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Early Ford V-8 Club of America
Our 53rd 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.”

Presidents Message

Hi Ford lovers,

As the summer started off on a rather slow note. The next month will be a busy one. On Sept. 17 we will be having another breakfast on the farm. Thanks to Ron Mihalek’s generosity it will be at his farm again. More information in the following pages.

Also, on Oct 1st Craig & Annette Gorris will be holding their annual corn roast. It will also be held at Ron’s Farm. Last years corn roast was a great success with a ton of food to eat and great corn along with hot dogs and brats. More information in this newsletter.

For those that weren’t able to make the trip to the Gilmore Museum, in Michigan. I think it turned out very well. We had an excellent turn out with about 20 some members of our group with about 10 from the Illinois group. It was good to get away and just relax with friends. The weather didn’t cooperate as it rained most of the day at the museum but that didn’t detour any of our group. I have been to Gilmore a few times but it was better than ever. For those that haven’t been to the Gilmore it would be worthwhile to take a weekend and tour the Museum. It would be well worth your time. We ran out of time to tour the Air Zoo in Kalamazoo, Mi., although some of our members toured it on Sun. before heading home. I hear it was also very worthwhile and interesting.

Seeing that the summer is starting to wind and there are only a couple of months of decent weather left let’s get our old iron out and take a day trip and get some use and fun with them before it is time to lay them up for another year. If anyone wants to take a drive for ice cream or anything interesting pick up the phone and ask some of our members join you. This is a car club, lets enjoy our toys before it is to late

Have fun and stay safe,

Jack



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Stow Community Center
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Stow, OH**

“Kick Tires”: 7:00
Meeting Begins: 7:30
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September Program

Our September Program will feature Mr. Ed Svec from the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad. He will also bring with him one of the railroad engineers to discuss what it is like to pilot the train. It should be very interesting.

September



MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF AUGUST 19, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by president Jack Bukszar. Members and guests were asked to introduce themselves and say a few words about their cars.

Our speaker for the evening was Craig Holy. Craig operates a one-man restoration business in Chardon, Ohio, and has restored cars for several of our members. His interest in cars began with assembling and painting model cars when he was a boy. His interest in mechanical things grew when he rebuilt a Briggs and Stratton engine in his youth. Cars remained a hobby for him while he pursued a career in carpentry, but he slowly shifted to car restoration as a main interest. Craig offered a number of tips to anyone considering doing a restoration. These included:

1. If you are considering buying a "project" car to restore, don't pay more than 20% of what the car will sell for when it has been completely restored.
2. Use a magnet to check the project car for excessive bondo before you buy it.
3. Take lots of pictures of each component of the project car as you disassemble it.
4. Put each part of the car that you take apart into a ziplock bag or other suitable container and clearly label it.
5. Make a complete list of the parts you need to reassemble the car and order them as early as possible. This is especially important in these times of supply chain delays and other such issues.
6. Send out any sections of the job that you need to farm out to machine shops, engine builders, or other specialty shops as early as possible so you can get them back when you are ready to install them.
7. If possible, get copies of any assembly manuals and parts books that are available for the car you are working on. They can save you much time and frustration when it comes time to put the car back together.
8. Be sure you have copies of the latest catalogs from major suppliers of V8 parts, such as Carpenter, C & G, and Drake before you start on the project.
9. Research the quality, prices, availability, and turn around time for services you will need, such as chrome plating, upholstery, wiring, glass, painting, instrument rebuilding, and stainless dent removal and polishing.
10. Restore small parts first and put them away (hopefully where you can find them again) so they will be ready for reassembly when the larger parts of the job have been finished.
11. Use quality products even if they cost more. Cheaper paints, for example, might not really save you money because you have to use more of the product to accomplish the job and they do not hold up as well as the better quality paints.
12. Be careful about using vapor blasting as a way to prepare metal for painting. It may lead to problems with paint adhesion.
13. Wait at least six months before waxing a new paint job. Waxing too early can prevent the paint from curing properly.
14. Find a four leaf clover and keep it in your garage for good luck. (Craig didn't really say that, but I thought it would be a good idea. NG)

President Jack called for the secretary to present a summary of the minutes of the July meeting. The summary was approved as presented.

