

# “The Headliner”

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Early Ford V-8 Club of America  
Our 52<sup>nd</sup> Year



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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.”

Hello everyone, I hope this finds you all well and in good health. It sure gets frustrating trying to find a way to get things back to normal. I got bored yesterday and learned that it takes 364 licks to get to the center of a Tootsie Pop. As of now our meeting room is still not available. There will be no monthly meeting until further notice.

I have been doing a lot of thinking about trying to figure out how to get together. Maybe an out side gathering etc. I also prefer to wait for better weather. I’m anxious to see all of your shining faces. Also looking forward to meeting our newest members.

Annette and Craig have worked diligently keeping us informed and giving us a beautiful newsletter. None better. Maybe you can help them out with a story or some pictures of your car. We could also use some delicious recipes for the ladies page.

Steve has had his first meeting as a National Director and Tour committee guy. We will pass on information as we move along.

The Sunshine Lady is trying to keep up with cards etc. Our NORG Tour Notzi is in Florida and I’m going to prod him to maybe cook up a Day Trip. In the mean time God Bless you all and stay healthy. Please keep our shut ins in your prayers.

NjoyurV8b4its2L8

**Jeep**

Henry Fact:

Old Hank was Americas second billionaire next to John D. Rockefeller



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**NOT REALLY SURE WHEN WE  
BE ABLE TO HAVE OUR  
NEXT MEETING**



## 2021 Activities At A Glance

***NOTE: All Activities Contingent on the Ohio Governor DeWine's Decision to Resume Public Activities***



**There will be no meetings until further notice**

**Save the Date:** The Rocky River Antique Car Show will be held on Saturday, August 14, 2021

### **4" Mercury Crankshaft ~ Free**

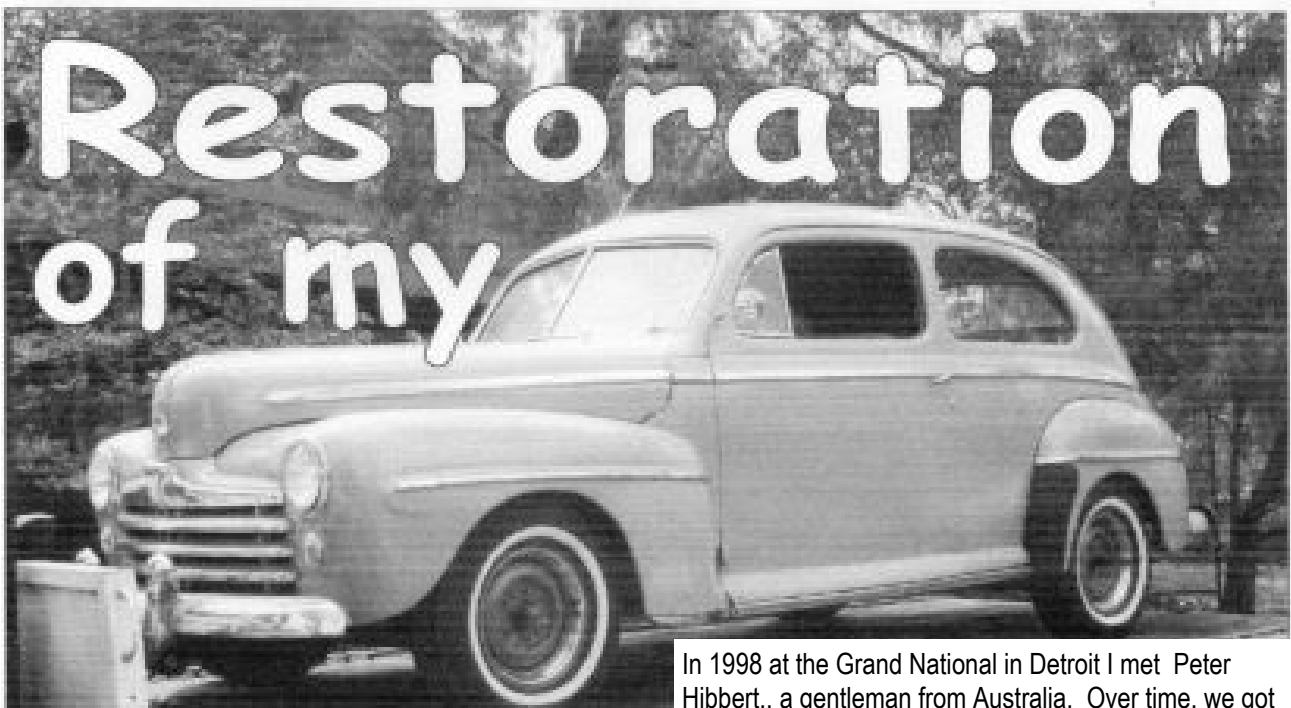
Free to a good home: 4 inch Mercury crankshaft. It has a crack that can be fixed for around \$500. If you can use it, give me a call at 330-338-1510. Neal Garland.

