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Attention Women Members

Several women members gather for breakfast and conversation in the main dining room while the male members and board have the V-8 meeting in the private dining room. Come and join: good food, good company, no meeting.

GEEZER BREAKFAST 3rd Thursday of the Month

Louisiana Café April 17th
Selby & Dale
9:00 A M
All Members Welcome



2025 Ford Calendar



Order from the online store on the National website under Media Category. \$10.00

April President's Message

Greetings,

The Ides of March are upon us. The weather has been constantly changing, going from winter to summer and back again before our very eyes. This did give me an opportunity to fire up the 1940 pick up – it ran fine right off the bat!

I am currently on the list at Headquarters Machine and Restoration to have work done on the Columbia rear end changing it back to original controls. I am so anxious to be able to cruise in this pickup after having shipped the major pieces to John Connolly for re-machining. I now have the real controls that were original to the vehicle.

I'm also looking forward to your participation at the next breakfast meeting to find out what changes may be made to our flyer. Ron Long has done an excellent job so far, and we need your input to finalize the flyer. Options will include giving out event buttons or dash plaques for the first hundred vehicles.

Please consider signing up for a work shift at the event when the sheet is passed around at breakfast ! See you at the Louisiana Café.

Bill Blood

Pres.

Barrett Jackson by Gary Nielsen

It has been a few years since I attended Barrett Jackson Scottsdale in person, Covid got in the way first and then I drifted to TV coverage. This year I decided it was time to go in person and I must say, it was a good choice. There is a certain level of excitement viewing some very special cars in person, many with paint jobs that are truly stunning.

The types of cars sold have certainly changed over the years, moving away from the classics of the 30's to muscle cars and high performance newer vehicles. The highest price paid was 3.7 million for a 2025 Corvette ZRI selling for charity, followed by a 2023 Hennessey Venom F5 Roadster at 2.2 million.

Going later in the week allows you to view the condition of the sold cars to know why some go high and others not so high, But, sometimes there is no explanation for the differences, all it takes to top out is two excited bidders with a large billfold each. With 6000 bidders that happens often. It also is fun to see the destinations listed on the windshield tag by Reliable Carriers. A 1946 Ford pickup was going to Independence MN, perhaps it was a club member who made the purchase.

One surprise I saw was an Ampicar sold for 140K, I have experienced others at 50 k but not this price. My wife wanted me to buy a car, a black Daimler Roadster, it was in fact a fair price but I was not registered to bid. One other bargain was an Audi TT Roadster sold for only 6.25 K. One other shocker was an unrestored 1962 Chevrolet Biscayne 2 dr, with surface rust and patina, sold at 18K. I especially liked the 1964 International Step Van dressed up as a Snap On Tools delivery vehicle and a 1941 Ford Gas truck. Overall, 2013 cars sold at a total of 198 million.

Rory Brinkman and his team sold over 5.2 million in automobilia, with the top sale a 1920's visible gas pump at \$78,200. All together, 957 pieces were sold. Guess I need to rush home and bring out the old coke machine from the basement and offer it to him.

Of course, the vendors offer many choices of goods to take home. I spoke with a new vendor from Ham Lake MN, first time at the event. He is part-time creating lamps and other figures welded together from old engine parts. One special character he created sold for \$7000, and to be delivered in the Phoenix area. Metal Palm trees made in Kansas always amaze me. A Willmar company, Uncommon USA, who makes telescoping flag poles, always has a presence there as well.

I encourage readers to register with BJ online to view all of the sales figures. Please remember that prices shown have a 10% buyers fee shown on cars and 15% on automobilia.



Barrett Jackson

The Buick Club Needs Help Reply by March 31, 2025

CAR SHOW VOLUNTEER

Spring Extravaganza Car Show & Swap Meet
Minnesota State Fair Grounds
Sunday May 4, 2025 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

You Are Invited to Join an Amazing Group of Volunteers

- No membership required. Everyone is welcome.
- Main categories: gate, parking/traffic, swap, and registration. *
- Training provided. Your safety is our priority.
- Team up with friends and family.

* If category is fully staffed, you may be asked to work in another area.

