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MAY 26 to 29 TOUR: LINCOLN, NE SPRING FLING

By Dick Fell

For those going to Spring Fling: we will depart after breakfast and after gassing up at the Flying J Travel Plaza, 16751 E. 32nd in Aurora (west side of Airport Blvd just south of I-70). Departure is 07:30 AM on Thursday, May 26th. I will have detailed travel directions/info to pass out then. Call me on my cell if you will be late: (303) 945-5111. Also call me prior to the 26th to confirm that you will be going! We will stop at the Bird City Diner for lunch and then in Holdrege, NE at the "Quilter's Delight" prior to arrival in Minden, NE for the night. (Continued on Page 3)

MAY SEMINAR: TRUCKS

By Dick Fell

Mark Bailey will be hosting the May 7th seminar. The usual starting time of 0900 with coffee and Mark's wife's (Kate) home-made muffins!!! Bring your own chairs. The topic will be Ford trucks and especially Mark's restored 1941 1/2 ton panel delivery. Mark's '41 has an interesting history. Think of this seminar almost as a "tour" because it is a drive (your old cars, and especially trucks, please) of about 45 minutes from Denver. Mark lives in Frederick, Co (new phone number 303-229-7012). The easiest way to explain how to get there is: go north on I-25 to 120th Avenue and exit east. Go east on 120th for 2 1/2 miles to Colorado Blvd. Turn north here and go about 12 miles to Frederick (stay on Colorado Blvd all the way). You will cross E-470 and Hwy #52. When you cross Hwy #52 go 0.8 mile to the first right turn just after the sign "Frederick, Colorado". After turning right you will cross a bridge as you enter downtown past the City Hall; go just one block and turn south on Elm. Go one block on Elm and turn left on 6th St.

to Mark's: 246 6th Street. From I-25/120th Ave. this drive will take 25 minutes. Don Whissen will be bringing the coffee and helping Mark with "trucks"; I will be out-of-town -- Dick Fell.

So You Want to Adopt a '36 Ford

By Roy Hess

1936 is the honored year this time, right? Well, my math tells me that 1936 was 75 years ago. So if I remember my dad driving up to our house at 347 So. Clarkson in a year old Washington Blue '36 Ford Deluxe Tudor Touring Sedan, then I must be somewhere north of 75 years, myself. That '36 hung around until 1952; it was fun growing up with the Ford and I will divulge secrets of that voyage, some previously known only by



1936 Ford Tudor Touring Sedan

MEETING NEWS

Thursday, May 5, 2011
Denver Design Center

Program: '36 Ford

certain passengers along the way at the **May General Meeting**. The presentation will be augmented by unique artifacts of the time. And always remember: If I don't know an answer, I will make one up.

Prez's Message

I'd like to thank **Judy** and **Ed Hurt**, **Josephine** and **Frank Monaco**, and **Clarissa** and **Greg Squires** for hosting this spring's garage tour. Greg's neighbor to the north, **Mark**, gave us an added attraction, allowing us to see his neat "re-created" filling station and car collection. Thanks also to him!

A lot of club members' cars came out of winter hibernation for this always fun, and well participated event. Hopefully we'll see you out and driving those flatheads at the May 5th General Meeting and the rest of the touring season. **Tom**

BOARD MEETING NOTES

By **Arnel Kimmett** (From March board meeting minutes)

The March BOD meeting was held on 3-31-11. There was a discussion on providing business type cards to prospective members but no final decision. The Hi-Country web site will be updated so new members can download an application for joining the club.

We only have 1 key for our PO box so we are asking anyone who may have a key to give it to a board member to save the cost of having extras made.

Club members are reminded to give themselves points for the 250 club if they host a seminar, tour, etc. This was then presented by **Doug Weinel** at the 4-7 general meeting. Also at the general meeting upcoming tours were discussed. These include the April garage tour, Canon City Abbey show in May,(more on the Abbey below) and the Spring Fling to Lincoln, NE over the Memorial Day weekend.

Front Range airport will be the site for the CCCC swap meet on 8-20-11. See **Jim Nielsen** to obtain a space with the V-8 group. Charter member **Miles Flick** passed away recently and **Merrill Newman** gave a brief eulogy of his work and car memories about Miles. At one time, Miles owned 16 various models of 32's!