### **Your Editors Need Your Help!**

As a result of the COVID 19, our reserve of articles and photos is becoming low. We will attempt to continue to search for items for your Newsletter. Unfortunately, without outings and activities, there is nothing to share with you.

If you have something newsworthy to share with our club, if you have a story about your V-8, or if there is an interesting photo of club activities, please send it to us.

# Restoration of my



In 1998 at the Grand National in Detroit I met Peter Hibbert,, a gentleman from Australia. Over time, we got to be “mates” as they say in his country. Attached is an interesting story on his restoration of his 1947 Ford that he purchased in the US and sent to his home.

## 1947 Tudor Part 1

By Peter Hibbert

THIS mint bodied Ford was dry shed stored in Dallas, Texas for 30+ years. I bought it from Jerry Vincentini (EFV8 club World Chief Judge) whilst at the July 2008 Dearborn, USA Grand National.

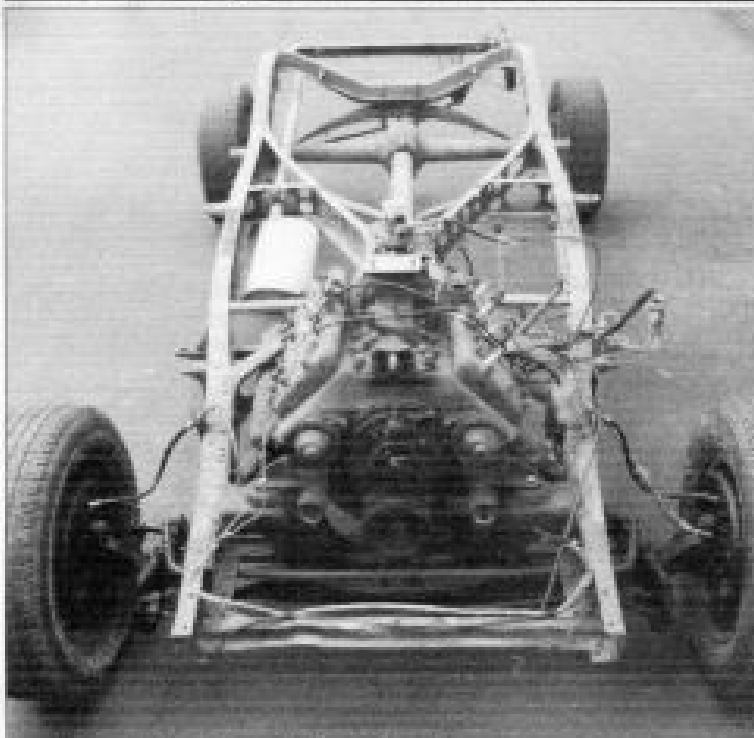
I am the third owner and Jerry the second. Jerry had started the restoration.

The I/D numbers matched the VIN # 799A1616846, Body # D42928.

The vehicle eventually arrived in Australia in October, 2008 and was transported to my home in Vermont South, Melbourne.

My original intention was to just get it going after attending to the safety items BUT, although my wife Sandy liked the body style, she was unsure about the colour, so wouldn't you know it; a full body-off restoration began.

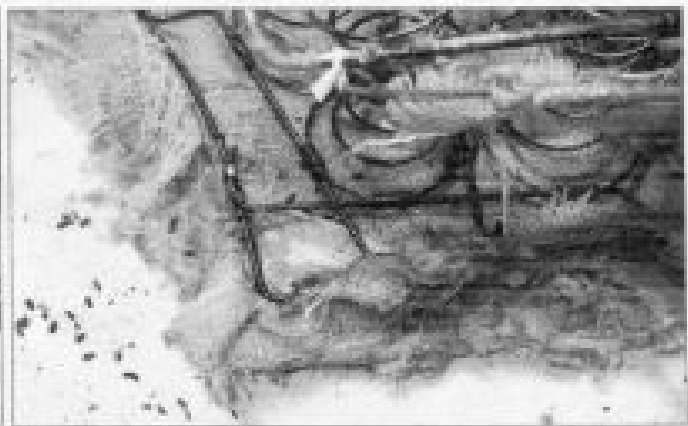
Once on the hoist, stripping the body panels progressed well, only four body



Stripped almost naked and ready for action.



