



# The High Country Quail

September 2025

Mile Hi Region, M.A.R.C. Chartered 1972

Mile Hi Chapter, M.A.F.C.A. Chartered 1965

## Annual Pancake Breakfast

By Linda Rickard

### The theme this year was "Friendships"

Good morning, good morning! The helpers all came early to set up tents, tables and chairs while others began preparing the food for the 61 people who came. We had special guests, Joe and Cathy, (neighbors of the Rickard's) who brought and told the story about their very special British MG EX186. It was a purpose-built MGA Twin Cam prototype race car developed by MG in 1959 specifically for the LeMans 24 hours race but was never raced after the project was cancelled. Following their presentation, Matt Ursetta said a blessing. Vern Sybesma and Bret Plue began the arduous task of cooking oodles of pancakes! The club members got in line for Mimosas prepared by Kim Ursetta and "Breakfast Banana Splits" with a variety of toppings, along with bacon and sausages, pastries and several other items that Sue Lombard, Linda Sybesma, Joanne Saliger and Sheri Krueger readily prepared and displayed! Not much food was left!



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## Bret's Blog

August was packed full of great activities, and it was wonderful to see so many of you out and about. A special thank you goes to Ron and Linda for hosting the pancake breakfast—and to everyone who pitched in to make it such a success. Nothing beats good food, good friends, and plenty of Model A talk.

Looking ahead, September is shaping up to be just as busy! We'll be kicking things off with the Louisville Labor Day Parade, followed by Model A Ford Days and the Ice Cream Social, and of course, our always-popular Driveway Bowling. To top it all off, we'll wrap up the month with the Fall Color Tour, one of the most beautiful drives of the year.

With so many great activities, I hope to see you all out enjoying your cars and your club. And don't forget—we still have one open spot on the board. We're looking for someone to step into the Entertainment Chair position. If you're interested, or even just curious, please reach out. It's a great way to get involved and help keep our club strong.

Here's to another fun and full month!

*Bret*

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# Club Calendar of Events

(Please go to [www.mafcc.org](http://www.mafcc.org) for further details or updates)

\*Lillie Fahey Participation Point Event

Sept 1	-----	Louisville Labor Day Parade*
Sept 4	-----	Pinochle*
Sept 6	-----	Cars, Coffee and Donuts*
Sept 7	-----	All Fords Day Car Show*
Sept 10	-----	Just Lunch Dinner Bunch*
Sept 12	-----	Board Meeting*
Sept 13	-----	Mike Tobiasson Model A Day Tour*
Sept 19	-----	General Meeting*
Sept 20	-----	Driveway Bowling*
Sept 27	-----	Fall Colors Tour*

## Louisville Labor Day Parade

**Monday, September 1st • 7:15 AM**  
**King Sooper's Parking Lot**  
**1150 US 287, Broomfield**

The club will meet at the King Sooper's on 287 in Broomfield at 7:15am and leave at 7:30ish. We will go north on 287 to Dillion Rd and turn left. From there follow touring protocol and stop at next corner and make sure the next car is seeing where to turn. We line-up at ZONE 1 on East Lafayette St between LaFarge and Main St. The parade starts promptly at 10 am. After the parade, Dan and Donna Ewing invited us to their house for pork sandwiches. We ask that you bring a side dish or a desert and your chairs. The club will pay for the drinks. I hope that many of you show up to recognize the holiday for the many contributions workers have made to America's strength, prosperity and well being. Labor day was declared a holiday in America in 1894 by Grover Cleveland. Make sure you wear white because it is the last day you can do so.

## Cars, Coffee and Donuts

**Saturday, September 6th • 8:30-10:30 PM**  
**Donut House**

**2308 S Colorado Blvd, Denver**

Drive your Model A to the Donut House in Denver for free coffee and donuts!!! We will be showing off our A's in a two hour car show at the Donut House (southeast corner of Colorado Blvd and Iliff Ave - Just 4 blocks south of I25).