Volunteering Rewards

- Free spectator admission to car show and swap meet.
- Free drinks and snacks at event.
- Free event shirt (one 2-hour shift). **
- Free banquet in May (two 2-hour shifts). **

** Or GSCBCA donates compensation to your car club (1 Shift \$30, 2 Shifts \$60).

How to Sign Up

- Complete form on the back of this sheet and mail or email to (keithdandersondte@gmail.com) by March 31, 2025.
- Available shifts are filled upon receiving mail from numerous car clubs. ***

*** If shifts are fully staffed you may be asked to work a different shift.

Key Dates

- March 31, 2025 - volunteer sign up deadline.
- By April 18th - Volunteer worker letter with instructions mailed or emailed to you.
- May 4, 2025 - Car show and swap meet. Volunteers should arrive at 30 minutes ahead of your shift listed time.

We look forward to having you on our volunteer team at the Spring Extravaganza Car Show and Swap Meet. Volunteering at this car show is a lot of fun and you will meet great people, see tons of cool cars, check out the large swap meet, and engage with our community. To learn more about the Gopher State Buick Club, please visit: www.gopherstatebuick.org

Car show: Sunday May 4, 2025 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Please return this form by March 31, 2025 to:

Keith Anderson

8370 Sunnyside Road, Mounds View, MN 55112

or

keithdandersondte@gmail.com

CAR SHOW VOLUNTEER SIGN UP SHEET

Name _____ **Phone** _____

Address _____ **City** _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

Hours Preferred: AM _____ **PM** _____ **Anytime** _____ ***

Area Preferred: Gate _____ **Parking/Traffic** _____ **Swap** _____ **Registration** _____

Free shirt for one 2-hour shift or more. Free banquet (May 18) for 2 shifts.

T-shirt _____ **sweatshirt for an additional \$20** _____

Both T-shirt and sweatshirt add \$35.

Size: (S to 3XL) _____ **You must indicate a shirt size to get a shirt.**

OR

Donate compensation to your car club: one 2-hour shift (\$30), Two 2-hour shifts (\$60). Car club name and contact information: _____

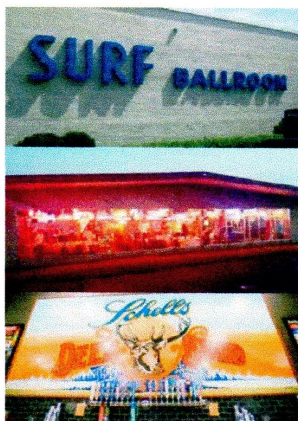
_____ Please email me the confirmation sheet to _____

_____ Please mail the confirmation sheet to the address above.

Questions, please call Keith at 763-516-4101.

If you would like to assist in setting up Friday and Saturday, and or tearing down Sunday, mark this line _____ **and Keith will email you additional information.**

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:

Includes one vehicle

Price

\$45.00

Total

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 successors of any kind, from any and all liability arising from the holding of this event, including their 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: _____

Board Meeting Minutes March 20, 2025

Location: Louisiana Cafe

In attendance were 11 men for breakfast, 7 men were board members, and 3 ladies. President Bill Blood, Gary Rosenberger, Bill Gillies, Bill Gay, Joel Bergstrom, Gordy Ditmanson and Mike Erickson. Meeting called to order at 10:20 am.

A. Treasurer – Bill G. 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 60 paid renewal members for 2025.

Renewals are down compared to 67 in our last roster.

D. Editor - Bill G. The editor would like to thank everyone for their input over the years. Bill is stepping down soon as editor due to life changes. Stay tuned for details

E. Upcoming Events

1. No membership meetings at the church have been planned

2. Gentleman's Breakfast April 17, 2025, at the Louisiana Cafe location.

3. A list of tours and car shows for 2025 is as follows:

1. May Spring Kick-Off, Eagan Car Club (date pending).

2. June 21, Saturday, National Drive Your V-8 Day

3. June 22-26, Central National Meet, Auburn IN

4. June 20,21-22 Back to the 50's

5. July 13, Sunday, Fords and Friends Car Show (formally All Ford Picnic). We will be inviting all makers of cars and have a free swap meet. Our new hours will be from 9-2pm. A \$10 entry fee will be charged, and spectators will be free. The board voted to not supply buttons or dash plaques to save on expenses.

