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The Sun of August!



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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 V8 Club of America and is sent to all current members and advertisers. TCRG is chartered by the Early Ford V8 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 V8 engines, including all Fords, Mercurys and Lincolns so equipped from 1932 through 1953.

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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.

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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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TCRG Activities

Wednesday, August 2, 2006

Membership Meeting @ Environments, Inc. The TCRG annual picnic. The cookout will begin at 6:30 PM. TCRG is furnishing hot dogs, hamburgers and condiments. It would be appreciated if everyone brings a side dish, salad, chips, or dessert to share. A casual business meeting will begin after dinner.

August 5 and 6, 2006

Tour to Chippewa Falls, WI. See Gary Rosenberger's Article on page 5.

August 7-11, 2006

Western National Meet, Tacoma, WA

Sunday, August 13, 2006

New Brighton "Stockyard Days" car show and Swap meet. There are still worker slots to fill in. Please contact Bruce Nelson @ 651-482-8940 or on E-Mail & nelsbol@msn.com if you would like to lock in a certain time. Even if not working, come out and enjoy the show and Stockyard festivities.

Thursday, August 17, 2006

Geezer Breakfast. Specifics will be announced at the Membership meeting and through Ron Long's E-Mail notification system.

Wednesday, September 6, 2006

Membership meeting Cruise to a local restaurant TBD. Please bring your ideas to the August Membership meeting.

Wednesday, September 13, 2006

Board Meeting. Specifics next month

Wednesday, September 17, 2006

Geezer Breakfast. Specifics next month

New Members

No new Members this month

TCRG Chatterbox

- Due to a personal vacation, the Club Member Profile will return next month. Thanks, Editor
- TCRG Member Harvey Oberg recently had an operation and is recovering nicely. His address and phone number are in the current roster if you would like to contact him and wish him well.
- The Early Ford V-8 Foundation now has a toll free number to better serve the Early Ford V-8 universe. That number is **1-888-229-1042**
- Your Editor is pleased to report the TCRG Website has been updated! Specific updates include an easier way to access information for the Central National Meet. This should help national Club members find what they are looking for. Please refer them to it! Also, we've added a page where anyone can "click and print" all Rumble Sheets since February, 2006. I've updated the site's Picture Gallery to include the Junk Yard Tour, All Ford Picnic, the Editor's personal Dearborn Trip, and added to the Member's Rides gallery (by the way, feel free to send me a picture of your car!).

Finally, based on a suggestion from Steve Seidl, we added the "preferred vendors" list from the Roster that TCRG members have suggested. Thanks, Steve! If you haven't visited in awhile, please do so! Suggestions welcomed!

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Happy Birthday!

August 1	Sharon Myers
August 5	Joe Floyd
August 6	Helen Forest
August 13	Cindy Flores
August 20	Jill Minor
August 27	Cheryl Granlund
August 30	Harvey Oberg
August 30	Dick Tempel

Meeting Minutes

No meetings in July to report on.

Roster Updates

Membership Chair Kent Tabako has provided the following mid-year Roster updates.

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50 Ford Tudor, 49 Pickup, 49 F-6

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32 Deluxe Coupe

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51 Crestliner, Lincoln coupe, Merc Coupe,

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2- 41 Ford Coupes

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36 Ford 5-w Coupe

Please make a note of these updates in your 2006 roster!

Chippewa Falls Tour

Saturday August 5th, 2006 is the date set for our overnighter Car Tour to Chippewa Falls Wisconsin. We will meet Saturday morning at the Perkins Restaurant in Hudson Wisconsin. Take I94 east from St. Paul and after entering Wisconsin take Exit 2 at the top of the hill which is Carmichael Rd. Take a right and go about two blocks and take a left onto Center Drive. The Perkins is set back off of that corner. For those who want to eat breakfast, be there at 8am and for those who want to pass on breakfast, be there by 9am. We will leave exactly at 9am for Chippewa Falls, as there are about 15 cars going on the tour so we need to be on time. I will have my cell phone on for any problems. Call Gary Rosenberger at 651-470-5992. Thank You

