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Everything You Want to Know About the Great Northwoods Getaway April 1 Meeting — this is no prank

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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 Company vehicles and related historical materials from the Membership era of the flathead V-8 engines, including all Fords, Mercurys and Lincolns so equipped from 1932 through 1953.

Club Address

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Meetings

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

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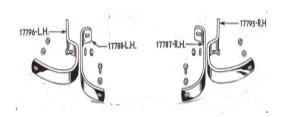
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The following ads are from Gary Nielsen at (320) 235-3935 or (320) 894-8685, or via email garybob@charter.net Gary wants you to buy this stuff!! Help him downsize!

In the Spirit of the new year, Gary has reduced prices!

- 1949 Ford F-6 to haul your wood, parts or just adorn your yard. Working hoist, 4 on the floor with two speed axle. Runs well, rusty cab. Was \$1495 — here's your chance to steal it, call Gary
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- Retainer and division bar assembly (front door) ventilating window (no glass). 0A-7022204-A RH 1950-1951 Ford Tudor, Coupe, Fordor \$50 Retainer and division bar assembly (front door) ventilating window (no glass) 8M-7022205-A LH 1949-1950 Mercury Tudor, Coupe, Fordor \$50. Bruce Nelson 651-482-8940 (May)



• Rear bumper arms—complete set. 17796 left hand outer, 17788 left hand inner, 17795 right hand outer, 17787 right hand inner. Completely restored and ready to install. Filled, sealed and ready for final paint. Look at attached picture for shape. Thought to be passenger car. Not sure of the year. \$80 Bruce Nelson 651-482-8940. (May)

- Pentronix Ignitor electronic ignition for a 6 volt positive ground 1949-51 Ford 8BA engine. Brand new replacement. Regularly costs \$125, but you can own this one in the box, unopened for only \$75. Bruce 651-482-8940 (May)
- NEW WANTED: Looking for the book SIXTEEN CYLINDER MOTORCARS by Rog A. Schneider. Contact Harvey Oberg 651-739-9754
- WANTED: Stories for the Rumble Sheet. Getting short of material. Don't want to make this all about things I like. Here's your chance to tell your story. (June)
- WANTED: our membership chair, Joel Bergstrom says: While up dating the Club Birthday list, I noticed quite a few names are not on the list. No, we don't want to know how old you are, just your birth day and month. If you notice a mistake or if you would like to add yours or your spouse's name to the list, send me an email or give me a call and I'll be glad to make the changes. Who knows, you may want to contact someone and wish them a happy birthday. 651-631-0091

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Miscellany

- June 7 is the All Ford Picnic and No Trophy Show. Do you have a Ford F-150 pickup? How about a Ford Explorer? Do they have the trailer option? Why all these questions? Well, I will be in Charlotte North Carolina on that day and will be unable to deliver the Club's trailer to the show. WE HAVE FOUND A MEMBER THAT IS WILLING TO GET THE CLUB'S TRAILER THERE.
- According to Hagerty News (yes the insurance carrier) the top 10 states for using road salt in winter are: Massachusetts., Vermont, New Hampshire, New York, Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Delaware, Maryland, and Wisconsin. You would think good old MN would make the list.
- Highland Fest 2nd Annual All Ford Car & Truck Show will be held on July 19th. This year it will be held on Ford Parkway. Tom Murray and Bruce Nelson are heading this up. There will be a \$5 fee and any extra money will go to charity. Registration • forms are available at www.highlandfest.com (and page 6)
- And it's tax time. Or it should be tax time for you prognosticators. When in San Antonio we were treated to a tour of the Warrior Family Service Center. This is a center that works with our returning service personnel, • and makes their return to either civilian or service life much easier. This organization, although located on the military base Fort Sam Houston, is totally funded by citizen's of the United States. No government money is spent. The new building, the employees, and the services supplied are all funded by private donations. They serve 10

- patients, next-of-kin and family members of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation New Dawn, and Operation Enduring Freedom. A worth while organization to supwww.bamc.amedd.army.mil/ port. military/wfsc
- The Great V-8 Northwoods Getaway team needs your help. We have been trying to find records of who attended the 1987 Central National Meet. Using the back issues of the V-8 TIMES has given us some success, but we want to make sure that any member who attended, but did not bring a old Ford, also gets credit. So, check your memory, and give Bruce Nelson a call. We did find the 2000 registrations — there were 104 of them.
- And holey crap Henry.....Terry at Little Dearborn contacted me the other day. He said that the All Ford Picnic flyer that I posted on their wall had the wrong date. I told him I checked it and June 7 is correct. He then said the flyer said 2014.
- At the March Meeting, Gary Isaacson brought a few items of Club history. The editor now has about 50 pieces of TCRG stationary from about 1977, and also a 1974 Regional Group Roster of members. Did you know that Little Dearborn used to be member #20?
- And John Titus points out that this year the route to the junkyard will be stopping to mourn the former railroad junkyard on Hwy 55. It has been cleaned up. John says that his railroad in Wisconsin spent some time plundering the old rail yard to get parts for a restoration that they are planning. It must be a guy thing he reports.

