having fun". This past year I did have fun and it was an enjoyable experience. I'm looking forward to being on the board one more year and working on constantly improving our club. Departing board members; **Larry Durlin**, **Brad Hunsinger** and **Bernie Sawin** served us well -- thanks for your time and efforts!

The first 3 days of December is action packed with the General meeting and election of new board members & an alternate on Thursday the 1st, the Saturday morning seminar at Lou's Cars in Littleton and that evening our annual club Christmas Party. These will be the last 250 club points events of 2011. I hope to see you at all three! *Wishing a nice Holiday Season to all.* Tom



A good turnout of Early V8's were on hand for the Veteran's Day ceremony at the Ft Logan National Cemetery

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**REMINDER: It's Membership  
Renewal Time!**

See the November Distributor for details.

## MEETING NEWS

Thursday, December 1, 2011  
Denver Design Center

# ELECTION TIME

## *Five to Run For Board*

At the time of newsletter publication, there are five members who have agreed to run for the Board of Directors. These candidates are (in no particular order):

**Edwin “Ed” Hurt** – I joined the club in 2005. Since I have joined, I have been active in a number of club activities to include Tour Chairman as well as a previous board member. I was co-chair for All Ford Day for two years. I am a previous winner of the Bert Marsh Distinguished Service Award and am currently serving on the selection committee for that award. I own a '39 Convertible, a '51 Custom Tudor, and a '40 Deluxe Coupe



**Steve Bennett** – I joined the Early Ford V/8 Club in 1989 after meeting club member **Dennis Gorkin** along his street one day. I served on the board from 1995 to 1997 and was President in the final year: 1997. I was a co-chair of the All Ford Day for two years. I attended the national meet in 1994. I worked on the Keystone national meet committee in 2005. In addition, I worked with **Carl O'Loughlin** on the silent auction for the show. I am currently working on my 17th year of the 250 club. I own a 1937 Fordor deluxe that I bought in 1989 and have been bringing it back to shape ever since. My wife **Rose Ann** and I have been married for 30 years. I retired as a plumbing & fire protection inspector for Denver in February. My oldest daughter is a sheriff for Arapahoe County. My youngest daughter is with an insurance company here in Denver, and my son is the owner of two Yoga studios here in Denver. I love cars and this club and I would like to get some of the past members, who have left, to come back into the club.



**Ray Bates** – I retired as a UPS driver after 34 years. My wife, Penny, retired from Douglas County Schools, and we live in Parker, Colorado. We have two grown children, Jeff, 34 and Melanie, 32. Jeff is on flight crew at Frontier Airlines. Major Melanie Presuto is a biologist for the Air Force.

Ten restorations later including an F150 Ford Club Coupe with flat-head, I purchased a 1937 Ford Fordor Touring Sedan. With the help of **Bernie Sawin** and **Jim Nielson**, I was able to finish the restoration last May. I have enjoyed the tours while working out the bugs in the '37.



I joined the club last January to learn about early Fords, network for parts and services, as well as nurturing friendships along the way. I have enjoyed participating in club events and have found the V-8 club to be very organized, offering fun and continuing education for all members.

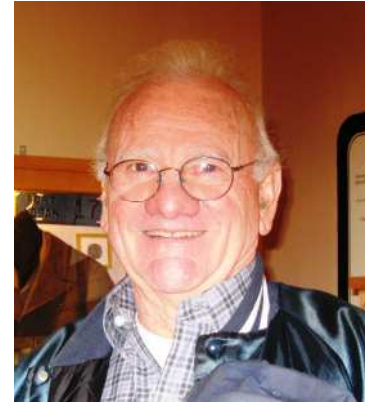
If elected, I will commit to work hard and to contribute to the board with new ideas and enthusiasm. Leadership thru commitment.

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# ELECTION TIME

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**Dick Fell** - I decided to place my name in nomination for a board position after being asked and my reasons are pretty simple: I really do believe in the value of an active club (socially as well as educationally) and I want to help to preserve it more or less in the current state. I have been a 250 Club member for eleven years so I stay active! The past two years I have been the Seminar Chairman and was a member of the Board previously and served as Treasurer and President during that time. The club made me chairman of All Ford Day back about eight years when we were still at Hudson Gardens. I like to restore cars and drive them when I can. I have nothing against hot-rods or rat-rods and don't believe in chasing them out of our club even if our charter is to "preserve Henry Ford's cars like he built them" It is a good thing that I don't live in a place with more land or I would have a junk yard next to my house! I own or previously owned a 1950 sedan, 1951 sedan, 1936 Roadster, and a 1936 Cabriolet. Paid for the major restoration of them all but did what I could myself including assembling the engines in the '36s. The thing which I did in assembling a couple of engines that makes me most proud is I have placed shims (.090 thick aluminum) next to the head gaskets (both sides) when it was necessary to allow clearance for the pistons or valves. This idea has worked and caused no problems on both engines.



