

“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

To our Ford lovers,
The days are getting shorter and the weather is a bit more brisk. That means it is time to start thinking of getting our prize toys ready for their long winter nap. Before old man winter starts to show his ugly head, it might be time to address the small things that were left to do at a later time. That way when spring starts your car will be ready to jump into and go.

As we get closer to the end of the year there isn't much to do or talk about. But the Oct. and Nov. meetings are very important for the health of our club. The Oct. meeting there will be nominations for the new board starting in Jan. The Nov. meeting we will be electing members for the new board. There will be two positions that will need to be filled. One vacancy will be for president and also for Vice President. These positions must be filled to keep the club going. Neither of these requires a great deal of time. The President has two major requirement #1 is a monthly President message submitted the first week of each month and preside over our monthly meetings.

The #2 position is Vice President. The duties would be to fill in when the President is unable to make a meeting. Also to assist the President where needed. Please give it some serious thought of stepping up and getting involved in YOUR CLUB. Up until Jeep became president most presidents before him held the position for two years. Jeep had the position for ten years and lulled us into thinking that whomever was in this position would just roll over for another year. I have been holding this office for three years and I feel it is time for some new ideas and vigor.

As in past years we have held an induction dinner to swear in the new board of directors to be held Sunday Jan.19. This year we will be going back to D'Agnese's at White Pond. The general consensus at the last meeting was to go back there again. More information will be following. Looking forward to a full house at the next meeting. Stay safe and hope to see you down the road

Jack



Officers & Board 2024

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

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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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Our guest speaker for October will be Dain King from the AACA. Topic will be AACA judging methods and procedures with a comparison to Early Ford System. Should be a hoot. Dan spoke to us last year about Early Ford V-8 Development.



**WE DID NOT HAVE A MEETING LAST MONTH
< THERE ARE NO MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER>**

2024 Activities At A Glance



- **Friday, October 18th** NORG Meeting Stow City Center 7:30
- **Saturday, October 19th** 10:00-4:00 Bucket-o-Beans Car Show in Marshville at the Historical Society Route 94 and East Church Street
- **Thursday, October 24th** NORG Luncheon. Farmer's Rail restaurant *See page 3 for more information.*
- **Friday, November 16th** NORG Meeting Stow City Center 7:30

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

**NORG 2024 Dues are Due
See Form on Page 11**

NORG Cookie Bakers

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	<u>Thank You</u>
August	Bonnie Sykes	<u>Thank You</u>
September	Beth Schilling	
October	Ginger Posar	
November	Diane Francis	

NO MEETING

NORG LUNCHEON
Thursday, October 24,
Farmer's Rail Restaurant 98 N. Main Street, Hudson.

Plan to arrive at 11:30 a.m. There is "nose-in" parking on Main Street right in front of the restaurant, but it is not easy to back out of the parking spot into the heavy traffic on Main Street safely, so it is a better idea to use the large parking lot that is behind the restaurant and enter through the back door. It is a bit of a walk from the parking lot to the restaurant, but this will help you build up a good appetite for



Pictures From Dave & Nancy Collette's Picnic Saturday August 10

As always, the Collette's put on one fantastic picnic. Dave told me that they had over 100 people and many, many vintage vehicles. Attached are a few of the photos they sent us



2024 Eastern National Meet, 1000 Islands, Clayton, New York

It is hard to describe in words the amazing Eastern Meet sponsored by Mohawk Valley RG#59 and Western New York RG#3 the week of September 15th. The area was very beautiful, accommodations were extraordinary, the weather perfect and the planned events outstanding. The hotel was adjacent to the St. Lawrence River and our room had a balcony overlooking the river.

The welcome party was probably one of the best for a regional national meet that we have ever attended. The food was delicious and plentiful and afterward the La Chausse family band provided an evening of entertainment and dancing. The RG groups arranged a number of very exciting tours to the Antique Boat Museum, Boldt Castle as well as the Ladies Luncheon at the restored Clayton Opera house.

