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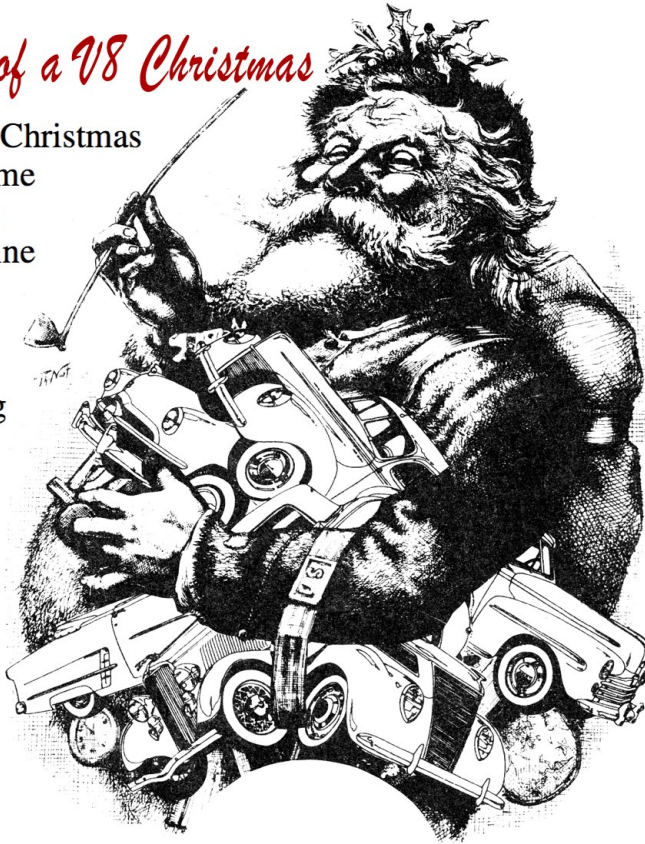
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The Twelve Days of a V8 Christmas

On the twelfth day of Christmas
My true love gave to me
Twelve trophies taken
Eleven feet of brake line
Ten tanks of gas
Nine friends BS-ing
Eight plugs a-firing
Seven lights a-lighting
Six quarts of oil
Five white-wall tires,
Four Kelsey wheels,
Three-window coupe,
Dual rapping pipes,
And a brand new
shiny Ford key



Inside...

- December 14 Meeting Lunch Axels in Roseville 12 PM **RSVP ASAP**
- January: No Meeting
- Annual Dues Are Due, Please Send Your Monies To Gordy Ditmanson
- The Hidden Treasures Ford Tour Is On: August 5th Through the 9th.
- Happy Holidays From The Editor & The In House Editor

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Club Address

P.O. Box 20236, Minneapolis, MN 55420



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December 3	Marlene Ellingson (Krech)
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Time to renew your membership!

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Send your check to Gordy Ditmanson*, If you have any changes or corrections please note them for the 2025 Membership Roster.

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GEEZER BREAKFAST 3rd Thursday of the Month

Louisiana Café December 19th
Selby & Dale
9:00 A M
Wives Welcome



Looking Ahead– Holiday Lunch & Meeting December

Axel's Restaurant
2540 North Cleveland Ave
Roseville, MN 55113
We will meet at 12:00– 2:30 PM
for lunch and fellowship.
We need a head count,
So Please Call or tex Bill 651-230-
5234 (c) or 651-633-1564 (h)
call Mary

December President's Message

Holiday greetings to all! I hope everyone has time to attend our Early Ford V-8 Club “Holiday Get-together” on the fourteenth of December. See the details in this issue of the Rumble Sheet.

Now that the wintry weather is here and the roads have recently been coated with salt, I have put the '39 away for winter. I changed the oil and filter and checked the antifreeze and put peppermint oil in several places inside the car to discourage mice from moving in.

I change the oil in my old cars every year before I put them away, no matter how many miles I put on them. I do not think leaving the used oil with combustion material and moisture in it is a good idea. Also, I have switched my old cars over to Valvoline VR1 30W Racing Oil because it contains zinc, which was removed from motor oil because it fouls the catalytic converters on the modern cars. It is claimed that the zinc was necessary for the lubrication of the valve lifters and cam shaft of older engines but not necessary in newer engines which have roller lifters. I found that Valvoline VR1 30W and 10W30 are available at most automotive stores. I found the best prices on Amazon.

