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Membership meetings of the TCRG are held at 7:30 on the first Wednesday of almost every month at a site announced in the Rumble Sheet. Change in time or location will also be announced in the Rumble Sheet.

Membership

Membership dues for the TCRG are \$15.00 per calendar year. Membership in the Early Ford V8 Club of America (the national club) is a membership requirement of the Twin Cities Regional Group.

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Please send all materials for publication to Mark Crichton, 19072 Magenta Bay, Eden Prairie, MN 55347; e-mail to mark.m.crichton@pmusa.com. Rumble Sheet material deadline is the 15th of the month. E-mail body content (not attachment) is preferred.

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TCRG Activities

Wednesday, April 5, 2006, 7:30 PM

Membership Meeting- The 2nd Annual "Collections" Show N Tell. The meeting will be held at **Environments, Inc., 5700 Baker Road, Minnetonka**. From I-494, exit at Hwy 62 Crosstown and go west to first stoplight (Baker Road/CR 60). Turn right (go north) and follow Baker Road about a half mile or so. Environments, Inc. will be on the left (west) side of the road; the sign is next to the driveway. Follow the driveway down the hill, around to the last parking lot. Park, and follow the long walkway into the lower level of the building.

Wednesday, April 12, 2006, 7:00 PM

Board meeting at Kent Tabako's home, 160 105th Laane NW, Coon Rapids, MN 55448, Phone 763-755-7535

Thursday, April 20, 2006, 9'ish

Geezer Breakfast, Country Kitchen, 7849 42nd Ave. North, New Hope 55427 Phone 763.537.2062 (corner of Winnetka and Rockford Rd) Thank you Vern Halvorson for setting it up!

Saturday, April 22, 2006

The Annual, Junk Yard Tour to French Lake. See John Titus' article!

Wednesday, May 3, 2006, 7:30 PM

Membership Meeting @ Environments, Inc. Tube Shock installation seminar

Sunday, June 4, 2006, 10AM to 3PM

27th Annual All Ford Picnic at the St. Paul Ford Assembly Plant

June 23 to 25, 2006

MSRA Back to the 50's weekend

July 10-13, 2006

Eastern National Meet, Batavia, NY

July 24 to 31, 2006

Auburn MotorFest II, Auburn, IN

August 7-11, 2006

Western National Meet, Tacoma, WA

August 13, 2006

New Brighton "Stockyard Days" car show and Swap meet

President's Message

To TCRG Members:

Due to an apparent lack of support from the TCRG members for the 2007 Central meet, and a noticeable division in the club that this meet has exposed, I am resigning as the Co-Chairman of the meet. Also, because I have very strong feelings about the controversy surrounding the proposed meet, I am resigning as the TCRG president effective immediately.

Dennis Carney, E-Mail dated March 12, 2006

Spring Extravaganza

Tom Halfpenny submitted the following info on behalf of the Gopher State Buick Club:

Sunday, May 7, 2006

19th Annual Spring Extravaganza Car Show and Swap Meet, Machinery Hill, MN State Fairgrounds. Admission: \$5.00, under 12 free with adult. Show vehicles (with driver and passenger): \$7.00 before 4/15/06, \$10 after 4/15/06. Swap and Car Coral spaces available @ \$15 before 4/15 or \$20

Ford, Mercury, Edsel and Lincoln stock show classes:

100- 1903 to 1948 **500-** 1949 to 1986 conv
200- 1949 to 1959 **600-** 1955 to 1986 'Bird
300- 1960 to 1967 **700-** 1964 to 1986 Stang
400- 1968 to 1986 **3100-** 1900 to 1986 fire,
police, Ambulance,
Hearse, limo.

TCRG Chatterbox

- The TCRG Scholarship committee of Tom Halfpenny, Roger Wothe and Mark Crichton have met and made plans for the 2006 Scholarship. Tom has already discussed with several professors at the Hennepin Technical College our desire to award the scholarship to students that have a passion for auto restoration. Tom also created an application that can be used for a student to apply for the Scholarship. Way to go, Tom!
- The board is looking for members to host an upcoming Geezer Breakfast. The arrangements usually only involve making a phone call to let a restaurant know the group is coming. Please contact Activities Director Jerry Felton at 952-873-6754 if you are interested!
- Gary Rosenberger mentioned that he has George Webinger's car videos back in his possession, and would be able to loan them out to any member who would like to view them. The process he would use is similar to the public library, where you sign them out and commit to their safe return. Call Gary at 651-451-2937 if you are interested.
- Our May membership meeting will be our 2nd Collections "Show N Tell". Be sure to bring something special to the meeting to share with the members.

