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## MITCHELL MOTORS TOUR

### *Additional August Tour Added*

By Patti Jantz

Due to the conflict of having the Front Range Tour and the OCC Swap Meet on the same day, an additional tour has been added for August. On Sunday, August 29, we will tour Mitchell Motors at 5794 S. Dutura St in Littleton. This is just south of Littleton Blvd. Plan to arrive around 1:00 to 1:30 and stay to 3:00 or so. Mr Mitchell is not open on Sundays but has agreed to open for our Early Ford V8 Club. Around 3:00 we will be heading to Romano's Restaurant, 5666 S. Windermere St (just north of Littleton Blvd) for an early dinner. Please plan on attending given that Mr Mitchell has graciously agreed to allow our members to tour his facility and to see his fine automobiles.

## V-8 CLUB SEMINAR – SEPTEMBER 11<sup>th</sup>

By Chris Pipho

*(Note the date change...)*

Need to paint a car? You've tried the driveway method only to find a miller moth and some cotton wood fuzz on the hood along with the paint. Maybe you are ready for a paint booth.

**Chris Pipho** and son **Martin** will host a paint seminar at 8200 Queen Street in Arvada (303-424-7585). Using PPG products we will demonstrate the steps used to paint the dark Blue 1950 Ford Woodie. A hand out listing all products and steps will be available for you to add your own notes. Particular attention will be given to covering the total paint surface  
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## *2012 National Meet*

### **V8 Club Board of Directors**

### **Approves 2012 National Meet**

By Lou Mraz

A team comprised of **Mike Welch**, **Lou Mraz**, **Nick Morstad**, and **Merrill Newman** selected Loveland Colorado as its recommendation for a September, 2012 national meet. **Lou Mraz** and **Merrill Newman** addressed the members attending the August general meeting by explaining the location selection process. Criteria used were based on the desire to keep the altitude of the location to 6500 ft or less. It was the opinion of the team that there were potential entrants that did not attend the 2005 Keystone meet because of the altitude. In addition, hotel room availability (and obviously, cost) and the hotel's location relative to judging activities, adequate parking, meeting room availability, and nearness of interesting sights and activities were some of the criteria used. After a period of questions and answers, the club voted overwhelmingly to have the team submit a bid to the National Board.

After the general meeting, the appropriate documents were prepared and presented to the National Board at their August 14th conference call meeting. After discussion by the National Board members, the bid documents were accepted and the meet awarded. The V-8 world will be coming to Colorado!!! The fact the Hi Country Regional Group has successfully hosted four previous national meets was a very important factor in the award. The date(s) of the meet is now being planned for mid September (better weather, less frantic traffic as the tourist season fades, crisp fall touring, etc.). We are concentrating our attention on the Embassy Suites Hotel and Convention Center in Loveland. Now the real work begins --- meeting with the hotel to finalize arrangements as well as beginning the detailed  
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# Prez's Message

Summer's winding down, but the happenings for the club are getting more intense. The Mitchell Motors tour will happen before the end of August.

All Ford Day is coming together nicely, but the need for volunteers is great. A sign-up sheet will be at the September general meeting to make this year's gathering a success. Get those flyers passed around so that we get some new admirer's of vintage Fords, Lincolns, and Mercurys.

The 40th anniversary shindig looks like it will be fun and full of memories.

I'm just salivating at all the things to do on the near horizon.

Buckle your seatbelts, shine those cars, and be ready for a great ride.

Jay

## Board Meeting Notes

**Tour Report: (Larry Durlin)**  
August Tour and Seminar (OCC Swap Meet) are on the same day due to the rescheduling of the Front Range Airport Classic Airplane and Car Show. **Patti Jantz** to investigate another tour (August 29 Mitchell Tour now scheduled). Larry to investigate potential nostalgia night at a drive-in movie. **Casey Hayes** mentioned the potential for a tour of buildings of architectural and historic significance.

**Budget Report: (Lou Mraz)**  
Updated budget was presented to the board. Through mid-year, we are on track to have a balanced budget at year end.