Did we mention FREE Donuts!



**The Donut House**

Presents

**MODEL A FORD CAR SHOW**

Saturday, September 6th - 8:30-10:30 AM  
 2308 S Colorado Blvd  
 Denver, CO 80222



## Pinochle Club

**Thursday, September 4 • 6:30 PM**

Mike and Bobbie Smith's

17791 E Mapelwood Circle, Aurora

Call or email (303-913-4370, [gbgmco2@comcast.net](mailto:gbgmco2@comcast.net)) to RVSP if you are planning to attend so they can set up.

Drinks and desserts will be provided. Please bring a snack to share.



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## More Events!

### All Ford Day Car Show

**Sunday, September 7 • 7:30 AM**

**Steak and Shake Parking Lot**

**3502 River Point Parkway, Sheridan**

The Hi-Country Regional Group of the Early Ford V8 Club has invited us to the 54th annual All Ford Day car show. This is Denver's oldest continuous car show. They are expecting over 200 Fords from 1903 to the present. They are especially interested in our Model As being present. Music will be provided by Maverick Mike, Archie's Hot Dog Stand will have food and drinks for breakfast and lunch, and door prizes will be handed out.

Pre registration (\$15) is due by Aug 30, but you can also register at the gate (\$25). We plan on meeting at 7:30 (leave by 7:45) at the Steak and Shake parking lot at Hampden and River Point Parkway and then drive to Sheridan High School. The show ends at 1:00.

If you are going, please let Jim Huff (720-315-4564) know so we can go in and park together.



### Mike Tobiasson Model A Day Tour

**September 13 • 11:30 AM**

**Safeway in Golden (18th St and Ford St)**

Join us for our Annual Mike Tobiasson Model A Day Tour! We'll gather in Golden at 11:30 AM and head out at noon for a scenic drive up Lookout Mountain, enjoying the winding roads and mountain views along the way. Our destination is Magill's Ice Cream (8016 W. Jewell Ave, Lakewood), where we'll cool off with a refreshing treat. We plan to arrive around 2:00 PM, so if you'd prefer to skip the drive, you're more than welcome to meet us there. Ice cream will be provided by the club, thanks to funds directed from Mike's generous gift. If you're planning to join us at Magill's only, please text Bret Plue (303-503-1632) so we can get a headcount.

We hope you'll come out, enjoy the drive, and raise a scoop in memory of Mike!

### Just Lunch Dinner Bunch

**Wednesday, September 10 • 4:30 PM**

**Shanghai Garden**

**2500 E Arapahoe Rd, Centennial**

Shanghai Garden is a great, family owned, Chinese Restaurant. Hope you can join us. Please text Mike Laurita at 303-523-5788 by Monday, September 8th as we need to let the restaurant know how many to expect. Here is their website

<https://eatshanghaigarden.com>



### McNeill's WORLD FAMOUS Driveway Bowling

**Saturday, September 20th • 1:00-4:00 PM**

**965 Green Gables Circle, Bennett**



Yes we really do bowl in our driveway, 2 alleys and a ball return. Come bowl or just come and socialize.

Bring snacks and chairs, drinks will be provided. Last year's winners, Tom Krueger and Susanne Sarasin will be defending their coveted trophies. By the way the weather will be **perfect!**

Hope to see you all there. If you have questions call Harriet or Bill (303-644-3952 or 303-919-2065).

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## More Events!

### Fall Colors Tour

**Saturday, September 27 • 8:30 AM  
7-Eleven**

**399 Washington Ave, Golden**

We will meet in the 7-11 parking lot at 8:30 and leave for our adventure at 9:00. We will have a coffee stop in Nederland, Pizza or Sandwiches for lunch in Longmont, and end up at King Sooper's, 1150 US 287, Broomfield. We will have traveled about 100 miles hopefully through the high forests of Colorado, ablaze with golden autumn colors.