Treasurers Dan and Diane Frances reported that our treasury is in good shape. Membership chair Craig Gorris reported that we have about 94 paid members. This makes our club one of the largest regional groups in the national club. Craig also reported that things are going well with the Headliner although co-editor Annette has suffered a broken ankle. The club wishes her a speedy recovery.

National representative Steve Kronen reported that there will be a Grand National Meet in Dearborn, Michigan, on June 10-17, 2023. He was happy to also report that four regional groups have expressed interest in hosting regional meets in 2023. He informed us that the national club will soon produce a book that will be of great help to anyone restoring a 1935-1936 Ford truck. He encouraged members to run for national offices. Steve is considering becoming a candidate for the office of vice president of the national club.

President Jack informed us that 22 members of NORG and the Nifty Fifties Club attended the trip to the Gilmore Museum in Michigan. Everyone who toured the museum agreed that it is well worth the trip.

David and Nancy Collette again hosted an excellent picnic at their farm in Pennsylvania on July 30. The turnout was excellent and the amount of food was, as usual, far more than we could eat. Thanks David and Nancy!!!!

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The breakfast at Ron and Karen Mihalek's farm will be held on Saturday, September 17. Details are presented in this issue of the Headliner. Be sure to let Ron know if you are planning to attend so he will know how many eggs to buy!

Discussion was held regarding scheduling of the Christmas Party and the Installation Banquet. It was decided to combine the two activities and to set the date for some time in January. Volunteers are needed to organize the event and to make proper arrangements. Let Jack know if you are willing to become involved.

Rich and Rick Jandrey welcome suggestions for speakers for our monthly meetings. Please let them know if you have any suggestions.

We adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Neal Garland, Secretary

2022 Activities At A Glance

- **Friday, September 16th 7:30 PM** Monthly Club Meeting, Stow City Center
- **Saturday, September 17th 9:00 AM** Breakfast at Mihalek's Farm in Bath. ***See Page 4 for more Information***
- **Sunday, September 18th** Springfield Township K-9's & Car Show ***See Page 11 for more Information***
- **Thursday September 22nd** NORG Luncheon at D'Agnesse's Restaurant & Trattoria 566 White Pond Drive, Akron, Ohio 44320 ***See Page 11 for more Information***
- **Saturday, October 1st** NORG and Nifty Fifties Car Club Corn Roast at Mihalek's Farm. ***See Page 9 for more Information***
- **Friday, October 21st 7:30 PM** Monthly Club Meeting, Stow City Center with the Nomination of 2023 Officers



Prayers Needed

We just heard that longtime member **Dick Deyling** has been hospitalized. Please keep him in your prayers.



NORG COOKIE BAKERS



September Meeting	Mome Garland
October Meeting	Kathy Kessler
November Meeting	Diane Francis

Breakfast at Ron & Karen's Farm
Saturday, September 17th 9:00 Eat at 10:00
1020 Medina County Line Road
Granger Township 44333

This is a joint breakfast including the Lincoln and the Nifty Fifties Car Clubs. The eggs and coffee will be furnished.

