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RUMBLE SHEET

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**Sunny day, old Fords, must be the Spring Cruise --
what's with the OLD STUFF sign?**

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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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The following ads are from Gary Nielsen at (320) 235-3935 or (320) 894-8685, or via email at : garybob@charter.net Gary wants you to buy this stuff!! Help him downsize!

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- 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.
- **WANTED:** Looking for the book *SIXTEEN CYLINDER MOTORCARS* by Rog A. Schneider. Contact Harvey Oberg 651-739-9754 (June)
- **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:** our membership chair, Joel Bergstrom says: *While up dating the Club Birthday list, I noticed quite a few names are not on the list. No, we don't want to know how old you are, just your birth day and month.. If you notice a mistake or if you would like to add yours or your spouse's name to the list, send me an email or give me a call and I'll be glad to make the*

changes. Who knows, you may want to contact someone and wish them a happy birthday. 651-631-0091

Spring Tour Continued:

Another bike was a WW2 folding parachute bike that had been used in battle. The bikers have certain dress rules, mainly period costumes (no biking shorts).

Passing thru Maiden Rock, we noticed that the houses on the lake side have no back yard at all. Just a sheer drop to the railroad tracks, and the street was almost right off the front porch. I can't imagine living like that. It was almost noon as we approached our main destination of Stockholm. So we quickly spread out thru town, most heading for the Stockholm Pie Shop, others to browse thru the many shops. One big disappointment was that the main store we wanted to get into was closed because the owner was sick. We ate, admired, purchased, and photographed this quaint village. It had everything from a dragster, to a covered chuck wagon to vintage hats. Then it was on to Nelson, minus a couple of cars that had to cut short their day. Double scoop ice cream cones and the trill of a redwing black bird started us back across the Mississippi River back into Minnesota at Wabasha. It had been fun experiencing the bikers at each stop along the way, but after Wabasha their tour was over.

Minnesota expressed a big "welcome back" with a nice sign. Leaving Wabasha, we drove past an old pickup truck cemetery with at least 1 old Ford truck in it. Many sail boats dotted the calm Lake Pepin just outside the exclusive sailboat only marina. As we headed North, we passed the famous round barn, now almost hidden among the trees. A light sprinkle greeted us as we approached the pottery works in Red Wing. It was the only rain encountered. Many memories were brought back as we browsed the antique stores. **Continued page 3**

Miscellany

- We have been notified that we only rate an *Honorable Mention* for the 2014 Old Cars Weekly Golden Quill Award. Well, its not for trying. And we will try again for 2015.
- Highland Fest 2nd Annual All Ford Car & Truck Show will be held on July 19th. This year it will be held on Ford Parkway. Tom Murray and Bruce Nelson are heading this up. There will be a \$5 fee and any extra money will go to charity. Registration forms are available at www.highlandfest.com
- We have two local shows coming up. Volunteers are needed to help out. The All Ford Picnic and No Trophy Show is June 7 and the New Brighton Car Show and Swap Meet is August 9. Sign up sheets will be at the June Meeting. If you can not attend, contact the following people to get your name on the sign up sheets:
 - All Ford **LAST CHANCE**—John Titus 651-278-3284 or Dave Trucksess 952-431-1736
 - New Brighton — Bruce Nelson 651-482-8940
- We have been notified that the July 12 Waconia Ford's 5th Annual Car, Truck, and Tractor Show has been canceled for this year due to road construction. The show promoters say it will be back in 2016.
- And at the May meeting during the program about what to take with you when you travel in your old Ford, no one mentioned wine and cheese, a wine opener, and napkins. These can come in handy when waiting for the tow vehicle.
- We have been informed that one of newest

members, Dean Hanson, has lost a family member. Our heart felt condolences go out to Dean and Barbara Hanson in the loss of Dean's twin sister on May 1st.

