

“The Headliner”

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Early Ford V-8 Club of America
Our 55th 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 to all of our Ford lovers,

I trust that you are enjoying this summer weather basking in the warm sunny days getting out and about enjoying the cars and everything the summer has to offer.

The month of May started off displaying our cars at the Cleveland Yachting Club. What a wonderful relaxing day it turned out to be. Rain was predicted but never showed up. The weather was perfect to sit under the trees and watch the day go by. I am happy to say we had a very good turnout. This year the boat owners showed up with some jaw dropping yachts. They were huge. Along with the massive yachts all of the docks were full with a wide array of boats.

The club treated us well as in years past with some interest of our cars and a host of very interesting hors o'doeuvres. As we were getting ready to leave the gentleman that puts this display said that we have a standing invitation to come back next year. With that everyone in our group said they will defiantly return.

July 20th is our day trip to Warren, Oh to tour the National Packard Museum and the Medici Art museum to view the largest display of Norman Rockwell's illustrations of art work regarding the Boy Scouts of America. This should be an enjoyable day as Warren is in a little more than hour away by the back roads. If the weather is nice bring your old iron out. If not, your family car will be fine.

By the time you read this the Central and Eastern National meets will be history.

I hope to hear that we brought home some nice awards. Hope all that had a safe trip with no problems. Keep in mind there is no V-8 meeting in June.

Jack



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Rick Jandrey
Steve Klein
Steve Kronen
Beth Schilling

**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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Next Meeting

Friday July 19th



NO JUNE MEETING

MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF MAY 17, 2024

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

Beth Schilling introduced Denise Mullins, who was our speaker for the evening. Denise is the vice president of Bulldog Bags, an all volunteer organization that provides meals and health care items for underprivileged children in grades K-12 in Stow and Munroe Falls during the summer months when such things are not available through the public school systems. Denise provided a brief history and explanation of the workings of Bulldog Bags. Beth presented Denise with a check for our club's donation toward the good work that Bulldog Bags is doing. To learn more about the organization or to make a donation you can contact them at Bulldog Bags, Inc., P.O. Box 1475, Stow, Ohio 44224.

Annette Gorris noted that she is aware of a similar organization in Australia. Apparently Bulldog Bags is active on an international scale.

Jack thanked Barb and Pat Rooney for the coffee and cookies for this evening.. Everyone appreciated their good treats.

Secretary Neal Garland read the minutes from the previous meeting. Rick Jandrey moved that the minutes be accepted as read. The motion carried.

The treasurers' report noted that we still have money in the treasury. Steve Kronen reminded us that the Central National meet will be held in Auburn, Indiana, on June 17-21.

Discussion was held regarding the club's participation in Stow's 4th of July parade. About 6-7 members indicated interest in doing so. Contact Beth Schilling for more information about participating.

Rick Jandrey informed us that progress is being made on construction of a recruiting package that can be distributed to prospective members at swap meets and cruise-ins and other places. He also suggested that we check into buying a new club banner that can be displayed at events to let people know about the club. He further informed us that the speaker for July will be Gary Harwood. Gary is a photographer and he will talk about ways to take the best photos of your car. Rick suggested that we start the July meeting at 7:00 and that we drive our old cars if possible so we can possibly get some "hands on" experience in taking pictures of them. Rick also noted that there will be a car show in Richfield on July 27.

President Jack reminded us that the annual Keels and Wheels event will be held on May 25. On June 15 we will honor the national club's "Drive your V8 Day" by joining Bruce Lewicki and the Nifty Fifties Club in a cruise to the Skyway Drive-In in Akron. Meet about 10:30 a.m. at the Holiday Inn in Richfield and caravan to Skyway.

Other club activities will include a cruise to the Packard Museum and the Medici Museums in Warren, Ohio, on July 20, followed by lunch at Salvatore's Italian Grill. Be sure to note that Dave and Nancy's picnic will be held on August 10. This is an event you won't want to miss. Last year approximately 200 cars attended.

Bruce Lewicki announced that the trip to the sand and gravel outing was very successful and that all those who attended reported enjoying the event.

Rick Jandrey moved that we adjourn. We did, at 8:25 p.m..

