

# “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

Another year is upon us, time flies when you're having fun.

Speaking of fun I hope that 2013 will be a fun year for the old V-8's. Before you know it we will be taking the wraps off and getting them down on all fours.

I would like to thank Annette and Ginnie for their hard work on the Christmas Party at the Oaks. Thanks to everyone who attended, a great time was shared by all.

We will have a board meeting this month and try to get our ducks in a row. So far there have been some activities in the making. It would be a wonderful thing if some or all of the members would come up with an activity or perhaps suggest one that they could organize for our Club members. Hosting an activity is not a big deal, just a few hours of time and effort.

Again this year, we will be coordinating efforts with the Nifty Fifties Car Club on some activities together. This in itself will help fill our calendar with stuff to do. However, don't be bashful, plan a day of activity that you would like to do.

Looking forward to our first meeting and to seeing everyone again.

Enjoy u r V-8 B4 it's 2 late.

Jeep



### Officers & Board 2012

**President:** Jeep Iacobucci  
**Vice President:** Dan Burngasser  
**Secretary:** Virginia Herrmann  
**Treasurer:** Ann Davis

#### Directors

Annette Gorris  
Richard Jandrey  
Regis Schilling  
Bill Soltis  
Neal Garland (PP)

**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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### On a Very Serious Note:

**Our Deepest Sympathy is extended to Georgene and Jeep Iacobucci in the death of Georgene's mother, Hortense Graf. Mrs. Graf passed into Eternal Life December 24, 2012**

## Happy New Year

*From Your Officers & Directors*



**January Program:** Because there is no meeting in January, there will not be a Program.

**Reminder: Dues are Due See Page 3**



## 2013 Activities At A Glance

**Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup>** Nifty Fifties Swap Meet John Lance Ford

**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



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### Welcome New Members



#### ***Anthony & Merry Lou Gray.***

They reside at 3957 Stroup Road in Rootstown



#### ***Dan & Diane Francis***

They reside at 2599 Sherwood Drive in Stow

They own a 1941 Ford Pick-up

## Oak's Lakeside Restaurant, Chippewa Lake Ohio

Twenty one NORG members and spouses attended the 2012 Christmas Party at the Oaks Lodge. **Annette Gorris** and **Ginny Herrmann** did a wonderful job of planning this event,. Before the main course, members were treated to delicious appetizers and great company. The room was decorated in a festive atmosphere and the warmth from the fireplace put everyone in the holiday mood.

In attendance were **Jack & Sharon Bukszar**, **Dick & Rose Deyling**, **Neal & Momoe Garland**, **Craig & Annette Gorris**, **Dan & Ginny Herrmann**, **President Jeep & Georgene Iacobucci**, **Joe Immler**, **Bruce Lewicki**, **Frank & Ginger Posar**, **Bill & Marie Royer**, **Regis & Beth Schilling** and **Bill Soltis**.

Santa brought each person a miniature stocking filled with goodies and a Panera Bread gift card. It was a truly wonderful event



### Who Do We Have Here?

Looks like **Nancy Collette** has also restored a vehicle. Not to be outdone by Husband Dave who recently completed a 1940 Pick-up, Nancy has her own version of an early Ford V-8. Wonder how she will keep it cool as the weather begins to warm up.

***Nice job Nancy!***

Northern Ohio Regional Group 20  
Early Ford V8 Club of America  
Membership Form  
**Annual Dues \$25.00**

**Year  
2013**

*If Info Same as 2012 Mark Same*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ National Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone Num-  
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Fax \_\_\_\_\_

BIRTHDAY, MONTH & DAY: Self \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Winter Address \_\_\_\_\_ From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Newsletter sent to: winter address or E Mail? Circle One.

**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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MAIL TO:  
Craig Gorris  
10160 Echo Hill Dr.



THE NIFTY FIFTIES  
of Northern Ohio, Inc.

WOULD LIKE TO ANNOUNCE THE 26th Annual

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Memory Lane

# 2013 SWAP MEET

at **John Lance**   
23775 CENTER RIDGE RD., WESTLAKE, OHIO

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27th

8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Admission - \$4.00, (early birds - 7 AM) \$5.00

Food & Refreshments Will Be Available

AT LEAST

## 76 INDOOR SPACES

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UP-CLOSE PARKING!

10'x10' Vendor Space - \$10.00

Vendor Set-Up: Sat. 4:30-6:30PM & Sun. 6-8AM

FOR INFORMATION PLEASE CALL:

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Macedonia, OH 44056

PLEASE RETURN THIS PORTION ALONG WITH CHECK OR MONEY ORDER

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

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## John Dillinger's Wild V-8 Dash to Chicago & Beyond By John Emmering

When Ford introduced its V-8 engine in 1932 it made faster cars available to the average motorist. Those early V-8 models of 1932-34 also became a favorite of many celebrated depression era gangsters. Here is another account of how the Ford V-8 fit into the history of that lawless period. After John Dillinger's escape from the Lake County Jail on March 3, 1934, purportedly with a wooden gun, he made his way to the Main Street Garage across from the County Court House in Crown Point, Indiana. Dillinger asked Edwin Saager, the mechanic on duty "What's the fastest car you've got?" Saager replied that it was Sheriff Holley's car, the new Ford V-8. With that Dillinger, fellow escapee Herbert Youngblood, and hostages Deputy Ernest Blunt and the mechanic Edwin Saager were off on Dillinger's wild dash to Chicago, Illinois and freedom.