### Upcoming Events

Oct 8 - Just Lunch Bunch

Oct 11 - Pumpkin Tour

Oct 18 - Ladies Book

Oct 18 - Technical Seminar

Oct 25 - Halloween Party

Nov 1 - Bunco

### Crusin' Across America Car Show

**October 4 13 • 6:00 - 9:00 PM**

**Parker Schoolhouse**

**19650 Mainstreet, Parker**

We have been asked to have our cars on display for the Parker Arts Fall Fundraiser. The event theme this year is Route 66 and will feature dance lessons and live jazz, speakeasy cocktails, themed entertainment, delicious sliders, Italian cuisine and a silent auction. Dinner will be provided for those bringing their cars. If you plan on going or for more information please contact George Wieder (719-322-4537).



## Annual Pancake Breakfast

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Many people brought index cards with interesting and unknown facts about themselves. Linda Rickard read the cards as the members tried to guess who did what! It was fun finding out these fascinating facts about each other. There were 17 beautiful Model A's driven to the breakfast. The Rickard's especially want to thank all those who helped make the breakfast a success since Ron was still on restriction from his recent back surgery: Tom Krueger, Paul Wilson, Bret Plue, Ralph Haight, Frank Elliott, Vern and Linda Sybesma, Matt and Kim Ursetta, Ben and Sue Lombard, Chuch and Zach Thomason, and Jim Huff and all the others who assisted.





# *It's Personal... September 2025*

*By Erin and Julie Murphy*

*"It is well enough that the people of the nation do not understand our banking and monetary system. For if they did, I believe there would be a revolution before tomorrow morning." - Henry Ford*

## *Our Thoughts and Prayers Are With You...*

**Chuck Thomason** – healing for pacemaker he received

**Marilyn Applehantz** – sympathy for loss of her sister

**Ron Gosney** – recovering from hip replacement surgery

**Dick Przywitkowski** – recovering from stent surgery

**Ron Rickard** – recovering from back surgery

**Lou Huff** – recovering from recent surgery

I would just like to thank everyone for the prayers, notes of kindness, cards, and phone calls during my surgery and recovery. I am doing good, and you do not know how much they all were appreciated and helped me through this journey.

It is so good to have a Model 'A' family to help you through these times.

Harriet McNeill

## *REARVIEW MIRROR...*

Back in August 1992 the club participated in the Lakewood and Labor day parades as well as Old Thresher Days in Yuma. They visited Mooredale Ranch for a 2 nighter. They ran in the North / South Rally.

*Murphy was an optimist...*

*"The repairman will never have seen a model quite like yours before."*



2	John Powell	17	Nancy Kochan
4	Chuck Haight Mary Jane Martin	18	Kathy Applehantz Julie Elliot
6	Tina Gosney		Cathy Fouty
7	Candy Enix	19	Elaine Haggerty
8	Carol Scheer Ellen Williams	21	Harriet McNeill
11	Mark Harris	23	Brad Swift Jean Smith
13	Rob Appelhantz Maureen O'Shea Mike Laurita	25	Larry Grabianowski
14	Ralph Haight	26	Lou Huff
15	Barbara Capps	27	Laura Brockman
16	Marilyn Reyelts	28	Jay O'Shea

**Come on Club members!! Someone has got to have some dirt on somebody!!  
Let the SHADOW know!**

Julie 720-297-3917, Erin 720-435-3366, or email us at [murphyjulie030@outlook.com](mailto:murphyjulie030@outlook.com)

# Chrome and Caffeine Car Show

By Lloyd Sobel

Seven Model A's showed up at the Chrome and Caffeine Car Show sponsored by Gateway Classic Cars of Denver in Centennial. This was in support of CCCC's efforts to help get favorable classic car legislation passed through the Colorado State House. Although we did not have 10 cars as hoped, it was a nice morning to show our cars and visit with dozens of owners of the other cars there, ranging from muscle cars, hot rods, vintage cars and collectible cars. Free coffee and donuts was a nice bonus but we had to get there early! We also had a chance to view the numerous interesting cars on consignment in the Gateway showroom. This is a monthly get together and I plan to go again, early and often.