Neal Garland, Secretary

2024 Activities At A Glance



- **June : MEETING ROOM Closed. Looking for place to hold meeting**
- **Thursday, June 27th** 11:45 NORG Luncheon Max & Erma's Restaurant 7085 Engle Road, Middleburg Heights **More Information on Page 6**
- **Thursday July 4th** Participate in City of Stow 4th Parade **More Information on Page 4**
- **Friday July 19th** NORG Meeting Stow City Center 7:30
- **Saturday, July 20th** Tour of Packard Museum and Medici Museum in Warren Ohio and lunch at Salvatore's Italian Grille **More Information on Page 5**
- **Saturday, July 27th** Show on the Square, Richfield, Ohio **More Information on Page 6**
- **Saturday August 10th** All Car Picnic at Dave & Nancy Collette's Farm Portersville Pa. **More Information on Page 7**
- **Friday, August 16th** NORG Meeting Stow City Center 7:30
- **September 15th ~ September 20th** Early Ford V-8 Club Eastern National Meet Clayton New York **For Information: <https://efordv8-59.org/>**

NORG MEMBERS

Your NORG Headliner depends upon contributions from members to be a successful.

Your photos and text on club activities, ladies hobbies and recipes, technical information, and information on your restoration are needed to keep your Newsletter refreshing.

Please send us anything, we can re-write if necessary.

Stow 4th of July Parade, Thursday, July 4th 10:00 AM Parade Begins on Route 59

NORG Has Reserved 7 Positions for Members Vehicles

For Information and Parade Permit Contact

Beth Schilling 330 221 4626

Or schillingregis@att.net

Early Riser Cruise Boston Mills Ski Parking Lot 8:00 Am — 1:00 PM Every Friday Morning

*Good opportunity to give your car a bit of exercise and meet fellow car enthusiasts
Hope to see you there*

New Members Too Late To Be Added To 2024 Roster

Paul & Sherry Ellsworth 4752 W. Streetsboro Road Richfield, OH 44286

Cell Phone: (330) 523-6654 E-Mail: gntlmfarm@msn.com

Please add to your Roster



NORG COOKIE BAKERS 2024



February	Steve Klein <u>Thank You</u>
March	Sharon Bukszar <u>Thank You</u>
April	Mome/Neal Garland <u>Thank You</u>
May	Barb Rooney <u>Thank You</u>
July	Steve Kronen
August	Bonnie Sykes
September	Beth Schilling
October	Ginger Posar
November	Diane Francis



DAY CRUISE TO THE NATIONAL PACKARD MUSEUM

SAT. JULY 20, 2024

TOUR THE PACKARD MUSEUM, THE MEDICI ART MUSEUM, A LUNCH STOP AT SALVATORE'S ITALIAN GRILL

We will meet at the McDonald's on Rt. 306 and 422 in Bainbridge. (Stay on I-480 E. Follow signs to I-271-N 422 ERIE PA. EXIT #23, RRT. 306. TOURN LEFT ON 306 ,2 MILES ON LEFT. MacDonald's ADDRESS, 17638 CHILICOTHE RD. BAINBRIDGE RD., 44023

We will meet at 10AM. AND LEAVE AT 10:30.

For anyone that gets lost the address for the Packard Museum is 1899 MAHONING AVE. NW.
The Medici Art Museum, 9350 EAST MARKET S. WARREN OHIO 44484.
Salvatore's Grill, 8720 E. MARKET ST. WARREN, OH. 44484

For Sale

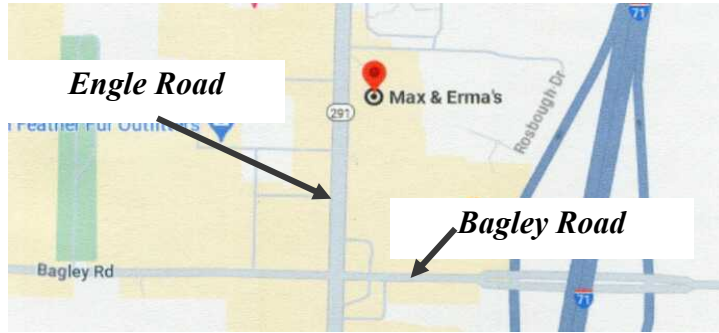
1951 Ford Deluxe Sedan

Neal Garland just received an e-mail from Jeremy Davies--the guy in London who bought Foster Buchtel's 1951 Ford. His wife died recently and he is in the process of reorganizing his life. Part of this process is that he is going to sell the '51. Please put a notice in the next newsletter to let members know the car is for sale. Anybody who might be interested can call me at 330-338-1510.



NORG June Luncheon
11:00 Thursday, June 27th

We will meet at Max and Erma's Restaurant 7085 Engle Road, Middleburg Heights.. Plan to arrive at 11:00. Come hungry and full of stories to tell about your latest adventure (or misadventure)



**Show on
the Square**

SAT., JULY 27, 2024
11 AM - 3 PM

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You're All Invited ...

COLLETTE CAR PICNIC SATURDAY, JULY 30, 2022

1 p.m. (we eat at 2 p.m.)

