

# “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

We have officially launched a new R.G. New Year agenda, as the Board Members converged for the annual first Board Meeting. The exuberance and anticipation completely overwhelmed me. It was a long meeting, but it was a great feeling knowing that everything is coming together for another eventful year.



We as a group are getting a little long in the tooth, that is also a fact that is happening to many other clubs and organizations that want to preserve the heritage of their favorite car, boat, airplane etc. I think it would be kinda neat to reach out and do some activities with other groups. We have done some of that in the past and maybe we can continue .

We will be discussing activities, outings and things to do to help keep this great group together longer and stronger. A couple of our greatest assets is our first class News Letter and our Priceless Website. It would be a neat thing if each of us as an individual or a group could contribute something to either or both. I assure you if you give a little you will get a whole lot back.

Henry Ford : *Nothing is particularly hard, if you divide it into small jobs"*

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*Jeep*

## Officers & Board 2016

**President:** Jeep Iacobucci  
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Jack Bukszar  
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**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

### Website:

[www.norgov8club.org](http://www.norgov8club.org)

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## February Program

Our Program Chairperson, Rich Jandrey, has scheduled Mr. Harry Benchwick of Benchwick Carburetors, located in Youngstown to speak to our club. Benchwick Carburetors specializes in carburetor rebuild, repair & maintenance.



## 2016 Activities At A Glance



- **Friday, February 18<sup>th</sup> 7:30 PM** Monthly Business Meeting at Stow City Center
- **Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup>** Lunch/Buffer Rose Hill Restaurant **Information on page 8**
- **Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup> 7:30 PM** Monthly Business Meeting at Stow City Center
- **July 11<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup>** Western New York Driving Tour—**Information on Page 9-10**
- **August 8<sup>th</sup>~ 11<sup>th</sup>** Eastern National Meet, Gettysburg Pa **Information on Page 8**

### WE NEED YOUR HELP ! WE NEED YOUR HELP !

Your Editors are still looking for stories on how You, our 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 and we will create an article.



### N.O.R.G. Cookie Bakers



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

## Welcome New Members

### **Bill & Sue Brown**

741 Sheridan Road  
Coshocton OH  
740-622-1768

Bill & Sue own a 1934 Ford Cabriolet



### **Ken & Michelle Bruening**

8582 Big Creek Parkway  
Strongsville OH  
440-234-2543

Ken & Michelle own a 1932 Ford  
Fordor Sedan pictured here.



## **N.O.R.G. Headliner Seeking Advertisers**

At the January Board of Directors Meeting it was decided to provide space in our Newsletters where individuals who provide Technical Support ( engine repair, electrical repair, troubleshooters) and Businesses could advertise their Capabilities and Products.

Jack Bukszar volunteered to administer the task. Promotion would consist of a standard Business card size advertisement. Cost would be \$100.00 per year or \$60.00 for six months. The advertisement would help defray Regional Group costs.

If you know of a potential individual or business, please contact Jack at 216-228-9168 or 216-407-9992.



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

## **A Tribute to Dan Herrmann 1942 ~ 2016**

*Member of N.O.R.G. 1986 ~ 2016*

Daniel Jacob Herrmann, 73, of Medina, passed away Tuesday, January 5, 2016. He was born December 12, 1942, in Berea, to the late Dr. Leslie and Alice (nee Woods) Herrmann.

Daniel spent 50 years as a partner with his brother, Dave, operating Herrmann Brothers Excavating. He was also an avid collector of Cushman Scooters and antique cars. Daniel occupied his free time by riding his Harley. His love of cars flowed through to his involvement in the community as he was Charter Member #18 of The Cushman Club of America, a member of Early Ford V-8 Club, and a member of the Model A Club.