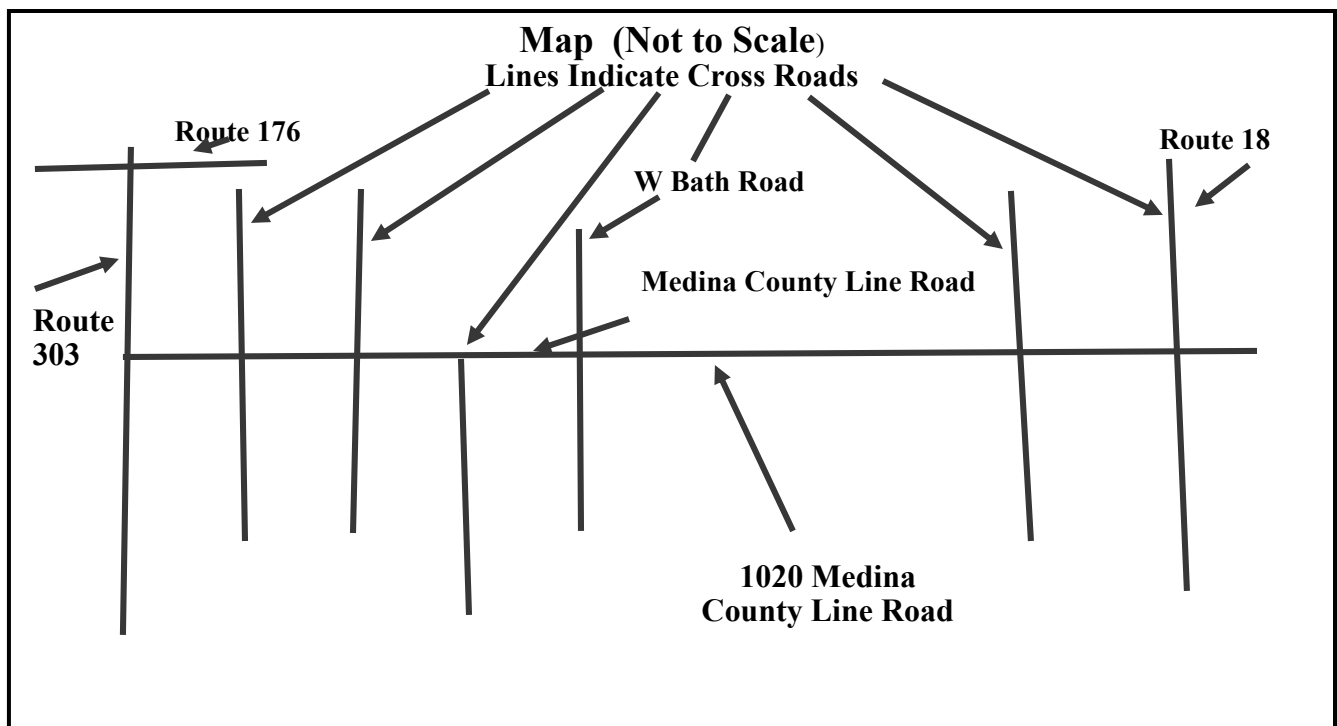
Please bring a side dish of sausage, other breakfast meat, potatoes, bagels, or other breakfast kukuns, any drinks other than coffee or water in accordance with the following chart. This will help provide a complete menu

Last Name Begins **A thru K** **Breakfast Meats**
Last Name Begins **L thru R**..... **Potatoes or other Starch**
Last Name Begins **S thru Z** **Bagels, Kukuns, Breakfast Pastry**

RSVP no later than September 11th

Call your RSVP or Questions 216-990-0288

Do Not Forget a Lawn Chair



NORG ~ NIRG ~ Nifty Fifties~ Ford Club Trip to Michigan.

President Jack described the trip in his "Presidents Message". In addition to Jack & Sharon, Bruce & Marie Lewicki, John & Kathy Kessler, Pat & Barb Rooney, Ron & Karen Mihalek, Jeep & Georgene Iacobucci, Dan & Diane Francis and Neal Garland were there. Pictures on this page and the next .







A Long Search for THE CAR By Paul Kron

I first saw the car in 1952 on Delaware Ave. in Buffalo, N.Y. It was at the pumps in a Texaco gas station. I approached the owner of the station to obtain the name and address of the vehicle owner. All I could learn from him was that the car was from Clarence, N.Y. I had my father take me to Clarence to a Texaco station on the main street so I could inquire about the car. The station owner said he was not aware of such a vehicle. My conclusion was that the owner of the car only used the Texaco in Buffalo and must have a different garage in this area.



In 1954 I traveled to Clarence by school bus for a concert with the East Aurora School Orchestra. The concert was in the Clarence High School across the street from the Texaco station. Next to the garage sat the 1938 Lincoln Zephyr 4-door convertible with the top down. It was obvious that it had not moved in several months.

I had a friend take me to Clarence to see the owner of the garage where the car sat. When asked about the car and our prior meeting he had said "oh, that 1938 Lincoln convertible? He apparently played dumb two years earlier because he wanted the car.



I left my name and number with him so he could call me if he ever wanted to sell the car. A call came from him (Jim) in 1955 about the car. He had lost the station and was living in Buffalo on Delaware Ave. with-in a block of where I first saw the car. Again the same friend gave me a ride into Buffalo to see the owner. He was in financial trouble and was willing to sell the car at a fraction of what he paid for it. Of course, he bought a running car and was now selling a car full of leaves with wet seats, floor rugs, top and dashboard. His only request was that I restore the car and drive it. He wanted a call when it was done.