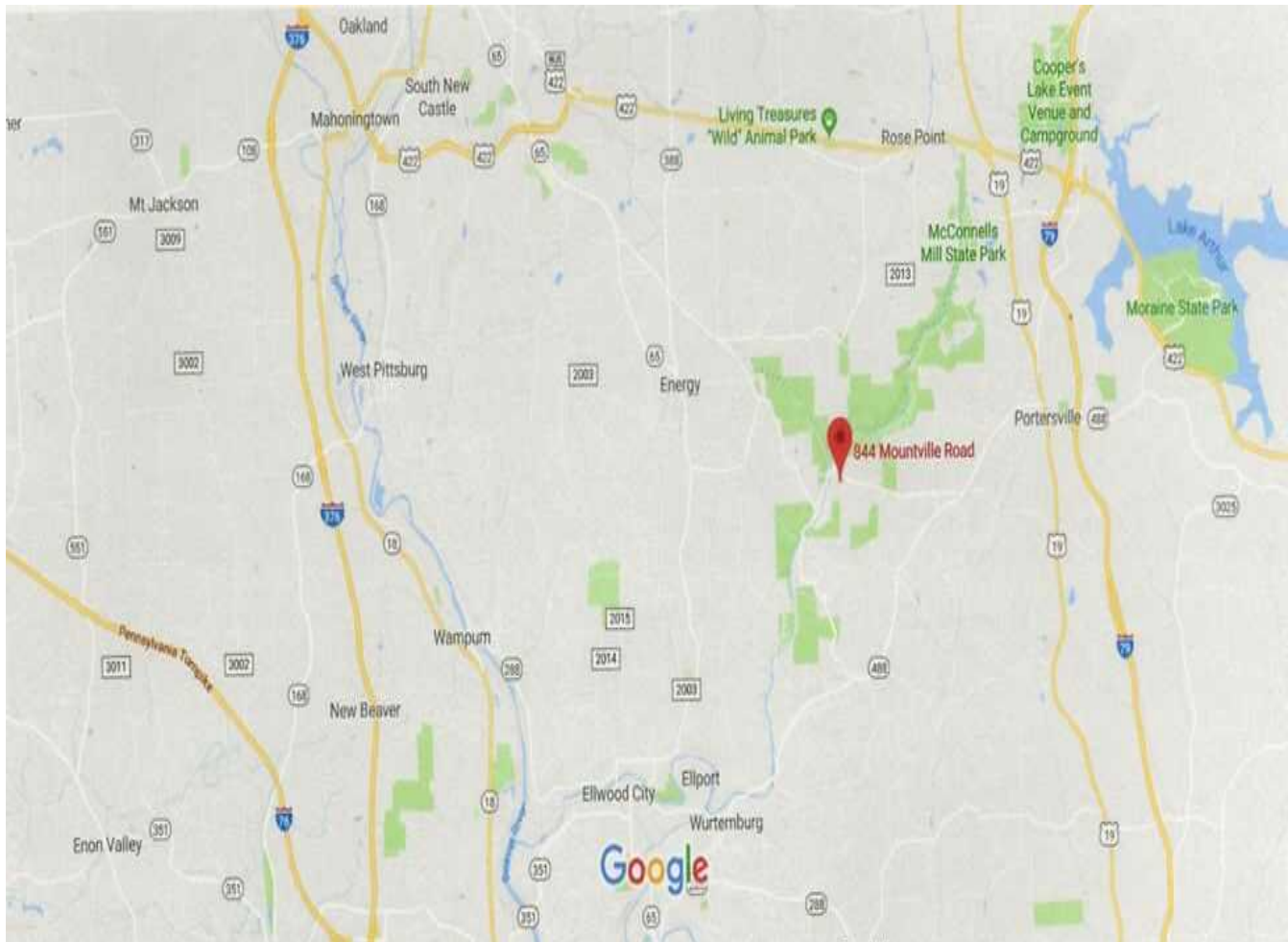
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Portersville, PA 16051

What to bring –

- antique or collector vehicle (if you have one)
- dish to share (meats, casseroles, salads, chips, pop, etc.)
- folding chair
- table service

Family friendly event! (Please – no pets; no alcohol)

Questions – call Dave or Nancy at 724-368-8226 or email collettes@aol.com





Thanks to Hoosier Views

The 1949 Lincoln Cosmopolitan - Ford Breaks into the Luxury Car Market

By John Emmering

If anything spelled you were “upper crust” in mid-twentieth century America it was the ownership of a luxury car. For years Ford Motor Company had struggled to find its niche in the luxury market which had included the Buick Roadmaster, Chrysler New Yorker, the Cadillac Series 62 and Fleetwood. On April 22, 1948 Ford introduced a big beautiful car for the successful professional in its new 1949 Lincoln Cosmopolitan.

