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Recipient of the 2013 Golden Quill Award



**As good an excuse as any for not making it to the
Central National Meet**

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Twin Cities Regional Group
Early Ford V-8 Club of America
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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 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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The following ad is from Gary Nielsen at (320) 235-3935 or (320) 894-8685, or via email at : garybob@charter.net Gary is the owner of the 1950 Mercury that was very damaged during the wind storm during the Central Meet.

- **FOR SALE or PARTS:** Original un-restored 1950 Mercury Sports Sedan. Perfect running drive train. Transmission with overdrive, Excellent interior with exception of headliner. Seat covers have been on since dealer delivery. Rear clip is use-able, as are the front fenders, and drivers side doors. Grille and bumpers are good. Contact Gary if interested in all or parts. Also looking for a replacement —SOLD CAR
- **WANTED:** 3 inch shock link, prefer NOS, stamped cups on one side, has Ford 48-18055-A3 cast between the bolts. Check your parts. Need one. Bruce 651-482-8940 (July)
- **WANTED:** My adopted Grandson Tony Richert, inherited a 1947 1 Ton Pickup from his other grandfather. This pickup had been sitting in a field behind Grandpa's house for many, many years. Tony, who is 19 years old, decided this would be a good summer project, especially since his dad had once driven this truck himself. Tony and some buddies trailered the pickup home and decided to go to work. Found out the engine was no good, so went to work to find a replacement. A 59 AB would be the correct one. Went to the swap meet at Back to the 50's, and found one for \$600.00. With only \$500 in his pocket, he asked the fellow from Duluth what his bottom price was and if the

engine would work. Engine would turn over and indeed would run, bottom price \$500.00. The engine was Tony's and is now sitting in their garage. The plan is to leave the body stock, but "pep" up the motor a bit. Tony was told the cylinders are bored to .060 over already. He is now looking for an intake manifold for dual carbs, and one that has a separation between the two. (He saw one that has the carbs close together, and another one that has more space between the two.) The one with the additional space is the one he's looking for. Another item he prefers is Stroker Carbs, so if you have a couple laying around and are willing to get rid of them, let me know. Additionally, this truck had split rims on the back and since the bolt pattern is somewhat goofy, he would prefer normal rims and believe they would fit.

This to me is the future of our club, so I would like to do everything I can to help him find the pieces/parts. Naturally, being 19 years old he is not the richest kid on the block, but I have been enthused by the research he has done on the internet, as relates to this truck project. If you should have any of these parts, or are willing to be a telephone consultant, please let me know and I will be happy to bring you together with Tony. Tony lives in Lake Elmo, is truly a great kid, and I am proud to claim him as my adopted grandson. Gary Isaacson 651-430-9009 (Oct)

Miscellany

- The Highland Fest 2nd Annual All Ford Car & Truck Show was held on July 19th. It was a gorgeous day. Cool with a slight breeze, a perfect day to bring out the flathead. Nine TCRG members brought cars out. I remember some members saying that it was too close to the Central National Meet in Brainerd, and that they would need time to decompress after the Meet. Since there was no Central National Meet, WHERE WERE YOU?
- We have one local show coming up. Volunteers are needed to help out. New Brighton Car Show and Swap Meet is August 9. Sign up sheet will be at the August Meeting. To get your name on the sign up sheet:
New Brighton — Bruce Nelson 651-482-8940
This is the only fund raiser the Club has.
- The 2015 Black Hills National Driving Tour has been revamped slightly to allow for MORE participants. We will now be using Rapid City as the headquarters and heading out each day to see a different area. If you think you want to go — don't hesitate this time. Registration forms are on the National website. Deadline is August 31. This will be a great tour. And it has been pointed out that the word HILLS in the title really does relate to where we will be going. There will be hills to climb in your old Ford.
- And you read it here first — this will be my last time editing the Rumble Sheet. Start looking for someone else to take on these duties. I have done my time and the words are getting harder to flow smoothly.
- And while still on the subject of the 2015

Central National Meet, we have already been asked back by the CRAGUN'S management. I hear that 2017 is open.

- Again, for you that think that the \$988 double occupancy rate was high at CRAGUN'S (including 9 meals), I just calculated what it would cost to attend the 2016 Eastern National Meet in Gettysburg. Not counting the cost to get there and the hotel stay (which is about \$650); to register and take in the events will cost you \$397, and that is only 4 meals. You are there for 4 days and you have to eat at least 6 meals on your own. Ours is looking more and more as a bargain.



Exact same spot.....just 24 hours difference in time.

Monthly Meeting Location

August 5th the membership meeting will be a picnic with a short business meeting. The picnic will begin at 4:30 at Wabun Park-Shelter B, Minnehaha Regional Park (across from where the Ford plant used to be.) We have met here several times in the past and the pavilion is accessed from the West River Road just west of the Lock and Dam area. People are asked to bring their own food to this picnic but there will be a wood fire for grilling. The club will provide soft drinks and water. Please bring some ideas for activities for the rest of the year as well. Questions call Gordy at 612-889-8633

Program: Ideas for remainder of the year.