### ALL FORD DAY:

- Authorization was given to generate flyers and to mail invitation letters to previous participants. (Flyers available)
- Details finalized with City of Sheridan
- **Ed Hurt** arranged for a vendor (same as 2 years ago)

**Lou** discussed a proposal to host the

2013 Grand National Meet in Lake Tahoe. Clubs are currently being polled to see if there is interest in this.

- It's being led by Golden Gate Charter Group
- Has historical significance since first gathering (50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of club founding). Nostalgia of original group forming the Early Ford V8 Club.

**40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration.** A motion was made to authorize the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee up to \$500 to procure mementos to be given away at the anniversary dinner. Motion was seconded and passed. It was also suggested that previous members be invited (on their nickel, of course). (This is mentioned in this issue.)

A doctor examining a woman who had been rushed to the Emergency Room, took the husband aside, and said, 'I don't like the looks of your wife at all.'  
'Me neither doc,' said the husband. 'But she's a great cook and really good with the kids.'

## The Distributor

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# 2010 ALL FORD DAY

By Lou Mraz

Get ready! The day is almost upon us. Sunday September 12<sup>th</sup> will be here before you know it. And you will not want to miss this year's event. Plan to attend and help a great tradition continue. We are using a new location --- Sheridan High School. The address is 3201 West Oxford Avenue in Sheridan. The previous AFD location (Clement Park) was very nice, but using it had simply become too expensive. One very important feature of using the Sheridan High School location is --- no porta potties --- we will have real facilities instead. The building will be open for us.

This year's AFD will be a bit more casual than in previous years. For example, you will be able to arrive and depart as your needs dictate. Plan to bring your car or truck so we can all enjoy everything FOMOCO has to offer. But don't come too late --- you want to have enough time to see all the great iron displayed. Don't think of AFD as just an automotive beauty contest. Yes, there will be prizes to be awarded, but "beaters", well-used original vehicles, and cars that are "works in progress" are all welcome and encouraged. Often it is these vehicles that generate the most interest. Do you have a drivable but unfinished project in your garage? Bring it.

The always-popular "under construction" display will be back again this year. This display is a crowd pleaser, and always attracts a big gathering. People really like to see how stuff goes together, so if you have something that is still going together, bring it and share the mystery with all of us. If everything works as planned, **Bernie Sawin** will again have his demonstration flathead engine on site. Come and see the famous and fabulous flathead V-8 engine running on 4 cylinders. With one head removed, you can watch the pistons move up and down in the cylinders as well as see the valves do their thing, very fascinating and informative. There aren't very many engines that can run under their own power while at the

same time you can watch the various components (pistons and valves) function.

As always, we will need modest help to stage AFD. Please volunteer for some of the light duty, low intensity jobs (such as registration [greatly simplified this year], parking, signs, and cleanup) that are necessary to make AFD a success. Sign-up sheets will be at the September General Meeting, or talk to **Jay Svigel** at 303-777-4527.

Again this year we will have the CAR TOYS trailer attending, which means we will have a really good sound system available for our use. An on site food vender will be providing breakfast and lunch meals which you can purchase. Dash plaques will be presented to all entrants. Registration begins at 7:30 am, and the \$10 fee is good for the first two vehicles you bring. If you own additional vehicles that you would like to display, there will be no additional cost, so empty out the garage.

Here is another idea to make things more interesting. Do you have period accessories, collectables, or information to go with your vehicle? Stuff that really helps to illustrate what the world and driving environment was really like when your vehicle was designed, manufactured, and sold to the public. If you do, plan on bringing them. Jay is bringing a vintage radio disguised as an AC sparkplug (how cool is that?). Got a spare radio for your vehicle? Take off the back and display all the vacuum tubes (and no printed circuit boards) --- and then be prepared to answer questions from the "younger generation" about what a vacuum tube is and what it does. How about a display of vintage road maps? How many people now driving know or remember how few roads (even some US numbered highways) were completely paved in 1950 (for example)? So think about those things you might be able to bring that will help make AFD more interesting.

*See you there!*

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## 2012 National Meet

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planning. Stay tuned as these details are developed. But also be contemplating what role you can play. Even though the National Club will provide considerable assistance, and even though we anticipate reducing the level of regional group effort involved, there will still be plenty for all of us to do.

