

“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.

August came in Hot and Humid and left us feeling that Fall is just around the corner.

What a juxtaposition of weather in such a short period of time. August was also the month for car shows, with a total of four taking place. I joined Rick Jandrey for the AM_VETS cruise-in on the 14th in Richfield. With approximately forty cars of all makes, AM-VETS hosted a nice early evening show. I’ve never been a car show guy in the past. But, with age I’ve discovered that it's a way to meet nice car people. Who knows, it may be a way to increase our membership?

Our next event is our annual Corn Roast in conjunction with the Nifty Fifties. As usual it will be at the Mihalek Farm on September 20th. More information to follow.

In closing, I hope to see you at our monthly meeting on the 19th.

Steve



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President: Steve Kronen

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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

Our speaker for September is Mr. Don Torma owner of Country Maid Ice Cream, located in Richfield. Do many of us have enjoyed their ice cream for the past 50 years.



Hello,
September!

MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF JULY 18, 2025

The meeting was called to order by President Steve Kronen. He thanked Jack and Sharon Bukszar for the evening's refreshments. Steve then asked the members for a roll call by introducing themselves.

In Neal Garland's absence Frank Posar volunteered to act as secretary (once again). A copy of July's minutes was not available to be read therefore could not be accepted.

The speaker for the night was Rick Hudak, who did a presentation on how car shows got their beginning. Especially interesting was the part that the AACA in Hershey, Pa and the Hot Rod Association played in the development of car shows back in the 60's. Rick had a very nice slide show to enhance his program and to show us his 1912 Cadillac.

Steve asked our treasurer Diane Francis for her report which was accepted by the attendees.

Next up was Dan Francis who recently took over the membership job and he reported we have 72 members counting spouses.

Steve next asked Craig Gorris for a report about the newsletter which Craig confirmed was sent out. Craig is looking for pictures and other information to place in the newsletter.

Due to the absence of other business members there were no other reports.

Steve presented a National Club report that no one has stepped up to do a National Meet in 2026 so far. He also stated that it was getting late in the year to get one organized.

Under old business, Rick Jandrey asked if anyone needed any of our club business cards to hand out and reminded us of the upcoming Bucket of Beans show in October. Rick also had many fliers on hand for the different shows on the horizon.

Steve asked if there were any comments for the good of the club and hearing none, called for an adjournment of the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM

Respectfully presented

Frank Posar

*A BIG Thank You to Frank for taking the August Minutes
in Secretary Neal Garland's absence on vacation*

2025 NORG Activities At A Glance



- **Sunday, September 14th** 10:00 ~ 3:00 Molto Bella Car Show
Hale Farm & Village Bath **See page for more 4 information**
- **Friday, September 19th** 7:30 NORG September Meeting, Stow
City Center
- **Saturday, September 20th** NORG/Nifty Fifties Corn Roast **See page 5 for
more information**
- **Sunday, October 12th** Medina County Fall Foliage Tour **See page 7 for more in-
formation**
- **Friday, October 17th** 7:30 NORG September Meeting, Stow City Center
- **Saturday, October 18th** Bucket-O-Beans 9:00 ~ 3:00 Marshallville , **More Infor-
mation on page 4**

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 <i>Thank you</i>
September	Sharon Bukszar
October	Bruce Lewicki
November	Pat Rooney

12TH ANNUAL
LA MACCHINA
MOLTO BELLA
AUTO SHOW

• SEPTEMBER 14, 2025 •

10^{AM} - 3^{PM}

Rain Date set to September 21st

Presented by

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Frank Todaro & David Nelson wish to thank all of our great
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All proceeds from the Molto Bella car show benefit Akron Society for Answered Prayers (ASAP)

The Akron Society for Answered Prayers (ASAP) is a non-profit organization that hosts events to raise funds for local charities, focusing on health, general support, and financing for those in need. The organization often partners with other charities, such as the [Summit County Kidney Foundation](#), and supports the [Molto Bella Auto Show](#), which features exotic cars to help fund its

**Bucket and Beans
Car Show**

**Saturday October 18th
9:00 ~ 3:00**

In Marshallville OH
Located in Wayne County
on S.R. 94 South of Route 30

There will be traditional bean soup, cornbread and bologna sandwiches served at the event. Car registration begins at 11am.