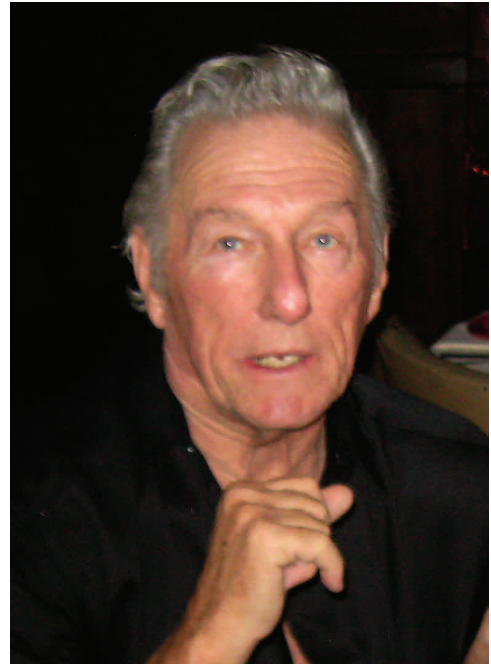
All of us will remember the many summers when Dan & Ginny opened their home, spacious farm and pavilion to host NORG corn roasts and picnics. Club members had wonderful times because of their hospitality.

In addition to his restored 1941 Ford convertible and 1936 Ford 5 window coupe, Dan had an extensive collection of Cushman motor scooters and Whizzer motor bikes. On more than one occasion, Dan would invite guests into the building that housed his Fords, Cushmans and Whizzers.

In fact, Dennis Carpenter traveled from Charlotte to Medina County to spend time with Dan. With Dan's support, Dennis Carpenter was able to design, manufacture and market many otherwise unavailable Cushman scooter parts.

Daniel is survived by his wife, Virginia (Staats) Herrmann of 23 years; brother, David (Mary) Herrmann; many nieces and nephews and many great- nieces and great- nephews.

A visitation was held for Daniel from 4 until 8 P.M., Friday, January 8, 2016, at Waite & Son Funeral Home, 765 N. Court St., Medina. Funeral services were held at 10 A.M., on Saturday, January 9, 2016, at the funeral home. Pastor David Maly and Pastor John Krause officiated with interment at Granger Fairview Cemetery.





## Ford Motor Company and Presidential Limousines

In the 18th and 19th centuries, all U.S. Presidents rode in horse-drawn carriages. President William McKinley was the first President to ride in a car; however, the first government-owned automobile to transport a President was a Stanley Steamer used by President Theodore Roosevelt. While some Presidents have chosen to continue to ride in carriages, a succession of Presidential limousines have been built by various manufacturers. Here we will give some facts about Presidential limos and concentrate on those furnished by Ford Motor Company.

After that first Stanley Steamer, a White Motor Company Model M Steamer, Pierce Arrows, a Packard, and Cadillacs were used as Presidential vehicles. The first car specially built for Presidential use was a 1939 Lincoln K-Series V-12 Convertible used by President Franklin Roosevelt, called the Sunshine Special. It was equipped with a siren, running lights, a 2-way radio, and wide running boards and grab handles for Secret Service agents. After the Pearl Harbor attack, the Sunshine Special was modified to be bulletproof with armor plating for the doors, bullet-proof tires, inch-thick windows and storage compartments for sub-machine guns. It was retired in 1948.

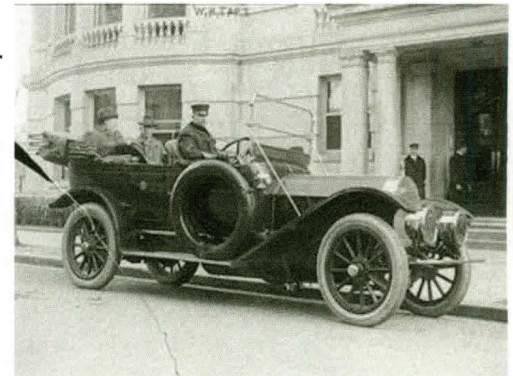
Soon after the Pearl Harbor attack, President Roosevelt ordered a 1942 Lincoln Custom limousine with significant modifications including 1/4" thick steel plating and up to 9 panes of laminated glass. This car became the last Lincoln to leave the factory until after WWII and was used by Presidents Roosevelt and Truman. It was in a series of collections and was sold at an RM auction in 2007 for \$605,000.

In 1950, Ford delivered two custom-built Lincoln Cosmopolitan limousines to President Harry Truman's White House. They were used by Presidents Truman, Eisenhower, Kennedy, and Johnson and were retired in 1965. One is on display at the Truman Presidential Library in Independence, MO. The one known as "Bubbletop" because of the bulletproof glass roof suggested by President Eisenhower, is on display at the Henry Ford Museum.

