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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.

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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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- WANTED:** My adopted Grandson Tony Richert, inherited a 1947 1 Ton Pickup from his other grandfather. This pickup had been sitting in a field behind Grandpa's house for many, many years. Tony, who is 19 years old, decided this would be a good summer project, especially since his dad had once driven this truck himself. Tony and some buddies trailered the pickup home and decided to go to work. Found out the engine was no good, so went to work to find a replacement. A 59 AB would be the correct one. Went to the swap meet at Back to the 50's, and found one for \$600.00. With only \$500 in his pocket, he asked the fellow from Duluth what his bottom price was and if the engine would work. Engine would turn over and indeed would run, bottom price \$500.00. The engine was Tony's and is now sitting in their garage. The plan is to leave the body stock, but "pep" up the motor a bit. Tony was told the cylinders are bored to .060 over already. He is now looking for an intake manifold for dual carbs, and one that has a separation between the two. (He saw one that has the carbs close together, and another one that has more space between the two.) The one with the additional space is the one he's looking for. Another item he prefers is Stroker Carbs, so if you have a couple laying around and are willing to get rid of them, let me know. Additionally, this truck had split rims on the back and since the bolt pattern is somewhat goofy, he would prefer normal

rims and believe they would fit. This to me is the future of our club, so I would like to do everything I can to help him find the pieces/parts. Naturally, being 19 years old he is not the richest kid on the block, but I have been enthused by the research he has done on the internet, as relates to this truck project. If you should have any of these parts, or are willing to be a telephone consultant, please let me know and I will be happy to bring you together with Tony. Tony lives in Lake Elmo, is truly a great kid, and I am proud to claim him as my adopted grandson. Gary Isaacson 651-430-9009 (Oct)

- AVAILABLE TO RENT:** Heated secure storage space for your vehicles. October through April for \$300. Call Dennis while space is still available 715-549-6167 (Nov)
- LEAD:** Looking for a glove box clock? Restored 1940 \$100, and 1939 \$150. Contact John at 763-595-8678 for more information. (Jan)



A little late — but cool just the same — circa 1935.

Miscellany

- While Halloween will have passed by the time you receive this, you should know that our own Pat Minor presided this past year over the 95th Annual Anoka Halloween as President. So, if you think that you haven't seen Pat much this year, this could be the reason. Orange Tie Ball, Medallion Hunt, Pumpkin Carving Contest, 3 Parades, Bonfire, Scavenger Hunt, House Decorating, Wine Tasting, and the Ambassador Coronation, plus one or two other things. Congrats Pat! He tells me that on November 1 he is checking himself into the rehab center for over volunteered people.
- And I understand that if you have a tractor, whether lawn or other, you need to use them safely. It seems one of our members, and one of our former members have both incurred injuries while working with tractors. As the Sergeant used to say on Hill Street Blues: "Let's be safe out there."
- Rumor has it that no one got lost on the Fall Driving Tour. I, on the other hand was 1100 miles east enjoying the 70 degree weather. And after 5 days of that, I was a little sunburned. Nothing like coming back with a better tan than you left with.
- The editor had a spot at the Roadster Swap Meet on October 18th. Didn't see too many TCRG folks. Great day too. Sold enough to pay for the tolls going East and coming back (\$88 by the way) and also 5 tanks of gas. I suppose the gained garage space will now need to be filled with something else. Have to say thanks to Mary for getting up at 3:45 a.m. to help and spend part of the day at the

Minnesota State Fairgrounds.

- We get email notices: Hello to fellow Club members! I just wanted to Thank You for the nice Award and letter for "Above and Beyond". Vivian and I were happy to have helped any in some small way anyone who could use it. Glad to be needed! We are now in Florida. Give us a call when in Florida (number in TCRG Membership Roster—ed.) See you in the Spring.
Mike & Vivian Timmermans
- There is a lot of open space the last few issues — because no one is submitting stories about what they have been doing. I wish there were more.
- And with the up coming election season, the editor would like to offer the following:
If voting could really change things, it would be illegal.
- And, before anyone else mentions it -- it will soon be time to renew your dues for 2016. Another year has slipped by.

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 (County Road 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 (County Road B) look for church on left. Plenty of parking.

Program: A video presentation on Drag Racing in Minnesota—Bill Blood. Bring a dollar to donate.

TCRG Activities

Wednesday, November 4, 7:30 p.m., Monthly Meeting. Discussion on TCRG By-Law changes, All Ford Picnic, and one or two other topics. Bill Blood will be sharing video documentation on Drag Racing in Minnesota. Watch the side streets on the way to the Meeting.

Sunday, November 8, 2 p.m. Plymouth Playhouse — "Church Basement Ladies". If your going, you have already purchased tickets.

Further Down the Road.....

June 12—16, 2016, Central National Meet in Tulsa

OK. We went there in 1978. Here is your chance to do it again. Information available at www.earlyfordv8.org

July 11—15, 2016, Western New York Regional Group's Golden Anniversary National Tour. Starts in Batavia NY and includes nights in Jamestown, Corning, Binghamton, Syracuse, and back to Batavia. You will be touring around the Finger Lakes Region of NY. Think wineries. Contact Milly at millysch@frontiernet.net for more information.