National News

The National Club recently provided us with a recap on the status of Early Ford V-8 Restoration Books:

1932 Ford Book

In stock \$19.95

1933-34 Ford Book

Being finalized, expected Q3, 06

1935-36 Ford Book

In stock, 2nd edition, \$29.95

1937 Ford Book

Committee working

1938-39 Ford Book

In stock \$34.95

1940 Ford Book

In stock \$20.95

1941-48 Ford book

In stock \$34.95

1949-51 Ford Book

In stock, 2nd edition \$29.95

1949-51 Mercury Book

Discussion stage

1952-53 Ford book

Discussion stage

McCoppin's Grease Pit Poet

In stock \$5.95

The V-8 Album

In stock \$49.95

All available can be purchased a variety of ways through the National Web site

www.earlyfordv8.org

The national Club looking for volunteers for to produce the following EFV8C Books:

1932-39 Ford Truck

1940-47 Ford Truck

1948-52 Ford Truck

1939-41 Mercury

1942-48 Mercury

Back to the 50's

The 2006 MSRA Back to the 50's is now behind us. While the Members endured some rain on Saturday, it did not dampen their spirits, who came out to enjoy the show. Here are a few pictures from the weekend.



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The Central National Meet Committee met on July 20, 2007. Our first piece of business was to find out about the Eastern Meet from Bruce, and what we could steal shamelessly. He didn't disappoint! He brought back many creative ideas and good suggestions that the committee can consider for our Central Meet.

We also discussed each Meet agenda item making important decisions on how much we should charge for general registration, as well as major meals and promotional items. We only have to finalize a few more prices before we can publish a full, complete registration. I took the team through the updated website, demonstrating how much easier it is to obtain information about the Meet.

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Test Your Knowledge II

TCRG member Bruce Burrows submitted another challenging quiz. The answers will be posted in the September Rumble Sheet.

1. During the early years of the Lawrence Welk show, what make of car was his sponsor?
 2. What make of car was the 1954 Indy Pace car?
 3. Who was the only US President in the 20th century that never went to college?
 4. What make of car had the tag line "Twin H Power"?
 5. Ford had paid their workers \$2.40 for a nine hour work day. What year did they make history and change it to \$5 per eight hour day?
 6. What was the only year that Mercury made a model called the "Medalist"?
 7. In 1963, Ford changed the ignition switch side from the left to the right side of the steering column. Who's idea was it to make this change?
 8. What was the first country to use Daylight Savings time?
 9. What was the first year that Oldsmobile offered a V-8 engine?
 10. What was the last year Ford car that they offered the 406 cubic inch V-8 engine option?
- Thanks, Bruce!!!

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GEEZER BREAKFAST SURPRIZE

The dash plaques and license plate say it all. This bright red T Roadster set a land speed record at Bonneville cruising at a mind-blowing bone-rattling salt-spraying 217 MPH. It only got up to 212 MPH at El Mirage Dry Lake though.



The vintage screamer was en route from San Diego to Milwaukee with a lay-over at Milt LaPanta's, which happened to coincide with the June Geezer Breakfast at Khoury's in Inver Grove Heights. Milt thought the geezers might like seeing it in his trailer before resuming his car-hauling trip to its new Wisconsin owner. I'd like to say we unloaded it and took turns on the freeway, but we didn't. Milt did fire it up though. In its racing mode it runs an Ardun-headed flathead. You never know who or what might show up at a TCRG Geezer Breakfast. By Ron Long

BRING YOUR SWEETHEART TO BATAVIA...

By Bruce Nelson

The 2007 Eastern National Meet is history. It occurred from July 10 – 13, 2006. I loaded up the Sport Trac and headed out on Thursday July 6. First stop was Warren, MI and a rest at Bob and Dee Proch's house. Well, we were running late – toll booth construction in Chicago – and after a phone call, we found out that Dee was in the hospital, but we were to drive on in anyway. Bob met us and informed us that it looked like Dee was going to be okay. Up the next morning and off to the Canada bypass. With a short stop to talk to customs, we were off. It is so cool to drive in Canada --- you get to go 100.

