

“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.”

Our October meeting was started out with a really interesting presentation by Mr. McCourt from Summit County Consumer Affairs. He discussed the many ways we are subject to the many scams of today.

By now we just came off a wonderful, fun packed Fall Tour hosted by Regis and Beth. There wasn't a dull minute. A great time was had by all. On a sad note we lost two very special and devoted members. Jewell and Rose Thomas lived in Kentucky and stayed loyal members. We also have some present members that could use our prayers and maybe a nice card or call. I think of this fine group as a family and I hope you do too.



Jack has been working diligently on our Annual Joint Tour with the Illinois Group and has already made hotel reservations. More info coming soon. Neal's Monthly Outing is on another page in this issue.

Ginnie has been doing a great job along with Ginger getting us all set up for our Annual Christmas Gathering and Installation at the Oaks. Get your reservations in early as it makes her job a lot easier.

It's getting down to crunch time as we get closer to getting ready for our 1st Annual Swap Meet as a fund raiser for "OUR GROUP". Guys, this is your club and we need each and everyone to chip in and do your fair share. There is plenty time enough to make plans to help out to make this a successful club event. The BOARD agreed to purchase some needed items from the Nifty Fifties for \$25.00. But your help will be priceless.

Our November meeting is time to elect new Officers and Board Members. I hope your name will be on the ballot as the pay is not the best but the rewards are very fulfilling. There are a lot of things that will be coming up in 2018 and we will need some help along the way.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving.

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Henry said: "If everyone is moving forward together, than success takes care of itself"

Jeep



November Program

Our Program for this month brings Mr. Gary Whipple from the Akron Camera Club who will talk to us regarding on how to properly photograph our collector cars.

Officers & Board 2017

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

Directors

Jack Bukszar
Rich Jandrey
Steve Kronen
Beth Schilling

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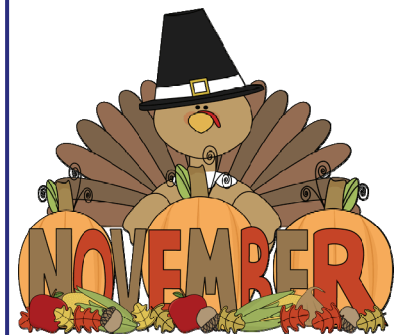
“Kick Tires”: 7:00
Meeting Begins: 7:30
Ends: 10:00 or Sooner

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MINUTES OF October 20, 2017 N.O.R.G. MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by President, Jeep Iacobucci. Members introduced themselves and their cars. Jeep thanked Diane and Dan Francis for the refreshments this evening.

Our Program Director, Rich Jandrey introduced Joe McCorzey of Summit County's Consumer Affairs Department. He is the spokesman on scams and media complaints. Joe had a power point presentation and Joe went into detail and explained and educated the membership on Home Improvement repairs and Motor Vehicle repairs. He also spoke about job and employment, lottery, internet and telemarketing scams. Many of these scams are targeted toward consumers who are 60 years of age and older age groups.

You need to be aware of your surroundings and who you deal with at all times. The national "Do not call list" only works 60% of the time. Joe stressed about NOT giving out your social security number and shred statements and credit card bills for your own security.

If you see the letters "HTTPS" on your computer this means it is a secured site. Many dating sites have scammers. When unfamiliar with a telephone number let the call go to voicemail.

In today's day and age you have to be aware at all times.

Ginnie read the Secretary's report. Rich Jandrey made a motion to approve the minutes as read and seconded by Charlie Jandik.

Diane and Dan Francis dropped off the cookies and left the Treasurer's report. Frank Posar made a motion to approve the Treasurers report as read and seconded by Bruce Lewicki.

No Membership or Newsletter report was available.

Our Sunshine Lady Georgene has sent out all the cards for this month.

Regis Schilling reported that the web-site is up and running.

Neal Garland spoke about the luncheon at O'Charley's with 16 people in attendance. The Membership voted on a luncheon for November at PaPa Joe's in Akron on November the 21st.

Jack Bukszar passed out a file card for the membership to write down ideas on where they would like to go on the upcoming tour. Jack also sold tickets for the V-8 casting which are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. The club decided to hold the drawing in August 2018.

