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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

Hello V8er's

It looks like we're able to see the light at the end of the tunnel and thank goodness its not a train. Stay at home orders are starting to be relaxed and things seem to be getting back to normal...whatever normal works out to be.



I have not heard of any Covid 19 illness with any of our club members which is certainly good news considering that most of us were classified as "High Risk".

June 20th is "National Drive Your V8 Day". Knock some of the dust off your old Ford and take it for a spin!

The Club Picnic has been re-scheduled for Thursday June 11th at Henningsen Park in Lotus. I can hardly wait to get back together and back to the car club business! God knows it has been a tough 2-3 months of quarantine. Hope to see you all at the Meeting June 4th and the picinc June 11th. In the meantime stay helathy and happy. Rex

Meeting Minutes

Hi There El Dorado Early Ford V8 Club Members As we all sit here "sheltered in place" wondering what the immediate future will bring, I want to give you a shout out and let you all know you are in our thoughts. You are not in this alone, you have a wonderful network of friends and fellow club members who are just a phone call, text message, or email away to share your thoughts, fears, and ideas with. Sheltering does not mean isolation by any means. It means be smart and keep in touch with those you care about. At a time like this, keeping in touch, is really important. It contributes to our mental health and wellbeing and establishes a sense of connection.

When we are connected, we no longer feel so alone. Humans by nature enjoy belonging and being with other humans. So, we just have to be creative about how we gather. Everyday pull out your address book and call a friend, let them know someone is thinking of them. Get out a card (or make one) and send a note to connect with a neighbor or friend, it is just a short walk to the mailbox. Fresh air can improve your attitude and brighten your day. What about all those wonderful cars, just sitting around in the garage, pining away for a bit of open road and daylight. Gas prices have never been better, well in a long time. When we have a sunny day, why not fix a sandwich and picnic lunch, throw it in the car and take a short drive out to a lake, park, or country side and pull in a parking lot, roll down the windows and enjoy. This meets all the social distancing criteria and is good for the soul, and most importantly your car will love you. Just remember to wipe down the handle when you pump your gas.

There are many small businesses in our community that are struggling. Businesses that do not have large corporate backing or the advantage of a drive-thru service area to sustain them. Businesses like; Beef n Brew (530-344-7296), Pizza Plus (530-626-9200), Colina De Oro (530-295-8356), Apple Bistro (530-363-6670), or many more. These are open now for business and also have dash delivery service available. You can also call in an order and swing by run in and take home a great meal, knowing you have helped a local part of your community survive. We can work together and come out the other side stronger than before. What about making mask for your family and neighbors, it is guaranteed to make the days go faster and help in a much-needed way.

Email or text pictures to Rex or me and we will continue to put out a newsletter (smaller it may be) to keep you in the club loop. We may be taking a small leave from organized activities right now, but love hearing about your on-going projects, family additions, etc. This is our April minutes as they are to date. Keep those cards, ideas, pictures, and data coming in. Barbara/Sunshine love your updates on the health of our members, miss your jokes.

Secretary, Patty Plant

June Meeting Thursday June 4, 2020

The meeting is scheduled for Thursday June 4th at the Colina de Oro Restaurant in Diamond Springs. Dinner at 5:30 PM with meeting to follow.

June Breakfast Saturday June 6th

The breakfast is scheduled for June 6th at Beef & Brew in Diamond Springs. 9:00 AM

Breakfast Schedule 2020

July – Vince & Sandy Barisic
August – Mile Broz & Jo Oberg
September – Dean & Patty Plant
October – Judy & Howard Madison
November – Rex & Sue Roden
December - No Breakfast



Birthdays & Anniversaries



Birthdays: Diane Haynes 1st; Gary Thompson 1st; Nadine Adams 3rd; Dean Plant 10th

Anniversaries: Ralph & Nadine Adams 2nd; Jim & Marie Moore

4th; Bert & Cathy Keeler 11th; Don & Diane Haynes 12th; Dan & Gerry Schwartz 24th; David & Karen Waddell 16th.

Sunshine

Sunshine calling! ☺

I'm pleased to have spoken with almost all of our members this past couple of weeks. They all seem to be regaining health and good spirits. Perhaps the quarantine has been worth it! Not that I would have recommended it. But currently,

Nadine is finding this last hip surgery is not healing as fast as the first. However, Sweet Ralph bought her an electric wheelchair for her Birthday and she's having a great time with it.

Peggy is experiencing great improvement after her surgery. Finding a bacterial virus, they have her on some meds that she is finding helping a lot!

Don Haynes had the throat surgery to hopefully get the last of the spots on his vocal rods well. And his voice sounds much better. His wife had her shoulder surgery and finds it is much improved. They are still in the process of packing boxes and getting moved.

Vince is now on full time oxygen and says it sure has helped him to feel better. Hmm...thinks he likes breathing. ☺

Jim sounded very happy when I called. He is doing well and his son and daughter-in-law are helping him keep well.

Jo Oberg and my Don are waiting for surgical dates to be reinstated. But both are managing to get along pretty good.

