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TCRG JUNK YARD TOUR

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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 V8 Club of America and is sent to all current members and advertisers. TCRG is chartered by the Early Ford V8 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 V8 engines, including all Fords, Mercurys and Lincolns so equipped from 1932 through 1953.

Club Address

PO Box 20236, Minneapolis, MN 55420.

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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Please send all materials for publication to Mark Crichton, 19072 Magenta Bay, Eden Prairie, MN 55347; e-mail to mark.m.crichton@pmusa.com. Rumble Sheet material deadline is the 15th of the month. E-mail body content (not attachment) is preferred.

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TCRG Activities

Wednesday, May 3, 2006, 7:30 PM

Chick Myers will lead a technical talk on how to convert Early Ford V-8 Houdaille shocks to tubular shocks. We will also have a discussion on the Central National Meet. The meeting will be held at **Environments, Inc., 5700 Baker Road, Minnetonka**. From I-494, exit at Hwy 62 Crosstown and go west to first stoplight (Baker Road/CR 60). Turn right (go north) and follow Baker Road about a half mile or so. Environments, Inc. will be on the left (west) side of the road; the sign is next to the driveway. Follow the driveway down the hill, around to the last parking lot. Park, and follow the long walkway into the lower level of the building.

Wednesday, May 10, 2006, 7:00 PM

Board meeting at Tom Halfpenny's, 2365 Queens Drive, Woodbury 55125 Phone: 651-738-0838

Thursday, May 18, 2006, 9'ish

Geezer Breakfast, Curran's Family Restaurant, 4201 Nicollet Ave., Mpls, 55409 Phone 612-822-5327. "A couple blocks west of 35W on Nicollet" Thanks Bill Blood for setting it up!

Sunday, June 4, 2006, 10AM to 3PM

27th Annual All Ford Picnic at the St. Paul Ford Assembly Plant **MAKE ICE!**

Wednesday, June 7, 2006 NO MEETING

See below

Saturday, June 10, 2006 (Time TBD)

Special Membership Meeting @ Jerry and Maidie Felton's. Jerry will be conducting an Acetylene Welding seminar at his shop. Details next month!

June 23 to 25, 2006

MSRA Back to the 50's weekend

Saturday, July 22, 2006

The Highland Fest in conjunction with the Ford

Motor Company. More details to come next month!

July 10-13, 2006

Eastern National Meet, Batavia, NY

July 24 to 31, 2006

Auburn MotorFest II, Auburn, IN

August 7-11, 2006

Western National Meet, Tacoma, WA

Sunday, August 13, 2006

New Brighton "Stockyard Days" car show and Swap meet

TCRG Roster

The 2006 TCRG rosters and membership cards have been mailed to all paid members. If you did not receive yours, please call me or send me an e-mail.

Please note that if your dues were not paid by the deadline (February 8, 2006), your info probably is not included in the 2006 roster. You will retain your membership number if your dues are paid in 2006.

Thanks to Ron Long for the roster cover art work and Tom Halfpenny for taking care of the printing.

Thanks, Kent. 763-755-7535 or
kctabako@msn.com.

Happy Birthday!

May 4	Winston Sorvig
May 5	James Forest
May 23	Rita Gasterland
May 28	Connie Halfpenny

New Members

No new members to report.

Contact Kent ASAP for a Membership application so this doesn't happen again!

TCRG Chatterbox

- The Board recently approved \$1000 to be awarded to an auto tech student at Hennepin Technical College. The student has a real passion for auto restoration and Ford ASSET Program at Hennepin Tech.
- The All Ford picnic car show is right around the corner. Don't forget to save those containers so you can **make ice**.
- The board is looking for members to host an upcoming Geezer Breakfast. This usually just involves making a phone call to let a restaurant know the group is coming. Contact Jerry Felton at 952-873-6754 if you would like to turn us on to your favorite breakfast joint!
- If anyone needs All Ford Picnic brochures, be sure to contact editor Mark Crichton who will gladly drop some in the mail to you. They are great for slipping into windows during upcoming events to advertise our show.
- Be sure to attend our May Membership meeting. We are pleased to have Chick Myers teach us how to convert our Houdaille shocks to modern tube shocks.
- Membership Chair Kent Tabako has informed us that membership for 2006 stands at 95!

