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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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Membership dues for the TCRG are \$20 per calendar year. Membership in the Early Ford V-8 Club of America (the National Club) is a membership requirement of the Twin Cities Regional Group.

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General Driving Instructions continued from 8 **Review of Things to Remember:**

Don't attempt to start the engine with the switch turned off or without gasoline in the tank.
 Don't neglect the lubrication of any part of the car or your girl friend.
 Don't allow the clutch to engage too suddenly.
 Don't apply the brakes suddenly unless absolutely necessary.
 Don't attempt to shift to reverse gear when the car is moving ahead.
 Don't let every mechanic, or so-called repair man, make you believe that he knows more about the way the car ought to be built than the manufacturer. Do not allow amateur mechanics to change adjustments.
 Don't blame the starter when the engine won't start. Look for the problem.
 Don't push in starting button when engine is running. Besides the noise it may strip the ring gear or damage the Bendix.
 Don't drive a car until you are old enough to have good ordinary "horse" sense.
 Don't look around when your hat blows off
 Don't try to kiss the lady in the seat beside you.
 Don't go to sleep while driving.
 Don't trust one hand to do the guiding.
 Don't run at night without lamps. (If you've never done this you need to try it once when the moon is out and no traffic.)
 Examine the car mechanisms occasionally for loose

nuts and bolts.

When you undertake to make adjustments on your car, be sure you are right and **know what you are doing**, then go ahead.

The flashy driver, who makes quick turns and sudden stops, attracts attention, but ruins the car. The more smoothly a car is operated, the longer it will last and less often to get out of order. But at our age let 'er rip.

Courtesy Rules:

When a man approaching you from behind sounds his horn as a signal that he wishes to pass don't "step on it" etc.

It is not courteous to "steal" a parking space from a man who is getting ready to back in to it.

Do not imagine that every motorist on the road who tries to pass you is starting a race. He may be on important business.

When you pass a man from behind going in the same direction, do not cut in directly in front of him. **This is discourteous.** (Long forgotten rule)

It is discourteous to halt behind a traffic jam and honk your horn.

So there you have a few of Victor W. Page's notes from 1920-1950. I think some could be a little earlier. If you are inclined to dig deeper you can get Clymer Publications "Early V-8 Ford Service Manual". Or Dyke's Automobile and Gasoline Engine Encyclopedia from 1928 by A.L. Dyke.

Practice up and read up over the winter and be a better tour participant in 2016.

Next month I'll work on "A guide for touring with more than two cars".

If you have any thoughts on this please send them to me so they may be included.

Following that I'll cover the "CB" its use and abuse.

Miscellany

- And, before anyone else mentions it --- it will soon be time to renew your dues for 2016. Another year has slipped by.
- With the very nice early days of November, I worked on the 1949. Norm's Tire mounted my new 600.16 black walls. I also had them dismount 4 1936-1939 rims. I tried to do this with a saws-all, but all I did was make rubber dust. I also installed a new reproduction front floor mat. The original one started to disintegrate during the Black Hills National Driving Tour. Must have been the high temperatures. Now the most interesting fact is that to purchase four new tires, tubes, have them mounted on the rims and balanced, was a whooping \$550 more than it was 19 years ago. Let's see — that comes out to almost \$29 per year charge. And I should mention that the new floor mat, with backing, makes the inside of the car a lot quieter.
- The new video projector that the Club purchased survived its first test at the November meeting. Looks like a pretty nice piece of equipment. Will play almost any format, so dust off those old VHS and Beta tapes.
- With the new year — it's time to start thinking about scheduling the Thursday Geezer Breakfasts. There is plenty of room in the Rumble Sheet.
- With the 'gales of November', and a lady that loves lighthouses, we headed north for the 40th Anniversary of the loss of the Edmond Fitzgerald. It has been a while since I had been up Highway 61 and things have really changed. We stayed outside of Two

Harbors at the Northern Rail Traincar Suites.



Sleeping in a 50 foot boxcar was very quiet and comfortable.

- **TCRG E-Mail List:** For those who aren't currently on the TCRG e-mail list to receive notices, reminders, changes, etc., but want to be, just email Ron Long at v83756@comcast.net to be added. (Even though you may be receiving the digital version of the Rumble Sheet you may not be on the "E-mail List"). Ron will sort it out, so contact him to be sure.
- Coming to a town near you — The 2016 Great Race will be scheduling an overnight in Sioux Falls on June 24th and a lunch stop in Cedar Rapids on June 25th. Something to think about for an overnight tour.
- On November 24th the editor got some help working on the Rumble Sheet. Maybe I was impressive enough that they may be interested in taking it over !?!?!?!?!?!?!?