**Carl O'Loughlin** - I joined the club 2000. I was the Seminar Chairman for 41/2 years. I have previously served on the Board as an Alternate for two terms, both times finishing out the terms of two elected board members. I was in charge of the Chinese Auction for the 2005 National Western Meet at Keystone. I own a 1941 Super Deluxe 4 door, and 1955 Crown Victoria. I will do my best to do what is best for the Club if elected.



Attend the December general meeting in order to vote for your board members.

## Welcome New Members

**Len & Mary Harcourt** own a 1940 Deluxe Sedan. They live at 3534 Desert Ridge Cir in Castle Rock, CO. Their phone number is 720-733-2446. (Len and Mary participated in their first club tour on Veteran's Day.)

**Scott DiGesualdo** owns a 1949 Mercury Coupe and a 1955 Crown Victoria. He lives at 529 3<sup>rd</sup> St, Frederick, CO. His phone number is 303-833-0830.

Please take the time to welcome them into the club and to encourage them to participate in club activities.



**Ivan Fiechter and Bill Moore** imparting their joint wisdom regarding stainless repair and polishing at the well attended November seminar

# SEVEN RED HATTY YEARS AGO.....

By Jan Haight

In September of 2004, Chatauqua Park Dining Hall in Boulder hosted a historic event: the first meeting of a group of V-8 Club women interested in forming a Red Hat Club. We had become intrigued by the club during a tour in Wyoming with a Montana V-8 Club that summer. **Fran Fiechter** went shopping one day and, during the ladies' Happy Hour in the largest cabin (separate from the men's Happy Hour because they were out kicking tires during their Happy Hour), she showed off her gorgeous new hat, which just happened to be RED. She proceeded to tell us about a group she belonged to which was affiliated with the Red Hat Club of America, and thus was born our interest. Eight women attended our first gathering (**Joyce Comin, Donna Mraz, Mercedes Fell, Dovie Starr, Janet Boutwell, Fran Fiechter, Marty Newman, and Jan Haight**).

By the time the luncheon was over (you knew we had to have lunch along with our meeting!),



**Dovie** had named our branch (The Classy Chassis' Early Ford V-8 Club) and we had appointed officers (**Jan Haight**, queen, **Marty Newman**, "hysterian"). We decided to restrict our membership to wives or significant others of members in the Early Ford V-8 Club, and soon had 26 active members. Various women suggested places for us to visit, always remembering to include a place to have either lunch or tea. In the past eight years, we've been to many places in Denver, plus Golden, Elizabeth, Longmont, Colorado Springs, Arvada, and Evergreen. We've petted llamas, toured a flour mill and quilting museum, had lunch in a castle, enjoyed tea at the Molly Brown House, seen a play, toured Ikea, and had many other

adventures too numerous to mention. Of course, for each event, we were attired in our Red Hat regalia, always featuring red and purple, with lots of bling added for good measure.

Our club is not as active as we once were (we used to have an event every other month), but we still enjoy one another when we do get together. We now have about 20 members who attend events regularly. All of us mourn the recent loss of one of our most active members, **Roseann Blake**. We're always looking for new ideas, and are definitely open to new members, as long as you're affiliated with the V-8 Club, have a red hat, and like to eat!

## COMFORT & CONCERN

**Ray Bates** father recently passed away. Our sincerest sympathies to Ray and his family.

Also, sincerest sympathies to **Taffy Valassis** and her family. Taffy's brother recently passed away.

**Gary Lane** (one of the clubs' newer members) passed away. Condolences to the Lane family.

Sincerest sympathies to **Doug Weinel** and his family for the recent passing of Doug's father-in-law.

Also, we wish the best to the following club members as they battle to overcome their illnesses and injuries:

**Steve Carmack** – broken nose

**Lou Mraz** – cracked ribs. Lou is home and trying not to laugh.

**Rick Kellogg** - not doing well

**Taffy Valassis** – surgery. Taffy spent some time in the hospital, but is now home and hopefully is doing well.

# Four Cylinder Operation of a Ford V8

In the 1940's and earlier, the tax levied on automobiles in Great Britain depended on the horsepower of the automobile. So in 1940, there was an approach to lower the horsepower in order to avoid a portion of this tax. The following is an article that appeared in the June, 1940 issue of Motor Age magazine, as submitted by **Bernie Sawin**:

“ In Great Britain, owners of Ford V-8's, and of eight cylinder cars generally, now are being offered the opportunity to save on their annual tax and fuel costs by having four of the eight-cylinders rendered inoperative. Since the recent increase in horsepower tax, the amount levied on a Ford V-8 amounts to £37, 10s annually. With only four cylinders operating, the car, of course, will have less acceleration and less maximum speed, but it is said to still travel quite comfortably at 45-50 m.p.h. The cost of the conversion is £12, and the sponsors of the conversion scheme – who attend to the registration formalities-figure that the combined savings on tax and fuel during the first year will amount to £14.”

