



# Gold Country Flyer

Monthly Newsletter Published By the El Dorado Early Ford V8 Car Club. Send Newsworthy Items to Sandy Barisic at [hapee2b@att.net](mailto:hapee2b@att.net)

**Regional Group #130 Volume 35**

**Issue # 1**

**January 2023**

## 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



Happy New Year and welcome to the January issue of the El Dorado Early Ford V8 Car Club Newsletter. It's a Brand

New Year and hopefully we can all look forward to a great 2023 and put 2022 behind us. Sue and I wish you all a very Happy New Year!



## Meeting Minutes Early Ford V8 Club

On Saturday, December 3rd we held our monthly meeting in conjunction with our club Christmas party at the Forester Pub in Camino at 5pm. There were 20 members in attendance. Meeting was called to order at 6:18pm after a nice dinner. Minutes from the November meeting were voted on and accepted as posted in the newsletter. Treasurer, Jo was not present due to illness, but gave Rex an update on club finances of no change. Sunshine,

Judi gave update on member's health. Sandy is recuperating well and due for more surgery in February, Milo & Jo are down with a bad cold, and Don & Diane are also under the weather with a cold.

Art is still available for purchase of accessories. Birthdays for December are; Cathy Keeler 7th, Connie Johnson 11th, Jo Oberg 12th, and Jim Moore 26th.

Voted on club officers for 2023 and they are as follows: President-Rex Roden, Vice President-Dave Waddell, Secretary-Patty Plant, and Treasurer-Jo Oberg. Also Judi Lewallen will cover sunshine updates and Art Hardie handle accessories. Men's luncheon will be December 15th at noon, at the Diamond Hotel. Women are not planning a luncheon for December. Next meeting is January 5th; Rex will let us know location when firmed up. Don't forget Hot Rod cruise/gathering at Henningsen Lotus Park in Coloma on January 1st. Meeting adjourned at 6:30pm. Submitted by Secretary Patty Plant

## Meeting Thursday January 5, 2023

**The Meeting will be Thursday January 5<sup>th</sup> at Colina de Oro in Diamond Springs. Dinner at 5:30 PM with meeting to follow.**

**It's time to renew your club membership. Club Members please bring dues payment to the meeting rather than mailing checks to P O Box. Dues are \$25 per family. Make payable to El Dorado V8 Club. Appreciate it.**

## Breakfast Saturday January 7, 2023

Breakfast is scheduled for Saturday January 7<sup>th</sup> at the Diamond Springs Hotel. 9:00 AM



## 2023 Breakfast Schedule

January?  
February – Jerry & Judy Lucas  
March?  
April – Sandy Barisic  
May – Jim Moore  
June?  
July – David & Karen Waddell  
August -Art & Michelle Hardy  
September – Don & Barbara Erb  
October Howard & Judy Madison  
November – Rex & Sue Roden  
December – Christmas Party

## Sunshine Report

Most of the members were not home so I left messages for them. I did speak with Sandy and she is still having issues with her knee and back. Surgery is scheduled for 2/21 so hopefully this will give her some relief. I also spoke with Michelle Hardie and she is recovering from "RSV". I also spoke with Diane Haynes and both Don and Diane have recovered from their colds. On their last cruise Diane was playing Bingo and won another cruise. So they are leaving on a 2 1/2 week cruise on January 5th and going through the Panama Canal. So that's all I have for the sunshine report.  
Judi

## January Birthdays & Anniversaries

### Birthdays

Michelle Hardie 2nd.

David Waddell 7th

Howard Madison 7<sup>th</sup>

Milo Broz 8<sup>th</sup>

### Anniversary's

Len & Peg Brewers 21st



## Men's Luncheon

The January Men's Lunch will be Thursday January 19<sup>th</sup> at the Diamond Springs Hotel, please let Rex know if you plan to attend.



## Ladies Luncheon



Ladies had a great time at the Buttercup Pantry. Talked about cats, family, jobs, and Hallmark movies.

## 4 Critical Steps for Winter Storage

As fall nears its close, those of us in Northern California are preparing to tuck our vintage cars

into storage. There are four critical steps that will lessen the odds of lasting damage come spring. Whether we like it or not, the changing of the seasons is upon us, and that means some of us are mentally preparing for the saddest day of the year—when we tuck our vintage toys into seasonal storage. It can be a rough day for a bunch of reasons, but a little stress and care right now can make for an extra delightful spring when you take your car out for that first drive.

