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November 2	Jean Shuck
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GEEZER BREAKFAST 3rd Wednesday of the Month

Louisiana Café
Selby and Dale
9 AM
Wives welcome



Obituary: Charles Dalseide

Charlie passed away this month. For those of you who didn't know him, I'll try to explain. Charlie joined TCRG when it was in its infancy and quietly kept a low profile. When the 1979 Central National Meet was in the planning; Chas wrote most of the letters and information for the brochure. Charlie worked for FMC as an engineer in the gear cutting division. He was against the Vietnam war and it bothered him to be making cannons for the war. Charlie found many low mileage Fords; A 1939 Ford Deluxe four door, a 1950 Ford two door, (which indecently he drove and won at a drag meet where we had at an outing), a 1938 Ford coupe 60HP. And then he ventured off the rails with REO, Causley, Hudson, Model A's and T's and two French Ford Comets which he put in a garage and they went to dust. And he had many more I can't remember. Charlie was always planning and restoring cars in his head, never actually working on them. His farm in western MN was something to see with stuff all over the ground; tools, loose change, parts, etc. Due to limited mobility, Charlie spent most of his later years on the computer reading whatever interested him at the moment. Newspaper articles from all over the world, many of which he shared with me. A memorial service was held on October 19 at the Broen Memorial Home in Fergus Falls. Send condolences to Rhonda Aure, 2820 32nd Street South, Moorehead, MN 56560

President's Message For November 2024

Greetings!

Our TCRG touring season is over, but it looks like Mother Nature may be allowing a few more weeks before we must put the flatheads away.

On our most recent tour in October, Gary and Sandy Rosenberger led us on back roads through the hills and farmlands of Wisconsin. We made a stop at an apple orchard, loaded up with a bag of Honey crisps and headed out again to find our lunch stop, the Phoenix Grille in Baldwin. After a great lunch we headed out for home. The round trip was a little over one hundred miles.

Our tour attendees were Dave Dahlin '40 Convertible, Bill Gay '35 Cabriolet, Kent & Cathy Tabako '39 Coupe, Gary & Sandy '51 Merc, Mike Erickson '37 Tudor, Bill & Mary Gillies '53 Fordor, Gordy & Donna Ditmanson '47 Coupe, Don & Kate Pautz '36 Coupe, Craig & Linda Nelson '51 Victoria, Ron & Liz Long '56 Sunliner, and Ron & Dianne Goette, drove modern.

Thinking about the coming year and vacant board openings The President office is open! The rest of the board has committed to another year. Remember in the old days when we would have many members for each slot to choose from. Where did everybody go? We need somebody new to take over the Presidents' to breathe some new life into the club.

Kent





Arrived at The Maple Leaf Apple Orchard. After driving for a couple of hours - with one rest stop - through narrow roads that only Gary can find.



A late lunch before the long drive home. As per our club tradition, the men cannot sit with the women or the women with the men as car talk might transfer from one to the other. I don't know who thought this tradition up but it has prevailed in our club for years. Some women like to sit with the men once in a while as they sometimes find them interesting.





Gary Rosenberger looks out at the lonesome road as all the rest of us follow diligently. After we ate and with full stomachs, we lined up for one final picture before heading home.

