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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 on the first Thursday of each month. Locations change so check newsletter for location.

President's Message



Welcome to the March issue of the El Dorado Early Ford V8 Car Club Newsletter.

Looking at the number of car shows and car-related events being scheduled, I would have to say that the collector car hobby is definitely healthy. However, politicians in Sacramento do not have our best interests in mind when it comes to preserving the collector car hobby. We must stay alert to any legislation that may harm or restrict the enjoyment of our cars...

Meeting Minutes Early Ford V8 Club



The February El Dorado Early Ford V8 Club meeting was held at the Round Table pizza near Safeway on Missouri Flat Road, on February 2nd at 5:30pm. The meeting was called to order by President, Rex Roden at 6:02pm. We had 16 members in attendance. Rex shared that in

February and March there are lots of swap meets in the works (example: Galt Auto Swap Meet & Car show Feb 25th, Pomona Swap Meet March 5th, Manteca Swap Meet & Car Show March 12th, Gregg's Pool Works Car Show in El Dorado Hills March 25th). A good website with a list of upcoming events is norcalcarculture.com. Jim Moore attended the Mecum antique motorcycle event in Las Vegas with over 2000 bikes. Minutes for the January meeting were approved as posted in the January newsletter. Treasurer Jo gave an update on club finances, noting all members are currently paid, except waiting to hear from the Haynes and Schwartz's. Sunshine Judi gave update on member's health; Leonard is doing better and preparing for their move, Sandy's pain level is under control and her hip surgery is scheduled for Feb 21st, Diane's back surgery is scheduled for Feb 22nd, Sue has been sick with bad cold, and Rex is having cataract eye surgery March 9th. Man of accessories, Art is putting in an order for hats, let him know if interested or want something else. Dean gave a talk on club financial obligations and possible revenue fixes. As a result, one step decided on and approved by club is the cancellation of p.o. box and switch to secretary's home address for club business mail, which will save the club approximately \$225. annually. This will be implemented when p.o. box rent comes due. To help offset website costs, Rex will continue to pursue advertisement link sponsors. Rex suggested the club might want to consider putting on a car show to produce revenue. He stated that it is a lot of work but very worthwhile. There was positive interest in this as a possibility.

Our only birthday for the month is Judy Madison on February 18th. The lady's luncheon will be held on Monday February 13th at 11:30am at China City in Cameron Park. The men's luncheon will be held on Thursday, February 16th at the Habit, in the Save Mart shopping center, at 12 noon. The club breakfast will be held Saturday, February 4th, at 9am at Denny's near the Placerville Fair Grounds.

Art is looking for suggestions on how to (easiest

possible) move a lift he just purchased and would welcome any hands on help. He is moving it from the Georgetown area to the El Dorado area. Contact him with ideas or support at 530-409-5120. Next month's meeting will be held on March 2nd, the location to be determined. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm. Submitted by Secretary Patty Plant

Meeting Thursday March 2, 2023

The Meeting will be Thursday March 2nd at the Colina de Oro in Diamond Springs. Dinner at 5:30PM with meeting to follow.

Breakfast Saturday March 4, 2023

The March Breakfast is scheduled for Saturday March 4th at the Diamond Springs Hotel at 9:00 AM



The February Breakfast was at the Denny's on Fair Play Drive and 10 members were present.



2023 Breakfast Schedule

- 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

I was able to get in touch with many of the club members, because most were snowed in or they didn't have power and didn't want to get out in the pouring rain. Sandy Barisic is home from the hospital and doing well. Diane Haynes is still in the hospital. She had her back surgery and will be released in the next few days. They will be staying in an air bnb for about a week and then hopefully head home to Arizona.

Michelle Hardie is feeling better and is over her "RSV" but is scheduled for a few heart related tests this week. Everyone else I spoke with seems to be in good health and doing well. Judi

March Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays-Rex Roden 25th

Happy Birthday !