The car was stored for 20 years before I had time and resources to do the restoration. Every nut and bolt was removed to totally dismantle the vehicle. The frame with attached body was put on a rotisserie, and was stripped, primed, and painted. There were no holes in the body, floor pan, or fenders. All were used in the final assemble.

The only chassis changes were the installation of a Columbia 2 speed rear axle, hydraulic brakes, and a dual brake master cylinder.





Under the hood I installed modern coils, a modern oil filter, an increased capacity oil pump, and an alternator. All changes are reversible and only made to make the car usable and dependable for tours.

The interior is also very close to original. From the factory the rear seat didn't have the usual buttons in the cushion or back. The front had buttons in both. I installed the buttons in front and back as shown in the factory photos I have found. I also lined the interior of the top in the rear seat as it came from the factory this way. Some documentation showed an unlined rear seat top.



Because of my busy schedule the car has had little use - Less than 2000 miles in 35 years. The restoration took 10 years. The car has seen many weddings; I have driven in some of them and friends have borrowed it for others. It may travel to Saratoga Springs this year for the Glidden Tour. *(This piece was written before the Glidden was held. Bob Murray got this photo of Paul and Sharon Kron with their Model A Roadster they ended up taking to Saratoga Springs)* I did call Jim when the car was first put on the road. He was very happy to get the info. Unfortunately he passed away without ever getting a ride.

Overall it is a very nice car to drive. Contrary to popular belief it starts instantly, hot or cold, uses no oil, and little gas. There are many rumors about these V-12's but I have had no trouble with this one or my 1941 coupe. I believe that less than 400 Lincoln Zephyr 4-door convertibles were built in 1937, 8, and 9. This would make the car very rare. The specs are: 267.3 cu. in. displacement, 110 hp. 3 speed transmission with synchro in high and second. A Columbia 2-speed rear end and the tires are 7:00X16.

This was an interesting time for Lincoln. The company was founded in 1917 by Henry Leland. It had a short run and due to financial trouble and bankruptcy. Henry Ford bought it in 1922. The car was solid car with a V8. Edsel Ford became President and with several improvements sales went very well.



In 1932, the KB Model was announced with a V12 engine upping the hp from 120 in the V8 to 150 with the V12. Around the same time the design studio, started by Edsel Ford, began designing the Zephyr. The Zephyr started production in 1937 and continued through '48 and the continental started in 1940 and ran until 1948. The Continental was built by cutting a section out of the Zephyr body to make the car lower and look longer. There was also a spare tire on the rear which became a symbol



of the car – a generic term continental for a spare tire mounted on the rear of any car. Only two door bodies were made and you could only have a convertible or a coupe only. Both Zephyr and Continental had the V 12. The names Zephyr and Continental disappeared after 48. For the 1949 model year the Lincoln became quite curvaceous with a design quite different than the Zephyr or Continental and evolved into a large-long looking car with straighter lines. There were



quite a few twists and turns in the years to follow. A sort of exception occurred in the mid-fifties when the Continental Mark II, like Sonny Weaver's (left), had a short run that kind of reflected the



earlier design with a "continental spare tire" fused into the trunk. The rest of the Lincoln and Continental history will have to wait till another day.



Thanks to Wheels a Rolling VMCCA #23 -1

NORG Annual Corn Roast

Saturday, October 1st Ron & Karen's Farm

1:00 PM ~ Serving Food at 2:00

This event has been a NORG social for many years. The Club will provide Fresh Sweet Corn roasted on the grill and Bratwurst and Hot Dog sandwiches and Dinner ware. Please bring your drink of choice, lawn chairs and your appetite.

We need a headcount which will be taken at the NORG meeting on Friday 9-16. If you wish to attend but *are not planning on attending* the meeting, please call Craig or Annette at (440) 526-6138 to reserve a spot.

A map to Ron & Karen's Farm is on page 4 of this newsletter

We are charging \$10.00/person to defray the cost of food.