Fall Tours

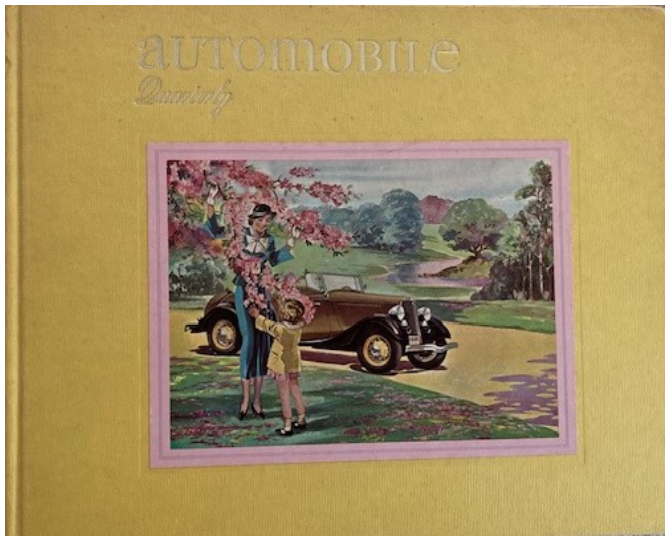
During our recent tours to Veit, St Cloud and Wisconsin country side, we had many away members join us. It was fun to see and visit with; Dave Braun, Francis Kalvoda, Larry Suhsen, and Craig and Linda Nelson, Cliff Helling, Larry Gordhamer, Ron & Diane Goette.





A brief review of two books: *The 1974 and The 1978 Automobile Quarterly*

The 1974 Quarterly starts on page 272 and runs to page 276 titled, *The Ford Nobody Noticed*. It is about Ford and the **Model A**, up to the **Model B**. The book states; On February 11th, 1932 Henry Ford spoke. And virtually all he could talk about — and with enthusiasm not seen since his **Model T** days — was the new Ford eight. “We developed a corking good ‘4’ and were all ready to let it go,” he said, “but we found it was not the new effort the public is expecting. That’s why we’re bring out the ‘8’ now.” The four cylinder **Model B** engine would be an option for Ford Passenger Cars through 1934. A chapter by Beverly Rae Kimes, *The Last Act: The V-8 Years of Henry Ford* covers from 1932 up until Ford died on April 7th, 1947. Throughout the pages are wonderful color pictures of all models and years of cars. Kimes does a fantastic job covering the times writing about; the people, workers, other authors, with stories of Edsel working with Gregorie. The book quotes Will Rogers, “You can take the rouge from female lips, the cigarettes from the raised hands, the hot dogs from the tourists’ greasy paws, but when you start jerking the Fords out from under the traveling public you are monkeying with the very fundamentals of American Life”.



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Happy Days and Changing Times: The Jimmy Dean Mercs & The Last Of The Flatheads

by Allan Girdler

Allan Girdler really didn't have his heart in writing this article about the 1949 - 1953 Mercury, although he admits to once owning one. He starts, "No, those 1949 -1953 Mercury's weren't bad cars at all. Good but not great. They did create a cult and they did succeed despite great handicaps imposed by forces beyond the control of the cars and the men who made them. Ford already had an eight, but no matter, out came the Mercury. It was a Ford plus ..". Girdler goes on in detail about the flathead V-8 and that it was basically the same from 1932 through 1953.

As World War II ended, Ford was in decline, "ready to go on forever selling 1932 cars in 1940 bodies" until Henry II stepped in with vision, taking over the "large car project which became the 1949 Mercury. "Two-thirds new" - power, ride and looks, with the old third being the engine and transmission. The Mercury had curves", and it was cool. Featured in *Rebel Without a Cause*, James Dean (the rebel) with a hint of screeching tires rolls out of the garage in a Mercury coupe. "Black. Perfect. The low, rounded body style has been known as a *Jimmy Dean Merc* ever since." In *American Graffiti*, the Pharaoh's (the hoods) drive a customized Jimmy Dean Merc—the incredible paint, evilly chopped top—who could resist a car like that?!" Even in 1949 just about every Merc was modified in one way or another.

"The guys who are collecting and restoring those Mercs now tell me the only genuinely hard work involved is subtracting all the home-made custom work done on the cars by three or four generations of previous owners. You can't find one that hasn't been bugged up, inside and out."

The 1952 Mercury line was different with a new body and chassis. "The slinky Mercury is no more." The enthusiasts of a certain age, though, will never forget." I enjoyed the twenty page read and Girdler's approach, despite him seeming to not really like the car, or he was made to write the article by the editor. It has many great pictures of 1949-1953 Mercury's, some customized and chopped, with modified engines, convertibles, hard tops and an original woody.