## EARLY IRON FESTIVAL

By Patti Jantz

A reminder that the September "long" tour will be to the Early Iron Festival in Alamosa, Colorado on September 3 - 5. Reserve the date. Contact **Patti Jantz** for more information. To register\* online and be done with it, go to [www.earlyironclub.com](http://www.earlyironclub.com).

# SEPTEMBER PAINT SEMINAR

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with primer surfacer and the process of step wise color sanding.

The paint booth we use is a one of a kind built with material from Home Depot. It can probably be built in one day but you must give lots of attention to internal size and the type of fan you will need to keep the air clean. A fan out of the bedroom window will not do the job.

**Martin** will also discuss the equipment used- HVLP guns, fresh air mask, long board sanders, polishing compound and sand paper. We think Acrylic Enamel, color sanded and buffed looks very close to an original Ford paint job. We will also have a couple of vehicles with base/clear coat on hand for comparison purposes.

Our goal is to produce a respectable paint job in our own shop. Quality comes by paying attention to details and lots of hand- work. Knowledge and practice makes each paint job better than the last one.

Directions to 8200 Queen Street: From the South – Get to I -70 and Wadsworth. Go North on Wadsworth to 80<sup>th</sup> Ave. then West on 80<sup>th</sup> to Simms (stoplight) then North on Simms to 82<sup>nd</sup> Ave – East on 82<sup>nd</sup> to Stop sign – this is Queen St. Turn left and enter driveway at mail box. Proceed around by garage and into back yard. Plenty of parking is available. The Seminar will be held in the brown garage. From the North go South on Wadsworth or Sheridan to 80<sup>th</sup> Ave and follow the above directions. From the West go North on Ward Road to 64<sup>th</sup> or 72<sup>nd</sup> then East to Simms and follow the above directions. Plan on being there at 8:30. The usual coffee and donuts will be waiting.

## *Thank You!*

By Patti Jantz

I want to thank the club members that attended the car wash opening on July 25<sup>th</sup>. The members that attended had a good time, a great lunch, and excellent conversation. I received a call after I returned home and was thanked for the members that did attend. Scott was very appreciative. Thanks to **Roy Hess**, we did end up with 5 cars. Also thanks to **Leroy** and **Bev Rupp**, and **Larry** and **Kathy Durlin**.

## *From the Editor*

### **Some changes are coming....**

Now that I have a number of newsletter issues under my belt, I see areas for improvement. The August issue had poorly reproduced pictures in the newsletter hardcopy. The color pictures submitted for black and white didn't repro well. To hopefully overcome this in the future, I have learned Photoshop software features to allow for converting color pictures to black & white prior to repro. Trial results show a better quality of photo for the future. (Hopefully this issue reflects the improvement.)

In this issue you will meet **Mark** and **Kate Bailey**, a couple of the club's more recent members. I am planning to have periodic articles on our newer members help get them more acquainted within the club. So, if you are a recent member, be ready to "volunteer" to write a short article.

Thanks to all contributors for the support of my accelerated schedules over the last two months.

My apologies to **Harry Lindsay** and **Jim Stach** for misspelling their names. I have added a name spelling double-check to my list of things to check for when generating the newsletter.

Also, thanks to **Larry Happel** and **Rich Kellogg** for their quiet and efficient efforts in ensuring that the Distributor is assembled and mailed.

As always, constructive criticism regarding the Distributor is always welcome. It takes the whole club to produce the newsletter, so keep the articles and photo's coming. Brad

## MEET THE MEMBERS – *Mark and Kate Bailey*

My wife and I enjoy old iron whether it's tractors, engines or vehicles. We also like to travel and spend a lot of time outdoors hiking and exploring as much as possible. I joined the club at my friend Don Whissen's request over a year ago after having purchased my 41 panel delivery. (Don and I are also in the Model T club).

The truck was purchased locally by a grocer (Horace Davis) in early 41 and used to deliver goods to homes until they sold the business. The truck was also driven by a local news anchor (Bob Palmer) who at that time was their delivery boy. At some point he bumped into another car while eying some girls on the walk. Bob passed away before I could show the truck to him. The truck then sat for a time until my friend decided to buy it somewhere around 1956. Fixing the damage allowed him to use it on his farm until 1959. For some reason he parked it in his barn and continued to work on other projects over the years, leaving the truck to collect dust and wasp nests. My friend passed away last year in his 90's and I ended purchasing the truck then. It is 90% original including the faded paint, cracks and all.

