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Twin Cities Regional Group Information

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Club Address

P.O. Box 20236, Minneapolis, MN 55420



Meetings Membership meetings of the TCRG are held at 7:00 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. **On Hold For Now.**

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March 1	Judy Parmalee
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March 15	Dave Dahlin
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March 25	Joanne Oman
March 27	Don Pautz

GEEZER BREAKFAST 3rd Thursday of the Month

Louisiana Café March 20th
Selby & Dale
9:00 A M
All Members Welcome



Noted Passing



Floyd A. Nolan, “Iron Man”, age 92 of Annandale passed away peacefully on January 31, 2025. He started French Lake Auto Parts in 1956. He loved to visit with everyone and share his love and knowledge for cars. TCRG members have spent many hours there over the years looking for that one part.

2025 Ford Calendar

NEW!! 2025 Early Ford V-8 Club Calendar !

Be sure to look at July, as Mike’s 1937 Slant Back is pictured. Order from the online store on the National website under Media Category. \$10.00

March President's Message

Spring will be here at the end of March. Hopefully all of you have done or have planned whatever repairs or maintenance is needed on your old Fords. I'm saving up funds to finally get my recently installed Columbia overdrive working reliably so I can finally cruise.

I've noticed over the past few years that many of us have slowed down. Fewer driving activities, museum/collections trips and car shows. We are aging! Fewer V-8ers want to drive after dark. My hope for this club we love, is to continue our monthly breakfast meetings at Louisiana Café, (or occasional substitute) followed by a business meeting. Almost all board members attend, so club policy matters can be handled. Joel won't have to coordinate with St. Michael's to see if our meetings can happen there.

I am proposing that we change the traditional “All Ford Picnic.” Some of us would like to invite non-Ford cars and trucks (stock or modified) to gather on the northwest lot of Blaze. Ford products would remain on the front lot. The east side of Blaze would stay as food vendor and porta potties. Swappers would continue on the northeast corner.

We’d like to get feedback from you, so after reading this please discuss with a board member. If we choose “Ford and Friends Picnic” show we will thrive. Costs currently run \$800. Think about it and call me or another board member. We need to nail this down. Also please send Rumble Sheet submissions to editor Bill Gillies. He does a great job by including many interesting articles over the years. How about writing something about your first car or memorable vehicle?

Bill Blood

DIY Wood Graining Project By Mike Erickson

Last summer, I purchased a Standard 1937 Ford Coupe from one of our members that was downsizing. He had owned it for 47 years and the fellow he had purchased it from had painted the dash grey and the window trim rings black.

After driving the car this past summer, I decided to restore the dash and window rings back to the way they would have looked originally. The Standard 1937 Fords had a mahogany wood grain dash and window trim rings, while the Deluxe models had a walnut wood grain color. I had seen some You Tube videos on DKI wood graining and it looked like it wouldn't be too difficult to do.

The project started by sanding all the pieces and priming them. I then sprayed all the pieces with a "warm caramel" Rustoleum paint. After letting that dry thoroughly, I applied a "red mahogany" minwax stain with a cheap brush from Menards. After coating the pieces with stain, a dry brush was used to work the stain to the desired wood grain and color effect. The more you brush the stain, the lighter the color becomes. The stain dries slowly so you have plenty of time to get the effect that you want. After staining several pieces, and letting them dry thoroughly, a high gloss Rustoleum clear coat was applied and allowed to dry. I applied two clear coat layers and then sanded the pieces with 2000 grit sandpaper. Then more drying and sanding for three additional coats. It was a time consuming process with all the drying between coats but I am pleased with the results.

The headliner will also be replaced this winter as it is the 88 year old original and is really faded and stained under the rear window that had leaked at some point. I purchased a headliner from a supplier in Oklahoma. I'll let you know how that project goes in an upcoming issue of the award winning "Rumble Sheet"!

Mike Erickson



Location: Louisiana Cafe

In attendance were 12 men for breakfast, 7 men were board members, and 3 ladies. New President Bill Blood, Gary Rosenberger, Bill Gillies, Bill Gay, Joel Bergstrom, Gordy Ditmanson and Mike Erickson. Meeting called to order at 10:30 am.

A. Treasurer – Bill Gay. All bills paid and we are in the black.

B. Secretary – Gary R. Prior minutes were approved.

C. Membership - Gordy D. Gordy reported we have 53 paid renewal members for 2025. Renewals are down compared to 67 in our last roster.

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 membership meetings at the church have been planned.

2. Gentleman's Breakfast March 20, 2025, at the Louisiana Cafe location.

3. All Ford Picnic July 6, 2025, at Blaze Credit Union. New shortened hours 9-2pm. Last month Bruce Nelson addressed the board about the \$10.00 entry fee. He felt the attendance would be better with no entry fee. The board had a long discussion, and many felt no fee, or a reduced fee would be nice. With the rising prices of almost every aspect of the Picnic our treasurer reminded us of the cost of the porta-potties, which have now risen to roughly \$600. We need to pay a \$100.00 permit fee. The club needs about \$800 of income to break even. Our insurance is free from the national club and last year we dropped supplying buttons to save on expenses. A call was made to invite the Model A Club to join us, but we have not had a response to this point. President Bill B. suggested we open up the picnic to other brands of cars. We could say All Ford and Friends Picnic. We are all in this together. Every club is suffering with attendance. At this point it was felt the club needs to charge \$10.00 entry fee to survive. The club will revisit the issue.