It would be interesting to know how many V-8

owners took advantage of this approach.

As everyone who has attended All Ford Day anytime in the recent past knows, operating the Ford V8 on four cylinders is not overly challenging. **Bernie Sawin** has done this for years with his flathead display. For spectator display, he runs his flathead on four cylinders with the head on one side of the engine removed.



**Bernie Sawin explaining the 4 cylinder operation of his V8 flathead at All Ford Day. Notice the missing head which provides for viewing of the flathead piston and valve operation. Photo by Ed Rockwell**

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## BOARD NOTES

By Arnel Kimmett

The October BOD meeting was held on 10-27-11. We discussed the members willing to run for the board next year and we have at least 4 (editor's note: we now have 5 as listed elsewhere in this issue) who agreed to be named to the ballot. (We will probably end up with even more members on the ballot). The election will be held at the December general meeting so everyone is asked to show up and vote. A member must be present at the meeting to vote.

As previously reported, the club treasury has ample funds in it at the present time. With this in mind, the board voted to help defray costs for the installation banquet

next January. A restaurant had not been selected as of the board meeting, but the club will pay \$10 of the cost per member, plus an additional \$10 for the spouse or guest of the member. The board also voted to transfer funds (amount to be reported in the future by the Treasurer) from the general treasury to the CD account. This helps to refund money used in the past for club expenses, plus pays a little better interest.

At the November general meeting discussions took place in reference to a motion to donate \$1000 to the Early Ford V-8 Foundation Museum. The motion was passed by a wide margin. Tours for the month of November were announced and everyone was reminded to submit payment to **Patty Jantz** for the annual Christmas party.

# DISTRIBUTOR AWARDED GOLDEN QUILL

The DISTRIBUTOR is a recipient of a 2010 Golden Quill Award. This award is presented annually by the editors of Old Car Weekly to automotive club sponsored publications in recognition of outstanding efforts in the communications field of the old car hobby.

In March of this year, the winners of the Golden Quill Award were announced in Old Cars Weekly News. They had listed the Distributor as a winner in the Regional/Full Size Category. However, they also listed the Distributor in the Honorable Mention category. When no award was received, I assumed that the honorable mention was correct. However, I received the award and a nice congratulatory letter explaining the delay (they were short-staffed a publisher) in late October.

One other regional club was awarded a Golden Quill. This was the newsletter of the Northern Illinois Regional Group #8. This newsletter also happens to be a multiple first place winner in the Early Ford V8 newsletter competition. There were also several honorable mentions by other regional groups. Our newsletter is in some fairly lofty company.

This award represents the efforts of the entire Hi-Country Early Ford V8 Regional Club membership since the majority of the articles, items of interest, and pictures come from numerous club members. It's these submittals that make my job as newsletter editor easier.

From January through December of 2011, there have been a total of 31 club personnel having articles or items of general interest published in the Distributor. This kind of effort will keep our newsletter among the elite newsletters in the Early Ford V8 Club. Thanks to:

**Dick Fell, Dave McCord, Charlie Clark, Tom Webb, Arnel Kimmet, Roy Hess, Vern Holmes, Merrill Newman, Walt Hume, Jim Stach, Jerry Grosword, Doug Weinel, Ron Theisman, Ed Rockwell, Mike Schroder, Jay Svigel, Patti Jantz, Herb Alie, Don Whissen, Jack Eakins, Keith & Shari Smart, Lou Mraz, Gene Pastor,**



**Mark Bailey, Steve Bennett, Carl O'Loughlin, Ray Bates, Ed Hurt, and Casey Hayes.** Also, I want to give a special "Thank You" to **Jan Haight** who makes sure that the activities of the ladies of the club are not overlooked.

While I get to hang the award on my wall, I do so as a representative of the efforts of all those who have contributed. Brad

## WANTED OR FOR SALE

**FOR SALE**----Fully restored 1952 FORD 4 door, automatic C4 transmission. Also parts for early Fords: water pumps, generators, electric fuel pumps, distributors, voltage regs, vacuum pump and others. Call **John Timora** at 303-420-2991 or 303-902-1683.

**WANTED:** Stewart Warner temperature gauge 60° - 240° (1970's vintage) 2" diameter (2 1/4" os bezel) Call **Tom Webb** @ 303-789-3956

## A Thank You Note

"Dear Friends, Thank you so much for all your cards, calls, and prayers. They have meant so much to me and have helped me through my hip surgery and recovery. I'm doing great and can walk without my cane. Thanks again. Sincerely,

**Carolyn O'Loughlin**

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## EARLY FORD V-8 CLUB


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CALENDAR OF EVENTS		(*) Indicates Points Event			DECEMBER 2011	
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				*Membership Meeting 7:30 p.m. Denver Design Center 1	2	*Seminar: Dyno Tuning 3 *Christmas Party
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Christmas Day: 25 	26	27	28	29	30	31