Have a great winter, hope to see you on the fourteenth!
Kent Tabako, Pres.

2024 TCRG V-8 Club Holiday Get Together!

Greetings!

We have reserved a private dining room at Axel's for our holiday get together and we are hoping that you will join us for lunch and a visit with your fellow TCRG members.

Saturday, December 14th, 12 noon - 2:20 PM

Axel's Restaurant

2540 North Cleveland Avenue, Roseville

Please respond by Saturday, December 7th as we need to confirm the number of attendees.

Contact Kent Tabako at kctabako@gmail.com

Or call or text him at 612-750-9590

MENU:

- > Grilled Chicken or Half-Pound Burger, Brioche Bun topping choices. (\$16)
- > Grilled Ham & Swiss with Strawberry Red-Wine Jam (\$14)
- > Pastrami on Toasted Pumpernickel Rye, Hot Mustard Pickles, Dill Havarti Dijonnaise (\$17)
- > Italian Roast Beef, Hoagie Bun, Swiss Cheese, Giardineira (\$17)
- > Patty Melt, Half-Pound Burger, Toasted Pumpernickel Rye, Swiss Cheese, Hot Mustard, Pickles, Charred Scallion Aioli (\$17)
- > All sandwiches come with French Fries.

Happy December Everyone! We are hoping to have a TCRG Holiday Lunch on December 14. We have reserved a room at Axels in Roseville. Axel's is located at 2540 North Cleveland Ave. in Roseville. (Just a bit west of Rosedale)

Please plan to join us for lunch and fellowship, We will need a definite number soon as Axel's requires a contract and also food and beverage minimums. Please respond to Kent or me asap.

Thanks, Mary Gillies

Membership Renewal Time Again

We will soon be mailing out the forms for renewal of your membership in the T.C.R.G.

Please send them back with your updated information by January 31, 2025 so that the roster can be updated and our status with the National Club confirmed. Also, please make sure your e-mail address is correct as that remains the primary means of communication with the membership about upcoming meetings, tours and schedules. That is also the place to register your preference for receiving the nationally recognized club monthly publication, the Rumble Sheet, which provides information about the club activities and plans as well as an abundance of fascinating articles.

T.C.R.G. continues to keep the dues down at the current low rate of \$25.00 per calendar year!

Speaking of the Rumble Sheet, members are encouraged to take the opportunity to contribute ideas and interesting articles to share. It is also a great platform to place ads when you are looking for particular cars or parts to buy or sell.

We encourage you to continue exploring the recently updated and continually curated website at www.tcrgv8club.org for pictures and archival content.

So, keep your eyes open for the renewal letter and pop them into the return mail ASAP at:

T.C.R.G.

P.O. Box 20236

Minneapolis, MN 55420

Thanks, Gordy Ditmanson, Chair, Membership Committee.

Wanted- Right side (passenger side) aluminum head for my '34 Ford. Has original engine with flat top pistons. If necessary, would consider a pair. Scott Swenson, Alexandria MN. 320 760-9821
email: leafvalley34@hotmail.com

From The Bookcase



In 1985 the National Club published this book, *The V-8 Album*. It is inspired by the original 1967 *Pictorial Register*, an 80-page paperback featuring pictures and drawings of cars recognized by the club, and a list of owners of each model. It helped foster and build a community of collectors interested in authentic restoration.

When the book was published in 1985, there were 6,000 members and 100 regional clubs. The book is a year-by-year overview with photos, sales flyers, and information on each car and its evolution. Members contributed to the book, including Cliff Helling, who wrote; "What's the Difference, Anyhow? 65 Ways in Which 1933 and 1934 Fords Were Different."

In re-reading the book while it is not exhaustive or fully detailed about each car, it is full of interesting information and perspectives of collectors. For example about 1936 cars; "Like whitewall tires, the original buyers seldom ordered such non-essential extra cost items, though you'd never know it today! Banjos, whitewalls, chrome running board strips, and even beauty wheel rings on standard models almost seem de rigueur at car shows today."

