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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

Greetings All,

Here we are at the close of the year 2018. What happened?!?! Where did it go? Somebody said, "life is like a roll of toilet paper – the less you have left the faster it goes"!



Unfortunately, 2018 brought health issues to many of our members. Most recently, Nadine Adams fell and is now recovering, and Jerry Eames is not doing well. We all wish them the very best through this trying time.

One blessing is that rain has finally arrived. Hopefully we will see the end of the fire season and the beginning of a wet, cold winter. The Club Christmas party is coming right up. Hope to see you all there! Jim

Meeting Minutes

The Nov. 1, 2018, regular meeting was held at the Breakroom in Shingle Springs. We had twelve members and one guest in attendance., President Jim

Moore, Vice President Art Hardy and Secretary Marie Moore were all out of town, so we had to dust off former president, Vince Barisic, and former secretary, Howard Madison, to preside over the meeting.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as published. Jo provided her treasurer's report and accepted checks in payment for the upcoming Christmas meeting/dinner. Jo is also accepting dues payments (\$25) for 2019. This includes the \$5 for ACCC membership.

No "Accessories" report; Diane Haynes was also out of town caring for their new grandbaby.

Rex Roden reported that the web site had been "down" for 3 days. He made some minor changes to the site which continues to get many hits. Hopefully, that will generate some interest from potential new members. Rex also encouraged us to get out the vote and pass Proposition 6.

Birthdays and anniversaries were acknowledged, and Vince reminded us that the Christmas party will be at the Golden Dragon on Broadway on Dec. 6, at 5:30p.m.

Under new business, Vince informed the membership that all current officers had agreed to stay in office for 2019. Also, anyone interested in stepping up is welcome to throw his/her hat into the ring.

Good news: President Jim had his kidney stone exploded and his stent removed. So he is feeling much better.

Vince and Sandy's friend, Charlie Butler, from So Cal gave an interesting talk on the use of zinc additives in our old cars. After the meeting he also showed us his beautiful 1957 Mercury which he drove up for his visit.

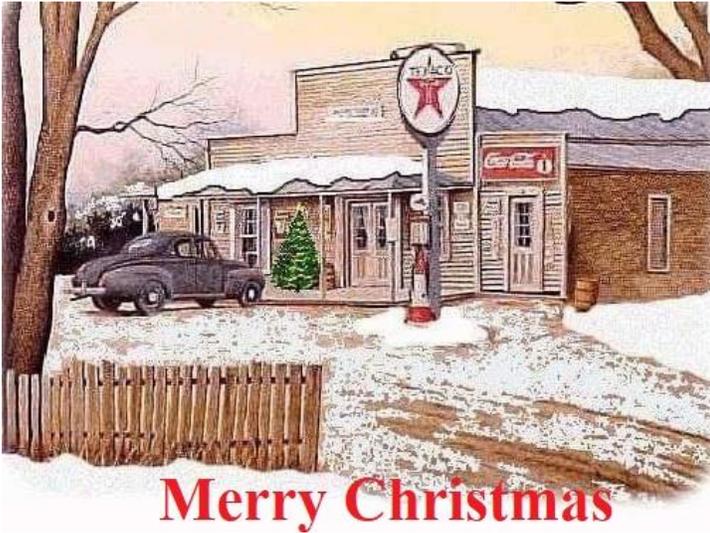
Meeting adjourned.

The Sat., Nov.3, breakfast meeting was held at Beef 'n' Brew in Diamond Springs. We had 10 members and 5 old cars present.

Submitted by substitute secretary, Howard Madison

Christmas Party Thursday December 6th

Christmas Party will be Thursday December 6th at the Golden Dragon Restaurant 1341 Broadway in Placerville. Party starts at 5:30 PM.



Breakfast Saturday December 8th

Breakfast will be at 9:30 AM at the Golden Waffle in Placerville. Bring your Hot Rod. Weather permitting.

Breakfast Schedule 2019

To be posted

Birthdays & Anniversaries

December Cathy Keeler 7th; Jerry Eames 7th; Connie Johnson 11th; Jo Oberg 12th; Ralph Adams 20th; Jim Moore 26th.

Anniversaries NONE

Helpful Hints

Security Tips

1. **LONG TERM PARKING:** Some people left their car in the long-term parking at San Jose while away, and someone broke into the car. Using the information on the car's registration in the glove compartment, they drove the car to the people's home in Pebble Beach and robbed it. If you are going to leave the car in long-term parking, we should NOT leave the registration/insurance cards in it, nor your remote garage door opener. This gives us something to think about with all our new electronic technology.