Everyone else, PRAISE GOD, say they are doing well...feeling good... and taking cautious care of themselves. Such good news for us ole V8ers



Ladies Luncheon

Ladies Luncheon Wednesday June 17th 12:30 pm
Danette's Brick Pub 2875 Ray Lawyer Drive

Men's Luncheon



Dean, Rex, and Vince had lunch Thursday May 21st at the Beef & Brew in Diamond Springs.

Next Men's Luncheon is Tuesday June 16th 12:00PM at Danette's Brick Oven Pub 2875 Ray Lawyer Drive

Ford V8 Club Picnic Thursday June 11th



Ford V8 Club Picnic is Thursday June 11th at Henningsen Park 950 Lotus Road in Lotus

Bring your own drinks and chairs. Picnic catered by Dickey's BBQ. A huge thanks rto Judy Madison for her work making the arrangements for the picnic.

(See map last page of this newsletter)

Are virtual car shows the future of collector car social life?

Last month, as stay-at-home orders proliferated and as notices of in-person show cancellations flooded email inboxes and Facebook timelines, car show organizers, museums, and clubs turned to virtual car shows - complete with judging and awards - to fill the downtime. Now, as questions about what our post-pandemic new normal start to arise, some car show organizers are beginning to envision a future in which virtual car meets become more common.

"In all honesty, desperation is part of it," said Brad Brownell, one of the co-founders of RADwood, which hosted its own virtual car show in April. "People were looking for an outlet and this is part of it."

The virtual car show, VRadwood, took place after Brownell and other organizers of the Eighties- and Nineties-themed car show had to postpone two events - in Philadelphia and in Greenville, South Carolina - and consider what to do with the rest of their 12-event 2020 schedule. According to Brownell, VRadwood "went really well" with more than 1,500 cars and several thousand spectators voting for winners in multiple categories on the show's Instagram channel. While that made for a much larger event than RADwood's in-person shows (which normally attract 600 or so cars), VRadwood also brought in much less money than those in-person shows.

"We were able to reach a market we never reached before and that we haven't traditionally been able to engage," Brownell said. "But the earnings were certainly not on the order of magnitude of our other shows."

Still, Brownell expects that virtual car shows - along with other online-only interactions with the RADwood community like small curated shows live-streamed on social media - will become a regular part of the RADwood calendar.

"There's quite a few people chomping at the bit to get out there and interact with people again, but I think there will also be a faction that avoids car shows after everything comes back, even years out," he said.

On the other hand, Bill Warner, whose Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance took place just before the country started to shut down, may agree with the necessity of virtual car shows now, "when you've got an audience that's housebound and they're looking for something to do," but he doesn't envision them remaining a regular part of the old car social calendar once stay-at-home orders are lifted.

"I mean, I've posted maybe 60 car photos on Facebook the last month, and I've never been on Facebook before," he said. "But there will be no appeal to it afterward. There's a sterility of looking at a car on a screen - we could've done that before the coronavirus. It's like the (Brooks Stevens-designed) Scimitars, which I read about in magazines when they were new. We went to the business of assembling them for this year's show, and to me, seeing them in the flesh, being able to feel and smell them, that was the experience. There's no substitute for seeing a car in the flesh."

Warner does envision some pandemic-induced changes for concours events and other car shows. For instance, sponsorships - especially from automakers - will be much tougher to come by, so "if anything will come out of this, it'll be a redefining of the shows from the standpoint of the expense of putting them on," he said. "Shows will reimagine themselves, be more creative, they'll have to be more in tune with their audience."

In addition to VRadwood, events like the Gilmore Car Museum's Virtual Car Show and the Petersen Automotive Museum's Global Cars and Coffee have attracted thousands of full-size entrants while the Isolation Island Concours d'Elegance and the Porsche Club of America's Cars on Carpet have opened virtual car shows to Lilliputian entries. Collector car community niches have even benefited from organized virtual events: Colin Warnes of the Allard Register reported 70-plus entries into the 2020 Allard Global Online Concours, the largest gathering of Allards in one place since the 1990 Monterey Historics, he cheekily claimed.

Hot Rod Bar-B-Que



Save The Date!
Saturday
October 17, 2020

Quarantine Projects

By Richard Lentinello

Nothing prepared us for the current turn of events that has transformed our lives beyond anything we could have ever conceived, even as recently as Super Bowl weekend. But as they say, "when life hands you lemons, make lemonade." So, what better time to do all those projects that you've been putting off for, let's say, the last 10 years?

Fortunately, for my wife and I, two weeks before our daily lives came to a virtual standstill, we drove to Hobby Lobby in Holyoke, Massachusetts, to buy some arts and crafts stuff she needed. I bought two 27 x 39-inch frames and the appropriate backing material to mount several automotive prints that I hadn't gotten around to framing—it wasn't 10 years that I'd put off this project, but actually 30 years.

