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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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- **NEW:** Pentronix Ignitor electronic ignition for a 6 volt positive ground 1949-51 Ford 8BA engine. Brand new replacement. Regularly costs \$125, put you can own this one in the box, unopened for only \$75. Bruce 651-482-8940 (Mar)



Miscellany

- This is what we have for 2015 TCRG Board Member positions:
President: ??
Vice President: Steve Seidl
Secretary: ??
Activities Director: ??

So, we need some help. Looking for volunteers.



- So, winter is coming. And, we will probably be indoors more now, so Gary Isaacson sent me this link to all these cool old car movies. All makes and years:
www.tvraaca.org/oldmovie.htm
- Forgot to mention last month, but the Ford Legacy committee met on October 20th with many interested former Twin Cities employees and others from historical organizations. The consensus was that we need to keep working to keep our plans in the main stream. It was suggested that we are currently just a group of people getting together with a dream — we need to become an organization, such as an Educational Foundation in which we can gain support and show that we are serious about moving forward. More to follow because we plan to attend a City of St Paul meeting on November 10th.

- Bill Blood has reminded me to mention that he will be taking donations (both food items and checks — checks preferred) for the Minnesota Food Share at the December meeting.
- The annual TCRG Banquet will be held on Saturday January 24th 2015. The location will be the Fort Snelling Officers' Club, located off Post Road exiting from Highway 5 at the MSP Airport. Social Hour will start at 5:30 p.m. (open bar from 5:30 to 7 p.m.) Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. followed by a program at 6:45 p.m. There are two dinner choices, and they are listed on the Banquet and Dues Renewal form with this issue. There will be table wine and hors d'oeuvres.
- And the Ballot. That too is included with this issue (unless you are a non-member recipient). Please vote your choice and return with your Banquet and Dues Renewal form. If you choose to write in a name, please check with the person before you do.



TCRG Activities

Wednesday, December 3, 7:30 pm Monthly Meeting. St. Michael's Lutheran Church. Meeting Topic: Annual (hope it doesn't snow) Christmas Meeting. Don't forget your wrapped (his or her) white elephant gift.

Thursday, December 18, 9 am Geezer Breakfast — Woodbury Café, Woodbury. Thanks to Harvey Oberg for setting this up.

Wednesday, January 7, 7:30 pm Monthly Meeting.

Thursday, January 15, Geezer Breakfast

Saturday, January 24, Annual TCRG Banquet. Information on page 10.

Monday to Thursday, February 2— 5, National Board Face to Face Meeting. San Antonio Texas. Someone from our Club will be there.

And with the cold and flu season now approaching, we offer these words of wisdom from 101 year-old Hattie Mae MacDonald of Feague, Kentucky:

Reporter: Can you give us some health tips for reaching the age of 101?

Hattie: For better digestion I drink beer.

In the case of appetite loss I drink white wine.

For low blood pressure I drink Red Wine.

In the case of high blood pressure I drink scotch.

And when I have a cold I drink Schnapps.

Reporter: When do you drink water?

Hattie: Oh, I've never been that sick!

TCRG Activities

Further Down the Road Events

June 8—11, 2015 2015 Eastern National Meet, Concord North Carolina. Information now available on Early Ford V-8 Club website.

www.earlyfordv8.org

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!

Monthly Meeting Location

Meeting Location: St Michael's Lutheran Church, 1660 West County Road B, St Paul, 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: "Roll the Dice and Win a Prize" Bring a dollar to donate.

TCRG Glovebox

Cover Photo: Courtesy of the Ford Motor Company.

Rumble Sheet Contributors: The Editor would like to thank Steve Seidl, and Gary Isaacson for submission.

Notes From the President's Oblong Table

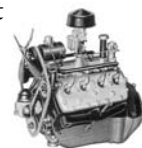
Christmas greetings to everyone! As I write this in mid November it is snowing again. Sure looks like a white Christmas is a given this year. Speaking of Christmas, our December meeting will be our annual Christmas party meeting. If you have Christmas type goodies to share, please bring them. Also we will be playing the dice game for white elephant gifts. Please bring in 2-3 wrapped gifts each to give. A \$2-\$3 value or somewhere in that area. Mark them for men or women. We will have a fun time playing for the gifts, and you may actually take home a real nice prize. Also, Bill Blood will be accepting donations in the form of checks for the local food shelf.

A big thank you goes out to Liz and Bill Blood for setting up a great November activity. The Johnny Cash musical tribute was a very nice show. We (Myrna and I) really enjoyed it. Then an early dinner afterwards capped off a fun afternoon.

Now on the serious side. We NEED members to step up and make a commitment to the club. We need officers!!! Someone needs to take a turn as an officer! As of this date we have several offices including President and Activities director open. We must get them filled. Will YOU take that step forward and make that commitment? As Uncle Sam used to say, "I want you".

