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Ian Hardgrove and Al Rehder once again have volunteered to have a meeting at their garages.

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The Cover Picture & Others from Ron Long

Presidents message

Hi V-8ers!

With summer starting soon I hope you have all got your V-8's (or 6's) tuned up and ready to go. So far, my '40 pick up is still running in the cool range. I'll soon test it at Back to the 50's where people will be walking in the same direction as our old car traffic at the fairgrounds – the “acid test.” I've still got a few bugs to work out, but they are minor – hope yours are too.

If you know of any fun car events coming this season, please mention them at our next breakfast meeting at the Louisiana Café. All ideas are welcome. Drive your V8!

Bill Blood



The following appeared in the June 1 issue of Old Cars Weekly

1941 Lincoln heads to new home at CCCA Museum

HICKORY CORNERS, Mich.- The Classic Car Club of America Museum has accepted its most recent donation: "The Grey Ghost," a 1941 Lincoln Continental Cabriolet owned by the late Harvey Oberg and his widow, Faye Oberg. The car was collected at the Oberg residence in the Twin Cities metropolitan area by the museum's dedicated carrier.

The Oberg Continental is well known within not just the CCCA, as it wears award badge number 3 (the lowest numbered example known to still exist), but also in the Lincoln & Continental Owner's Club, the Lincoln-Zephyr Owner's Club, and the Early Ford V8 Club for the numerous awards the car has garnered since it was authentically restored in 1986. The original owner was New York financier Albert M. Barnes, delivered to Ford's Edgewater, NJ, facility, which was near his Spruce Hill Farm estate in Mendham, NJ. Barnes special ordered the car in his personal signature paint color, being one of only 21 1941 Continentals with special-order paint – and the only one in that Jersey Grey color (hence its nickname). Harvey purchased the car from the second owner in 1983, then had it painstakingly restored over three years to how it was delivered when new.

The CCCA Museum is part of the Gilmore Museum complex at Hickory Corners, near Kalamazoo, Mich.

- B. Mitchell Carlson



Rumble Sheet **RETREADS**

December 2012

Bruce “BJ” Johnson Remembered

By Bill Gillies

The sleeveless Levi vest is hung up for the last time. We are saddened by the passing of a friend and club member. Gone with BJ is his wealth of knowledge of cars, how they worked and how they fit. He was someone I liked to call and talk about the past; the days of working on cars in the '50's. The conversation would usually end up by him saying “Keep a tight growler”.



Someone has to have the coolest cars! A beautiful Barris custom Mercury for this occasion.

My first encounter with BJ was in the early 70's when the club was in its infancy. I was running for President and out of the blue he nominates Bob Emery! I had no idea or answer why I wanted to be President, when I was asked by a club member while soliciting votes. Who was this guy? He shows up for the first time and nominates Bob Emery!

The Tulsa Oklahoma meet was the first time most of our club members attended a National meet. BJ took a 40 Ford Coupe that had belonged to Erv Ehrens. It was a perfect car. Judging was in an arena. BJ was under the only burned out light in the place. Not only, as if that wasn't insult enough, he lost points for having the *correct* bumper bolts (fine thread) as all the other cars had course thread. So by deduction his had to be wrong.



A familiar sight at the Old Geezer Breakfasts, always talking cars. Here with Chick Meyer at Baker's Square.

On a trip to Milwaukee, Bob Parmelee's Merc would run down hill but not up. Our whole caravan pulled to the side of the road while BJ analyzed and fixed the problem. Seems like Bob left a rag in the carburetor, well maybe a small piece of one.

Those early TCRG adventures with BJ on the front door leading the group and Ralph Ness on the back were great. BJ was going to an auction in Colorado one time in the 80's and there was a '53 Mercury convertible listed. It was the 40 millionth domestically produced vehicle by Ford and proclaimed that on the sides of the car. I asked BJ to buy it for me and we could scrape the decals off the sides when we got it. Needless to say it went for big money but we had a good laugh over it.

BJ was a great one for setting up tours, going to swap meets or car shows. He knew so many people it was always an adventure to be with him and see cars and places you had only read about.

On one trip to Carlisle, we were a day early and there were no rooms available. BJ walks in to the desk and asks in his quiet voice "Got any rooms for Johnson?" I was standing next to BJ and he leans over and says 'get out of here'; we got rooms for a Johnson from Tennessee.



A trio of BJ's fine Mercury's (including the Barris custom in the center).

Another trophy won. Bruce Nelson congratulated BJ at the New Brighton show.



Johnson, Bruce Arlan "BJ"



Age 73 of Golden Valley, MN. Passed away on November 16, 2012 after a short, but courageous battle with Lymphoma.