A particularly interesting chapter attempts to detail the differences between 1947 & 1948 Fords, which the author describes as having 5 versions with 4 being the 1947 model and the 5th the 1948 model. "... for one to understand the 1948 Ford, he must first understand the '47, for that was the year of great evolution. ... The easiest way to tell a '48 Ford from a '47 on the outside is by checking the door lock covers. On '47 and previous, the door lock cover had a little indentation where one could stick in his thumb and twist the cover around. The '48 had a raised protrusion on the cover shaped much like a teardrop. A tear of goodbye, perhaps."

Imagine the collective knowledge of all club members and trying to document it in a book today - it likely wouldn't be a book - it would have to be online! Perhaps a 2025 V-8 Album ...



**Early Ford V-8 Club National Driving Tour
"Hidden Treasures Tour"
Southern Minnesota and Northern Iowa
August 5 to 9, 2025**

When you travel the back roads, you never know what you will find. This National Driving Tour will take you to some of them. We will be spending multiple days, with new destinations and sites everyday, traveling the back roads, the two lanes of rural southern Minnesota and northern Iowa. Just what our Early Ford V-8s were designed for. We hope you agree and want to come along.

Week Itinerary #

Tuesday August 5
Wednesday August 6

Rochester MN, arrival, check-in, Get-Acquainted dinner.
Rochester MN, Mayowood Mansion, Clear Lake IA, Surf Ballroom, plane crash site, spend the night. About a 110 mile day.

Thursday August 7

Okoboji IA, Okoboji Classic Cars, Worthington MN, Spomer Classics, spend the night. About a 160 mile day.

Friday August 8

Walnut Grove MN, Laura Ingalls Wilder Museum, lunch in Springfield MN, New Ulm MN, Minnesota Music Hall of Fame, August Schell Brewery & Museum, Farewell Get-Together. About a 130 mile day.

Saturday August 9

Goodbyes and head back to our homes.

Registration information and form will be available soon

Early Ford V-8 Club web site www.earlyfordv8.org/Upcoming_Events.cfm
or by writing:

Hidden Treasures Tour
2887 W Owasso Blvd
Roseville, MN 55113.

Nightly Hotel registration information will be available with your paid registration. Sorry no new registrations or refunds after July 15, 2025.

We look forward to seeing you and your Early Ford V-8 traveling the back roads of Southern Minnesota and Northern Iowa.

Bruce Nelson

Hidden Treasures Tour Chair

All information is correct at the time of publication

Henry Ford Said: "Help the Other Fellow"

By Ford R. Bryan

Occasionally someone calls the Ford Archives to inquire about a copper penny displaying on its face the image of Henry Ford rather than Abraham Lincoln. The answer is, "Yes, there is such a thing."

In Archives Accession 562, there is a story by Edward L. Bryant, Clara Ford's nephew, which explains the history of the Henry Ford penny. His story was written in 1963, is essentially as follows:

Henry Ford said, "Help the Other Fellow" so many times during his lifetime that many people quote him now. This is a short story that began in 1917 and may never end.

The Ford Motor Company had such success that by 1917 it was world famous. There was a World War on in Europe at this time. The Model T was the main product at this time.

In early January 1917, Norval Hawkins, a promoter employed by Ford Motor Company, went to the Weyhing Brothers Manufacturing Co., who produce jewelry, awards, token, and such. He placed a tentative order for one million tokens. He presented a photograph of Henry Ford, taken when he was about thirty, then he put down a Lincoln penny and said the Ford Motor Company wants them to turn these out as fast as they can. Hawkins told them to make a tool steel die the size of the Lincoln penny with the head of Henry Ford in place of Lincoln. The motto "Help the Other Fellow" is to be on the top and the year 1917 is to be the only marking on the front. There was to be nothing on the back except the manufacturing company stamp.

Burton Weyhing, Sr, started on the die and in a few days Edsel Ford went to the Weyhing Brothers plant. Some of the tokens had been produced in bronze and Edsel said that he wanted to take some of the impressions to his mother, Clara Ford. She wanted to see exactly what the final product would look like before final production started.

Well, Aunt Clara just did not like the use of this young looking picture. Henry was not thirty years old, but was fifty-four. A new figure was to be produced on a new die for her approval.