Spring Tour Recap

At 9 am on May 16 we gathered with coffee in hand to begin our first tour of the year. Eight cars started, 5 flatheads, a later Ford, a Cadillac, and even a Honda. We passed many farm fields, some planted with corn emerging, others looked ready to plant. We traveled under cool partially sunny skies. Nice flathead weather! As we took the back roads into Hastings, we actually viewed the Wisconsin area we toured last Fall but from the Minnesota side. While slowly cruising thru downtown Hastings, we couldn't help but look forward to an upcoming Summer of Saturday nights in Hastings. As we left Hastings wild geraniums dotted the roadside along the woods and yellow bursts of mustard & dandelions contrasted with the fresh greenery as we drove through the Valley of the Casino. Working our way up the steep hill out of the valley taxed the old V-8's and within a mile the even steeper downgrade tested the brakes, as once again we proved that old adage " what goes up, must come down". The sun dappled green floor of the swamp highlighted the dark stumps and trees in the Cannon River bottom as we passed through on our way into historic Red Wing. Here we encountered our only construction area of the day as we entered Red Wing. As we crossed the river into Wisconsin we had a good view of Barnes Bluff. Wisconsin was evidently happy that we were there as they went to the trouble of putting up a big welcome sign for us. Soon after getting on Hwy 35 and heading South we encountered many, many bicycles. We quickly found out that a club for English 3 speed bikes was on their annual tour from Red Wing to Wabasha. They had about 100 riders. One of the first bikes we saw was a 1937 tandem bike on which we later found out the rear peddler was blind. **Continued page 11**

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 (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: "Judging Overview for Brainerd" Bring a dollar to donate.

TCRG Activities

Wednesday, June 3, 7:30 pm, Monthly Meeting. St Michaels Church, Roseville, MN. Meeting topic: Prepare for Brainerd! Judging Seminar 101. Bill Blood has offered to review the National Judging Guidelines before the Meet. This will be the last chance to sign up for helping out during the Meet.

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

Saturdays in June, Anoka Car Show
Every other Saturday in June, Hastings Car Show

Sunday, June 14, Last day to register for the 2015 Great V-8 Northwoods Getaway. You can register after this day, but the late fee will be charged.

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

NO JULY MEETING: Celebrate the history and

Independence of this great Nation.

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!

Sunday July 19, 2nd Annual Highland Fest All Ford Car & Truck Show. 9 am to 5 pm. On Ford Parkway. \$5 registration fee.

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.

Spring Tour continued:

One shopper even was able to purchase an article searched for over 3 years. At the pottery works we were joined by another V-8 couple. After an hour of antiquing we headed toward the famous King Burger for our dinner stop. King Burger has 70 different hamburger meals on the menu. It was very busy and noisy, but we enjoyed a nice dinner. With full stomachs, and lots of miles and sights behind us we went our separate ways.

Myrna and Dennis

From the President's Workbench

On that day — a Washington Blue '37 Ford standard Tudor neatly framed in our uniquely functional round rearview mirror, straight ahead the windblown carefree coifs of the friends in a top down black '40 convertible, on sweeping curves, the lead '48 coupe, a yellow '56 convertible Crown Vic, and a red '53 F-100 also in view, the poodlish ears of Miss Meg flapping in the breeze from the rear directed wing windows, never ending lines of graffitied freight cars running parallel to the winding undulating two-way hugging the bluff Mighty Mississippi, sleepy river towns with curio shops and clusters of 3-speed English velocipedes and their riders in period dress, colorful dairy farms with rusty machinery carcasses in the neighboring fields and woods, double decker ice cream waffle cones dripping in the May sunshine, — on that day, it seemed, life couldn't be better. I'm sure the Grease Pit Poet (RIP) would agree.

Anyway, touring is what it's all about (see editorial in latest **V-8 TIMES**) and that was the first TCRG tour of 2015 with many more planned. Don't pay any attention to those know-nothing weather people, let's just get out there and drive 'em!

