

# “The Headliner”

## Newsletter of the Northern Ohio Regional Group #20 Early Ford V-8 Club of America

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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.”

### Message From Our President

The rain has finally let up a little and now we are going to get blessed with mosquitoes, but that's Ohio.

We are back from our trek to Lake Tahoe, I had a great time at the Grand National Meet, it certainly was a first class event in itself. The scenery was absolutely mind boggling. It was really nice meeting up with old friends and meeting new ones from around the world. The concourse as usual was filled with a lot of beautiful cars. Lots of stories to tell.

I believe Craig and Annette will have many pictures to share as I didn't take very many. I'm sorry I missed the last meeting as I had a prior commitment.

Jack and Frank are putting the final touches on our joint tour to Michigan. They are doing one hell of a job on this one, I personally can't wait to get going. I hope that they include an ice cream stop or two.

The Mt. Alverna Rest Home is our next outing THANKS to the Mihalek's, more information in the news letter. We also have a night at Regina Health Care. The club has a lot to do and its there for you to enjoy and take advantage of driving those old V8s. Henry put wheels on them for a reason. I think it would be nice if someone could grab the bull by the tail and have a cookout or a small outing. Giving back to the group is not a very hard thing to do. A little bit of your time would go a long way. I see a lot of folks attending events that a few loyal folks give their time an efforts to keep this group together. When you do attend these events try to realize someone took the time and stepped up to make it happen.

Enjoy those V8s B4 ITS 2L8.

*Jeep*



### Officers & Board 2012

**President:** Jeep Iacobucci  
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Annette Gorris  
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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 Program

Rich Jandrey has requested that we share with you items and information from the Grand National 50th Anniversary Celebration.



## Minutes from the N.O.R.G. Meeting, July 19, 2013

Neal Garland called the meeting to order on July 19, 2013 at 7:34 pm. He substituted for Jeep, who was not present. Anne Davis took minutes for Ginnie Herrmann

Ginger Posar made beautiful cookies and cheesecakes- not only breathtakingly pleasing to the eye, but delicious, too. Joe thought that they were professionally made by a bakery.

Neal asked for introductions. Treasurer's report- still solvent and no outstanding debts.

### **Program:**

Rusty Freese, a professional automotive upholstery repair person and his wife Marcy shared his history and hints with us. His company, Color King, started as a franchise with his father as a mobile business years ago. They grew to a 6 crew business, but the problems created by having employees do the work, as opposed to doing it yourself, was more trouble than it was worth, so he is now a sole proprietor. He goes to Dealers, and repairs, not restores vinyl, leather, and cloth in used cars. Dealers prefer to repair, not replace. He addresses minor tears, stains, and fading and doesn't work on cars over 20 years old- the older fabrics have lost their flexibility and are fragile. He described various techniques to repair different materials. He described how he had to learn as he went, because new materials have been introduced over the years. For cleaning leather, he recommends Lexol. For vinyl, Nuvinyl is the best. For cloth, he suggests a none penetrating foam cleaner to lift the dirt. He shared some of his trade secrets with us, like using an aerosol window cleaner on upholstery stains. But he strongly recommended that if you are using a product not intended for what it was made for, to test the results on a hidden area before proceeding. With foam upholstery cleaners, just use a soft brush and towel the spot off. Another trick he uses is a little bit of Brake parts cleaner on grease spots- but he was very reluctant to suggest this, and stressed that whatever you do, don't get it on plastic and be very, very, careful. He spoke about other types of repairs done on cars, such as windshield, bumpers, hubcaps, paint, and dents. He talked briefly about other vendors who supply these services. Finally, Rusty asked if we would consider donating a year membership to the winner of a raffle for a very nice Shoebox Ford that a dealer he works with is promoting. The winner of the car would also win a year's membership, hopefully getting a new member for us.

