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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.

Membership

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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In the Spirit of the new year, Gary has reduced prices!

- 1949 Ford F-6 to haul your wood, parts or just adorn your yard. Working hoist, 4 on the floor with two speed axle. Runs well, rusty cab. Was \$1495 — here's your chance to steal it, call Gary
- Tractor Fans: Authentic all original 1923 Fordson on steel. Ready to run with engine free. Was \$1500 now just \$1400.
- Pentronix Ignitor electronic ignition for a 6 volt positive ground 1949-51 Ford 8BA engine. Brand new replacement. Regularly costs \$125, but you can own this one in the box, unopened for only \$75. Bruce 651-482-8940 (Mar)
- **WANTED:** 1934 Ford right front fordor Deluxe molding or 1934 Ford right door 5 Window coupe Deluxe molding. Buy or can trade for 1933-1934 Ford right 5 Window coupe quarter molding. Lloyd Anderson 715-463-2378 or fords1934@yahoo.com (Mar)

The following was borrowed from the Northern Illinois Road Chatter.

9 Household Items You Probably Need to Replace

- 1) Toothbrushes—the bristles become frayed and worn over time (use the old ones to get the wax off from under the chrome) Every 3 months.
- 2) Walking Shoes—your favorite tennis won't last forever. Every 6 months if you walk a lot.
- 3) Mattresses—we know a mattress is a major purchase, but the National Sleep Foundation recommends buying a new one every 8 years.
- 4) Pillows—like your mattress, your pillows deflate and lose their supportive and comfy cushion. Every 2 years.
- 5) Refrigerator Water Filters—has your stream of filtered water become a trickle? Every 6 months.
- 6) Smoke Alarms and Fire Extinguishers—smoke detectors lose their sensitivity over time. Every 10 years for smoke and every 5 to 15 for extinguishers.
- 7) Shower Loofahs—growing bacteria simply love your fluffy bath sponge's damp nooks and crannies. Every 4 weeks.
- 8) Kitchen Sponges—you can sanitize your sponge to prolong its life, but as soon as it's looking messy and worn, toss. Every 8 weeks.
- 9) Teflon Pans—guilty of cooking with a chipped non-stick pan? Those flakes and crevices could release toxic compounds. Every 5 years.

Miscellany

- **DUES are due!!!** *The best \$20 you will spend all year. You get informational meeting topics, touring events to participate in, get-togethers that include food, and opportunities to send in your own stories to this Newsletter. What else can you ask for? Forms are in the December and January Rumble Sheets, also one last time in this issue on Page 6.*
- Bill Blood would like to say thanks to all that donated at the December Meeting for the Minnesota Food Share. Bill turned in \$310. A great amount for our group and thanks Bill for volunteering to do this!
- June 7 is the All Ford Picnic and No Trophy Show. Do you have a Ford F-150 pickup? How about a Ford Explorer? Do they have the trailer option? Why all these questions? Well, I will be in Charlotte North Carolina on that day and will be unable to deliver the Club's trailer to the show. If you have a good towing vehicle, and it is a Ford Motor Company product, please give me a call. I will go over all the items that will need to be unloaded, setup, and displayed. You could be the trailer coordinator for a weekend. Now, that is a pretty prestigious job.
- **Is your mailing label printed in R E D? That means your dues are now past due, and this will be the last issue of this fine publication. See page 6 for the dues renewal form. If you have renewed since this was mailed, disregard the R E D.**
- Starting in February, we will again be running the books donated to the Club from the Bruce Johnson estate in the For Sale section of the Early Ford V-8 Club website. There

still remains over 30 items, books and pamphlets. Once again, we will be donating a percentage of the sales to the Animal Humane Society in BJ's name.

- And what's this I hear about auto manufacturers tweaking the sound of the engine with a module? So, when you step on the gas it isn't the roar of the engine and exhaust you are hearing but a sound coming through the vehicle's sound system. Experts claim Ford's F-150 and Mustang have it. Seems the Eco-boost engine, with its gas sipping construction does not create the sound that the American public wants to hear, so Ford is enhancing the sound with a sound module. Wonder if they make one that will fit our 6-volt vehicles?
- The Spring Fling for 2015 will be held in and around the Wichita Kansas area, May 22 to May 25. There will be a new car game this year — Balance Ramp. Guess you drive your car on it and try and keep it balanced. There will also be tours to McPherson College Antique Restoration Program. More information will be available on the Early Ford V-8 Club's website, under Social Calendar.
- I currently am reading the book by Henry Dominguez, *The Last Days of Henry Ford*. It is a very good read and the author has spent a great deal of time researching the subject. As the story is told, the author takes you back in time to explain how certain events relate to the last days. I would highly recommend this book for your Ford Library. And for those who are not a fan of reading, it does have three sections of pictures.