As always, June will be a busy month. At the membership meeting Bill Blood will discuss various aspects of judging in anticipation of the upcoming Central National Meet in Brainerd. Then there is the All Ford Picnic at Morrie's in Long Lake. Remember to sign up for a shift or two and invite all your Ford loving friends to come as well. Finally, there is the Back to the 50's get together at the fairgrounds with the pre-registration Geezer Breakfast and the Saturday afternoon pot-luck. See you there. Gordy



Tales from the Ice

Major milestones are significant. My Mom turned 90 in May. WOW. What an accomplishment, especially after she raised me. Now, I take interest in this because I am planning on aiming for 96 years on this planet. Maybe by then I will have my 1936 Pickup done. Not saying it is going to take that long, but.....



My wanted ad for a shock link netted one response. That response was from new member John Beltrand. Ironically he produced the third variety of the 1935-1936 shock link. Thanks for the offer John. While on the subject of the pickup — let me tell you that new parts don't fit, and even old parts don't fit. IF, I could start over today, I would clean everything, prime it, and then pre-fit it all before having some of it in finished trim. Case in point — the new pickup box. Excellent and correct construction not withstanding, it just needs so much 'tweaking' that it is going to take hours to make it fit the frame and rear fenders. But what else do you have to do a couple of times a week? I decided to have the gas tank re-boiled out. The tank sealer that I originally used was surely model 101. And thought made it clear that after 30 years, the new gas would probably eat right through it. It now looks pretty good inside. To seal it or not? That is the question.

And speedometers — what to do? The original did work when removed, so testing it on the bench with the cable attached — the cable doesn't turn. Ideas?

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

May Meeting Minutes

TCRG V-8 Membership Meeting
May 6, 2015

Call to order -7:31 by President Gordy.

V/P Report - Steve had nothing new to report tonight.

Treasurer - Roger sent current status - still solvent.

Membership - Joel says 80 members paid, one new member promised.

Secretary - Bill asked for and received approval of minutes as printed in Rumble Sheet.

Editor - Bruce would like your story. Especially on anniversary cars like '40. The Rumble Sheet received an honorable mention for the Golden Quill Award.

Old Business -

Junkyard Tour - John Titus. reported a dozen of us went to French Lake on a cool, windy day. Some mud in newly redone rows. We saw the '32 Ford 5-window coupe (engineless) in as-found condition with '57 plates in the shed out front. John found a spotlight on a '52 Ford pickup and brought it home. Tour participants also sent a birthday card to TX member, Bob Parmalee. John was in a yard in Morris last week and found three 1941 Fords.

New Business -

All Ford Picnic - John Titus says "make ice", sent sign-up sheets around for work schedules - call him to volunteer. Food was handled by Jerry Felton., now to be determined. John will get sodas and water. Club trailer will be handled by Joel Bergstrom, also the grill (from Jerry's to picnic and then to Ron Christensen's).

Central National V-8 Meet - Bruce Nelson reports: 68 registrations (134 people), 6 swappers, 15 trailers, 107 on driving tour, 40 T-shirts, 3 golf shirts (need more) and gearshift knobs received. Dennis Carney sent volunteer sign-up sheets around (call him). Pat Minor needs items for raffle.

Wisconsin Tour- Dennis Carney says meet May 17 at 52 & 494 (S.E. corner) and we will leave promptly at 9 am for a great tour!

National Driving Tour - through the Black Hills of South Dakota this September 19, averaging 100 miles per day per Bruce.

Highland Fest All Ford Show - Bruce promoted this event on July 19th at \$5 per car.

New Brighton Show/Swap - Bruce sent work sign-up sheets around for Saturday fence set up and Sunday, August 9th show.

Club Picnic - the possibility was brought up and will be discussed at the next board meeting.

Back to the 50's Potluck - scheduled for 5 PM Saturday, June 20, at V-8 Club shelter on Machinery Hill at fairgrounds.

Adjourned - 8:22 PM for 10 minute coffee.

Roadtrip Review- happened after coffee. Gordy handed out several checklists, including: Taking a Vehicle Out of Storage, Spare Parts, Tools, Cabin (destination), Wet Stuff, Miscellaneous (trunk), Pre-tour Checklist, Anecdotal Items. He also gave out copies of "So You're Going Touring to Tulsa" and "The Best Surprise Is No Surprise", both reprints of V-8 Times articles. All were discussed at length until.....

