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Recipient of the 2013 Golden Quill Award



Bill Gillies is convinced that he is going the wrong way
on the way to South Dakota

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Twin Cities Regional Group Information

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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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- **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)

Miscellany

- We were pleasantly surprised at the September Meeting when our Willmar members Francis Kalvoda and Gary Nielsen walked in. Seems they were returning from Wisconsin with Gary's new 1950 Ford Convertible. As you may know, Gary used to own the most photographed vehicle at the 2015 Central National Meet—the 1950 Mercury Fordor that met its demise when it was crushed by falling trees. It was good to see them. Nice 'new' car Gary!
- The Black Hills National Driving Tour was a very interesting event. Ten TCRG members attended, although not all drove their Club cars. The drive over was very hot, yet by Thursday, if you didn't have a jacket it was rather chilly. Bruce Nelson had temp sending and speedometer cable issues, and Mick Erickson had fuel delivery issues. Both were remedied — but they did cause time for concern. Most that drove put over 1800 miles on their vehicles. I do believe that we did not see it all — and I don't believe that you will ever see it all. Kudos to Kent Tabako for taking the lead and keeping the group moving. While the group wasn't always together, we did pass occasionally in the hills. I presume everyone got home OK — no one called me from MN anyway. I did get a call from SD and CO to see how I did.
- The editor must be out of the loop again — on the National Tour I asked Ron Goette why he didn't bring the Lincoln. He told me that he had sold it and all his Zephyrs.
- If you are looking for a project vehicle, you

should have gone on the Black Hills National Driving Tour. We passed at least two very interesting vehicle lots were in both cases, the newest vehicle was a 1960's vintage.

- And, if Francis Kalvoda reads this You owe me \$20, since after 33 years in the banking industry, I still can not make change for a \$30 purchase, when a \$50 bill is tendered.
- This editor will have a different 'gig' in 2016.

Proof below that your old Ford can climb hills and go the distance to have a 'Close Encounter of the Third Kind'.



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: "We will be treated to a comedy-magic show by Dennis Carney. This is a routine never seen before in the United States. DON'T MISS IT. Bring a dollar to donate.

TCRG Activities

October 3: 5 p.m., Historic Hastings Saturday Night Cruise In. 2nd Street and Sibley Street.

Sunday, October 4: TCRG Fall Color Tour. 9:30 am—Meet at Hampton Inn in Shoreview. More info on page 8.

Sunday, October 4: 45th Annual Midwest Fall Swap Meet. 7:30 a.m. Minnesota State Fairgrounds.

Wednesday, October 7, 7:30 p.m., Monthly Meeting—St. Michael's Church, Roseville, MN.

Sunday, October 18: 45th Annual Roadster's Swap Meet. 6:00 a.m. Minnesota State Fairgrounds north parking lot.

Wednesday, November 4, 7:30 p.m., Monthly Meeting

Sunday, November 8, 2 p.m. Plymouth Playhouse — "Church Basement Ladies". Information on page 7.

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

From the President's Workbench

They say that our generation should have visited the Black Hills, and our National monuments there, three times: First in our childhood in the 40's and 50's after Mount Rushmore was completed (which we did), second with our kids in the 70's and 80's (which we did), then third, about now, with our grandkids.

Having just returned from the National Driving Tour with members of our club we completed the Trifecta, though accompanied this time by our faithful pet, Meg. She celebrated her 16th birthday on the road and the Presidents were on her bucket list. Actually, like Moses, she was not allowed into the Promised Land itself, but she could see their noble visages from the entry portal. Our little granddaughter isn't quite old enough to appreciate it yet but we are almost guaranteed another visit in the future.

Trips like these are always memorable, but for us there were two features that highlight the benefits of touring with RG #46. New members bravely threw themselves right into the mix and this was a great opportunity to form fast new friendships and absorb their fresh energies and perspectives. They also brought a beautiful car into the caravan of classics, enhancing the numerous photo-ops along the way.

That brings up the second benefit: Cars of this vintage (or any vintage for that matter) on a trip with such a variety of driving conditions frequently encounter mechanical challenges. Our club is fortunate to have seasoned veterans whose collective knowledge and experience with these old flatheads can overcome virtually any obstacle, and they readily offer their services in a way that makes us all feel like we learned something. As middle-of-the-packer-ers (member wise) we certainly benefitted from both ends of the spectrum.

As "they" also said in the old Eastern Airlines commercials..."TCRG! It's the o-o-o-o-o-nly way to fly!

