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Twin Cities Regional Group Information

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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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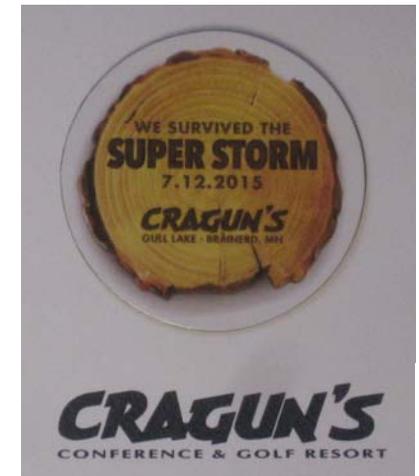
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- WANTED:** My adopted Grandson Tony Richert, inherited a 1947 1 Ton Pickup from his other grandfather. This pickup had been sitting in a field behind Grandpa's house for many, many years. Tony, who is 19 years old, decided this would be a good summer 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)

- 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 (Nov)
- 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

- The 2015 Black Hills National Driving Tour has been revamped slightly to allow for MORE participants. We will now be using Rapid City as the headquarters and heading out each day to see a different area. If you think you want to go — don't hesitate this time. Registration forms are on the National website. Deadline is August 31. Hotel rooms were released on August 20. This will be a great tour. And it has been pointed out that the word HILLS in the title really does relate to where we will be going. There will be hills to climb in your old Ford.
- And you read it here first — this will be my last time editing the Rumble Sheet. Start looking for someone else to take on these duties. I have done my time and the words are getting harder to flow smoothly.
- Gary Nielsen informs us that he has settled with his insurance company on his damaged 1950 Mercury. He decided to keep the car and part it out, but also entered it on eBay. It sold within minutes to a shop out east, and they miraculously got the roof back up. They decided that the car was too nice to hot rod and put it on eBay. Last we checked, the listing was ended by the seller because there was an error in the listing. (see pictures on page 8)
- In the July issue of the Rumble Sheet we introduced new members Jim and Connie Lindberg. Sadly, Jim has passed away. Our condolences go out to Connie and their family. We are sorry for their loss.
- And.....I guess this proves that I am too busy.....I forgot to attend the most recent

TCRG Board Meeting. Yup, just forgot. I have been having trouble with my electronic calendar, and nothing came up to remind me. But I did use the time effectively to finish taking some 'staged' pictures for the **V-8 TIMES** article about the 2015 Central National Meet.

- In the last issue of the **V-8 TIMES**.....there was the annual National Board Election ballot. Deadline for returning the ballot, with the selection of the candidates you like most chosen, is October 15.



Paul and Babe were gifts to the Ladies that attended the Ladies Luncheon and Nisswa Shopping Tour at the 2015 Central National Meet.

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: "Old Films and Stories" Bring a dollar to donate.

TCRG Activities

Wednesday, September 2, 7:30 p.m., Monthly Meeting—St. Michael's Church, Roseville, MN. After the business meeting, Cliff will be showing us some films from his racing days and the early days of the V-8s. All of you who have read his recent book Studs, Cranks, and Dipsticks will appreciate what an interesting time this was and are sure to enjoy the show. Let's have a good turnout!

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. No longer sold out. All day trips start from Rapid City.

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

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

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

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

The department stores are advertising back to school specials, and in fact the little darlings have already started classes in some districts. But this is of no significance to retired car people (with the possible exception of several well-known sets of grandparents.). For most of us we are at the peak of summer, and some of us have only just gotten our cars out on the road.

The Board members met on August 18 to take a deep breath to consider where we've been, and to take a look towards the rest of the season.

Weather has certainly played a role in some of the activities so far, but the Board felt that one of regularly scheduled events warranted an updated review. After lo these many years (37) the All Ford Picnic, which saw its heyday under the untiring efforts of John Titus and Jerry Felton (and founding father BJ—ed.), has stumbled a little from logistical concerns over the last couple of years. The Board will be seeking input from the membership regarding the future direction of this perennial favorite. A questionnaire supplied with this edition of the Rumble Sheet will provide an opportunity to share thoughts about timing, venue, fundraising activity and community involvement. Please give us your thoughts.

