

“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.”

Greetings to all,

I hope you are well.

Another month in the rearview Seems like time flies by faster every year. July, with its picnics and fireworks and V8 activities are in the past.

NORG had a few events last month. On the 4th, three cars took part in the city of Stow Parade. Dan and Diane (70 GTO), Regis and his granddaughter Haley (29 Model A) and your Author (53 Ford) drove the two mile route. The day was picture perfect.

On Saturday the 26th, NORG members had two options. Six members made the drive east to the Collette Farm for the annual picnic and car show. The weather was scorching HOT and humid, but the food was never ending and delicious. Dave reported 176 in attendance with an eclectic group of cars.

Thank you to Nancy and Dave for another wonderful day.

Also on the 26th, the Richfield car show took place on the square. Rich Jandrey will have a report at our next meeting.

Here's hoping that August delivers more enjoyable gatherings.

On second thought, with NORG, any time V8er's get together, it is a good time!

Keep those Early Fords between the ditches

Steve



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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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August Speaker

Rick Hudak is back to give us wrap up of Richfield SHOW ON THE GREEN from July 26th and a preview of the MOLTO BELLA CAR SHOW coming up September 14th



MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF JULY 18, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by president Steve Kronen. He thanked Bonnie and Bill Sykes for this evening's coffee and cookies. He then asked members to introduce themselves and say a few words about their cars.

Secretary Neal Garland thanked Frank Posar for serving as temporary secretary while he was out of town. Frank's minutes from the June meeting were read and accepted.

Our speaker for this evening was Chuck Loper, who has spoken to us before. Chuck has an interesting collection of high-end European sports cars. He also is the proud owner of a 1937 Ford. He presented more accounts of the trials and adventures related to the locating and purchasing of desirable collector cars. He also brought to our attention the fact that it is possible to get a "TD" title for your car. This is a "Transfer on Death" title that lets you name who owns your car in the event of your death. The person you name will automatically own the car without going through a lot of legal red tape. Thank you, Chuck, for another entertaining and informative presentation.

Co-treasurer Diane Francis reported that our treasury is still in good condition. Regis Schilling reported that our website is not experiencing any problems.

Steve Kronen gave a brief report on the Central National Meet held in Springfield, Illinois on June 22-26. He felt that it was an extremely well planned meet and that all who attended it enjoyed it very much. Hats off to Ken and Carolyn Bounds and their co-workers for a job well done!

Bruce Lewicki added a few comments on an interesting chocolate shop that the club members visited on the way back to Ohio. The name of the shop was the Uranus Fudge Factory and it was filled with humorous signs as well as a great assortment of chocolates.

Ed Carr informed us that the V8 Club's national tool advisor Lynn Stacey has passed away. Lynn was an excellent source of knowledge regarding what Ford tools were supplied with each model year Ford. He will be greatly missed by the club. His widow would like to sell the tool business to an interested buyer..

Bruce Lewicki informed us that there is a radio station at 1330 A.M. called The Motor Doctor that features discussions on car problems and how to fix them. It should be interesting to listen to.

Rick Jandrey brought to our attention a car show that will be held on the Richfield Village Green in Richfield, Ohio on Saturday, July 26. The show will run from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Pre-registration is \$10, or \$15 on the day of the show. He also informed us that AM Vets Post 176 will host a car and bike cruise-in in Richfield on Thursday, August 14. There will be no entry or admission fees.

Discussion was held regarding the possibility of an overnight trip to the Gilmore Auto Museum in Hickory Corners, Michigan. Other activities to take note of are the show at the Regina Health Center on September 3 and the Motto Bella show at Hale Farm on September 14.

Club members were reminded that the picnic at Dave and Nancy Collette's farm in Portersville, Pennsylvania will be held on Saturday, July 26. This is always well worth the trip!!

Discussion was held regarding a breakfast at the Mihalik's farm. More on this later.

Rick Jandrey moved that we adjourn. Second by Pat Rooney. We did, at 8:45 p.m.

Neal Garland, Secretary

2025 NORG Activities At A Glance

- **Thursday, August, 14th** AMVETS Cruise in - Richfield, Ohio 3944 Wheatley Rd Richfield, OH 44286
- **Friday, August, 15th** NORG Meeting Stow City Center 7:30
- **Sunday, August 17th** Cars & Coffee, Bainbridge Oh, **See page 5 for more information**
- **Friday, August 22nd** Strongsville Car Show. **See page 5 for more information**
- **August TBD** NORG/Nifty Fifties Breakfast at Mihalek's Farm **Refer to note below**
- **Sunday, August 24th** Car Show, Patterson Fruit Farm Chesterland OH **See page 5 for more information**
- **September 3rd,** Regina Health Car Show **See page 6 for more information**
- **September 14th** Molto Bella Car Show Hale Farm & Village **More Information to follow**
- **September TBD** NORG/Nifty Fifties Corn Roast **Refer to note below**
- **October** Bucket of Beans Car Show **More Information to follow**



Information Regarding the Breakfast and Corn Roast

Regarding the Scheduled Breakfast at Ron & Karen's Farm. Bruce is working with Ron regarding dates. Unfortunately, Karen has had some health issues. As a result, there are circumstances that affect firm dates. When we have dates, we will either print them in our Newsletter or send out information via e-mail. Thank you for your understanding.