There was not a satisfactory picture so they tried to capture the up-to-date likeness of Henry without him knowing what was going on. Weyhing sent an engraver who was in Detroit

from Germany to make new sketches from life during one of the many luncheons held at the Ford office building.

The new plates were not completed and another die was never made.

War was declared by the United States against Germany on April 6, 1917. The tool steel die that was made originally was put away and forgotten. The order for the million "Help the Other Fellow" tokens was cancelled. This sounds like a terrible blow to the Weyhings, but it was really to their benefit because copper and bronze price skyrocketed and they became scarce war metals.

The Weyhing Brothers and their talented workers never forgot Henry Ford and his "Help the Other Fellow" slogan, so this die was not destroyed. Instead it was just put away for about forty five years.

The Centennial of Henry Ford 1863-1963 will be celebrated on July 30, 1963.

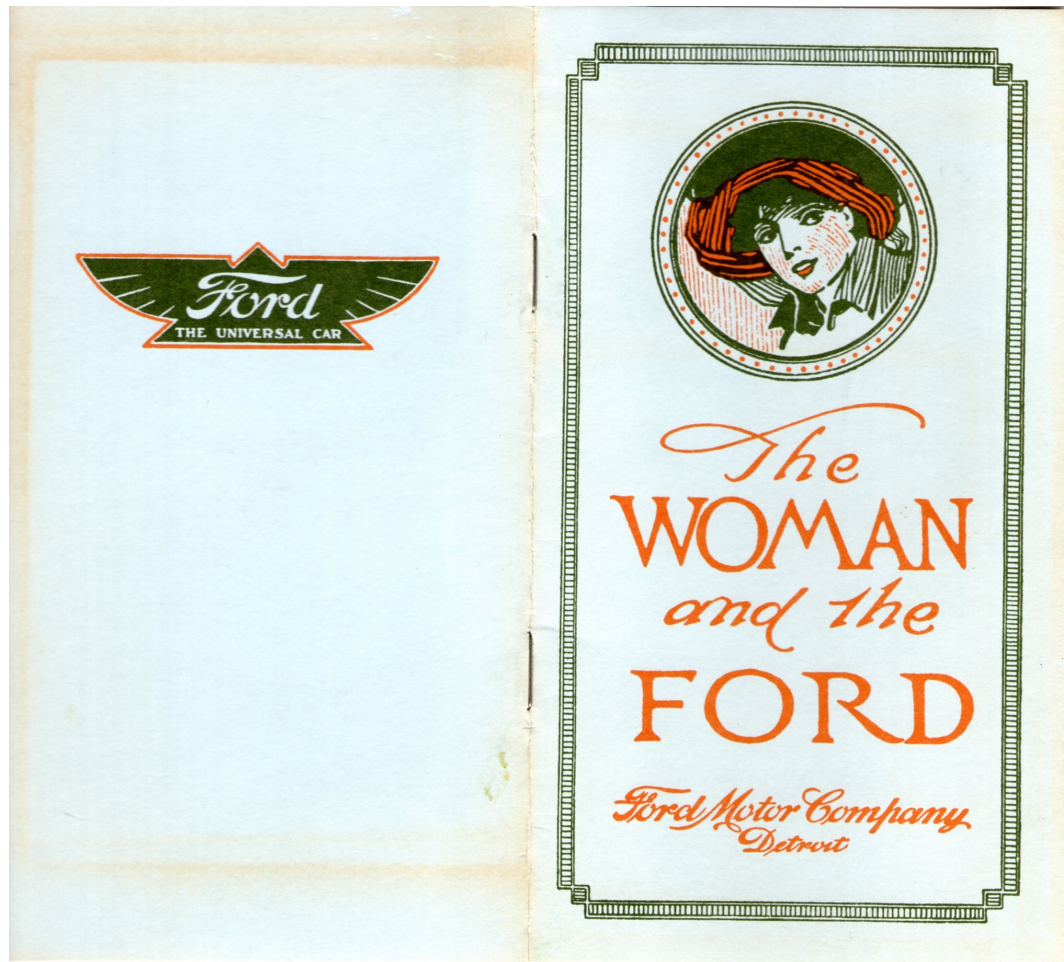
Weyhing Brothers Manufacturing Company have decided to do something in the memory of Henry Ford. They had the same bronze impressions made then dipped them in gold. These pretty tokens have been presented to his friends and acquaintances. I am among the lucky ones. These cost the Weyhing Brothers much more than a penny.