As we note in the article on Page 10, the 1961 Lincoln Continental Convertible in which President Kennedy was assassinated was refurbished and used by the White House until 1977 when it was retired to the Henry Ford Museum. See *Remembering November 22, 1963*, for more information about this vehicle.

President Lyndon Johnson used two 1965 Lincoln Continental Executive limousines, as well as a 1968 stretch Lincoln. The 1968 Lincoln was not armored; it is on display at the LBJ Presidential Library.

President Richard Nixon received a Lincoln Continental in 1969



**President Taft in rear seat of his 1909 Pierce Arrow Touring car**



**Rear view of 1939 Lincoln "Sunshine Special" on display at the Henry Ford Museum - note the platforms and hand grabs for Secret Service agents**



**The 1942 Lincoln used by Presidents Roosevelt and Truman**

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trim and later ordered a 1972 Lincoln Continental. The 1969 Lincoln is on display at the Nixon Library in Yorba Linda, CA.

The latter Nixon Presidential car has a remarkable history. Although intended for use by President Nixon, it was not delivered until 1974 and with Nixon's resignation it was used by Presidents Gerald Ford, Jimmy Carter, and Ronald Reagan. Outfitted with armor plating and bulletproof glass, the Lincoln was used in 1975 to drive President Ford away when Sara Jane Moore attempted to assassinate him. It was altered over the years to resemble later models, including 1977-79 Lincolns. In 1981, the Lincoln played a part in the attempted assassination of President Reagan. Although would-be assassin John Hinckley's six shots all missed the President, the final shot ironically ricocheted off the limo's armor, striking the President. This historic car is on display at the Henry Ford Museum.

The final Presidential car produced by the Ford Motor Company (to date) was a modified 1989 Lincoln Town Car commissioned for President George H.W. Bush. To compensate for the armor plating and bulletproof glass, the roof was raised several inches and the powertrain, with a 460 c.i. V-8, was sourced from an F-250 truck. When President Bush left office in 1993, the Lincoln was retired. It is on display at the George Bush Presidential Library in College Station, TX.



1950 Lincoln "Bubbletop" on display at the Henry Ford Museum



The 1972 "Reagan Car" on display at the Henry Ford Museum

*Thanks to NIRG #6 for this interesting Article*

OFFICIAL CONVERSION CHART	
HOW TO INTERPRET	
ANTIQUE CAR ADS	
IF IT SAYS:	IT REALLY MEANS:
Rare model.....	Nobody liked them when new either
Older restoration.....	Can't tell it's been restored
Needs engine work.....	It's been frozen for 30 years
Uses no oil.....	Just throws it out
No rust.....	Body and fenders missing
Rough.....	It's too bad to lie about
One owner.....	Never been able to sell
No time to complete.....	Can't find parts anywhere
Needs interior.....	Seats are gone
Rebuilt engine.....	Has new spark plugs
May run.....	But it never has
Low mileage.....	Third time around
Many new parts.....	Keeps breaking down
29 coats hand-rubbed paint....	Needed that much to cover rust
Clean.....	It sat out in the rain yesterday
Best offer.....	About what I expect to get
Always driven slowly.....	Won't go any faster
Prize winner.....	Hard luck trophy 3 times in a row
Stored 25 years.....	Under a tree
Real show stopper.....	Orange with purple fenders
Easy restoration.....	Parts will come off in your hand
Ready to show.....	Just washed it
Top good.....	Only leaks when it rains
Good investment.....	Can't depreciate any more

**Seville Storage**  
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 month**

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**For More Information or  
 Questions**  
**Call David Stallard**  
**330-461-6630**



## FEBRUARY LUNCHTIME OUTING

Let's start this year's galloping gourmet lunch program with a visit to Rose Hill Restaurant located at 7249 Wooster Pike Road, Seville, Ohio 44273.

Wooster Pike Road is also Route 3 that runs between Medina and Seville. We have been to this restaurant for our Christmas parties in the past, although it had a different name then.

Their phone number is 330-721-2111 and their e-mail address is [rosehillmedina.com](mailto:rosehillmedina.com).



