

"The Headliner"

Newsletter of the Northern Ohio Regional Group #20
Early Ford V-8 Club of America



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Mission Statement: "To preserve and authentically maintain vehicles manufactured by the Ford Motor Company for the model years 1932 through 1953 inclusive, and to serve as an accurate and technical source of information concerning these automobiles for the benefit of its members as well as the general public."

Message From Our President

Maybe our snowbirds members are missing out on some really nice weather. A bit chilly but it sure beats the heck out of snow and slush. I personally can't complain as it gives me more garage time to do the little things that need to be done.

I want to thank each and every one of you that went the extra mile to keep us up and running. It sure makes it a lot easier on every one when someone decides to grab the bull by the tail. It's a great feeling of accomplishment when it is all said and done. Try it you might like it.

You guys have another year to put up with me, "It's your choice", I do appreciate your confidence in me to get us through another great year. Guys, I can't do it alone. It would be great if we each gave a little bit of time and be able to share that time with an event, outing or hosting a tour etc. It sure would make a better club as we have been in the past. I'm very proud to be a member of this great R.G.#20. It has given back to me more than I have given. I have over the years of membership gained many treasured friends, bushels of knowledge, miles of being in places I've never been and being able to represent a very prestigious bunch of folks like you. The membership roster is in the works and coming together thanks to Craig working diligently night and day. Thanks buddy.

I want to thank Ginny Herrmann and Ginger Posar for facilitating our annual Christmas gathering and Installation at the Oaks Lodge. Thanks Guys. In the mean time wishing each and every one a very "Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year" from Georgene and me.

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Jeep



Officers & Board 2015

President: Jeep Iacobucci
Vice President: Frank Posar
Secretary: Virginia Herrmann
Treasurer: Dan & Diane Francis

Directors

Jack Bukszar
Rich Jandrey
Steve Kronen
Earl Peters

**All Meetings are held at
Stow Community Center
3800 Graham Road
Stow, OH**

"Kick Tires": 7:00
Meeting Begins: 7:30
Ends: 10:00 or Sooner

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December Program

There is no meeting in December. Next meeting will be Friday, February 18, 2016



MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 20, 2015 N.O.R.G. MEETING

The meeting was called to order by President, Jeep Iacobucci at 7:30PM. Jeep welcomed everyone to the meeting and the members introduced themselves and the cars they own. Jeep thanked Rose and Dick Deyling for the coffee and snacks this evening.

Program Chairman, Rich Jandrey introduced Jennifer Malta and Jerome Rieke from Edward Jones. A very interesting couple and they explained about the stock market, bonds and CD's. They talked in great length about annuities and to be sure of what you are doing. They explained the trends of the future and even gave the club some ideas to invest in. If anyone would like to contact them; there was a sign-up sheet and information about them available.

SECRETARY – Neal Garland read the minutes of the previous meeting due to Ginnie having a cold. Rich Jandrey approved the minutes as read and seconded by Mike Wisniewski.

TREASURER – Diane and Dan Francis gave the club a report of the treasury. Mike Wisniewski approved the Treasurers report and Frank Posar seconded.

MEMBERSHIP – Craig was absent but he left a message that Guy Shively will once again do the art work for the cover of our Membership roster. Also, remember the dues have increased to \$30.00 this year.

SUNSHINE – Georgene stated that cards were sent out.

V-8 CORRESPONDENT – Frank Posar has no report

WEB-SITE – No Report

HISTORIAN – No Report

ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN – Neal Garland said the last luncheon for the year will be at Lembo's Italian Restaurant. Once the weather starts to warm up we will continue our luncheons in 2016.

NEW BUSINESS – The dues were raised to \$30.00 by a unanimous vote and the official notification of slate of Officers are the same as in 2015. Congratulations to all the Officers and Jeep thanks everyone for the time devoted to these positions. A Board meeting will be held in January or February 2016. There will be no meeting in December 2015 and January 2016. The Christmas party will be on December 6, 2015 at the Oaks Lodge at Chippewa Lake. Please notify Ginger Posar or Virginia Herrmann if you plan to join us for this festive event.

