

# “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

This is crazy weather, BUT, it is Ohio and we chose to live here. The "snowbirds" are probably laughing at us.

A lot of contact with the board has been shared. Our January board meeting was postponed until February 3, 2013.

I am excited about some of the activities on the drawing board.

The Mihalek's have invited us back to Mt. Alverna Nursing home. What a great day out and also to bring some joy to the elderly. It is a very rewarding day trip. June will be a big travel time for some of us who anticipate the trip to the 50th Anniversary Grand National at Lake Tahoe. A tune-up run on June 9th will be at Dave & Nancy Collette's annual picnic. I always look forward to this one.

Two of our newest members Jack Bukszar and Frank Posar have completely gone out of their way to organize a great trip to Dearborn on August 22, 23 & 24th. This will be a joint tour with the Northern Illinois group and the Nifty Fifties. These guys are doing a First Class job on this tour.

More information to come later as the touring season is fast coming upon us. Make sure you pay your dues as we don't want to lose anyone.

Enjoy UR V-8 B-4 it's 2-late

Jeep



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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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NORG Members out for a ride



Our February Program will feature Ms. Cynthia Fich, from the **Summit County Office of Consumer Affairs**. Ms. Fich will discuss a number of issues dealing with seniors. It should be very interesting



## 2013 Activities At A Glance

**Friday February 15<sup>th</sup>** NORG Monthly Club Meeting

**Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>** Summer Picnic at Dave & Nancy Collette's Farm

**June 17<sup>th</sup> ~ 21<sup>st</sup> 2013** Early Ford V-8 Club 50th Anniversary Grand National, South Lake Tahoe CA

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



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### NORG Wishes Continued Good Health to Joe Wasielewski

Joe Wasielewski had some health issues related to his heart.  
Spoke to Joe and he assures us he is doing fine

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### Pat Rooney "Refreshes" His 1952 Ford Convertible

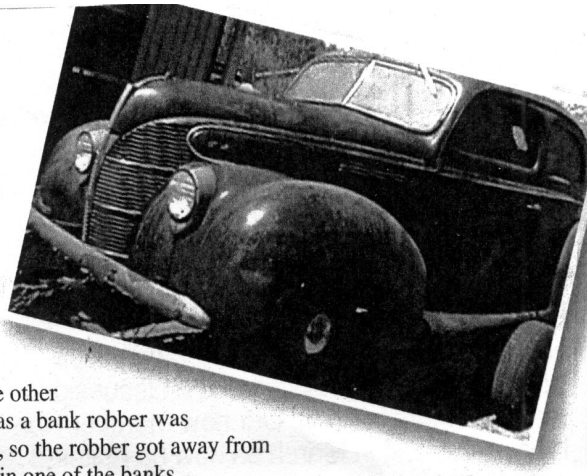
Over the last few months, Pat had his Convertible "refreshed". This included body work, paint, a new top and minor detailing. Looks Good Pat!



# A Love Lost

THANKS TO - SAN DIEGO REGION

My First Car, "Old '39" --Excerpts from *The Henry Ford Blog*



My first car was fully loaded until the driver's side door fell off into the road!! Yep, it really broke off and fell in the road. It was my first car, a 1939 two-door Ford sedan - the Standard model, the Deluxe had two taillights. I grew up just outside of Detroit and in 1952 our neighbor two houses down had a beat up '39 stolen from his driveway. He was working in the garage. His wife was in their kitchen and they both heard the car start up and each thought the other was going to the store or some place. The car wasn't recovered for over a month as a bank robber was using it. The cops never suspected a beat-up 13 year old Ford to be a getaway car, so the robber got away from several bank jobs without being stopped. Eventually he got caught in a shoot-out in one of the banks.

Once the car was back, and my neighbor Mr. Thomson, saw that the brakes, transmission and lights needed work, he walked over to where I was helping my friend Bobby work on his '46 Ford. He then asked whose car we were working on, Bobby proudly stated that it was his car. Then the neighbor told me to give him \$1.00, which I promptly did. He handed me the '39 title and said to come get the Ford out of his driveway. I was 15 ½ and wasn't a legal driver yet, but that didn't stop me. I think the only reason my father let me keep old '39 was that he never thought I would get it on the road. But the day I hit 16 I got my driving permit, and I had the car in running order. Well at least it could go at a fast walk.

A couple of months later, my friend Gary who didn't have wheels, lined up a double blind date for us; now this was in February, in Michigan, so it was cold. But not to fear, we had two blankets so we and our dates would be warm at the drive-in. Gary had directions to the house of one of the girls, it was out of town 15 or 20 miles, but not too far for a hot date. Now this '39 Ford didn't have sealed beam headlights. I always said that I had to light a match to look to see if the headlights were on. Here we are tooling down this two lane country road in the dark at about 45 mph. Unknown to us, someone had removed "road work" signs and those little kerosene pots that they put around construction sites years before the modern flashing lights now in use. So I drove right off the end of the pavement and dropped about a foot into the gravel sub layer that was waiting new cement. What a drop! The driver's door broke it's hinges and landed in the gravel. This appeared to be the only damage, other than our heads being closer to our shoulders, so we loaded the door into the trunk and tied it down with some wire that was always carried by old Ford owners. We got to the girl's house and all was going well until we got them outside and tried to get them into a one-door Ford. Well after much hard talking we got the girls to honor their date. But they got in the backseat with both blankets and Gary and I had to rough it out, in the front with no blankets or girls to keep us warm. When we got to the drive-in the girls spent the whole night inside the warm concession stand. Some date!