August 8—11, 2016, Eastern National Meet in Gettysburg PA. If you missed it in 2014, they are doing it again. Cheaper hotel rates and registration fee. www.ncr36.com or www.earlyfordv8.org



Just think — if you started collecting gear shift knobs 25 years ago, you would have a great retirement fund now.

From the President's Workbench

The leisurely days of October have sped by with spectacular weather. There is color everywhere but it's been hard to tell when "peak" occurred. Gary Rosenberger and Mike Erickson combined to create a picturesque tour through Anoka, Isanti, and Chisago counties early on but we could have gone almost any day this month. By the way, the butternut squash we received from the Erickson Family farm was the best we'd ever eaten. (Myrna said it would be fantastic, and she knows.)

While not letting go of the summery fall weather yet, it is nonetheless time to discuss some end of year business. The Board has felt that some revisions are needed in our Club by-laws to more accurately reflect what we do, or would like to do.

In the near future we will all receive copies of the suggested updates and proposed revisions, especially to Articles III and IV which are being hammered out by the Board for review, discussion, and approval by the membership. It is hoped that some of the changes may facilitate the process of transitioning leadership offices from one year to the next. We have such a depth of talent both old and new in the Club that it would be good to have as much input and diversity as possible.

I am also pleased to report that the Board has approved the purchase of a projector for use at meetings, banquets, parties or whenever. It will be fun to regularly be able to enjoy pictures of our memorable trips or meets, compilations of our Club's glory days in the past, educational materials, motion pictures or video presentations. Our long-time Art director, Ron Long, has graciously agreed to supervise and instruct us in its use.

Finally, at our next meeting in November, I wonder if we could talk about some ideas for the December meeting. It is hard not to think of and remember our good friend Vern who usually took that meeting under his wing and gave a hearty kick off into the Christmas season.

Well, better get the lighter weight oil in, the heater valve opened, and the nobbies on so we can drive them a little longer!
Gordy

Tales from the Ice

As you may know, I have annually attended the AACA Fall National Meet in Hershey PA since 1982. That is 33 years. And while I have found some treasures, sometimes I have not. I have also



assisted Charlie Gunn in coordinating the Early Ford V-8 Club presence at the event. I am amazed, that since it usually takes a person 4 days to see it all, there are a group of east coast Early

Ford V-8 Club members that give up one to two hours of their time to volunteer at the table on the field. It is very impressive the way that those members step up.

And it never fails — I hauled the four boxes of National Meet Awards to Hershey, so that the 2015 Central National Meet would not have to pay to ship the boxes. Ironically, I returned from Hershey with 5 boxes. These of course held newly purchased parts, some varieties of chocolates, and new memorabilia for my collection.

I believe that after all these years of attending the Hershey event, that anyone with any interest in the old car hobby should put this event on their 'bucket list'.

It was also very interesting to watch the Hagerty Insurance staff completely purchase and assemble a 1946 Ford pickup truck there. While it may not be a factually correct assembly, you have to give them credit for finding, fitting, and assembling everything to make it run. Maybe that is why I have them as my insurance carrier.

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

October Meeting Minutes

October 7th Meeting Minutes: Steve Seidl filling in for Bill Blood (*with some corrections by the editor*). Call to order at 19:35 by President Gordy Ditmanson. Opening remarks: Fall (*National Driving*) tour to Black Hills was well attended. Had 18 folks from the TCRG who took part. Last weekend's Fall Tour thru Anoka, Isanti and Chisago Counties (new area for us) was pretty neat. We stopped at Mike Erickson's family farm in Isanti as an added bonus. Really enjoyed the drive from Harris to Taylor's Falls. I think it is fair to say the club has put at least 2000 miles on their cars the last couple of weeks. (*some members have—ed.*)

Treasurer's report: The Club received a \$1000 from the National club (*really the Central National Meet Committee*) for hosting the much abbreviated Central National Meet. The bottom line—we have money in the kitty. Again thanks to Bruce and Pat (*and Dennis*) for the hard work on the MEET.

Membership: Per Joel we have 84 actives.

New Business: Overview: Gordy presented a summary of the results regarding the All Ford Picnic survey. The picnic has been held for the last 36 years. The last three years attendance at Morrie's in Long Lake have been marginal at best. This past year despite members' best efforts we lost \$130.

The actual survey: Consensus is to have an All Ford Picnic and hold it on the first Sunday in June. Morrie's facility wise has been pretty ideal but the location is too far out of the main stream. We as a club definitely need a more central location. Members generally favor having food at the picnic but perhaps having a food truck supply it may be the way to go. (How can

you have a picnic w/o food?). Should we charge for picnic? Perhaps a couple dollars for parking and say \$5.00 for a swap space. Response was mixed. The major take away from survey are we need a new location, let's serve food, we can't easily get away from basic expenses such as buttons and biffys. Club Members, we need your input on a new location.

