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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



Well, here we are in February and things seem to be getting back to normal but we all still need to be alert and practice safety procedures when it comes to the pandemic. I'm happy to say

that many car shows and related events that were canceled in 2021 are being rescheduled including major events like the Grand National Roadster Show, Sacramento Autorama, Kool April Nights, and Hot August Nights.

I was unable to make the cruise January 1st to Lotus due to the frigid (28 degrees) weather, but I understand there were more than 80 cars and plenty of coffee and donuts to go around.

Club elections were conducted at our last meeting and I'm happy to announce that David Waddell was elected Vice-President; Patty Plant was elected Secretary; Jo Oberg was elected Treasurer; and yours truly was elected President. I'm looking forward to a great 2022 not only for our club but also the car hobby in general.
Rex

February Birthdays

Judy Madison 18th



No Anniversaries

Meeting Minutes Early Ford V8 Club

The El Dorado Early Ford V8 Club held their January monthly meeting on January 6th at 5pm. Milo & Jo graciously opened their home to hold the January meeting, they furnished pulled pork and chicken breast with everyone bringing a side dish to share. Thank you, Jo & Milo it was so generous and nice of you. Meeting was called to order at 6:14pm. We had 19 attendees. We had one guest, Gary Wright from Fair Oaks. Treasurer Jo shared club balance and said she would check on website cost. All is good in the

treasury department. Don't forget annual club dues are \$25.00 per family, if you haven't paid, please send check to Jo (150 Whitcomb Way, Placerville, Ca, 95667). The Sunshine report for January reflects that Sandy is home from rehab, and her hip and leg are healing. She has all our good wishes for a speedy recovery. January birthdays are Michelle Hardie 2nd, Howard Madison 7th, David Waddell 7th, Milo Broz 8th, Don Erb 10th, Judy Lucas 16th, Kathy Pacini 17th, and Karen Waddell 26th. The Brewer's anniversary is on the 21st. January is the winning month with 9 dates to celebrate. Rex shared that January 29th & 30th there is the 55th annual swap meet in Turlock at the Stanislaus County Fairgrounds. The new business for 2022 officers' election was addressed as follows. Nominees, seconded, and approved are as follows: President – Rex Roden, Vice President – Dave Waddell, Secretary – Patty Plant (with Howard Madison generously volunteering to cover during travel time), Treasurer – Jo Oberg, Accessories – Art Hardie, and Sunshine – Judi Lewallen.

Monthly breakfast was held at the Golden Waffle on January 8th with 9 to attend. February breakfast is planned by the Plant's for February 5th at 9am at the Diamond Hotel, hope to see you there. If you would like to sponsor breakfast plans please sign up, February, March, & October are covered; however, April, May, June, July, August, September, and November are available and going fast.

Ladies luncheon will be held at the Buttercup Pantry in Placerville on Wednesday, January 19th at 11:30am. Ladies luncheon for February will be held on Thursday February 17th at 11:30am with place to be determined, mark your calendars. Men's luncheon will be at the Round Table Pizza on Main Street, Placerville on Thursday January 20th at noon. Also shared on January 26th there will be an auction held in Scottsdale, Arizona for the Ron Thorne collection of vehicles. This auction is held by Worldwide Auctioneers that can be viewed online. Don Haynes shared several places in the area to see if going that way, one being the Dwarf car museum 5/8 scales. Many thanks to Milo & Jo for opening their home for us. Motion to adjourn was made at 7:15pm, so passed.

Submitted by Secretary, Patty Plant

Meeting Thursday February 3rd

The February Meeting will be Thursday February 3rd at the Roundtable Pizza in Safeway Center on Missouri Flat Road. Dinner at 5:30PM with meeting to follow.

2022 Breakfast Schedule

February – Dean & Patty

March – Jerry & Judy

April – Don & Barbara

May -

June -

July -

August – David & Karen

September – Milo & Jo

October – Howard & Judy

November – Rex & Sue

December- No Breakfast Christmas Party

Breakfast Saturday February 5th

Breakfast will be Saturday February 5th at the Diamond Springs Hotel at 9:00 AM.

Sunshine Report



I was able to talk to everyone in the club with the exception of Ralph Adams, Tom Rotondo and Sandra Morgan. Everyone else is doing fine. Sandy Barisic is on the mend and doing better every day. Sorry to report that Peggy Brewer's brother passed away.

Judi Lewallen

Ladies Luncheon

Five ladies met at the Buttercup Pantry and enjoyed a nice lunch. Judy Madison picked up Sandy who looked great. Sandy still using a walker but moving right along. Sandy's leg and hip are improving daily, but no decision has been made on how to proceed on



her broken knee. Nice group enjoyed visiting. Missed the other ladies, maybe next time. Save the date February 17th, Thursday. More info on where will be sent out later. it was great seeing Sandy up and around. Very nice turnout.

Men's Luncheon

The January Men's Lunch was attended by six members who had a great lunch at the RoundTable Pizza in Placerville.



February's lunch is scheduled for Thursday February 17th at Danette's Pub 2875 Ray Lawyer Dr at 12:00 Noon. Please let Rex know if you plan to attend.

What Do Electric Vehicles Mean for the Future of Hot Rodding?

Electric vehicles are gaining in popularity and EV swaps are starting to show up in hot rods. Will this spell the end of traditional hot rodding? Well, I'm honored to be tasked with penning this column after David Freiburger stepped down from doing it. In a weird coincidence, it turns out that Freiburger and I both touched on the same topic in our latest columns: electric vehicles. His column [READ HERE] delves into the question of whether EVs are really that great for the environment (spoiler alert: it's more complicated than you think). For my take on electric vehicles, I want to talk about how EVs will or won't change the face of hot rodding. To be honest, even a few months ago I hardly gave EVs a second thought—I saw them as a wealthy person's second or third car. But then I was tasked with covering the EV conversion of our 1957 Chevy called Project X, and I learned a ton about EV-swapping a hot rod and about EVs in general. Love or hate the electric motor swap, the truth is that it was right in line with the job of Project X; namely, to try out new hot-rodding technologies, and EV stuff certainly qualifies.