The concourse was in a reserved section of the hotel parking lot, close to everyone. It was very nice visiting with a number of old friends. Years ago RG#3 and RG#20, met on a number of occasions whether in New York, Pennsylvania or Ohio for a weekend or more for many good times. On a personal note, although so many of our RG#3 members have passed on it was nice seeing Lou Buccini who entered a beautiful 1935 Ford Cabriolet that he purchased when he was 15 years old and completed it some 70 years later.

The food at the awards banquet was just as delicious and plentiful as the welcome party organized in a professional manner with awards presented by Chief Judge Ken Bounds.

Overall everyone commented on what a great time they had.

The following pages include photos of the Eastern National Meet and events

The Hotel



View from our Room



Antique Boat Museum





Boldt Castle ~ History and Today

George Boldt, proprietor of the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York City and manager of the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel in Philadelphia, and his family enjoyed an earlier frame cottage on Hart Island (the island's original name) for several summers, which they greatly expanded. In 1900, George Boldt launched an ambitious construction campaign to build a huge masonry structure, one of the largest private homes in the United States. He engaged the architectural firm G. W. & W. D. Hewitt and hundreds of workers to build a six-story castle as a present to his wife. In addition, four other masonry structures on the island are architecturally notable. Equally distinctive is a huge yacht house on neighboring Wellesley Island, where the Boldts had another summer home and a vast estate, incorporating farms, canals, a golf course, tennis courts, stables, and a polo field.

The construction of Boldt Castle ceased abruptly in early 1904 after the death of Boldt's wife, Louise Kehrler Boldt. Boldt never returned to Heart Island, but continued to spend summers in the 1000 Islands until his death in 1916. For 73 years, the castle and other stone structures were left exposed to the harsh winter weather and vandals. The Thousand Islands Bridge Authority acquired Heart Island and the nearby yacht house in 1977, for one dollar, under the agreement that all revenues obtained from the castle operation would be applied towards restoration, so that the island would be preserved for the enjoyment of future generations. In 1981, the movie *Fear No Evil* was filmed at several sites in and around Boldt Castle, marking the only time the castle has made an appearance in cinema. In the five decades after acquiring the property, the Thousand Islands Bridge Authority spent around \$15 million for restoration and improvements with work continuing annually. The initial goal of the restoration of Heart Island was not to finish what had not been completed, but to restore the island to the state it was in when construction was halted. Improvements have surpassed that goal, as a stained glass dome, marble floor, grand staircase woodwork, butler's pantry, servant's dining room and kitchen were restored. As of 2020, over \$50 million had been spent on restoration and rehabilitation work on the castle and surrounding structures.

