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## *Happy Fourth of July*

### **What are these guys staring at?**

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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.

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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.

## Submitting material

Please send all materials for publication to Mark Crichton, 19072 Magenta Bay, Eden Prairie, MN 55347; e-mail to [mark.m.crichton@pmusa.com](mailto: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

**No Membership or Board mtg in July**  
Happy Independence Day!

### **July 10-13, 2006**

Eastern National Meet, Batavia, NY

### **Thursday, July 20, 2006**

Geezer Breakfast. Look for Ron Long's E-Mail for information.

### **Thursday, July 20, 2006, 7:00PM**

Central National Meet planning meeting. Contact Mark, Bill or Mary if you would like to attend.

### **Saturday, July 22, 2006**

The Highland Fest Car show in conjunction with the Ford Motor Company.

### **July 24 to 31, 2006**

Auburn MotorFest II, Auburn, IN Contact Bruce Nelson if you need more information.

### **Wednesday, August 2, 2006**

Membership Meeting @ Environments, Inc. The TCRG annual picnic. The cookout will begin at 6:30 PM. TCRG is furnishing hot dogs, hamburgers and condiments. It would be appreciated if everyone brings a side dish, salad, chips, or dessert to share. A casual business meeting will begin after dinner.

### **August 5 and 6, 2006**

Tour to Chippewa Falls, WI. See Gary Rosenberger's Article on page 5.

### **August 7-11, 2006**

Western National Meet, Tacoma, WA

### **Sunday, August 13, 2006**

New Brighton "Stockyard Days" car show and Swap meet. See Bruce's write-up for more information.

### **Thursday, August 17, 2006**

Geezer Breakfast. Specifics next month

### **Wednesday, September 6, 2006**

Membership meeting Cruise to a local restaurant TBD

## TCRG Chatterbox

- Congratulations to Bruce Nelson who is retiring on July 3rd from Wells Fargo after more than 33 years of service! Maybe now he will finally find some time to get involved with the V8 Club...
- Highland Fest is a FREE three-day outdoor, family friendly festival in Highland Park. Come join us for our juried art fair, food, live entertainment on two stages, new Ford Motor Company auto show, fireworks on Friday, Radio Disney Dance Party on Saturday, 5K on Sunday. For more information, go to [www.highlandfest.com](http://www.highlandfest.com)
- Editor's Note: My vision for the TCRG Chatterbox column is to communicate appropriate personal information about our members. Do you know of a member who has had surgery and might like a pic-me-up card or phone call? Maybe a proud member who just had a new grandchild. Please leave me a message at 612-801-3620, or e-mail at [mark.m.crichton@pmusa.com](mailto:mark.m.crichton@pmusa.com) if you have any news!

## Happy Birthday!

June 26	Claire and Olivia Minor
July 5	Cathy Tabako
July 6	Dirk Gasterland
July 21	Bill Fredrick

## New Members

### **Bill and Katie Fogarty** **Thief River Falls, MN**

Bill and Katie have a '36 Ford five-window coupe and a '31 Ford Tudor. Bill is looking for technical advise on the '36. His E-Mail is [bkfogarty@MNCable.net](mailto:bkfogarty@MNCable.net)

## Meeting Minutes

The TCRG June Membership meeting was held Saturday, June 10, 2006 at Jerry and Maidie Felton's place in Carver, MN. New Vice President Mike Wyman called the meeting to order and conducted the usual business, including the Treasurer's and Secretary's reports. We also had a progress update on the National Meet where we presented our new Meet logo developed by Ron Long.

Once the usual business was conducted, Jerry conducted a seminar on acetylene welding and plasma cutting. It was also neat just walking around to see what Jerry was up to! After the seminar, Jerry and Maidie set up a enjoyable picnic atmosphere in the shop. Club members pitched in by cooking hamburgers and hotdogs on the grill, and everyone enjoyed plenty of good food provided by the Club members.

It was an informative seminar and a fun afternoon. Thanks Jerry and Maidie for your terrific hospitality! In case you couldn't make it, here are a few pictures.



**Left: Mike Wyman leading his first meeting as VP, "Baptism by Fire". Great job, Mike!**

**Right: Several Pics from Jerry welding seminar. Club members really "saw the light"!**



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## New Brighton Show

New Brighton Car Show and Swap Meet will be held on August 13th, 2007

Where does the summer go? It's time to start thinking about the New Brighton Car Show. I had the sign-up sheet at the All Ford Picnic, and I saw most of you, if I missed you, and you want a particular time and duty please call me. We can always use more volunteers.

Tidbits about the Stockyard Days this year – it's the 26th Annual Stockyard Days event, and they are raffling off a 2006 Mustang convertible. Only 3000 tickets are available, and if you would like a particular numbered ticket (like John Titus always wants number 1946) let me know. They are \$20 each. Also it is the 20th Anniversary of the Antique Car Run and there will be special features this year to commemorate that.

I have talked to Ron Goette and he will be bringing the fencing to the Park at 9 am on Saturday August 12th. We could use a few more fence erectors.

