

# Gold Country Flyer

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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,

On January 12. Several members attended a memorial service for Bud Morjig, a past member of our group. Three



members brought along their vintage cars as a tribute to Bud. Included was Howard Madison's 1950 Ford Deluxe coupe, which he had purchased from Bud when he found himself unable to continue with our group. The services were pleasant and upbeat, a fitting send-off for Bud.

Not much activity so far this year because of the wet weather. (Not complaining, we need all we can

get). We're looking forward however to an active spring of exercising our collector cars. See you out there where the rubber meets the road!

Jim

## **Meeting Minutes**

Our January 3rd, 2019 meeting was called to order at 6:30 by President Jim Moore at Colina de Oro in Diamond Springs. There were 24 members present and no guests.

Jim was going to introduce the new officers – but there were no new ones, the same folks are doing their jobs for another year.

Minutes were approved as written in the January Newsletter.

Diane H. sold tickets to the 50/50 which took in \$30 - \$15 of that was won by Don E. and the other \$15 went into the treasury.

Jo gave the treasurer's report and we are in good shape financially. The balance is staying pretty steady as we no longer have the expense of printing and mailing out the Newsletter – for the most part email is doing the job.

Diane H. had no report on accessories at this time. Website is up to date. Rex would appreciate folks

sending him information, photos, recipes, stories to add some spice to the site.

Black Hawk Museum trip still in the future – more information closer to spring.

Autorama coming up February 14-15-16. The ACCC has room for about 150 cars and at last count had about 107 – so there is room for more cars, but they want it as a club grouping. For sale signs are not allowed. Cost to enter \$65 per car. This will get you entry passes for all 3 days for two people and parking pass for 3 days. There will be awards presented as well.

Prop 6 failed but the CA. Attorney General is being sued for the way he put the wording on the ballot. Rex will keep us up to date on what happens with that plan.

There will be a Memorial Service for Bud Morjig, a previous member, on Saturday January 12th at 2 in the afternoon at Ponte Palmero where he lived.

Mel's restaurant in Auburn is having a car show January 9th from 4-8pm. They offer a discount on your meal if you bring a car. They often have 75 to 100 cars show up. Our information is that they will be doing this every 2nd Wednesday of the month.

The post office box is officially closed. The address of the President will now be our official club mailing address.

A discussion was held regarding changing our dinner meeting to a lunch meeting possibly on a Saturday. Many options were tossed into the discussion including breakfast meetings, midweek midday meetings and when all was said and done – we opted to stay just as we are for now. However, changes are still up for discussion at the next meeting.

Happy Birthday wishes this month to: Michelle H., Howard M., Milo B., Don E., and Marie M. Happy Anniversary wishes to Leonard and Peggy Brewer.

Art H. mentioned he heard there was going to be an auction in the spring for the Jerry Eames Estate. Barbara E. is in touch with his daughter and will let us know any information that comes her way.

January 1st between 8 and 9 am saw a group of local car buffs gathering at Henningsen's Park in Coloma. Just an informal show with no fees or awards. This

year was the biggest group so far with 82 cars attending. It started out with just a handful of cars about 15 years ago....word of mouth has seen it grow. Put it on your calendar for next January first. Meeting adjourned at 7:12 pm

Next Men's Lunch: January 17th at the Waffle Cafe at 11:30

Next Women's Lunch: January 17th – place to be announced by Sandy

Next Breakfast: This Saturday the 5th at the Train Station at 9am

February Meeting: February 7th at Colina de Oro February Breakfast: February 9th at Marlene & Glen's in Plymouth.

Respectfully submitted - Marie Moore, Secretary

# **Meeting Thursday February 7, 2019**

Next Meeting will be at Colina De Oro - Diamond Springs on Thursday February 7th. Dinner at 5:30pm with meeting to follow.

## **Breakfast Saturday February 9, 2019**

Breakfast will be at 9:00 AM at Marlene & Glen's in Plymouth. Meet at Bobby's Market on the corner of Hwy 49 & Crystal Blvd at 8:30 AM. Bring your Hot Rod. Weather permitting.

## **Breakfast Schedule 2019**

9-February Jim & Marie - Marlene & Glen's

9-March Howard & Judy Dean & Patty 6-April 4-May Vince & Sandy Don & Barbara 8-June 6-July Art & Michelle 3-August Leonard & Peggy

**7-September** Milo & Jo 5-October Don & Diane

Beef & Brew **9-November** Rex & Sue

**7-December** Connie J

# **Birthdays & Anniversaries**



Birthdays: Michelle Hardie 2nd: Howard Madison 7th; Milo Broze 8th: Don Erb 10th: Marie Moore 11th; Kathy Pacini 17th.

Anniversary: Len & Peg Brewer 21st

## 46th annual Petaluma Swap Meet

46th annual Petaluma Swap Meet sponsored by the Redwood Empire RG #27 of the Early Ford V-8 Club. May 19,2019 at the Petaluma, Ca. fairgrounds. A 20'X25' swap space is \$30. For more information contact Dave Peterson at 707-527-9183 r e-mail; 1davepete@comcast.net. This is one of the longest running swap meets in northern California

## Sunshine



**Outside Car** 



Inside Car



Best to buy both cars before you break a leg or blacken an eye! PS. All members who have been on the downside seem to be going up to the Goodside again!

