

# “The Headliner”

Newsletter of the Northern Ohio Regional Group #20  
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.”

It was great to see a nice turnout for monthly meeting at Simons Deli. 38 members were in attendance for our first formal meeting in quite a while.

Regis called me to share the best news ever. ~~We will resume our monthly meetings back in our own room at the Stow Community Center starting immediately for our August meeting.~~ Hoping things are getting back to normal. Craig and Annette will keep us posted.

First and foremost I want to thank Ron and Karen Mihalek for opening their farm and hosting a wonderful breakfast. The rain was not a problem as we all gathered in their beautiful cottage. I met up with the president of the Mercury club. We discussed some activities to do together in the near future.

Next on the agenda is the Annual City of Rocky River Antique Car Show. It's a great time to spend a day with friends and enjoy a variety of beautiful automobiles. Jay and Jean Rounds work very hard to make this an annual success. Thanks guys.

Also Diane Francis has a trip up her sleeve for a museum tour in Columbus, potentially a day trip or overnigher. This will be discussed at our monthly meeting.

Our V8 Tour Notzi will be down for a while, so we need some ideas and suggestions for some outings.

Please plan to attend our August meeting as there is a lot of important business that needs your output and attention.

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**Jeep**



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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

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**Stow Meeting Room  
Unavailable.  
August Meeting  
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## 2021 Activities At A Glance



- **Saturday, August 14<sup>th</sup>** Noon until 3:00 PM. The Rocky River Antique Car Show Noon until 3:00PM. **See page 5 for more information**
- ~~**Friday, August 20<sup>th</sup> 7:30PM**~~ NORG August Meeting, ~~**RETURNING to Stow City Center GOOD NEWS!!**~~ **MEETING CANCELLED**
- **Saturday, August 21st 11:00 AM** Lunch at Michael Angelo's Winery, Richfield . **See Ladies Page for Details**
- **Sunday, August 22nd 11:00 AM ~2:00 PM** Car Show Mt. Alverna Village Rest Home \_6765 State Rd, Parma, OH 44134 . Hot Dogs, soft Drinks and snacks served **See page 5 for more information**
- **Saturday, September, 11<sup>th</sup> 12:00PM** Lunch at the Spread Eagle Tavern **See Information Below**

### 2021 ~ 2022 Northern Ohio Regional Group (NORG) Dues

At the last NORG Board of Directors meeting, the Board voted to re-instate our Dues. Last year, we suspended dues but continued to publish our Newsletter, the Headliner because they felt that we needed to provide stability and a means of communication to our members during the COVID crisis.

Since emerging from that fiasco we are again instituting our annual dues. The Board felt however that we should only charge members for the last half of 2021. To reduce paperwork, we are asking members for \$45.00 in dues to cover the last half of 2021 and all of 2022. *Note Annual dues are still \$30.00*

As we have in past years, we will be publishing a 2021 ~ 2022 Annual Roster The Board appreciates your support in this matter. **A membership form is on page 6** **Please copy it, fill it out and mail with your check made out to N.O.R. G.**

### Lunch at the Historic Spread Eagle Tavern & Inn, Saturday, September 11th

We will meet at a central location at 10 AM and will have lunch about 12:00 They will give us a choice of about 5 items to choose from, separate checks can be done. Seeing it will be a larger group there would be 20% gratuity added to each bill.

**We need a firm count by August 28 to hold the reservation.**

If Interested, Call Jack Bukszar 216-228-9168 or 216-407-9992



## Breakfast at the Farm

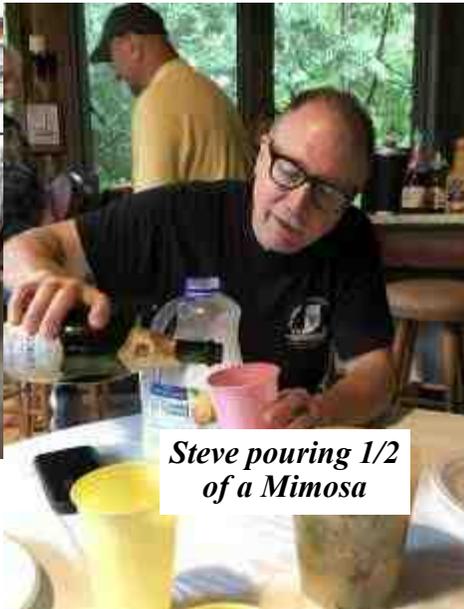
Ron & Karen Mihalek provided NORG and the Nifty Fifties with a wonderful breakfast on Saturday morning, in spite of the weather. Jack Bukszar, John Kessler, Bruce Lewicki, Ron Mihalek, Denny McKeown and (apologize if we forgot someone) cooked eggs, sausage, breakfast meats in the rain to satisfy the hunger of over 25 people. In addition, the folks brought various breakfast foods, bagels, doughnuts all enough to feed all in attendance and then some.

We were comfy and cozy in the Mihalek's cottage where we ate and enjoyed each other's company. A BIG thank you to Ron, Karen, the cooks and everyone who helped set-up and clean-up.

We have attached a number of pictures of that day.