For those interested in a nice 100 mile drive to get the cobwebs out of your V-8, along with a great car show, head to the Abbey in Canon City either Friday, May 20th, or leave early Saturday morning, May 21st. This is always a fun show with a large variety of vehicles including classic, restored, rods and swap meet. They usually have over 500 cars show up. The Abbey grounds are beautiful and the show is just a laid back car viewing relaxing day. Also, the Abbey has its own winery if you want to stock up on some great wine.

If you go down Friday, there is a street party in downtown CC. They block off Main Street in the evening and there are

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bands, dancing, food/beer booths, games, etc., set up for a fun evening. Check the internet for motels but book soon as they usually fill up.

HISTORY AND ICE CREAM AT MAY 22 TOUR

By Roy Hess

Due to a last minute glitch in the planned May "in-town" tour, we will again tour the Northglenn Historic Commission's annual open house and ice cream social at the Stonehocker Western Heritage Park. (Maybe this year we won't be blown away by gale force winds as we were last year.) Date is **Sunday, May 22**; time from 1:00-3:00. The address is 10950 Fox Run Parkway. Fox Run Pkwy is a short street that meanders between 104th Ave. and 112th Ave. in Northglenn. It is way east of I-25, west of Colorado Blvd but not far. From I-25: go east to Fox Run Pkwy (traffic light after the one on Steele St.), turn left and continue on the Parkway to destination. Follow street signs and stay on Pkwy, ignoring other streets with the Fox Run name. From 112th, turn on Fox Run Pkwy and do the same, following the Pkwy signs.

Parking will be on the west side of the Park, along the fence, facing toward the house. Preferred parking for all old Fords, plus ice cream, and house tours (1903 restored 5 BR house-oldest in Northglenn). The garage houses a Deere tractor from 1939, under restoration, and has always been called "the Model T garage" for an obvious reason. Entertainment by 1900 re-enactment band dressed in period costumes. Member **Roy Hess** may (probably will) sit in with the band on a couple of tunes, playing his original 1875 helicon tuba.



SPRING FLING

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You should have made a reservation at the Harold Warp Pioneer Village Motel for May 26th (1-800-445-4447) asking for the Early Ford V8 rate. We will visit the Pioneer Village Museum the next morning prior to our departure for Lincoln and "Spring Fling". We will arrive in Lincoln in time for their Welcoming Party/Picnic. A quilter's museum tour is now scheduled on Saturday in Lincoln for those interested; the cost is \$6. Tour of the American Museum of Speed at Speedway Motors is part of Spring Fling, also on Saturday. Questions: **Dick Fell**/Tour Chairman (303) 761-6121

WANTED OR FOR SALE

FOR SALE: Parts from Bob Drake. Brand new, still in box and never installed: Cowl vent screen for 1941-48 car Cost \$40.00. Cowl vent gasket for 1936-48 car and pickup. Cost \$20.00. Can't use - past return date - sell individually or together for exactly half what I paid. Call **Bill Straughn** at 303-862-5371, Westminster

FOR SALE: Columbia Rear End. 1946 - 48 rear end and housing. \$1700. Call **Glenn** at 303-794-7829

JULY 24, 2011 TOUR TEASER

By Bob Wade (VP Pikes Peak Chapter of VMCCA)

The Sunday, July 24th tour will be a joint tour with the Pikes Peak Chapter of the Veterans Motor Car Club of America. The day will begin with a scenic drive to Colorado Springs using Colorado Highway 83. Before reaching the north edge of Colorado Springs, VMCCA members will host a coffee stop in Fox Run Regional Park. The tour will continue with the addition of VMCCA member cars and will journey through northern areas of El Paso County and eventually extend

into the extreme northwest section of the City. After a brief rest stop at the Garden of the Gods Visitor Center, a leisurely drive through the beautiful Garden of the Gods will be completed. As a function of reaching our lunch destination, the tour will head east on Colorado Avenue through the designated historic district of Old Colorado City. Upon reaching the downtown Colorado Springs area, lunch will be enjoyed at Giuseppe's Restaurant which is located in the City's original railroad depot built by General William Palmer. (More information will be in the June Distributor)

Love and a 1936 Ford!