I was told that the truck has significance to the community because it was the way in which most households and farms got their groceries on a regular basis. Saturdays were the busy days, the truck would run every hour on the hour according to the woman who was the switch board operator. She tells me that in those days you made a list and the grocer put it

together for you at the store.

Back then people could ring up the Davis store via the switchboard operator to have Bob bring their groceries to them. The truck was a familiar site around town for many years. Other earlier trucks were used including a model T and some remember a flatbed truck with small stake sides but none survive to this day.



**Kate and Mark Bailey with their '41 Ford Panel**

(Note; When I did have the lettering redone, all that was left was a red drop shadow. I guessed at the white. It must have been another darker color as the photo indicates).

I don't plan to restore it anytime soon, instead enjoying it as it is and taking good care of it. We hope to make it to as many club events as we have the time for.

**Mark and Kate Bailey**



### **Good Guys Car Show Recognition**

Our own **Don Joy** had his picture taken with his 1932 Ford Vicki at the Good Guys car show. Don purchased this car from the original owner in 1951 and has had it ever since. He rebuilt it himself, retaining all the original sheet metal but he added a modern Dodge engine and transmission. This picture appeared in the September issue of the Good Guys magazine.

## ANNIVERSARY BANQUET –

### *A Reminder*

By Harry Lindsay

Just a reminder to all of you V-8 club members. Our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary banquet is just weeks away. Please make sure you put Sunday September 19<sup>th</sup> on your calendar, 11:30 am - noon arrival at the Mount Vernon Country Club on Lookout Mountain. (Full details are in the August Distributor.) If you know any former members that would like to join us, call and invite them. Many of them will have great memories to share. Also, be sure and send your meal selections and money to:

**Harry Lindsay**  
540 Front Range Road  
Littleton, CO 80120

## RED HATTERS MATTERS

By Jan Haight

This has been a lazy summer for our Red Hat Club, but we'll change all that on October 1<sup>st</sup>, when we have an event in north Denver.

**Roseann Bennett** was in charge of our last gathering, which was at The House of Windsor, with a tour of iris gardens following. This time, **Joyce Comin** will lead us when we meet at The Wildflowers, near Rocky Mountain Airport (formerly Jeffco Airport south of Broomfield). We'll have high tea, with shopping at the Rustic Ranch either before the tea or afterwards, so, ladies, be saving your pennies for any new Red Hat items or other goodies at the Ranch; they have a LOT to choose from. I'll be sending out an email with directions, time, etc., in mid-September, and also hope to see everyone at the Anniversary Banquet on the 19<sup>th</sup>!

## BERT MARSH AWARD

By Walt Hume

This is a reminder that from now through October 6, the committee of **Dick Adams** (Chairman), **Walt Hume**, **Ed Hurt**, **Gene Pastor**, and **Don Whissen** will be accepting nominations (preferably typed) for the Bert Marsh Distinguished Service Award. This award is given each year to an active member who has worked and devoted the most this past year to our club. For the needed description and details covering the Distinguished Service Award, refer to the club roster.

## COMFORT AND CONCERN

At the time of newsletter publication, two of our members, **Al Starr** and **Harold Steffen** were in the hospital. We wish them both a speedy recovery.

Also, **Larry Happel** has had some serious medical issues and we wish him all the best and a speedy recovery.

Our prayers are with these members as well as anyone who we may have missed.

## WANTED OR FOR SALE

**FOR SALE:** 1950 Mercury right & left front fender spear moldings in good condition. 1951 Mercury left & right front fender spear moldings in good condition. \$50 for each molding. Call **Ed Hurt** 303-524-4706 (C) or 303-279-3282 (H).

**CAR STORAGE:** Central Denver area. Garage with no windows, very secure. \$100/month for one bay or \$185/month for both bays. For more information call **Ed Hurt** at 303-524-4706 or **Brendan** at 970-376-3419.