*What a stunning bare body.*



*Not sure about all this imported mouse and rat crap.*

bolts refused to budge!! These were holding the running boards to the body. No other refusals.

Total dismantling proved this car was the finest of all Fords I have seen.

Off came the front sheet metal/front and rear fenders/all chrome and stainless. The engine was craned off, front and rear ends/drive components dropped.

The bare chassis is **TOTALLY** rust free except for some slight surface rust.

All parts were stripped and ready for sand/media blasting and powder coating.

The body/bonnet/boot covers remain in my garage waiting on the painter. **NO CORROSION** was found on the sheet metal parts. Not even on the window reveals!

I am not too concerned about the mechanical works. The body is the most expensive to repair.

All chrome and stainless steel/window frames etc. are refurbished and ready.

Next stages: Body and panels media blasting, engine/gearbox/suspension etc. rebuilds.

It is a labour of love and keeps me off the street **BUT** family time takes precedence!

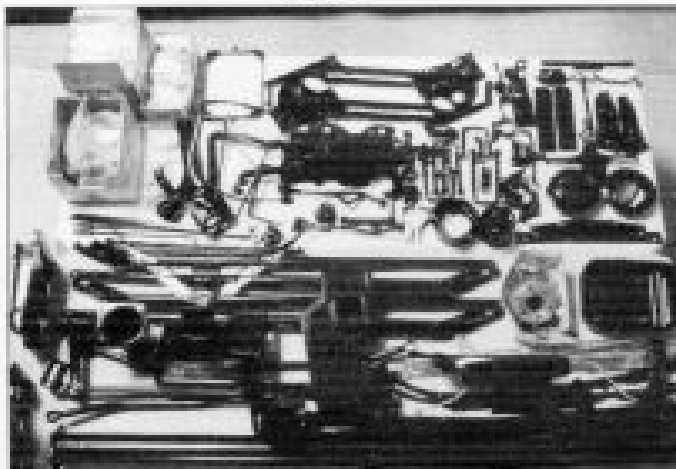
Next issue ... updating the progress.

**Keep on FORDIN'!**

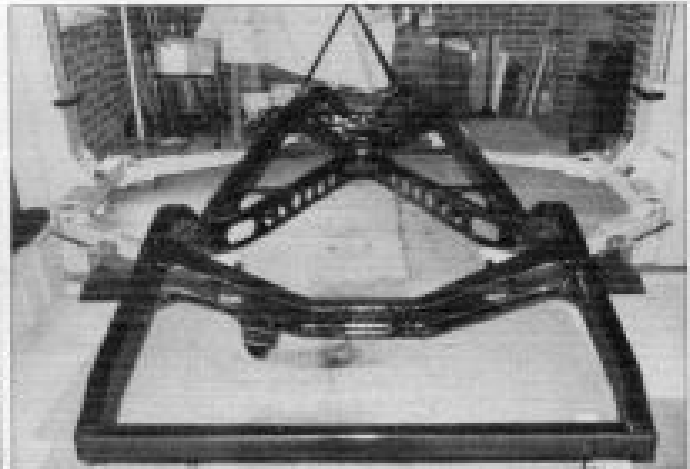
Peter.



*Ouch!! One of the joys of car restoration. The parts weigh heavy!!!!!!*



*Will it ever go back together again?*



*Powder coated at last.*



# Restoration of my 1947 Tudor

## Part 2

By Peter Hibbert



*Body is at last on the chassis frame for door fit etc.  
The colour is a close match to a 48 Ford Tudor I have seen twice at the Dearborn Grand National.*

### **Back to business: -**

THE body fit and finish is now perfect, probably better than factory original!

The only components yet to be finished and painted are the doors, boot lid and bonnet.

As the body underside was original, I found a metallic green colour under the floor pan.

The Ford factory may have used any colour at hand for this and I duplicated the colour and finish.

