

## Early Ford V-8 Club of America

### 2012 Western National Meet Newsletter

Hello Early Ford V8rs, as you probably know by now there will be a Western National Meet in 2012. Our group, The Columbia River Regional Group (CRRG) #10 is very proud to announce that we are hosting this special gathering of our Flathead Fords and friends. We have carefully chosen the high desert area in the central region of the state of Oregon, specifically in the historic city of Redmond for this event. Additionally we have locked in at the Deschutes County Fair Grounds and Expo just at the South end of town where they can facilitate all of our events on one property. We have called it the "Round-up At Redmond". The dates are Tuesday, September 11<sup>th</sup> (check-in at noon) through Friday the 14<sup>th</sup> concluding with the Awards Banquet.

We have put together an exciting program in which you can choose to keep busy most of the time, or just relax and enjoy the beautiful high desert atmosphere and take in the fresh pure air, or do some of both. Activities such as trail hiking at historic Smith Rock, tours to the High Desert Museum, technical seminars, theme banquet, white water rafting (water conditions permitting) and a Golf tournament are a few planned. We have also organized with the city to close down the two main streets in the business part of town just for "The Parade of V-8s". This will be a daytime event, details to follow.

Because there will be lot of people in town, we have contacted most of the Hotels and Motels near Expo in advance and negotiated for Group Rate lodging. The rooms have been blocked just for the V-8 members. When you register with us (CRRG) the hosting group, you will receive your registration number. The participating Hotels and Motels have been instructed to give you the reduced group rate when you provide them with that number. The savings are substantial just in lodging alone.

Due to the fact no one facility can accommodate all of our visiting members, there is not a host hotel. All functions, activities and seminars will be held at Expo. A list of the Hotels and Motels will be included with the 2012 WNM registration forms. We plan to have them available in mid-January both by internet (Early Ford V-8 Club of America web page-download) and by mail.

Our theme for the 2012 WNM is Western, or Country, or Country & Western, Cowboys and Cowgirls, or however you want to say it. So dust off those Cowboy boots and hat (if you don't have any, go to the thrift shops) and get ready for some good old fashioned Yahoo fun!

See y'all there! Ron Clinton, 2012 WNM Chair