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

Club Address

PO Box 20236, Minneapolis, MN 55420.



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Meetings

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.

Membership

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

Saturday, February 3, 2007

WORLD OF WHEELS – February 2, 3, 4, 2007, Saint Paul RiverCentre, 175 W Kellogg Boulevard, St Paul. See final write up page 5.

Wednesday, February 7, 7:30 PM

Membership Meeting. The meeting will be held at **Environments, Inc., 13600 County Road**

62, Minnetonka. (New Location)

From I-494, exit at Hwy 62 Crosstown and go west less than a half mile. First driveway on the right after Baker Road. See Gary's write-up on this page.

Wednesday, February 14, 7:30 PM

Board Meeting at the home of Duane and Jean Shuck, 9304 Nicollet Avenue S, Bloomington, MN 55420, phone 952-888-7191

February- Mid to late month

Great River Rendezvous Committee meeting, To be determined. Call Mark or Bill Gillies if you would like to attend. A notice will be provided to all usual attendees once arranged.

Thursday, February 15, 9:00ish

Geezer Breakfast, Baker's Square, 98th street at Lyndale, Bloomington. Thank you Duane Shuck for setting it up!

Wednesday, March 7, 7:30 PM

Membership Meeting. The meeting will be held at **Environments, Inc., 13600 County Road 62, Minnetonka.** From I-494, exit at Hwy 62 Crosstown and go west less than a half mile. First driveway on the right after Baker Road.

Sunday, June 3, 2007, 10AM to 3 PM

All Ford Picnic, St Paul Assembly plant (probably the last one ever at the plant!)

July 16 through 19th, 2007

Great River Rendezvous Central National Meet, Winona, MN

Activities Update

At the February Membership meeting, TCRG will be kicking off the start of a busy year. We will lay out plans for our touring season. The majority of the summer will revolve around the Winona Meet. Since many of our club members will have their cars judged at the Central National Meet in Winona, I asked Bill Blood if he would give us some pointers on judging. That will give us some time to prepare our cars for this summer. In the spring we will do a hands-on inspection of a real car so you know what to expect.

If time allows Bill Gillies will tell us about the new Flux Capacitor that can be adapted to a flathead V-8. It can be installed where your wife used to sit. It burns banana peels and makes the same gurgling sounds your honey made when she was snoozing. Hope to see you at the meeting and remember we are meeting at a new location. Gary Rosenberger

Board Update

In case you didn't notice on page 2, there have been a few changes with the Board. Duane, Mike, Bill and Mark are sticking around for another year.

A big welcome to first time Board member Ron Christensen who is taking over as Treasurer from Tom Halfpenny. Also, welcome back Tim Anderson who is taking over the Membership Chair from Kent Tabako. Finally, Gary Rosenberger is still Past President, but has also assumed the role of Activities Director, replacing Jerry Felton. (I think Gary has aspirations to hold all Board positions!) I think our Club is in very good hands (the Editor might need help with attendance though).

THANKS!!!! Tom, Jerry and Kent for your terrific leadership in 2006!

TCRG Chatterbox

- **New Meeting Location:** Please be aware that our usual meeting location is changing. It will still be at Environments, Inc., however it will be at the South Campus on Rt 62, about a quarter mile away. See the Activities section for the address and directions for the Feb. meeting.
- **Cover Photo:** Gary Weyrauch's beautiful 1932 Ford Deluxe Roadster taken at the All Ford Picnic. Happy 75th Birthday, Deuce!
- **New Advertiser:** We are pleased to introduce a new Rumble Sheet advertiser, TCRG member Dennis Bradford. His business is "Small Parts Restoration" and his ad can be found below. Give Dennis a call and see if he can help you with your restoration needs.

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Happy Birthday!

February 4	Joe Walczak
February 5	Sally Anderson
February 9	Chuck Granlund
February 10	Sally Tonsager
February 18	Vern Halvorson
February 19	Dave Braun
February 20	Tom Halfpenny
February 26	Roger Eide
February 26	Gary Rosenberger

Keep Smilin'

An elderly couple had dinner at another couple's house, and after eating, the wives left the table and went into the kitchen. The two gentlemen were talking, and one said, "Last night we went out to a new restaurant and it was really great. I would recommend it very highly.

The other man said, "What is the name of the restaurant?"