OLD BUSINESS – The Cuyahoga Valley train ride that Beth and Regis Schilling set-up was a great day! The club had their own car and even tour guides were available. Everyone enjoyed the sites and what they had to offer. Thank you Beth and Regis.

Jeep read a thank you letter from Up side of Downs for our donation.

Jeep also mentioned about the interesting articles the club members have written. Keep them going!

Rich Jandrey moved the meeting be adjourned and seconded by Pat Rooney. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Virginia Herrmann, Secretary

2016 Activities At A Glance

- **Sunday, January 31st** Nifty Fifties Swap Meet Auto Nation
Ford, Westlake Oh. *See page 11 for more information*
- **Friday, February 18th 7:30 PM** Monthly Business Meeting
at Stow City Center



Reminder...2016 NORG Dues Are Due

Members your 2016 NORG Dues are due. The dues are \$30.00 per year. This is still the best \$30.00 you will spend this year. There is a membership form on the following page. *Please complete the form on page 4* and return it to Craig Gorris with your check.

If you have not yet please do your best to send in your dues Today!!



N.O.R.G. Cookie Bakers



February Meeting	Ginger Posar
March Meeting	Virginia Herrmann
April Meeting	Georgene Iacobucci
May Meeting	Diane Francis
June Meeting	Stow Community Room Closed Need Alternate Location
July Meeting	Sharon Bukszar
August Meeting	Momoe Garland
September Meeting	Bruce Lewicki
October Meeting	Annette Gorris
November Meeting	Barb Rooney

Northern Ohio Regional Group 20
Early Ford V8 Club of America
Membership Form
Annual Dues \$30.00

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2016

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List all Early Fords you own from 1932 to 1953 and Highest Award won at a National Meet:

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**N.O.R.G. Christmas Party
Sunday, December 6th Oaks Restaurant**

Outstanding! That is the only way to describe the N.O.R.G. 2015 Christmas-Holiday Party held at the Oaks Restaurant on Sunday December 6th. Ginny Herrmann and Ginger Posar provided all members with a great Holiday Party. Before dinner, Frank Posar said grace and then everyone was served a dinner of their choice. In addition to the festive atmosphere, each member and guest received a Christmas favor, Panera Gift Certificate and delicious chocolate tree. Ginger surprised everyone with a "Christmas Carol Game". We were given a sheet of paper with 24 characters depicting a Christmas Carol. Frank timed everyone and players were given 4 minutes to solve what carol was associated with each illustration. When everyone had finished their dinner and enjoyable cake, President Jeep Iacobucci swore in the 2016 Northern Ohio Regional Group Officers and Directors. A BIG Thank You to Ginny and Ginger for a wonderful afternoon. We have included photos of members and guests.