Weyhing Brothers have recently given away hundreds of these and people have been buying them by the dozen. "Help the Other Fellow" is still a Ford Legend and the Weyhing Brothers have been kind enough to present the Henry Ford Museum with both a gold and a bronze of "Help the Other Fellow" token. These I have put in our Archives together with this statement of facts.

(Signed) Edward L. Bryant, Attorney at Law



Credit for the above article belongs to *The Ford Legend*, Summer 2020 edition. The Official Newsletter of the Henry Ford Heritage Association.



This eight page booklet appears to be an ad for the Model T Ford for women. The bottom of the first page says “That it is also a man’s car is a truism that need not concern us here. For this is a women’s booklet. And it’s one purpose is to further emphasize in the mind of the women of today the advantages and pleasures to be gained from ownership of the Ford Car.” The booklet goes on to tell about all the features of the Ford Car and how easy it is to drive.

“ The Ford was the first car to use the left side drive — a blessing to women—adding greatly to the safety of the driving—but best of all making it possible for the driver to step directly to the sidewalk or curb, without the necessity of plowing through the dust or mud of the street.”

Then there is a letter written by a lady tell how the car let her get out in the world and not be boxed up inside the house. “There must be women with check books (or access to their husband’s), who love the out door life, who crave exercise and excitement, who long for relief from the monotony of social and household duties, who have said “I wish I were a man.—

The booklet continues to describe all the models and cost for each. The Touring car, The Torpedo Runabout, The Roadster and the Town Car with glass windows. The booklet also showcases the cars with photos through out. The last page lists all the dealers and towns across the country. The General Offices and Main Factory: Detroit, USA.

An interesting read from 1912.

Bill, The Editor

TWIN CITIES V8 REGIONAL GROUP ORDER FORM 2024

A.



SanMar SP11
Short Sleeve Denim Shirt
Faded Blue
XS-6XL
\$22.00

B.



SanMar S600
Long Sleeve Denim Shirt
Faded Blue
XS-6XL
\$28.00

C.



SanMar J317
Soft Shell Jacket
Choose Colors: Black, Royal,
Blk Charcoal Heather
XS-6XL
\$71.00



ROYAL



BLACK

D.



Tri-Mountain 8800
Mountaineer Jacket
Choose Colors:
Khaki Black or Black
With name on right crest
XS-6XL
\$79.00



Khaki Black

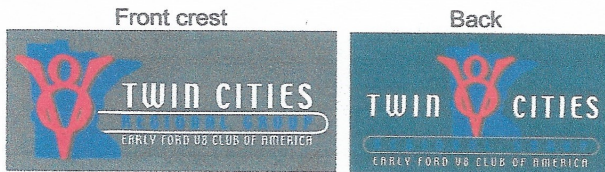
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Cornerstone CS4020P
Pocket Polo
Choose Colors:
Royal or Charcoal
XS-6XL
\$21.00



Charcoal

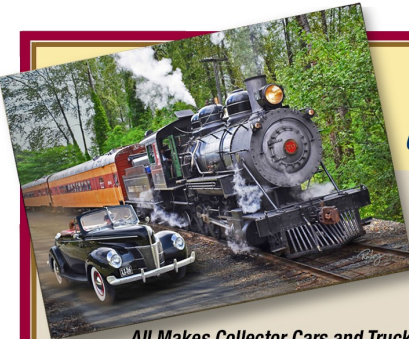


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Phone# _____

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A	SP11	Short sleeve Denim	Faded Blue						\$22.00						
B	S600	Long sleeve Denim	Faded Blue						\$28.00						
C	J317	Soft Shell Jacket	Choose color						\$71.00						
D	8800	Mountaineer Jacket	Choose color						\$79.00						
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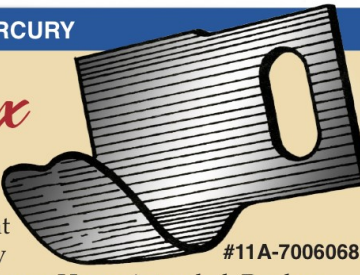
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