## **Favorite Recipes**

#### **Banana Waffles**

## **Ingredients:**

6 large eggs, beaten

3 very ripe bananas, peeled and mashed

3 tablespoons virgin coconut oil,

melted and cooled slightly, plus more for the waffle iron

1 1/2 tsp pure vanilla extract 6 tbls coconut flour

1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder

1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon

1/4 teaspoon kosher salt

Raspberries, and chopped toasted pecans, for serving

## **Directions:**

1Whisk the eggs, bananas, coconut oil and vanilla in a medium bowl until completely combined. Vigorously whisk in the coconut flour, baking powder, cinnamon and salt until no lumps of dry flour remain.

2Prepare a waffle iron for medium-high heat and brush both sides with coconut oil. Fill each section of the iron about three-quarters of the way full (there should still be some waffle iron showing). Cook until the waffles are golden brown and slightly crisp, 6 to 10 minutes. Keep the waffles warm in a 200-degree F oven or covered with foil on a plate; repeat with the remaining batter. Serve with raspberries, a drizzle of honey and chopped pecans.

## Lady's Luncheon

January 17th an intimate group got together, despite the rain and bad weather, to socialize and catch up on news.

Got to see how everyone survived the holidays, shared experiences, and learned about the baked potato to go along with the salad bar at the Sizzler. Made plans for getting together in February at Applebee's. Also discussed getting together to do some crafting as a group.





#### 1932 – 1934 Fords

The 1932-'34 Fords are arguably some of the best looking, most influential cars ever. They were popular when new because of their great performance and low price. For the same reasons, they eventually helped spawn the American hot-rodding counterculture which exploded with popularity after World War II. These landmark automobiles have also long been sought after by Ford purists who would never think of irreparably altering such a classic. Long before the 1932-'34 Fords were considered collector cars, these early V-8s were chopped, channeled and lowered. The following these cars generated is second to none and that alone makes them prime candidates for restoration. There are plenty for sale and most everybody, trim and mechanical part needed to rebuild and restore these cars, now more than 70 years old, is available from a variety of specialists.

The highlight of these models was the flathead V-8, which developed 65hp and gave the 1932 Fords an unusually

high power-to-weight ratio. The new V-8, which would be produced until 1953, was simple in design and construction with both cylinder banks cast as a single unit. Although not without problems, the flathead was Henry Ford's last hurrah at age 66 and is considered his last mechanical offering to his company. By putting a V-8 in a \$550 car, Ford also proved wrong the naysayers who said it couldn't be done.

The 1932 Fords were futuristic in a sense with a "streamlined" look as the exposed radiator was relegated to automotive history. Interest ran high and incredibly, on introduction day, 5.5 million people reportedly visited Ford showrooms to get a closer look. But the dealers had nothing to sell because, at that point, only 1,100 new Fords had been built due to problems in developing the new V-8 engine. After the problems were solved, 256,080 new Fords were sold in 1932, with the majority (180,132) being Model 18s and the rest (75,948) being Model Bs. The Model 18 V-8 convertible sedan sold for \$650 and its option list included dual side mounts, trunk rack, leather interior, clock mirror and twin taillamps.

For the 1933 model year, a mild facelift took place, with a new hood, radiator grille and "clear vision" ventilation. Sales shot up, with 304,948 Model 40 V-8s sold and 7,560 Model 46 four-cylinders for a total of 312,508.

In 1934, Ford served alcohol at the press preview to celebrate the end of Prohibition, and for the first time, body-color front fenders debuted, with black available on request. Also, enamel paint replaced the time-consuming hand-buffed lacquer. Sales increased to more than 520,500 that year with the most popular model being the Tudor five-passenger sedan that sold nearly 124,900 units.



A police officer called the station on his radio.
"I have an interesting case here. An old lady shot her husband for stepping on the floor she just mopped."

"Have you arrested the woman?"
"Not yet. The floor's still wet."

## **Legislative Report**

## **Loud & Modified Exhaust Law**

California Assembly Bill (A.B.) 1824, which was signed into law by then-Governor Jerry Brown in June of 2018 went into effect on January 1, 2019. The bill has generated significant concern amongst the collector car hobby. Despite what is being circulated, enactment of A.B. 1824 does not change existing laws pertaining to exhaust noise or sale and installation of aftermarket exhaust systems. Under existing law, exhaust systems installed on motor vehicles with a manufacturer's gross vehicle weight rating of less than 6,000 pounds, other than motorcycles, may not exceed a sound level of 95-decibels when tested under Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) test procedure J1169 (May 1998). This was not changed by A.B. 1824.