We will make our visit on Sunday, February 21. **Plan to arrive at 11:00 a.m. in order to enjoy their Sunday buffet.** The price of the buffet is \$16.95 for young folks and \$13.95 for seniors.

The weather will no doubt still not be old car weather, but that never stopped the members of our club from being hungry! Hope to see you there.



## Early Ford V8 Club of America 2016 Eastern National Meet Gettysburg, PA August 8-11, 2016 [www.NCR36.com](http://www.NCR36.com)



The National Capital Region of the Early Ford V8 Club would like to invite you to the 2016 Eastern National Meet in historic Gettysburg, PA.

The headquarters hotel is the Wyndham, Gettysburg. The venue was selected so that all meet activities could be held at one location and has all the facilities necessary including:

1. Over 400 rooms on site
2. Space for concourse parking, secure trailer parking and swap meet
3. Located on a major highway
4. Banquet facilities for over 600
5. Large meeting areas
6. Shopping and dining areas nearby with public transportation available
7. Several independent restaurants on the property in addition to those in the hotel.
8. Interesting places to visit in the area

### For More Information Contact:

Willis Terrett - [v8ford51@gmail.com](mailto:v8ford51@gmail.com) ~ Norm Heathcote - [vvom-llc@hotmail.com](mailto:vvom-llc@hotmail.com)

Wyndham Gettysburg will be the Headquarters Hotel. **Wyndham Hotel** : [http://www.wyndham.com/groupevents2016/MDTGE\\_EARV8CLUB/main.wnt](http://www.wyndham.com/groupevents2016/MDTGE_EARV8CLUB/main.wnt)





This year Western New York Regional Group #3 is celebrating it's 50th Anniversary. To commemorate their 50 years, they are planning a 5 day Driving Tour around the Finger Lakes in New York. A few years back Western New York hosted a similar tour that was attended by about 10 couples in our Regional Group. This one sounds like Fun.

The tour is aptly named "Fording Around the Finger Lakes". The dates of the tour are July 11th-15th, 2016. There will be having registration and a welcome mixer with snacks and munchies on Sunday evening, July 10<sup>th</sup> from 7-9 PM at the Clarion Hotel in Batavia. Each day it is planned to drive to a different destination and stay at a another hotel..

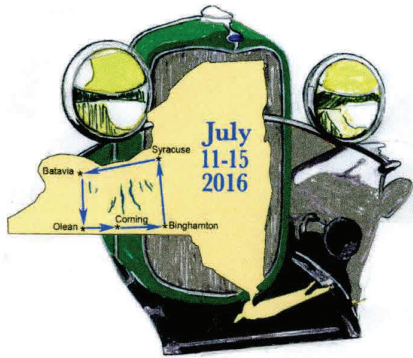
The Regional Group will provide a list of hotels, with their contact information, in each city where you will be stopping during the week. You can then contact the hotels directly to make reservations for your nightly stay.

In addition, they will distribute county tourist guides, and a list of suggestions of places to visit during the tour. You will have the opportunity to read thru them and choose the places you would like to visit on each day's journey.

#### **Tentative Schedule of events:**

- **Sunday, July 10<sup>th</sup>:** Registration at the Clarion Hotel, Batavia 7-9 PM Welcome Mixer Clarion Hotel (Tickets required)
- **Monday, July 11<sup>th</sup>:** Drive to Olean, NY 7-9 PM: Tire Kick & chat in hotel parking lot
- **Tuesday, July 12<sup>th</sup>:** Drive to Corning, NY 7-9 PM: Tire Kick & chat in hotel parking lot
- **Wednesday, July 13<sup>th</sup>:** Drive to Binghamton, NY 7-9 PM: Tire Kick & chat in hotel parking lot
- **Thursday, July 14<sup>th</sup>:** Drive to Liverpool, NY 7-9 PM: Tire Kick & chat in hotel parking lot
- **Friday, July 15<sup>th</sup>:** Drive back to Batavia, NY 6-7 PM Social Hour 7-10 PM Farewell Dinner in Batavia (Tickets Required).
- **Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup>:** Have a safe trip home.