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 (County Road 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 (County Road B) look for church on left. Plenty of parking.

Program: The Annual Christmas get together - .maybe some singing, some cookie eating, and some story telling. We will be needing some cookie donations if we are sharing cookies. Don't forget to bring a dollar to donate.

TCRG Activities

Wednesday, December 2, 7:30 p.m., Monthly Meeting. Annual Christmas Meeting. St. Michael's Lutheran Church. Treats. Of course we would appreciate a cookie donation if you are inclined. Also, there will be time to discuss the proposed TCRG By-Law changes.

Wednesday, January 6th, NO MEETING.

Sunday, January 24, 2016, Annual TCRG Banquet. Mancini's Char House, St. Paul. 5 pm Social / video, 6 pm Dinner, 7 pm Program. More information on page 6.

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 Driving 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 or www.earlyfordv8.org

September 13—19, 2016, Great Southwestern National Driving Tour, Colorado and Eastern Utah. Sponsored by the Hi-Country Regional Group # 28. Contact Lou Mraz at Lfmj60@aol.com for more information.

September 18—22, 2016, Blue Ridge Parkway National Driving Tour. North Carolina. Sponsored by the Georgia Regional Group # 24. Contact Lamar Hart at 770-496-9928 for more information.

From the President's Workbench

It is an arithmetic factoid that the year 2015 will, for each of us, make up the smallest proportion of our total life so far. When we were five, each year represented 20% of our existence; now it is somewhere between 1.2 and 1.6%, which is why they fly by so fast.

And, it may appear rather bleak if only viewed through the tryptophan and Black Friday addled lenses of the local and international television news media.

But in fact, it is our extreme good fortune to be able to find Ford focus in the community of our flat-head friends. While not without a little V-8 drama, this year has provided us with a host of memorable moments and lots of highway miles. For many of us, the Club and its activities constitute a familiar and comfortable plateau from which to steady ourselves from the events unfolding around us. (Our grandkids and our faith help with that, too, of course.) We really can't complain too much. Next year carries the promise of more good times and even MORE miles.

So, in that spirit, BE OF GOOD CHEER! We have one more meeting this year and we plan to celebrate the arrival of the Christmas season with some caroling, cookies, and the communion (of saints?) This will also be an opportunity to bring a contribution (cash or check) for the Minnesota Food Share (per kindness of Bill Blood) and gifts for Toys For Tots program (per kindness of Steve Seidl). Hope you can all make it.

Just a couple of year-end business matters. At the December meeting we will be voting on the revisions to the by-laws which are being sent out in the mail or electronically. After that the nominating and balloting process can begin for the upcoming election which will hopefully be completed by the end of the year. Also please look for information about the Holiday Banquet and membership renewal forms in this issue of the Rumble Sheet. Merry Christmas!!!!

Tales from the Ice

The last issue! (for me anyway)

The first issue was February 2010. I, along with Mark Crichton worked to get the Rumble Sheet out to you. By January 2013, I was doing it all myself, even though the page 2 Board Listing showed no editor's name. In February 2013, I added the Associates title to the editor's name — because of the help that I was getting.



It is not a hard job to do if you know how to type, use spell-check, and print. What makes it hard, is when the contributors stop sending you things to print. Do you realize that not one TCRG event has been reviewed in the last 2 years? That is, unless the editor participated in the event. You can't make stuff up. This became very evident while viewing the pictures from the 2015 Black Hills National Tour at the November Meeting. While I did catch up to the touring group on the way out, I saw that the group stopped at many interesting spots on the way out and back. WHERE IS THE STORY ABOUT THAT? I am sure that someone could have put something down and sent it in.

So, while I am proud of the issues that I have worked on, there comes a time when you just don't have anything more to write about. I am at that point.

I look forward to the future with new views and ideas. And yes, I will still submit something every now and then.

Well, that's all for the last time.....remember,

4 keep your stick on the ice. Bruce

October Meeting Minutes

V-8 Membership Meeting -- November 4, 2015.
Called to order: 735 p.m. by President Gordy at St. Michael's.

Secretary's report: minutes approved as printed in the Rumble Sheet.

Treasurer's report: Roger reports all is okay.

Membership report: Joel reported new members Robert and Judy McMullen are new from Buffalo. Welcome!

Editors report: Bruce announced he had one issue to go and is winding down. The newsletter is Windows office program. One person has shown some interest in editing.

New business: our art director Ron explained the new projector does DVDs and VHS for old tapes and whatever else comes through a computer. There are lots of possibilities to see lots of different things. Also new business, Mike Erickson's Wisconsin tour was reported to be great!