A.B. 1824 amended how excess exhaust noise violations are handled by law enforcement. Beginning this year, a vehicle cited for violating the current exhaust noise law will no longer receive what is known as a "fix-it" ticket. Instead, violations will result in an immediate fine of \$1000.00. Before 2019, California cops could pull you over for having a loud exhaust, but they would issue a "fix-it ticket." That means that if you fixed the exhaust and reinstalled within a certain amount of time, you would be free and clear. Police are not allowed to do that anymore, and now will just give you a violation on the spot. How do cops decide if my exhaust is illegal? There are two things the state of California cares about when it comes to your car's exhaust: How loud it is and how much it pollutes. Biannual smog testing means your car has to pass an emission test to stay street legal, but noise enforcement is a little more vague. Per California Highway Patrol Bulletin NO.98-100: "Excessive Noise is primarily a nuisance issue rather than a safety concern, and determination of excessive noise is subjective. For this reason, enforcement personnel are to exercise sound professional judgment in deciding a violation." Rules on the books governing mod' d exhausts would be Division 12 of the California Vehicle Code, sections 27150-27159, which basically just says "you need some kind of muffler", and sections 27200-27207 which states that your vehicle should be below the noise limit "at a distance of 50 feet from the centerline of travel."

So how exactly do they measure 95 dB? Like I said, practically speaking it's going to come down to the cop. If they think you sound too loud, they can pull you over and slap you with a ticket. So those of you with wide pipes might be wise to coast with your clutch in when you pass a parked police car. But technically speaking, the California Vehicle Code says SAE J1169 is the measurement standard. That means the exhaust noise should be measured at a constant RPM, though frustratingly I'm having a really hard time finding the exact testing methodology. How loud is 95 dB really? So 95 dB is pretty darn loud. OSHA requires hearing protection for workers who are subjected to an average of 85 db over an eight-hour shift. A jet airplane taking off 82 feet away is supposed to be 120 dB. Last but not least, be sure to have CARB approved executive order numbers from the manufacturer if you have some sort of modified exhaust system on your vehicle.

#### The new laws below all became effective January 1, 2019

- 1. Forgot to carry your driver's license Fine \$214.00
- 2. Forgot to submit change of address more than 10 days Fine \$214.00
- 3. Uninsured car in accident Fine \$796.00 (License revoked for 4 years.
- 4. Failing to stop at red light or turning right at No turn on reg- Fine \$533.00
- 5. Crossing a double yellow line Fine \$425.00.
- 6. Speeding 1-15 miles over Fine \$224.00. 16-25 miles over Fine \$338.00
- 7. Passing a flashing light on a school bus Fine \$675/00
- 8. Talking on cell phone 1st time Fine \$76.00. 2nd time \$190.00
- 9. Not wearing seat belt Fine \$160.00
- 10. Stopped at a bus stop Fine \$976.00
- 11. Child not wearing seat belt or not in child seat Fine \$436.00
- 12. Modified and/or loud exhaust Fine \$1000.00

#### Gavin Newsom budget calls for tax on drinking water to help poor Central California communities!

In a news conference stating that the details have not yet been worked out, Newsome reported that there will be a water tax. The new tax is estimated to be in the \$60.00 to \$120.00 per year range depending on usage for families and in the \$500 to \$1000 range for businesses with heavy usage, i.e. restaurants etc. The down side is that additional costs incurred by business will certainly be passed on to consumers. It's frustrating that the cost of a local problem with unsafe water must be put on and paid by taxpayers in the entire state.



- ✓ February 15-17 Sacramento Autorama Cal Expo (Butch Gardner Clubhouse)
  - ✓ March 16 Casa Roble High School Car Show Orangevale. CA
  - ✓ March 30-31 Goodguys 37th All American Get-Together Pleasanton,CA
    - ✓ April 16-21 Camp Plymouth Military Vehicle Show & Swap Meet
      - ✓ May 4 Hot Copper Car Show Copperopolis, CA
      - ✓ May 5 Western Festival Car Show Elk Grove Park
        - ✓ May 11 Woodland Car Show Woodland, CA
          - ✓ May 18 Townsmen Car Show Loomis, CA
      - ✓ May 19 Hangtown Car Show Downtown Placerville, CA
        - ✓ June 1 Rod & Relics Car Show Lincoln, CA
      - ✓ June 8 Thunder in The Park Car Show Cameron Park, CA
  - ✓ June 15 Gold Country Retirement Center Car Display Placerville, CA
    - ✓ June 22 Burgiemen Car Show West Sacramento, CA
      - ✓ August 6-11 Hot August Nights Reno, NV
    - ✓ September 28 Ironstone Concours d'Elegance Murphys, CA



Last year I replaced all the windows in my house with those expensive, double-pane, energy-efficient kind. Today, I got a call from Home Depot who installed them. The caller complained that the work had been completed a year ago and I still hadn't paid for them. Helloooo, .......... just because I'm a Senior Citizen doesn't mean that I am automatically mentally challenged. So, I told him just what his fast-talking sales guy told me last year --that these windows would pay for themselves in a year--- Hellooooo? It's been a year, so they're paid for, I told him. There was only silence at the other end of the line, so I finally hung up. He never called back. I bet he felt like an idiot.