Old '39 had three holes in the floor for the gas, clutch and brake pedals. The problem was that in the winter, slush would fly up thru these holes and a few times it froze my shoe to the gas pedal. It made life interesting for a panic stop in the snow! One time I left my shoe frozen to the gas pedal and I applied the brake with only my sock on. Even after I had sold my old '39 it came back to haunt me. After breaking several transmissions drag racing on Woodward Ave, I found that I could change out the trans for a junk yard trade in short order. The last trans was from a '35 and the shifter was worn so bad that if you were any less than exact in shifting into 2nd it would lockup in 2nd and reverse at the same time. This caused the rear wheels to lock in place and you came to a screeching, hopping stop! The only way to unlock it was to pop the top of the transmission off and with your heel; kick the jammed shifter out of 2nd. But by keeping the correct wrench under the seat, I could be back to drag racing in seconds.

The '39, was not much to look at and eventually my Dad convinced me to search for a better looking, more respectful car. His idea for me was a 1948 Plymouth with a wimpy straight 6 that couldn't outrag a slug. But at the third or fourth used car lot which he took me to, I saw a beautiful blue/gray 1948 Ford coupe with a big V8; it was love at first sight! But I I didn't have enough money. Well my dad really surprised me; he was so desperate to get old '39 out of his yard that he offered to loan me the \$150 I needed. The next thing I had to do was sell old '39. I had worked with a West Virginia teenager at a greenhouse and one afternoon he wanted to buy old '39. He had cash so we made a deal and I warned him about the transmission.

That night, after a late date, I was in the dark, at my folks backdoor trying to get the key into the lock when five or six guys jumped out of the bushes and grabbed me. Now they may have identified themselves as cops but when you are as frightened as I was, all you want to do is get away! One of them behind me used a night stick on the top of my head. He was good at it as it didn't knock me out but just turned my legs to water and took all the "flight or fight" out of me. Meanwhile this woke my dad up and he came running out the door into their arms, he was also soon nightsticked. When they got us to jail I asked not to be placed in the same cell as my dad as I didn't want to be within reach when he regained all his wits.

They told me that I was going to be charged with a whole string of crimes including running a police car into a ditch and injuring two cops, when they tried to stop a drag race. I had signed old '39's title over to this WV guy and mailed it to the DMV in the state capital, so he would get a new title in his name. Late the next day the cops got the word that I had really sold old '39. The Cops released us that next afternoon telling me not to ever do this again. So what should I not do? Did we damage their night stick?

My father never did forget the lump on his bald head or that I had caused him to be in jail for the only time in his life. I never saw that West Virginia guy or old '39 again but heard he fled back to his home territory. I'm now retired and have moved to the beautiful hills of West Virginia. These days I spend time looking over all the old cars in these WV hills, if I spot old '39 I would need to take her back and restore her to her prime drag configuration! A love lost is better than no love at all.---Thomas

**President Jeep Iacobucci Sent This To Us. ~ Nice car**





**1940 FORD DELUXE**  
SERIES 68 - 5-WINDOW BUSINESS COUPE  
**~BARN FIND OF THE YEAR~**

37,200 DOCUMENTED 3-OWNER MILES  
FOUND IN FARMINGTON HILLS, MICH.  
"FOLKSTONE GREY" W/ MOHAIR INTERIOR  
85 H.P. FLATHEAD V8 ~ 3-SPD. TRANSM.  
HYDRAULIC BRAKES, 6 VOLT, FULL GAUGES  
OPTIONAL: DELUXE AM RADIO & HEATER  
CIGAR LIGHTER, CLOCK, DUAL MIRRORS  
OPTIONAL OIL FILTER, & GAS FILTER  
CHROME BUMPER GUARDS AND 'WINGS'  
(5) FORD 'SCRIPT' WIDE WHITEWALL TIRES  
599,175 FORDS SOLD IN 1940:  
27,919 3 PASS. COUPES BUILT, \$721 NEW

**HERE'S A LITTLE OIL HISTORY FOR YOU**

*BADGER STATE -  
T.HANN'S*

**In 1800 the price of crude oil was \$16.00 per gallon. That would make the standard 42 gallon barrel cost \$672.00. If gasoline had existed then and if you calculate by today's numbers the pump price per gallon would be around \$23.50 per gallon. Fill 'er up, Sir?**