Anniversary's
None

Men's Luncheon

Six members had lunch at the Habit Burger Bar in February. The March Men's Lunch will be Thursday March 16th at the Mel's Diner in downtown Placerville at 12:00 Noon. Please let Rex know if you plan to attend.



Ladies Luncheon



Eight of the Early Ford V8 ladies met at China City in Cameron Park for lunch. The food was great, everyone left with full stomachs and leftovers. Signed get well cards for some of the ladies under the weather in the club, which Judi took to mail.

Here's What Made The Ford Flathead V8 So Special?



V8s are V8s are about as close as you can get to a "default" American

engine. The Chevy Small Block V8 is one of the most versatile engines ever produced and it's been swapped into cars and trucks practically since time immemorial. Chrysler's "HEMI" V8 is synonymous with obscene amounts of power and Dodge used a supercharged HEMI powerplant in its Challenger SRT Hellcat right up until the model was officially discontinued.

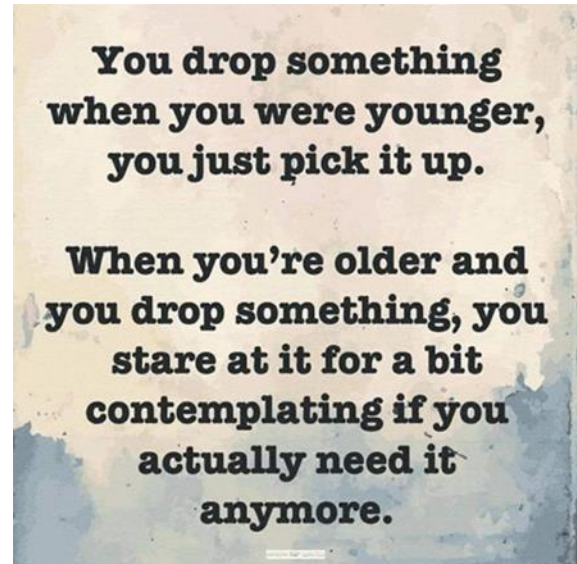
The debate between small-block V8s and big-block V8s even continues to this day, decades after the engines were contemporary. Almost 60 years after the model first debuted in the latter half of 1964, the Ford Mustang still uses a V8, even after most of Ford's lineup switched to more efficient V6s. The Small Block Chevy may be the most tunable and the Chrysler HEMI may be the most powerful out of the box, but the grandfather of every V8 you know today is none other than the venerable and sacred Ford Flathead V8, an engine that's been around for nearly a century.

Contrary to popular belief, the Ford Flathead V8 was not the first V8 ever mass-produced, not by a long shot. That distinction actually belongs to the Cadillac L-Head V8 which was first produced on a large scale in 1914 (via Engine Builder Mag). The Ford Flathead was not produced until 1932. The "Flathead" descriptor comes from the flat cylinder heads on each bank of the engine because not every name has to have an exciting story attached.

Even with only 80 or so horsepower when it first debuted, the Flathead exploded in popularity in the 1930s and has been credited with inventing the concept of modifying production cars for speed and power, per Hot Rod Magazine. The engine had a bit of a snowball effect on car culture. It was a favorite of bootleggers, who then modified their cars to escape the law. In their downtime, they would race each other. Later on, that became the little-known sport of NASCAR (via History)

In addition to giving moonshiners a little extra power under the hood to elude pursuers, the

Flathead V8 gave V8 power to the average person. The engine became a staple in the hot rodding culture that started in the 1950s and to this day remains a popular engine to modify and with the advent of the Internet, parts are still plentiful and easy to find. Today, in 2023, wherever there are vintage Fords present, you will likely find a Flathead V8.



THE UNIVERSAL CAR
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Ford V-8
FOR 1937

PERHAPS you have wondered a little why the 1937 Ford V-8 offers a choice of two engine sizes. The answer is simply that it brings the advantages of V-8 ownership within the reach of many more people.

The new 60-horsepower V-8 engine, optional in several body types, makes possible a lower priced car with lower operating costs. It gives good performance—with gasoline mileage so high that it creates an entirely new standard of economy in modern motor car operation.

