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*Welcome Spring!*



*...with all the Bells and Whistles!*

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# TWIN CITIES REGIONAL GROUP INFORMATION

The Rumble Sheet is the official publication of the Twin Cities Regional Group #46 (TCRG) of the Early Ford V-8 Club of America and is sent to all current members and advertisers. TCRG is chartered by the Early Ford V-8 Club of America, and is a non-profit corporation in the state of Minnesota, dedicated to the preservation of Ford motor vehicles and related historical materials from the era of flathead V-8 engines, including all Fords, Mercurys and Lincolns so equipped from 1932 through 1953.

## Club Address

PO Box 20236, Minneapolis, MN 55420.



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## Meetings

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.

## Submitting material

Please send all materials for publication to Mark Crichton, 19072 Magenta Bay, Eden Prairie, MN 55347; e-mail to [mark.m.crichton@pmusa.com](mailto: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 4, 7:30 PM**

MEMBERSHIP MEETING. The meeting will be held at **Environments, Inc., 13600**

**County Road 62, Minnetonka.** From I-494, exit at Hwy 62 Crosstown and go west less than a half mile. First driveway on the right after Baker Road. See Gary's write-up on page 8.

### **Wednesday, April 11, 7:30 PM**

BOARD MEETING at the home of Bill and Liz Blood, 3519 24th Avenue South, Mpls, MN 55406 612-722-4172

### **Thursday, April 19, 9:00 AM**

GEEZER BREAKFAST, Curran's Family Restaurant, 4201 Nicollet Ave., Mpls, 55409, Phone 612-822-5327. "A couple blocks west of 35W on Nicollet" Thanks Bill Blood for setting it up!

### **Thursday, April 19, 7:00 PM**

RENDEZVOUS COMMITTEE MEETING, Mark Crichton's office, 1700 W 82nd St, Suite 125, Bloomington, MN. Call Mark or Bill Gillies if you would like to attend.

### **Wednesday, May 4, 7:30 PM**

MEMBERSHIP MEETING @ Environments, Inc. See Gary's write-up on page 8.

### **Wednesday, April 11, 7:30 PM**

BOARD MEETING, Location TBD

### **Saturday, April 28**

Annual JUNK YARD TOUR to French Lake Auto Parts. See John Titus' write-up on page 5

### **Saturday & Sunday, May 19 & 20, 2007**

SPRING TOUR to Winona, MN "Pre-Meet Rendezvous". See Gary's write-up on page 8

### **Saturday, May 19, 10 AM to 4 PM**

ANOKA COUNTY SESQUICENTENNIAL CAR SHOW, Plenty to see and do, including evening fireworks! See Pat Minor's write-up on page 9.

### **May 25 through 27, 2007**

SPRING FLING in Kansas, see March newsletter for all the details

### **Sunday, June 3, 2007, 10AM to 3 PM**

ALL FORD PICNIC, St Paul Assembly plant (probably the last one ever at the plant!)

### **July 16 through 19th, 2007**

CENTRAL NATIONAL MEET, Winona, MN

## From the Pres

If you have not paid your dues for 2007, do it now! This will be the last issue of The Rumble Sheet that you will receive if your dues are not paid by the next meeting date. Your current issue is specially marked if you have not paid your dues. Only the names of paid members will appear in the new Roster. If you recently sent in your check, thank you.

The Great River Rendezvous Committee is doing a great job in preparing for our National Meet. Registrations have already exceeded the minimum number needed to make it work, and many packets have been sent to prospective registrants. It looks like this will be a fantastic meet.

Gary Rosenberger, our Activities Director, has several things planned for us to do, but your suggestions for evening or day tours, dinners and general meeting topics would be greatly appreciated. The more participation by members, the more fun we will all have.

The time for getting the old V-8's on the road will be here soon. Get the battery charged, check the oil, dean off the dust and lets drive.

