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TWIN CITIES REGIONAL GROUP INFORMATION

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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

Wednesday, November 1, 7:30 PM

Membership meeting. Bill Blood will be conducting a Carburetor seminar. 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, November 8, 7:30 PM

Board meeting at the home of Gary and Sandy Rosenberger, 430 14th Avenue N, South St Paul, MN 55075, 651-451-2937

Wednesday, November 15, 7:00 PM

Great River Rendezvous Committee meeting, Mark Crichton's office, 1700 West 82nd Street, Suite 125, Bloomington, MN 55431. Call Mark or Bill Gillies if you would like to attend.

Thursday, November 16, 9:00ish

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

Wednesday, December 6, 7:30 PM

Membership Meeting, Annual Christmas celebration. The meeting will be held at **Environments, Inc., 5700 Baker Road, Minnetonka**.

Wednesday, December 13, 7:30 PM

Board Meeting

Wednesday, December 20, 7:00 PM

Great River Rendezvous Committee meeting

Thursday, December 21, 9:00ish

Geezer Breakfast, Khoury's Restaurant, 5660 Bishop Ave, Inver Grove Heights. Thank you

Tom Halfpenny for setting it up!

President's Message

My annual trip to the great meet in Hershey kept me away from the October general meeting. My thanks to Mike Wyman for handling the meeting responsibilities. Roger Wothe presented an interesting seminar about installing needle bearings in place of bushings for the spindle bolts. I heard several good comments about this unique idea. Thanks, Roger. Bill Blood will be giving his seminar on carburetor rebuilding at the November meeting.

Nominations for officers for next year will again be solicited at the November meeting. Every position, except Editor, is potentially open. This is the best way to become involved in the club and to contribute your ideas for the continuation and growth of the organization. Please give this some real consideration.

The annual banquet will be held on Saturday, January 21 2007, at Mancini's Char House in St Paul. We had so many good comments about the food at last years banquet, that we decided to do it again. We need a person to step up and handle the details for the meeting and dinner.

The annual banquet has traditionally been the time when an "Outstanding Member" has been recognized. This is not necessarily an annual award, but rather on an as deserved basis. If you feel that some member has consistently over time, contributed to the organization above and beyond a normal effort, contact one of the Board members for consideration in making the award at this years banquet.

Duane Shuck

TCRG Chatterbox

• It's been reported to the Editor that Mary Helling had an operation on Wednesday, October 18th, and is hopefully home recuperating by the time you get your Rumble Sheet. Please keep Mary in your thoughts and prayers for a speedy recovery.

• **World of Wheels 2007-** Here is a heads-up on the 2007 World of Wheels Show. The dates will be **February 2-4, 2007** at the St Paul River Center. We would like to have 5 vehicles like last year in the 8 car spot. Mike Timmerman's '42 Ford Fire Truck makes a great center spot. Hopefully he will display it again for this show.

If you and your vehicle are willing, we would like to have you be part of the display. Contact Tommy (as Vern calls me) Halfpenny to sign up or if you have questions/concerns. Trailering your car to and from the show will be available. I can be reached at 651-738-0838.

• **Annual Membership Banquet-** Mark your calendars now for January 21, 2007! Our banquet will be held at Mancini's Char House in St Paul. The meal price this year is \$22 per person. Look for details and a return insert in next month's Rumble Sheet.

• **Cover Photo:** Don Pautz, Gary Rosenberger and Ron Long looking hard for some of that famous MN/WI fall color during the Osceola & St. Croix Valley train ride.

New Members

Joel and Rose Ann Bergstrom
2080 Wheeler St. N.
Roseville, MN 55113

The Bergstrom's have a really nice '53 F-100

Happy Birthday!

October 1
October 10
October 23
October 26
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Dennis Carney
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Membership Chair

The membership chairperson position on the TCRG board of directors is open for nominations for 2007. I have held this position for three years and it's time to give someone else a chance at it!

Membership chairperson is one of the easier jobs on the board. Responsibilities include collecting dues, maintaining the membership roster and mailing applications to interested persons. It's a good way to get to know your fellow members better and get more involved in the club.

Please consider nominating yourself or a friend for this position! If you have a problem nominating yourself let me know, I will nominate you!

See you all at the November meeting.

Kent Tabako

Rendezvous Update

Your Central National Meet Committee has been working hard to plan a terrific Meet that all TCRG members can be proud of. We have established many of the preliminary plans, and feel really good about our progress to date. Our next step is to generate support from the Club. One of the ways you can support the Meet is actually quite simple: **Register!** Our host hotel should accommodate most of the folks we anticipate, but if everything goes well, who knows? Why wait until you are stuck in our “overflow” hotel? Register now, and ensure you have your accommodations at the Meet’s HOST hotel! After only one month, we already have 13 registrations, and only 3 are from TCRG!

There are plenty of roles and responsibilities that could use your support. While some of the roles are only required for Meet week, some are “coordinating” jobs that could use your valuable experience and efforts right now. If you are interested in getting involved, be sure to contact one of the committee members, and we will work to ensure your role is aligned with your passions and expertise. I believe you would also be impressed with the cohesiveness of our team. It’s great to work with respectful, passionate members who consistently put the team first. This is starting to become fun!