**Minutes:** Neal read the May minutes.

**Membership Report:** Craig wasn't present

### **Upcoming Activities:**

Ron Mihalek asked for sign-ups for the Mt Alverna Car Show on Aug 4.  
Wednesday Aug 21 Regina Health Center car show in Richfield on Broadview Blvd  
Aug 22-24 Tour to Dearborn

**Historian:** No Bill Royer for a Historians Report

**Club Clothing:** Frank Posar has a list of prices for clothing orders with our logo, contact him if interested

9:00 pm meeting adjourned

A **BIG THANK YOU** to Ann Davis for the Meeting Minutes

## Thank You

*Karen Mihalek*

Mt. Alverna attendants -  
Wow!  
Another wonderful day!  
The staff and residents at Mt. Alverna  
were so grateful for your visit.  
An even bigger thank you from us -  
Ron and Karen

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**Obituary: Paul Guess:** *Paul was a member of NORG for many years. He owned a beautiful 1939 Convertible*

Paul Elden Guess 80, of Countryside Dr., Carrollton, died Tuesday evening July 23, 2013, in his home. Born Jan. 30, 1933, in Carrollton, Ohio, he was a son of the late Theodore and Florence Staley Guess. Paul was a businessman, developer, and avid promoter of Carrollton. He owned and operated Guess Motors in Carrollton along with the Carrollton Ponderosa Restaurant, and was a developer of homes in the village of Carrollton as well as an original investor in the Days Inn Hotel of Carrollton. He had served in the United States Air Force. He was a member of the Church of Christ Christian Disciples of Carrollton where he had served as an Elder, the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce, Carrollton Rotary and the Carrollton Kiwanis, also the National Association of Auto Dealers, and the Early Ford V-8 Club. Paul is survived by his wife the former Vivian Simmons; one son, Mike (Jean) Guess of Carrollton; one daughter, Kathy (Scott) Carson of Canton; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; one sister, Shirley (Charles) James of Carrollton

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### For Sale 1955 Mercury Monterey 4-Door Sedan

Salt free California car, V-8 Automatic, \$8,500

Loretta Duda 330-832-3222





# ***Early Ford V-8 Grand National Golden Jubilee at Lake Tahoe CA.***

*By Craig Gorris*

The following pages really do not do justice to the fantastic job that the Golden Gate, Regional Group #1, of the Early Ford V-8 Club provided to all members and guests that attended the meet June 17 through June 21 at Lake Tahoe, California. We will attempt to share with you the excitement, events and experiences we had the week we were there.



**Lake Tahoe California**

**The Concourse on  
Judging Day**



Our story actually began on Wednesday, June 5 in Canton Ohio. Arel Brown, and Jerry Reichel, past presidents of the Early Ford V-8 Club, put together a tour that was to travel the Lincoln Highway from Gettysburg PA to Lake Tahoe. The tour had destinations planned for each day and members who wanted to join, could do so as the tour either stopped at or traveled through their home town.

Getting back to Canton, Craig & I met up with the tour that evening and had dinner with a few members. Arel lives in upstate NY, Jerry in Atlanta, and other members began in Boston, Fairfax VA and Rochester NY. After meeting in Gettysburg, their second stop was Canton OH. The entire trip was posted on the Early Ford V-8 Club website by Frank Miller of New England RG#5. If by chance you missed them, they are still up on the website ([www.earlyfordv8.org](http://www.earlyfordv8.org)), then click on the Forum and then General Ford Discussion. Suggest you back-track to June 5. There you can read about the tour complete with photos and dialog describing the events each day. The group arrived in Lake Tahoe on Sunday June 16, spent time at the Grand National and then the group returned cross country visiting the Grand Tetons, Yellowstone, Mt Rushmore, Wall Drug, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Mackinaw Island Michigan and the tour ended in Flint Michigan on July 9th.



**"Grand Tour "Banner on the Trunk of Arel Brown's 1935 Ford Phaeton**

From Left to Right Arel & Barb Brown (NY), Bob & Mary Ann Padavano (GA) Jerry & Cheryl Riechel (GA), Canton OH 6/5/13



After leaving Canton, the group traveled to the Early Ford V-8 Foundation in Auburn IN.