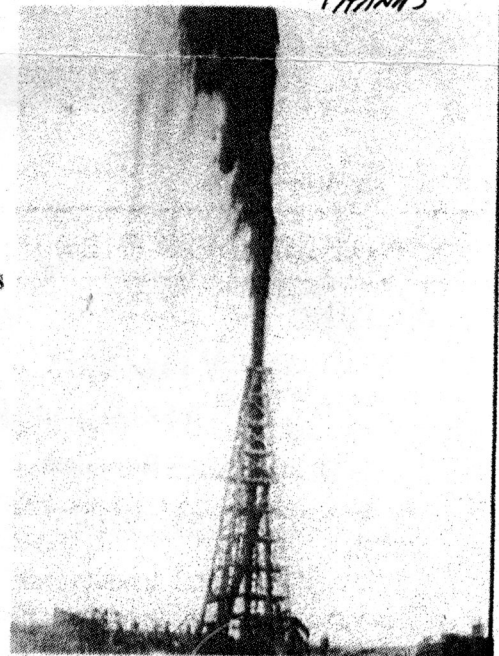
**In the 1850's crude oil replaced the hemp packing used in steam engines and kerosene became the lamp oil of choice.**

**In 1859 the first Pennsylvania oil well was drilled. It was less than 70 feet deep and the drillers were looking for a better quality crude to use for lamp oil production. At that time gasoline was basically an unwanted by-product and the amount of refinery waste being dumped into streams forced the Keystone State to enact the nations first anti-pollution law.**

**By 1878 ninety percent of this nations refining capacity was controlled by (you guessed it) Standard Oil.**

**Until the east Texas boom of 1901, Pennsylvania produced one half of the world's oil and Indiana was considered one of the eastern oil producing states.**

**The 1901 Beaumont, Texas gusher released over 40,000 gallons daily and took 9 days to control it. "Spindletop" created such a glut of oil that the price per barrel quickly fell from \$2.00 to 3 cents.**





[Early Ford V-8 Club of America website](#)

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## Cookie Bakers Needed

Please consider volunteering to bake cookies and make coffee at one of the 2013 Club meetings. We will pass out a "sign-up sheet at the February meeting. This will provide great support to our Club.

Thanks





## Early Registration Form 2013 Grand National Golden Jubilee

June 17 – 21, 2013

### South Lake Tahoe, Nevada

The registration fee is \$100.00.

The late registration fee is \$125.00 after April 1, 2013.

No refunds after May 1, 2013.

**Registration at the host hotels requires paid Meet Registration first!**

**You must be a member of the Early Ford V-8 Club of America to register.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Early Ford V-8 Club National Membership # \_\_\_\_\_ RG# \_\_\_\_\_

For planning purposes, we need an accurate head count. If you are attending with a spouse or guest, please provide their name(s). \_\_\_\_\_

Do you plan to attend the AWARDS BANQUET? \_\_\_\_\_ # Attending \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail this form with a check payable to: Golden Jubilee**

- In October 2012 we will send you your meet registration # along with the name and phone number of the meet hotels so you can make your reservations.
- We will be sending out the rest of the registration package and details, for you to complete and return to us, as soon as they are available.

**Mail to:**

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San Mateo, CA 94402-3989



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## JOINT FORD CRUISE TO DEARBORN MICHIGAN

The Northern Ohio Early Ford V-8 Club (NORG) is hosting a "Ford Weekend" summer cruise along with the Early Ford V-8 Club from the Chicago area and the Nifty Fifties Ford Club of Northern Ohio. The date for this event is August 22, 23, 24, returning on Sun. the 25<sup>th</sup> 2013.

We will be touring the Edsel Ford Estate on Friday. The Edsel Ford Estate is one of the most beautiful mansions of the Gross Point area. The tour will include the home and the garage area with some of Edsel's favorite cars. Along with the home tour we will be able to enjoy the wonderfully manicured grounds. Also there will be an area for a photo opportunity.

Friday evening we will have dinner at the renown Kiernin Steak House. This is a long running very well known Victorian decorated steakhouse in the downtown Dearborn area.

Saturday will be a true Ford touring day. We will be enjoying all that there is to view at the Henry Ford Museum, Imax theater, Greenfield Village and the Rouge Plant. You will be able to choose any or all of the venues at the Henry Ford. Seeing that everyone has different interests you will be able to enjoy what you may be most interested in.

Saturday we will be closing the weekend with a dinner at the DoubleTree Hotel in a private dining room for us to enjoy.

We will be staying at the DoubleTree Hotel in Dearborn, MI. After checking out the hotel I am sure you will not be disappointed. The rate is \$89.00 per night which includes a full (not continental) breakfast. Pool, two whirl pools wonderful lobby and meeting area.

More information will be coming as other details firm up. Feel free to contact us at.

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## Happy February Birthday

- Bill Marx 2-10
- Eileen Sanders 2-19
- Nancy Smith 2-25
- Alice Wertz 2-28



### 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)***

**February MEETING :**  
**Friday, February 15<sup>th</sup> , Stow City Center**