More pictures on Page 5



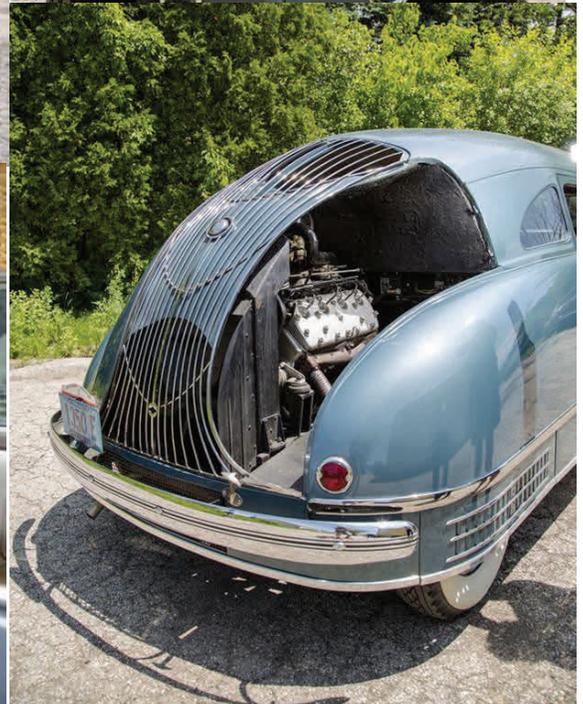
The 1936 Stout Scarab

William B. Stout was a Michigan-based inventor, best remembered for building the first all-metal airplane, the Ford Tri-Moto and the Stout Scarab Automobile. In designing the Stout Scarab, his goal was to build a car of the future. It was no bigger than a normal car on the outside, with twice the room inside. It had flush window glass and fenders incorporated into the body, so it would drive without wind noise. It had a table, moving chairs, and three cigar lighters.

In retrospect, some say Stout built the first minivan. But the car, so radical and expensive for its time (about \$5,000, which would be about \$85,000 today), didn't catch on. As a result, only nine were ever produced.

The following photos are of a Scarab, restored by Mr. Ron Schneider of Milwaukee, Wisconsin who paid \$12,000 for one, and bought another for parts, then began a two-year restoration. It is a very unique vehicle, powered by a 221" Ford flathead engine mounted in the rear (rear wheel drive), incorporating the fenders and flushed window glass into the body to make the machine streamlined and noiseless as it drove.

Incidentally, this car was displayed at the 2003 Early Ford V-8 Grand National in Dearborn Michigan.



More Pictures on following page



WE NEED YOUR HELP !

Your Editors are still looking for stories on how members found, or acquired, or restored their personal V-8's. Why not share with others members of N.O.R.G. your story.

You do not need to be a William Shakespeare, Mark Twain or Charles Dickens. But provide us with your story in your own words.

Parts Wanted

Wanted: Right and Left rear axle housings with good bearing surfaces for 1946-48 Ford/Mercury.

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Sixty years ago, October 6, 1955, Ford's Lincoln Division introduced what Bill Ford, manager of Ford's special products division considered the company's "Halo Car," the Mark II. Although it succeeded the Continental, Edsel Ford's tremendously successful vehicle produced from 1939 to 1948, and was produced by the Lincoln Division, the company not only did not call it a Continental or a Lincoln or give it a model year designation



In 1952 Edsel's son William, began establishing a "Continental" division to produce a competitor to luxury cars produced by Packard and Cadillac.

Working not quite in secret, but away from other company stylists and engineers, he assembled an outstanding team including: John Reinhart, who had worked under Bill Mitchell at GM and later served as chief stylist at Packard; Harley Copp, who would later go on to engineer the Ford Falcon, as chief engineer; and Gordon Buehrig, Cord 810 designer; as chief body engineer, and put them to work in the recently vacated Ford trade school building.

The Mark II emerged as a two-door, four-passenger coupe on October 6, 1955, at the Paris Auto Show. A convertible and a retractable hardtop were seriously considered, but never got beyond the prototype stage.

The Mark II was hand built in a dedicated manufacturing facility in Dearborn with each bolt individually torqued. Bodies were supplied by Mitchell-Bentley of Ionia, Michigan,

Power came from Lincoln's 285hp overhead-valve 368-cu.in. V-8 backed by Lincoln's three-speed automatic transmission, leather seats and power accessories were standard. The only option was air conditioning for \$595 which brought the sales price above \$10,000. (A Ford Fairlane could be purchased for less than \$2,500.)

First-year production totaled 2,550; for 1957, production tailed off to 444. Even at \$10,000 Continental lost money on every Mark II sold.

That didn't sit well with stockholders. The far less expensive unibody Mark III, built alongside the Thunderbird on the Wixom assembly line, replaced the Mark II for 1958. It was produced until the 2002 model year.