NORG COOKIE BAKERS

February	Steve Klein <i>Thank you</i>
March	Neal & Momoe Garland <i>Thanks</i>
April	John Madden <i>Thanks</i>
May	Diane Francis <i>Thank You</i>
July	Bill & Bonnie Sykes <i>Thank You</i>
August	Regis & Beth Schilling
September	Sharon Bukszar
October	Bruce Lewicki
November	Pat Rooney

Picnic at Dave and Nancy Collette's Farm July 26

Once again, Nancy and Dave Colette's picnic was amazing. To quote Nancy, "car picnics could not happen without the help of many friends - and family members."

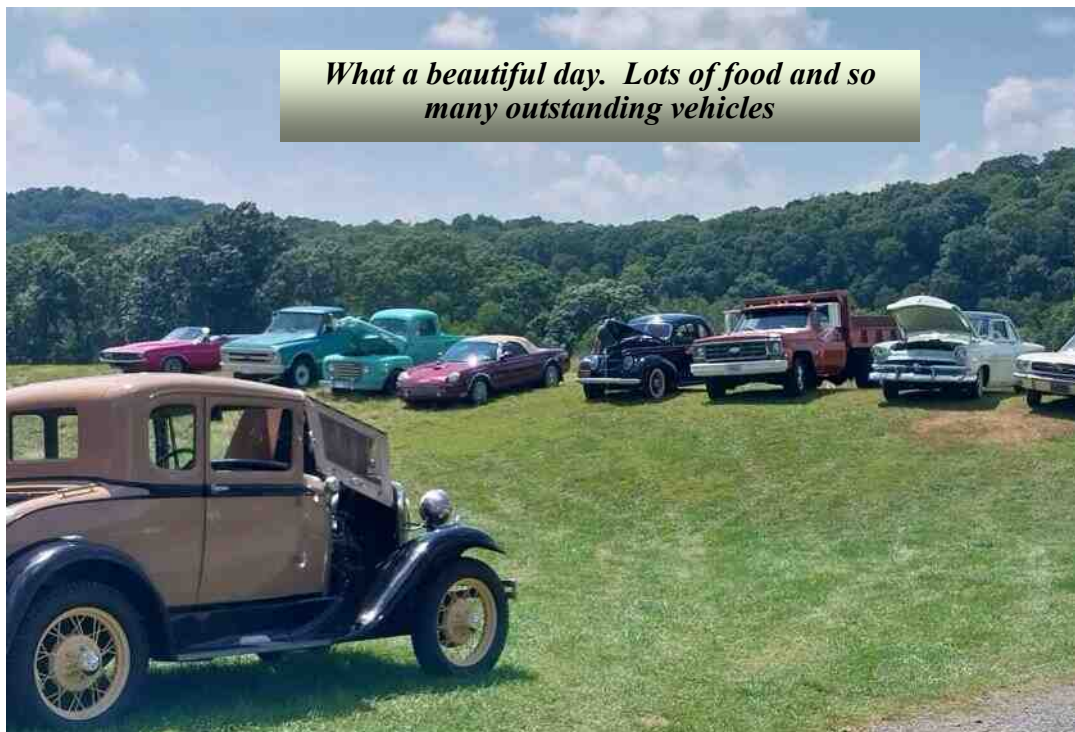
This year's picnic included about 170 people and 60 old cars. Divine help seemed to be the order of the day as well. Early this morning we got all the final outside jobs done before it poured. By the time folks drove in, the sun was shining.

At 5:30, when the first layer of cleanup was complete, I took a short video (see below) from the front porch. We are tired but smiling. We saw many friends and family members and even met some new friends for the first time.

Below find photos of the day.