TCRG Activities

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

Wednesday, February 4, 7:30 pm, Monthly Meeting at St Michael's. Meeting Topic: Winter Hobbies and Crafts — Ladies and Gentlemen are invited to bring a sample of what they do to bide the winter time with indoor activities. Meeting sponsor: Gordy Ditmanson

Thursday, February 19, 9 am Geezer Breakfast. Original Pancake House, Roseville. Across the north side of Rosedale. Next to Kohl's. Thanks to Bill Gillies for setting this up.

Wednesday, March 4, 7:30 pm, Monthly Meeting. You can organize the topic for this meeting. Contact Gordy Ditmanson if you would like to coordinate the meeting and monthly event.

Sunday, May 17, 35th Annual Willmar Car Show and Swap Meet— Kennedy Elementary School, Willmar, MN

Sunday, June 7, 36th Annual All Ford Picnic and No Trophy Show—Morrie's Bodyworks, Long Lake, MN Start saving winter's ice.

Saturday, June 20, Back to the 50's pot-luck dinner, machinery hill, Minnesota State Fairgrounds

Sunday, August 9, 28th Annual New Brighton Car Show and Swap Meet — Long Lake Regional Park, New Brighton, MN

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: *Winter Hobbies and Crafts* Bring a dollar to donate.

TCRG Glovebox

Cover Photo: Courtesy of the design studio of the Art Director.

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News From the Board Room

The long awaited election results are in. With about 15% of the electorate voting, the baker's dozen ballots were recovered from a sealed mayonnaise jar in Funk and Wagnall's Library and the laborious counting process completed.

The returning Treasurer, Membership Director, Editor, Sunshine Lady, and most other positions were shoe-ins. Landslide victories were recorded for new Vice-President Steve Seidl and Secretary Bill Blood.

The remaining two positions were more complicated. The top vote-getter for President withdrew his name from consideration, but will remain in an emeritus role. This left the field open for the crowded runner-up contingent consisting of three candidates, each having received the same number of votes. The looming specter of a time consuming recount or possibly a run-off election was obviated when it was discovered that one of the three had been elected to a different Board position and a second decided to defer his candidacy for another year. This left one candidate holding the proverbial gavel. That individual has humbly accepted the position, knowing that it hardly represents a mandate, but this brings to an end another exhausting campaign season.

That being said, the position of "Activities Director" remains unfilled. Actually, there were almost as many names put forward as there were ballots cast. It is uncertain if individuals were in fact volunteering themselves, or their neighbors, but this suggests we have a good supply of creativity to bring to the



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Tales from the Ice

Well, I am now officially on the 'government dole'. So far, my monthly prescription drug costs have more than doubled. My Social Security payment will be less in January, and then more in



February.....what? I have started to figure this all out. Instead of taking the difference and then dividing it by 12 — they justify their existence at the Social Security office by coming up with these payment twists. Nothing else can explain it.

I attended the first Geezer breakfast of the year and there were 18 members there. I should also mention that Beth Ellen (Gary Weyrauch) was there and I don't know if this was the first time that a woman attended a Geezer, but she did sit at the head of the table and keep us all in line. We should thank her for that!

I have been informed that there is a lack of participation in renewing your dues for 2015. There is a *last chance* renewal form on page 6. Why you would want to miss out on my ramblings has always been one of the great questions in life.

And, there are rumors of another National Driving Tour in our surroundings. Anyone for a week exploring the Black Hills of South Dakota? It will include a steam train ride (Bill G). It sounds like a relaxing way to find out about the old west and 'Close Encounters of the Third Kind'. That is a quick reference to Devil's Tower National Monument. Great movie by the way....."They're here...."

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

Membership Anniversaries

Another year has slipped by and so it is time once again to award Anniversary pins to those who have reached one of the milestones. George and JoAnne Baker, Howard and Judy Gilbert, and Joe Walczak have reached the FORTY YEAR mark. Congratulations! It's a long time in one organization.

There are no THIRTY-FIVE, THIRTY, TWENTY-FIVE, or TWENTY year Anniversaries this year.

At the FIFTEEN year level, we have Harvey and Faythe Oberg. Congratulations!

Dan and Randi Cragg have reached the TEN year milestone. Congratulations!

By the time you read this, you should have received your Anniversary pins.

Membership Chairman
Joel Bergstrom



In honor of Valentine's Day, Gary Isaacson reminds us with a photo to get something for our dears.

New Member: We have a new member joining our club. Dean Hansen lives on 402 6th St. So, Stillwater, MN 55082. Dean's email address is hanse112@umn.edu. Dean has a '32 Deluxe 3 Window Coupe. Welcome Dean to our club.