By Casey Hayes

It was in the summer of 1947 that I bought a 1936 Ford Tudor standard sedan with trunk for \$450. It had only one accessory- a hot air heater that mixed exhaust and hot air on a 60-40 basis. The windshield was badly cracked on the drivers' side. Thus the left eye covered everything from the left side while the right eye covered the right, and in between a blur or drive by the Braille system. It did have some add on wing vents that opened only if the window was rolled all the way down.

One hot Saturday evening my Boarding House buddy asked me what plans I had for the evening. I responded that I only had \$2.00 and that was needed for food for Sunday and perhaps buy the Sunday Denver Post. The early edition was sold at the PenCol (Colfax and Pennsylvania streets) drugstore at 9:00pm. He said his girl friend had a real hot number that was most affectionate and was free this evening. I said "No thanks, I didn't care for blind dates". He assured me that she would be much preferable than the Denver Post and listening to the live broadcast from Elitch's ballroom. Finally my prurient desires kicked in and we drove to 14th



and Vine to an old mansion that had been made into a rooming house. After introductions she asked if I was stationed at Lowry, Ft Fitzsimmons, Buckley or if I knew anyone there. All of which I answered in the negative. The room was hot, the air was stifling and oppressive, their cigarette smoke was beginning to bother my asthma. I suggested we go to a movie. No, she had seen all the latest ones at the military bases. How about going dancing? She replied that she didn't like to dance. How about roller skating or swimming? She then suggested the Steak Bar for drinks. As we left I noticed her left leg had a 4 inch built up shoe. Apparently she suffered from polio as a young girl. The Steak Bar was at 17th and Welton down in a basement, filled with smoke and stale air. My buddy and I ordered beer and the girls had a mixed drink. He put out \$2.00 and received 60 cents in change. These two girls must have had a sponge for a stomach and it was now my turn to buy. I laid out my \$2. 00 and received a fifty cent piece and a dime for change. I was now beginning to wheeze and being most uncomfortable insisted that we leave. My date called the waitress over, announced we were leaving and put her finger on my half dollar and slid it toward the waitress telling her to buy herself a drink. I now had ten cents.

As we approached the intersection of 17th and Broadway, a Model A Ford stopped by our side. He had taken the hood sides off and attached tail lights to the radiator support rods and wired them to the spark plugs. When the car idled, the sequence was rather hypnotic to see. She asked me if I was going to 'drag' with them. I replied 'no, too much traffic'. When the light turned green I shifted in 'Low' and we took off with a roaring start, the old Ford jumping three feet. She put her left foot on the accelerator and away we went. I got my left foot on the clutch and shifted into neutral. The Model A whose lights were a blur was right along side. Finally I freed my right foot from hers and applied Henry's faithful brakes and was barely able to stop at Colfax. So after a few choice words to her and her foot, I realized my lust had turned to disgust. I took them home and then drove to my room and listened to Eddy Howard and the Elitch orchestra. The song "To Each His Own" had a new meaning for me. Sunday found me walking to the PenCol drugstore. You would be surprised of the nourishment from two five cent Baby Ruth candy bars, especially if you eat slowly.

Car People Come Together

Thank You Note from Vern Holmes

We had a lot of excitement here last week with the Burning Tree Fire! The fire came within two houses of us; and as it was approaching, we were able to get all the hoses out and wet down the house and garage. The smoke was so thick we could hardly see. We had received a mandatory order to leave. Our friends **Cy** and **Janet Boutwell** (the **Boutwells** are Ford V8 club members who live in Elizabeth) were kind enough to invite us to stay with them during the fire. **Dottie** and I would like to thank the many DTA, Roadster Club and Ford V8 Club Members who called with their concerns and offers of help. It was greatly appreciated. (*THE FIRE GOT WITHIN 2 HOUSES OF OURS.*) The chopper with the bucket was absolutely great!

COMFORT & CONCERN

The thoughts and prayers of the entire Ford Club family are with **Mary Lou** and **Ed Rockwell** as they face **Mary Lou's** severe medical condition. **The Rockwell's** have been fixtures at nearly all club functions for many years and could be counted on to attend in their '40 Ford convertible.