On Sunday, August 13th, the usual early morning crew of BJ and Howie have signed up, but we still could use some help in the 8 – 11 time frame --- always the busiest!

And the ladies --- I already have the ballot tabulation sheets created in a beautiful pastel color this year.

So, pick up the phone and give me a call --- now – before you set this down and slightly forget. And to deviate slightly from the All Ford Picnic slogan of MAKE ICE --- just wish for nice weather! And as the Bartles and James Wine Cooler commercial said --- 'Thanks for your support'!

Bruce 651-482-8940

## Chippewa Falls Tour

Saturday August 5th, 2006 is the date set for the overnighter to Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin. On Saturday morning we will meet in Hudson, Wisconsin at a location to be named at a later date. The group will travel the back roads to Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin a distance of one hundred miles from the Twin Cities.

Club member Paul Oman has invited our club to tour his vast collection of Ford memorabilia, and his collection of fine automobiles. There are a few side trips that are available like the Leinenkugel Brewing Co. or the Cook Rutledge Mansion if time permits.

Saturday evening we will join the local group of car club members for a tour of the country side.

Sunday morning after Church we will attend the Car Show and Swap Meet at the Northern Wisconsin State Fairgrounds in Chippewa Falls. The club will return to the Twin Cities late Sunday afternoon.

If you are interested call Gary Rosenberger at 651-451-2937 for Motel info.

### The Golden Shovel Campaign Continues



A reminder of how it works: Donate \$2000 and you'll receive a commemorative Gold Shovel pin, a certificate, a tax-deduction form, and your name on a plaque on the new museum's Wall of Fame.

Donate \$1000 and receive a Silver Shovel pin along with the above mentioned items.

We'll also be listing all donors in this newsletter. Proceeds will help build the museum in Auburn, Indiana.



The Central National Meet Committee met on June 7th where we mapped out plans for the Meet. Each Committee Lead discussed where they were and the team agreed on plans going forward. Congratulations (and thanks!) Ron Long who found time in his busy schedule to create a terrific Meet logo. The committee voted unanimously to adopt the Logo and slogan "Great River Rendezvous". Glad that is behind us! Now we have an identity

Enclosed in this month's Rumble Sheet is a teaser advertisement written by Gordy Ditmanson, that includes Ron's Logo. We are in the process of using this announcement to invite other Regional Groups to the Meet. Also, Bruce Nelson will be taking a stack of these to the Eastern National Meet in New York to solicit support for the Meet as well. Thanks Gordy, and great job!!! We have more of these available. Feel free to contact Bill, Mary or Mark if you would like some.

Our next meeting in July we will continue to add more detail to the plans, develop a legitimate budget, and figure out exactly where we need help from the Club membership. We look forward to getting as many members involved as possible, so nobody has to work too hard. Please contact any of the committee members if you would like to help. You won't be turned away! On the right is the proposed schedule. Obviously, plenty to do!!!

## Proposed Schedule

### Monday

Registration	10AM to 6PM
Safety Inspection	10AM to 4PM
Car Clean up	10AM to 6PM
Mini Tour	3PM
Welcome Dinner	6PM

### Tuesday

Swap Meet	8AM to Noon
Registration	9AM to Noon
Safety Inspection	9AM to Noon
Car Clean Up	7AM to 6PM
Seminar	10AM to 11AM
Seminar	1PM to 2PM
--Touring on your own--	
Judges Meeting	2PM to 3PM
Meet your Officers	4PM to 5PM
Dinner Cruise	5:30PM

### Wednesday

Judges Breakfast	7:30AM
Concourse Set Up	7:30AM to 9AM
Ladies Event	9AM
Concourse Judging	9AM
Dinner on Own	6PM

### Thursday

Driving Tour	9AM to 4PM
--Touring on your own--	
Banquet	6PM

### Friday

Farewell Breakfast

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# THE 27TH ANNUAL ALL FORD PICNIC

The All Ford Picnic was a huge success this year! The weather cooperated all day, our attendance broke records, and the Club made over \$300! To give you an example, we ran out of hot dogs at 1:30 after selling 480, 80 more than last year! We increased our supply of water from 80 to 160, and sold 157 bottles! JT cried all night Friday cutting up 50% more onions, and we used all of them! (We might need an Onion crew for this next year). Big thanks to all the Club members to gave up their time to help. Here are some pictures from the best FREE show in the Twin Cities!



**The famous TCRG Picnic tent. This was clearly the most popular attraction at the Picnic. Why? I'm betting on the hot dogs!**



**Ron provided good advice to Ellen on how to grill the perfect hot dog. (Or maybe it was the other way around...)**



**It would be interesting to know just how many people over the years have enjoyed a hot dog grilled by this guy!**



**Mary was delighted when her suggestive selling techniques netted another pop and chip purchase. Cha-ching!**

# CLUB MEMBER PROFILE

**Member:** Tom Halfpenny

**City / State:** Woodbury, Minnesota

**Years as a Club Member:** 5 years

**Offices Held:** Current TCRG Treasurer

**Antique / Classic Vehicles Owned:** '31 Ford Victoria, '36 Olds, '36 Ford, '39 Plymouth, '40 Ford, '50 Olds Rocket 88, '51 Ford Country Squire Wagon, '52 Ford Conv., '56 Olds 2-door HT, '60 Impala, '61 Falcon, '63 Impala Wagon, '67 Dodge Coronet 440 Conv., '69 Olds 88, '72 Monte Carlo, '77 Lincoln Mark V, '78 Ford, '78 Cutlass, and my current '53 Mercury 2 door Hardtop Coupe and '36 Ford Fordor Touring.