Meeting Minutes

The TCRG March Membership meeting was held April 5, 2006 at Environments, Inc. Vice President Duane Shuck called the meeting to order and conducted the usual business. Tom Halfpenny gave the Treasurer's report and Bill Blood the secretary's report.

Duane reported that both Dennis Carney and Bud Louis have chosen to step down as co-chairs of the 2007 Central National Meet, and the Board is looking for someone to team up with Mark Crichton to co-chair.

Once the usual business was conducted,

it was time for the annual TCRG Collections "Show N Tell."

Gary Rosenberger brought in his license plate collection, where he had the same number for multiple years, and a great story.

Ron Long had his pristine 45 RPM record and Mad Magazine collection.

Marilyn Zimmerman came with her Serta sheep collection and Gary Weyrauch brought his extensive collection of pin-back comic pins that he collected as a kid from Kellogg PEP cereal.

Vern Halvorson presented his collection of coins, providing the members with plenty of good insight, and Dan Gordon displayed his antique Auburn Rubber toy cars. Really cool!

Finally, John Titus provided a fine display of train memorabilia and provided an interesting history of several railroads.

It was a fun evening. Thanks to all who participated.

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THE 2007 CENTRAL NATIONAL MEET



The plans for the TCRG National Meet are slowly taking shape after a bit of a rocky start. As you know by now, Denny and Bud chose to step down. However, they did a great job laying critical ground work, particularly with the hotel. It's obvious the Club remains passionate with their support of the Meet, as well as how it should be run. The bottom line, we are going forward "full speed ahead". I would like to thank Bill and Mary Gillies for agreeing to help me as co-chairs. I can't think of better folks to work with. We are dedicated to making this Meet the best ever, but more importantly, to have some FUN. In the near future we will be having a meeting to finalize our "game plan", establish time-lines, develop a budget, and agree on a few ground rules on how to have fun.

To the right you will find a list of positions that we need filled. I have added the names of those who have committed to having fun. If any member would like to join in the fun (and hopefully do a bit of work, too!), please let Bill, Mary or I know ASAP.

Wanted: Meet Name and Logo!

We continue to ask TCRG members to stir your creative juices and come up with a name for our meet. We also need a logo. Any ideas? Maybe one that includes Sugar Loaf Bluff? The winner will receive a free night's

room at the Meet. That is about a \$80 value. Please submit your ideas to Bill, Mary or Mark for review. As an FYI, Mavis Kisner has already copyrighted "River Heaven in '07", so you can't use that one!

Committee Members

Co-Chair: Mark Crichton

Co-Chairs: Bill & Mary Gillies

Registration: Roger Wothe

Treasurer: OPEN

Activities Lead: Gary Rosenberger

Touring Event: OPEN

River Boat Cruise: OPEN

Ladies Events: OPEN

Seminars: Cliff Helling, Bud Louis

Accomodations Lead: OPEN

Hotel: OPEN

Food / Menus: OPEN

Security: OPEN

Car Show Lead: Bill Blood

Concourse: OPEN

Judging: OPEN

Awards: Bruce Nelson

Publicity Lead: OPEN

Sponsors: OPEN

Fund Raising: OPEN

Give-aways: OPEN

Plus plenty of general support needed!

Texas or Bust

Sunday, April 2, planned departure for Texas 7 AM. Reality, it is raining and severe storms are crossing the Midwest. We wait and watch the weather channel and by 9AM it looks like the storms are crossing Interstate 35, so we head out in the '48 Mercury.

Rain and 38 degrees makes for an unpleasant start of our trip. We stop south of the cities to turn the water on to the heater, Mary has been reading the Sunday paper and when she finished a section she would wrap it around her legs. With the heat on we can now use the paper to sop up the water coming in everywhere. The wind is really blowing and driving the rain in the car. We get to Des Moines and have to stop and shut



Historic Billy the Kid death site, including chalk line!

the water off to the heater as it is roasting in the car but not drying out very fast. We reach Missouri, the rain stops, and we still have some paper towels remaining on the roll and a couple of sections of the paper that are dry.