2. **GPS:** Someone had their car broken into while they were at a football game. Their car was parked on the green which was adjacent to the football stadium and specially allotted to football fans.

Things stolen from the car included a garage door remote control, some money and a GPS which had been prominently mounted on the dashboard. When the victims got home, they found that their house had been ransacked and just about everything worth anything had been stolen. The thieves had used the GPS to guide them to the house. They then used the garage remote control to open the garage door and gain entry to the house. The thieves knew the owners were at the football game, they knew what time the game was scheduled to finish and so they knew how much time they had to clean out the house. It would appear that they had brought a truck to empty the house of its contents. Something to consider if you have a GPS - don't put your home address in it... Put a nearby address (like a store or gas station) so you can still find your way home if you need to, but no one else would know where you live if your GPS were stolen

3. **CELL PHONES:** I never thought of this..... This lady has now changed her habit of how she lists her names on her cell phone after her handbag was stolen. Her handbag, which contained her cell phone, credit card, wallet, etc., was stolen. Twenty minutes later when she called her hubby, from a pay phone telling him what had happened, hubby says, "I received your text asking about our Pin number and I've replied a little while ago." When they rushed down to the bank, the bank staff told them all the money was already withdrawn. The thief had actually used the stolen cell phone to text "hubby" in the contact list and got hold of the pin number. Within 20 minutes he had withdrawn all the money from their bank account.

Moral of the lesson:

a. Do not disclose the relationship between you and the people in your contact list. Avoid using names like Home, Honey, Hubby, Sweetheart, Dad, Mom, etc....

b. And very importantly, when sensitive info is being asked through texts, CONFIRM by calling back.

c. Also, when you're being texted by friends or family to meet them somewhere, be sure to call back to confirm that the message came from them. If you don't reach them, be very careful about going places to meet "family and friends" who text you.

4. **PURSE IN THE GROCERY CART SCAM:** A lady went grocery-shopping at a local mall and left her purse sitting in the children's seat of the cart while she reached something off a shelf... wait till you read the WHOLE story! Her wallet was stolen,

and she reported it to the store personnel. After returning home, she received a phone call from the Mall Security to say that they had her wallet and that although there was no money in it, it did still hold her personal papers. She immediately went to pick up her wallet, only to be told by Mall Security that they had not called her. By the time she returned home again, her house had been broken into and burglarized. The thieves knew that by calling and saying they were Mall Security, they could lure her out of her house long enough for them to burglarize it.

Butte & Ventura County Fires

Our hearts are saddened by the fires in Butte and Ventura Counties. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the victims.



Sunshine



Don Haynes is having issues with vocal cords. He should know more in about 3 months. Maybe he could come out with a voice like Bing

Crosby ba ba ba boo Real money maker.

Nadine Adams broke her hip and has been in Rehab. Hoping she will be able to come home before Dec 1st. Send cards. 3387 Cambridge Rd., Cameron Park, Ca 95682. She has been doing rehab; but like all of us, it wears her out. Hey, I for one love my naps and my hips are fine right now. (Never know what is around the corner.)

Visited Jerry Eames, his daughter Laura and son Dan were there taking care of him. He is very weak because he does not want to eat. He whispers but does seem to understand what you are saying. He is having trouble walking. Send cards to 3930 E. Pacific Ave., Sacramento, Ca 95820. He will be spending 11/26-12/3 at home in Tahoe with other children. If you send cards to other address P.O. Box 7374, So. Lake Tahoe, Ca 96158. What wonderful children they have raised. Laura's phone # 425.533.6186. .

Association of California Car Clubs Report

The November 6, 2018 election has come and gone and unfortunately, we have a new liberal governor and still have the highest gas taxes and gas prices in the country. We'll have to wait and see how this plays out. What happened with Prop 6 is criminal. By putting a false and misleading title on Prop 6, the liberal politicians cheated Californians of an honest vote. All the polling showed "Gas Tax Repeal" was supported but as you know, that was NOT what they saw on the ballot. Voters who support the gas tax repeal were defrauded of their vote and they were tricked into voting NO.

