

“The Headliner”

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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

As I sit here trying to think of the interesting Summer we have had. I was trying to find out on U Tube how to build an ark this spring. As the rain subsided, summer finally arrived. At that point I hope you took advantage of the ideal cruising weather. I would say there were many places to go and much to do. Our four club events were well attended. Keels & Wheels display at the Yacht Club was great. The weather could not have been better. It was good to sit under the trees and catch up with friends.



With our sister club the, Nifty Fifties Ford Club, we dropped back a number years and enjoyed a throwback afternoon at the Sky Way drive in. The turnout was good, it was said that the car club took up most of the parking lot that afternoon. Of course, seeing we were so close we defiantly had to stop for an ice cream fix. To round out the summer we took a day trip to Warren, Ohio to the Packard Museum and the Medici Art Museum. The Packard Museum was rather small but had some really quality cars on display and a rather complete history of the Packard company. The next stop was the Medici Art Museum that was really cool. There were ten rooms of displays. This was not what I expected from an Art Museum. It was not the old stogie museum but a kind of laid back and comfortable place to just hang out in. One of their claims to fame was the largest collection of original Norman Rockwell oil on canvas paintings of the Boy Scouts and many other magazine covers. Of course, we had to make a stop for a bite to eat. The food was excellent. The only problem was we all were ready for a nap.

A couple of months ago I brought up the subject of filling any vacant positions that may arise. The first position that will need to be filled is the office of President. After giving it much thought I am stepping down. After three years (believe that is correct) I feel it is time for some new blood to take over. Please don't take me wrong, I am not leaving this club. I will be more than happy to work on any cruise or event that I can be of help. I'm sorry to have to bring this up so early but I don't want drop this decision in any one's lap unannounced. This is a great club but it takes all of us to keep it going.

Hope to see you down the road. Stay safe and keep on trucking.

Jack



NO SEPTEMBER MEETING

Since so many members will be attending the Eastern National Meet in Clayton N.Y. It was decided to cancel the meeting

Officers & Board 2024

President: Jack Bukszar
Vice President: Frank Posar
Secretary: Neal Garland
Treasurer: Dan & Diane Francis

Directors

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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MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF AUGUST 16, 2024

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

Program chair Rick Jandrey introduced Chuck Loper, our speaker for this evening. Chuck provided an interesting account of how he came to acquire a 1963 Maserati 3500 and of the trials and tribulations he experienced in restoring it. Thanks, Chuck, for sharing your personal experiences in the old car and special interest car hobby.

Rick Jandrey reminded us that he would greatly appreciate receiving suggestions for speakers for future meetings.

Treasurers Dan and Diane Francis were not able to attend tonight's meeting, so they asked Beth Schilling to make the treasurer's report. Beth assured us that the treasury still contains some money.

Steve Kronen displayed a congratulatory certificate that we received from the National Club for NORG's 55th Anniversary. He reminded us of the Eastern National Meet that is going to be held in Clayton, New York in September. He also informed us that there will be an Eastern National Meet in June of 2025. It will be held in Springfield, Illinois and will be sponsored by the Chicago Regional Group.

Rick Jandrey reported that the modified recruitment package designed to attract new members should be ready to distribute at the Bucket of Beans car show in Marshallville in October.

President Jack brought up the topic of holding a joint Christmas Party and Installation banquet like we did last year. Members agreed that this is a good idea and agreed that we should again hold it at D'Agneses Italian Restaurant in Akron. Jack will check into making arrangements.

He also reminded us that we will soon be electing officers for 2025 and encouraged members to volunteer to run for an office. Jack has decided that he will not be a candidate for President for another term.

We adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Neal Garland,

Secretary

2024 Activities At A Glance



- **September 15th ~ September 20th** Early Ford V-8 Club Eastern National Meet Clayton New York **For Information:** <https://efordv8-59.org/>
- **Friday, September 27th** NORG Luncheon Gene's Place to Dine located at 3730 Rocky River Drive in Cleveland. **More Information on Page 5**
- **Friday, October 18th** NORG Meeting Stow City Center 7:30

If Members are aware of any car related activity, please submit it to Craig Gorris for publication in our NORG Newsletter

NORG Cookie Bakers

February

March

April

May

July

August

September

October

November

NO MEETING

Steve Klein Thank You

Sharon Bukszar Thank You

Mome/Neal Garland Thank You

Barb Rooney Thank You

Steve Kronen Thank You

Bonnie Sykes Thank You

Beth Schilling

Ginger Posar

Diane Francis

Nomination of NORG 2025 Officers

In October you, our members will nominate your NORG officers for 2025 . Jack Bukszar has said he is withdrawing from the presidency and will not run.

This is but one potential opening. Members, please “step -up and consider running for office.

NORG SEPTEMBER LUNCHEON

Friday, September 27th
Gene's Place to Dine
3730 Rocky River Drive
Cleveland

Background : Owners of **Gene's Place**, Gene Lavelle and his wife of 62 years, Peggie McNamara Lavelle, histories go way back in West Park. Gene, the middle child, grew up with siblings Frank and Toni on West 126th Street, attended St. Vincent De Paul Grade School, and graduated from West Tech High School. Gene's father, Frank Sr, worked at the Gas Company. His mother, Rose, worked at Luigi's Pizza, located at 16020 Lorain Avenue, next to Fischer Foods, until her son Frank, opened his family's own pizzeria. Named Rosina's Pizza Shop, Gene states, "it was the first pizzeria to open in Lakewood."



Peggie McNamara Lavelle, who grew up a street away from Gene's family, also attended St. Vincent De Paul Grade School with her sister. They graduated from St. Joseph Academy. Her family lived on West 125th Street. The neighborhood park, Mohican Park, within walking distance, was where Gene and the neighborhood boys would play pick-up games of baseball at the ball diamonds. Peggie and her sister would sit on their porch to watch the goings of the park and the people walking by their house. All it took the former classmates from St. Vincent De Paul school to connect was a walk by Peggie's house when Gene was 16 and Peggie was 15 and the rest is history. The couple married at St. Vincent De Paul Church in 1957 when Gene returned home from Germany from serving with the United States Army.

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Since the family was no stranger to owning and working in a restaurant, when the chance to purchase an up and coming franchise arose, they took the risk. The Perkins chain was established in 1958 in Cincinnati, Ohio. In the 1960s, the chain expanded as a franchise. Gene and Frank invested in the Perkin Pancake House franchise in June of 1963. The brothers opened 4 locations, West Park, West 117th Street and Berea Road, Dover Center Road in Bay Village, and Parma Heights on Pearl Road. In the late '70s, the Perkins franchise was consolidated with their other chain, Smitty's. Then in 1979, Perkins became wholly owned by Holiday Inns, Inc. Perkins became Smitty's for just a few months before Gene and Peggie took over sole ownership of the West Park location. Gene and Peggie officially changed the name to

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**NO September
MEETING**

September Birthdays

4	Pat Rooney
7	Rich Jandrey
13	Steve Kronen
16	Pat Hergenroeder, Ken Thomas



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.