Duane Shuck

## TCRG Chatterbox

• **All Ford Picnic:** The All Ford Picnic is in full swing! Since this is very likely to be our last at the plant, we want to make the best ever. We are also beginning to consider new, permanent locations. Any suggestions? Contact John Titus or Jerry Felton if you have any ideas.

• **Cover Photo:** The grill of a “Buffalo Fire Appliance Corp” firetruck at the Firefighters Hall and Museum, the location for the March membership meeting. Plenty of pictures on pages 6 and 7 may help you get an idea what you missed.

• **Membership Dues::** If you received a blue dues form and your label was highlight in blue, that’s because the Board is “blue” due to you not paying your dues. We LOVE having you as a member, but it comes at a small price: **STILL ONLY \$15.** Please mail your check to Treasurer Ron ASAP. Thanks!

**Ron Christensen  
P.O. Box 417  
Mound, MN 55364**

## 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

## Keep Smilin’

A Little Known Fact.....

The 3 Goldberg brothers, Norman, Hyman, and Maxwell invented and developed the first automobile air-conditioner. On July 17th, 1946, the temperature in Detroit was 97:.. The 3 brothers walked into old man Henry Ford’s office and sweet-talked his secretary into telling him that 3 gentlemen were there with the most exciting innovation in the auto industry since the electric starter. Henry was curious and invited them into his office. They refused and instead asked that he come out to the parking lot to their car. They persuaded him to get into the car which was about 130: - turned on the air-conditioner and cooled the car off immediately.

Henry got very excited and invited them back to the office, where he offered them 3 million dollars for the patent. The brothers refused saying they would settle for 2 million but they wanted the recognition by having a label “The Goldberg Air-Conditioner” on the dashboard of each car that it was installed in. Now old man Ford was more than just a little bit Anti-Semitic, and there was no way he was going to put the Goldberg’s name on 2 million Ford cars. They haggled back and forth for about 2 hours and finally agreed on 4 million dollars and that just their first names would be shown. And so, even today, all Ford air-conditioners show on the controls, the names “Norm, Hi, & Max”.

## New Members

**Welcome to the Club!**

**Dan and Debbie Asmus  
248 South 3rd Street  
Bayport, MN 55003**

## Junk Yard Tour

TCRG's annual traditional Junk Yard Tour is a Go on Saturday, April 28th!

That's right boys, drop that snowblower or lawn mower (each is equally likely this time of year) and grab some wrenches for the latest installment of the traditional and long awaited TCRG JYT! Those of us with unheated garages get mighty itchy this time of year to get working on the flatheads and this is a great kick-off to the season. The date is April 28th. We meet at the Perkins on Hwy 55 and I-494 on the west side of town. We have two choices of final destination and the judges are still mulling this over as this is printed. We can always visit French Lake, hands down my favorite yard in the state, and Floyd and crew have been busy revamping the yard and dragging in new cars for our enjoyment or we can check out a new place. Both have their good points.

Come to the April membership meeting to learn how this works out or simply join us for breakfast at 7AM at Perkins on the 28th to find out where we are going. If you're not hungry that morning you can stop by before 8AM; we more or less start at 8AM. Call John Titus at 507-744-2770 if you can't make the meeting on the 4th but want to spoil the surprise.

John Titus

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Great News!!! The Riverboat cruise on the Julia Belle Swain has been so popular, we have now added a 3rd cruise. This one will be really special: a Tuesday morning Brunch cruise! Cooler temps, a nice breakfast / lunch meal, and back in time to do some local touring, shopping, relaxing or all three.

Our tentative plans at this time is to have a "sign up" sheet at registration (and publish this process) so Meet attendees can sign up and enjoy their time on the riverboat with friends. Once we sell out the 3rd cruise that will be it! Forget it, no 4th boat!!!