There is also a Fire Fighter's Pancake Breakfast served from 7:00 ~ 11:00 "All you can eat"

NORG/Nifty Fifties Corn Roast



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

RON & KAREN'S FARM

1020 MEDINA COUNTY LINE ROAD, BATH OHIO

ARRIVE 1:00 SERVE FOOD AT 2:00

\$15.00/PERSON

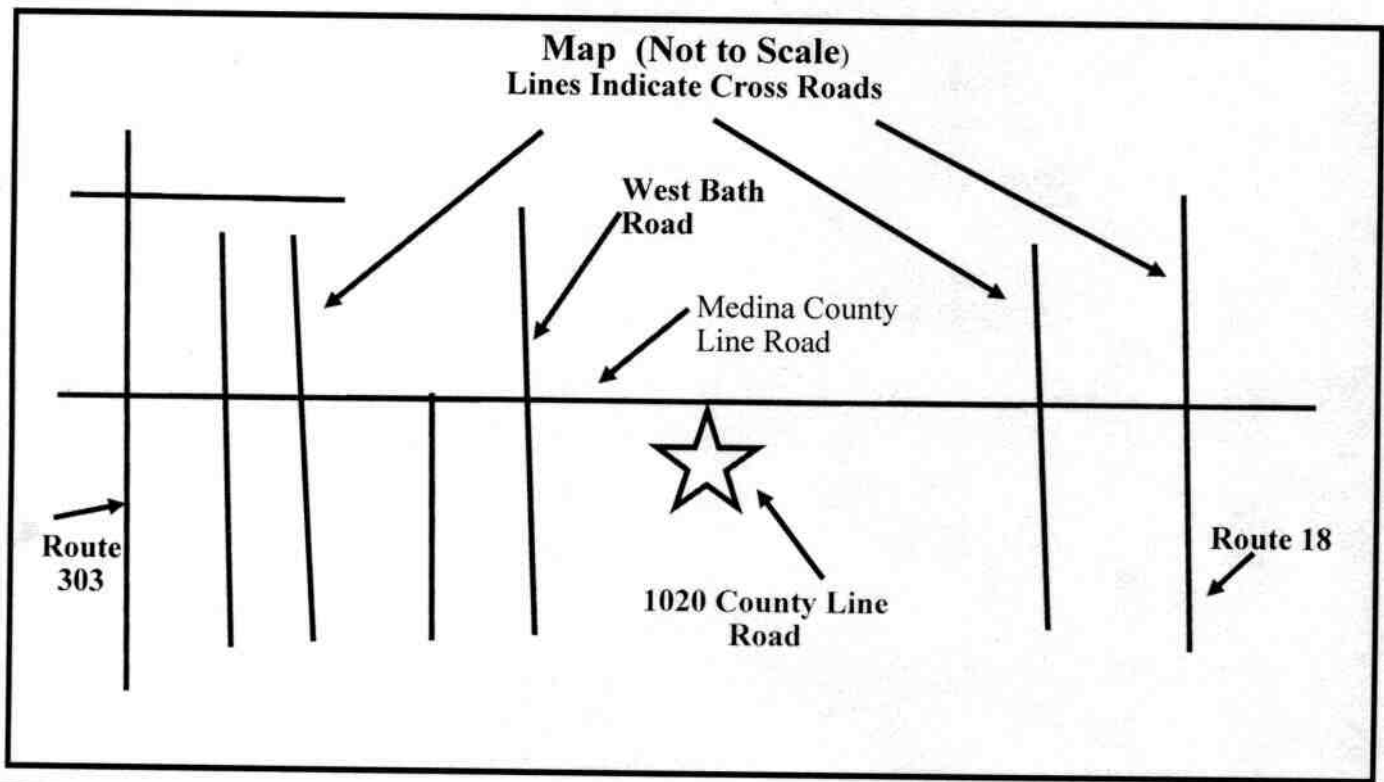
This event has been a NORG social for many years. The Club will provide Fresh Sweet Corn roasted on the grill and Bratwurst sandwiches and Dinner ware.

Please bring your drink of choice, lawn chairs and your appetite .
If you wish bring a desert, please do!

We need a headcount by Wednesday 9-17

Call Craig at 216-215-7266 or e-mail c.gorris@prodigy.net

Also, if you wish to help, call Craig



HOW WOMEN FOUND A PLACE AT FORD MOTOR CO.



Following the accepted practice at the time in the earliest years of the automobile industry women found no place in that budding industry. As the industry matured Henry Ford began to hire windows of some his employees so that they might continue to support their families. Once women employees were introduced in this manner Ford instituted some regular female hires.

A lady named Georgia Boyer was the first woman hired onto the Ford Service Department. In 1922 she accompanied two other female employees on Henry Ford's Goodwill Delegation which traveled to Europe to observe the devastation of the First World War.