What a beautiful day. Lots of food and so many outstanding vehicles





FRIDAY, AUGUST 22nd
3-6PM

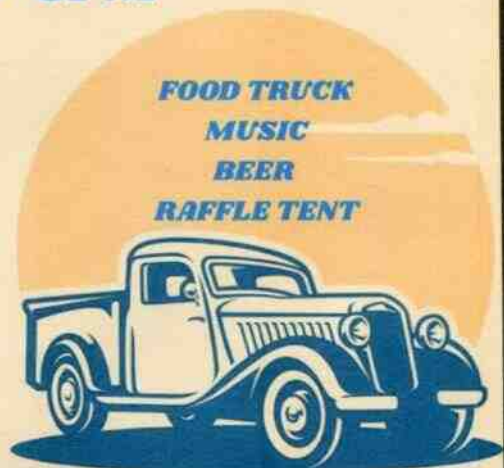
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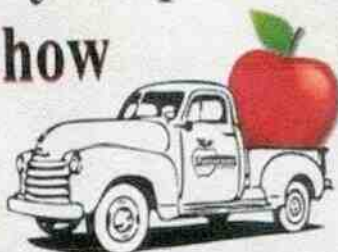
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Best of Show



15th Annual



Annual Car Show and Car Corral

Over 200 cars, trucks & motorcycles
Custom awards for best vehicles in 12 categories
Best of Show - Patterson Fruit Farm Choice

Sunday, August 24, 2025

Food, 50/50 raffle, apples, donuts, fritters, and more!

Fun for the whole family

Show cars: \$12 pre registered, \$15 day of show

Cars on field by 10:00 AM - Free admission for spectators

Patterson Fruit Farm

11414 Caves Rd - Chesterland, OH 44026



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REGINA HEALTH CENTER

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2025 Regina Health Center

Annual Car Cruise!

All Family & Friends of Regina Welcome!



Wednesday, September 3rd

5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

(Raindate: Wednesday, September 12th)

Show open to all Classic, Specialty or Modified Vehicles.

\$5.00 entrance fee, per vehicle entered and is payable at the Registration table on the day of the show. Cars may begin arriving at 4:30 p.m.

We will be selling “Dog Baskets” with a fresh grilled hot dog, choice of snack chips & beverage. Ron Takach will once again be onsite with his fantastic homemade ice cream!

Cash only

Music and Announcements by The Polka Pirates!

50/50 and Raffle basket tickets will be available for purchase. Proceeds to benefit Regina Resident Activities Fund.

Please email Vicky Putt, Activities Director at: vicky.putt@reginahealthcenter.org to register a classic vehicle.

*****Note** We are respectfully requesting that our show NOT be advertised in any car magazines, websites or on any social media platforms.***



Distinguished New 1952 Ford "Beauty that Belongs"

By John Emmering

In the post-war era, the automobile industry experienced a significant transformation, and Ford Motor Company was at the forefront of this evolution. Henry Ford II, taking the reins of the company, showed a deep appreciation for the designs that captured the spirit of the time. One such design was the 1949 Ford, a model that he admired so much that he decided to retain its body style for three consecutive years. This decision was reflective of the era's taste and the car's popularity among consumers.

For 1952, Ford decided it was time to introduce a fully redesigned automobile. This new model was not just an aesthetic overhaul but also a significant engineering advancement. The 1952 Ford featured the flathead V-8 engine which had been increased to 110 horsepower, an overhead valve six-cylinder engine, and a host of other mechanical improvements that set it apart from its predecessors.

One of the standout models of this year was the Crestline Victoria. Introduced as a top-tier trim, the Crestline Victoria quickly became a favorite among car buyers. Its stylish design, coupled with the robust performance of the up-dated V-8 engine made it a best-seller for Ford. The car was emblematic of the company's commitment to blending style with substance. However, the production numbers for the 1952 Ford models were affected by external factors,

most notably the Korean War. The conflict led to material shortages and production slowdowns, resulting in fewer cars being built that year. Despite these challenges, the new models that were produced were highly sought after, and the Crestline Victoria, in particular, even today by modern collectors.

The early 1950s were a pivotal period for Ford. The transition from the beloved 1949-51 models to the innovative 1952 redesign showcased the company's ability to evolve and adapt to changing market conditions and consumer preferences. Henry Ford II's leadership during this time was instrumental in guiding the company through these changes and laying the groundwork for future success.

The models from this era, especially the Crestline Victoria, remain iconic examples of automotive design and engineering. They are celebrated not only for their aesthetic appeal but also for their contributions to the advancements in car manufacturing and performance.

In conclusion, the history of Ford automobiles in the early 1950s is a fascinating chapter in the company's legacy. It highlights the interplay between design, engineering, and external influences, and underscores the importance of innovation and leadership in the automotive industry.

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Another good article by John Emmering , thanks to the "Hoosier Views"





SPECIFICATIONS 1952 FORD Crestline Victoria

Engine:	V-8 L-Head 239.4 cu
Horsepower	110@3800 rpm
Transmission	3-speed manual Optional Overdrive or 3 speed automatic
Brakes	four-wheel hydraulic
Wheelbase	115 inches
Curb weight	3,594 lbs.
Price new	\$2,100



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July Birthdays
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Ginger Posar	21
Beth Schilling	23

August Birthdays

Mary Ellen Thomas	3
Bruce Lewicki	8
Steve Klein	14
Dan Francis	17
Richard Wolf	22



August MEETING
Friday
August 15th
7:30 Stow City Center

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.

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