Craig & I left home on Sunday, June 9 with our first stop in Ottawa IL. It was HOT during the entire trip. From there we drove through Iowa to Lincoln NE, and spent Tuesday evening there. Our Wednesday stop was Kearney NE and by then the temperature, according to an outside thermometer on a building was 100°. At this point, the vehicle began to loose water. We had been in touch with Jeep and he told us he left home on Wednesday, ran into a tremendous thunderstorm outside of Chicago and was in a motel without power. In addition, he lost the brakes on the Mercury. Not to worry, Jeep found a Ford Dealer that allowed him to use their lift and he repaired the brakes.

We arrived in Laramie WY, a distance a bit over 1,400 miles, on Thursday afternoon and decided that the water leak was much more than just that. Turned out to be a blown head gasket., which we expected and decided not to go any farther. We left the vehicle



Leaving Ottawa IL on Monday Morning



in Laramie, rented a car and continued on. Although we were extremely disappointed, it turned out to be the correct decision because once out of Laramie there is NOTHING until Salt Lake City. After Salt Lake City another 500-600 miles of nothing until Reno NV..



**The road from Laramie to Salt Lake City**



**Left:** 112 mile journey across the Great Salt Lake



**Right:** The Bonneville Salt Flats

We arrived in Lake Tahoe early Sunday Morning, drove to Harrah's (the host hotel) and completed registration. In the registration room we met so many old friends including President Ken & Carolyn Bounds, Millie Scheidt, Mark Morarity, Pat McFarland, Tom & Pam Johnston, Jon & Mary Anderson, John & Judy McBurney, Larry & Shirley Cosar and many others too numerous to mention. On our way back through the lobby, we met Jay & Jean Rounds and Pat & Barbara Rooney checking in. They had flown to Reno, rented a vehicle and were planning to enjoy the event.

Monday we got "into the swing of things". We walked the concourse to look at the vehicles that had recently arrived. One item that was different happened at the car wash. Don Singleterry was in charge of the operation and about 10:00 AM, he turned around and was surprised at what he saw. A black bear had wandered from the woods into the car wash area. Don never said a word and the bear walked away. On Monday evening the group gathered at Harrah's Grand Ballroom for the traditional "Welcome Celebration". There were sandwiches, assorted "finger foods" and drinks at a cash bar. A band provided entertainment for the group. Later that evening we met Jeep and Mike.

Tuesday was the Ladies Luncheon. 600 ladies enjoyed a delicious lunch. Annette has a special report just for the ladies.

Craig walked to the swap meet and spent some time talking to Bob Drake. He had a beautiful 1949 Ford Convertible that he had brought to the meet. He told Craig that when he still lived in California he went to a car auction held at Warner Brothers Studios. He bid on and won that same 1949 Ford Convertible used in the movie *Rebel Without A Cause*. He paid \$400.00 for it in 1968. The car had less than 50,000 miles on the odometer and still; carried the scratches and dings from the cast jumping in and out of the car.



Wednesday began with the judges breakfast . Shortly thereafter, the Judges prepared for the concourse judging. There were 324 vehicles on the field not counting the Lincolns. The Lincoln Zephyr Club combined their meet with the Early Ford V-8 Club's 50th Anniversary Celebration. In addition, a large number of V-8's were in attendance but chose not to have their vehicles judged. On a sad note, Craig received a call from Jeep that his "traveling companion", Mike lafelice, had gotten very sick during the night. The paramedics were summoned and stabilized Mike. Seems the high altitude had affected Mike. As a result, Jeep left early to get Mike back to Northern Ohio.