Progress is being made on the Central National meet for next Summer. Several members have expressed interest in helping out, and a listing of tasks needed will be brought out sometime early next year.

Dennis



Tales from the Ice

It is almost the end of another year. I would like to use this time to thank all that have contributed to my job as Editor. Each month I look at several empty pages and try to figure out what will fill them. And there is always something contributed by you the members. So, thank you for your support! We can do it again in 2015.



The project for the rest of the winter is to install the new Hot Dawg gas heater in the garage. I probably waited too long to do this and it will be functioning come spring. I am reliving all the things my Dad taught me about gas and electric. The good news is that technology has progressed so that you don't have to use black steel pipe for all the connections. There is this new corrugated stainless steel piping, that you can bend without making it crinkle. It will cost about \$30 more than going with black steel pipe, but you will save that in time and effort. And these new heaters are so safe and efficient that you can mount them right up against the ceiling if you want.

I would also like to thank you, the members for voting in the last election. Oh, not the state election, but the National Club election. Even though I ran un-opposed, it was still pleasing to see that I had support from the membership. The National Face to Face Board Meeting will be in San Antonio TX the first week of February.

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

November Meeting Minutes

November 5, 2014

Meeting was called to order at 7:31 p.m. at St. Michaels.

Treasurers Report: We have money and all bills are paid.

Editor's Report: Keep those articles coming. Please note, that after numerous attempts to contact, we have been unable to find B Burrows. So please delete from mailing list. So long, Bruce.

Membership Report: With two new members added, we are now at a total of 83.

Secretary Report: The annual Banquet is scheduled for January 24th, 2015 at the Fort Snelling Officers' Club. Social hour starts at 5:30 p.m. and dinner at 6 p.m. Comment: "food is not getting any cheaper". Also Mary Gillies, good friend of Dobie, has volunteered to work on table decorations for the Banquet. Thanks Mary and any other assistants!!! Please get your registration forms filled out and mailed in as soon as you can. (see insert — ed)

Old Business: For those who attended the Johnny Cash Review "Ring of Fire" it was totally worth it. We had 10 couples attend. Thanks to Liz Blood for organizing this!!!

Also, thanks to Don and Kate Pautz and Gordy and Donna Ditmanson for the well laid out and enjoyable driving tours in September and October.

December Meeting: Will be at St. Michaels. Please bring 1 or 2 presents, wrapped and labeled for a Guy or Gal. Per President, we will be rolling the dice. Bring goodies also! The more the Merrier!

Food Shelf: Bill Blood will be taking your money donations for the Minnesota Food Shelf

at December's meeting. Hopefully the Good Lord has done you well this year and you can contribute.

Central National Meet Update: 2015 in Brainerd. This is quickly coming together. Bruce and team are putting together a chart of events and where help will be needed. If this is going to meet our Club's High Expectations for National Meets, we will need all hands to step forward and lend a hand. (did I really phrase it that way? — ed) So far we have money in the bank with generous donations from the 2014 Central and Western National Meets. We will also be asking for the loan from the National Club. 2015 will be a great year for the Meet. This month's presentation was on those pesky Ford Distributors by Bill Blood. Definitely informative! Thanks Mr. Blood. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by outgoing Secretary and 2015 Banquet Chairman, Steve Seidl



The Great V-8 Northwoods Getaway – Update

On Sunday November 2 the committee had a review meeting. We worked on going over and finalizing some of the events and the registration information.

At the November Meeting we previewed the shirts. They will be done using a new process that actually dyes the color into the shirt material. There was a suggestion that we have a polo shirt (3 button golf shirt). The committee will check that out. One thing to remember about how we are having shirts and trophies created, is that with the vendor being on-site, we can get items on demand, and not have to worry about having storage for items that do not sell.

We are actively working to find sponsors for some of the events. The Minnesota Wine and Cheese pre-Welcome Dinner, the Judge's gift, and the lunch during the Northwoods Driving Tour.

Members have asked what help will be needed and here is a preliminary list of help that will be needed:

1. Souvenir sales
2. Welcome event hosts
3. Operational check workers
4. Swap Meet assistance
5. Concourse vehicle parking assistance
6. Car wash supervision
7. Driving Tour assistance

And we know there will be more to do as we move along. We would like it so that we have many helpers so that no one has to spend a lot of time helping out.

Watch for more opportunities as we move forward. Registration information, the website, online registration, and raffle information will be available soon.



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Happy Birthday

December 3	Dave Fridlund
December 7	Bill Blood
December 15	Gary Isaacson
December 18	Twylah Sushen
December 27	Dick Punchard
December 27	Michael Wyman
December 28	Becky Isaacson
December 31	Cliff Helling







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A 65 Year Old Story

My owner doesn't like it if I talk about him. You see, he treats me pretty nice these days, a lot better than I used to be treated before he purchased me.

