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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



Welcome to the September issue of the Early Ford Club newsletter. Hard to believe that summer is

over, and fall is just around the corner! Car shows and car related events are starting to wind down as the season comes to an end. A reminder, the Ford V8 Car Club Picnic is scheduled for Thursday September 8th at 11:00 AM at Henningson Park in Lotus, Hope to see you all there!

Meeting Minutes Early Ford V8 Club

The August 4, 2022, regular meeting was held at Colina De Oro in Diamond Springs. After dinner President Rex Roden called the meeting to order at 6:20 P.M. There were eleven members and no guests present. Dean & Patty were at a wedding in SOCAL. Art Hardie and Jerry & Judy Lucas were at Hot August Nights.

There was much discussion about the rain storms at HAN in Reno. That was followed by acceptance of the minutes of the previous meeting as published in the newsletter. Treasure Jo reported that we are still solvent financially. Sandy provided the Sunshine report for Judi; everyone is doing well except Jim Moore has covid. Call Art if you need accessories.

The picnic/regular meeting is scheduled for September 8, at Henningsen Park in Lotus. Members were asked to RSVP soon; we need count.. Bring drinks and your cool classic hot rod.

Rex is looking into changing our web site provider to Go Daddy. It would be about half as expensive. He will have more information at the next meeting.

There was no "New Business". Birthdays, Sandy and Dan, were acknowledged. No anniversaries this month. Breakfast is set for Sportsman Hall. Men's luncheon to be at the Diamond Springs Hotel on August 18 at 12:00 PM. Ladies luncheon: to be determined.

In closing, Rex reported that we had received a letter from "National" requesting the names of our club's officers. Also, Rex stated that our officers are insured. Members were also reminded that they should not use 15% Ethanol in their collector cars. Meeting was adjourned at 6:48 P.M. We had eight members present at the August 6, breakfast meeting at Sportsman Hall in Camino. Submitted by Howard Madison, substitute secretary.

Meeting Thursday September 8th

The Meeting will be held briefly Thursday September 8th in conjunction the Club Picnic.

Breakfast Saturday September 3rd

Breakfast will be Saturday September 3rd at the Sisters Café in Burkes Junction in Cameron Park at 9:00 AM. Bring your Classic Car!



2022 Breakfast Schedule

- September – Milo & Jo
- October – Howard & Judy
- November – Rex & Sue
- December- No Breakfast Christmas Party

Sunshine Report



All members are healthy. Michelle is doing great, just love her to pieces, she is finding ways in which to elevate her foot to upright position to keep the swelling down.

She has become a back seat driver with foot on console. Art you are doing a fine job rolling down the highway with all four tires on the asphalt. That is it for this month. Judy will be back next month, please remember to text or phone with updates on how you club members are doing. Bye for now. Sandy

September Birthdays & Anniversaries**Birthdays**

Peggy Brewer 22nd

Happy Birthday!

**Anniversary's**

None

Save The Date

El Dorado Early Ford V8 Picnic is Thursday September 8th in Lotus at Henningsen Park. 11:00 AM to???

Catered by Dickeys BBQ! \$19.00 per person. Bring your chair, your drinks, and your Classic!

Men's Luncheon

Great turnout with 6 members. We talked about solving California problems but gave up trying! Was happy to see Cean Plant's 1940 Ford Sedan Delivery. The September lunch is scheduled Thursday September 22 at the Habit Burger Grille in Prospector's Plaza off Missoni Flat at 12:00 Noon. Please let Rex know if you plan to attend.

**Ladies Luncheon**

Food was yummy at Annie's mimosas. Weather was hot outside, but cool inside. Very busy, Judy enjoyed breakfast and my 🍷 burger was great. Miss those that were unable to attend.



Back in 1934, the famous outlaw couple, Bonnie Parker and Clyde Barrow were shot to death in a stolen 1934 Ford Deluxe in Louisiana, after a two-year crime spree through Texas, Louisiana and New Mexico. Though they were known for having killed over 13 people, in addition to a string of infamous robberies, the FBI could only put out a call for a violation of the National Motor Vehicle Act. Because officers were allowed to chase down a stolen car for crossing state lines, it was ultimately that Ford that allowed the authorities to bring the Bonnie and Clyde reign to an end.

But though they stand out as some of the most infamous outlaws of their times – with that famous bullet hole riddled Ford in all the lore, Bonnie and Clyde were by no means the first or the last. Here are just a few of history's favorite outlaws– and their cars.

John Dillinger – 1933 Essex Terraplane 8 - Until its closing in 2015, the National Museum of Crime and Punishment in Washington D.C. actually had Dillinger's infamous Terraplane 8 on display. It was favored by many of the working outlaws for having the highest horsepower-to-weight ratio of any production car at the time and for its discreet appearance. He didn't have the car long, wrecking after just eight days, but it had a wild ride. The original vehicle, believed to be used in the famous St. Paul shootout, has since been restored, but the two bullet holes remain, a testament to the era of modern cowboys and the sheriffs that couldn't keep up.