TCRG Activities

Wednesday, April 1; 7:30 pm, Monthly Meeting. St Michaels Church, Roseville, MN Meeting topic: 2015 Central National Meet comes alive! Find out everything that we have planned, and how you can help. Hint: no need to make ice.

Thursday, April 16, 9 a.m. Geezer Breakfast I-HOP, 1935 Beam Avenue, Maplewood. I-694 to White Bear Ave. south to Beam, right on Beam, next to Red Lobster.

Sunday, May 17, 35th Annual Willmar Car Show and Swap Meet- Kennedy Elementary School, Willmar, MN

Sunday, June 7, 36th Annual All Ford Picnic and No Trophy Show-Morrie's Bodyworks, Long Lake, MN Start saving winter's ice.

Saturday, June 20, Back to the 50's pot-luck dinner, machinery hill, Minnesota State Fairgrounds

July 12-16, 2015 2015 Central National Meet, Brainerd Minnesota. It's going to happen and it's going to be Great! In fact, it's going to be the Great V-8 Northwoods Getaway!

Sunday July 19, 2nd Annual Highland Fest All Ford Car & Truck Show. 9 am to 5 pm. On Ford Parkway. \$5 registration fee – page 6

Saturday, August 8, 9 am, Annual fence install at Long Lake Regional for New Brighton Car Show and Swap Meet.

Sunday, August 9, 28th Annual New Brighton Car

TCRG Activities

Show and Swap Meet — Long Lake Regional Park, New Brighton, MN

July 12, Waconia Ford's 5th Annual Car, Truck, and Tractor Show. 10 am to 3 pm. Waconia Ford, 235 Hwy 5, Waconia, MN. For more information contact David Gohl at 952-358-0201 or dggohl@gmail.com

September 13-18: Black Hills of South Dakota National Driving Tour. Fall in the Black Hills. Includes train ride. Info at meeting.

Monthly Meeting Location

Meeting Location: St Michael's Lutheran Church, 1660 West County Road B, Roseville, MN 55113-4073, (651) 631-1510

Directions: From North or South: I-35W to Hwy 36, east on Hwy 36, exit Snelling South, turn right at first stop light (Cty Rd B) look for church on left. OR I-35E to Hwy 36, west on Hwy 36, exit Snelling South, turn right at first stop light (Cty Rd B) look for church on left. Plenty of parking.

Program: All about the 2015 Central National Meet in Brainerd Bring a dollar to donate.

TCRG Glovebox

Cover Photo: Courtesy of the art director again.

Rumble Sheet Contributors: The Editor would like to thank Dean Hansen and John Titus for submissions.

From the President's Workbench

We have just returned from Arizona and, as always, the drive was picturesque and relaxing. We are reminded of how much we enjoy "Roadtrips" and what a central role the concept is for those of us who care about old cars.

The Board met this month and, among other things, reviewed the great road trips planned for this year.

After the Junkyard Tour in April, touring will begin in earnest in May, starting with an outing on Saturday May 16th (see page 7). The Central Meet in July will take us North to the Brainerd Lakes area and into the surrounding country side. A National Driving Tour to South Dakota is planned for September as well as a Fall Color Tour. In between are gatherings in Long Lake for the All Ford Picnic in June, the Fairgrounds in June for Back to the 50's, and the New Brighton Show in August. Hopefully a lot of miles! Keep checking the Rumble Sheet for details.

At the April Meeting, Bruce and National Meet Committee will lay out the "Great V-8 Northwoods Getaway" in detail. Registrations from around the country are coming in; don't forget to sign up and be part of the Minnesota crew.

At the May membership meeting we will have a "Roadtrip Review". We'll start with some classic lists from the V-8 literature. Please come prepared with your own list of road essentials—tools, spare parts and supplies, and be prepared to be asked "What's in your trunk?" - Guys and Dolls alike. Age and years of experience have taught us what we can't forget, plus, what we don't need that we thought we did in our youth.

Start making those lists now to share.