Tales from the Ice

I believe I have lost my 'edge' for traveling in an old car. You don't realize it, but those happy times when all was right with the world, can be quickly covered up by occasions where the trip did not go as planned.



While I will never forget the opportunity I had to travel from Minnesota to Oregon in 2012, the experience was a challenge and a pleasure all at the same time. Then in

2014 the troubles I had with the 1949 on the way to Springfield made me lose some confidence in traveling a distance in an old car. (and yes it was my fault for changing the ignition).

Within the last 4 weeks I became sick. It lasted 5 days until I felt better. But during that time, being unable to sleep, my mind went over all the possible things that could go wrong on the trip to Rapid City and the Black Hills National Driving Tour.

I know that I have more resilience than that, but it really got me down thinking about it — and not being able to sleep. Maybe I was delirious from the Advil—Day-Quil overdoses? I don't know.

Well, the Black Hills National Driving Tour is over and although I was nervous about the heat, there were days when the car never registered above 1/2 on the temp gauge.

I want to thank the 'boosters' for telling me things were OK. Borrowing a infrared heat gun also let me know that my temp senders may need serious replacement. All in all, it was a great time! Can't wait for the next one.

Well, that's all for this time.....remember, keep

September Meeting Minutes

To order at 7:35 PM, membership meeting Number 420 something per President Gordy.

Secretary's report: Bill asked that minutes be approved as printed in the **Rumble Sheet**.

Treasurer's report: Roger reported to Gordy that we're still OK.

Membership report: Joel says we have 84 members with new information in the **Rumble Sheet**.

Editor's report: Bruce is getting articles but none on 1940 Fords or Mercurys.

Vice Pres.'s report: Steve absent, but Pres. Gordy notified all that Steve devised questionnaire about the All Ford Picnic.

All Ford Picnic: Three questionnaires have been returned and were read to the membership. Please return your questionnaire after you have filled it out.

Elections: It was suggested that we elect board members at large and let the board determine who would fill what position. 16 members voted for, two against. Pres. Gordy will rewrite bylaws as needed.

Old business: Werner and Jan Langenbach were awarded a second place trophy for their 1940 Ford convertible at New Brighton Show.

National club: Bruce said the National could find no requirement for a PO Box so that will be discontinued. Next year's Central National Meet will be in Tulsa, OK.

This year's Central National Meet: Awards were given to Gary R. for his work on the driving tour, Joel for his work on the concourse, Pat and Jill, Mary H., Dennis and Myrna, Mike and Viv, John McBurney. And of course to our own Bruce for his work on all aspects of the meet.

Cornerstone waived 8% for card fees, Cragun's was lauded for their efforts after the storm. Illinois member Ken Bounds and his wife were appreciated for Touring Class work, and Northern IL and Gary Isaacson the operations check. TCRG was given a check for \$1000 from the Meet.

New business: November's cultural event will be "Church Basement Ladies" at Plymouth Playhouse again off 55 near 494 per Liz B. It will happen Sunday, November 8 at 2 PM with a cost of \$32 per person. Liz asked for an initial block of 25 seats. A show of hands indicated 21 people were interested. More information will be printed in the **Rumble Sheet**.

Meeting adjourned by Pres. Gordy for a brief coffee break followed by great entertainment courtesy of Cliff Helling, including a very rare print of a movie by Ford Motor Company—the first movie to include cartoon characters with the regular motion pictures. Also, pictures of Cliff trying to make old Fords roll over! Cliff certainly has atoned for his sins. Thank you Cliff.

Respectfully, Bill Blood Secretary.

The Great V-8 Northwoods Getaway Update

If you were not at the September Meeting, you missed the 2015 Central National Meet Awards presentations. With trophies that we did not use, the Committee decided to let the following people and groups how much we appreciated their efforts, even if they were not fulfilled to completion.

Joel Bergstrom Concourse Coordinator
John McBurney National Chief Judge
Ken & Carolyn Bounds

Tour Class Coordinators

Mike Erickson Above the Call of Duty
Dave & Ellen Dahlin Above the Call of Duty
Mike & Viv Timmermans

Above the Call of Duty

John & Jeannie Beltrand Above the Call of Duty
Northern Illinois RG #8 Above the Call of Duty
Cornerstone Registration

In appreciation of your invaluable service
and support

Gary Rosenberger

Northwoods Driving Tour Coordinator

Gary Isaacson Operational Check Coordinator
Dennis Carney

Volunteer / Activities Coordinator

Myrna Connett Ladies Event Coordinator
Mary Hyberg Ladies Event Coordinator
Bruce Nelson

Co-Meet Head & Financial Guru

Jill Minor Behind the Scenes Coordinator
Pat Minor

Co-Meet Head & Your Choice Raffle Guru

CRAGUN'S Resort Staff

In appreciation of your outstanding care and coordination during our abbreviated event July 12–13, 2015

At the September Meeting, Cliff Helling summed all this up very well with his statement: *“People don't understand how much fore planning goes into putting together a Meet.”*

We received a nice card from the CRAGUN'S staff thanking us for our Appreciation Award that we sent to them:

Dear Bruce & Pat;

Thank you very much for the nice Appreciation Award, that was very kind of you. We hope to see you back at CRAGUN'S sometime soon.