As we get closer to the Meet, it's becoming obvious that we will need some serious help on Sunday and Monday. Registration is our first opportunity to showcase the 1st Class quality of our Meet. It's also an opportunity to have things go awry if not coordinated properly and staffed adequately.

We would like to ask members who would like to help with the variety of activities taking place Sunday to be sure to book your rooms for Sunday night. Examples include setting up the registration area, filling gift bags, trailer parking, swap meet space, car clean-up, placing signage at the hotel, checking in guests, managing the various sign-up activities, ensuring correct tickets are distributed based on registrations, answering questions, providing TCRG smiles....Whew! We know we can count on you! Thanks in advance for your help!

# FIREFIIGHTERS H

TCRG held their March Membership meeting at the Firefighter's Hall and Museum, in NE Minneapolis. The feedback from the meeting was highly positive.

In case you missed it, here are some pictures from the meeting. Thanks to Ron Long, Gary Rosenberger and Tim Anderson for taking pictures! And a big thank you to Mike Timmermans for setting up this fun event!



**Fireman Mike Timmermans 1942 Ford Firetruck at the 2006 World of Wheels. Mike's truck also graced the cover of the Nov/Dec, 2006 V8 Times**



**The sign indicates the Museum continues to search for various department's fire helmets!**

# FIRE HALL & MUSEUM

*Dedicated to the memory of the late Captain Wilton Daniels of the Minneapolis Fire Department and his wife Bonnie who, through a generous bequest, made possible a firefighters hall for the use and enjoyment of active and retired Minneapolis firefighters, and a public museum dedicated to the education and enjoyment of visitors, young and adult.*



**Top Left: Mike Timmermans (seated) helped create a good turnout for the March meeting**  
**Top Right: Lifelike mannequin poses with period uniform for fire fighting**

**If you did not make the meeting and would like to visit the museum, they are open every Saturday from 9 AM to 4 PM and during the week for "10 or more" tours. Admission: Adults - \$6.00 Seniors (65+) - \$5.00 Children (3-12) - \$3.00 Phone: 612-623-3817**

**<http://www.firehallmuseum.org/>**

**The Club takes in the Museum's history and all it's cool vehicles and artifacts.**

## Wanted: Garages!

As activities director I have heard some requests for a Saturday morning garage tour when the weather gets nice. What we need is a few garages to tour. Do not worry about a messy garage or the number of cars you have in your stable. It would just give us an excuse to get together and kick some tires, and talk about our grand-kids. If you have a garage and would like to share it with the TCRG members give me a call at 651- 451- 2937 and I will set up a tour. Thank you Gary Rosenberger

## Activities Update

Wednesday April 4, 2007 7:30 PM Membership Meeting - Our meeting for April will be held at Environments Inc. 13600 County Road 62, Minnetonka.

We will have a regular monthly meeting, with a update on the Winona Meet presented by Ms. Gillies. Then Roger Wothe said we could tour his collection in the same building if we don't mind the dust.

For our May meeting we will judge a car to get ready for the National Meet. We will get some tips from Bill Blood on how to fool his team of experts.

In May an overnight tour is planed for Winona. See details under Spring Tour. Gary Rosenberger 651-451-2937

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## Spring Overnight Tour

I know this is not very creative for our Spring Tour but we have a lot of work to do before our National Meet. Since the number of people attending has reached epic proportions, I thought we could use this tour for a trial run and we could tie up lose ends.

I have made arrangements to stay at the headquarters hotel in Winona. The date is Saturday May 19, and return home Sunday the 20. I have set aside 12 non-smoking rooms at the Riverport Inn at a cost of \$68.00 for Saturday night.