The first man thought and thought and finally said, "What is the name of that flower you give to someone you love? You know... the one that's red and has thorns." "Do you mean a rose?"

"Yes, that's the one," replied the man. He then turned towards the kitchen and yelled, "Rose, what's the name of that restaurant we went to last night?"

New Members

No new members this month

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World of Wheels

About the time you receive this, the World of Wheels show will only be days away. Thanks again to the following Club members who are bringing their vehicles to represent our Club at the show:

Jeff Casura	1946 Ford
Dennis Carney	1950 Ford
Bill Gillies	1948 Mercury
Ron Christensen	1947 Ford
Jerry Felton	1939 Ford chassis
Gary Rosenberger	1951 Mercury

Also thanks in advance to all members who have volunteered to participate in the security detail and represent TCRG at the display table. This is an excellent money-maker for the Club (not to mention a great way to see the show for free!) A special thanks to Tim Anderson and John Titus for agreeing to spend the night on security detail! We look forward to a fun and profitable weekend for TCRG.

Ford Milestones

I was reading my January 25th issue of "Old Cars" and saw an interesting editorial from Editor Angelo Van Bogart regarding Ford Milestones. As he noted, the spotlight is appropriately on the 75th anniversary of the 32 Ford this year. But he also noted some other Ford milestones I thought I would share:

- 90 years ago Ford produced it's first truck, the Model TT
- 80 years ago the last Model T rolled off the assembly line
- 70 years ago Ford permanently integrated the headlights into the fenders
- 60 years ago the beloved Henry passed away.
- 50 years ago Ford introduced the retractable

hardtop Skyliner (sorry Denny, sore subject)

- 20 years ago, Ford acquired Aston Martin and the rental car company Hertz.



You can't enjoy the Meet unless you register! Do it today by printing a form from the website or by contacting Roger Wothe for a registration kit. You won't be disappointed!



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ANNUAL BANQUET



Mancini's Char House & Lounge

The Twin Cities Regional Group held their annual banquet at Mancini's in St Paul on Sunday, January 21, 2007. Over 60 members and friends enjoyed a great meal and fellowship with fellow Club members. A big thank you to Tom Halfpenny and Tim Anderson for all their hard work in putting together a super evening!

The Program included President Duane Shuck offering his remarks about the fun year we had in 2006, and offered great anticipation for an even better 2007, that includes the Central National Meet. Mark Crichton discussed the Meet, encouraging Club members to register and get involved. Membership Chair Kent Tabako awarded many Club members with their anniversary pins, and Dennis Carney awarded Don Pautz the Hard Luck award for 2006.

A highlight of the evening was guest speaker Al Batt from Hartland, MN. Al provided us his humorous insight of growing up in rural Minnesota, and had a great story to tell about his Dad's '53 Pontiac turning over 100,000 miles.



President Duane Shuck addressing the Club



Banquet Co-Chair Tim Anderson providing a hearty welcome to the annual affair



Banquet Co-Chair Tom Halfpenny welcoming members to the banquet

Anniversaries

Congratulations to the following members who were acknowledged at the Annual Banquet for their Anniversaries:

30 Years

Kent & Cathy Tabako
Jon & Shelia Horkey
Bruce Nelson

25 Years

Paul & JoAnne Dudek
Jerry & Maidie Felton
Milt & Bonnie LaPanta

20 Years

John Titus

15 Years

Dennis Carney

10 Years

John & Lauvan Cramble
Jon & Holly Cotner
Dan & Arlene Welch



John Titus accepts his 20 year Anniversary pin from Kent Tabako



John & Lauvan Cramble accepts their 10 year Anniversary pin from Kent Tabako



Guest Speaker Al Batt entertains the members with stories growing up in rural Minnesota



Don Pautz accepts the Hard Luck award from Dennis Carney

EARLY FORD V-8 FOUNDATION

The Early Ford V-8 Foundation “what it means to you”

I have been involved with the Early Ford V-8 Foundation since its creation back in 1991. It is moving forward and its goal of having its own Museum building is in the not so distant future.

Recently I viewed a membership list of Foundation members from the state of Minnesota. There are only 6 of us. Two of them are not even members of our Regional Group. (I am not counting the Twin Cities Regional Group.)

