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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,
Recent events have really tested our stamina in these trying and uncertain times. Covid 19 lockdowns, rolling blackouts, and wildfires have all put a very real strain on all our lives, but as the old saying goes "What doesn't kill us makes us stronger". The good news is we will get through it.



I was happy to participate in the Cruise honoring Red McAtee. There were upwards of 150 cars that attended and it was great seeing old friends.

I want to remind you all that our Drive-By Parade at the Eskaton Village 3880 Blairs Lane in Placerville is still on. We plan on meeting at the East end of the Save Mart Broadway parking lot at 9:30 AM Wednesday September 9th and then driving up to Eskaton together. Members from the Hangtown A's will be joining us there. This will be a fun event and the residents will enjoy seeing the old cars. Rex

Meeting Minutes

There were no meeting minutes for August. The meeting was cancelled due to Covid 19 restrictions.

Meeting Thursday September 3rd

The meeting is scheduled for Thursday September 3rd at Diamond Springs Hotel on the patio. Dinner at 5:30 with meeting to follow.

Breakfast Saturday September 5th

Breakfast is scheduled for Saturday September 5th 9:00 AM at the Beef & Brew Restaurant breezeway on Fowler Lane in Diamond Springs. Bring your Hot Rod weather permitting!

Breakfast Schedule 2020

September – Dean & Patty
October – Judy & Howard
November – Rex & Sue
December - No Breakfast



Birthdays & Anniversaries



Birthdays:

September: Stacy Rotondo 18th.
Peggy Brewer 22nd

Anniversaries: None

Sunshine

Welcome to Fall

**Some of the V8Ladies enjoyed a fun lunch at Judy Madison's home in Aug. So nice to be with people who are loving and happy! Personally, I was chauffeured there by Jo Oberg! What fun to see her without any braces or pillows and driving her own car at last!

**On the other hand, Michelle is contemplating back surgery. Not so much fun. Soon to get a 2nd opinion.

** Nadine tells me she is improving one step at a time. She does not recommend the method (falling and breaking hip) to get to this point. She likes phone calls!

** My Don totally agrees with her as he has had leg surgery again, and is in the process of PT to be able to get back to walking with a cane again...or even without a cane.

**Brewers are back in CA after taking care of Cliff in Idaho. His family took over.

**Vince is truly a Marine Trouper!! He just keeps marching on...Like all of the military. You Go Vince!

In closing "(this is for the men this month):

She said, "I want something shiny that " goes from '0-to-165' in about 2- seconds! My wife was hinting about what she wanted for our upcoming-anniversary.

So I bought her a bathroom scale. And then the fight started.....

Ladies Luncheon



On Thursday August 20th a group of seven of the Early Ford V8 ladies were able to get together for lunch. Judy Madison was gracious enough to offer up her home as a meeting place.

A lot of laughs and comradery was had by all. Pictures and stories of grandchildren were exchanged. It was a great day and wonderful reprieve from the woes of today's world. It was discussed how we all miss the interaction and friendship.

Talked about seeing if club members would be open to having the club meetings at a park, either in the am with coffee and donuts, or at lunch time and everyone bring their own lunch, so everyone would have the chance to share in the feeling of good times.



The time was so enjoyable that we are planning to do a ladies luncheon in September on the 16th at noon. We are hoping more ladies will want to attend. We are doing good safe practices with hand sanitizer available. This being our second, in home gathering with no health issues coming from it, we believe this is a safe environment. Mental health is just as important as physical health, and a good laugh can make your day.

Ladies Luncheon September 16th

The September Early Ford V8 Ladies Luncheon will be held at Patty Plant's house. Located at 6120 Quartz Drive, El Dorado, Ca.

Gathering time is high noon. Bring your own lunch, tea, coffee, and lemonade will be available. Weather permitting we can sit outside on the deck, or if too warm we will move it inside.

RSVP to Patty at 530-621-1180 by Sept 16th.