Finally, when you do register, **don’t forget to sign up to be a judge** even if you have no experience. The experts will teach you!

Bill, Mary and I thank you for your support and enthusiasm for making this the best Central National Meet ever. MC

James J. Hill Days

TCRG would like to thank Roger Wothe for inviting us to the James J. Hill Days car show in Wayzata on Saturday, September 9th. Approximately 75 cars attended the show, and TCRG represented about 20% of them. Great turnout! It helped that we had a beautiful day. What is neat about this show is the unique vehicles that attend, including Lincolns, Packards, and even Corvairs. Below are a few pictures from the show.



Top: Roger’s beautiful ‘42 Lincoln, with his ‘37 Studebaker Pickup in the background; TCRG cars are always popular at car shows

CARS, TRAINS, BOATS,

Picking the best date for a fall color tour is a crap shoot at best, at least as far as catching the leaves at their peak coloring. We might have come close this year on Sat. Oct. 7th with a club tour from Hudson, WI. north to Osceola via back roads, then returning through Taylors Falls back down to Stillwater with some interesting activities along the way. One had to look fast to catch the leaves passing by the windshield as winds gusted to 40 mph throughout the day. A small but hearty group (Longs, Rosenbergers, Tabakos & Goettes) gathered at Perkins for breakfast & nine-ish departure. Fifteen minutes later, we picked up Dennis & Dorace Bradford along the way in their HUGE late 50's Lincoln, & proceeded north through Somerset, along the Apple River, past the Cedar Lake Speedway, around Cedar Lake, ending up in Horse Creek (that's right, Horse Creek).

A good Friend of mine, Sherwood Heggen, owns an antique boat restoration business there and graciously opened his shop for a short tour & some hot apple cider. Pautz's joined us here & the group expanded to an even dozen. Sherwood is pretty much a one man show, but does very high quality work as evidenced by a 1939 Chris Craft Barrelback runabout he was just finishing. He does as much or as little as the customer

wants, & this CC primarily involved some plank & deck replacement & varnishing rather than "complete" restoration, but it is absolutely stunning. Several other boats adorned the premises ranging from "gray" boats (good for pattern only) to halfway through total wood replacement, to just needing some cosmetics. Gary & Sandy parked their '51 Merc next to a "gray" boat outside the shop. Talk about irony, imagine their excitement when they discovered it was a 1952 Mercury boat complete with special Mercury name plates on the fenders. I'll bet Sandy is already dreaming of finding one of those for their very own. Sherwood also has a passion for radio control flying of model aircraft, and a few of those were seen lying about.

A short trip around some very scenic lakes nearby, then to Osceola for lunch & a 12:45 departure on the Osceola & St. Croix



W I N D & F A L L C O L O R S ! !

Valley Railway. Pulling into the depot to secure our tickets, an old Merc cleverly disguised as a yellow Volkswagen Beetle pulled up alongside, & voila, Gillies's magically appeared bringing the count of V-8ers to 14. Sherwood & his

friend Mary also joined us for lunch at Dairy Queen & the 90 minute train ride from Osceola to Marine & back. What a good time, I'd recommend it to anybody.

After the train ride, Pautz's, Gillies's, Sherwood and Mary all departed for other commitments, & the rest of us toured the local antique & other shops. Bradfords headed home then to prepare for some of us to stop at their place east of Stillwater later, & the original four cars that started the day headed north to Taylors Falls to return down the MN side of the river.

A bad choice of turning into downtown Taylors Falls led to a LONG detour getting back, as there were so many cars out looking at fall colors, traffic was gridlocked. But, isn't driving the old cars what we really love? A final stop to tour Bradford's shop was a fitting end to a fun day, as Dennis & Dorace have a spectacular view from their deck as well as a neat shop & collection of interesting vehicles & memorabilia. Thank you to all who participated for making it a great day, and very special thanks to Sherwood for welcoming us into his wood boat shop.

Editor's Note: TCRG extends a big thank you to Ron and Dianne Goette for coordinating this Fall Colors tour and train ride in relatively short notice! Thanks as well, Ron for the Rumble Sheet review!

Previous Page: Gary, Kent, Ron and Don checking out Sherwood's restored '39 Chris Craft Barrelback. This Page (from top): Don and Kate "Corleone" Pautz enjoying the colorful scenery; TCRG members enjoying the beautiful landscape from the train; Kent's '55 Crown Vic, Gary's '51 Merc and Ron's '56 Convertible against a picturesque fall background.



CLUB MEMBER PROFILE

Member: Mary Gillies

City / State: Arden Hills, MN

Years as a Club Member: Too Many for Publication

Club Offices Held: Editor, Vice President, Activities, President (In all of the offices, I had lots of support and help from Bill.)