Welcome back returning snowbirds. Hope you can

conjure up the sun and fun you've had, because as I write it's snowing!!!! Gordy

Tales from the Ice

Last month I learned a new lesson about the kindness of humans. As mentioned elsewhere, I have re-listed the books donated to the Club from the estate of Bruce Johnson. When re-listing them, I



re-evaluated some of the prices and lowered a few of them. One of the items was sold to a member in Canada. The payment was sent in US funds. I cashed the check at a bank teller, pointing out

that the check was drawn on US funds. Three days later, I was charged \$5 for the Canadian transaction. On top of that, the flat rate charge to Canada was \$15 over what I asked for shipping. We lost over \$4 on the transaction. When I sent the email to the purchaser letting them know the package was on its way, I also mentioned the problems I had with cashing his check drawn on US funds, and told him that he might be better to close that account since it didn't seem to make any difference.

One day after he received the package he sent an email saying how pleased he was with the item, and that he noticed that the shipping charge was way over what I charged. I responded that that was my mistake and not his.

Six days later, I received \$15 US in the mail. He said it wasn't fair that I had so much trouble sending him something that was so nice for his collection.

If all the people in Canada are that nice, we should make them our 51st State.

Well, that's all for this time.....remember, keep 4 your stick on the ice. Bruce

March Meeting Minutes

Membership Meeting March 4, 2015

<u>At:</u> Culver's, Silver Lake Rd., St. Anthony <u>To order:</u> 7:34 by V/P Steve Seidl

<u>Editor-</u> Bruce needs articles for <u>Rumble Sheet!</u> <u>Membership-</u> Joel says 81 members currently, and is in process of printing directory.

<u>Treasure</u>r- Roger absent, sent list of current balances - all good!

 $\underline{\text{Secretary}}$ - Bill asked that last month's minutes be approved as printed in R/S.

<u>V/P</u> - Steve said there would be a board meeting Thursday, March 19 at 1 pm at Roger's shop New Business -

<u>V-8 PO Box</u> - Volunteer needed to pick up mail in Bloomington as Gary Weyrauch is retiring from the job.

<u>B.J.'s Books</u> - some are still available per Bruce N. and were posted on Early Ford V-8 Club classified ads

<u>Highland Fest</u>- will again have a Ford product car show on July 19, 9-5 in front of library much like last year. Bruce N. has more info. \$5 vehicle charge will cover dash plaques and window cards.

Black Hills V-8 Tour - is planned for September 13 –18, averaging 100 miles per day per Bruce. (information now available on www.earlyfordv8.org)

National V-8 Meet - at Cragun's - 27 registrations received to include 55 people and 21 vehicles. Event pins, shift knobs are in process. National Awards will be provided by national club at no cost to us. Next month's V-8 meeting at St. Michael's will have more specifics including info about day tour.

<u>Activities Director</u> - V/P Steve says we should really have one to oversee individuals planning monthly activities.

<u>Adjourned</u> for desserts and Quiz - What's your Ford I.Q.? was given by Steve and won by Bruce N. Congratulations!

Bill Blood, Secretary

Junkyard Tour-April 25th

Ah yes, it's almost spring. What better way to celebrate the 2 1/2 days of spring we have around here by investing one in plundering a local junkyard. We just can't get enough of French Lake so we are off to that yard on April 25th. Meet at the Perkin's on Hwy 55 and I-494 at 7 am if you want to eat before you go. We'll leave just after 8 am (following the traditional photo op) and caravan to the yard. We typically spread out all over the yard so bring a friend and some basic tools if you are after a heavy or stubborn part. There was a car I was after last year but after saving the quoted price, the price jumped so I passed and now I suspect it is game on to strip it and I will be there! Hope you have your sights set on an item of interest as well. Floyd and crew have been very good to the hobby so even if you have been there last year there will still be new treasures to explore. That is the fun of this yard.

Usually the crew thins out after lunch. I like to stop at Mom's Diner in South Haven but I think I have something else to do. Good diner food and car décor makes this worth a trip if you have the time, I know you'll be hungry after tromping around the yard all morning. I'm bringing my son to continue his education on what is fun in life so invite a new friend and join us for what is always a great time. John Titus

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Contact Tom Murray for more information. 651-755-9055.

Note that the

has location changed and will be at the east end of the Highland Fest street closures. It will be a "first registered, first in" system. There will be a limit to the number of Ford Com-Motor pany vehicles due to space on Ford Parkway. Plan now to be one of them. Special dash plaques and windshield

cards.