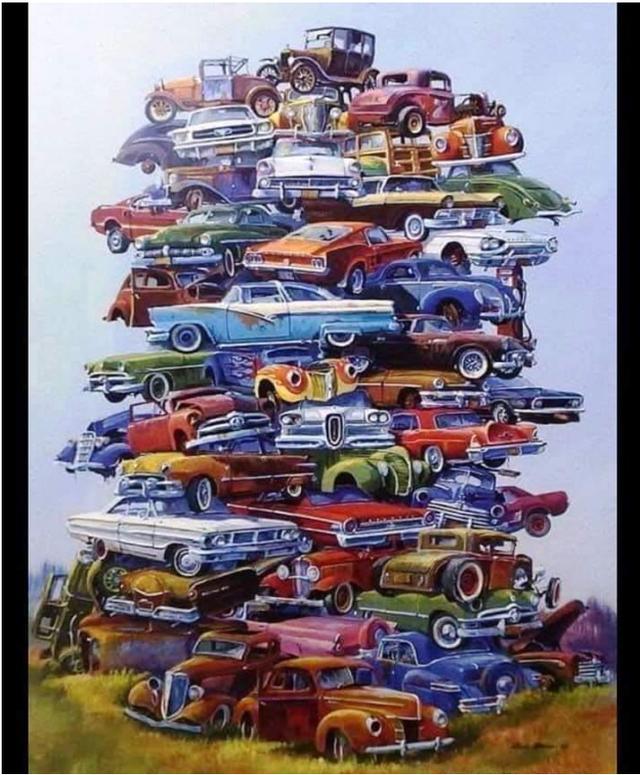
However, the folks at Reform California are looking to file some legal actions to show that the ballot language and title written by AG Becerra was deceiving and an intentional fraud perpetrated on the citizens of California. A favorable ruling by the court will get the repeal initiative back on the ballot in 2020.

Its a shame that Gov. Brown and his cronies feel that they have to use dirty tricks and often times illegal actions to force their liberal agenda on the people of California. They all need to be held accountable.

In the meantime, we will all be saddled with the highest fuel prices in the nation and now that Prettyboy Newsome is governor I anticipate even more increased taxes, fees and regulations. Buckle your seatbelt...its going to be a rough ride!

WELCOME TO TAXIFORNIA!





Pictured above is what's left of a famous Ford Collector's prized collection. He reported that due to California's high vehicle registration fees and even higher gas taxes he just can't afford the upkeep on the collection.

The collection is for sale...Just pick out the car or cars you want and send a cashier's check payable to:

Fed Up With California 1000 Bankrupt Court Nothing But Grief, CA 95000

The First Steps of Classic Car Ownership

There's just something special about a classic car that can't be denied. If you've ever read a motor magazine or been to a car show, you've probably seen some beautiful vintage vehicles and wondered what it would be like to have one in your driveway. Other days, perhaps passing by a junkyard, you've seen classic cars that have been neglected and left to rot, and lamented their loss. Having seen the good and the bad, though, isn't the whole story. Classic car ownership can be a fun and rewarding hobby. But should you buy one?

What is a "Classic Car"? Ask five different people what a "classic car" is, and you'll likely get five different answers. The Classic Car Club of America's definition is somewhat restrictive: "a fine or distinctive automobile, American or foreign built, produced between 1925 and 1948." Other classic car clubs and car shows have looser

rules, including unique, rare, special and pedigreed cars of any vintage or type.

Classic cars come in all shapes and sizes, ranging from the very first automobiles to 1930s roadsters and pickup trucks, and 1950s and 60s sports cars. Well-known classic cars include original Ford Model T, the late-'30s Mercedes-Benz 540K, mid-'60s Shelby Cobra and late-'60s Chevrolet Camaro Z28. Age, of course, is not the only determining factor. Others also can be considered classic cars, such as the Lamborghini Reventon (limited to 20 cars), the beautiful Volkswagen Karmann Ghia, the rare '05-'06 Ford GT and Nicolas Cage's Lamborghini Muira SVJ, confiscated from the Shah of Iran.

Really, what makes a classic car is how it makes you feel. If you have fond memories of the mid-'90s Ford Crown Victoria or any vintage Subaru BRAT, then, by all means, consider it a classic. On the road, it'll stand out as particularly unique, and you might be able to enter it in some classic car shows. Purists, though, might poo-poo your favorite ride. At the same time, many people get into classic cars because of their investment value. Classic cars tend to appreciate over time, so buying, restoring and maintaining a classic car might pay off down the line. Why Buy a Classic Car? Unless you've got loads of cash lying around, you probably aren't thinking about buying a classic car as an investment. Most buyers are simply passionate about their cars, no matter what it is and who defines it. If you can make money on the investment, that's just icing on the cake, but owning and driving a classic car is an unrivaled experience that should be the basis for anyone considering a piece of automotive history. Really, there are two reasons to buy a classic car — passion or investment — but that doesn't mean you can't have both in your garage.