We continue through Kansas City to Belton, MO and stopped for the night. I was remembering the last time I drove to Kansas City in a '48 Mercury; the only difference was the Mercury was only eleven years old at the time, not 58 years old as our car is now. We found a motel with HBO so we can watch the Sopranos. Monday, we breakfast with Mary's

niece and son who live in Belton and then back on the road for Dallas. From KC, We traveled on highway 71, which is east of 35 and 90 miles shorter to McKinney, Texas, home of Judy and Bob Parmelee. We arrive around 5:30 and are glad to get out of the car and walk and talk to somebody new.

Tuesday was a day of clean up and relaxing getting ready to resume our journey. We had dinner with Karen Parmelee Meaders and her twin sons, Zach and Josh. Wednesday finds us following Judy and Bob in their '47 Mercury roaring down the interstate right through the heart of Dallas at 9AM to meet up the rest of the Dallas club on the

southwest side of Dallas. We join a dozen or so other early V8's and head off to Johnson City.

Ken Ballew once again leads the tour to our final destination in his '34 Ford Tudor. Ken enjoys setting up the tours and makes them educational as well as scenic. We stopped in Hico, the town where Billy the Kid changed his name, went straight and lived out his last days.

We spent the night in Johnson City, and in the morning we visited a living history farm. It was located across the road from Lady Bird's farm. It was a working farm set in the 1900's, very interesting and I believe a first farm visit

for Bob P.

We had lunch in Frederickburg, a town set up by Germans in the 1840's and the only people to honor a treaty with the Indians anywhere in the US.

After lunch, we went to Luckenbach for a longneck beer. Ken's daughter, Teresa Redmond, a member of the Dallas regional group, entertained us with her violin. Teresa has played with many Nashville musicians and has a personal goal to play in many historic places. Mary and I were sitting in the shade enjoying the music and a longneck while others were changing a fuel pump on a '51 Ford.

On to New Braunfels and the T bar M ranch, our final destination for the next few days. This was the 33rd Texas tour and was hosted by the Capitol City Early Ford V8 Club. Gary and Cheryl Tatro, ex Minnesotans and members of the Model A Club are part of the Capitol City regional group. We have visited with them the past several years during the Texas Tour.

The facility was great! The rooms were air-conditioned, and from Fri till Sunday's departure all the meals were furnished. (An important item for TCRG's members).

Friday Mary and I ventured to San Antonio and the Alamo, which was only 30 some miles away from where the car show was being held, 97degrees with 7% humidity what a ride through downtown San Antonio.

Sat morning was a self guided driving tour at your leisure and the car show was at noon. Popular vote decided how the 125 Fords and Mercury's were selected for the first and second prizes in the different classes. In our class was the most gorgeous '49 Mercury woody, and it took the best of everything. 225 people attended the banquet that night for the awards. Mary and I plugged the 2007 Meet

and generated some interest. While we drove the furthest, 1366 miles, because our engine is orange we didn't qualify for the long distance award!

Sunday, Continental breakfast and goodbyes said we head back north the 300 miles to Mckinney.

Ken again had a tour planned but about 6 of us opted to go direct and skip the tour. We arrived at Judy and Bob's around 5:30 in time to meet Duane and Jean Shuck , who arrived from Minnesota pulling a trailer.

Monday was a day of rest.

Tuesday Duane, Bob and I headed for Arlington to load the '52 Ford business coupe Duane had purchased. Duane pulled the '52 out of the mud and away from the fire ants so we could load it on the trailer. The '52 loaded we next went to visit Antique Auto Supply and Stacy Brown. This guy has the parts for Ford, Chevy and Chrysler. Unbelievable! After a couple of hours of walking through the parts and drooling we headed back to Bob's.

Wednesday at 7AM we are back in the car following Duane and Jean headed back to Minnesota. We timed it so we would be going through Kansas City at rush hour and were not disappointed. We stopped in Liberty, MO. got a room, had supper and crashed. Off again Thus AM and another 500 mile day to look forward too. Noon in Des Moines, Twin Cities by 4:30 in time for rush hour again, what luck!