Rich Kellogg had been reported to be in the hospital at the time of newsletter generation. Hopefully he has a speedy recovery. **Rich** (and **Mary Jo**) have been responsible the distribution of the club newsletter for a number of years.

Antique & Classic Car Show

at the

Eastern Star Masonic Retirement Community

2445 S Quebec St, Denver CO 80231

Saturday, May 21, 2011

10am-1pm

Prizes for Crowd Favorite

Hot Dog Booth

Free

Contact **Jim Stach** 303-757-6707

From the Editor

Are you getting your newsletter?

If not, let me know immediately. There have been instances of returned newsletters having been shredded (by the postal service) to the point of not being able to recognize the addressee, as well as recent unsuccessful email deliveries. AOL email addresses, for some reason, are especially sensitive. I've had cases of previously successful email deliveries suddenly not working. Problem at my end or yours, who knows?

If you would like to receive the newsletter by email, but haven't been, let me know so we can get you on the email list. Remember, getting the newsletter via email will get you the latest club news three to four days earlier than waiting for it to be delivered by snail mail. Fifty percent of our club receives the newsletter by email. If you are not able to receive email, or prefer not to, please don't hesitate to let me know. We are happy to mail paper copies to those who need them.

If you don't receive a newsletter by the General Meeting, then there is a problem. Let me know.
Brad

APRIL FOOLS HOAX REVEALED

A recent article had been floating around the internet has been exposed as an April Fools prank. The article, attributed to NY senator Charles Schumer (D-NY), indicated that he was proposing a bill to tax collector, antique, and special interest cars to help close the budget deficit. Actually, the article was very well written and most convincing. The article was originally generated by someone in the Shelby American Automobile Club, and was not intended to be distributed beyond the members of that club. However, the article received national distribution and a number of people actually contacted Senator Schumer's office.

A representative from the Shelby Club has issued a statement taking responsibility for the article and apologizing for any undue stress caused by the prank. He asked that this message be passed to as many car enthusiasts as possible.

COPING WITH ETHANOL FUEL

(The following is based on an April 7, 2011 article in Old Car Weekly News and Marketplace by Joe Richardson. The original article has been condensed and modified by Brad Hunsinger.)

Much has been written about the negative effects of ethanol with regards to our old cars and trucks. With 100 percent gasoline no longer available, the proliferation of E-10, which can contain up to 10 percent ethanol, makes it look like “Big Corn” is going to have its way. Ethanol is the basic form of alcohol derived primarily from corn and other organic sources. Ethanol exhaust emissions are supposed to be less harmful to the environment than fossil fuel. Ethanol also raises octane levels, it’s from a renewable source, it’s cheaper and it’s more readily available. None of this is beneficial to our old Fords however.

ISSUE 1: One issue with E-10, particularly with winter storage and the increased probability of fuel system condensation brought on by temperature changes, is known as “phase separation”. This is a problem resulting in the ethanol and water actually separating from the gasoline as it sits in your tank. Once phase separation occurs, the ethanol cannot be re-mixed with the gasoline, leaving a layer of ethanol and, below that, water sitting in the gas tank.

The ethanol is hydroscopic, which means that the ethanol and water have an affinity to one another. When condensation occurs, it is drawn into the ethanol portion of the fuel. When it becomes saturated and cannot hold any more water, the ethanol and water separate from the fuel mixture, causing trouble. The percentage of ethanol in the fuel blend determines how much water can be absorbed before separation occurs. The higher the ethanol content, the more water that can be held in suspension. Reach the maximum, and the water and ethanol both begin to separate out of the blended mixture into their own layers, or phases. This can happen in as little as 90 days or less, depending on conditions. *(Now that you are aware of the problem, you*

may be wondering how likely it is that phase separation will occur? The June issue of the Distributor will address this question.)

One solution is to use up all the fuel and run the tank dry, but that isn’t always practical. Another alternative is to keep the tank as full as possible and seal off the filler neck opening and carburetor throat with some plastic food wrap to minimize venting to the atmosphere, but it must be removed before running the engine as older vehicles have vented gas caps.

An additional solution is to use a quality fuel preservative that is specifically formulated to inhibit phase separation.