The improved 85-horsepower V-8 engine provides all the smooth speed and pick-up for which Ford cars are famous—with unusually low gasoline consumption.

Two engine sizes. One big car. Brilliantly modern in appearance. With all-steel body . . . Easy-Action Safety Brakes . . . and other important improvements in safety, comfort, quiet. Built of fine materials, to high precision standards, by well-paid workmen . . . and deservedly called "The Quality Car in the Low-price Field."

Upcoming 2023 Car Show Events in the Greater Sacramento Area

March 1 – Auburn: Mel's Diner Show is every Wednesday at 4pm

March 4 – El Dorado HillsTowncenter Cars and Coffee is Saturday at 7am

March 4 – Jackson: Cars & Coffee is the 1st and 3rd Saturdays at 8am at Raleys Highway 49

March 5 – Carmichael Cars & Coffee is Sunday at 7am to at the Bel Air Manzanita Avenue.

March 25 - Cars and Coffee Folsom is Saturday at 7am at the Palladio in Folsom

April 22 - 9th Annual Casa Robles High School Car Show

Sacramento Autorama - April 28-30 Sacramento

Redding: Kool April Nites April 22-30

38th Annual Spring Turlock Swap Meet May 7

Pete Paulsen Haulin' Assets Show May 13th Paulsen Ranch

Townsmen Car Show Loomis May 20th

June 10th Thunder In The Park Cameron Park Lake

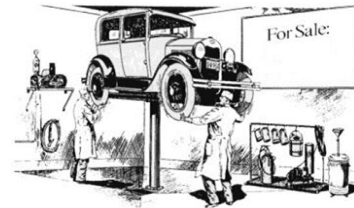
June 24th Italian Hot Rod Association Show

Pete Paulsen 33rd Hot Rod Party October 8th Paulsen Ranch

Pete Paulsen Bikes for Kids December 8th Paulsen Ranch

Contact Rex with questions regarding shows listed above!

Got something to sell? Post it here for free. Send info to rexroden1@gmail.com.



Old Geezer Pride

1. Old Geezers are easy to spot at sporting events; during the playing of the National Anthem. Old Geezers remove their caps and stand at attention and sing without embarrassment. They know the words and believe in them.

2. Old Geezers remember World War II, Pearl Harbor, Guadalcanal, Normandy and Hitler. They remember the Atomic Age, the Korean War, The Cold War, the Jet Age and the Moon Landing. They remember the 50 plus Peacekeeping Missions from 1945 to 2005, not to mention Vietnam.

3. If you bump into an Old Geezer on the sidewalk he will apologize. If you pass an Old Fart on the street, he will nod or tip his cap to a lady. Old Farts trust strangers and are courtly to women.

4. Old Geezers hold the door for the next person and always, when walking, make certain the lady is on the inside for protection.

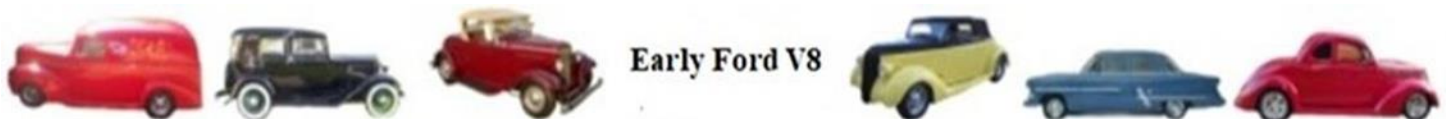
5. Old Geezers get embarrassed if someone curses in front of women and children and they don't like any filth or dirty language on TV or in movies.

6. Old Geezers have moral courage and personal integrity. They seldom brag unless it's about their children or grandchildren.

7. It's the Old Geezers who know our great country is protected, not by politicians but by the young men and women in the military serving their country.

This country needs Old Geezers with their work ethic, sense of responsibility, pride in their country, and decent values. We need them now more than ever.

Thank God for Old Geezers



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