- Passionate buyers should buy what they like, something that excites them and something they look forward to driving, maintaining and repairing. Any classic car is going to require a lot of your attention, and if you don't love it, the more likely it will turn into scrap in a matter of years.

- Investment buyers will want to pay close attention to prices and auction trends, but don't look for a quick return on investment. It can take years, even decades, to reap the financial rewards of correctly selecting, restoring and maintaining a classic car, if at all.

If possible, do both. Jay Leno and Jerry Seinfeld, a couple of well-known car collectors, have hundreds of cars to their name, but they only buy what they love. That way, they're more likely to take care of them and possibly see some return on their passion. Jay Leno, for example, bought a 1994 McLaren F1 race car in 1999. About a decade later, a similar vehicle sold at auction for more than \$4 million, more than five times what Leno paid.

Should You Buy a Classic Car? Now, one important question remains: "Should you buy a classic car?" Before jumping right in and buying something on eBay or Craigslist or from guy down the street, take the time to determine whether you have the time and money and dedication to buy, insure, maintain, restore, store and drive it. Here are some important things to consider before you take the plunge. Shop Around - Before plunking down cash or signing a loan, shop around. Cage's Muira SVJ cost him about \$200,000 over the going price for that car, despite its pedigree. Depending on the vintage, you might check Hagerty Insurance, National Automobile Dealers Association, Hemmings Motor News or auction houses for typical values.

Inspect Thoroughly - Before falling in love with a classic car, take into account its real condition. It might be pristine or need restoration, but a competent mechanic can help you determine what else the car might need. Look for a specialist in classic cars and consider any inspection expense good insurance against buying a money pit.

Insure it Properly - Classic car insurance companies know how to properly insure classic cars. Because classic cars are usually meticulously cared for and driven carefully, they're usually less expensive to insure, but it depends on what value is assigned to the vehicle. An appraiser will help you evaluate your classic car, after which you'll pay premiums on the "guaranteed" or "agreed" value. In the event of catastrophic loss, you'll receive that amount.

TLC - Classic cars can't be left out like a modern car, at least not if you want it to look great every day. Do you have the space to store your car when it's not in use? Sun, rain, heat, cold, salt, dirt and bugs are all destructive, even more so on classic cars. Also, parts and services may be rare and pricey. Do you have the time and money to keep your classic car looking and running great? Classic cars can be a true joy to see and drive, but one shouldn't jump into classic car ownership without properly preparing for the experience.

Upcoming Car Shows & Events in the Greater Sacramento Area

- ✓ **January 26-27, 2019 Turlock Swap Meet**
- ✓ **Grand National Roadster Show January 25-27, 2019 Pomona Fair Plex**
- ✓ **February 15-17, 2019 Sacramento Autorama Cal Expo (Butch Gardner Clubhouse)**



- ✓ **June 15, 2019 – Gold Country Retirement Center Car Show**
- ✓ **June 22, 2019 Burgiemen Car Show - West Sacramento**

OFFICIAL CONVERSION CHART	
HOW TO INTERPRET	
* ANTIQUE CAR ADS *	
IF IT SAYS:	IT REALLY MEANS:
Rare model.....	Nobody liked them when new either
Older restoration.....	Can't tell it's been restored
Needs engine work.....	It's been frozen for 30 years
Uses no oil.....	Just throws it out
No rust.....	Body and fenders missing
Rough.....	It's too bad to lie about
One owner.....	Never been able to sell
No time to complete.....	Can't find parts anywhere
Needs interior.....	Seats are gone
Rebuilt engine.....	Has new spark plugs
May run.....	But it never has
Low mileage.....	Third time around
Many new parts.....	Keeps breaking down
29 coats hand-rubbed paint....	Needed that much to cover rust
Clean.....	It sat out in the rain yesterday
Best offer.....	About what I expect to get
Always driven slowly.....	Won't go any faster
Prize winner.....	Hard luck trophy 3 times in a row
Stored 25 years.....	Under a tree
Real show stopper.....	Orange with purple fenders
Easy restoration.....	Parts will come off in your hand
Ready to show.....	Just washed it
Top good.....	Only leaks when it rains
Good investment.....	Can't depreciate any more