A Mark II Identified as 1956 is being offered by a private seller in Santa Barbara, Calif. for \$39,000.

Five more are offered in Hemmings for prices ranging up to \$108,000

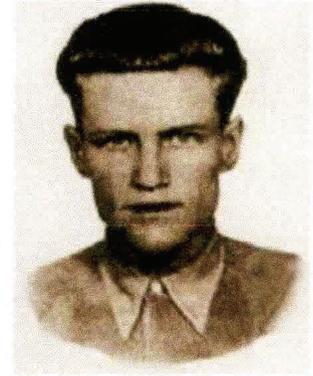
Thanks to Ford Words

Gangster Volney Davis's Great Illinois Escape; Yorkville to Wheaton in a Ford V-8

By John Emmering



More research, this time for the year 1935, has uncovered another true account of a depression era gangster who utilized an early Ford V-8 automobile. What follows is a story that unfolded right here in our Northern Illinois Region.



Indicted kidnapper Volney Davis knew that in the next few moments he would make his move to escape the custody of Federal Agents Garrity and Trainor that night of Wednesday February 6, 1935 as he stood at the bar of the Hotel Nading in Yorkville, Illinois. Davis, a member of the Barker-Karpis gang had been arrested early that morning in Saint Louis, Missouri for the charge of kidnaping millionaire banker Edward Bremer. A ransom of \$200,000 had been netted by the gang. Since the crime had occurred in Saint Paul, Minnesota the government chartered a plane and assigned Agents Garrity and Trainor to accompany Davis on the flight to the Federal Court in that city.

Unable to find the Chicago Municipal Airport (renamed Midway in 1949) for refueling due to fog, pilot Joseph Jacobson continued flying west, putting the plane down in farmer Eugene Matlock's field outside Yorkville, IL. Coincidentally Davis was now only a few miles from Aurora, where he had lived with his girlfriend Edna "Rabbits" Murray and where he had hid John Dillinger and the mortally wounded Red Hamilton a year earlier. When Bill Ford, a neighbor, saw the plane land he stopped his car at the scene and offered the occupants a ride into town. Agent Garrity had first removed Davis's leg irons and finally his handcuffs so as not to create a public stir as they waited in the bar area of the Hotel Nading in Yorkville where Bill Ford had dropped them off.

While Agent Trainor used the pay phone to call the Chicago headquarters, Agent Garrity ordered two beers, one for himself and one for Davis. As Garrity took a sip of beer Davis swung his fist landing a blow that knocked him backward off of his bar stool. Davis in an unexpected move dove through a closed glass window, landing on the side walk. Brushing the glass off of his clothing Davis rolled onto his feet and sprinted away ignoring bullets fired through the window by his former captor.

Crossing the street Davis spied a new 1935 Ford Deluxe Tudor V-8 momentarily left running by grocer Harlan Bretthauer in front of his store. Jumping into the V-8 Ford Davis took off toward Aurora, leaving Yorkville and the agents behind. The V-8 Ford, plate #104 140 was recovered the next day by the DuPage County Sheriff's Office, abandoned in rural Milton Township east of Wheaton. The adventure bought Volney Davis only four months of freedom as he was re-captured in Chicago by G-man Melvin Purvis in June 1935. I am sure he thought of his exciting escape in the Ford V-8 often during his long stay in Alcatraz prison which lasted until the late 1950's.



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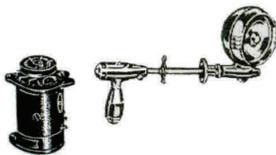
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Happy December Birthday

- Bob Jones 1
- Merry Lou Gray 2
- Judy Brehm 4
- Ed Carr 10
- Dan Herrmann 12
- Linda Schweikert 17
- Dick Deyling 22
- Charlie Jandik 23
- Peggy Buchtel 24



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The Officers and Directors wish You and Your Family a Very Blessed Holiday Season and a Healthy New Year

Happy Holidays