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Meeting Minutes

The TCRG March Membership meeting was held March 1, 2006 at Environments, Inc. President Dennis Carney called the meeting to order and conducted the usual business. Treasurer Tom Halfpenny gave the Treasurers report. Once the business was conducted, it was time for the annual TCRG Auction. Unfortunately the Editor could not attend the meeting, so we do not have any pictures. However according to Treasurer Tom, 19 members made the final bids, netting the Club \$396. Thanks to all who participated.

Letter to the Editor

With the recent controversy over the upcoming 2007 Central National Meet, I have decided to take a step back and sit on the sidelines for the planning of this Meet. I'll leave the planning and organizing of the Central National Meet to the club members of the TCRG.

As you know I have attended and been apart of National meets for over 20 years. In the event that the planning committee runs into a stumbling block or needs clarification on a point, please feel free to call me for my take on the problem.

With my responsibilities as a Director with the National Early Ford V8 Club of America and my duties with the Early Ford V-8 Foundation as Treasurer, I plan to focus my energies on those responsibilities.

I want to thank the club members for their past and continued support in our local car events.

Bruce Nelson

THE 2007 CENTRAL NATIONAL MEET



The Central National Meet scheduled for 2007 is underway! About 10 members met at the home of Dennis Carney and discussed some plans. Denny brought everyone up to speed on where we were at so far, and several volunteers stepped up to take on the various duties. Based on our first meeting, here is a recap of the plans so far:

The Meet will be held from Sunday, July 15 through Thursday, July 19, 2007 at the Best Western Riverport Inn & Suites, 900 Bruski Drive, Winona, MN 55987. At this point, the price is \$76 per room, per night, which is very reasonable. The motel is in a terrific area, with everything you would need virtually within walking distance. One of the features of Winona, is the fact it represents our fine state with that wonderful small town feel, scenic surroundings, and best of all, plenty of water! Sugar Loaf Bluff is a big attraction, and is featured in Winona's logo

Some of the plans so far include a driving tour into western Wisconsin (including a stop by Elmers Auto and Toy Museum in Fountain City, WI), several activities the ladies should enjoy, a riverboat dinner cruise, and of course all of the typical National meet events that the national membership have come to expect. The Concourse will be held Wednesday at a beautiful park along Lake Winona, which

should make for a very picturesque setting for our V-8s. Here is what the Winona Chamber of Commerce says on their website about their city:

“Winona...a small city with a big heart, nestled between the bluffs and the mighty Mississippi River, Winona is surrounded by spectacular natural beauty, wrapped in history, and steeped in cultural legacy.”

If you would like to check out Winona's attractions on-line, their website is:

www.visitwinona.com

“TCRG Central National Meet ‘07”

Like this name? Maybe a little boring? We thought so too! That's why we need your help! We are looking for TCRG members to stir your creative juices and come up with a name for our meet. We are also thinking about a really cool logo. Any ideas? Maybe one that includes Sugar Loaf Bluff? The winner will receive a free night's room at the Meet. That is about a \$80 value. Please submit your ideas to the Editor and they will all be reviewed at both Board and Meet Committee meetings. Thanks!

Winter with the Mercurys

What do you do when you have to move from one garage to another and there is snow on the ground?

This was the dilemma that faced a nameless friend and myself. The friend will remain nameless to save his embarrassment helping pull off this stupid trick.

Having installed the rear window and windshield in the Tudor I needed the garage space in the front garage to work on the Coupe’.

I fired up the 5hp snow blower and cleared a path to the street in front of the back garage. Blew out the window that the snowplow left and was ready to move the coupe from the back to the front. The coupe fired up and drove around with out a hitch.

We rolled the Tudor out of the front garage down the driveway and pushed it on the street around to the front of the back garage. As you can see this is the engine/transmission, door and fender delete stage of construction, along with no steering gear. Now it would seem

like an easy push with so few components in place, but don’t be fooled it’s hard work and for two old guys and “the wife”. Well one old guy and one not as old. Trying to steer keeping the front wheels pointed in the general direction of where we were going is feat in itself. We got it to the blown out part of the window, with the car crosswise in the street we tied a rope

to the front axle and around the snow blower. With a little help getting it started and with chains on the snow blower we were off across the yard to the garage. The blower dug in down to the grass at times but it pulled the Mercury across the yard and up into the garage.