After graduating from Anoka High School in 1956, Bruce became an employee of the Ford Motor Company and also spent 8 years serving his country as a member of the U.S. Coast Guard. Bruce was tied to several automotive businesses until 1972 after which he started, ran and sold several other businesses, the largest being Circuit Services Corporation, which was worldwide. Bruce held several patents for items used in high speed drilling of printed circuit boards which allowed him to form the Lubra Sheet Corporation. Bruce is probably most known for his passion of classic cars and street rods which he enjoyed for over 60 years. So much so, he made a business of his old car hobby with Valley Auto for over 30 years. BJ was charter member of the Mini Birds of Minnesota, Twin City Regional Group of the Early Ford Club of America and very active in classic car auctions and swap meets all across the U.S. Preceded in death by his parents, Clifford and Vivalore. He will be deeply missed by his wife of 51 years, Katherine; sister, Sharon (Ted) Dompeling of Crest Hill, IL; and numerous other family members and friends. Memorial service to be held at Nativity Lutheran Church, 3312 Silver Lake Road, St. Anthony, MN on December 1, 2012 at 1:30 PM with visitation one hour before. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Animal Humane Society. Private interment.

BJ was lucky to make a living out of what a lot of us do as a hobby - a good example of "find what you love to do and make it your lifetime job".

Another time in Carlisle, we rented a new Olds. There was so many of us and suit cases we couldn't shut the trunk and maybe the doors. That car was trashed when it was turned in as it had been raining too.

At Carlisle we got a big kick out of how all the satellite bath rooms were set up in a circle with only a small entry way. There would be a guy standing there with his donation cup telling you which one was empty and open the door for you. We thought that would be a good profession, Outhouse Caller.

On the return trip from some adventure on the airplane, BJ would hand out a slip of paper with how much you owed for the trip.

Mary reminded me of our first trip to Branson and the trip home. It was raining so hard that the things in the glove box got wet. We were following BJ in his ramp back with a red '53 Mercury on the back. We could barely see him in the rain. His advice was, don't stop. We were outrunning a tornado!

It's kind of a coincidence that the Ford plant picnic comes to an end the year he passes. BJ set up the only free car show in the Twin Cities at the Ford Plant so many years ago.

I'm sure everyone has a BJ story and I could go on for some time but won't. I will miss him and his quiet voice asking "Well Dobie, what's going on".

Well BJ "Keep a tight growler".

Dobie



The familiar sight at the New Brighton show, always first shift with John Titus!



Part of the fun of the New Brighton show, you just never knew what "ride" BJ would drive to the show. Appropriately, he always got a "front and center" position!



Ron Long and BJ working on Ron's '56 in 1980.

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*My neighbor next door
seems a reasonable man
But his mind just can't ascertain
how a rusty old Ford
nearly thirty years old,
Can appeal to a man that is sane.*

*It all started the day
that I trailored her home
and my neighbor came out for a look
Though he tried hard to hide
his feelings inside
I could tell he was visible shook.*

*The car was a mess
I have to admit.
The grill had a curious twist
The top bows hung slack
with a rip in the back
and upholstery just didn't exist.*

*I tried to explain
that this auto was rare
A prize I was lucky to find
But, it was easy to see
as he just stared at me,
he thought I was out of my mind.*

*Yet, he tried hard to see it
from my point of view
And I thought I had him convinced
But an error was made,
when he learned what I'd paid
and our friendship's been strained ever since.*

*For nearly a year that car
sat in my drive.
in view of my neighbor's back lot.
He should have been glad
with the rare view he had
But, the fence he built proved, he was not*

*When I did pull it in
and stripped it all down.
My neighbor asked time and again,
why the rusty car sets
in out of the wet,
And the good one sets out in the rain.*

*My neighbors wife too
got into the act.
She complained that my children looked pale
She harped on their need
till my wife, too, agreed
When she said that I should be in jail.*

*Yet, I try not to bother
my neighbors at night.
as I hammer and solder and lead
But my grinder is shrill,
and so is my drill
and they go so early to bed.*

*They were awful the day
I brought home the sedan.
I guess it broke all of their hearts
For my neighbor looked hard
when he saw my back yard
But, darn it, I had to have parts.*

*If they just would have waited
untill I was through
I know they'd regret all their jokes;
But now I am told,
that their property sold
There's just no understanding some folks.*



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Has anybody experienced problems with the Thumb Drive?

Can't open some issues, Color pages covering the text, Some partial issues, Others not even opening up.



I took my thumb drive to Best Buy and the Geek Squad. They said the drive was bad, this I didn't believe. I gave it to a friend who previously worked for the State of Minnesota, and he said the information was all there but the PDF's were incorrect. The outfit that did the converting to PDF must have gotten tired as 289 issues is quite a bit to convert.

I called David Gunnarson who in turn talked to Mike Driskell who was going to check all the thumb drives out looking for a good one. I strongly doubt he found one and the thumb drives will have to be done over with a more reliable outfit.

This has been my own experience with the thumb drive and not that of the Early Ford V8 Club.

Bill Gillies RG#46

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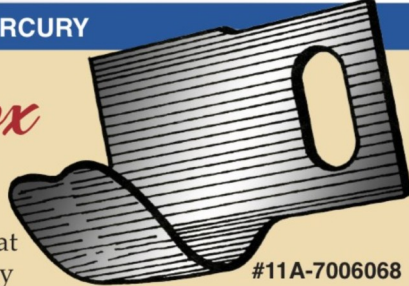
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