Board Meeting Minutes October 17, 2024

Location: Louisiana Cafe

Meeting called to order at 10:30 am

In attendance were 15 men for breakfast, 7 men were board members, and 6 ladies.

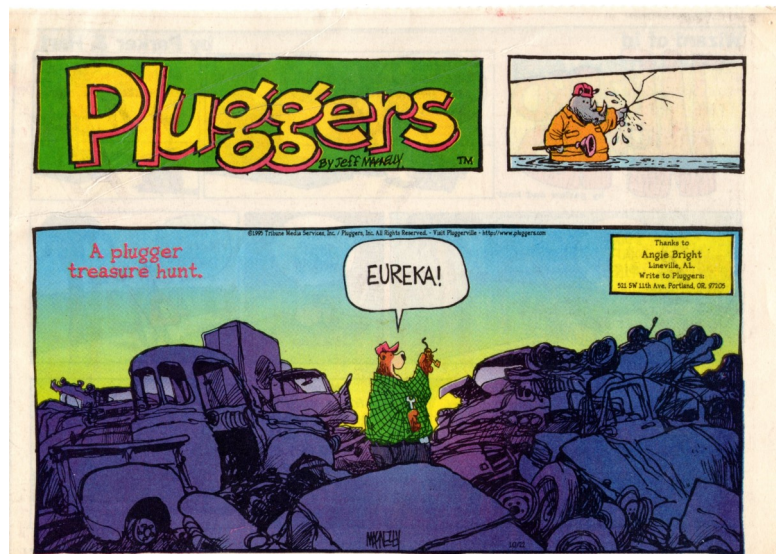
President Kent Tabako, Gary Rosenberger, Bill Gillies, Bill Gay, Joel Bergstrom, Gordy Ditmanson and Mike Erickson. .

- A. Treasurer – Bill G. All bills paid and we are in the black. Set up a web site for \$2800. Rent for PO Box \$103.55 per year
- B. Secretary – Gary R. Prior minutes were approved. Our post office box has new keys, and a spare key was given to Kent for safekeeping.
- C. Membership - Gordy D. Gordy reported we have 72 paid renewal members for 2024. The national club is going to try and keep track of your car when you sell it.
- D. Editor - Bill G. The editor would like to hear from the membership. How about some input and ideas for articles. Please help Bill.
- E. Upcoming Events
 - 1. No November meeting at the church has been planned. However, our December Christmas gathering will be held on December 4, if the church is available. Do we want to have the meeting during the day?
 - 2. Gentleman's Breakfast November 21, 2024, at the Louisiana Cafe.
 - 3. 2025, A National Driving Tour is being planned by Bruce Nelson.
- F. Old Business
- G. New Business
 - 1. The board election is coming up. We need a new President.
- H. Other
- I. Membership Meeting – December 4, 2024, Church
- J. Next Board Meeting – November 21, 2024, Louisiana Cafe

Meeting adjourned at 11:04 am.

Respectfully submitted by

Gary Rosenberger Secretary



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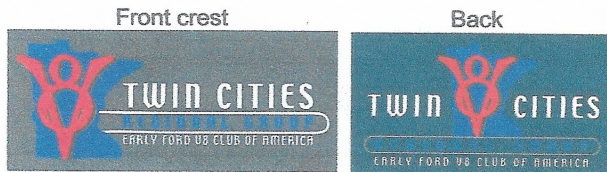
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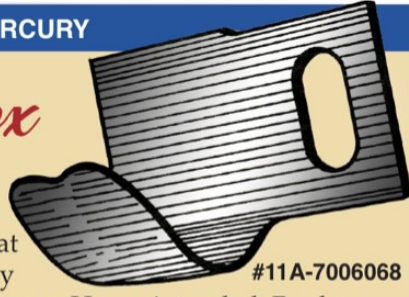
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