When you call tell them the rooms are listed under TCRG. The phone numbers are 1-507-452-0606 or 1-800-595-0606. These rooms will be held till May 1, 2007. We will meet at a time and location to be announced in the next Rumble Sheet. Let me know if you will be attending. Thank you.  
Gary Rosenberger 651-451-2937

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## Really, Really Wanted

WANTED: Intake and exhaust valve rocker arm assemblies for '47 Ford V-8. Must be NOS, mint, or better. Will pay in Ford stock certificates, or trade for one of the following - your choice: One autographed 33-1/3 record album "Lawrence Welk Plays the Beatles", excellent condition except for small chip from hitting garbage can; One 8x10 color glossy photo of Mad Dog Vachon biting Vern Gagne on the head while holding Buck Rock-&-Roll Zumhoff in the Amazing Pretzel Hold; One DC Comic featuring Dick Tracy arresting the notorious Flathead and Itchy, good condition, with slight musty odor."

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(10/06)

## Anoka Car Show



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### Anoka County Fairgrounds

**Sat., May 19th 10-4**

Events include:

Car Show

Antique tractor pull

Vintage farm equipment

Living History time line historical encampments

Skateboard Park

Vendors and food

Vintage Baseball game

Square dancing

Music and dancing starting at 4:00

Fireworks 9:00

Directions: Highway 10 out of the Twin Cities to Anoka, exit and turn right at Ferry Street.

Questions call Pat Minor at 763-300-1070

## MEETING MINUTES

Our Membership Meeting was held at the Firefighter's Hall and Museum in NE Minneapolis on March 7th, 2007. Member Mike Timmermans and the Museum staff conducted a tour of the Hall and Museum. The usual business meeting was conducted, including reports by the attending Board members. President Duane Shuck and Bruce Nelson discussed the value of becoming members of the Early Ford V-8 Foundation, and Roger Wothe discussed the Central National Meet, reviewing registrations so far, and the fact that the 2nd riverboat cruise is almost full.

## Classifieds

*Classified ads are free to TCRG members, and will run for three consecutive months*

### For Sale:

- 1950 Ford 4 door sedan flathead V-8 with overdrive. Good condition. Color-red. Car was driven 5 years ago and then donated to Hennepin Tech. Purchaser will be making a donation to Hennepin Tech. Call Tom Halfpenny for details. 651-738-0838

- 1948 Mercury Coupe with Chevelle clip, 12 bolt rear end, all parts epoxy primed, 350 eng / 350 trans, MN title and plates, all the hard work done, must sell due to health, \$5,500 or best offer, Dick Tempel, 651-776-2197

- 1948 Ford F6 Tow Truck, Flathead V-8, 4 speed, 2 speed axle, 2 way PTO for hoist. Has spotlight on driver's side and beacon light on cab. Dan Jacobson 507-351-4847 (3/07)

- 1964 Lincoln Continental Fordor, 460 land cruiser., Light blue in nice shape, always garaged, completely original car with all chrome, good tires, no dents or rust. Yes, this has the suicide doors and the 5-body trunk. Selling for my brother \$5,500 to V-8 members. John Titus 507-744-2770 (H) or 507-444-4612 (W)

- 1932 Deluxe coupe & sport coupe bodies. Parts: Chassis, frames, front and rear ends, cross members, fenders, frame horn covers, Running boards, grilles, hoods, deck lids, dashes, gas tanks, window garnish moldings, spare tire carriers, wheels, headlights and bars, radios, flatheads and engine parts, transmissions, etc. 40 year collection. E-Mail your needs to: brucethedeuce@usfamily.net or call Bruce Kolby 651 341 0361. (9/06)

**The following ads are from Gary Nielsen of GEM Classic Auto, a newsletter advertiser. Contact Gary at (320) 235-3935 or (320) 894-8685, or via e-mail at: garybob@charter.net.**

- Ford 8N tractor with small back blade. Mechanically sound-tires good-12 volt conversion \$2500. Gary Nielsen, GEM Classic Auto