All the interior components are painted in a contrasting colour and stored to harden the paint.

The condition of these components was excellent but required me to 'fiddle' with most to refine.

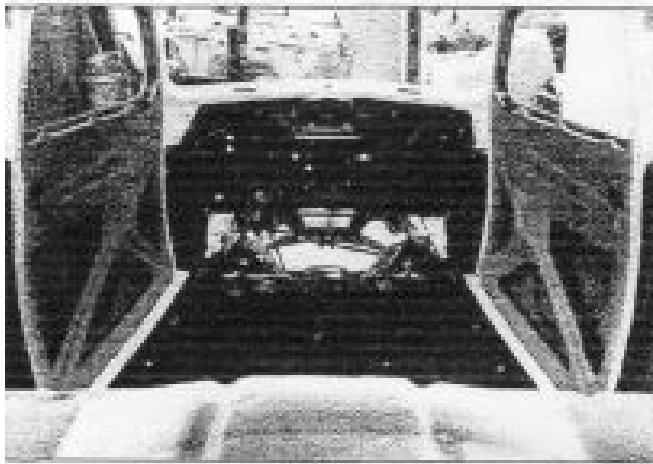
The chassis frame is now stripped from the body and back on my garage hoist for final fitting of brake lines, brake components, wiring, front to rear and other works difficult to access after body is on.

The engine is built to 'long motor' stage ready for my spray painting. Other parts to fit after that.

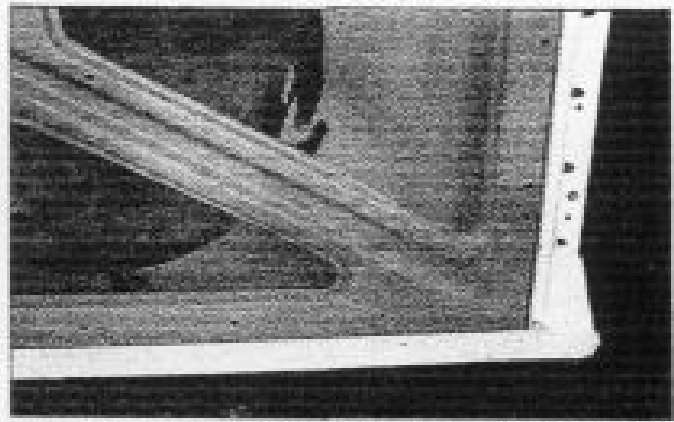
The gearbox assembly will be next as new bearings and gasket kit etc are now in stock.

The gearbox case is painted the correct blue and on a home made plywood stand ready for assembly.

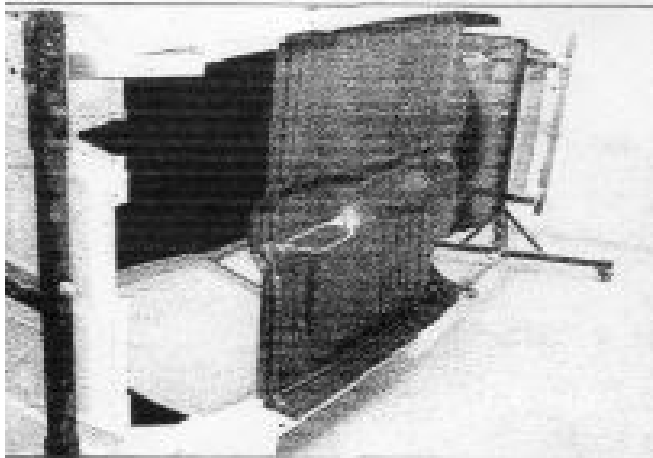
All other parts are painted/plated/re-chromed, polished, sub-assembled ready to fit.



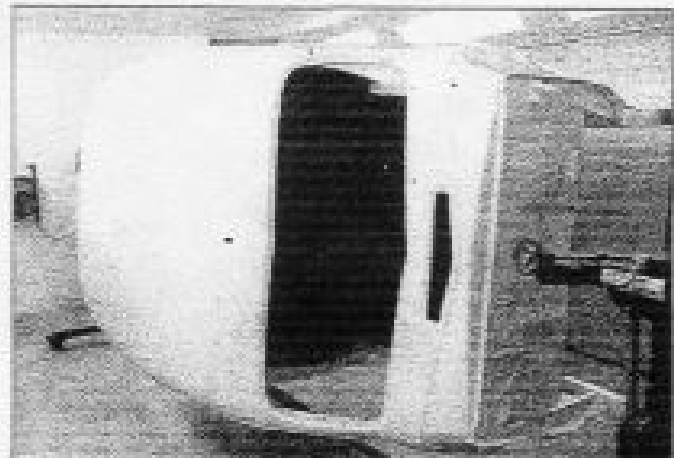
Body interior viewed from the rear window. The floor top through to the boot space is black. Beyond is body colour.