Regis spoke about the fall tour to Carrollton. The weather is to be good and Regis has the itinerary set-up for the trip. This will be October 21st and 22nd. On the same dates Earl Peters spoke about an AACA tour.

John of Auto Appraisers stopped by and dropped off 2018 calendars.

Ginnie spoke about the Christmas party on December 3, 2017 to be held at the Oaks. A sign-up sheet was passed around and will be in the November newsletter.

A brick will be purchased in memory of Rose and Jewell Thomas due to their passing.

Jack Bukszar expanded on his tour. The banquet is \$36.00 per person which includes the tax and tip. Thirty rooms have been reserved.

Spotlight Customs of Akron sent a thank you note to the club and Peggy Buchtel sent a note giving us an update on Foster.

The Swap Meet update: The Nifty Fifties has a coffee pot and other miscellaneous equipment that was used in the running of this meet and they are selling this to the V-8 club for \$25.00. The Board and the membership was in favor of this purchase. A group from the V-8 club will be stopping by to check out the location for the swap meet. The Ads have been placed and Jeep explained what has to be done and the duties that need to be filled. This will be an annual event and everyone's help is needed.

Neal spoke about the Nominating Committee and the Officers holding positions in 2017. These Officers have volunteered to run again in 2018.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Virginia Herrmann

V-8 Secretary

2017 Activities At A Glance



- **Friday, November 17th 7:30 PM** Monthly Club Meeting, Stow City Center.
- **Sunday, December 3rd 1:00 PM** NORG Christmas Party at Oakes Lodge, Chippewa Lake OH
Reservation Deadline November 22 See page 5 for more information
- **Tuesday, November 21st** NORG V-ATE Luncheon, PaPa Joes Restaurant, Akron OH See Page 6 for more information
- **Sunday, January 21st 8:00 AM ~ 1:00 PM** NORG Swap Meet at All Nations Ford 23775 Center Ridge Road, Westlake OH See page 8 for more information

Remember...Don't Forget

- **2018 Dues are Due...Form on Page 4**
 - **Christmas Party ..See Page 5**
 - **V-ATE Luncheon See Page 6**
- **Help Needed for Swap Meet See Page 8**



In Memory of Jewell Thomas

Jewell Depp Thomas, 88, of Glasgow died Sunday, September 24, 2017 at the Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, TN. Born in Chicken Bristle, KY he was the son of the late James Bruce and Velma Catherine Groce Thomas and husband of 67 years to late Rose Pot Thomas. Mr. Thomas was a member of the Glasgow Baptist Church and a veteran of World War II serving in the U. S. Air Force, where worked on P-51 Mustang. He and his wife was the former owners and operators of Thomas & Son Greenhouse and Nursery in Chesterland, OH. He was a member of the Antique Automobile Club of America, Early Ford V8 Club of America and Mid-KY Car Club.



Survivors include three daughters Julie Mastrangelo of Munroe Falls, OH, Brenda Peoples (Gary) of Greenville, SC and Lucinda Thomas (Griffith) of Lubbock, TX; a son R. Bruce Thomas (Karen) of Orlando, FL; two sisters Zula Scott of Glasgow and Jane McCombs of Charlestown, IN; 13 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. In addition to his parents and wife he was preceded in death two brothers Billy Lewis Thomas and James Alien Thomas, a half-brother Danny Harris, a son-in-law Patrick Mastrangelo and a very special uncle, mentor, and friend Jack Groce.

Editors Note: Shortly after mailing the October Newsletter, we were told that Jewell Thomas, Rose's husband died less than 6 months later. The Club purchased a memorial brick with both Jewell & Rose's name in memory of them. Both were loved by many members.



NORG Cookie Bakers



November Meeting

Annette Gorris

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Early Ford V8 Club of America
Membership Form
Annual Dues \$30.00

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2018

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NORG CHRISTMAS DINNER CELEBRATION

On **Sunday, December 4, 2016**, the NORG Christmas Party will be at the Oaks Restaurant in Chippewa Lake.
(5878 Longacre Lane)

Ginger Posar and Ginnie Herrmann have planned an eventful afternoon and invite all members to attend.