News From the Board Room....continues.... meetings to satisfy the Club's voracious appetite for keeping busy. Also, massive amounts of communal energy will be needed as we prepare to host the 2015 Central National Meet in the Brainerd Lakes Region, which will be fast upon us. And we look forward to all our regular gatherings, picnics, and of course, DRIVING THE CARS to new and interesting places. Seminars, educational opportunities, and cultural events are always welcomed. The sign-up sheets will be passed around at the next meeting, so we can start making our plans.

To kick things off, our February Meeting will offer members the chance to showcase some of the winter hobbies and projects which keep our minds sharp while the cars are under wraps. We are hoping for as many of you as possible to bring in those collections and crafts, including all you ladies, for your fellow Club members to enjoy. Don't assume we've seen them before either. See you there!

President Elect Gordy

The Great V-8 Northwoods Getaway – Update

Here it is www.efv8cnm2015.org put it in your 'Favorite' list. This is the Meet's website. From here you will be able to see what we have planned for events, register for the Meet, register your vehicle, and sign up for being a Judge. You may use your credit card securely on this webpage.

The Overview of the Meet, Registration form, Vehicle form, Judging form, and Raffle and Cragun's programs are now available on the Early Ford V-8 Club webpage under Upcoming Events – National / International Meets. The forms are fill-in forms that you can fill in and then save to your own PC, or print out and hand write. www.earlyfordv8.org

We have it set up that once a registration is returned into Cornerstone, the CRAGUN'S Lodging Registration form will then either be mailed or emailed to the registrant.

The Committee has worked to make the costs of the three non-included events (Pre-Welcome Dinner Party, Ladies Luncheon and Shopping, and North Woods Driving Tour) at the lowest possible. The souvenirs and raffle items will help offset costs. The Your Choice Raffle will be looking for donations of items. We have already received a very nice group of donations from the Estate of Bruce Johnson. We thank them for their donations. But, we will still need some more.

And we have encountered a small problem. Cornerstone cannot collect money for raffles, so we have had to make a change to the Registration form with regards to the Quilts and Ford Clock. We will just need to make sure everyone gets a chance to purchase those tickets in the Registration Room at CRAGUN'S.

But we are excited — there is a whole boat load of enthusiasm out there!!!



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Happy Birthday

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| February 4 | Joe Walczak |
| February 5 | Sally Anderson |
| February 7 | Werner Langenbach |
| February 9 | Chuck Granlund |
| February 10 | Sally Tonsager |
| February 13 | Ron Christensen |
| February 19 | Dave Braun |
| February 19 | Jill Olson |
| February 21 | Bud Louis |
| February 26 | Gary Rosenberger |
| February 29 | Beth Ellen (Weyrauch) |



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2015 TCRG Dues

As of October 1, 2012, dues are now \$20 per year. Please fill out information below (if anything has changed).

Make check payable to **TCRG**. Fill out roster update below.
Deadline February 10, 2015.

Mail this form to:

Joel Bergstrom
2080 Wheeler Street N
Roseville, MN 55113

2015 Roster update

(if no changes – enter SAME)

Name _____

Spouse's name _____

Address _____

Email address (optional) _____

Birthdays (optional) m/d only yours ____/____ spouse ____/____

List '32 - '53 Ford, Lincoln & Mercury vehicles to appear in the roster.

Please let Joel Bergstrom know your intentions – if you are **not** going to renew call 651-631-0091

2015 Monthly Events Schedule

Certainly many things to see and do in 2015. Come to the February Meeting and submit your ideas and find out about the years activities. And, if you just cannot wait to share your ideas, contact Gordy Ditmanson at 651-646-8103 to schedule a month.

February: Meeting Topic: Winter Hobbies and Crafts. Event:

March: Meeting Topic: Event:

April: Meeting Topic: Event:

May: Meeting Topic: Event:

June: Meeting Topic: Event:

July: NO MEETING Event: 2015 Central National Meet, Brainerd, MN.

August: Meeting Topic: Event:

September: Meeting Topic: Event:

October: Meeting Topic: Event:

November: Meeting Topic: Event:

December: Meeting Topic: Event:

2015 Geezer Breakfast Schedule 3rd Thursday of the Month

February 19 Bill Gillies – Original Pancake House—Roseville.

March 19: Glenn Kelly – Machine Shed – Woodbury.

April 16: Ron Goette – TBD.

May 21: Bill Blood – Highland Café & Bakery – Highland Park.

June 18: Kent Tabako – Pippins Restaurant – Roseville.

July 16: Central National Meet – Cragun's Dining Room – Brainerd.

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 18: Harvey Oberg – Woodbury Café – Woodbury.

Another great job by Gary Isaacson on rounding up hosts for the full year.

PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGES – The proof-reader says these dates are now correct.