I guess I should introduce myself. I am a May 6th, 1949 Ford Custom Fordor, that was assembled at the now gone Twin Cities Assembly Plant in Saint Paul, Minnesota. I was sold through the Minor Ford Dealership in Minneapolis.

About 18 years ago, I moved to Roseville and took up residence with two other original Ford products; a 1973 Ford Ranchero GT, and a 1985 Ford Thunderbird Turbo Coupe. Through those 18 years I have had my original motor returned to my chassis, and have then traveled to Omaha, Branson, Brainerd, Winona, Dearborn, Auburn, Nebraska City, Lincoln, Lee's Summit, and most recently Council Bluffs. All of these were gas burning adventures. Sometimes I was fed the premium, and sometimes the alcohol. No matter what, I always managed.

I have only had two problems. On the trip back from Dearborn, one of my rear axle bearings turned to sand. A nice man with a Hagerty hat came and got me and returned me right back into my garage stall.

Most recently I got to Council Bluffs Iowa. It was another back road, two lane adventure. I was followed this time by a Ford Escape from Wisconsin. We did the hill up and the hill down. It sure was a challenge. Once there, my owner made sure the remains of the insect world that were introduced to me at 55 miles per hour were removed. I was in the company of other great Ford products from

Iowa, Kansas, Illinois, Nebraska, Colorado, Missouri, and Oklahoma. It was pretty impressive company. I can tell you that Iowa, the corn state, has an interesting fuel program. You can get 10%, 15%, 35%, and even 85%, along with straight low octane regular, and high octane regular. I preferred the high octane regular. It was even only 30 cents less expensive than the regular alcohol that is available in Minnesota.

I did have a good time in Council Bluffs. I was parked next to a very nice 1937 Ford Tudor for a while, with a Spring color none the less. An interesting color, sort of like dried pea soup. We toured around and I almost got to go to the casino, but my owner decided to take the shuttle bus instead. I saw the golden spike memorial; really just a slab of concrete the points up in the air. I got to park next to a Union Pacific Challenger steam locomotive. I went to the General Dodge House and saw what it was like to be a rich land baron back in 1869. General Dodge was one of the leaders of the transcontinental railroad. The Union Pacific Railroad Museum in downtown Council Bluffs looked interesting from the outside. I didn't get to go in.

On one of the days, I got to participate in the car and people games. I tried the fan belt toss, the back up to the post and the drive up to the post game. My owner wanted to try the blind drive, and I was scared to death that I would run over one of those brand new orange cones. I didn't, but it was close. My owner even posed for a picture before we started - I was so embarrassed!

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2014 Monthly Events Schedule

As part of Dennis Carney continuing as TCRG President, the requirements were to have individuals sign up for a meeting program and also a monthly event. Here are the months and the coordinators. More information will follow.

December: Dennis Carney Meeting topic: Annual Christmas Party/Cookie tasting/White Elephant exchange

Event: no event—enjoy the Christmas season.

January 2015 Banquet: Steve Seidl

2014 Geezer Breakfast Schedule

December 18: Harvey Oberg — Woodbury Grill, Woodbury

January 15: Gary Isaacson — Joseph's Restaurant in Stillwater. On the north side of Hwy 36, Frontage Road and Osgood. Just before you go down the hill into Stillwater.

But now — it's almost a new year. And it's time to start thinking about scheduling the Geezer's for 2015. Gary Issacson has volunteered to get the list together again. Give Gary a call or show up at the December Meeting to get to see the list first. When the list is done, I print it and then it just happens.

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Later that day we drove over to Uncle Buck's Grill inside the big Bass Pro Shop. I didn't get to go in, but my owner returned with a second place award...—...for doing the washer game, a non-vehicle game. And I tried so hard to win at the fan belt toss, I even squealed my tires!

The Spring Fling was over so soon. We had an uneventful drive home. The Ford Escape that kept me company on the way down decided to try the interstates, so I motored on the two lanes by myself. I stopped for a drink in St. Peter MN and as soon as I got back on the road, I started to feel faint and warm. I got much warmer, and my owner had to stop before we left town. It seemed that somehow I had spit out my coolant, and quite a bit of it. My owner got out the bucket and got some water from an antique store. I needed almost 2 gallons. I started right back up, and I drove the rest of the way home with a bucket of water on the floor. I guess I was due for a re-vitalization of fluids. It hadn't been replaced for 8 years. Instead of sending me to the car clinic my owner called around and it was determined that my two 'heart' valves had stuck and needed to be replaced. Well, you never know. I was fine until my owner decided to replace my central nervous system with one of those electronic pacemakers. That didn't work either, but that's a story for another time. I guess I will just wait and relax for the next 6 months.