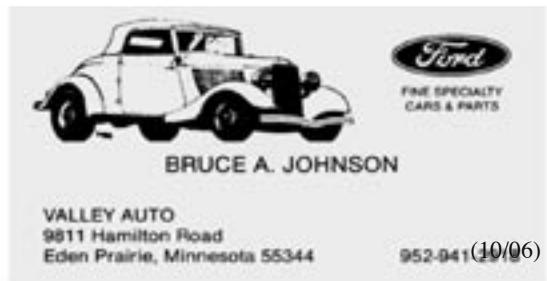
- 1977 GMC 1 ton van. Great swap meet vehicle-runs well. \$450 obo. Gary Nielsen, GEM Classic Auto

- 1923 Fordson tractor on steel. Complete, with add on brake. Engine free. \$1500. Gary Nielsen, GEM Classic Auto

- 1946 Ford Conoco gas truck. Body is good. Engine soaking but stuck (6 cylinder) \$2300 OBO. Gary Nielsen, GEM Classic Auto

- 1949 Ford F-5 V-8 (stuck). Great body and tires with hoist, no box. \$1800. Gary Nielsen, GEM Classic Auto

## BJ's Corner



- 1934 Ford Deluxe tudor, All steel body off correct restoration, dearborn blue, creme stripe and wheels, wsw, beauty rings, dog, very nice woodgraining, need nothing ready to enjoy.

- 1939 Ford Deluxe Convertible, All steel, body-off correct restoration of California never rusty

car, light yellow, black top, brown leather, killer woodgraining, red wheels, wwsw radials with caps and beauty rings, fresh (100 miles) H&H dressed and polished flathead, 12v, one of the best in the country.

- 1936 Ford Deluxe Roadster, All steel, body-off restoration, black, radio, heater, WWSW, spyders, beauty rings, dual 97's, dual exhaust, accessory under-dash ash tray, curtains, dual sport lights, Columbia two speed rear
- 1932 Ford Deluxe roadster, All steel, correct body-off restoration, dark green with black fenders, WWSW, beauty rings, steel spare cover, 25 louver hood, Zepher gears in trans
- 1936 Ford Deluxe Roadster, All Steel, Restored, red, Lebaron bonney leather, tan top, cream stripe, correct flathead with Mallory ign., dual 97's, chrome headers and Smittys, radio, heater, turn signals, WWSW, beauty rings, spyders, banjo steering wheel, killer rare pines front trim, Columbia rear end
- 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
- 1951 Mercury Convertible. All steel CA car, restored.
- 1948 Ford Super Deluxe coupe, Body-off resto, killer straight black, wwsw radials, red wheels, dressed tri power 59A, Neat.
- 1940 Ford Deluxe Opera Coupe. All steel, body-off correct restoration, lite turq-blue paint, L/B correct interior, wwsw, inner and outer beauty rings, grill guard, wing tips, fogs, spotlight, radio, heater. Super nice.
- 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, wwsw, Cad caps, '51 Merc skirts, new flathead, duals, overdrive, everything new or rebuilt.

**All of BJ's For Sale cars can be viewed at:  
[www.jmacsautos.com](http://www.jmacsautos.com)**

## Wanted

- 1952 to 54 Ford passenger car rear axle assembly or center section with the ring and pinion gears. Preferably without the 3.31 ratio, all others are okay. Also, looking for a '52 - '53 steering sector gear box. Robert Hestness 612-724-9268 (5/07)
- Good used radiator for a '39 Ford pickup, also two good 6.50 6 or 8-ply tires and inner tubes, Keith Hillstrom, 651-628-9148 (2/07)
- 1949 to '53 Flathead V-8 dual carburetor intake manifold for two stock carburetors, Robert Hestness, 612-724-9268 (12/06)
- Ford hand tools to make up a tool kit. Monkey wrench, Box wrench, screwdriver, small open-end wrenches. Harvey Oberg, 651-739-9754
- 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".

**Don't forget to register for the Central National Meet in July! Registration forms can easily be printed from the website. ...and while you're at it, sign up to be a Concourse judge and enjoy the Meet even more!**

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