Back in 1990, I bought a 1940 Ford print set. This limited-production set of prints—mine is no. 0722—includes 12 coachbuilding drawings of some of the most significant designs crafted by Ford. It had always been my intention to have these automotive prints hanging in my home where I can enjoy them, but I never took the time to frame them. This stay-at-home period (I'm writing this column on May 26) has given me the opportunity to get them framed and hung in our home library. And since 've been in the mood, I've framed several other prints, posters, and ads that were waiting in the wings.

In addition to ripping down the old wallpaper in the hallway of our 126-year-old house and sanding the paint off of several beautiful old wood doors, I've also been

weeding out my book collection. I tossed magazines, books, and old programs that I had no use for, all of which had no redeeming value. Those pieces of literature that are worthwhile, I set aside to sell or give away. Having collected car magazines since the '50s, I had a lot that were taking up space.

During this time, I also managed to make some money selling parts that I no longer had any use for. Stashed away in plastic bins in my garage since the mid-'70s, I had brand-new MSD ignition wires and a 6AL ignition box, a harmonic balancer, oil and fuel pumps, bearing sets, and other parts that I just didn't need. I don't care that I sold them for less than half of what they are worth, it's more comforting to know that someone is now using them instead of having the parts go to waste. The set of 1932 Ford emblems and scripts that I bought in the '80s are now being used in Australia!

Prior to the onslaught of this evil virus, I brought a bunch of my parts into my garage to work on during the warm summer nights, and although I was making progress back in March things kind of came to a halt as I got busy doing my very own This Old House projects. Now that I really need to keep busy instead of endlessly worrying myself by watching too much news, I got back to working on those parts that needed rebuilding. I disassembled the rocker shaft, took apart the leaf springs, rebuilt the oil pump, buffed alloy parts and fittings, and derusted several hundred original 40 Ford bolts on my wire wheel. I'm a firm believer in using as many factory-supplied fasteners as possible, as the correct head markings help add to a restoration's authenticity. For safety's sake, rusted suspension, steering, and brake bolts will be replaced. Hopefully, by the time you read this, we'll all be back to the lives we once were accustomed to, but I hope you took advantage of the opportunity to get those projects done.

Ordering Pizza In 2020

CALLER: Is this RoundTable Pizza?

GOOGLE: No sir, it's Google Pizza.

CALLER: I must have dialed a wrong number. Sorry.

GOOGLE: No sir, Google bought RoundTable Pizza last month.

CALLER: OK. I would like to order a pizza.

GOOGLE: Do you want your usual, sir?

CALLER: My usual? You know me?

GOOGLE: According to our caller ID data sheet, the last 12 times you called you ordered an extra-large pizza with three cheeses, sausage, pepperoni, mushrooms, and meatballs on a thick crust.

CALLER: OK! That's what I want ...

GOOGLE: May I suggest that this time you order a pizza with ricotta, arugula, sun-dried tomatoes, and olives on a whole wheat gluten-free thin crust?

CALLER: What? I detest vegetables!

GOOGLE: Your cholesterol is not good, sir.

CALLER: How the hell do you know!

GOOGLE: Well, we cross-referenced your home phone number with your medical records. We have the result of your blood tests for the last 7 years.

CALLER: Okay, but I do not want your rotten vegetable pizza! I already take medication for my cholesterol.

GOOGLE: Excuse me sir, but you have not taken your medication regularly. According to our database, you purchased only a box of 30 cholesterol tablets once, at Drug RX Network, 4 months ago.

CALLER: I bought more from another drugstore.

GOOGLE: That doesn't show on your credit card statement.

CALLER: I paid in cash.

GOOGLE: But you did not withdraw enough cash according to your bank statement.

CALLER: I have other sources of cash. GOOGLE: That doesn't show on your last tax return unless you bought them using an undeclared income source, which is against the law.

CALLER: WHAT THE HELL!

GOOGLE: I'm sorry, sir, we use such information only with the sole intention of helping you.

CALLER: Enough already! I'm sick to death of Google, Facebook, Twitter, WhatsApp and all the others. I'm going to an island without internet, cable TV, where there is no cell phone service and no one to watch me or spy on me.

GOOGLE:

I understand sir, but you need to renew your passport first. It expired 6 weeks ago...

**Upcoming 2020 Car Shows & Events
in the Greater Sacramento Area
Be sure to confirm before you go!**

June 6 - Downtown Lincoln Show Re-Scheduled to Saturday, October 10, 2020

June 13 - Thunder in The Park Cameron Park Tentative

June 20 - Car Show Gold Country Retirement Center Placerville

June 21 - Antique Trove Roseville

June 26 - River City classic West Sacramento

July 19 - Antique Trove Roseville

July 25 - Midnight Mass Woodland Ca

Sept 12 - Denio's 9-11 Car Show Roseville

Sept 19 - Mustangs and Fords at the Marriott Rancho Cordova

Sept 20 - Antique Trove Roseville

Sept 26 - Cops & Rodders Cameron Air Park

Oct 3 - CruiseFest on Fulton Ave Sacramento

Oct 17 - Hot Rod BBQ El Dorado

Map to Ford V8 Club Picnic Located at Henningsen Park 950 Lotus Road in Lotus, CA