**Left: 1949 Ford Convertible featured in the movie *Rebel Without a Cause***



**Pictured below and on page 8 are a some of the V-8's on the concourse**





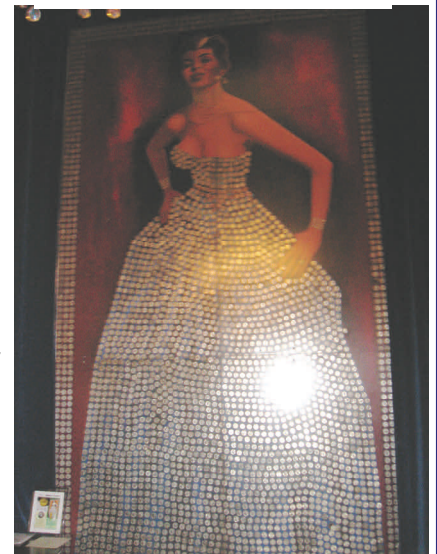


That evening was “on your own”. Annette was surprised when her daughter Marian and granddaughter Jayme arrived from nearby Walnut Creek CA. They spent a fun evening together. The next day they enjoyed the concourse and Marian picked her “favorite V-8, a yellow 1946 Ford convertible

We called Jeep to find out how Mike was. Jeep reported that he was feeling much better but since they were still in the Wyoming, the elevation was still affecting him.

The following morning was the Grand Tour, a 100 mile driving tour around 30 miles of Lake Tahoe, through western Nevada and to Virginia City. Virginia City was known for the tremendous silver deposits located near the town. Known as the “Comstock Lode” it produced more silver bullion than any other city in the US. The town with it’s many unrestored buildings and attractions is still a tourist attraction.

**The “Silver Queen”**



**Virginia City**

and attractions is still a tourist attraction. In one saloon/casino was a 16 foot display of the “Silver Queen” containing 3,261 silver dollars (210 lbs. of silver)

Returning from Virginia City we were provided a delicious Bar-B-Cue buffet meal in a scenic park located across from a “Pony Express Station”. There were over 300 people at the park and all were served quickly.

Afterward, we returned to our hotel to rest and get dressed for the awards banquet to be held that evening in Harrah’s Grand Ballroom. The room was beautifully decorated in true V-8 fashion.



**Typical Saloon**



**Before the Meal**



**Party in the Park**



The Awards Banquet was a combination of great friends, great companionship and great food. There were approximately 900 guests. The place mats were laminated 11"x14" sheets with historic photos of V-8 Fords at Lake Tahoe. The Centerpiece was a commemorative "gold pan with gold ore" The hotel served the group within 15-20 minutes a warm meal with all the trimmings. After dinner awards were presented. These consisted of not only the typical medallion but each person received a miniature Ford V-8 flathead engine. The next day, Friday, we packed for the long ride to Northern Ohio. We arrived in Laramie on Monday, picked up our 1953 Convertible and returned home, without incident, on Friday. Overall, in spite of the minor disappointment, we had a wonderful time.

**Pictures From the Awards Banquet**



- (1) The Miniature V-8 Flathead Engine Award
- (2) V-8 Club President Ken & Carolyn Bounds
- (3) Chief Judge John & Judy McBurney
- (4) Janice & Dennis Carpenter
- (5) Gail & Clyde Bangiolia (C & G V-8 Ford Parts)
- (6) Past Chief Judge Jerry & Connie Vincentini
- (7) National Director Tom & Pam Johnston
- (8) Commemorative "Gold Pan"
- (9) V-8 Friends Peter & son Mason Hibbert from Australia



## LADIES LUNCHEON LAKE TAHOE

Have you ever planned a luncheon for 600 ladies? There are millions of questions. When and where do we have the luncheon? How do we arrange tables? Who sits where? What do we serve? What do we use for decorations? What is the center piece? What about door prizes? Do we have a gift for all ladies in attendance? How will the door prizes be raffled? How will lunches be served to so many? What is for dessert? Do we have a raffle? What do we raffle?

You must be tired of all these questions. Imagine all the work that went into a "delightful afternoon" for the ladies special day away from cars. Many hours and work went into this "Highlight" at the 50th Anniversary..

