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Twin Cities Regional Group Information

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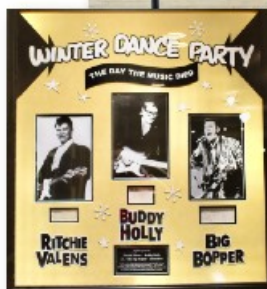
Hidden Treasures National Driving Tour



August 5-9, 2025

Thanks to Bruce and Mary for setting this up!

- * 21 Fords and Mercurys
- From 10 States
- 54 People





**Southern Minnesota,
Northern Iowa**

Rochester MN
Clear Lake IA
West Okoboji IA
Sanborn IA
Worthington MN
Walnut Grove MN
New Ulm MN



Hidden Treasures National Driving Tour

“Oh Baby that’s what I like!” - Big Bopper

Our late summer tour of Northwestern Iowa was a well-organized, well-attended, and scenic drive. Thank you to Bruce Nelson for the attention to detail, volumes of useful information, and reminders to make our hotel reservations, as only a certain number of rooms were available.

August 5th finally dawned, Mary and I went back to 1736 Crystal Avenue, got the ‘53 out of the garage, and headed south toward Rochester and the Residence Inn. We were greeted by Bruce and Mary Halberg, who were set up in the lobby with a table piled high with tour books and local information.

We were happy to join other TCRG Members: Paul & Joann Oman, Kent & Cathy Tabaco, Gordy & Donna Ditmanson, Bob & Judy Parmelee, Ron & Liz Long, Joel & Rose Ann Bergstrom, Bill & Mary Gillies and fifty-four others representing 10 states. We were given name tags and a notebook, which contained the full itinerary for the drive we were about to embark on.

I have to mention the tour book. It was very thorough and well thought out. The first seven pages included letters from the national club president and Bruce sharing information about the tour, including our arrival day details, addresses of each stop, where to find the best gas stations along the way, and recommended places where to stop and eat. It also detailed how to get to the Purple Goat, the first night’s food stop

On Wednesday morning, we were off to our first destination, the Mayowood Mansion. The 23,000-square-foot, thirty-eight room home designed by architect Fritz Wagner of Chicago, and built by Garfield Schwartz in 1910 for Dr. Charlie and Edith Mayo.

Pages 14 through 17 of the tour book detailed instructions on how to get to the infamous plane crash site in Iowa, and to the Surf Ballroom. It included pictures and maps marked with directions. And that’s how the book went - if you weren’t able to follow the directions to find the locations, you had to be really trying not to!

Some highlights along the way included: Okoboji Classic Cars, Yesterday’s Memories, Garage Restaurant, August Schell Brewery, to name a few.

The tour concluded on Friday evening at the New Ulm landmark, the Kaiserhoff restaurant. The group shared a meal and a wrap-up from Bruce and Mary, also found on page 28 of our tour book.

On Saturday morning, we gathered in the hotel parking lot to say our goodbyes to everyone, and all headed off for home in the rain.

Overall, it was a great tour with friends, filled with many great places to see and, of course, many miles to drive. See you on the road ...

Board Meeting Minutes

September 18, 2025 Location: Louisiana Cafe

In attendance were 14 men for breakfast, 8 men were board members, and 7 ladies. President Bill Blood, Gary Rosenberger, Bill Gillies, Bill Gay, Joel Bergstrom, Gordy Ditmanson, Al Rehder and Mike Erickson. Meeting called to order at 10:40 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 63 paid members (possibly 62) for 2025. Renewals are down compared to 67 in our last roster.

1. The board discussed sending out a roster every other year to save on costs.

2. It was also brought up about putting all our information out in the world for scammers to pick up on. Discussion under review.

3. To attract new membership a proposal was made to offer free membership for 1 year and the \$10:00 for the next year to ease a new member into the club. This proposal is under review.

D. Editor - Bill G. The editor would like to thank everyone for their input over the years. Bill stepped down as editor due to life changes. He has, however, volunteered to produce a newsletter for next month. Stay tuned for details.

E. Upcoming Events

1. No membership meetings at the church have been planned.

2. Gentleman's Breakfast October 16, 2025, at the Louisiana Cafe location.

3. The board discussed whether to have a Christmas party at our church or have dinner at a restaurant. It was discussed whether to hold the event in the afternoon versus the evening. These details are under consideration.

F. Old Business

1. The club had 8 cars for the nursing home tour. A nice day and a good turnout.

We got to see Joe Walczak receive his 50-year plaque for membership.

G. New Business

1. Bill Blood has offered to use his home address for the club's business.

2. Bill Gay offered to use his address for membership renewals and then pass the information to Gordy for membership information.

3. Our club is taking applications to be editor of our newsletter.

H. Other

I. Membership Meeting –Postponed

J. Next Board Meeting – October 16, Louisiana Cafe

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.

Respectfully submitted by
Gary Rosenberger Secretary .

Landmark Car Gathering

TCRG honored Joe Walczak with a visit to his residence. Kent Tabako presented Joe with his 50 Year Plaque. Joe was pleased to have all attending. The residence provided shade and lemonade. Many residents reminisced about what cars they had learned to drive and their father's cars.

In attendance were ; Kent & Cathy Tabako, Gary & Sandy Rosenberger, Riding with Gary were Gordy & Donna Ditmanson, Bill Gay, Joel & Rose Ann Bergstrom, Ron & Liz Long, Mike Erickson, Dave Dahlin, Bill & Mary Gillies, In a non Ford car was Bill Blood.



What's so interesting under the hood of David's car? Bill Blood and Bill Gay are peering in as Dave explains the flathead to them. Is there something unique under the hood? Maybe Bill Blood can explain what he saw in a future article.



3 Months Birthday 's

Geezer Breakfast 3rd Thursday of the month

October 4	Dawn Marie Dolan
October 3	Ellen Reeves (Dahlin)
October 10	Donna Ditmanson
October 16	John Barnes
October 31	Jim Rucci
November 2	Jean Shuck
November 10	Tom Murray
November 13	Kate Pautz
November 19	Paul Oman
November 23	Duane Adams
November 30	Linda Nelson
December 7	Bill Blood
December 19	Twylah Sushen
December 27	Michael Wyman
December 29	Al Rehder
December 31	Cliff Helling

Louisiana Café
Selby and Dale
9 AM
Good Food
Good Fellowship



Some Thoughts

Now that the driving season is coming to a close and putting the car in storage, it's time to think of the maintenance items that you were putting off thinking as long as it's running, it'll go another few miles.

If you think you don't have 6 volts, maybe it isn't the voltage regulator but the generator you haven't been oiling .

While you are greasing the chassis think when was the last time you packed the wheel bearings? The rear end may run forever but have the rear axle bearings ever been change or greased?

The carburetor gets blamed for a poor functioning fuel pump or coil. A minute hole in the gas line will stop an engine.

Points don't last forever, maybe that miss was a distributor problem. Sometimes points corrode but look good.

Ignition switches, sometimes have you looking for a problem you can't find..

Check your car over and do maintenance and get ready for 2026.

Bill



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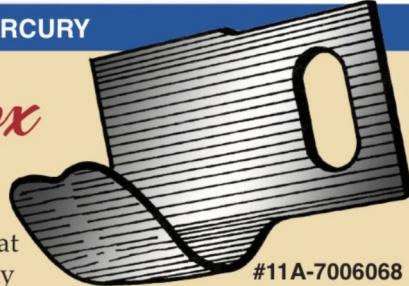
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