Mary thought that maybe it might be better to wait until after dark so the neighbors couldn’t see, but what the heck a little midday neighborhood entertainment is always good. Well we were progressing so well that Mary had to get the camera to record the event seen here.

“...a little midday neighborhood entertainment is always good!”



Test Your Knowledge

TCRG member Bruce Burrows submitted this fun quiz. He told me that he would send the answers for the next Rumble Sheet, so I will post them next month! Here is Bruce's quiz:

1. What was the top of the line model name on the 1958 Edsel?
2. Which one of the planets is closest to the sun?
3. In the early years of the Ed Sullivan show, what make of car was the show's sponsor?
4. What was the sister ship of the Mayflower?
5. What was the first and last model year of the Mercury Parklane?
6. What was the last year for the Ford 3 Window Coupe?
7. What was Ford's most powerful V-8 engine?
8. What make of car did the tagline say "Ask the man who owns one?"
9. Motor Trend Magazine "Car of the Year" award in 1960 went to a car that was called "unsafe at any speed". What was the make of this car?
10. The Post Office started in 1775. Who was the first Post Master General?

Bruce, don't let me down, please send the answers!!!

National News

While many of us were attending the World of Wheels on February 3 and 4, National Director Bruce Nelson was in San Antonio, Texas attending the 2006 National Board meeting. Here is a Cliff Note version of the letter Bruce provided to his Regional Groups:

- The new national Chief Judge is Jerry Vincentini from Nebraska.
- National Membership continues to be required to be a member in Regional Groups. Dues has been increased to \$35 per year due to increasing cost. Details on the national website.
- A National Judging Standards DVD is available for \$10. This would really help a member understand the expectations and "how-to's" regarding Concourse judging.
- The Display Class is available at National Meets for vehicles that do not qualify for Concourse judging.
- National Promotional Packs are still available to help RG's solicit new members. Contact info is available on the national website at www.earlyfordv8.org

Foundation News

Borrowed from the Foundation Newsletter:

The Golden Shovel Campaign Continues



A reminder of how it works: Donate \$2000 and you'll receive a commemorative Gold Shovel pin, a certificate, a tax-deduction form, and your name on a plaque on the new museum's Wall of Fame.

Donate \$1000 and receive a Silver Shovel pin along with the above mentioned items.

We'll also be listing all donors in this newsletter. Proceeds will help build the museum in Auburn, Indiana.

CLUB MEMBER PROFILE

Member: Tom Fritz

City / State: Elk River, MN

Years as a Club Member: 3

Antique / Classic Vehicles Owned: '56 Chevy. '50 Ford Woodie, '55 Packard Custom Constellation. Tom's wife Renee owns the flamed '67 GMC PU pictured at right.

What is behind your passion for cars:

Tom says he went to school to be an auto mechanic in order to make his Camaro run better, and has been passionately involved with cars ever since.

What can you tell us about your family:

Tom is married to Renee, and has a son Andrew, age 8, and a daughter Shelby, almost 6. He and his family really enjoy the 50's era, with the kids dressing up for events like MSRA Back to the 50's. Tom also mentioned he met Renee, who is a car nut herself, at a MN Street Machine Association event.

What do / did you do for a living: Tom has been a fleet and dealer mechanic, while he managed his shop part time since it opened in 1988. However, in the last three years, he has run his shop full time. His passion is doing recreations, and challenging jobs with hard-to-find parts and obsolete or unique automobiles.

Biggest non-Family, non-V8 passion:

Tom loves to fish when he has time, especially ice fishing, and has been on fishing leagues. Unfortunately, his business keeps him very busy, and currently, most of his fishing equipment is "in the attic".

The car you always wanted or wished you never sold: Tom's car passions changes often, and likes to visualize what can be created out of different cars and styles.

Something about you that TCRG Members may not know: Tom loves to garden. His home started out with 2 trees, now has over 140. In fact, as a fleet mechanic, he worked for Dundee Nursery. He is also an active member of the MN Street Rod Assc., and is on the Legislative committee.

Philosophy about life: Tom's motto hangs in his shop: Do it right or don't do it at all.