### 1. Top up (two ways)

Storing with non-ethanol fuel is best, but not everyone has access to it, or it may come at enough of a premium that it's not in the cards right now. Regardless of fuel type, fill the tank to the top and add an appropriate fuel stabilizer. Most vintage fuel tanks are steel and thus are very susceptible to rust, which can flake off and fill your fuel system with debris. Holy headache. With the tank topped off, there is no room for air and thus rust is kept at bay. Once you have some stabilizer in the tank, be sure to run the car for 10-15 minutes to make sure that it circulates through the entire fuel system.

The other "top" to think about is the convertible top. While you might never put the top for the summer, it is in your best interest to store a car with the top up so that it does not shrink or otherwise get damaged from long-term storage while being folded up. This is especially important for plastic rear windows that will lock into a shape when held in a particular way for too long. Replacing tops is not fun, and you aren't driving anyway, so why not use it as the time to get your top back into shape?

### 2. Insulate your tires

Tires are made for driving, not for parking. That's why long-term storage is likely to cause flat spots or dry-rotting of the rubber rings we need so dearly. There are appropriate products on the market that can help, but it's also just as easy to pick up some insulation foam board and cut a few squares that fit under your tires. This will form a cradle for the tire and also keep the dirt or concrete under the car from sucking the moisture out of the rubber, making them last longer. If you want to go an extra step in moisture management, lay down a tarp or painter's plastic sheet under the car to prevent the cool chassis from condensing any moisture that might rise up from the ground.

### 3. Cover up

If your storage spot has windows or is open on one side, be sure to utilize a good quality car cover. UV degradation can happen fast when a

car is parked in one spot and the sunlight only hits a specific spot day after day. Your seats, paint, and trim will thank you for covering up, as it will also keep scratches and dust off your precious vintage ride. Speaking of dust, be sure that the car is clean before you cover it. Really clean. A cover can grind any dirt and debris left on the car into your delicate paint. Also, remember that covers do not do much to protect from dents, so make sure your car does not become a shelf or leaning place for other things in the garage.

#### **4. Fresh fluids**

At a minimum, your car should get fresh oil and a coolant check. Oil traps combustion byproducts, and if left in the crankcase to sit all

winter you can end up with corrosion or deposits that require serious work to remove. An oil change right before storage is cheap insurance. Coolant needs to be properly mixed for the temperatures the car will see in storage so it doesn't freeze. Freezing liquids can exert tons of force enough to literally split your engine block in two. You can be sure with a simple \$3 tester, or if you're really unsure and the coolant looks or smells dirty, a flush and fill could be your best option. While under the hood looking at fluids, take a moment to inspect your brake fluid, as it can absorb moisture too. Flush with fresh fluid if the reservoir is anything but a nice light amber color. Good luck. Spring will be here before you know it. (We hope

### **Upcoming 2023 Car Show Events in the Greater Sacramento Area**

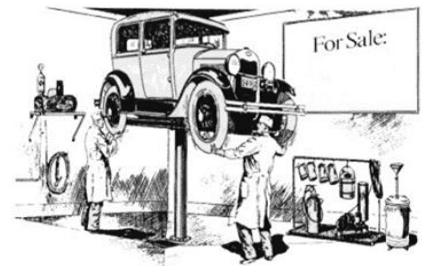
**Car Cruise January 1<sup>st</sup> Hennington Park in Lotus**

**Grand National Roadster Show – February 3-5 Pomona**

**Sacramento Autorama April 28-30 Sacramento**

**Contact Rex with questions regarding shows listed above!**

**Got something to sell? Post it here for free. Send info to [rexroden1@gmail.com](mailto:rexroden1@gmail.com).**



**Early Ford V8**



# El Dorado Early Ford V8 Christmas Party Pictures



Christmas 🎄 party was held on Saturday, December 3rd at the Forester Pub in Camino. In spite of rainy weather 20 members attended. Had a wonderful dinner, short meeting, elected 2023 officers, and had gift exchange. Was nice to visit and have the chance to wish everyone Merry Christmas.