The All Ford Picnic was discussed. John Titus was contacted and has agreed to continue with this event. Most respondents to the questionnaire wanted to keep the event the same weekend in June, with the possibility of having it on Saturday for less competition with other events. Several respondents said they would prefer a more central location than Morrie's. They were asked to come up with that alternative. Regarding food, everyone wants and the best solution seems to be a food truck at whatever location we choose. Several of our members would be free to bring their old Fords instead of food and preparation equipment. Normally, a food truck vendor would give us a percentage of their sales. Since we still need to provide advertising,

Flyers, and monies for other costs, it was suggested we charge \$5.00 per car for entrants. Bruce reminded us this was the last free car show, and that should be a consideration.

Regarding officers and nominations the board is suggesting that we elect nine at-large board members to then select 4 named officers: President, Vice president, secretary and treasurer. Additional jobs would also be selected by that board but would be open to non-board members.

The banquet committee is headed by Steve Seidl, with Bill Blood and whoever else would like to assist. Suggestions for location are welcomed. Most people would prefer that we start on a Sunday afternoon starting at about 4 PM.

November's cultural event is scheduled to be Church Basement Ladies at the Plymouth Playhouse. Twenty six people are committed to attend. Thanks Liz Blood!

Per Bruce, \$105 was given to the club from the National Meet 50-50 post meet sales.

Our meeting on Dec. 4 will be our Christmas meeting and Pres. Gordy was wishing someone could lead us in Christmas carols or accompany us with keyboard or guitar or whatever. Do remember to bring Christmas treats-cookies, apple cider or what ever healthy snacks you would choose!

Bill Blood will again be collecting for Minnesota FoodShare at the meeting, and Steve Seidl will be collecting for Toys for Tots. After a brief coffee break Bill Blood shared his drag racing movies from the 50s 60s and 70s, with technical assistance from Ron L.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bill Blood, Secretary

General Driving Instructions

After this past driving season some thoughts come to mind about driving that club members might have over looked, been forgotten or never learned or known in the first place and never have practiced good driving habits. These are the very basic notes that are borrowed from Victor Page' and A. L. Dyke written in the 1920's and 30's that still apply today and help in driving these old Fords and Mercury's. I'll just hit some of the highlights and if you need more information you can look it up.

Fill the gas tank: make sure the vent hole in the cap is not clogged. Before starting out always make sure that adequate supply of oil is present in the proper places. Back in the day when I drove these cars daily we would just run with 4 quarts of oil but the flathead V-8 really needs 5 quarts.

The radiator holds approximately 5 gallons of liquid. Anti-freeze is usually best year around. Be sure to top off the radiator before going for long drives.

One of the most over used buttons in the flat-head automobile is the **CHOKER!** When starting a warm engine, do not pull the choke button out or you're more than likely going to flood the engine. If flooded, then hold the accelerator to the floor and push the starter button to clear the extra gas from the cylinders. Next your battery dies as you haven't driven the car for awhile nor charged the battery. So give the vehicle a push.

Driving the car: There are 16 points listed to this topic which I'll skip over to #12. To shift from high to second gear at any speed, merely disengage the clutch and make the shift with no hesitation in neutral. However, if the shift is made at high car speeds, the movement of the

gear shift lever should be made quickly with no hesitation in neutral, while a more deliberate movement is required for final engagement. This action is where you hold your breath, listen for the clash of gears and hope you made the change and the transmission is still under the car and not scattered on the road.

#13 To utilize the braking action of the engine in any speed, remove your foot from the accelerator pedal leaving the clutch engaged.

Descending a Hill: When descending long, steep grades have the transmission in gear, the clutch engaged to your sweetheart, and the ignition switch on. This allows the engine to act as a brake. On very steep grades the car should be in second speed gear before descent is started. On exceptionally steep grades the low speed should be used. This increases the braking action of the engine. A little common sense should be applied here if it exists.

Ascending a Hill: When driving up grades on the high speed, (3rd gear) if the motor shows any tendency to labor, shift back into the next lower gear ratio, this has been provided for that purpose. Many motorists believe that the best test of a car's ability is to rush the hills. In my opinion if you don't rush the hills and I'm behind you, you will get run over! It does not hurt to get a little run for the hill rather than wait until you're going up to realize you need to start giving the engine some gas.