Looking forward, the yearly quagmire of elections is looming. We are interested in exploring the possibility of a slightly different method of officer selection utilized by some of the other clubs. Essentially, candidates would be elected to the Board for some finite term, and

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Tales from the Ice

In June 1979 I attended my second National Meet, Dearborn '79. I, along with the Maxwell's were attending to find out about how they were doing the trophies. A month later, it was Minnesota '79



in Bloomington. Mike Maxwell and I were in charge of trophies, dash plaques, and gear shift knobs. Eight years later we were at it again with Minnesota '87, our first time at C R A G U N ' S in Brainerd. After that I went off and did 3 Grand Nationals in another state. It then was 2000 and we were back at C R A G U N ' S with *The Great Northwoods Adventure*. This time I wasn't in charge of trophies, I was co-chairing the Meet. I also controlled the checkbook. It was a good meet but the controlling brotherhood didn't like way it was run, and we got a talking to. I went back to coordinating Grand Nationals and working on a new event, called Motorfest in Indiana. In 2007 there was going to be *The Great River Rendezvous*, in Winona. I was put in charge of Promotions and Fundraising. We were successful; so successful that we made donations to many organizations. I went back to working on the Grand Nationals. In 2012, I was asked along with John McBurney of Kansas City to coordinate the first National Meet run by the National Club. Our goal was just to break even, we instead made money. That takes us up to *The Great V-8 Northwoods Getaway* in Brainerd. We will make some money, but well short of the potential. I have attended 44 National Meets. This is my Meet story, how about yours?

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

August Meeting Minutes

August 5 2015

At: Wabun Park

To order: 6:25 p.m. by Pres. Gordy.

Secretary: Bill requested approval of last minutes printed in Rumble Sheet.

Vice president: Steve hoped there would be enough volunteers for Sunday's New Brighton car show.

Membership: Joel reported that ,sadly, Jim Lundberg from Cambridge joined our club, but died before ever attending a meeting.

Treasurer: Roger is at Lincoln meet. Treasury still in black.

Editor: Bruce asks that we find a new editor as he is exhausted. He still wants articles about 1940 Ford, Mercury and Lincoln.

Old business: Bruce reported that the Central Meet lasted 19 hours. Many others have contacted us with regrets. He has sent out merchandise to people who ordered, and still had 27 boxes left. The National Club is refunding registrations in the amount exceeding \$9000. We will probably make \$1000 after sending \$1000 to Tulsa's group who will host next year. All bills are paid. We had 105 registrations, 110 attendees, 23 states, one Canadian province, 81 vehicles, 30 judges, 146 signed up for wine and cheese, 125 signed up for pontoon ride, 148 for North Woods driving tour, 21 trailered, and ten swap spaces. We are adapting trophy/plaque to show appreciation for Cragun's efforts especially after the storm. Dennis C. said Cragun's crew kept us as informed as possible.

Eastern V-8 Meet: Gary W. rented vehicle and brought home many parts, including items for our meet in Brainerd.

Highland Fest: Was attended by Bruce and Mary, Mike, Gary W, Joel, Don and Kate, Larry and Twyla and Bill B. who brought Larry and Twyla in from East River Road.

All Ford Picnic: Was sparsely attended and will need to be discussed for future participation.

New Brighton Car Show: Good weather forecasted, alternative routes to New Brighton mentioned due to closing of 35W between 36 and 694.

South Dakota Driving Tour: Will occur next month. Planning on attended by Mike, Bruce, Bill G, and Ron G and Ron L., as well as their stalwart female companions.

Activities: Last year we saw a play at Plymouth Playhouse. Those present said they would like to go again. Liz Blood will set up a date in early November to see "Church Basement Ladies". Most likely a Sunday matinee. Details later. December's meeting will feature a Christmas party, with goodies brought by members. More to come.

Fall Driving Tour: Will occur in late September or early October. More to come.

Membership meetings still require speakers, seminars, and activities.

Gordy read the mail including McGregor show flyers, Trolls in Sundberg, raffle tickets for Ford neon sign, with drawing to be held at Hershey swap meet.

Member Bill Gillies was quoted in Old Cars newspaper regarding 1947 Ford horn button shocks.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:03 PM.
Respectfully, Bill Blood, secretary.

The Great V-8 Northwoods Getaway Update

We have the items you want --

Yes we have all sorts of items remaining from the 2015 Central National Meet.

