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Early Ford V-8 Club of America
Our 52nd 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."

First and foremost our heart felt condolences to the Reid Firestone family on the loss of his wife Terri and Dianne Moore on the loss of her husband Denny. Reid is one of our newest members and although, because of COVID, we were unable to get to know Reid and Terri, we share in his loss. We also express the loss of a great member and friend Dennis Moore. Dennis was a significant contributor to our Club. His artistic talents will be greatly missed.



I started to feel things were getting back to usual, but now I'm try to figure out what is normal. The only difference between me and a normal person is that I'm not normal☺☺☺

We're going to start getting back to our usual routine and will have our September meeting back in at the Stow Community Center. GREAT NEWS! There is a lot to get to as things are starting to come together. We have done some things already and planning on doing more. Our V8 Tour Nazi Jack has been fighting an illness. Get well soon Jack.

Craig and Annette have been doing a diligent job keeping us all informed, thanks Guys. Please make sure that your dues are up to date as Craig needs to prepare for our 2021-22 NORG roster.

Who ever has the coffee basket please replenish it and give the receipts to Diane Francis. Thank you.

Its going to take a little effort to get back on track however, we're in this together to keep us the best RG ever.

Stay healthy and God bless and EnjoyurV8b4its2L8

Jeep

"Quality means doing it right when no one is looking" : Henry Ford



September NORG Meeting

**Friday September 17th
at Stow City Center**

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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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2021 Activities At A Glance



- **Saturday, September, 11th 12:00PM** Lunch at the Spread Eagle Tavern **SOLD OUT** *If you do not have a reservation you are out of luck*
- **Friday, September 17th 7:30 PM** Monthly Club Meeting, Stow City Center
- **Friday, October 15th 7:30 PM** Monthly Club Meeting, Stow City Center

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 7** **Please copy it, fill it out and mail with your check made out to N.O.R. G.**

The All New 1937 Ford



DENNIS (DENNY) MOORE

DENNIS G MOORE; 74, Beloved husband of Dianne L. (Nee James); Loving father of Kevin (Hadley Conner), and Colleen Harris; Dearest grandfather of Shelby McCormick (Bryan), Madison Moore (Roberto Rivera), Morgan Harris and Jackson Harris; Dear brother of Susan Heim, and Anthony Moore; U.S. Army Veteran.

Denny provided much support to our Northern Ohio Regional Group #20, (NORG) of the Early Ford V_8 Club of America.

He designed the logo for the 2008 Grand National Meet, the NORG 40th, 45th and 50th Anniversary Logo as well as the souvenir license plate.

Denny worked in the Service Department for the city of Northfield Ohio.

In addition to being a member of NORG, he was also a member of the Nifty Fifties Ford Club of Northern Ohio.



TERESA (TERRI) FIRESTONE

TERESA "TERRI" FIRESTONE, age 62 of Ashland, passed into eternity on August 30, 2021 at LSS The Good Shepherd in Ashland, Ohio. She was born in Dayton, Ohio, to Dennis and Margaret (Hollinger) Miller on January 27, 1959.

Terri's life was centered on faith, family and friends. She was committed to humbly serving her family, friends and community in ways large or small. Terri was a graduate of Trotwood Madison High School and Ashland College (University). On April 4, 1981, Terri married the love of her life, Reid Firestone in Dayton, Ohio. She was a devoted and loving wife, mother and grandmother. In prior years, she had worked as a secretary. In recent years, she served in her favorite job, a professional "MiMi" to her seven grandchildren.



Terri enjoyed traveling with Reid, family and friends to their "Sturgeon Bay Getaway" in Wisconsin; to Florida for cold weather respites in the winter; and they had enjoyed "getting their kicks on Route 66." In previous years, Terri enjoyed traveling to and camping in Tobermory, Ontario, Canada with the family and dear friends. She also enjoyed crocheting, baking her famous cinnamon bread for the local farmers' market, caring for numerous children at the local MOPS/ MUMS group, watching "The Andy Griffith Show," "The Sound of Music" and "The Music Man" on repeat.

Terri is survived by her husband, Reid; son Andy (Alexandra) and daughter Becky (Nick) Seville. Her legacy also lives on in the seven bright lights of her life, her grandchildren: Jovey, Brenna, Joseph, Sadie, Micah, Daniel and Theodore. Terri is also survived by her brothers Steve (Paula) Miller and Ron (Lisa) Miller, her mother Margaret Wells, aunts, cousins, nieces and nephews. Terri was preceded in death by her father Dennis Miller, her step-father James Wells, and her grandparents

Jeep Iacobucci Inducted Into Midvale Racetrack Hall Of Fame

Retired Ohio racing legend Jeep Iacobucci recently experienced a couple of days he'll never forget. On July 29, Jeep celebrated his 84th birthday with family and friends. Then, on July 31, the popular competitor was inducted into the Midvale (Ohio) Speedway Hall of Fame.