John Dillinger – 1932 Studebaker Commander - This car was known for its role in one of the biggest bank robberies in American history – the biggest, when it took place at the Central National Bank in Greencastle, IN, October of 1933. It was a stolen, unmarked sheriff's car sitting at the curb outside of the robbery with a gang member at the wheel and false Ohio plates. Whether because of the car or not, the robbery was successful, and the gang stole over \$75,000, over \$1.3 million dollars today.

Al Capone – 1928 Model 341 Cadillac sedan - Unlike Dillinger, who wanted the fastest car on the market, Capone's Cadillac didn't start out at the high end. But in this early era of customization, the work done to this four-door passenger sedan is representative of the way Capone thought, cunning and quick and always one step ahead. Though the car sold for \$341,000 at an RM auction in 2012, the verification about ownership is a little sketchy. Still, with heavily armored plates, steel curtains, slits for

firing through the steel curtains, and bullet-proof, inch thick glass, the odds that this Cadillac might be one of the most important pieces of American outlaw history are hard to ignore.

1934 Ford Fordor - This car wasn't owned by an outlaw, but it was owned by a charlatan. From the 1930s to the 1950s, this was one of five replicas that toured carnivals and fairs as the original Bonnie and Clyde Death Car, which is incredibly gruesome. The owner of the actual Death Car put up \$10,000 against proof that his car was the real one, and this car's owner was prosecuted. The car was taken out of his possession but made its rounds a few years later as the template for the Death Car in the 1967 Warner Bros. movie Bonnie and Clyde, starring Warren Beatty and Fay Dunaway.



Ethanol is poison for the environment

Ethanol makes global warming worse, according to a recent study by the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

This new study contradicts, though, what the U.S. Department of Agriculture has been claiming. This comes at a time when President Joe Biden's administration is reevaluating biofuel policies in an effort to combat climate change.

The research found that "ethanol is likely at least 24% more carbon-intensive than gasoline." "Corn ethanol is not a climate-friendly fuel," said Tyler Lark, an assistant scientist at the University of Wisconsin-Madison's Center for Sustainability and the Global Environment and lead author of the study.

This report runs contrary to the Renewable Fuel Standard, a 2005 federal program that mixed corn-

based ethanol into gas pumps with the goal of reducing emissions and energy dependence outside of the United States.

The Renewable Fuels Association couldn't disagree more with Lark and his new study.

"The authors of this new paper precariously string together a series of worst-case assumptions, cherry-picked data, and disparate results from previously debunked studies to create a completely fictional and erroneous account of the environmental impacts of the Renewable Fuel Standard," the rebuttal report said.

This conversation is certainly not a new one. Corn-based ethanol has been questioned for over a decade. NPR wrote an article in 2008 containing the same conclusions Lark has found.

"Right now, there's little doubt that ethanol is making global warming worse," said Tim Searchinger, a scholar at Princeton University. Others agree. "If you care about greenhouse gases, then this expansion of the corn biofuel industry is going in the wrong direction," the late Alex Farrell, then at the University of California, Berkeley, said at the time.

The facts remain the same today, despite the ethanol lobby's influence. Corn-based ethanol produces higher amounts of carbon emissions compared to gasoline due to the amount of farmland and the tillage the corn requires. It doesn't matter how educated someone is on energy policies — the more intense production is, the more intense carbon emissions will be. In addition, there's talk about increasing fuel ethanol content from 10% (E10) to 15 % (E15). E15 ethanol is very bad for classic cars and some cases will void factory warranties on some newer cars.

Do not put E15 in your classic car!



Restorers Rejoice as New Laws Protect Against Prosecution!

Richard Martinez spent decades looking for his dream car—a red and white 1959 Corvette convertible with a hard top—and finally found it at a dealership in Merrillville, Indiana, in 2017. He bought it for \$50,000 and brought it back to Kansas to register, expecting to drive his prized car on the streets in no time. The Kansas Highway Patrol (KHP) had other ideas.

KHP seized the Corvette as "contraband" at a routine state inspection when the inspectors found new rivets on the dashboard VIN plate, suggesting that the VIN plate had been removed. In fact, it had been removed years earlier during the car's restoration process and then reinstalled.

According to Kansas state law at the time, police were required to seize and destroy any car on which the VIN "has been destroyed, removed, altered or defaced." Although KHP declared Martinez innocent of any wrongdoing and found that nothing was removed from the vehicle with nefarious intent, his car was still slated for the crusher.

Under the law, there was no exception for a car lawfully purchased by someone who had no reason to be aware of its VIN issues. Martinez filed a lawsuit in the hopes of saving his dream car, which has been sitting in an impound lot in Topeka, Kansas, since its seizure.

SEMA learned of Martinez's problem in late 2021 and immediately enlisted the help of a committed ally in the Kansas State legislature: Representative Leo Delperdang. As SEMA's 2021 recipient of the Stephen B. McDonald Lawmaker of the Year award, Representative Delperdang has a proven history of pro-hobby advocacy, championing an effort to ease restrictions on vintage vehicles eligible for antique registration. Eager to prevent what happened to Richard Martinez from happening to any citizen of Kansas, Rep. Delperdang introduced H.B. 2594.