Final Adjournment- 9:00 pm. Job well done, Gordy!

Bill Blood, Secretary

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

JUNE 14 DEADLINE FOR REGISTERING IS JUST DAYS AWAY!!! Please note that CRAGUN'S is a closed facility and that there is a daily charge to get on the grounds if you have not registered for the CRAGUN'S lodging OR meal package.

PLEASE DON'T FORGET, OTHER THAN REGISTRATION, EVERY EVENT WILL NEED TO KNOW HOW MANY IN YOUR PARTY WILL BE ATTENDING. So, if you and your guest are planning on attending the After Dinner Activity on Tuesday night, you need to make sure to enter 2 on the line after the event title.

Currently we have members signed up from CA (2), CO (2), FL (1), GA (3), IA (5), IL (6), IN (3), KS (1), MD (3), MI (1), MO (5), MT (1), NY (2), OH (5), OK (1), OR (1), SD (1), WA (4), WI (7), and MN (14). And Canada (1).

And, for all you talented members out there, a request: How about making a donation to the Your Choice Raffle? We were thinking....art work, knitting, re-conditioned distributor, crocheting, collectibles ...what have you? Contact Pat Minor at 763-300-1070 to donate and let him know now!



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Happy Birthday

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|---------|-------------------------|
| June 10 | Gary Weyrauch |
| June 21 | Barb Collins(Kelly) |
| June 24 | Roger Wothe |
| June 26 | Claire and Olivia Minor |
| June 29 | Richard Harker |
| June 30 | Gisela Sorvig |

New Members

Please welcome new members Norm and Karen Vinnes. The Vinnes' live at 1900 Rush Lake Trail # 425, in New Brighton, MN 55112. At this time they do not have an Early Ford V-8. (we should tell them about the New Brighton Car Show and Swap Meet on August 9 – ed.)

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SEPTEMBER 13TH - 18TH, 2015
REGISTRATION FORM

DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS AUGUST 10TH, 2015

NATIONAL EARLY FORD V8 CLUB MEMBERSHIP NUMBER

NAME: _____ SPOUSE/GUEST: _____

EMAIL: _____

PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

YEAR AND MODEL OF TOUR CAR: _____

INSURANCE COMPANY: _____ POLICY #: _____

REGISTRATION FEE PER VEHICLE

WELCOME MIXER AND DINNER(SUNDAY 9/13/15) NUMBER ATTENDING @ \$30.00

1880 TRAIN RIDE (THURSDAY 9/17/15 @10AM) NUMBER ATTENDING @ \$26.00

FAREWELL DINNER (FRIDAY 9/18/15) NUMBER ATTENDING @ \$30.00

TOTAL:

I acknowledge that I am a member in good standing with the Early Ford V-8 Club of America and the vehicle I will be driving on the 2015 National Tour is covered by liability insurance in accordance with the laws of my state, and is covered by such additional coverage (collision, comprehensive, medical payment and uninsured motorist) as I have elected. I further acknowledge and agree that the Early Ford V-8 Club of America and its representatives shall not be liable for accidental injuries to persons or property occurring in connection with the 2015 National Tour

SIGNED: _____

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Here is the registration form for the 2015 Black Hills National Tour. This form can also be found on the National V-8 Club website www.earlyfordv8.org under Upcoming Events— National/ International Meets. Deadline is August 10th. This will be a relaxing tour of the Black Hills area of South Dakota. Don't miss it.

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.

June: Meeting Topic: Judging Seminar in preparation for Brainerd Event: All Ford Picnic and No Trophy Show

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

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:

From our member in Willmar, Francis Kalvoda informs us that there will be an auction in Bird Island on June 23. Included in the sale are lots of 40-41 pickup stuff. Check it out at www.henslinauctions.com click on auction calendar on left column (view the auction flyer for more information.)

2015 Geezer Breakfast Schedule 3rd Thursday of the Month

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 17: Harvey Oberg — Woodbury Café — Woodbury.

TCRG Glovebox

Cover Photo: Courtesy of the Art Director again. Someplace on the road for the Spring Tour.

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