After Ford Motor Company's relocation to the Highland Park Plant in 1910 Blanche Furlong was employed. By 1915 there were several hundred women working at the plant. Ms Furlong moved up to the position of Ford Division General Sales Office Supervisor by 1953 and was by then the longest serving female employee.

Many would be surprised to know that Clara Ford, wife of Henry was an early advocate for women's rights. Mrs. Ford was an active participant in the women's suffrage movement. She served as the Vice Chair of the Equal Suffrage League of Wayne County, Michigan. After the vote was secured with the passage of the 19th Amendment in 1920 she became involved in the Michigan League of Women voters. Mrs. Ford showed her support with a donation of \$3,000 to the League during the great depression.

Employed to work at the Ford's Willow Run Plant assembling B-24 "Liberator" aircraft Rose Monroe gained fame as the celebrated "Rosie the Riveter". At that time. A large percentage of single and married women joined the workforce. They worked in the war industry or replaced the men who were away for military service. Rose was one of 12,000 women hired by Ford to work in the wartime aircraft plant. She and her female co-workers were paid 85 cents an hour, the same rate paid to male employees. 8,685 B-24 bombers were produced at Willow Run having an impact on the outcome of the Second World War.

Besides working on the assembly line women began to enter other facets of the Ford Motor Company during the wartime years. Dolores Marsac became the first draftswoman hired. Ford's metallurgical department added Ms. Jean Stommel, the first woman to join that department. She worked at the Highland Park Plant analyzing steel components for tanks and anti-aircraft directors. Leota Carroll had the distinction of being the first woman hired as a designer at Ford.

When the war ended Ford, as other companies had done, laid off thousands of women employees replacing them with inexperienced men. A union protest arose and 150 women picketed the Highland Park Plant. Several hundred of the women were recalled for work as a result. The ensuing years saw increased opportunities for women as the company eventually moved to its present status as an equal opportunity employer.

Thanks to the "Hoosier" magazine for this article

Medina Fall Foliage Tour with Nifty Fifties Car Club

Sunday, October 12, 2025

NORG is planning to join the Nifty Fifties as we wrap up another unforgettable cruising season, we've got one last ride planned—and it's a beauty. Join us on Sunday, October 12th for the Medina County Fall Foliage Tour, a self-guided drive through some of Ohio's most scenic autumn landscapes.

We'll be hitting the road together to enjoy:

- Stunning fall colors along peaceful country roads
- Stops at local farms, parks, and historical sites
- Seasonal treats, photo ops, and plenty of classic car admiration

This is a relaxed, go-at-your-own-pace cruise, perfect for showing off our vintage Fords and soaking in the season. We'll share the official tour map as soon as it's available, and we encourage members to meet up along the route for photos and fellowship.

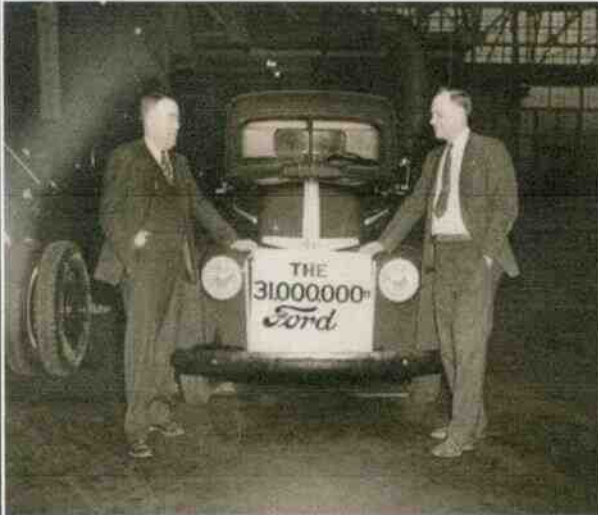
Let's make this final cruise of 2025 one to remember!



A 1945 Series 59C ½ Ton Pickup becomes the 31 Millionth Ford

By John Emmering

As the German war machine was in the process of capitulation in Europe, Ford Motor Company briefly turned its attention to the production of the company's 31 Millionth vehicle on Thursday May 3, 1945. This time the vehicle was not a stylish sedan, since passenger car production had not yet resumed. The 31 Millionth Ford was a Spartan-appearing 1945 series 59C ½ ton pickup truck. Lacking the fanfare of earlier production milestones this event did not garner national press coverage or lavish ceremonies. As the pickup rolled off the Rouge assembly line however, worker's spirits were lifted as the prospect of a return to full peacetime production increased.