How about a Hat Pin for \$5, or a 1937-38 style gear shift knob with the Meet logo in it for \$20. Or very fashionable 3 button polo shirts (sizes S M L XL) for \$30 and (XXL XXXL) for \$32. Call now before the selection becomes limited. Items are going fast and you can also avoid the shipping and handling costs by dealing directly with the warehouse located in Minnesota. 2015 CNM Merchandise 651-482-8940.

Just announced -- one time only 2015 Central National Meet Judges hats -- yes the ones that the Judges were suppose to wear during the Concourse. Limited number remain -- \$5 each. Be the first in your family to own one.

If you had reservations at CRAGUN'S for July 12--16, 2015, your room deposit and the nights stay have been refunded. The Central National Meet Committee has also sent out any remaining items purchased, refunds for events that did not take place, and also refunds on all registration fees. This last refund, is being funded by the National Club. The committee's suggestion is, if you do not want the refund back, instead of sending the check back, take it and use it to renew your National Club dues for 3 years. Just a thought. And it couldn't happen to a nicer guy: Just got my credit card bill and what do you know? I did not get my refund from CRAGUN'S. A quick phone call and it was taken care of. And they thought that they had finished with all the refunds.



BEFORE—Gary Nielsen's 1950 Mercury at CRAGUN'S



AFTER -- The Mercury as listed on eBay from body shop

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NEW MEMBERS: Al and Vicki Smith. They live at 11801 Kentucky Avenue North in Champlin, MN 55316. Al is retired and they own a 1940 Deluxe Fordor, original car in very good shape. Their phone number is 612-619-9297. Welcome to the Club.

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2015 New Brighton Car Show

If I didn't know better, I could be convinced to believe that I am having a run of bad car show planning for 2015.

But, the 2015 New Brighton Car Show worked. We got a little wet. (who am I kidding here, we got a lot wet). We had 120 cars come in the gate, of those 114 registered, and seventeen swappers filled the fence line. We had a good gate traffic and a great selection of cars and trucks.

The weather predictors said the rain would be there around 3 p.m., which I figured we could work with. But once again, they were wrong and around 12:30 p.m. it began to rain. Everyone got into their cars and headed out.

The good news was that the great ballot counters had enough ballots to count to allow us to pick winners in the classes — the bad news was, that there was no one there to give them too.

I want to thank the group that stuck around and got wet taking down and rolling up the fence. At least it was warm enough that once you were wet, you were not chilled.

I got home around 2 p.m. and took the Lincoln out of the garage and set up the canopy in the garage stall to start drying. Once everything else was set out to dry or put away — the sun was out. Mary and I decided to head out and pick up the car show signs.

We spent the rest of the evening totaling the results and labeling the trophies. Once the trophies had names on them, we needed a way to get them out to the winners. Without shipping them out, I thought we would try and see if the City of New Brighton could help. I contacted the Family

Service Center manager and he said they could help. I called all 31 winners and told them that the awards would be available for pickup at the New Brighton Family Service Center. All but 2 were picked up.

All the funds have been received and the bills have been paid. Each group will be getting just over \$283 this year.

Again, thanks for the early risers, the table staff, the gate staff, the ballot counters, and the fence crew. You made it happen, in spite of the weather.

If the rain could have just held off.....

Post Script: We wish Dennis Carney a speedy recovery. He had planned on assisting at Stockyard Days, but was unable to attend.



A very nice 1904 Ford Model A at the end of the 34th Annual New London to New Brighton Antique Car Run.

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.

September: Meeting Topic: "Old V-8's on Film" - Cliff Helling Event:

October: Meeting Topic: Event:

November: Meeting Topic: Event:

December: Meeting Topic: Event:

2015 Geezer Breakfast Schedule 3rd Thursday of the Month

September 17: Gary Rosenberger — I-HOP — Bloomington.

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 Café — Woodbury.

President's Workbench—continued: the various positions would be filled within the Board. In addition to simplifying the election process, this might increase participation in the Board's activities by individuals who may prefer to work outside of the spotlight of a specific office. We can talk about this at the next membership meeting.

Check the calendar for other upcoming events, but start thinking, too, about preferences for the annual Holiday Banquet. Keep enjoying this great summer weather despite knowing what's coming in the months ahead!

Gordy

TCRG Glovebox

Cover Photo: The 'Bills' work the Stockyard Days Car Show Table—Bill Blood and Bill Gay.

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