ISSUE 2: A second issue with ethanol fuels is the air/fuel ratio. This is a lesser-known and infrequently mentioned issue: the

lower Stoichimetric Ratio of ethanol vs. gasoline. You have likely heard of the ideal air/fuel ratio of 14.7 to 1 for gasoline engines at sea level. This is the ideal ratio for the most complete and efficient combustion of gasoline and the ratio that all gasoline fuel systems are designed to deliver. Higher than that, toward 16 to 1, the mixture is considered to be “rich”. Lower than 14.7 to 1 and the mixture is “lean”. Many old car owners are familiar with the problem of having a choke partially closed on a cold engine to “richen” the mixture, and we’re also familiar with the resulting sooty and strong-smelling exhaust that results.

The opposite lean condition will result in decreased performance, excess heat and detonation resulting in severe stress on engine components. This is where, unfortunately, the old ethanol monster shows itself again. A mixture of 10 percent ethanol will result in a Stoichiometric ratio of 14.0 or 14.1 to 1. Running constantly like this is a little to lean for a vintage engine.

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**FOR USE AS A
MOTOR FUEL ONLY
CONTAINS
LEAD
(TETRAETHYL)**

COPING WITH ETHANOL

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What can you do? Well, drilling and enlarging or replacing the jets in a carburetor to provide a richer air/fuel mixture is the ideal way to solve that problem, but that is not always desirable, or practical. Another way around it, although one that will most likely have an adverse effect on performance, is to adjust the choke so that it is partially closed when the engine is warmed up and always run it that

way. An alternative is to add a slight restriction to the air intake or air cleaner (just as a dirty air filter will cause a rich condition). The downside is that these methods may hamper efficiency and performance, and it's difficult to determine just how much restriction is too much or too little.

(Editors Note: Other issues with ethanol fuel such as rubber and plastic degradation, ethanol dissolving long undisturbed deposits, corrosion problems as well as lowered fuel mileage are matters for another article.)

Dandelion Daze Tour

By Merrill Newman

Last year, **Ed** and **Mary Lou Rockwell** took the Dandelion Daze "Top Gun" award during the car show. That means their '40 Ford convertible will be featured on the 2011 "Dandelion Daze" tee shirt. Eddie tells me it appears he will be able to get away to attend this year's event June 17-19 even though, unfortunately, Mary Lou will be unable to attend.

Accordingly, and in support of Ed being there, I've blocked twelve rooms for V8 Club members at the now world famous **Golden Plains Motel** in Holyoke. Rates are the same as last year; \$66 new wing, \$56 original wing (all of which have been refurbished). A few rooms have already been taken so, if you want to join us this year, please contact the Golden Plains as follows:

GOLDEN PLAINS MOTEL
1250 South Interocean
Holyoke, CO 80734
Reservations 800-643-0451 or 970-854-3000

I encourage you to call **Diane** Monday through Friday, 7:30 AM - 12:00 noon, as she is quite familiar with our group and knows the routine. Once you've made reservations, give me a call to let me know you'll be with us.

All "Dandelion Daze" events are Saturday, June 18 only, this year. We'll be on our own Friday evening for dinner and relaxation. Call **Merrill Newman** with any questions. Home 303-366-9496 Cell 303-949-9093

LARGE GATHERING OF EARLY V8's AT THE ANNUAL GARAGE TOUR

An ideal spring day and three interesting garages greeted the attendees at this year's garage tour. **Hosts Judy** and **Ed Hurt**, **Josephine** and **Frank Monaco**, and **Clarissa** and **Greg Squires** proudly displayed their garages to an admiring crowd. Greg's neighbor (**Mark**) provided an additional garage with quite an eclectic display of automobiles from military trucks to Sunbeams.



Early V8's dusted off and cleaned up for this year's garage tour. Photos by Ed Rockwell

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS					(*) Indicates Points Event		MAY 2011	
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY		
1	2	3	4	5 *Membership Meeting 7:30 p.m. Denver Design Center	6	7 *Seminar: 41 Panel Truck		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 Abbey Car Show & Swap Meet ESM Car Show		
*Tour: Stonehocker Western Heritage Park 22	23	24	25	26	27	28 ←.....*Tour: Spring Fling, Lincoln, NE→		
29→	30	31						