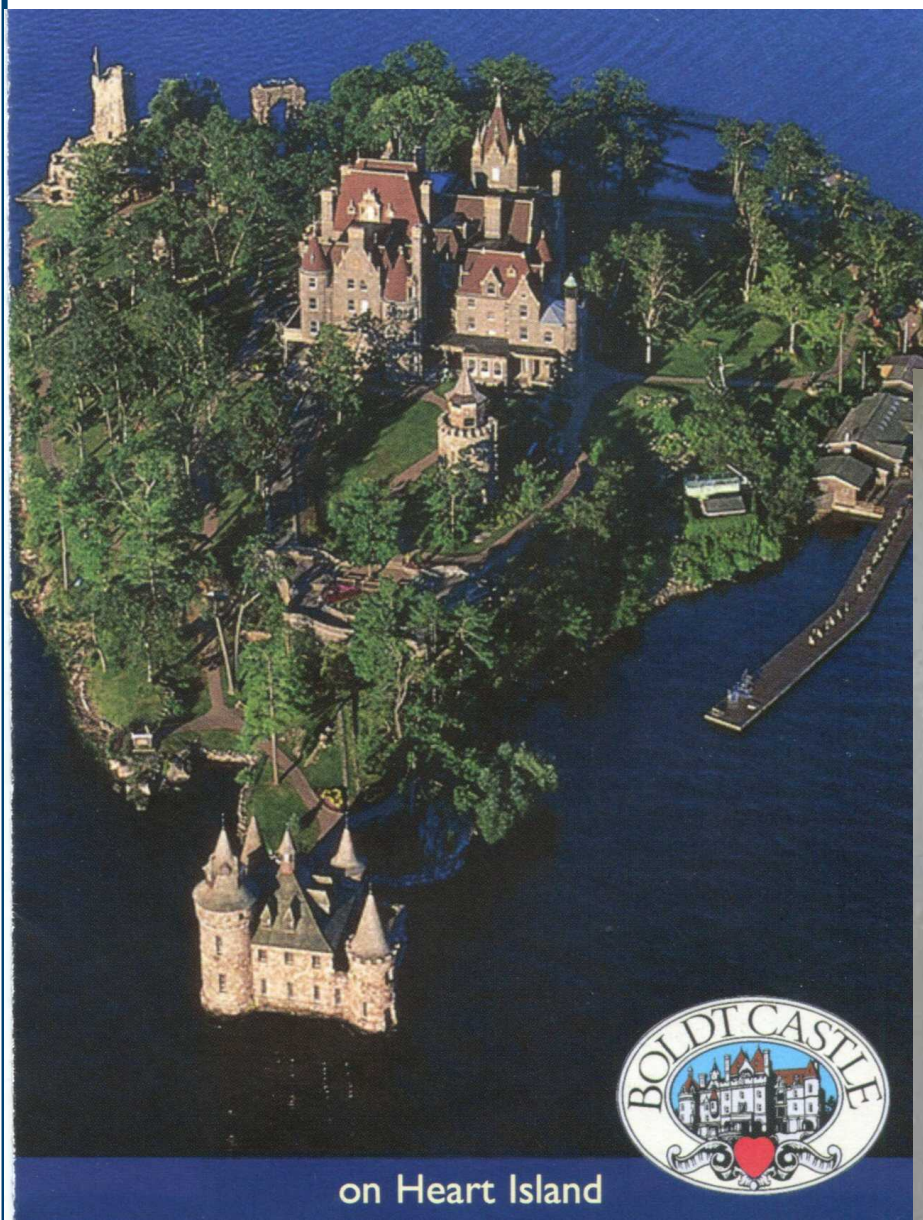
Today, Boldt Castle is accessible by ferry or tour boat. Most of the grounds and buildings can be explored by the public for a fee. Private boaters may also dock at Heart Island for free. Boldt Castle is a Port of Entry and has a U.S. Customs and Border Protection office on Heart Island. Visitors coming from Canada require appropriate identification to check in to the country, as visiting the island is considered entering the United States.

All of the rooms on the first floor and second floors of Boldt Castle are restored and furnished. The second floor houses the Gift Shop and Theatre, where visitors can view a 16-minute documentary about George Boldt and Boldt Castle. Most of the rooms on the third and fourth floors are unfurnished, but there are exhibits of pictures and original artifacts of the Thousand Islands region during the Gilded Age in which the Boldts lived. Rooms are also left unfurnished to give the visitor an opportunity to imagine what the castle looked like before the Thousand Island Bridge Authority's restoration efforts. The basement is mostly unfinished, with a swimming pool, many compartments, and a long tunnel passage to the Power House. At the edge of the island, a large peristyle archway stands as the intended original entrance way for boats to Heart Island. The bridge connecting the two sides would have been raised and lowered as required.

The Power House is located on the eastern edge of the island, and was built to hold a generator to supply the island with power via steam generator. Exhibits inside describe how power was obtained in the early 1900s, and hosts a small display of historic photographs of Boldt Castle construction and the Thousand Islands region. Nearly destroyed by a fire in the 1930s, the Power House was one of the first restoration projects completed after the Thousand Island Bridge Authority acquired it in 1977.

Alster Tower was modeled after a Rhineland defense tower in Germany and purposely constructed with slanting and uneven walls, ceilings, and roofs. This unique structure sits on the south side of the island facing Alexandria Bay, and boasts a two-lane bowling alley and stage for performances. The Alster Tower cafe is one of the restoration projects currently taking place on the island.