The U.S. War Production Board authorized a resumption of civilian pickup truck production in February of 1945 when it perceived a need for trucks for business and agricultural use. Initially a clone of the 1942 Model 29C pick up was produced. By May the trucks had been designated as Series 59C incorporating the modifications prepared for the 1946 models. These early pickups were designated 1945 models and the 59C series was continued throughout 1946. The pickups were the only civilian trucks built by Ford in 1945 and came only in "Village Green" with cream colored grills. Just 564 of these trucks were built in 1945 and they were not equipped with a spare tire due to war time shortages. These early post war trucks were eagerly purchased by businessmen and farmers weary of repairing and maintaining their tired older model pickups.



1945 Model 59C restored to its original glory



True to form this example also lacks a spare

The first automobile heater was patented in 1893 by Margaret A Wilcox an engineer in Chicago (Elizabeth Marshall, History, February 2, 2024)

In today's world, it's hard to imagine enduring cold winter drives without the comfort of a responsive automobile heater. It's a luxury we often take for granted, but have you ever wondered who was behind the invention that made our winter journeys cozy and warm? Well, look no further than Margaret A. Wilcox, an ingenious engineer from Chicago.

Margaret A. Wilcox, a trailblazing woman ahead of her time, patented the first automobile heater in 1893. This groundbreaking invention revolutionized the way we travel during frigid weather conditions. Wilcox's creative and innovative mind allowed her to address a crucial need, enhancing comfort and safety for vehicle occupants.

Before Wilcox's invention, passengers in early automobiles had to rely on heavy coats, blankets, and sheer endurance to combat the freezing cold. Driving during winters was undoubtedly an uncomfortable and perilous experience. However, Wilcox's patent brought a much-needed solution to this problem by introducing a system that used heated air from the car's engine to warm the interior.

By utilizing the heat generated from the engine, Wilcox's automobile heater provided much-needed warmth to the vehicle's interior cabin. This simple yet effective idea turned long, freezing drives into comfortable and cozy journeys. With a flick of a switch, passengers could now enjoy comfortable conditions regardless of the weather outside.

Wilcox's invention not only transformed the driving experience but also paved the way for further developments in automotive technology. It provided a solid foundation for future innovations, making vehicles more comfortable and user-friendly. It was an essential milestone that showcased the significant role women played in shaping the engineering and automotive industries.

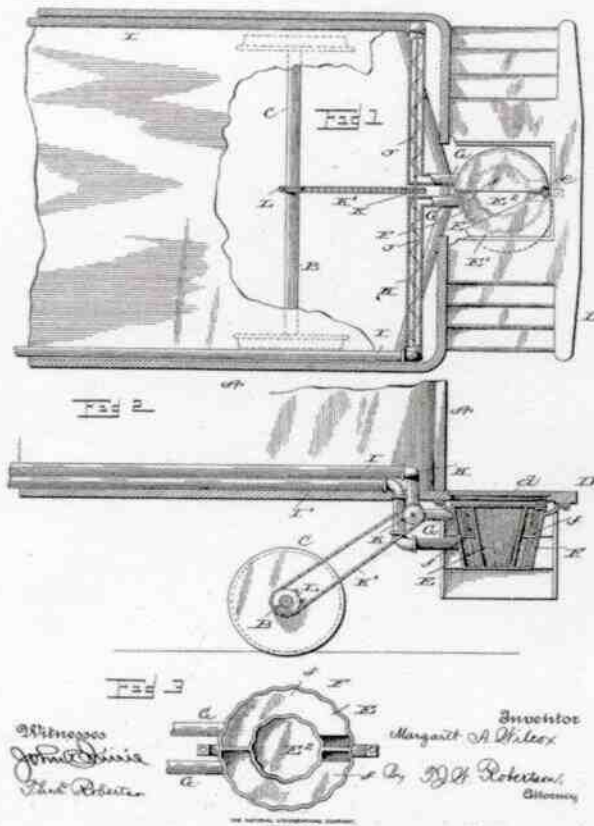
As we appreciate the warmth provided by our modern car heaters, it's important to acknowledge the brilliance of Margaret A. Wilcox. Her pioneering invention has left an everlasting impact on our daily lives, ensuring that even the chilliest of winter drives remain pleasant and bearable.

(No Model.)

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September Birthdays

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



September Meeting
Friday September 19th
7:30 PM
Stow City Center

NORG MEMBERS

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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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