Once back in the USA, we headed for Medina NY for the night. We had a room in a little motel right on the main intersection of town, and down the street from the Ford Dealer. I stopped to get my souvenir advertising license plate. In trying to find a dinner spot we found the weekly Medina Friday night cruise in. They do have some interesting cars in NY.

The next morning it was off to the Medina Railroad Museum. There we found virtually every place near Batavia knows about the V-8 Meet, and we enjoyed a discounted admission. The Museum is an old Railroad freight house and has the largest HO gauge train layout in NY. From there we headed southeast to LeRoy NY.

Once in LeRoy, we found the Jell-O Museum. Did you know that gelatin is made from animal bones? Makes you want to rethink red Jell-O, doesn't it. Interesting museum, and again, on the front desk was a sign welcoming the our members to NY. From there we headed south to Letchworth State Park – the Grand Canyon of the East. This is a beautiful park

with scenic overlooks, and many falls that you can walk down the gorge to see. We had planned to stay at the Glen Iris Inn at the park, but 2 weddings had filled the rooms. We instead drove north to Silver Springs NY and a wonderful bed and breakfast called 'Little Bit of Heaven'. This is a house that was built in 1890. Silver Springs is also the home of Morton Salt. It was suggested we drive 7 miles to Warsaw and eat at a place called the Village Inn. This used to be a bed and breakfast, but the cooking was so good that they converted it to a restaurant. And the food was good!! The next morning we were treated to a 5-course breakfast that filled you up so much that we didn't eat again until 7 that night.

From Silver Springs we drove to Arcade NY to ride the Arcade & Attica Railroad. It was a fun and relaxing ride in the NY countryside. Once done there we headed for Batavia and the start of the Meet.

At the hotel, we checked in and found many familiar faces to greet. We found Milly Scheidt and started to stuff the 318 envelopes with our 2007 Central Meet flyers.

Monday July 10 started with a beautiful sunrise and the opening of registration. I opened the V-8 Foundation table and started selling memberships, books, raffle tickets, and the new 75th Anniversary of the Ford Flathead pins. I also handed out lots of information on how to donate. That night was the BBQ and the food and entertainment was great.

Tuesday was a repeat of Monday, but I found time to check out the Flea Market, and attend the President's Meeting, the Foundation Meeting and the Judge's and Car Owner's Meeting. The Welcome Party followed the meetings, and it was a great one. Good food,

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music and conversation.

Wednesday was Concourse Day and as much as we tried to talk to the 'supreme being', the weatherman was right. It had started raining about 4 am, and by 7 am at the Judge's Breakfast, it was not looking good. By 10 am, there was no change in sight, and the Concourse was postponed until Thursday. Anyone who had to leave could have their car judged under the hotel canopy. Charlie and Darlene Gunn joined us as we headed to the Eastman House in Rochester. The Eastman, is the Eastman of Kodak Film, and what a wonderful gallery and home it is. We stopped to have lunch in a stainless steel diner, and it was still raining. By the time we got back around 4:30, it had started to stop raining. The final total for the day was 3.36 inches. Not quite a record, but enough.

Since Thursday, was going to be a tour on your own day, I had reserved a tee time at Terry Hill Golf Course. I told my judging team that I would be back by 10 am, and since we only had 4 trucks to judge, we should be done by noon. Well the day started real foggy, and since I had never played this course before, the first 6 holes were a challenge. I was done by 8:50 am and back at the hotel and ready to judge by 9:20 am. I wore one of my lime green T-shirts so my judging team found me immediately. The team was on the last truck when the Chief Judge drove by and informed me that since I went off and played golf this morning, that the team was being penalized and would have to do another truck. We still finished before 11.

The Awards Banquet was a great time and they showed the DVD that they produced on two screens as we raffled off the 1/16th scale Texaco truck. I spoke about the Foundation's programs, and then they awarded the awards.

It was interesting to note that of the 188 cars, only 53 were point judged, and most were Dearborn Emeritus (the new walk around category). It was over too soon, and we headed back to pack.