All in all, a good trip; lots of driving, beautiful spring blooms to enjoy and the comfortable feeling of being with old friends. We traveled 2760 miles in our '48 Mercury on bias ply tires, and no air conditioning, what a ride!

Dobie

CLUB MEMBER PROFILE

Member: Kent Tabako

City / State: Coon Rapids, Minnesota

Years as a Club Member: 30 years this year.

Offices Held: President, Vice President, Secretary, Editor (twice), Activities Director and currently Membership Chairperson

Antique / Classic Vehicles Owned: 1939 Ford Deluxe Coupe and 1955 Ford Crown Victoria.

What is behind your passion for cars: I think I owe that to my dad. I have a picture of my dad and me looking under the hood of his 1934 Chevy. I was less than six months old at the time and I probably bonded with that machinery under the hood.

What can you tell us about your family: Cathy and I have been married for 41 years and have two children, Brian and Deb, son-in-law Darin, and three grandchildren. Daughter Deb works in special education for the Elk River and St Francis school districts and Darin is a printer. Deb and Darin have blessed us with three wonderful grandchildren, Kayla, Brianna and Andrew. Son Brian is an automobile service tech and a big fan of NHRA racing. He is carrying on the tradition with three Ford Mavericks in various stages of restoration. The one with the blower and nitrous injection kit is not quite stock. We are a close family and enjoy spending a lot of time together.

What do / did you do for a living: TI retired from GE in January of 2000 after 31 years as an appliance repair tech and currently work part time at The Home Depot

Biggest non-Family, non-V8 passion: TWorking on our house and yard, it's good therapy and there's enough work to last me

through my 100th birthday.

The car you always wanted or wished you never sold: Would love to own a 1950 Ford convertible. Wish I hadn't sold the '37 Fordor but can't admit it because Cathy told me not to do it.

Something about you that TCRG Members may not know: I pay to have the oil changed on my modern vehicles

Philosophy about life: I know it's far from original..."take time to smell the Roses".



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JUNK YARD TOUR

Great weather was on hand for the annual trek to French Lake Auto Parts. A group of about 20 members met at the Plymouth Perkins for a hearty breakfast, and the one hour drive west. Once at the yard, most members scattered to find the parts on their “wish list”. John Titus brought 4 kids to assist him in removing the cab off of the ‘39 COE pictured below. Leave it to JT to make it a family event! You will have to ask him how it went, as this Editor had to leave early to produce another fine newsletter! Here are a few pictures from the fun day...



Clockwise from Top-Left:

1. Couple of picked over shoeboxes
2. John Titus and the infamous '39 COE body
3. The Junk Yard Tour gang, fed, and ready to tour
4. John stripping parts as Pat Minor offers advice

Here are the answers from Bruce Burrows quiz printed in the April Rumble Sheet:
1. Citation • 2. Mercury • 3. Mercury • 4. The Speedwell • 5. First year: 1958 Last Year: 1968 • 6. 1936 • 7. 427 Cubic Inch V-8 • 8. Packard • 9. Chevrolet Corvair • 10. Benjamin Franklin

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

- 1936 Ford Fordor Touring Sedan Deluxe. Rare with Columbia axle and correct flathead V8 factory rebuilt engine with insert bearings. Stock original humpback with working original gauges, radio and clock, greyhound, dual wipers, tools in display case, title, and extra clean undercarriage. Added- Directionals, duals, HW heater, FM, auxiliary electric fuel pump, underdash disconnect switch, black repaint. 22,230 miles. Outstanding car. \$24,800. Tom at 651-738-0838 or email: tmhalfpenny@msn.com.
- 48 Ford Deluxe Coupe \$6000 or BO. Stock, minor rust, clear title, many new parts, some assembly req'd, battery not included. 507-444-4532, dfryman@truth.com (4/06)
- 1940 Ford Parts, both body and mechanical. Bill Blood 612-722-4172
- 1948 Ford chassis for sale. With front end, rear end, and in good shape. \$300 and it is yours. Cliff 952-446-1802 (4/06)
- Ford 8N tractor with small back blade. Mechanically sound-tires good-12 volt conversion \$2500. Gary (320) 235-3935 or (320) 894-8685; e-mail garybob@charter.net. (6/06)
- 1977 GMC 1 ton van. Great swap meet vehicle-runs well. \$450 obo. Gary (320) 235-3935 or (320) 894-8685; e-mail garybob@charter.net. (6/06)
- 1923 Fordson tractor on steel. Complete, with add on brake. Engine free. \$1500. Gary (320) 235-3935 or (320) 894-8685; e-mail garybob@charter.net. (6/06)
- 1934 Diamond T delivery. Classic features-needs love and TLC \$1400. Gary (320) 235-3935 or (320) 894-8685; e-mail garybob@charter.