It was a beautiful setting in the Ballroom at Harvey's. The room was set with sixty tables, 10 ladies at each table. The centerpiece at each table was a beautiful wood hand crafted jewelry box. It was designed and made by a V-8 member of the Host Regional Group. In fact, the wood was from lumber on his property



*Table Setting*

Every lady at the table received a bracelet with a V-8 charm, fashioned by the ladies on the committee.



*Jewelry Box*

There was an extra long table with 240 beautifully wrapped gifts. (All sizes and shapes) On another table were items for a Chinese Raffle. The raffle included a beautiful hand made necklace with a V-8 charm, designed and made by a gal from the Host Regional Group.

The most desired prizes were four hand-made quilts designed by ladies from the Host Regional Group



*Chinese Raffle Table*

We enjoyed roast pork with all the trimmings. Our dessert was a delicious mouth watering Lemon Tart. Background music was provided during the luncheon.



*Quilts*

There was a short program. "First Ladies" from the initial years of the Early Ford V-8 Club were introduced. They shared their experiences when their husbands first began the V-8 Club and the first meetings that were held in Lake Tahoe. It was very interesting and informative. After the ladies shared their experiences, all past "First Ladies" were recognized.

You're probably wondering how all 240 gifts were raffled.

Each lady at a table was given a number from one to ten. Four numbers were called and the four lucky ladies went to choose their own gift. The fifth number called won the beautiful Hand Crafted Wooden Jewelry Box.

We truly enjoyed this wonderful afternoon with great friends, delicious food and lovely gifts.



## 2013 Activities At A Glance

**Friday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, 7:30** Monthly Business Meeting at Stow City Center.

**Wednesday, August 21<sup>st</sup> 6:00 ~ 8:00** Car Cruise, Regina Health Center

**August 22, 23 & 24,** Joint tour to Dearborn Michigan with Nifty Fifties and Northern Illinois Regional Group.

**Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup>,** Monthly Business Meeting at Stow City Center.



## 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Car Cruise-In

Wednesday, Aug.21, 2013 6-8PM

Rain Date Wednesday, Aug. 28, 2013

Regina Health Center

5232 Broadview Road

Richfield, Ohio 44286

There will be refreshments, raffles and trophies in three categories.

All years, makes and models invited.

Registration required!

(only first 50 pre-registered cars can be accepted)

Public is Welcome

For information and to pre-register please contact Chris Therens

at (330) 659-5154 or [ctherens@reginahealthcenter.org](mailto:ctherens@reginahealthcenter.org) by Friday, August 16, 2013

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Car year, make & model \_\_\_\_\_

## Cookie Bakers

August ~ **Beth Schilling**

September ~ **Sharon Bukszar**

October ~ **Annette Gorris**

November ~ **Momoe Garland**

N.O.R.G. members please note that we understand that you can not or are unable to support our Cookie Baking Program. If you wish to help support the Coffee Fund by making a small donation to help our club, please see our Treasurer, Ann Davis.





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### *First Class Mail*

## Happy August Birthday

- Mary Ellen Thomas 8/3
- Jewel Thomas 8/5
- Bruce Lewicki 8/8
- Shirley Buehler 8/10
- Rose Thomas 8/16
- Dan Francis, Anthony Gray, William Schweikert 8/17
- Shirley Jones 8/18
- Marilyn Schigulinsky 8/20
- Richard Wolfe 8/22
- Joe Wasielewski 8/27

**August MEETING :**  
**Friday, August 16**  
**Stow City Center**

### The Headliner Deadline

1st Day of each month. Please e-mail articles, tech tips, outings, adds, club news and pictures to:

Annette Gorris

*Don't Forget to Check out our updated website :*

***[www.norgv8club.org](http://www.norgv8club.org)***

### Parts Wanted—1936 Ford Coupe

Rear Window Crank Mechanism  
Headlight Stands  
Windshield Top Hinges  
Windshield Crank Out Mechanism  
Front & Rear Bumper Brackets  
Front & Rear Bumpers  
Windshield Wiper Mechanism  
**Joe: Cell: 330- 603-9668**  
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