Tom's business is "Customs, Classics and Rods", and his website is www.ccrod.com. Tom can be reached via E-Mail at tom@ccrod.cs

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Tom and Renee Fritz's '67 GMC Pickup

Happy Birthday

April 1	Tony Flores
April 1	John Titus
April 1	Tom Sawvel
April 6	Liz Blood
April 17	Steve Seidl
April 18	Mark Crichton
April 19	Gordie Ditmanson
April 21	Maidie Felton
April 22	JoAnne Baker
April 25	Arlene Welch
April 26	Faythe Oberg
April 28	Bob Parmalee

New Members

A big V8 welcome to the following new members that have joined the Club.

Charles and Robert Hestness
'53 Convertible and '53 Victoria

Junk Yard Tour

Really, are there any sweeter words than the announcement of the long-awaited TCRG season opening Junk Yard Tour? I can't think of this event without fondly recalling the immortal words of "The Grease Pit Poet" and his "Shaggy Dog Story". Now remember that story ended badly for our hero so "if you're looking for parts I'd put on some speed and get there as soon as you can".

Join us on Saturday, April 22nd, for the 2006 rendition of this event. We meet at the Perkins on 494 and Hwy 55 for an 8AM departure. Plan on 7AM to meet if you want breakfast before tromping through the ever popular French Lake yard in Cokato. We typically get there by a bit past 9AM and then the fun runs unabated until noonish or so

(someone always needs one last part before we pack up so it's sometimes 1 before we leave). I am taking the kids this year so I have promised them the culinary delights of Mom's in South Haven, not to be missed by all you greasy-spoon aficionados. Recall this is open to the public at large and why not introduce a kid to the fun of the hobby by scrounging some parts at the yard? The hobby you save will be your own.

I have a checklist all ready so join the fun on the 22nd!

John

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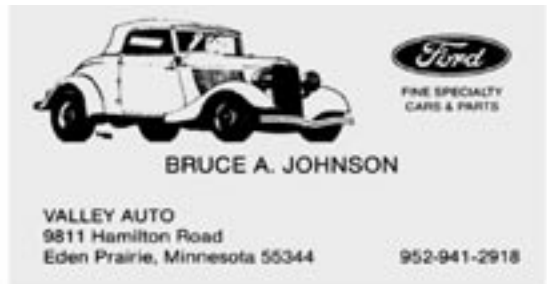
Classifieds

Classified ads are free to TCRG members, and will run for three consecutive months For Sale:

- 48 Ford Deluxe Coupe \$6000 or BO. Stock, minor rust, clear title, many new parts, some assembly req'd, battery not included. 507-444-4532, dfryman@truth.com (4/06)
- 1948 Ford chassis for sale. With front end, rear end, and in good shape. \$300 and it is yours. Cliff 952-446-1802 (4/06)
- Authentic Antique Amish Buggy, killer black coupe, complete in excellent condition, \$850, Mark @ 612-801-3620 or mark.m.crichton@pmusa.com. (6/05)
- Ford 8N tractor with small back blade. Mechanically sound-tires good-12 volt conversion \$2500. Gary (320) 235-3935 or (320) 894-8685; e-mail garybob@charter.net. (6/06)
- 1977 GMC 1 ton van. Great swap meet vehicle-runs well. \$450 obo. Gary (320) 235-3935 or (320) 894-8685; e-mail garybob@charter.net. (6/06)
- 1923 Fordson tractor on steel. Complete, with add on brake. Engine free. \$1500. Gary (320) 235-3935 or (320) 894-8685; e-mail garybob@charter.net. (6/06)
- 1934 Diamond T delivery. Classic features-needs love and TLC \$1400. Gary (320) 235-3935 or (320) 894-8685; e-mail garybob@charter.net. (6/06)
- 18 foot heavy duty (12" centers) full steel deck car trailer with tool box. 12,000 lb. Built to last. \$2100 Gary (320) 235-3935 or (320)894-8685; e-mail garybob@charter.net. (6/06)
- 1946 Ford Conoco gas truck. Body is good. Engine soaking but stuck (6 cylinder) \$2300 OBO. Gary (320) 235-3935 or (320) 894-8685; e-mail garybob@charter.net. (6/06)