Summary of August 13, 2022 National Board Meeting Held Via Zoom Early Ford V-8 Club of America

Meeting was called to order by President John Caldwell at 10:04 a.m. CDST

Approval of the May 14, 2022 board meeting and June 5th 2022 Face to Face meeting minutes were approved

Report on the club's financial report by Treasurer Dave Rehor was received and approved. Review of Policy manual for reimbursement of expenses was made.

National Meets 2022

Review of the Western National Meet at Wenatchee, WA July 11-14 was made. There were 134 registrations, 30 cancellations for a net attendance of 104. 67 vehicles were on the concourse with 19 judged cars. It was an excellent ran meet and much enjoyed by all who attended. In both the Eastern and Western meets attendance was down. This was a concern by the board and it is looking at ways to further enhance club members experiences at national and regional meets.

2023

60th Anniversary Grand National Meet at Dearborn, Michigan June 11-17 sponsored by the National Board of Directors, Bruce Nelson, Chairman. There have been over 76 registrations for the Grand National meet so far. Hotel reservations are up and running for online or phone in hotel reservations. Tours to the Henry and Clara Ford's home, Fairlane, opportunity to fly in a Ford Tri-motor airplane and tours to Auburn and Hickory Corners are in the mix. Plans are well underway so register as soon as you can.

International Meet

14th Annual Early Ford V-8 National Meet hosted by Northern New Zealand Regional Group. Lower Hutt, New Zealand January 8-13, 2023.

National Driving Tours

We have two National Driving Tours for 2022. The first is the Wisconsin Transportation Driving tour scheduled for August 23-28 at Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Bruce Nelson chair.

Bruce has 19 registrations with 37 participants. The second tour is the Border affair tour September 9-23rd. Lou has 20 registrations with 18 club cars intending to be on the driving tour in Colorado and New Mexico in September. Louis Mraz, Chairperson. You can still register for this tour by contacting Lou Mraz at 303-755-4637 (Mt. Time).

Information on all club events are available in the V-8 Times and the National website.

National Board Election

The nominating committee has forwarded 6 candidates for board positions which will be listed in the September/October issue. Election was delayed 1 month as the board sought candidates for each board position.

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V-8 Times Report

Shannon reported that the July/August issue went out the first week of August. Comments on the Times has been good. The crime features have been especially well received that John Emmering has submitted. Shannon attended the Western National Meet at Wenatchee, WA with her husband and got to meet with many members

Other Notes

Membership: Change in membership was down less than 1% as it declined 138 members since the beginning of the year. As the membership contest was canceled for this year, Connie Hall is looking at a fresh membership drive and will share with the board at the next meeting.

Meet Enhancements: The Board reviewed feedback from both National Meets this year regarding enhancements to assist in attracting more attendees at future meets. Those enhancements will be shared with Chief Judge Ken Bounds for inclusion, as Board recommendations, in the release of the next Meet Guide.

Excess V-8 Times inventory: The Rasmussen's have concerns about the large amount of V-8 Times in inventory and what should be done with them. Ideas were given during the meeting and will be further discussed at the next meeting in November.

Face to Face Meeting in 2023: Discussion on time and location to have our Face to Face meeting for 2023. A committee has been set up to plan for it next February.

Bylaws: A committee has been set up to review certain bylaws that may need revision or deletion. After all discussion was completed on the agenda items the meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m. CST.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Kroeger, National Secretary

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Email: _____ Home Town: _____

Car Info: Yr. _____, Make _____, Model _____, Car Club _____

Description: _____

SEPTEMBER NORG LUNCH

We will celebrate the official first day of fall on Thursday, September 22, by having lunch at D'Agnes's Restaurant and Trattoria located at 566 White Pond Drive, Akron, Ohio 44320.

Plan to arrive at 11:30 a.m. so we can beat the noontime rush. There is more than one D'Agnes's in the area, so make sure you head for the one on White Pond Drive.

The restaurant is located in a shopping/business area called White Pond Crossing.

Hope to see you there!

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The Headliner Deadline
 1st Day of each month. Please e-mail articles, tech tips, outings, adds, club news and pictures to:
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Happy September Birthday

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7	Rich Jandrey
13	Steve Kronen
16	Pat Hergenroeder, Ken Thomas
17	Carol Neidert



September Meeting
Friday September 16th
7:30
Stow City Center