Right hand inside door. The Ford factory 'joggle' to the diagonal door brace to bring in the door bottom to fit. On our final fit, it was found to be .003 mm away from alignment. Another method was used to bring it in flush.



The colour match and finish of the original Ford factory under-floor painting.



Demonstrating the versatility and ease of painting the body utilizing a ratisserie.

The running board bases are painted ready to adhere the repro<sup>®</sup> rubbers. It is a job not to be rushed. The assembly instructions are three pages with lots of caution notes!

Not one component, nut, bolt, self-tapping screw, setscrew, bolt etc escaped restoration.

I am a believer in using Henry's original hardware as the quality of his metallurgy is high.

Make your own comparison of new Asian supplied hardware and see for yourself.

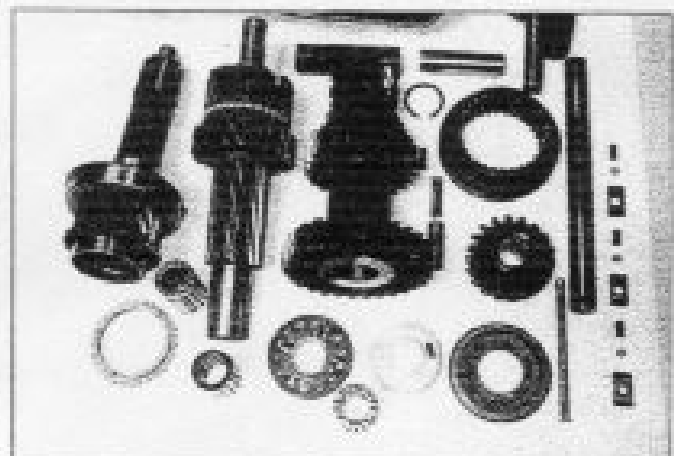
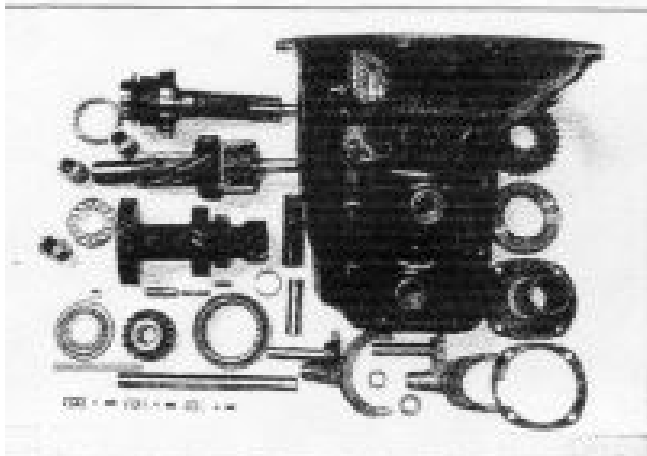
Although rather an expensive restoration, at the same time, it's very satisfying seeing the result of effort.

More progress reports to follow in future.

Keep on FORDIN<sup>®</sup>.

Peter.

*Continued next month*



*National Director, our own Steve Kronen, sent us the minutes of the National Officers and Directors Meeting for your information*



The Early Ford  Club of America

## **Summary of February 27, 2021 National Board Meeting Held Via Zoom Early Ford V-8 Club of America**

Meeting was called to order by President John Caldwell at 10:02 a.m. CDST

Approval of the November 2020 board meeting and January 16<sup>th</sup> 2021 Orientation meeting minutes was delayed for approval due to several board packets not received by members. A email vote will be made after the meeting.

Report on the club's financial report by Treasurer Dave Rehor was received and approved.

### **Strategic Planning**

President John Caldwell reported on the 2021 Strategic Planning Team priorities with the top priority being working on the V-8 Times Editor transition, enhancing National Meet Structure to encourage RG sponsorship, establish actions to help offset declining membership, provide information on club financial stability and preservation of assets and implement a way to provide recognition and gratitude to club membership for individual achievements.