**What is behind your passion for cars:** A car is my first way to enjoy independence, the open road, and a means to get around.

**What can you tell us about your family:** Married Connie Putnam, have 3 children, all married with 10 grandchildren, ages 3 to 15. All live within 1 1/5 hours of Woodbury.

**What do you do for a living:** After 2 tours of duty with the U.S. Army, joined 3M Company, ending my career as a Department Manager. I then went to work for Minnesota life, now Securian, retiring in 2001.

**Biggest non-Family, non-V8 passion:** Flying. I hold a Private Pilot single engine plane license.

**The car you always wanted or wished you never sold:** As you can see from the list above, I've owned and sold many. I enjoyed them all. The '56 Olds holds a special meaning, as it was the first car Connie and I owned when we got married.

**Something about you that TCRG Members may not know:** I lose at poker more than I win!

**Philosophy about life:** My philosophy about

life changed in 1986 when I became honest with myself and with others at all times. I believe it is satisfying and a moral duty to help others.



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# FINALLY MADE IT TO DEARBORN

I owe a lot to my wife Jan for taking me to Dearborn for our first vacation without our son in 17 years. She was a true sport, and I had a blast! I wanted to share a couple of pictures with you and encourage everyone to experience a big piece of American history. Cars command a big part of it, but there is so much more to experience. We stayed at the Dearborn Inn and I never drove the car. These folks were super, drove us everywhere, and they had the best breakfast buffet. We toured the Village, the Museum, the Rouge, and Fair Lane over the course of three days. The only complaint I had was way too many orange cones comin' and goin', but believe me it was worth it.



Dearborn ●

1. Enjoying a fun ride in a Model T!
2. Henry Ford's 1st factory on Mack Avenue, pre-Model T
3. A TT towing a broken down Model T. Observed the whole manual cranking process, really cool!
4. A Model A bus took us around the Village. Not much room in there!
5. The very first serial #1 Mercury
6. The very first serial #1 '49 Ford. Looked just like Bud's '50
7. Henry's last personal car. He road in this car the day he died. Henry didn't need a Lincoln to be cool!
8. Henry's "Extreme Garage". Really something with rotating floor! Amazing when you consider it was built in 1917.



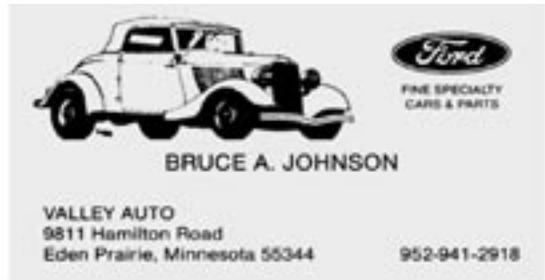
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- 51 Ford Victoria, solid, complete, disassembled for restoration, \$2000 OBO, Dan Seibert, 651-454-1905
- 1950 Ford Flathead engine, complete, runs well. 1950 straight transmission in excellent condition. Complete '50 dash including all gauges. John Cramble, 763-572-9280 (8/06)
- 1940 Ford Parts, both body and mechanical. Bill Blood 612-722-4172 (7/06)
- 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)

## BJ's Corner



- 1936 Ford Deluxe Roadster, All steel, body-off restoration, black, radio, heater, WWSW, spyderys, 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
- 1938 Ford Deluxe Convertible Coupe, All steel correct body-off restoration, test miles only, Seafoam green, tan top, leather interior, working radio, fog lamps, WWSW, spyderys and beauty rings, rumble seat
- 1934 Ford Deluxe Roadster, All steel, correct body-off restoration, test miles only, Armory green, black fenders, copra top, killer woodgrain, Dearborn quality car, never been shown
- 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, spyderys, banjo steering wheel, killer rare pines front trim, Columbia rear end
- 1936 Ford Sedan Delivery, all steel, correct body-off restoration, red, black seats, gorgeous, Dearborn award car with less than 10 miles, the

best one in the country.

- 1936 Ford Deluxe 3 Window Coupe, all steel body-off restoration, Washington blue, killer correct interior, radio, banjo wheel, WWSW, spydery, really a nice 3 window coupe.

- 1934 Ford Deluxe Victoria, all steel restoration of a super correct example, cordoba, radio, dog, WWSW, beauty rings, correct trunk boots, drives 100% and looks the same.

- 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, 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.

- 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.

**All of BJ's For Sale cars can be viewed at:  
[www.jmacsautos.com](http://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: Ford hand tools to make up a tool kit. Monkey wrench, Box wrench, screwdriver, small open-end wrenches. Harvey Oberg, 651-739-9754

- 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](mailto: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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