6. August 1, Friday, Braham Pie Day Car Show

7. August 5-9, National Driving Tour, Minnesota & Iowa

8. September 7, Saturday, Osceola Wheels and Wings Car Show, WI

9. October (date pending) Fall Color Tour

F. Old Business

G. New Business

Our club is taking applications to be editor of our newsletter. Must have a 4-year degree in journalism or be able to skip and chew gum at the same time.

H. Other

I. Membership Meeting –Postponed

j. Next Board Meeting – April 17, Louisiana Cafe

Meeting adjourned at 10:53 am.

Respectfully submitted by

Gary Rosenberger Secretary

***Update**

The Eagan Car Club Clubhouse is booked and we are confirmed for Sunday May 18th, 2025. Timing ETA 11 AM—4PM Details to be finalized prior to the event.

Editor Retires

I've been in the V8 Club for over 52 Years and the Rumble Sheet Editor for the second time in the last 8 or 9 years, it's time to call it quits.

Looking back over the years it's been a ride! Mary and I have met and made life long friends. The children of these friends have grown up and moved off into their own lives. Most of the children are in their fifties by now, hard to believe where has the time gone.

We have taken trips in flatheads from East to West, North to South. We went to the Fiftieth Meet in Lake Tahoe, been on the Texas Tour to San Antonio, Texas, and up to the UP and stayed in Henry Ford's bungalow. We've been many times to Dearborn and the National Meets, where the National Judges didn't believe that the Ford Plant Manager's wife wanted a 1948 Mercury instead of a Ford. Drove to the Tennessee meet where we caught Covid. I have no idea how many miles I put on the Mercury but I'd say a lot. It never let me down. I sold it last fall and hated to see it go, but I didn't want to have to work on again if something broke.

I have a 1953 Ford now that is really low mileage and won a Rouge Award in Dearborn a couple of years ago.

I want to take two more trips in the '53 before the year is over. I plan on going to Springfield, IL and do Bruce's tour in Southern MN and Northern Iowa.

I will try to sell it after that and hope someone will enjoy it as Mary and I have, well me anyway.

I have enjoyed writing and editing the Rumble Sheet all these years And I will continue to contribute in the future. The Rumble Sheet has received the Golden Quill award from Old Cars Weekly, and for the past 5 years or so it has always received an award. I've enjoyed sharing stories, memories, books and Ron Long photos. I look forward to being a reader and seeing the next Editors style. It's been fun but it's time to quit!

Bill the Editor



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



ROYAL



BLACK



White Bear 4040
Three Season Jacket
Choose Colors:
Black, Black Charcoal, Charcoal, Maroon,
Forest Green, Navy, Red or Royal
S-4XL
\$85.00

Back Logo Details:



Black/Charcoal



Maroon



Forest Green



Navy



Red



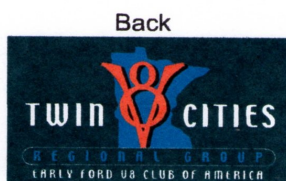
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Cornerstone CS4020P
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Choose Colors:
Royal or Charcoal
XS-6XL
\$24.00



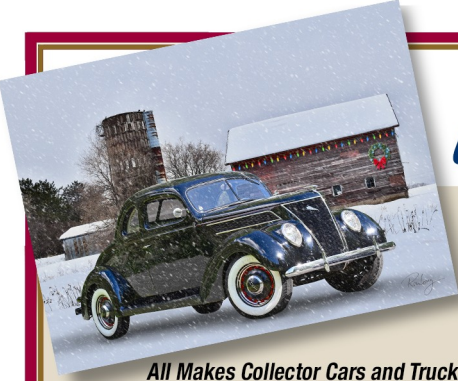
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B	S600	Long sleeve Denim	Faded Blue						\$32.00						
C	J317	Soft Shell Jacket	Choose color						\$72.00						
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