It never fails that you end up with more than you bring. I brought home lots of items that we can use for the Central 2007. And some that I could not bring home. Those are now in Indiana --- any one going there soon?

Up early on Friday, and we were trying to get everything in the Sport Trac. We finally left about 8:30 am, and headed for Niagara Falls. We stopped at the Casino and enjoyed lunch. Then through Customs and into Michigan and back to Bob and Dee's. Dee was home from the hospital and looking like nothing happened. We had dinner and watched the Tigers on TV. Saturday morning was sticky. We knew we were headed into the heat. Once out of Detroit, I saw a sign that said 'Exit here for Dearborn 2006 Swap Meet'. Well, we did. This is the premiere Ford swap meet. On the way in, we saw the daughters of Doug and Sharon Fawk setting up some tables and decided that is where we should start. They remembered me, and although I remembered them as being a lot younger and shorter, we chatted and found things to buy. Doug had a lot of Chicago Worlds Fair stuff and I spent an hour helping them price it. We spent much too much time there and still had Chicago and Wisconsin left to drive. We made it home about 3 hours later than planned and put a total of 2332 on the odometer.

Post script: No one is staying home because of gas prices. We saw prices from \$3.27 to \$2.87.

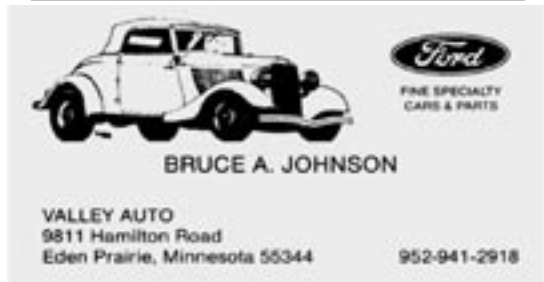
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- 1936 Ford Deluxe 4-door Trunkback Touring Sedan, Rust free with very clean undercarriage. Columbia 2 speed rear axle, correct flathead V8 factory rebuilt engine with insert bearings. Nice original interior, directional lights, dual exhaust, HW heater, radio with FM, auxiliary electric fuel pump, tool set, WWSW, great brakes, black. Nice driver. One of the best. 22,420 miles. \$19,500. Tom Halfpenny, (651) 738-0838
- 51 Ford Victoria, solid, complete, disassembled for restoration, \$2000 OBO, Dan Seibert, 651-454-1905 (7/06)
- 1950 Ford Flathead engine, complete, runs well. 1950 straight transmission in excellent condition. Complete '50 dash including all gauges. John Cramble, 763-572-9280 (8/06)
- 1940 Ford Parts, both body and mechanical. Bill Blood 612-722-4172 (7/06)
- 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)
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- 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)

BJ's Corner



- 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
- 1934 Ford Deluxe Roadster, All steel, correct body-off restoration, test miles only, Armory green, black fenders, copra top, killer woodgrain, Dearborn quality car, never been shown
- 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

- 1936 Ford Deluxe 3 Window Coupe, all steel body-off restoration, Washington blue, killer correct interior, radio, banjo wheel, WWSW, spydery, really a nice 3 window coupe.

- 1934 Ford Deluxe Victoria, all steel restoration of a super correct example, cordoba, radio, dog, WWSW, beauty rings, correct trunk boots, drives 100% and looks the same.

- 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

- 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, nice correct interior

- 1951 Mercury Convertible. All steel CA car, restored.

- 1948 Ford Super Deluxe coupe, Body-off resto, killer straight black, wws 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, 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.

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

Wanted

- 3 or 4 wheels for 1936-39 (large bolt pattern). They don't have to be in great condition, just good enough to use with old tires to roll a chassis around the garage. Cheap is good. Contact Kent Tabako 763-755-7535.

- Check your junk boxes and back corners for an electric, 12 volt Bermuda bell. Tim Anderson 763-493-4655 (4/06)

- Ford hand tools to make up a tool kit. Monkey wrench, Box wrench, screwdriver, small open-end wrenches. Harvey Oberg, 651-739-9754

- 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)

- 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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