Arrive at 1 PM for Appetizers with a Cash Bar.
Please call Ginger at (330) 467-0465 or Ginnie at (330) 239-1993 with your reservations or any questions.

Reservations deadline is November 22, 2016

\$30.00 per entrée.

Below find the menu choices to choose from. Please select one of the following:

Ricotta Chicken Pasta—andouille sausage, tomato, spinach, mushroom, cheese & cream

Center Cut Filet Mignon (6 ounce)—truffle butter

Pork Rib Chops—lavender rubbed, honey & plum, balsamic reduction

Grilled Atlantic Salmon—lemon beurre blanc

Above entrees will be served with Side Salad and Bread.



V-ATE LUNCH FOR NOVEMBER:

Our lunch outing for November will be at Papa Joe's Restaurant, located at 1561 Akron-Peninsula Road in Akron 44313. Their phone number is 330-923-7999. We will meet at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 21.

Papa Joe's is a long-time favorite among Akron's many Italian restaurants and has a nice variety of lunch specials. They also serve adult beverages and have a deli where you can buy goodies to take home (if you are still hungry after lunch). Hope to see you there (because I already got my haircut for this month).



Background: *The Iacomini family has been in the restaurant business since 1932 in beautiful Akron, Ohio. We are celebrating our 30th anniversary in the Merriman Valley with the 4th Iacomini generation. Our family at Papa Joe's Iacomini's invites both you and your family to a traditional Italian dining experience. We are known for our diverse menu fueled by the freshest seafood, center cut USDA choice steaks and chops as well as our authentic Italian cuisine. We pride ourselves on consistency in our day to day operations in order to provide you with the excellence in dining that you deserve. It is through this consistency dating back to 1932 that is the reason we have been proud enough to serve the greater Akron area for over 80 years!*

Neal Garland, Activities Chair



Pictures from NORG Fall Tour October 21st & 22nd



Thanks to Pat Rooney for the Pictures



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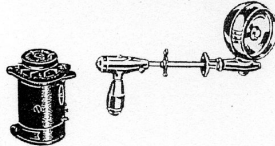
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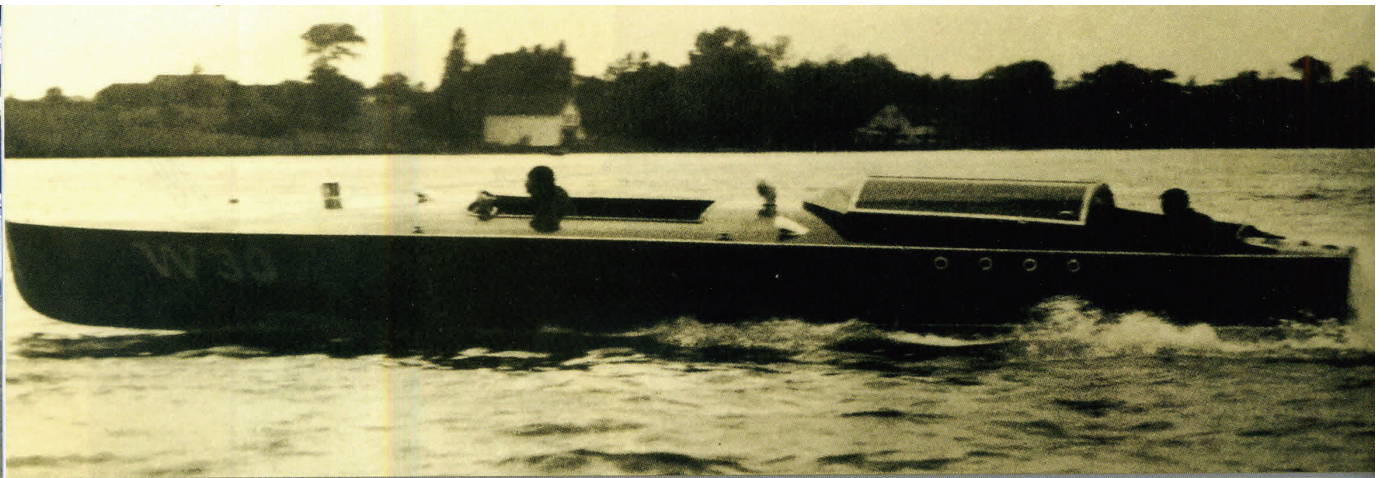
Help Needed for Swap Meet