**FOR SALE:** 1965 Mustang 289 block .030 over complete engine with 289 crank or 302 crank \$350. Aluminum 2bbl intake \$125. Holly 650cfm 2bbl carb \$300. Misc fuel pumps, cranks, heads, pistons, rods. **Mike Schroder** 720 903 0185.

**FOR SALE:** 1936 Ford Fordor, \$15,500. Call **John Timora** at 303-420-2991 or 303-902-1683.

**FOR SALE:** 1941 Ford, 4 dr, Super Deluxe. 890 Point Second Place at Keystone. Engine completely rebuilt, Columbia Rearend, Recored Radiator. \$18,000 or best offer. **Carl O'Loughlin**, 303-601-2588 or 303-750-9359

# GENE PASTOR INDUCTED INTO Highbanks Hall of Fame

By Larry Durlin

On July 31st, I went to Belleville Kansas to see the National Midget Automobile races. This was a special date as this was the 100th anniversary of the Belleville high banks dirt track. The first event I attended was the induction of ten new members to the Highbanks Hall of Fame, National Midget Auto Racing Museum. To my pleasant surprise, one of

this years inductees is our very own **Gene Pastor**. A very moving presentation and acceptance were made and I felt honored to be there. I will bring a copy of the program to the next general meeting so everyone can share some, perhaps unknown, exploits of Gene's many years with midget auto racing.

## YEAR OF MANUFACTURE PLATE ALERT

By Lou Mraz

I recently visited the Department of Revenue (Motor Vehicle Division) Lakewood office to switch my '67 Mustang to year of manufacture plates. I had brought with me a brand new, matched pair of 1967 letter/number combination plates from Kiowa County. The clerk discovered the letter/number combination I was attempting to use was already in use. How could that be I asked? The answer was quite interesting.

During that period of time in Colorado when new plates were issued every year, the same letter/number (or all numbers for earlier years) combinations were used over and over again, with some continuing right up into the green series of year sticker tab plates still in use. If a green plate with the same letter/number combination (there might still be a few around) that you want to use as a YOM plate is still in use, or if any other year plate with that same letter/number combination is already in use as a YOM plate, you will be unable to use your plate for YOM purposes. Further, if you have only one plate (which is OK), it is possible the original pair was split somewhere along the way, with each being sold separately. The matching plate that you do not have could already be in use as a YOM plate. Apparently the State data base tracks only the letter/number combination and does not consider the year embossed on the plate (but you will still need a plate that matches the year of your car).

Is this type of problem going to happen often? Probably not. I've made four YOM plate switches prior to this problem arising --- but arise it did. As YOM plates become more popular, this kind of problem can and probably will increase.

You may now be thinking that earlier vintage plates, where the county was designated by a number

combination (Kiowa County was #45) will not be impacted by all of this. Not so. During that period of time when Colorado issued new plates every year, the same number combinations were issued every year (with new ones added as necessary).

So what does all of this mean? However unlikely it may seem to be, you may have an original Colorado plate (unissued or not) that is not usable for YOM purposes. If you are headed to Lakewood and thinking about switching your vehicle to YOM plates, and if you have more than one plate (or set) that could work, bring them all along (to offset the possible chance that some might not be usable). If you are thinking about going the YOM route and already have a plate that you would like to use, you may not want to wait around for someone else to use the letter/number or all number combination that is on your plate. Additionally, be cautious about laying out big bucks for a plate or set of YOM plates that you intend to mount on your vehicle without knowing from the State that it is usable. You cannot always rely on what the seller tells you in this regard. I don't need to tell club members that because of increasing interest and popularity, vintage plates eligible for YOM use have gotten a lot more expensive, so be careful and wise. The Department of Revenue (Motor Vehicle Division) will be glad to tell you if a plate you propose to use is clear. But they will supply this information only if you show up in person at the Lakewood office, and only if you have the plate in question with you to show them. They will not respond to phone call inquiries or fax transmissions on this issue. You did get return rights when you purchased the plate, didn't you? As always, Caveat Emptor.

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5	6	7	8	9	10	*Seminar: At 8:30, Painting at Chris Piphos	11
*ALL FORD DAY SHERIDAN High School	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
*40th Anniversary Banquet 11:30 a.m.	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30			