This number was rather disheartening to me. I thought that there was more. I certainly hope that you, as members of the TCRG, don't think that because the TCRG is a member, that you are too. You're not you know.

It takes a lot of money to be in our hobby. And it takes a lot of money to build a Museum. Have you thought what will happen to your old Fords and Mercurys when you're gone? Have you willed them to your children, or grandchildren? Or, heaven forbid, don't care, because you won't be here to worry about it? I hope you don't feel that way.

I know this year; I reevaluated my life with the death of my dad. You so easily believe that everyone lasts forever. Well, we don't, and that is why the Early Ford V-8 Foundation is so important. It gives us a place to leave our collections and vehicles. While I know that there are other options available to you – like eBay—I hope that you have planned for the future and are not relying on selling items to continue to live as you age.

The immediate future is important to the Early Ford V-8 Foundation and it needs all the support it can get. I invite you to join for a year (just 15 tax deductible dollars) and really see what we are all about. There are many programs you may want to investigate and participate in, and all of them are tax deductible. Remember, its still death and taxes that are here forever. Why not beat one of them by joining with us?

Give me a call if you have questions or want to know about one of our plans. Or check us out at the website:

www.fordv8foundation.org

Bruce Nelson, 651-482-8940

The Golden Shovel Campaign Continues



A reminder of how it works: Donate \$2000 and you'll receive a commemorative Gold Shovel pin, a certificate, a tax-deduction form, and your name on a plaque on the new museum's Wall of Fame.

Donate \$1000 and receive a Silver Shovel pin along with the above mentioned items.

We'll also be listing all donors in this newsletter. Proceeds will help build the museum in Auburn, Indiana.

Since this would only bore six of us, I copied the cover of the recent Foundation News for two reasons, help honor the 32 Ford, and illustrate what a great newsletter you receive with your \$15 membership. As you can see, 12 pages packed with great reading! ED

Foundation News

Volume 15 No. 1

News of the Early Ford V-8 Foundation
P.O. Box 31403 • Rochester, NY 14603-1403

Jan - Feb 2007

The brochure announced:
"A Great New Motor
Car—The New Ford".

And here we are, 75 years later, still driving, enjoying and celebrating the 1932 Ford!

They call it one of Henry Ford's greatest achievements. Easy to say now, but back then we have to wonder what Ford's employees must've thought. The country was in the depths of the Depression, people could barely afford to eat much less buy a new car! And Henry decides to try to trump Chevrolet and Plymouth and come out with an eight cylinder car. An affordable one that had to meet certain standards that Henry had insisted on. It had to be cast in one piece, have a direct drive distributor capable of withstanding high revs and high temperatures— an engine simple in design yet extremely difficult to manufacture. Something the average man could fix if something went wrong. One that would prove to be as durable and economical as the Model A it replaced, and fast and dependable like a car costing much more. A tall order for the men who had to actually build this thing!

But, as usual, Henry had the foresight to hire people that had the talent to pull off the "nearly impossible." Today, such a feat would take years and thousands of workers to accomplish. Henry did it with a handful of people and in a remarkable short period of time.

And so we celebrate this immense accomplishment. Not only the powerplant that is the namesake of the New Ford V-8, but the entire package: the stream-lined body, the performance, the speed, the excitement that caused tens of thousands of people

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to crowd Ford showrooms to see the unveiling. Heck, Henry even threw in an improved 4 cylinder engine for those not ready for this new-fangled V-8.

Never before had there been this kind of reaction to a new car. In fact, there hasn't been this kind of reaction since! Had the timing been better, many more 1932 Fords would have been sold. But of the ones that did sell, many still remain. Many have been restored to new condition and many have been

"hot rodded". It became the most popular car of all time to turn into a hot rod. Speed equipment was showing up everywhere to boost the Flathead engine. There were no Chevy or Olds V-8s back then to boost performance. No need for them either. The Flathead was capable of winning the race from a stoplight as well as the race at the fairgrounds.

So, Happy Anniversary, Deuce! You really started something!