Actually two Lincoln lines were introduced. The first on a 121 inch wheelbase was the smaller line of cars just called “Lincoln”. These cars were on the level of General Motors Oldsmobile and were a slight step-up from the Mercury which had a 118 inch wheelbase. This smaller 9EL series, sometimes known as the “Baby Lincoln,” was produced in a two-door coupe, a four-door sedan, and a convertible. They had total production of 38,384.

Both Lincolns look similar from the front but the Cosmopolitan sat on a four inch longer wheel base. While both cars had entirely new bodies the Cosmopolitan was noticeably larger. One way to distinguish the two front the front is that the smaller Lincoln maintained a split windshield while the Cosmopolitan’s windshield was one piece. Both Lincolns had recessed headlights, which designers planned to make retractable, such as in the 1942 DeSoto. However there were problems getting them to function reliably and the idea was scrapped. Still the headlights remained recessed.

One was the sometimes troublesome V-12 engine which had been introduced in 1933. The Lincolns shared a 336.7 cubic inch 152 hp flathead V-8 engine. The engine was a modified version of the powerplant utilized in big Ford F-Series Trucks.

Concepts for the new Lincolns first were conceived back in 1941 as Ford design chief E.T. “Bob” Gregorie worked on crafting future Ford models. With the outbreak of and the American involvement in the Second World War, work on the future designs halted as Ford Motor Company took on the challenges of wartime production.

After the death of Edsel Ford, Gregorie felt his efforts were being stymied by the engineering department interfering with his design proposals and he left the company. After Henry Ford II became company president, Gregorie was lured back into his old job as design chief. Gregorie supervised proposed designs for the new post war line of cars for Ford.

Watershed changes came about under Henry Ford II. Newly recruited executives like Ernest Breech who became vice-president and Harold Youngren, appointed chief engineer had notions that conflicted with those held by Gregorie and his late patron Edsel Ford. It is well known that Breech felt Gregorie’s design for the Ford car was too large and could not be competitively priced with Chevrolet and Plymouth. Thus a new design from outside consultant George Walker was adopted for the Ford car. Gregorie’s Ford design became the Mercury and 9EL small Lincoln and his Mercury design became the basis for the larger Cosmopolitan. An even larger proposed Lincoln design was scrapped entirely.

And so the 1949-51 line of Lincolns and Mercury cars have been called the last hurrah for Edsel Ford’s favorite designer E.T. Gregorie who had a large influence on the looks of Ford cars since 1934. In 1936 he had been formally named as design chief and formed Ford’s first design department.

As with all of the Ford products for 1949 the Lincolns utilized independent front suspensions and open Hotchkiss drive replacing the torque tube. The rear axels were of a new semi-floating type. The Lincolns were set on a "K" frame chassis. Brakes were said to be substantially improved from the 1948 and earlier models. During the first year of production the Lincolns were only available with a standard or over-drive three speed transmission. After an agreement with General Motors was made for Ford to purchase their hydromantic units, automatic transmission was available for Lincoln cars in June 1949.

Being a brand new model, there were some "bugs" that needed to be worked out after the 1949 Lincolns hit showrooms around the country. During the 1949 model run there were 118 running changes made on just the Cosmopolitan. There were problems with engine blocks cracking and excessive oil usage. Steering was said to be difficult. Most of these problems were solved by the 1950 model run.

The two biggest drawbacks of the 1949 Lincoln design was the drooping grill that looked like a frown and the instrument panel which drew some complaints. Both items were changed in 1950 with a flashier instrument panel and vertical grill no longer resembling a frown. 1950 engines were better balanced and used more alloy to prevent cracking.

Two four door sedans were offered in the Cosmopolitan line. It takes a careful observation to differentiate them but one was the Town Sedan, with a fastback design. The other was the Sport Sedan which lacked the sloping rear window and trunk. The Town Sedan was not very popular with the public and was discontinued in January of 1949 and did not reappear in 1950 or 1951.

Press reports on the new Lincoln were very positive. *Iron Age* magazine was pleased with the styling and commented that they felt the car was "conservative but highly pleasing." Lincoln ended up having a great year with their new 1949 models producing a total of 73,507 cars, with 35,123 of them Cosmopolitans.

Even U.S. President Harry Truman appreciated the new Lincoln Cosmopolitan choosing a Cosmopolitan convertible to drive on the campaign trail during the election of 1948. After winning the election he rode to his inauguration in a 1949 Lincoln Cosmopolitan Convertible also. In 1950 ten Lincoln Cosmopolitans were specially modified for presidential use. With small changes and improvements in 1950 and 1951 the attractively designed Lincoln Cosmopolitan earned Ford Motor Company an important place among luxury class cars during their era.

THE NATION'S EVENING POST



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June Birthdays

7 Jack Bukszar
 16 Cory Durham
 19 Dave Collette



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MEETING