net. (6/06)

- 18 foot heavy duty (12" centers) full steel deck car trailer with tool box. 12,000 lb. Built to last. \$2100 Gary (320) 235-3935 or (320)894-8685; e-mail garybob@charter.net. (6/06)
- 1946 Ford Conoco gas truck. Body is good. Engine soaking but stuck (6 cylinder) \$2300 OBO. Gary (320) 235-3935 or (320) 894-8685; e-mail garybob@charter.net. (6/06)
- 1949 Ford F-5 V-8 (stuck). Great body and tires with hoist, no box. \$1800. Gary (320) 235-3935 or (320) 894-8685; e-mail garybob@charter.net. (6/06)
- 1947 Mercury Coupe frame with 2-speed rear end. Needs one axle; frame has been sand-blasted and primed with PPG DP74LF (2 coats). \$1200. cash. Dick 651-776-2197 or merc1947123@msn.com. (4/06)
- 1950 Ford 4-door. Original car, 37,000 miles, original tires and script battery. Repaint only. \$7500 Larry 763-972-2603 (4/06)

BJ's Corner



- 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, "Oh Ya, got a columbia rear too". Thought you said you wanted a super good one.

- 1940 Ford Deluxe Convertible, correct body off restoration, all steel, Cloudmist grey (green), tan top, brown leather, AACA Hershey senior car, harp and fire, WWSW, inner and outer beauty rings, grill guard, correct fender skirts, this is so nice it makes you wet!!
- 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, driver 100%
- 1940 Ford Standard Opera Coupe, very seldom seen model., all steel, body-off restoration, Maroon, L/B interior, correct flathead, wws, 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, wws 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, wws, beauty rings, correct working radio, rumble seat, super killer nice correct interior
- 1951 Mercury Convertible. All steel CA car, restored. Call BJ for details.
- 1948 Ford Super Deluxe coupe, Body-off resto, killer straight black, wws 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, wws, inner and outer beauty rings, grill guard, wing tips, fogs, spotlight, radio, heater. Super nice and ready for summer.
- 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, wws, Cad caps, '51 Merc skirts, new flathead, duals, overdrive, everything new or rebuilt.

- 1951 Mercury Convertible. All steel correct body-off restoration that is not finished yet, lite grey new paint, stainless on, entire chassis has been rebuilt including radiator-engine-overdrive-rear-brakes, etc. Complete L/B interior and top not installed yet.

- 1954 Mercury 9-Passenger "Woodie" Wagon. All steel, White, original red and white vinyl interior, 3 seater, rebuilt V8, automatic trans, new exhaust, new chrome, radio, heater, outstanding wood. Not many of these around.

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

Wanted

- Wanted: Check your junk boxes and back corners for an electric, 12 volt Bermuda bell. Tim Anderson 763-493-4655 (4/06)
- Wanted: 11A-11654 Ford headlight switch, 1941 and up. Also fits Lincoln & Mercury. NOS or used. 6 volt. Harvey Oberg 651-739-9754. (4/06)
- Wanted: 1950 Ford Parking light housings and '50 Ford Crestliner Wheel Cover - need at least one. Also need any or all of the stainless side trim for a '62-66 Chev pickup with 8' box (I inherited the truck from my Uncle who bought it new) Francis Kalvoda, Willmar. 320-235-5777 or fjk@charter.net. (4/06)
- Wanted :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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