Best Regards;

Mavis Zackary

Jonathan Ward

FALL COLOR TOUR

A fall color driving tour is being planned for Sunday, October 4th. We will depart from the Hampton Inn Shoreview parking lot located at 1000 Gramsie Road, Shoreview, just off I-694 and N. Lexington Avenue. We will try to be on the road by 10:00 a.m. Please try to join us.

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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

On September 18, Dorace Bradford, wife of long time member Dennis, passed away. Our sympathy and condolences go out to the family. Dorace was a very energetic and enthusiastic person, who would instantly make friends with you. We are saddened, that the Lord would take such a nice person from us. Dorace was only 66 years old.

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Grease Gun Logic

Grease guns are a wonderful tool providing one knows how to use it. Plews is the name for most lever arm guns that are most common in the home tool box. I think the reason the name plew is used as it is the sound made when the spring loaded retractor handle slips off and the grease goes plewie on the floor. This happened to me once working for a plumber in Iowa. I was loading a grease gun from a 5 gallon bucket of grease. I stuck the barrel in the grease and slowly drew the handle back sucking the grease up into the gun. Reaching for the handle, the retractor didn't hold and the most clearly formed batch of grease shot out of the tube in a beautiful arch and on to the floor. Two sounds were heard—plewie and plop.

Why does your grease gun drip when not in use? The reason being the spring in the barrel is squeezing the oil out of the grease. When you finish using the gun you need to pull the spring loaded retractor back and lock it. This is almost impossible to do unless you're Superman or you unscrew the handle end and let some air in.

There is a small hole in the business end of the gun to bleed the air out and also to squirt a small stream of grease out to somewhere you don't need it when you unscrew it to let the air in. There is also a swaged piece about 3 inches down from the handle that must be lined up with the notch on the end of the grease gun to withdraw the handle. So if you are able to withdraw the plunger a little way (3") no amount of pulling will let you pull the plunger all the way until you align the rod.

The grease coupler: Most of us use a flexible hose on our guns, as we are used to dealing with droopy hoses. Then using a ridged tube doesn't lend itself to reaching many zerks under the car. Grease couplers do wear out and can be very frustrating, trying to get them to lock on a zerk to take grease. The zerk can also get damaged and worn and should be replaced to get the coupler to lock on. When you are greasing your car and grease is coming out around the zerk and everywhere but where it should, get a new coupler.

Loading the grease gun is easy. Unscrew the handle end of the gun and remove the old tube if there is any and drop in the new one. It'll only go in one way, when it drops in pull the tab and screw the handle back on. Pump the handle to see if grease comes out. Bleed the air out if needed by unscrewing the handle a couple of turns and retighten.

When it's time to replace your grease gun, try not to order the M3AI gun. This gun delivers bullets at a high rate of speed and does not lubricate, but does ventilate.



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.

October: Meeting Topic: **Event:**

November: Meeting Topic: **Event:** "Church Basement Ladies" - Plymouth Playhouse.

December: Meeting Topic: **Event:**

2015 Geezer Breakfast Schedule 3rd Thursday of the Month

October 15: Joel Bergstrom — Louisiana Café, Selby and Dale in Saint Paul.

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

December 17: Harvey Oberg — Woodbury



November Activity

Ready for some fun and laughs? Join us for "Church Basement Ladies" on Sunday, November 8, 2015 at 2 PM for the Matinee at the Plymouth Playhouse. The cost is \$32 per person (group pricing). The Plymouth Playhouse is located at 2705 Annapolis Lane North in Plymouth. Just off of I-494 and Highway 55.

Please sign up and pay at the October 7th Monthly Meeting. The deadline to sign up is October 19. In addition to signing up for the play, we will also need to know if you are planning to eat afterwards with the group at the Green Mill Restaurant (located next to the Plymouth Playhouse). Seating is assigned, and we distribute the tickets at the theater before the play. If you have questions, please contact Liz Blood at 612-722-4172.

TCRG Glovebox

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