# Chenango Car Show

By Lloyd Sobel



On Sunday, August 10, the Chenango Homeowners Association hosted their 20th annual car show. Thirteen Model A's were there, representing the Franktown and the Denver club chapters. The weather was sunny and warm and the atmosphere was festive with music of all genres from DJ Van Jeffries. Dozens of vehicles showed up including classics, collectibles, moderns, sports cars, pickups and motorcycles. There were even a couple of military vehicles entered. As the morning went on, the air was filled with the aroma of Texas BBQ, which was excellent. The awards were given out around noon and a three wheeled motorcycle won Best of Show. Although none of our A's won any awards, there was a lot of interest in our cars as we were busy most of the time showing off "Henry's Ladies" to the numerous attendees. The show wrapped up a bit early because of some dark clouds which were gathering on the horizon. It did not dampen any spirits however and the show was quite enjoyable for both visitors and exhibitors. The Chenango HOA is to be commended for a delightful and well organized show, and they are sure to bring it on again in excellent fashion next year.

# Rodz and Bodz Tour

By Tom Krueger

On August 2nd our meeting place in Englewood was at the main attraction for the day, the Rodz and Bodz Movie Car Museum. Six Model A's showed up for front row parking in front of the museum, and 22 curious folks showed up to see what this place was all about. We had many family members and guests in our gathering as we perused the colorful and unique museum of movie cars, movie characters, vintage advertising signs, and much more! There was everything including the General Lee, Dumb and Dumber Mutt Cuts Mobile, the Jetsons flying car, Ghostbuster Ecto-1, Batmobile, Back to the Future DeLorean, Scooby Doo Mystery Machine, and so much more! Rodz and Bodz was the first movie car museum in Colorado, and they were founded on the premise that all ages can enjoy the history and dazzling presence of movie vehicles, hot rods, vintage cars, and more in an impressive gallery. This was the last weekend that they would be open to the public as they are now needing to find a new location for their museum. After touring this fun museum about half of our group meandered down Santa Fe Drive to the Platte River Grill for some open air seating and delicious lunch. The restaurant had sectioned off front row parking for our Model A's so that all of the outdoor diners could enjoy our vintage cars. We decided to save the scenic loop tour through Deer Creek Canyon for another day and went home with full bellies and memories of a fun filled day of the museum, visiting, and hanging out with our Model A family!





# STRASBURG *Hometown Days*

By Gary Brockman



Once again, the Model A Ford Club of Colorado came through for the people of Strasburg as we showed up with 15 cars! We were to be number 15 in the parade and they gave us only forty feet to park all 15 cars. They wanted us to wait at the American Legion for 3 designated drivers to park in the parade route and then when the parade started, the rest of the group were to join up with the other group in the parade. After much discussion among the drivers, we all decided to join all together at the parade route. I accused them of being a bunch of "outlaws" and they agreed. Later on, Harriet McNeill came over and asked how many tickets do I have for our free lunch and drinks. I told her 12 and she said that isn't enough and walked all the way back to the school to get more tickets. She came back with 38 more tickets and anyone wanting seconds could do so. Thank You Harriet. The parade was fun and the crowd was thrilled to see our cars, especially the kids. After the parade, we went to our usual place on the lawn of the school and ate our free lunch and walked around the school checking out the various booths with homemade merchandise. After that, the Akermans invited us to their house for Root Beer Floats. Nothing is better than sitting on their cool porch with a root beer float to get ready for the long drive back home. Thank you, Ted and Linda. Personally, I am looking forward to going to this parade again next year.





## Just lunch Bunch

By Suzanne Sarasin

It was hot, hot, hot outside, but 18 members and 6 Model A's, braved the heat to get together for a very nice lunch at the New York Deli. This place is a favorite spot for our Lunch Bunch group. There is always good food, and a nice cool private room to meet up with our Model A families. Let's not forget the pickles. Everyone had plenty of time to socialize in a quiet surrounding. Driving there from the East is easy but those of us coming from the West side of town, have to do some creative driving. I heard no complaints.



