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Mission Statement

The El Dorado Early Ford V8 Car Club is based in El Dorado County, California and is dedicated to the restoration and preservation of Ford, Mercury, and Lincoln vehicles designed and built by the Ford Motor Company from 1932 to 1953. Meetings are held the first Thursday of each month. Locations change so check newsletter for location.

President's Message

Were did 2013 go? Are you ready for 2014???

Thank you Barbara Palcek for a great Christmas party. Also thank you to Hal and Judy Coupar for picking up the toys. This is turning in to one Big Thank You... Everyone who is holding an office or helping support our club. Thanks

Hope your Christmas was great and everyone enjoys 2014. We had a wonderful Christmas

with the visiting and catching up on family.

Here comes the advertisement Dues are due for 2014, \$25. Please get to Barbara Placek as soon as you can. Enjoy 2014...Vince



Meeting Minutes

We had another great Christmas Dinner/Regular Meeting at Fifty Grande in Pollock Pines on December 5, 2013. There were twenty-eight members present plus two guests, Hal and Judy Coupar from "Toys For Tots", sponsored by the United States Marine Corps Reserve. They joined us for dinner and picked up our toy donations for needy kids in El Dorado County. Hal presented a Certificate of Appreciation to our club.

We almost got two new members; Tom and Sharon came in looking for the RV club. It turns out they had the wrong night, but we told them if they ever get an

old flathead V-8 they were welcome to join us. I think Tom is considering it.

There was minimal business conducted. Birthdays and anniversaries were acknowledged. The January meeting will be at Colina De Oro and we'll meet at Mike's Café on Pleasant Valley Rd. in February.

Rex offered a thank you to the club officers and Vince also thanked Rex and Sandy for all their work.

The breakfast meeting was scheduled for Sunday, December 8, at the Train Station, but I don't know how many made it. We were snowed in and I'm sure many other members were too....Happy New Year, Howard Madison, Secretary

Breakfast Schedule 2014

- January
- February
- March
- April
- May
- June
- July
- August
- September
- October
- November
- December



Next Meeting – Thursday January 2nd!

Meeting Thursday January 2nd, 6:00 pm Colina de Oro in Diamond Springs,

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays: January Michelle Hardie 2nd; Howard Madison 7th; Milo Broz 8th; Don Erb 10th; Marie Moore 11th; Gary Thompson 15th.

Anniversaries; Mike & Nancy Ahern 6th; Len & Peg Brewer 21st

Breakfast Saturday January 4th

Breakfast will be Saturday January 4th 9:00AM at Mike's Café located at 1772 Pleasant Valley Road. Phone 530-642-2347

Meet in parking lot by Colina de Oro by Double Diamond Tack & Feed to caravan to café. Leave parking lot at 8:45AM

Association of California Car Clubs Report

Hello Car Guys & Car Gals, Happy New Year from all of us at the Association of California Car Clubs. Another year has passed us by and all in all it wasn't too bad a year for the collector car hobby and the ACCC. However, the time is now to keep a sharp eye on legislation coming out of Sacramento...Odds are that we will see some bills or regulations that may be harmful to the collector car hobby and it is imperative that we stay informed and alert to any bills that are not good for the car hobby.

Membership numbers in the ACCC are better than ever, legislation, regulations, and policies that may have threatened or harmed the hobby never came to pass so things are good in the car hobby. I wish I could say the same about the state of the nation but that's a topic for another time.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all the ACCC Member Clubs; ACCC Individual Members; Sponsors; Advertisers; and Business Partners for your continued support of the ACCC. We absolutely could not do what we do without your support. I also want to thank our Legislator Friends for their support this past year as well. We have cultivated some fantastic relationships this past year that will serve us well going into 2014.

In addition, thanks goes out the ACCC Officers and Board of Directors for your service this past year. Your hard work, expertise, and "Over The Top" dedication to the ACCC has made 2013 one of our best years ever. Thank You...

Going Into 2014 Be Sure And Save The Dates...

January 24-26, 2014 – Grand National Roadster Show in Pomona. The ACCC will have a booth at the show and will also conduct our 1st Quarter business meeting there as well.

February 14-16, 2014 – Sacramento Autorama. The ACCC will host the 3rd Annual Butch Gardner Clubhouse located in the Pavilion at CalExpo. Send inquires to acccpres@gmail.com.

April 4-5, 2014 – The 28th Annual ACCC Spring Legislative Conference at the California Auto Museum. More info will be available as the dates get closer. Happy Cruising! Rex Roden 🍷

Wanted

Wanted: Pictures of kids, grandkids, pet, etc. for us to use in newsletter. Please send via email to Sandy hapee2b@att.net

For Sale



Model A Roadster, \$15,000 and a 1930 AA Flatbed. Jerry Eames 530-577-7633

Project Cars (2) 1950 Ford 4 door project cars. (2) 1950 Oldsmobile's 98's - 4 doors Barbara 530-677-2339

Sunshine

After our delicious Christmas banquet, I sort of fell off the map with getting all things done for other parts of our life. But I haven't forgotten you all!