NORG is sponsoring a Swap Meet to be held on Sunday, January 21st at All Nations Ford in Westlake OH. This is *your* chance to help *your* Club generate some money for our treasury. You do not have to donate a full day, just a few hours will do. At most it is only a half-day. We need help in the following areas:

- **Saturday from 4:00 PM ~ 6:00PM** for set up and help to unload vendors. As many as possible
- **Sunday 6:00 AM** need about 10 to 12 for opening.
- **Sunday 7:00 AM ~ 1:00 PM** need at least 3 members to share entrance table.
- **Sunday 9:30AM ~ 12:30 PM** need a couple of members to sell 50/50 and V-8 raffle tickets
- **Sunday 1:00PM** need hands to clean up.

We Are Asking That Everyone That Can Help To Be There

Call Jack at 216-228-9168



Edsel Ford's *Woodfish* drove to second place in the 2,200 cubic-inch class on the three heat, five mile lap at 53.5 mph by Paul Strasburg in the September, 1922, Buffalo Launch Club APBA Niagara River races.

by Matt Andrews

LOST BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

EDSEL FORD'S RACING MACHINE

One unique boat we don't have to look in every storage building for is *Woodfish*. The 1922 Hacker-Craft owned by Edsel Ford burst into flames in 1928. Hacker-Craft designed and built the 32-footer and promoted it as the "fastest displacement runabout in the whole world" in marketing their prowess for building competitive Sweepstakes, Gold Cup, class boats or special boats. The long, lean V-12-powered boat, instantly identifiable by its steeply arched raised engine hatch, was described by one observer as meeting runabout class rules, but was really an all-out race boat.

The 1922 racing season, of which *Woodfish*, was part of, wound up with a bang at Buffalo, New York. The September meet, run by the Buffalo Launch Club under the auspices of the American Power Boat Association, was a great success in spite of the weather being far from ideal for the racing of high speed boats on the Niagara River. The first and second days were marred by rain and chilly winds.

The 2,200 cubic inch class that *Woodfish* competed in proved the greatest event from

Both *Baby Gar II* and *Woodfish* were powered with 12-cylinder Liberty engines and were of the same approximate length and identical in beam measurement.

every standpoint. The two principle contenders were *Baby Gar II*, owned by Gar Wood of Detroit which earlier in the year had won the third leg on the Wood-Fisher race, and *Woodfish*, Edsel Ford's Hacker-designed boat, which proved very fast in the Wood-Fisher race of Detroit, but on account of accidents, did not get started in either the first or second heats of that race and broke down for several minutes in the third heat. However, the speed shown by *Woodfish* while running at Detroit showed it to be very fast and when it was announced that these two boats would race against each other at Buffalo, everyone was assured that a real contest—minus any hippodroming was to take place. Several other craft also ran in the

2,200 cubic inch class, some of them being smaller classes, and others which might be called also-rans, but none of which were in a class of *Baby Gar II* and *Woodfish*. Both of these boats were identically powered with one 12-cylinder Liberty each, and were of the same approximate length and identical in beam measurement. The design of *Baby Gar II* was worked out by Jay Smith, and the hull was constructed by the designer and his brother, Bernard, at their shops at Algonac, Michigan. *Woodfish* was designed and built by the John L. Hacker Boat Company of Detroit.

The results at Buffalo in the 2,200 class were not far different than in the Wood-Fisher races at Detroit in which the same two boats participated. *Baby Gar II* again demonstrated that it had the endurance qualities to bring home the victory in the total race consisting of three heats of 30 miles each. *Woodfish* once again demonstrated how very fast it was and on the last day, with Paul Strasburg at the wheel, outran *Baby Gar II*, taking first place in this heat. This, however, did not give it enough points to win the total race. Commodore Wood's boat had come home the victor in the first two heats due to mechanical trouble experienced in the engine of the Ford craft.