*Registration Form can be found on page 10.*



*Fording* AROUND THE FINGER LAKES

**Western NY RG  
Golden Anniversary Tour**

**Deadline for Registration is July 1, 2016**

National Early Ford V-8 Club membership number \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/Guest \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Year and Model of Tour Vehicle: \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance Company: \_\_\_\_\_ Policy #: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Fee per Vehicle: \$30.00

Welcome Mixer Snacks/Munchies\* Sunday 7/10/16 \_\_\_\_\_ @\$15.00 per \_\_\_\_\_

Farewell Dinner Buffet\* Friday 7/15/16 \_\_\_\_\_ @\$35.00 per \_\_\_\_\_

\*Please advise us of any special dietary needs TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ We will be joining RG#3 for the whole tour

OR Check all that apply:

We will be joining you for the following days of the tour:

\_\_\_\_ Monday 7/11/16 from Batavia to Olean \_\_\_\_ Tuesday 7/12/16 from Olean to Corning

\_\_\_\_ Wednesday 7/13/16 From Corning to Binghamton \_\_\_\_ Thursday 7/14/16 from Binghamton to Syracuse

\_\_\_\_ Friday 7/15/16 from Syracuse to Batavia

I acknowledge that I am a member in good standing with the Early Ford V-8 Club of America and the vehicle I will be driving on the 2016 National Tour is covered by liability insurance in accordance with the laws of my state, and is covered by such additional coverage (collision, comprehensive, medical payment and uninsured motorists) as I have elected. I further acknowledge and agree that the Early Ford V-8 Club of America and its representatives shall not be liable for accidental injuries to persons or property occurring in connection with the 2016 National Tour.

SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: WNYRG TOUR

MAIL REGISTRATION FORM AND CHECK TO: GOLDEN FINGER LAKES TOUR  
C/O Milly Scheidt  
6558 4th Section Rd #211  
Brockport NY 14420



# NORTH CENTRAL OHIO'S LARGEST MEET!

## 51st Annual Swap Meet 2016

Sunday, May 15, 2016 - Erie County Fairgrounds  
3110 Columbus Avenue, Sandusky, Ohio 44870

**All Makes Car & Truck Parts - All Years!**

**Arts & Crafts • VENDORS WELCOME**

**Call for Inside Space - 10 Ft. Table \$15.00**

**NO PRE-REGISTRATION OUTSIDE (10x30) \$10.00**

includes admission for 2 people

**CAR CORRAL \$10.00 per space**

includes admission for driver.

RAIN OR SHINE

RAIN OR SHINE

Children Under 12 FREE **GATE ADMISSION \$5.00**

*The Best Disc Jockey FRANK LAMANNA*

Vendor gate open at 6:00 am

Buyers welcome from 8am - 3pm

Food & Refreshments Available!

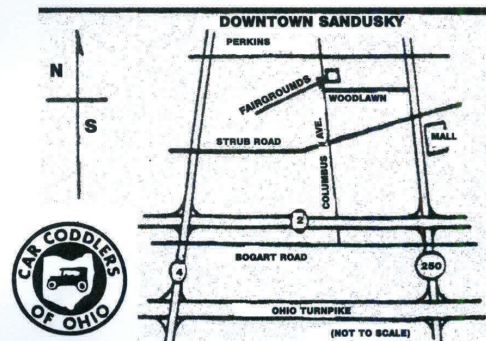
**Inside Spaces/Pre-Registration  
Flea Market/Arts & Crafts Call:  
Joe Milas - 440-935-4574**

**INFORMATION CALL:**

**Rod Litz - 419-626-5046**

**Bruce Chrislip - 419-668-0291**

Plenty of up close parking!



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## 3 Window Coupe Chicken Coop

OMG !

## Happy February Birthday

- Ted Cragulets 2
- George Hlavacs, Earl Peters 4
- Nancy Collette 5
- Bill Marx 10
- Eileen Sanders 19
- Don Brehm 20
- Alice Wertz 28



## The Headliner Deadline

1st Day of each month. Please e-mail articles, tech tips, outings, adds, club news and pictures to:

Annette Gorris  
annette.gorris@gmail.com

*Don't Forget to Check out our  
updated website :*

***www.norgv8club.org***

## Parts Wanted

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

***Neal Garland : 330-666-5979.***