## Riverpoint Car Show/Ice Cream Social

By Paul Wilson

On Thursday, August 14th, despite the threat of rain, eleven Model A cars were showcased at RiverPointe's annual Ice Cream Social. The Mile High Banjo Society provided lively entertainment for the occasion. Our club has supported this cherished event for many years, as it is part of Littleton's Western Welcome Week festivities. Both the car show and the banjo performance are highlights for the residents of the RiverPointe senior community. Club member Jim Calm, who is also a part of the Mile High Banjo Society, contributed his musical talents by playing the tuba and singing several nostalgic tunes. It was wonderful to see familiar faces, including Sherry Heath, as well as Frank Elliott and Ginger, all of whom came out to enjoy the entertainment. The Restorer Editor, Andy Scheer and his wife Carol made the trip from Colorado Springs to record the event. Thank you to all who came and showed their A's as we look forward to participating again next year.





# Boreas Pass Railroad Day Tour

Nine people in four As had a wonderful hour and a half drive to Como. We spent the morning Touring the Como Railroad Historical Heritage site visiting the restored roundhouse, depot, hotel and steam engine. Several of us even took our turn riding down the rails on a sidecar. After a delicious BBQ lunch we were entertained in the roundhouse by the Denver Brass and the Celtic Colorado Pipe and Drums. The weather was cool and mostly sunny. Thanks to Jamie Harvey for planning this interesting tour.



# Sonic Sunday



A good turnout of 4 As and 17 people met together for the last Sonic Sunday of the year. The weather was cooler, so there were as many hot dogs as ice creams on the tables.

## CCCC August Report

By Bill McNeill

State legislature is in special session now so our lobbyist, Leo Boyle, is there everyday watching out for our hobby's interests. They are cutting the budget but they could asses "fees" without a vote of the people. Dust 'n Shine at Forney's Museum opened for 2026. Our club will be dusting on Saturday April 18, 2026. The CCCC is accepting donations for the "Friends of Collector Cars Political Action Committee". This committee donates money to legislators who are friendly to our hobby.

## Trader's Alley



John Merz is selling Jim Beam Model A Bottles (\$70 full, \$60 empty). He also has an all metal Model A trunk for \$300. Call 720-315-4564 if interested.



We are now taking payment and membership forms for 2026. Please fill out the membership form (below) completely and send payment and membership form to the PO Box or bring it to Linda Laurita at a club event. If you are a lifetime member, please send the completed form with lifetime member written on the top of the form and send it without payment.

# Model A Ford Club of Colorado, Inc.

—FOUNDED IN 1959—



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## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

**Membership Dues are \$40 Per Year**

(Please fill out Form Completely)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Birthday (no year necessary): \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's: \_\_\_\_\_

Children at Home: \_\_\_\_\_

Children's Birthday's: \_\_\_\_\_

CB Handle: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's: \_\_\_\_\_

Model A's in your family (continue on back if needed):  
YEAR BODY STYLE RUNNING (Y OR N)

If your family has more than one membership, please do not duplicate cars.

If accepted for membership in the Model A Ford Club of Colorado, I agree to abide by the MAFCC By-Laws. The Model A Ford Club of Colorado suggests that you become a member of MAFCA for insurance purposes. MAFCA membership is available at: [www.mafca.com/cart/index.php?mafca\\_new\\_member=yes](http://www.mafca.com/cart/index.php?mafca_new_member=yes)

MAFCA Membership Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Are you a member of MARC? Is so, MARC Membership Number: \_\_\_\_\_

The High Country Quail (our monthly newsletter) will be sent to your email address.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Dues Paid on or after September 1 are applicable for the following year.

### Mail Application and Dues to:

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# September 2025

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	1 Louisville Labor Day Parade	2	3	4 Pinochle @ Smith's	5	6 Cars, Coffee and Donuts
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