Through the years, Jeep has also been inaugurated into the Cloverleaf Speedway, Lorrain County Speedway, Twin-State and ISMA Halls of Fame.

"I'm humbled," Jeep said. "Some of the best of the best ran at Midvale." Although the modest Iacobucci won't admit it, he himself was among the best of the best. "Midvale was a nice track, the Tolloty family (track owners) always welcomed me there, even though they knew I wasn't a regular."



Jeep's most memorable race at Midvale Speedway, or perhaps in his career, occurred on July 3, 1972. As he recalled, "In the Fire-cracker 150, I started last, and lapped the whole field." He beat some heavy hitters that day in his famous No. 69 Ford with an Indian Chief painted on the side. That included Pittsburgh Racing Association standout and Heidelberg Raceway champion Tommy Colella, and Miami Florida's Gary Balough, who was gaining national recognition at the time.

Jeep was really at the top of his game in 1972. He won ten out of 32 features at eight different race tracks, and finished in the top-ten numerous times. Racing primarily in Ohio, Michigan, Illinois and Indiana, with occasional appearances at Heidelberg, he wasn't concerned with chasing points and championships, although he does have four track titles.

He estimates that he's won over 300 feature races in a career that spanned from 1954-1975. He was the first driver in the history of Ohio's Cloverleaf Speedway to win a championship racing a Ford. Jeep was sometimes able to race when he served our country in the US Army from 1960 through 1962.

Iacobucci raced for several car owners in his career. He didn't just show up and drive. He was always a hands-on type of driver, diving in to help with whatever needed to be done because he wanted to know exactly what was going on with the car.

I was one of many fans who were ecstatic when Jeep pulled into the pits at Heidelberg to compete in the long distance events. It was a real treat, because we rarely got to see him race.

Jeep planned to be a full time competitor at Heidelberg during the 1974 season. However, the famed facility sadly closed forever after the 1973 season. The closest paved speed plant was Sharon Speedway, at least a two-hour drive from the Pittsburgh area back then. Making several trips to the Hartford Ohio track in 1974 with my buddies to see Jeep race, the shows were good, but we were extremely disappointed that Jeep wasn't competing.

Worse yet. Jeep Iacobucci seemed to disappear from the rac radar in 1975. When I became a motorsports journalist in 1989 made many attempts to get in touch with Jeep to no avail, running into dead end after dead end. I was ready to just give up! But that's not in my DNA. After many setbacks, I realized my biggest problem was that I was unaware that Jeep's first name is Don.

Finally, at least 25 years later, mutual friends introduced me to Jeep. I was honored to meet the legend, write a story about him and start a great friendship that exists to this day.

At only 38-years-old, Jeep Iacobucci hung up his helmet for good. His fans didn't seem to comprehend his reasoning. They were perplexed. He was still in his prime. He had a lot of races to run, and many more victories to achieve.

Why did Jeep decide to abruptly walk away from a successful career in auto racing? His decision can be summarized in one word. **Family**. I'm sure all of his fans now understand.

Jeep explained, "I came home one Sunday night after a race at Cloverleaf and saw my son laying there sleeping. I thought about how big he was getting, and all the things I was missing. I got tired of looking at my family through a chain link fence."

Even during his racing days, Jeep's number one priority has been his loving family that consists of Georgene, his wife of over 60 years, sons Don and AJ, and daughter Suzanne.

Congratulations Jeep, on your well deserved induction into the Midvale Speedway Hall of Fame!

Rocky River Car Show August 14th

In attendance, Jack & Sharon Bukszar 37 Chevrolet, Annette & Craig Gorris 53 Ford Convertible, Jeep Jacobucci 1947 Mercury Coupe & Karen & Ron Mihalek. 1st place, peoples choice, 1941 Lincoln Zephyr Ron & Karen Mihalek





*Photos Rocky River Car Show
Saturday, August 14*

**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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Name _____ Spouse _____

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Fax _____

BIRTHDAY, MONTH & DAY: Self _____ Spouse _____

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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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*Michael Angelo's Winery
Saturday August 28th*



Ladies Daisy Page

Progress on Steve Kronen's 1947 Ford Convertible

Steve sent us the latest photos on how he is progressing on the frame –off restoration of the car he purchased about 2 years ago. To date the frame and running gear have been complete. He is now working on the body. Great pictures Steve.



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Happy September Birthday

- 04 Pat Rooney
- 05 Dave Nagy
- 07 Kathleen Nagy, Lou Ann Marx
Richard Jandrey
- 13 Steve Kronen
- 16 Pat Hergenroeder, Ken Thomas
- 17 Carol Neidert

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