I spoke with Sandy Morgan for a few minutes. She ran...to Hawaii in Nov., but the awful bronchial gunk



caught up with her and knocked her out of commission for about a month. She missed seeing us all at the banquet because of it, but was beginning to

feel better. Hopefully, by the time the letter comes out she will be once again on her feet.

Barbara P. must have been dancing with Sandy, because the same gunk has knocked her down 2x this past month. She is slowly recovering.

Marti has been in so much pain, that the Dr. took another cat scan. The decision is that she will have to have a hip replacement of the most recent broken hip. Hopefully, she is through all of that by the time this letter comes out. As of 12/21, they are hoping to have it scheduled to take place on 12/24.

If others of you have faded in and out of my picture, please forgive me for not knowing and not shining more Sunshine on you.

On a lighter note: Wife phones hubby at work for a chat, but he tells her he is swamped with work and can't talk. She tells him, "I have good news and bad news" "Darling," he replies, I've little time, just give me the good news." "OK!" she says. "The air bag works." "God rest ye merry gentlemen, let nothing you dismay O tidings of comfort and Joy!

As well as a HAPPY 2014 Sunshine 😊

The Case Against Ethanol

Fed a steady diet of corn, a staggering number of vintage vehicles in the United States are now suffering from clogged arteries. The culprit? Ethanol.

The issue is straightforward. Countries around the world are supplementing their gasoline with biofuels, primarily ethanol. In the United States, ethanol is distilled from corn but cellulosic ethanol can also be distilled from switchgrass, sugarcane, wood chips and other agricultural byproducts. Supplementing the petroleum-based fuel supply in this manner may be a well-intentioned effort to reduce oil dependency, but it is not cost-effective and results in severe consequences to your collector vehicle's engine.

Most new vehicles are constructed with materials that resist ethanol's potentially harmful properties when small concentrations of the biofuel are used, such as 10% ethanol by volume (E10). However, that is not the case with older cars and current high-performance specialty parts. Condensation created by this gasoline can damage engines and result in corrosion, rust, clogging and deterioration of fuel-system components.

The U.S. Congress enacted the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) in 2005 and then set ambitious mandates for the amount of ethanol to be blended into gasoline each year, going from 9 billion gallons in 2008 to 36 billion gallons by 2022. In order to meet the ever-growing RFS biofuel mandate, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recently permitted the sale of 15% ethanol (E15) in gasoline. In the process, the EPA acknowledged that E15 poses a risk to older cars and therefore made it "illegal" to fuel pre-'01 vehicles. However, the agency is only requiring a gasoline-pump warning label to alert motorists that E15 could potentially cause equipment failure in older vehicles.

The EPA's decision has spawned a huge battle across America. A coalition of unlikely partners has come together to fight E15. They include organizations such as the SEMA Action Network (SAN) representing collector cars and their owners, along with the boating industry, lawn-equipment manufacturers and the oil industry. It also includes the food industry (corn prices are increasing as a

portion of the crop is being diverted to fuel) and environmentalists (the land, transportation and energy costs to produce ethanol undermine the benefits).

The battle's outcome is still unknown. The EPA's decision is being challenged before the U.S. Supreme Court. In Congress, lawmakers are considering legislation to ban E15 and also reduce the RFS mandates, the driving force behind E15. Both H.R. 875 in the U.S. House of Representatives and S. 344 in the U.S. Senate are supported by the SAN. A timeframe for resolving the debate is unclear, but the issue has become very contentious.

While it is now legal to sell E15 in America, there are only a handful of stations currently marketing the product. The infrastructure for most stations has not yet been certified for the fuel. More importantly, most automakers have not certified their vehicles for E15. Therefore, they may void the warranty for any E15-related damage. This year, states such as Florida, Maine, Oregon and West Virginia have taken the lead in dealing with the ethanol issue on a local level. In fact, legislation to repeal the requirement that all gasoline offered for sale in the state contain a percentage of ethanol is on a fast track in Florida. As this article went to print, the bill had been approved by the Florida House and Senate and sent to the governor for his signature and enactment into law. Currently, Florida requires that all gasoline sold by a supplier, importer, blender or wholesaler contain 9%–10% ethanol, or other alternative fuel, by volume.

For auto enthusiasts in the United States, the message to lawmakers and regulators about ethanol has been clear: "Hit the brakes on E15."



Some Great Old Pics!