TCRG Activities

Wednesday, August 5, Monthly Meeting and Picnic — see above for information.

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 Show and Swap Meet — Long Lake Regional Park, New Brighton, MN. 8 am to 4 pm.

September 13—18: Black Hills of South Dakota National Driving Tour. Fall in the Black Hills, WOW! Includes train ride, Devil's Tower, Mt Rushmore and more. Info at meeting or www.earlyfordv8.org. No longer sold out. All day trips start from Rapid City.

Further Down the Road.....

June 12—16, 2016, Central National Meet in Tulsa OK. We went there in 1978. Here is your chance to do it again. Information available at www.earlyfordv8.org

July 11—15, 2016, Western New York Regional Group's Golden Anniversary National Tour. Starts in Batavia NY and includes nights in Jamestown, Corning, Binghamton, Syracuse, and back to Batavia. You will be touring around the Finger Lakes Region of NY. Think wineries. Contact Milly at millysch@frontiernet.net for more information.

August 8—11, 2016, Eastern National Meet in Gettysburg PA. If you missed it in 2014, they are doing it again. Cheaper hotel rates and registration fee. www.ncr36.com

From the President's Workbench

Last month I suggested we wouldn't be needing our snow shovels; unfortunately the same could not be said for chain saws! Mother Nature stepped into our best laid plans on July 12, 2015, and with eerily localized precision took out Cragun's Resort and strategic portions of the Brainerd Lakes Area, slated to host the Central National Meet.

Our heartfelt condolences go out to those who endured the physical dangers and the emotional and economic hardships of this historic storm, and especially those who sustained damage to their beloved V-8s.

The after-effects are still being tallied and quantified but include the human drama of fear and loss, bravery and heroics, people helping people, acts of generosity and support, near misses, coincidences and disbelief.

Much more will be written about these events in the future, and the stories will be passed down through the generations. But today, we want to acknowledge our deep sense of admiration for Bruce Nelson. He was the heart and soul of this 2015 Central National Meet, and the countless hours of planning and hard work over the past year approached Herculean proportions. We share not only his disappointment but also his resilience and forward looking energy.

We also acknowledge the hard work and contributions of his team including his lieutenants, Pat Minor and Dennis Carney, the staff at Cragun's, Gary Rosenberger and his scouts, Kent, Ron, and Bill who laid out an elaborate driving tour, generous donations from Cliff Helling and Ron Long, and others, all the field workers who signed up to work, many of whom helped with the clearing up, and of course the Officials from the National organization and Cornerstone.

In reality this Meet actually happened, albeit fore-shortened, and it leaves a legacy that will be remembered for a long time.

Gordy

Tales from the Ice

I had a different idea of what to write about in this month's column, but I changed my mind and this is what I came up with.

As of today, we, the TCRG have sponsored five Central National Meets — 1979, 1987, 2000, 2007, and 2015. Every one of these Meets, we have had support from the membership and lots of volunteers to help out.



This year, I would like to recognize some great people that weren't at some of the earlier Meets. And for many of them, this was their first Early Ford V-8 Club National Meet.

Dave and Ellen Dalhin—worked the registration table. Had never done anything like that before and yet, got things done. John and Jeannie Beltrand, again, never had attended a Meet, yet worked the registration table. Mike and Viv Timmermans helped set up the registration room and folded and laid out shirts. Mike Erickson helped in the beginning and stayed and helped pack up until the very end. Howie Gilbert, the one that said the power lines were safe. Joel Bergstrom, our Concourse Coordinator that worked on the concourse layout and made those great spot markers. Only for them not to be used. Gary Isaacson who told me he was having a bad day, yet continued to work on the task at hand. These are the people who I want to see volunteer again. I hear that 2019 is open?

And I can't forget Pat & Jill and Denny & Myrna for keeping me on track.

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

July Meeting Minutes

No July Meeting — no minutes

We have the items you want --

Yes we have all sorts of items remaining from the 2015 Central National Meet.

How about a Hat Pin for \$5, or a 1937-38 style gear shift knob with the Meet logo in it for \$20. Or very fashionable 3 button polo shirts (sizes S M L XL) for \$30 and (XXL XXXL) for \$32.

Call now before the selection becomes limited. Items are going fast and you can also avoid the shipping and handling costs by dealing directly with the warehouse located in Minnesota. 2015 CNM Merchandise 651-482-8940.

Just announced — one time only 2015 Central National Meet Judges hats — yes the ones that the Judges wore during the Concourse. Limited number remain — \$5 each. Be the first in your family to own one.