### **National Meets**

None scheduled for 2021 at this time due to pandemic. The National Western Meet for 2022 at Wenatchee, WA July 11-14 and sponsored by Puget Sound RG #18 is still on the schedule.

### **International Meet**

Australia Early Ford V-8 National Meet, May 14-17 at Toowanba, Queensland, Australia sponsored by Queensland RG #157.

### **National Driving Tours**

None are scheduled at this time but this year is a good time to think about scheduling for 2022.

### **Membership**

Membership: Membership continues to slowly decline and stands at 8,408 for all members at the end of 2020. Club's advertising and marketing committee along with our Media team is working on proposals to expand our media exposure on social media to attract younger members. They are working with Facebook and Instagram to increase our exposure to the general public. Take a look on Facebook at "[Early Ford V8 Club of America](#)" and on Instagram at "[EarlyFordV8Club](#)". Just type that in any of the search bars on the apps and

they will pop up. Lots of great photos to view and there are more everyday.

### **Virtual Car Show**

If you could take your V-8 to a National Meet, what would you like to take? Well you can show us. Simply take a picture of your V-8 along with your name, RG if applicable, year, make and model, and if original, restored or modified and send your picture and information to Virtual Car Show, %V\*Times, P.O. Box 16630, San Diego, CA 92176 or by email to [V8Times@com.net](mailto:V8Times@com.net). Full information is in the Jan/Feb 2021 V-8 Times on pages 14 & 15.

### **Membership Contest Renewed for 2021**

The membership contest that was going to run in 2020 was postponed till 2021 and will be on this year starting on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Contest is sponsor by the National Board for all Regional Groups. Three awards of \$1,000 will be issued to the winners with Regional Groups in the following categories: 1-19 Members, 20-50 Members and 51 and above members. Further information is available on the club website and in the V-8 Times Jan/Feb issue on page 16 or contact Connie Hall, 651 Corte Castano, Camarillo, CA 93010 or email: [pcbesb@yahoo.com](mailto:pcbesb@yahoo.com)

### **Drive Your V-8 Day**

Drive Your V-8 Day is on June 19, 2021. Be sure to take pictures and even a short story and submit it to the V-8 Times so we can see it.

### **President's Plan for RG Presidents Zoom Call**

President John Caldwell and Officers will plan a national Zoom call to share club information directly with RG Presidents to focus on upcoming events, activities and as well as status. Exact time, dates and call logistics will be shared with RG Presidents when planning is completed in mid to late March.

### **Late Note**

Bruce Nelson, web site administrator, as informed us that BigGiantMedia has made the change requested to add current news to the Main Page Menu (under the club logo) on the home page. Visitors can now find Current News three places. From the main page menu, under National Club Information and by scrolling down the main page. This should help visitors catch the News on the website.

**Last Note:** Membership drive participation rules and contest application are attached to this summary to give Regional Groups a heads up and to encourage participation.

Respectfully Submitted,



Steve Kroeger, National Secretary



# Ladies Daisy Page

Can you believe this is the month of March and St. Patrick's Day is here? Hopefully by now most of us have received the COVID Vaccination and are doing well, feeling healthy and safe. Do you find yourself tired of being confined to doing household chores, grocery shopping, cleaning closets, washing clothes etc. etc. etc. and looking for something different to do? I know I am.

I've come up with an idea for us to get our husbands ready to get their "Beautiful Classic Fords" on the road again. Let us surprise them with a Saturday afternoon drive to a Metro Park for a "Box Lunch" gathering. Everyone bring their own box lunch, comfortable chairs, conversation, friendship and smiles to share. Are you READY for this? It would be a blessing for us to be together outside, face to face and staying a safe distance as required. Please share your thoughts with me.

**NOTE TO JEEP:** *Hoping this article is not offending you. If so please forgive me. Craig's saying is, "It's best to ask forgiveness and not permission."*



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 1st Day of each month. Please e-mail articles, tech tips, outings, adds, club news and pictures to:  
**Annette Gorris**  
 annette.gorris@gmail.com



**Happy March Birthday**

- 4 Momoe Garland
- 7 Sue Brown
- 15 Andy Sollers
- 19 Ken Canankamp
- 21 Kathy Kessler



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**