SUMMARIES—BUFFALO REGATTA

2,200 Cubic Inch Class Runabouts

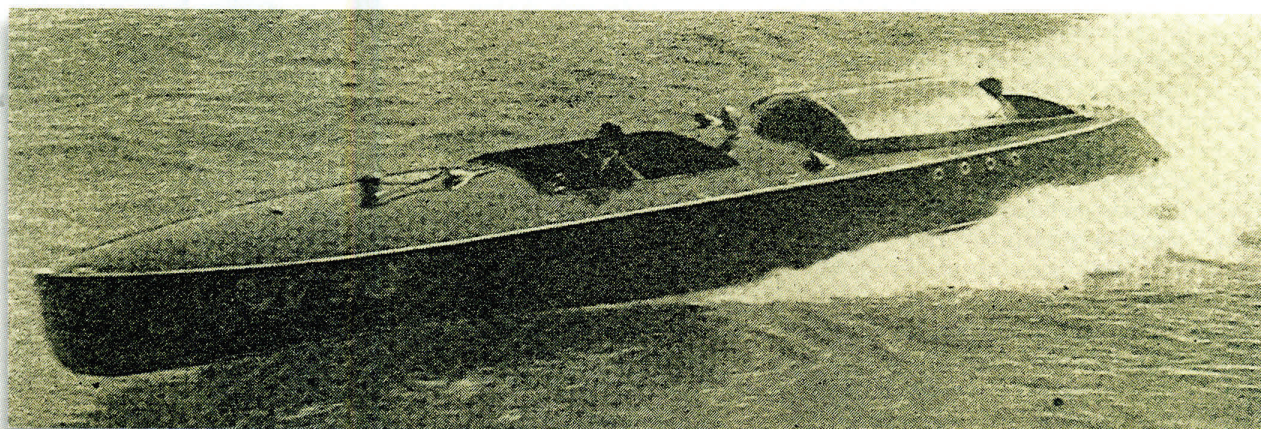
Boat and Owner	1st Heat	2d Heat	3d Heat	Total
Baby Gar II, Wood.....	7	7	6	20
Woodfish, Ford.....	6	6	7	19
Baby Gar Jr., Wood.....	5	5	5	15
Nick Nack, Birge.....	4	4	3	11
Sayonara, Vars.....	2	3	0	5
Bone Dry, Sidway.....	3	2	4	9
Peerless Irene, Sarles.....	1	0	0	1
Winner's Speed.....	49.31	48.00	52.17	

Woodfish did establish a new world record. The course was five miles to the lap with a single turning buoy at each end, and with the absence of wind on the last day of racing, it made the Niagara River course a very fast one. *Woodfish* established a new record for both the entire race of thirty miles, and one lap of five miles, setting the former at 53.25 mph and the latter at 53.5 mph. *Baby Gar II* also showed phenomenal speed. Its best record for the thirty-mile heat was at the rate of 50.8 mph and her best lap was done at a speed of 53.0 mph.

Six years later, Edsel Ford escaped injury when *Woodfish* burst into flames following an apparent backfire. *Woodfish* was among the last boats he would race. ☞

Edsel Ford's Boat Bursts In Flames

Detroit, Sept. 1.—(AP)—Edsel Ford, president of the Ford Motor company, narrowly escaped injury yesterday when his speedboat "Woodfish" in which he had driven to Gauklers point on Lake St. Clair, suddenly burst into flames. The blaze developed, apparently, from backfire just as Mr. Ford stepped from it into a rowboat to go ashore at Gauklers point near where he is constructing a new home.



Ladies Daisy Page

FAMILY MATTERS

Family' is a single word, with many different meanings. People have many ways of defining a family and what being a part of a family means to them. Families differ in terms of economic, cultural, social, and many other facets, but what every family has in common is that the people who call it a family are making clear that those people are important in some way to the person calling them his family.

There are also plenty of people who consider a group of friends to be family.

We as V-8 members can consider ourselves family. Yes, family! We have so much in common; it's got to be in our "genes". We care about one another; we enjoy our good times together and share times together when difficult. Our men enjoy talking cars, cars and more cars. We enjoy talking about our kids, grandkids, sisters, brothers, husbands talking cars, vacations and travel. We love and care for each other.

We all share so much with one another. We enjoy being together, dinning, visiting, laughing, traveling together and knowing one another. Also, possibly sharing some deep dark secrets. We share as Family. Our Family Matters.

Enjoy photos of our V-8 family



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