*Food*



*Steve pouring 1/2 of a Mimosa*



*More Food*



*Our Cooks staying Dry Maybe?*



*Marie, Kathy Judy*



*Some of the more than 30 members at the Breakfast*





Northern Ohio Regional Group 20  
Early Ford V8 Club of America  
Membership Form  
18 Month Dues \$45.00

Year  
2021 ~22

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

YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	AWARD



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# TECH TIME

*Thanks Neal Garland*



## The 21A Cooling Fan Assembly

### Service and How-To Tips for the Oil Filled Fan Assembly

When Ford decided to change the flathead V8 engine fan design for 1942, they developed a design that moved the fan to a mid level location on the motor. It was felt that this provided the maximum air flow through the heart of the radiator, and over the engine itself. The fan design was simple enough, a steel shaft running through a machined casting on a film of oil. The shaft had a slinger-impeller on its forward end, which tossed the lubricant back over the bearing structure where holes in the casting of the spindle bearing allowed the oil to reach the rotating shaft.

The fan design worked well enough that Ford used it for a number of years. The following V8 vehicles used this fan:

- 1942 to 48 Ford and Mercury Passenger Cars
- 1942 to 52 Ford Trucks
- 1949 Mercury Passenger Cars

If there is one flaw in the fan, it is this. Over many years of service, plus the lack of service knowledge on them, future owners of such vehicles are not aware of the need of lubrication of this component. Owners manuals are often lost, and the maintenance tips were never passed on to the next owner. This happens whether the engine remained in a stock vehicle or if the motor was removed and installed in a hot rod.

So, what happens if the fan is not lubricated? Eventually, one of two things will occur. Either the fan shaft runs dry and seizes in its spindle bearing, thus stopping the fan from rotating and burning up the fan belt. Or, in a worst case scenario, the shaft overheats and breaks while the engine is running. This allows the fan and its hub to separate from the mount, and causing untold damage to the radiator or other engine accessory components.

So what do you do? First make sure that you have this type fan on your flathead V8. They are easily identified by the eight bolts that attach the fan itself to the hub/carrier assembly. The hub is larger in diameter than any other Ford fan mounts, and the mounting bracket attaches to the front side of the generator mounting bracket. The pictures below will easily show what this unit looks like.

Your next step (assuming your fan still spins freely) is to lubricate the hub. With a clean rag, wipe the hub in the area just behind the fan blade. You will see a small straight slotted screw. This is the filler AND the drain plug! Rotate your fan and hub until the filler plug is up (at the 12 o'clock position) and remove the screw. The actual oil capacity of the hub cavity is about 2 ounces. Ford originally recommended regular motor oil, but changed that later to 85-90 weight gear oil....the same stuff used in your transmission. Use a squirt bottle to add the gear oil into the small opening in the hub. Try to measure out at least 2 ounces and add this to the hub. Now, with a rag under the hub, rotate it until the filler opening is down (at the 6 o'clock position). Due to the internal design of the filler plug opening, the correct amount of oil will remain in the hub. The excess oil will drain out into the rag. If no oil comes out, try adding an additional ounce and repeat the procedure. After the filling is completed, rotate the hub back up and replace the filler plug screw. The original screw has a small rubber-like ring under the screw head. You can use a small washer or O ring from a carb kit if you need to replace this sealing ring.

The follow up to all this is just as important. Repeat the fill procedure with each engine oil change. You will probably only have to add perhaps an ounce of gear oil at the oil change intervals, but the idea is to slightly over-fill the hub and allow the excess to drain out. This will help assure many years of trouble-free operation of the fan assembly. Don't forget to pass this on to the next owner of the vehicle should you sell it in the future.



Complete fan & hub assembly



Hub assembly with filler opening at top



Hub assembly with filler at bottom



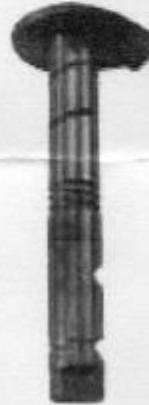
Side view of hub assembly



The 8 hex bolts plus the 4 curved retainers



Spindle Bearing with gasket



Impeller & Shaft assembly



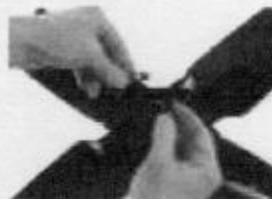
Spindle Bearing with Impeller & Shaft



Fan hub shown from the back side



Fan hub gaskets



Assembly of fan to hub



Tightening fan bolts



The completed fan-hub-shaft assembly before installation of mounting bracket



Attaching the mounting bracket to the impeller shaft



The completed fan-hub-shaft assembly with mounting bracket

# Ladies Daisy Page

## Great News NORG Luncheons Return



LET'S EAT!

Let's get our NORG lunch program going again before the next wave of the virus forces another lockdown! I have gotten a number of requests for a return visit to **Michael Angelo's Winery** (located at 5515 Broadview Road, also known as State Route 176, Richfield, Ohio 44286), so we will start out there.

Michael Angelo's no longer takes reservations, so plan to arrive at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 21, so we can beat the noontime crowd. There is a nice big parking lot, so if the weather permits it might be a good day to drive your old car.

As you remember, you have to go to the counter and order what you want to eat and drink (no waitress at the table), then go sit down and wait for your order to be brought to you. We cannot get any reserved space, so as soon as you order go to the back of the long dining room and we can settle in to tables that are close together. See you there!

***Neal Garland, restaurant specialist, sort of.***

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- 8 Bruce Lewicki
- 17 Dan Francis, Skip Schweikert
- 20 Marilyn Schigulinsky
- 22 Richard Wolf
- 25 John Kessler