2015 Monthly Events Schedule

Certainly many things to see and do in 2015. Come to the February Meeting and submit your ideas and find out about the years activities. And, if you just cannot wait to share your ideas, contact Gordy Ditmanson at 651-646-8103 to schedule a month.

April: Meeting Topic: All About the Central National Meet **Event:**

May: Meeting Topic: "Roadtrip Review" Bring your list of essentials—tools, spare parts, etc—which have evolved with age and experience to share with the group (and maybe some things not to bring) Event: Saturday May 16, Spring Tour to Western Wisconsin. Dennis Carney will have more information in the May issue.

June: Meeting Topic: Event:

July: NO MEETING Event: 2015 Central National Meet, Brainerd, MN.

August: Meeting Topic: Event:

September: Meeting Topic: Event:

October: Meeting Topic: Event:

November: Meeting Topic: Event:

December: Meeting Topic: Event:

2015 Geezer Breakfast Schedule 3rd Thursday of the Month

<u>April 16:</u> Ron Goette — I-HOP - Maplewood.

May 21: Bill Blood — Highland Café & Bakery — Highland Park.

<u>June 18:</u> Kent Tabako — Pippins Restaurant — Roseville.

<u>July 16:</u> Central National Meet — Cragun's Dining Room — Brainerd.

<u>August 20:</u> Ron Long — Woodbury Café — Woodbury.

<u>September 17:</u> Gary Rosenberger — I-HOP — Bloomington.

October 15: Joel Bergstrom — TBD.

November 19: Gordy Ditmanson — Highland Café & Bakery — Highland Park.

<u>December 17:</u> Harvey Oberg — Woodbury Café — Woodbury.

Another great job by Gary Isaacson on rounding up hosts for the full year.

Interested in Ford history? Check out this

video

http://www.youtube.com/embed/

<u>iKlt6rNciTo?rel=0</u>

The Great V-8 Northwoods Getaway—Update

Here it is www.efv8cnm2015.org put it in your 'Favorite' list.

This is the Meet's website. From here you will be able to see what we have planned for events, register for the Meet, register your vehicle, and sign up for being a Judge. You may use your credit card securely on this webpage. Checking the online reports — we have already had a cancelation. Currently we have members signed up from AZ, CA, CO, GA, IA, IL, MO, MT, NY, OH, OK, SD, WA, WI, and MN.

And, for all you talented members out there, a request: How about making a donation to the Your Choice Raffle? We were thinking....art work, knitting, re-conditioned distributor, crocheting, collectibles......what have you? Contact Pat Minor at 763-300-1070 to donate.

So this '36 LB short block walks into a bar and plops its bell housing onto a bar stool. He needs some time to think, for he's having a major identity crisis. And where else to get some good advice but from his friends at the local watering hole?

For an hour he quietly nurses a couple quarts of 10W-30. Then he finishes off with a chaser of ZDDP. A double. Now he's fortified, but not too fortified, and he's ready to talk. The entire bar becomes silent. "Look," he begins, "I've had a good life. Powered a '36 Tudor through the Depression and WWII and for a few years after that. Regular oil changes, a couple valve jobs, new points and condensers when needed, frankly, life has been good. Even did some dirt track racing in the late '50s. Then I sat for years in a garage.

"But now—wow! I'm ready and raring to get on with a whole new life. I've been magnifluxed, boiled, acid treated, plus ultrasound on the cylinder walls, and a couple small cracks repaired. My cylinders are all sleeved back to standard, I have all new Egge pistons, plus new hardened valve seats, stainless intake and exhaust valves, Johnson tappets with the radius bottoms, a '39

-'42 crank with the mains ground down to '36 dimensions (now I didn't have to find those flanged rod bearings)".

"I could add a pair of genie '32 heads and tall neck water pumps, plus a beautiful '32 intake manifold with the tall '32 fuel pump, post generator, and DL carb. Hey, admit it, I could almost pass for a real '32 V-8 engine."

"But not quite. I'm thinking of filling in that pesky recess in my front between the timing gear cover and the motor mounts with bondo. Who'd be the wiser? But one big question is the pan. I have this beautiful '32 cast aluminum pan back at the shop. Like, really, really, nice. But it has no means for ventilating my crankcase. If I swap out my ventilated '36 pan for the genie '32 aluminum one, what could go wrong? I'll be going into this smack-dab gorgeous '32 three-window, and I so wanna be a '32 engine. Or at least pass for one. (ignore for the moment that someone may notice my less-than-straight-down drain petcocks). Do I wear the aluminum pan or not? What do you guys think?"

So the bartender says.....(your comments anxiously awaited)

Submitted by new member Dean Hansen

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