Hot Rod Bar-B-Que



Save The Date!
Saturday
October 17, 2020

5 Pros and Cons of Vintage Car Ownership

If you got all your vintage car information from TV shows, you'd likely think all classics had paint shinier than the sun and, if they didn't, had to be restored in 30 days or someone would be forced to sell their shop. The truth is stranger than fiction, though. When contemplating a vintage car purchase, or justifying the one (or two, or three ...) you currently own, you'll waffle between the joys and the inconveniences. The conclusion we reach from weighing these pros and cons will be different for everyone.

I wrote out some of the points of vintage car ownership I have personally debated and discussed with friends and family over the years. These have shaped both my collection and my life, and hopefully they can help shape yours.

Humans are pretty vain beings. Much of what we own projects an image of ourselves—what we want to be and how we desire to be perceived. We strive to separate ourselves from the rest of the herd corralled on the 405. Driving something other than a beige crossover is an easy solution.

A prime example is my 1940 Ford. Regardless of where I take it, the car usually stands out. It provokes fun conversations, and I like to think the coupe is a rolling depiction of my lifestyle. The path to where I currently sit (literally and figuratively) started with a 1940 Ford. Now I keep one around to remind me of where I started and how far I have come.

1. Maintenance - The cars of the 1930s were never expected to last 60 years under regular use, though some vehicles have managed to pull it off. Keeping something vintage on the road will require a liberal

amount of care to prevent failures. You can either anticipate the warning signs or let components go beyond their expected service life. However, ignore that scraping noise while turning, or the clunk as the transmission shifts into second, and you could soon be watching the green fly out of your wallet instead of watching the green stream past your window.

2. Fun - In the grand scheme of things, vintage cars are often just big toys for their owners. We buy them because we like how they make us feel when we sit behind the wheel or stoop under the hood. The experience of turning the key, dropping the transmission into gear, and heading out of the driveway for the most mundane errand is enough to bring a smile to our face. Vintage cars are just fun to drive, and in the right situations can be the closest thing to time travel a human can experience.

3. Safety - Modern cars are veritable bank vaults when it comes to protecting their occupants. Vintage cars are ... less so. Life is all about risk, and how much you are willing to take on is a very personal choice. Lap belts are better than nothing but have been proven to be less effective in a crash than a three-point belt. Air bags are nice, too, especially when compared to a plastic three-spoke steering wheel and solid steering shaft. Accident avoidance is another major factor in safety. Drum brakes often get a bad rap but, if properly adjusted, can provide enough stopping power to overcome the coefficient of friction provided by most narrow, classic-sized tires.

4. Community - Want to make new friends? Just drive a vintage car into a public place and smile. You will be chatting with someone in no time at all. Dive deeper and attend a gathering of vintage cars (if it's feasible in your area). Unlike underwater basketweaving enthusiasts, car enthusiasts can simply hop behind the wheel and take to the streets to find fellow hobbyists, like-minded or otherwise. A vintage car attracts more attention than the Bat-Signal, and all those conversations—whether on a research quest or at your local Dairy Queen—will inevitably lead to a few new friendships.

5. Usability - Cars have molded much of the world around them—and vice versa. Road quality, traffic patterns, and the general demands placed on a car being used on the road have changed drastically. Most cars built 40–50 years ago were simply not built to cruise on the highway at 70 mph. Some certainly can, but most are not at their happiest when traveling at that pace and doing so will only serve to increase their wear and tear (read: their chance of mechanical failure). Having realistic expectations of what your vintage ride is capable of could mean re-routing your trip to the “blue highways” or swapping the keys for something that is better suited to the journey and experience you want. This list isn't meant to deter anyone from pursuing their

interest in cars, nor is it meant to convince someone to immediately rent a trailer and tow home a Craigslist find. Instead, this is simply a realistic look at the landscape of the automotive hobby. We take the bad with the good, knowing that the struggle of keeping our vintage cars on the road makes the enjoyment of driving them that much sweeter.



You can have it for \$800 but he goes with it!

Turns out it was a marble in the ashtray 🤔🤔



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

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 - Cancelled

Oct 3 - CruiseFest on Fulton Ave Sacramento

Oct 17 – Plant's Rogers' and Roden's Hot Rod BBQ El Dorado

Sacramento Autorama – April 9-11, 2021

Grand National Roadster Show May 14-16, 2021



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