Regarding Elections: If we are going to have a new form of governance such as having an elected board of directors and the directors appoint/cajole its internal membership to assume the offices of president, vice president etc, then we need to update Club By Laws. Members this is your opportunity to speak up and make suggestions on this topic.

Old Business: The Board approved purchase of a media projector for the Club to be used at Club presentations. We are sorely lacking in updated equipment to make presentations to the membership without having to rent equipment. Approval sum was \$.....

November Outing: Being put together by Liz Blood for Sunday, November 8th. Cost of play is \$32.00 per. Money due by October 19th.

Presentation: Dennis Carney and his accompanist Miss Myrna presented a comedy /magic show that members will not forget for at least two meetings. (*does that mean we get to see them again at the Banquet??—ed.*) Dennis and Myrna, we thank you!!

Adjourned Meeting at 9:15 PM.

The Great V-8 Northwoods Getaway Update

We received an email acknowledgement from the staff at Cornerstone Registration

Hi Bruce & Pat;

Thank you so much for the Appreciation Award! What a special honor! It's not often we get recognized for the work we do, so it was great to receive this award. You two should also be congratulated on the hard work you put into the Meet. It's sad the Meet didn't go as you planned — obviously God had other plans. However, that didn't mean your job was done. It was probably much more difficult dealing with all the aftermath. You two did a great job. I hope we get to do this again (differently) in a few years!

Mark Wheeler

Cornerstone Registration, Ltd.

- The 2016 Central National Meet in Tulsa will be contacting all registrants of the 2015 Central National Meet offering them a chance to receive a cash amount that would go toward their travel expenses, if they decide to register and attend the CNM in Tulsa. The dates are June 12–16, 2016.
- The September / October issue of the V-8 TIMES has the CNM souvenir sales ad and also a letter of appreciation for all the attended the short Meet. So far sales have been weak.
- The Committee has sent the 'paid it forward' check to the Tulsa Regional Group. Included were two more clipboards that surfaced and the give-away items that were

purchased for the Northwoods Driving Tour — that wasn't.

- The article about the brief National Meet will be in the November-December 2015 issue of the V-8 TIMES. It was hard to write after all the work the Committee did to try and make it a success.
- The Committee has sent Meet items to the Early Ford V-8 Club Historian. Guess the items will be put into a safety deposit box, since they could be considered rare.
- Early in November the Committee should be able to close the account and submit the final report and put a wrap on everything.



Seems these are the only ones that weren't damaged in the wind storm at Brainerd. Of course, these could be from Bemidji instead of Brainerd.

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Happy Birthday

October 1	Dennis Carney
October 3	Ellen Dahlin
October 10	Donna Ditmanson
October 12	Dan Gordon
October 16	John Barnes
October 16	Charles Frick
October 19	David Gohl
October 31	Jim Rucci

NEW MEMBERS:

Robert & Judy McMullen. The McMullens live on 2157 23rd St SE, Buffalo, MN 55313. The McMullens have a '46 Mercury Coupe. Welcome to the Club.

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Dyke's Instruction No 1 from 1928.

Purpose of the transmission etc. If the car should be going up a steep grade while on high gear, the work would be more than the engine could do, and it would stop unless one of the lower (gears) speeds were shifted in. There would then be considerable more pull of the engine.

Instruction No. 57

Pointers on Driving. **Know Your car.** Remember that in the care and operation of a motor car, **much must be left to the judgment of the operator**, who should study the construction of his car, the functions of its various parts, and the "why" of everything connected with it. **Learn the speed at which the car will take a turn on mud or wet (or dry) asphalt**, without skidding or side slipping, and never exceed it. Learn the grade of hill that the car will climb easily; on steeper grades do not wait for the engine to labor before changing the speed (gear). On steep downgrades let the engine do the work of slowing the car, it is not necessary to ride the brake all the way down the grade. **It is important to learn the shortest distance in which the car can be stopped** for its different speeds, and the exact extent to which it slows down for each application of the brakes. Learn to use the brakes so that the motion becomes automatic, and can be done without wasting time thinking about it. Learn to judge distance, and speeds at which the car travels; ability to estimate speeds may prevent arrest.

Your story could be here.

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.

November: Meeting Topic: A Blast from the Past video presentation (using the new equipment) by Bill Blood **Event:** "Church Basement Ladies" - Plymouth Playhouse.

December: Meeting Topic: Event:

2015 Geezer Breakfast Schedule 3rd Thursday of the Month

November 19: Gordy Ditmanson — Highland Café & Bakery — Highland Park.

December 17: Harvey Oberg — Woodbury Café — Woodbury.

From a poem entitled "Wasn't That Us?"

There was a time when just one glance
Was all that it would take,
And you would know the kind of car,
The model and the make.

They didn't look like turtles
Trying to squeeze out every mile;
They were streamlined, white walls, fins
And really had some style.



Good looking trophies created by Art Director Ron Long, and manufactured by member John Barnes. Need any fire wood?

TCRG Glovebox

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