Photo's on the Following Pages



1930's Advertisement for Boat Tour to Boldt Castle for 60 cents

SEE THE FAMOUS
BOLDT CASTLE
COST \$7,000,000



A delightful boat trip
A fascinating visit to one of the show places of the Islands
Visited Annually by Thousands
The freedom to roam leisurely through the castle and about the beautiful grounds to your heart's content
The privilege to bring a basket lunch and picnic on the grounds, if you like

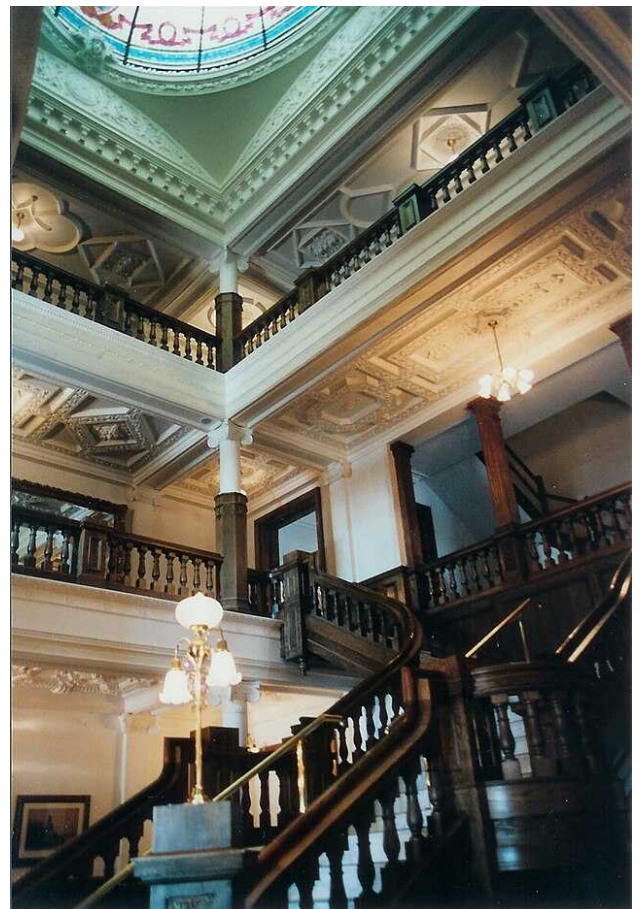
THE ONLY COST
including round-trip boat fare and admission to castle
60 cents

TWO LARGE SAFE MOTOR BOATS
Cassimatta Service = 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
HEART ISLAND I leaves foot of CORNWALL DOCK and HEART ISLAND II leaves foot of TOWN DOCK
for Heart Island and Boldt Castle

The castle was built by the late George C. Boldt, proprietor of the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, New York, and of the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel, Philadelphia. It was 10 years under construction but never completely finished. It is patterned after a famous European castle and is partly constructed of materials that were brought from Europe.



Boldt Castle after Restoration



2024 Eastern National Meet Concourse, Clayton New York



Lou Buccini's 1935 Ford Cabriolet purchased in early 1950's when Lou was 15. He completed the restoration after over 70 years of work bringing it back to it's original beauty



2024 NORG Eastern National Award Winners

Congratulations to NORG Members who received awards at the 2024 Eastern National Meet. They are Dave & Nancy Collette, 1940 Ford Pick-up Dearborn Medallion, Regis & Beth Schilling 1946 Ford Tudor Sedan, Medallion and Steve Kronen 1953 Ford Tudor Sedan 1st Place.



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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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October Birthdays

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|-----|---------------------------|
| 1. | Tom Somsak |
| 3. | Linda Wolfe |
| 4. | Jean Rounds |
| 6. | Stephanie Klein |
| 8. | Barb Rooney |
| 10. | Darlene Null, Bill Soltis |
| 17. | Don Meyers |
| 29. | Jim Bates |



**OCTOBER
MEETING
Friday, October
18th**

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.