- 1949 Ford F-5 V-8 (stuck). Great body and tires with hoist, no box. \$1800. Gary (320) 235-3935 or (320) 894-8685; e-mail garybob@charter.net. (6/06)
- 1947 Mercury Coupe frame with 2-speed rear end. Needs one axle; frame has been sand-blasted and primed with PPG DP74LF (2 coats). \$1200. cash. Dick 651-776-2197 or merc1947123@msn.com. (4/06)
- 1950 Ford 4-door. Original car, 37,000 miles, original tires and script battery. Repaint only. \$7500 Larry 763-972-2603 (4/06)

BJ's Corner



- 1939 Ford Deluxe Coupe, All steel restoration, Vermillion Red, correct interior, 35K real miles, built 59A, 12V, skirts, flipper caps, mild lowering, WWSW radials, great 50's look, driver 100%
- 1940 Ford Standard Opera Coupe, very seldom seen model., all steel, body-off restoration, Maroon, L/B interior, correct flathead, wws, inner and outer beauty rings, dual cowl rear view mirrors, ready for touring this summer.
- 1940 Deluxe Opera Coupe, All steel, correct body-off restoration, Maroon, L/B interior, radio, correct heater with correct controls, wws radials, inner and outer beauty rings, fog lights, dual cowl mirrors, 59A flatmotor, 12v, mallory electronic ign.

- 1935 Ford Deluxe 3 window Coupe, All steel, correct body-off restoration, tan, red stripe and wire wheels, wws, beauty rings, correct working radio, rumble seat, super killer nice correct interior
- 1950 Mercury Convertible. All steel CA car, restored. Call BJ for details.
- 1951 Mercury Convertible. All steel CA car, restored. Call BJ for details.
- 1934 Ford Woodie and matching trailer, Body-off restoration, fresh engine, killer wood, and matching trailer.
- 1948 Ford Super Deluxe coupe, Body-off resto, killer straight black, wws radials, red wheels, dressed tri power 59A, Neat.
- 1939 Ford Standard Coupe. All steel, nicely restored, dark blue, super-nice interior, 59A flathead, dual exhaust, blue dots, banjo steering wheel, wws, beauty rings, chrome caps, heater, believed super low original car (37K), nice plating-stainless-paint.
- 1940 Ford Deluxe Opera Coupe. All steel, body-off correct restoration, lite turq-blue paint, L/B correct interior, wws, inner and outer beauty rings, grill guard, wing tips, fogs, spotlight, radio, heater. Super nice and ready for summer.
- 1950 Ford DeLuxe Club Coupe. All steel, mild custom, Maroon, nosed, decked, handles, '54 Pontiac grill, frenched head and tail lights, maroon/cream tuck-and-roll interior and trunk, power Cad seats, wws, Cad caps, '51 Merc skirts, new flathead, duals, overdrive, everything new or rebuilt.
- 1951 Mercury Convertible. All steel correct body-off restoration that is not finished yet, lite grey new paint, stainless on, entire chassis has been rebuilt including radiator-engine-overdrive-rear-brakes, etc. Complete L/B interior and top not installed yet.

- 1954 Mercury 9-Passenger "Woodie" Wagon. All steel, White, original red and white vinyl interior, 3 seater, rebuilt V8, automatic trans, new exhaust, new chrome, radio, heater, outstanding wood. Not many of these around.

All of BJ's For Sale cars can be viewed at: www.jmacsautos.com



Wanted

- Wanted: Check your junk boxes and back corners for an electric, 12 volt Bermuda bell. Tim Anderson 763-493-4655 (4/06)
- Wanted: 11A-11654 Ford headlight switch, 1941 and up. Also fits Lincoln & Mercury. NOS or used. 6 volt. Harvey Oberg 651-739-9754. (4/06)
- Wanted: 1950 Ford Parking light housings and '50 Ford Crestliner Wheel Cover - need at least one. Also need any or all of the stainless side trim for a '62-66 Chev pickup with 8' box (I inherited the truck from my Uncle who bought it new) Francis Kalvoda, Willmar. 320-235-5777 or fjk@charter.net. (4/06)
- Wanted :1932 thru 1940 Ford Roadster, Cabriolet, 3 and 5 window Coupes. Steel only. Prefer restored, well-maintained. Slight modifications OK. "Don't need to talk to my wife or banker to do a deal". Call me. BJ 952-941-2918 "Here's your opportunity to lay old BJ away".



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