F. Old Business

G. New Business

1. Our post office box is \$182.00 this year. The clubs insurance to protect the board members is \$140.00 per year.

H. Other

I. Membership Meeting –Postponed

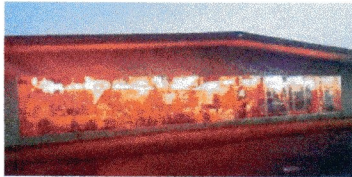
J. Next Board Meeting – March 20, Louisiana Cafe

Meeting adjourned at 11:14 am.

Respectfully submitted by

Gary Rosenberger, Secretary .

Early Ford V-8 Club National Driving Tour



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.

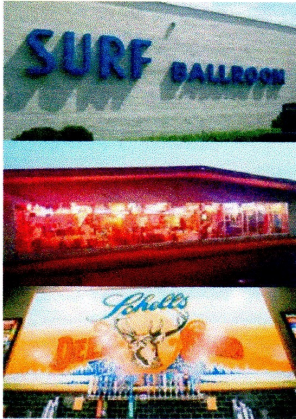
Nightly Hotel registration information will be available with your paid registration. Sorry no new registrations or refunds after July 15, 2025.

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

Registration Form



EARLY FORD V-8 CLUB OF AMERICA
"HIDDEN TREASURES" NATIONAL
TOUR

Starting in Rochester MN and
ending in New Ulm MN
AUGUST 5-9, 2025

Registration #

Please leave blank

Tour Registration Form

Early Ford V-8 Club Membership number _____ Regional Group _____

(You must be a National Club member to register)

Please print clearly

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____ Email: _____

(If email provided, it will be our primary method of contacting you.)

Year and Model of Touring Vehicle: _____

Insurance company: _____ Policy number: _____

Registration:

Price

Total

Includes one vehicle

\$45.00

Total

Sorry, no new registrations or refunds after July 15, 2025.

Make checks payable to **Hidden Treasures Tour / Bruce Nelson** and mail with
registration form to: **Hidden Treasures Tour**

**2887 W Owasso Blvd
Roseville, MN 55113**

With paid registration, you will receive information about making hotel reservations. If
you have questions, please contact us at 651-482-8940 or via email at nelsb01@msn.com.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY:

I agree to be fully responsible for myself, my vehicle and my passengers at all times; I hereby release the
coordinator and the Early Ford V-8 Club of America, their officers, agents, assignees, and employees and
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release from liability for any act, thing or event including negligence or omission to act during or by reason
of holding this event.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Hidden Treasures National Driving Tour

REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

1. The registration fee of \$45.00 for one vehicle covers the cost of any postage, printing and supplies required to host this National Driving Tour. The fee does not pertain to the number of persons in the vehicle.
2. Unless free, all admissions to sites and museums will be your responsibility. We have made plans for group rates where available. Show your **Tour Name Badge** when paying to receive the group discount.
3. All days will have time for lunch. There will be a list of **convenient/recommended** restaurants each day or special restaurants will be part of the tour stops.
4. All driving days, will have a planned 'coffee download' on the way.
5. All lunches and evening dinners are on your own, including the **Welcome Gathering** on Wednesday, August 5, 2025 at a nearby Rochester restaurant.
6. We will have the **Farewell Get-together** scheduled in New Ulm Friday August 8, 2025.
7. Your Tour Packet will include lists of restaurants and gas stations near the Hotels. There will also be pages of ethanol free gas stations in towns on the Tour.
8. And the question always comes up -- "What if my Club car can't make the Tour?" Well, the answer is always "run what you brung" and come and enjoy your V-8 friends. We won't hold it against you (well, maybe just a little).

We look forward to getting together to drive the back roads of southern Minnesota and northern Iowa as we visit many of the 'hidden treasures' along the way.

Bruce Nelson, Tour Coordinator

Driving Tour Itinerary

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Thursday August 7	Okoboji IA Okoboji Classic Car # Worthington MN Spomer Classics # About a 160 mile day Spend the night in Worthington
Friday August 8	Walnut Grove MN Laura Ingalls Wilder Museum # New Ulm MN Minnesota Music Hall of Fame # August Schell Brewery & Museum # Farewell Get-Together About a 130 mile day Spend the night in New Ulm
Saturday August 9	New Ulm MN Goodbyes and head back to our homes

* Possibly subject to change, but only due to unforeseeable circumstances

Sites that have admission charge. Most are cash only.

Gift Ideas For Your Favorite V-8'er

TWIN CITIES V8 REGIONAL GROUP ORDER FORM 2025



SanMar SP11
Short Sleeve Denim Shirt
Faded Blue
XS-6XL
\$25.00



SanMar S600
Long Sleeve Denim Shirt
Faded Blue
XS-6XL
\$32.00



SanMar J317
Soft Shell Jacket
Choose Colors: Black, Royal,
Blk Charcoal Heather
XS-6XL
\$72.00

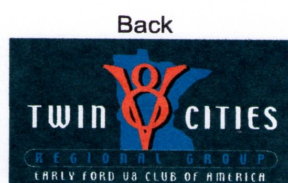


White Bear 4040
Three Season Jacket
Choose Colors:
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Back Logo Details:



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Royal or Charcoal
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\$24.00



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A	SP11	Short sleeve Denim	Faded Blue						\$25.00						
B	S600	Long sleeve Denim	Faded Blue						\$32.00						
C	J317	Soft Shell Jacket	Choose color						\$72.00						
D	4040	White Bear Jacket	Choose color						\$85.00						
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E	CS4020P	Pocket Polo	Choose color						\$24.00						

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