For now, it's expensive and requires a certain skill set to accomplish. In time companies like Chevrolet Performance will drop the costs and make packages like the eCrate even more accessible to the average hot rodder. To some, EVs spell the death of internal combustion engines (ICE) and, by extension, of hot rodding as we know it. I would have to disagree with this prognosis, for our lifetimes at least, if ever.

The biggest problem with EVs in the general automotive world would be the recharging infrastructure needed (which would include increasing grid capacity) if any sizable percentage of our cars dropped ICE in favor of electricity. Sure, corporations and the well-off can have a 220V charger at their business or in their garage, but where would lower-middle class and poorer people plug in? If your parking spot is a random location on the street, what's the solution? It will take decades to solve this charging dilemma, so don't expect ICE vehicles to disappear anytime soon—most likely not even during our

kids' lifetimes. EV has a place in our overall transportation picture but it's certainly not going to replace ICE vehicles in many segments.

But what about hot rodding? Well, the 2021 SEMA Show showed me that there are more than a few companies out there, including the big players like Chevrolet Performance and Ford, offering EV conversion systems, so EV will certainly be a part of the hot-rodding picture, and it does offer some impressive performance potential. But for many of us, hot rodding is a sensory experience. One of sight, sound, smell, and feel. With EV you can still have a stupid-fast, killer-looking hot rod, but it will be missing some of what I consider to be the soul of hot rodding: the feel of a lumpy cam, the whiff of hydrocarbons, and most of all, the sound. Call me an outdated boomer, but the one aspect of EV hot rods I can't adjust to is the lack of sound. It's just odd. That doesn't mean I don't appreciate what electrification brings to the party. But I drive a stick even though a 10-speed automatic in my ZL1/1LE Camaro would be faster. Why? Because the stick makes for a more immersive driving experience, just like driving a shaky, loud hot rod that smells of burnt fossil fuels is a more immersive hot-rodding experience. Would Harley riders be as excited over a silent Harley motorcycle even if it was faster and smoother? Nope, that distinct Harley sound is part of the experience. You may like quiet civilized performance and comfort in your daily driver, but most of us like our hot rods a bit rougher around the edges.

So, while I do see EV conversions gaining popularity in the hot-rodding hobby, I only see it becoming a small part of the overall mix. EFI didn't remove carbs from our hot rods, and even LS swaps are vastly outnumbered by Gen-I Chevy small-blocks. EV is just another option for hot rodders who want to go that route. But if you think EVs will take over our hobby and displace internal combustion hot rods I wouldn't advise holding your breath while you wait for it to happen.

The Year Was 1921...100 Years Ago!

The average life expectancy for men was 47 years.

Fuel for cars was sold in drug stores only.

Only 14 percent of homes had a bathtub.

Only 8 percent of homes had a telephone.

The maximum speed limit in most cities was 10 mph.

The tallest structure in the world was the Eiffel Tower.

The average US wage in 1919 was 22 cents per hour.

The average US worker made between \$200 and \$400 per year.

A competent accountant could expect to earn \$2,000 per year.

A dentist earned \$2,500 per year.

A veterinarian between \$1,500 and 4,000 per year.

And, a mechanical engineer about \$5,000 per year.

More than 95 percent of all births took place at home
Ninety percent of all Doctors had *NO COLLEGE EDUCATION!* Instead, they attended so-called medical schools, many of which were condemned in the press AND in the government as "*substandard.*"
Sugar cost four cents a pound.

Eggs were fourteen cents a dozen.

Coffee was fifteen cents a pound.

Most women washed their hair once a month, and, used Borax or egg yolks for shampoo.

Canada passed a law prohibiting poor people from entering into their country for any reason.

The Five leading causes of death were:

1 Pneumonia and influenza

2 Tuberculosis

3 Diarrhea

4 Heart disease

5 Stroke

The American flag had 45 stars ...

The population of Las Vegas, Nevada was only 30.

Crossword puzzles, canned beer, and iced tea hadn't been invented yet.

There was neither a Mother's Day nor Father's Day.

Two out of every 10 adults couldn't read or write. and only 6 percent of all Americans had graduated from high school.

Marijuana, heroin, and morphine were available over the counter at local drugstores. Back then pharmacists said: "Heroin clears the complexion, gives buoyancy to the mind, regulates the stomach, bowels, and is a perfect guardian of health!" (Shocking?)

Eighteen percent of households had at least one full-time servant or domestic help...

There were about 230 reported murders in the ENTIRE U.S.A.

And none of us were born yet!



Upcoming 2022 Car Show Events in the Greater Sacramento Area

Cars & Coffee weekly every other Saturday at the Palladio in Folsom

Cars & Coffee weekly every other Saturday in El Dorado Hills

Cars & Coffee Saturdays in Carmichael at the Bel Air Manzanita & Fair Oaks Blvd

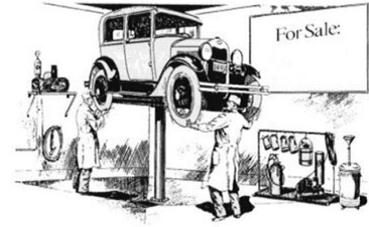
Saturday April 23, 2022, thru May 3, 2022, Kool April Nights – Redding

Friday – Sunday April 29, 30 - May 1st Sacramento Autorama

Contact Rex with questions regarding shows listed above

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January Meeting Pics