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Classifieds

Classified ads are free to TCRG members, and will run for three consecutive months For Sale:


- 1948 Ford F6 Tow Truck, Flathead V-8, 4 speed, 2 speed axle, 2 way PTO for hoist. Has spotlight on driver's side and beacon light on cab. Dan Jacobson 507-351-4847 (3/07)
- 1964 Lincoln Continental Fordor, 460 land cruiser., Light blue in nice shape, always garaged, completely original car with all chrome, good tires, no dents or rust. Yes, this has the suicide doors and the 5-body trunk. Selling for my brother \$5,500 to V-8 members. John Titus 507-744-2770 (H) or 507-444-4612 (W).
- Mallory Magnetic Breakerless Electronic Ignition System distributor, 12 volt, '49 - '53 Ford Flathead V-8, Approx. 8000 miles, excellent spark, still on engine, would trade for 53 parts, Robert Hestness, 612-724-9268 (12/06)
- 1932 Deluxe coupe & sport coupe bodies. Parts: Chassis, frames, front and rear ends, cross members, fenders, frame horn covers, Running boards, grilles, hoods, deck lids, dashes, gas tanks, window garnish moldings, spare tire carriers, wheels, headlights and bars, radios, flatheads and engine parts, transmissions, etc. 40 year collection. E-Mail your needs to: brucededeuce@usfamily.net or call Bruce Kolby 651 341 0361. (9/06)

The following ads are from Gary Nielsen of GEM Classic Auto, a newsletter advertiser. Contact Gary at (320) 235-3935 or (320) 894-8685, or via e-mail at: garybob@charter.net.

- Ford 8N tractor with small back blade. Mechanically sound-tires good-12 volt conversion \$2500. Gary Nielsen, GEM Classic Auto

- 1977 GMC 1 ton van. Great swap meet vehicle-runs well. \$450 obo. Gary Nielsen, GEM Classic Auto
- 1923 Fordson tractor on steel. Complete, with add on brake. Engine free. \$1500. Gary Nielsen, GEM Classic Auto
- 1934 Diamond T delivery. Classic features-needs love and TLC \$1400. Gary Nielsen, GEM Classic Auto
- 1946 Ford Conoco gas truck. Body is good. Engine soaking but stuck (6 cylinder) \$2300 OBO. Gary Nielsen, GEM Classic Auto
- 1949 Ford F-5 V-8 (stuck). Great body and tires with hoist, no box. \$1800. Gary Nielsen, GEM Classic Auto

BJ's Corner



The advertisement features a black and white photograph of a 1936 Ford Roadster on the left. To the right is the Ford logo with the text "FINE SPECIALTY CARS & PARTS" underneath. Below the car and logo, the name "BRUCE A. JOHNSON" is printed. At the bottom left, the address "VALLEY AUTO, 9811 Hamilton Road, Eden Prairie, Minnesota 55344" is listed. At the bottom right, the phone number "952-941-2918" is provided.

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- 1936 Ford Deluxe Roadster, All steel, body-off restoration, black, radio, heater, WWSW, spyderys, 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 3 window coupe, all steel, Maroon with Black fenders, older restoration, late flathead, 12 volt system, WWSW, upgraded front suspension and steering, drives super!

- 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, spyders, really a nice 3 window coupe.
- 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, wsw, 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, wsw 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, wsw, 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, wsw 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, wsw, inner and outer beauty rings, grill guard, wing tips, fogs, spotlight, radio, heater. Super nice.

- 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, wsw, Cad caps, '51 Merc skirts, new flathead, duals, overdrive, everything new or rebuilt.

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

Wanted

- 1952 to 54 Ford passenger car rear axle assembly or center section with the ring and pinion gears. Preferably without the 3.31 ratio, all others are okay. Also, looking for a '52 - '53 steering sector gear box. Robert Hestness 612-724-9268 (5/07)
- Something to use as display panels to hang Street Dreams framed prints, etc. Approx 4' x 6 or 7'? Maybe just framework for chicken wire or fomecor or whatever? Think Arlen Olson and other artist's displays you've seen. Thanks. Ron Long V83756@comcast.net or 651-714-2740
- Good used radiator for a '39 Ford pickup, also two good 6.50 6 or 8-ply tires and inner tubes, Keith Hillstrom, 651-628-9148 (2/07)
- 1949 to '53 Flathead V-8 dual carburetor intake manifold for two stock carburetors, Robert Hestness, 612-724-9268 (12/06)
- Ford hand tools to make up a tool kit. Monkey wrench, Box wrench, screwdriver, small open-end wrenches. Harvey Oberg, 651-739-9754
- 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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