Do Not Rest foot on Clutch Pedal. Do not make a practice of resting your foot on the clutch pedal while driving, as this may cause the clutch to slip and unnecessarily wear the facing on the discs. This is called "riding the clutch" and causes premature clutch trouble in any make of car. (continued on page 11)

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Happy Birthday

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| November 10 | Tom Murray |
| November 13 | Jerry Felton |
| November 13 | Kate Pautz |
| November 19 | Paul Oman |
| November 21 | Robert Hammond |
| November 23 | Duane Adams |
| November 25 | Jan Langenbach |
| November 27 | Jan Crichton |
| November 30 | Linda Nelson |
| December 3 | Dave Fridlund |
| December 7 | Bill Blood |
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2016 TCRG Banquet

Save the date — Sunday, January 24, 2016. The Annual TCRG Banquet will be held at Mancini's Char House in Saint Paul. The festivities begin at 5 pm with a Social Hour filled with videos of the events of the year displayed via our new projector. We will also have a Your Choice Raffle. Bring a few extra bucks to have a chance to win some really great items. \$10 gets you 26 chances to win! Twenty-two great items to take your chances on!

Dinner will be at 6 pm with a program to follow. The program this year should be of interest to all Ford enthusiasts in the Twin Cities. We are honored to have noted author and speaker Brian McMahon talk about Ford in the Twin Cities, with special attention given to the Twin Cities Ford Assembly Plants. Yes, that is right, Plants, because there were more than one.

All meal choices include a baked potato with butter and topping, fresh dinner salad, and beverage. You have a choice of three entrée items:

Grilled Chicken Breast 10 oz

Petite Sirloin Steak 8 oz

Broiled Walleye lightly seasoned

Each meal will cost \$30 which includes gratuity. The deadline is January 14th, 2016.

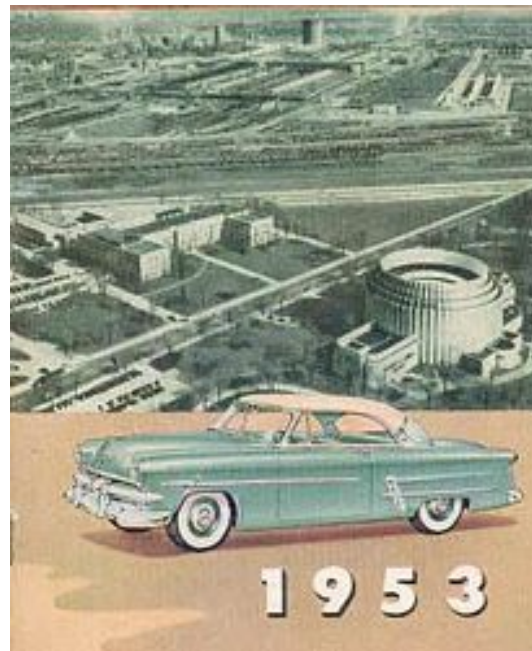
Don't hesitate, send your registration Banquet form in today.

Please do not mail the membership renewal form to the Banquet address and don't mail the Banquet form to the membership renewal address, because you never know what will happen.

Location: Mancini's Char House

531 7th Street W, Saint Paul MN

(From south – take I-35E north exit Grand Ave (106A). Turn right at light, turn right at next light (Smith Ave). Turn right on 7th St W – Mancini's is on the right. From the north – take I-35E south to I-94W, exit Marion St (241A) at light turn left. Marion turns into Concordia Ave which turns into Kellogg Blvd. At 7th St W turn right. Follow 7th to Mancini's on right. From west – I-94E to exit Concordia Ave (241A). At light turn right and then Concordia turns into Kellogg Blvd. At 7th St W turn right. Follow 7th to Mancini's on right.



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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.

December: Meeting Topic: Event:

2015 Geezer Breakfast Schedule 3rd Thursday of the Month

December 17: Harvey Oberg — Woodbury Café — Woodbury.

NEW MEMBERS:

Judy Schultze and her husband Robert Hammond have joined our Regional Group. Judy has a 1951 Ford Tudor that belonged to her father. Judy and Bob live in Nowthen at 6812 190th Lane NW, zip 55303. Judy's phone number is 763-753-6692 and her email address is judy.schultze@gmail.com. Welcome to our club Judy and Bob. Interesting note: Judy and Bob were registration number 29 at the 2015 Central National Meet in Brainerd.



Santa got a ride in 1934. Ho Ho Ho what fun to ride !!!!

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ALL FORD PICNIC and NO TROPHY SHOW

While the survey proved that the majority of those returning it were in FAVOR of the continuation of the All Ford Picnic, they also expressed views that the location needs to be a more urban site.

So.....we ask that if you are not excited about the All Ford Picnic at the current location, PLEASE get out there and find the Club another location. All you have to do is suggest it, maybe supply a contact name, and someone else will contact the location. Remember, it is a static display (no driving or car games), we supply a \$1 million liability policy, we supply our own trash receptacles, we supply our own portable toilets, and we promise to leave it cleaner than we found it. It is also open to the public and the last FREE show in the Twin Cities.

The Club needs your help. You responded, now we want to fulfill your choice and do it soon.

TCRG Glovebox

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