If you had reservations at CRAGUN'S for July 12–16, 2015, your room deposit and the nights stay have been refunded. The Central National Meet Committee is currently working on sending out any remaining items purchased, refunds for events that did not take place, and also refunding all registration fees. This last refund, is being funded by the National Club. The committee's suggestion is, if you do not want the refund back, instead of sending the check back, take it and use it to re-new your National Club dues for 3 years.

Just a thought.



While the weather was excellent, the turn out needed some help. We were represented by Bill Gay, Larry & Twylah Sushen, Gary Weyrauch, Mike Erickson, Tom Murray, Joel Bergstrom, Don & Kate Plautz, Bill Blood, and Mary and I. We enjoyed the craft fair and food. And we parked within crawling distance of the Dairy Queen. And if you were there at the right time, we were even visited by a local celebrity. Yes the Mayor of Garage Logic, the Fireworks Commissioner of Gumption County, and all around good guy, Joe Soucheray joined the Highland Fest All Ford & Truck Show coordinators Tom Murray (left) and Bruce Nelson (center) in checking out the Fords, Mercurys and Lincolns. Joe was impressed with our cylinder index, even though, we knew we could have done better.

The Great V-8 Northwoods Getaway

Henry Ford said, : *"Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success."*

It lasted all of 19 hours. From Sunday afternoon at 1 pm to Monday morning at 8 am, the 2015 Central National Meet existed. We had members from all over the country. Even last minute arrivals from as far away as Massachusetts.

But, after a quiet overcast Pre-dinner Welcome Reception on the deck to a great 3 entrée buffet dinner, everything changed. The evening announcements and welcome went well, and the National President made his presentation of the sponsoring award. Reminders were announced about Monday activities and then we enjoyed dessert.

About 7 pm it started raining and within minutes a CRAGUN'S staff person announced to the room that we all had to go down stairs. The hallway was crowded with over 400 people and everyone seemed to accept the fact that weather was coming that concerned the safety of the guests. At 7:20 the lights went out.

For the next hour and a half people used their cell phones for light, and moved around in the hallway best they could. The conference room hallway that we were in was on the back side of the main lodge, the safest place we could be. The staff opened up the conference rooms to allow for cooler air to get into the hallways. The conference rooms also had chairs so people migrated to sit. The rooms also had windows that face the docks and lake and that is when we got the first glimpse of what was happening. The wind was roughing up the lake. Within minutes leaves started falling on the roadway between the building and lake. That is when I determined it was really going to be a windstorm or worse. The staff brought ice water and cups down for the crowd. Around 8:30, Dutch Cragun addressed the crowd. His news was not good. Many trees were down. Many electrical poles were down. The backup generator for the south building was out of commission due to a fallen tree. And since the backup generator was not working, when allowed back to our rooms, there would be only enough water for one flush. We slowly climbed the stairs to the upper floors, not sure what we would see. Once we got past the dinning room, it was bad. There was not a tree standing around the main entrance. You could not see vehicles that were parked along the tree line. I had 4 vehicles in the lot. The first to be seen was the Sport Trac. It had a branch laying along one side. The U-haul truck, which I expected to see laying on its side looked like it was OK. I could not see the 1949 because a pine tree blocked my view. Walking down the hallway I found out why I could not see the 1949 — the pine tree was on it, along with 3 high tension electric lines. My mom's car was just around the corner and was only covered in leaves.

We were told not to go outside the building, but there was too much to check out. Once we realized that every roadway was impassible, the only thing to do was to go to your room. It was dark. So for the first time in about 50 years, we went to bed at 9:30. The whole Meet was over in 19 hours.

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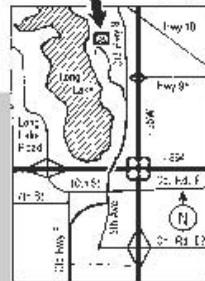
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Co-organizers: Early Ford V-8 Club and Thunderbird Midwest Club For Information: Bruce Nelson (651) 482-8940
www.stockyarddays.org

2015 Monthly Events Schedule

Certainly many things to see and do in 2015. And, if you have ideas to share, contact Gordy Ditmanson at 651-646-8103 to schedule a month.

August 5: Meeting Topic: Annual Club Picnic- location and information TBD **Event: New Brighton Car Show & Swap Meet**

September: Meeting Topic: Event:

October: Meeting Topic: Event:

November: Meeting Topic: Event:

December: Meeting Topic: Event:



When you are up to your in tree branches you try not to be serious.

2015 Geezer Breakfast Schedule 3rd Thursday of the Month

August 20: Ron Long – Woodbury Café – Woodbury.

September 17: Gary Rosenberger – I-HOP – Bloomington.

October 15: Joel Bergstrom – TBD.

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

December 17: Harvey Oberg – Woodbury Café – Woodbury.

TCRG Glovebox

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