The Kansas House and Senate unanimously passed the bill, and Governor Laura Kelly signed it into law this spring. The new law ensures that restorers do not face prosecution for removing a vehicle's identification number during the restoration process. It clarifies that a VIN may be removed from an antique vehicle "if the removal and reinstallation are reasonably necessary for repair or restoration unless the person knows or has reason to know that the antique vehicle is stolen."

Kansas was not the only state to tackle this issue in the 2022 legislative session. Arizona passed SEMA-supported legislation to allow full restoration of pre-1981 vehicles, including temporary removal of the VIN when necessary.

The new law allows for the removal and reinstallation of a VIN if the vehicle was manufactured before 1981 and if the removal and reinstallation is reasonably necessary for repair or restoration. Before Governor Doug Ducey signed the bill into law, enthusiasts in Arizona who intentionally removed or altered a VIN—regardless of reason or vehicle model year—were guilty of a felony.

The biggest opponent of VIN removal exceptions for restorers is law enforcement. Some argue that VIN-tampering laws aid law enforcement in their ability to catch car thieves and deter thefts. They believe that laws like the ones passed in Kansas and Arizona could allow the states to become havens for stolen cars and chop shops. While this claim is a valid concern, wary citizens can rest assured that police will still be able to enforce existing VIN-tampering laws against bad actors.

The laws passed in Arizona and Kansas seek to narrow the scope of VIN tampering by adding clarifications to similar laws that are already in place. The new laws protect classic-car restorers and owners by creating an exemption that allows them to bring their dream cars back to their full glory.

Other states have tried to enact less severe VIN-tampering laws. Colorado statutes declare as contraband any vehicle that has its identification number removed, defaced or altered. The state then grants the person from whom the property was seized a post-seizure hearing to plead his or her case, giving them the chance to prove their ownership.

Illinois changed its laws in response to a court case where the circumstances were quite similar to Martinez's. In 1979, Allison Bridegroom purchased a brand-new 1979 Pontiac Grand Prix, unaware that the VIN number on the vehicle was a false identification number that belonged to a car registered in Texas. Under Illinois law at the time, the vehicle was to be seized and sold by the state. Bridegroom filed a lawsuit that ended up at the Illinois Supreme Court, where it was determined that Bridegroom was innocent of wrongdoing and that seizing his car violated his right to due process.

This incident sparked Illinois to amend the law to leave an exemption for owners who were unaware of any VIN tampering on the vehicle. Current Illinois law states that vehicles are not considered contraband if the owner is unaware that the manufacturer's VIN has been removed, altered, defaced, falsified or destroyed. This prevents the state from taking the vehicle and allows rightful owners to keep their prized cars.

While Colorado and Illinois laws are friendlier than those in other states and prevent innocent owners from getting caught up in the system, they do not go as far as they need to. Every restorer should have the right to

thoroughly restore a vehicle into award-winning condition without fear of being prosecuted for tampering with a VIN.

SEMA's government affairs team is working to ensure that right nationwide to prevent what happened in Kansas from happening anywhere else. This is just one example of how SEMA stays on top of emerging issues and is at the forefront of protecting the automotive hobby.

Upcoming 2022 Car Show Events in the Greater Sacramento Area

Monday September 5th Automotive Excellence Show Placerville

Saturday September 17th Park Community Church Car Show Shingle Springs

Sunday September 18 – Vintage Cruisers Car Show at the Dairy Queen Orangevale

Saturday October 1st: Thunder in The Park Cameron Park Lake

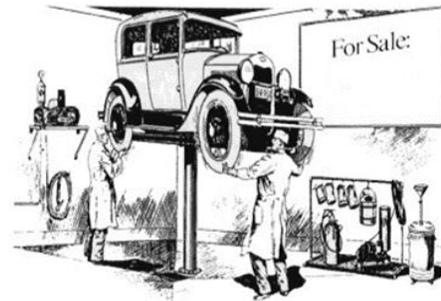
Saturday October 8th: Cars That Care Southgate Rec Center

Saturday October 15th – Hot Rod BBQ El Dorado

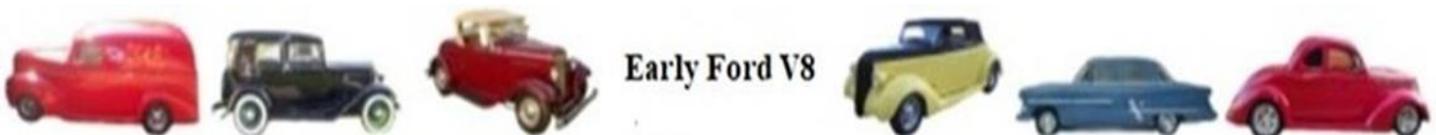
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Ford Club Picnic September 8, 2022