Antique / Classic Vehicles Owned: A '48 Mercury Coupe and a '48 Mercury Tudor "in progress"

An interesting antique car related story:

When I was in high school and college, my dad had a fondness for Buick's / large, old, barely running Buick's! When I was a freshman in college, my car a '49 Buick, nicknamed La Petite Fleur, was a fixture for the Alpha Gamma sorority pledge class. During a parade through campus, my car was one of the units. What excitement when my unit caught fire! Guess who came to my rescue and insisted I drive the darn thing???. Another freshman that was driving a '48 Mercury at the time. (The fire was in the hood insulation, due to a well-timed backfire and quickly extinguished.)

What is behind your interest in the car hobby?

My main interest was the above freshman. However, when we first became members, there were several families with children. With our families all 300 miles south, the car club activities became a family function. From apple orchards to camping trips, there were many outings that the kids remember participating in and enjoyed being a part of club. The Long, Tabako, Helling, Goette, Anderson, Sevelie, Tonsager, Walzack, Timmerman, Halvorson, Adam families brought children that we still enjoy seeing and hearing about.

And like most of the non-drivers in the V-8

Club, I guess I love riding in old hot cars when it is 90 degrees.

What can you tell us about your family?

We have been married too many years for publication. Bill and I have 2 children, Beth and Carl. Beth is Sportswear Marketing Director for Vibe Magazine. She works in Manhattan and lives just across the Brooklyn Bridge by Veterans Park. Beth has always loved antique cars and has a '68 Camaro collecting dust at BJ's. Carl is a Landscape Architect and works John Howard Associates in San Diego. Carl and his wife, Veronica, are hoping to move back to Minnesota. We also have two cats, but you've heard enough about them.

What do / did you do for a living? My degree is in Elementary Education. I really love to teach kids how to read and enjoyed 3rd and 5th graders. One of the best teaching experiences was when Bill was an MP in Japan, during our military stint. I substituted in the military schools and since we lived off base, the MP's would send a car to let me know there was a job for me the next day! When I returned to work after raising our kids, I went to work for Presbyterian Homes of MN. It was a gratifying experience to be part of a start-up campus, watching the progress of the buildings, hiring the help, and then helping the residents move in. My role was HR Director and Administrator of the Memory Care Building.

Biggest non-Family, non-V8 passion:

I am getting used to this retirement thing but have not learned to have down time during the middle of the day! Currently my passion has been gardening. As Bill says, his projects are adjusting to having me home.

I also really, really like depression era china

and glassware. I have a collection of Fostoria American glassware that we use lots. And if pressed, I could come up with china place settings for about 60 people..

The car you always wanted or wished you never sold: Well, my favorite color is yellow. We adopted a great '48 Mercury Convertible, drove it for many years and then it was adopted by a wonderful Missouri Family. I miss it! And my leased yellow Bug just went back to VW. It was also a great car.

Something about you that TCRG Members may not know: I really enjoy the TCRG V-8 Club members. They have always been very welcoming, supportive and accepting. Our club has a great history of enjoying all the member's vehicles, regardless of the state of restoration, the condition, or the year of the vehicle. We were pushing the national club to accept cars through '53 when we hosted the first Central National Meet here in MN. The guys help each other with their car problems and are very generous with their time and talents. We have many talented people in our club, many who are not the main driver of the vehicle!!

Philosophy about life: Live in the present! Enjoy what is happening right now and not to worry about the next thing until it comes. And of course, shake things up a bit!



Mary and Bill Gillies' 48 Mercury Coupe

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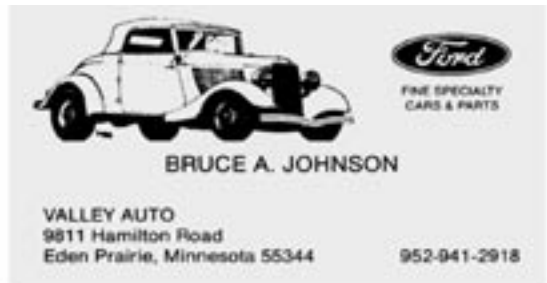
Classifieds

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

- Trade \$200 transferable gift certificate for RB's Obsolete Automotive in Glendale AZ for \$100. I won it for working as a volunteer at Back to the 50's. Valid until 6/25/07. RB's sells state of the art street rod parts. Check out online at rbsauto.com. Bruce Nelson 651-482-8940 (2/07)
- 1947 Ford Super Deluxe Tudor Sedan. 3.1XX miles on completely rebuilt drive train. 1950 Merc engine. C4 auto transmission. Mustang II front end, disc brakes. Ford 8-inch rear end. Much more. Comes from loving, caring home. New owner must provide same. \$25,000 OBO. Tim Anderson. 763-493-4655 (1/07)
- 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: brucethedeuce@usfamily.net or call Bruce Kolby 651 341 0361. (9/06)
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- 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



(10/06)

- 1936 Ford Deluxe Roadster, All steel, body-off restoration, black, radio, heater, WWSW, spyders, 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, Really 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, 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, nice correct interior

- 1951 Mercury Convertible. All steel CA car, restored.

- 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.

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

Wanted

- 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

- 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)

- 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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