Photo: Universal Pictures

The getaway car was a standard 1933 Model 40 Ford V-8 Tudor, which served as Lake County Sheriff Lillian Holley's official police vehicle. Mrs. Holley assumed the office of Sheriff after her husband Roy F. "Doc" Holley, age 43, was killed in the line of duty. Deputy Ernest Blunt was forced to drive the car and was instructed to travel the speed limit. Dillinger had him stop the Ford as they headed into St. John, Indiana and tore off the vehicle's red spotlight lens knowing the police would be on the lookout for a sheriff's car. Dillinger's escape was aided by the fact that the wrong license plate number was given out for the Sheriff's sedan.



Traveling down Indiana Route 41 Dillinger had Deputy Blunt turn west toward Illinois on 151st Ave. and continue past the state line into Illinois, near Beecher. Later this would prove to be a fatal error on Dillinger's part. Continuing on what became West Beecher Road the V-8 Tudor

got stuck in the mud and Blunt and Saager worked to push it onto dry pavement. Saager installed tire chains on the Ford to make it more road worthy. At this point Dillinger released his two hostages near rural Peotone, knowing it would be a long walk to a telephone, and continued on to Chicago with Youngblood. Police found Sheriff's Holley's 1933 Ford V-8 Tudor abandoned in front of 1057 W. Ardmore Avenue on Chicago's north side on March 7, 1934. The Ford V-8 was returned to police service and apparently went the way of any police car, used until well-worn and sold at auction.

Concluding a short stay in Chicago, Dillinger headed for St. Paul, Minnesota, joining forces with the Baby Face Nelson gang. Soon they robbed banks in Sioux Falls, South Dakota and Mason City, Iowa. The gang was cornered by federal agents at the Little Bohemia Lodge in Manitowish Waters, Wisconsin on April 22, 1934 in a poorly conceived raid.



Photo: Courtesy Tony Stewart

When the gangsters were alerted to the approach of the agents by barking dogs, Dillinger and his fellow gangsters Homer Van Meter and Jack Hamilton escaped through a rear door into the woods, unable to access their stolen 1934 Ford V-8 Fordor, parked in front. Heading through the woods the trio located Robert Johnson who lived in a cabin at nearby Mitchell's Rest Lake Resort, and forced him to drive them out of the area in his 1930 Ford Model "A" coupe. Soon they freed Johnson and drove the Model "A" toward Minnesota.

In an exchange of gun fire with the police south of St. Paul, Minnesota, Jack Hamilton was badly wounded. The Model "A" was ditched after the gang seized another 1934 Ford V-8 from Roy Francis, a power company executive out for a ride with his wife and baby. After being ejected from their vehicle, the Francis family walked two miles to a service station where they phoned the authorities. The use of Sheriff Holley's V-8 and the one stolen from Roy Francis were the subject of a local Ford dealer newspaper ad, which asked, "Will they catch John Dillinger? Not until they get him out his Ford V-8!"



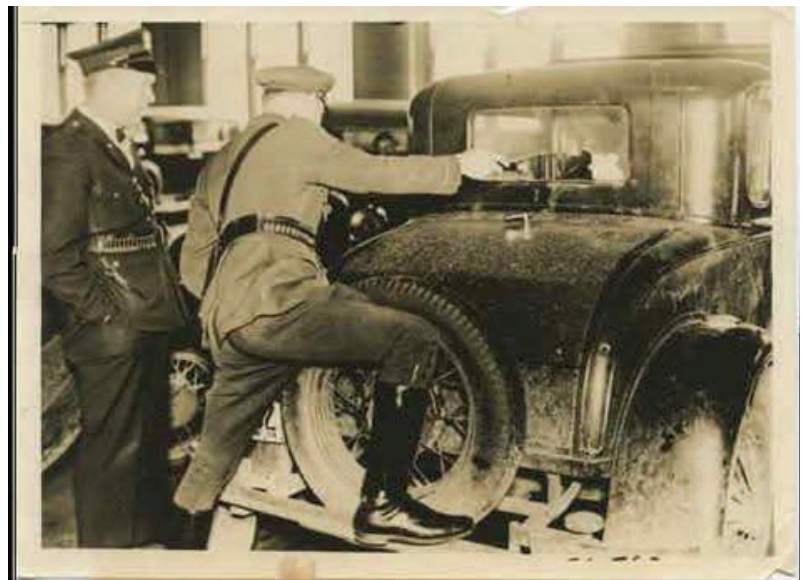
**1934 Ford Dillinger left in Wisconsin**

Dillinger, Van Meter and Hamilton left St. Paul and headed for a hideout in Aurora, Illinois. There in Aurora Hamilton died of his injuries. The gangsters buried Hamilton in rural Kendall County near Oswego. The 1934 Ford V-8 obtained in Minnesota was abandoned on the north side of Chicago as a false lead as the pair headed to Ohio and lived out of a panel truck for a couple weeks. After a daring bank robbery in South Bend, Indiana where Van Meter was wounded, the pair split up. Dillinger choose to melt into the north side of Chicago using the name Jimmy Lawrence and moving in with a 26 year old waitress named Poly

Hamilton and 42 year old Anna Sage, a Romanian immigrant who was known as a notorious Madame. When Dillinger crossed the state line into Illinois after stealing Sheriff Holley's 1933 Ford, committing interstate

auto theft, a federal crime, he invited the participation of J. Edgar Hoover's Bureau of Investigation who had been on his trail ever since. The bureau was contacted by Anna Sage, who thought turning over Dillinger could prevent her pending deportation. On the evening of July 22, 1934 Dillinger was killed by Federal agents as he exited the Biograph Theater on North Lincoln Avenue in Chicago.

Dillinger had really embarrassed Sheriff Lillian Holley when he escaped in her 1933 Ford V-8 leaving her emotionally crushed. She came under intense criticism, with the county board clamoring for her resignation. Whereas Dillinger's life was snuffed out at age 31, Lillian Holley regained an honored standing in her community and lived to the ripe old age of 103.



**Police check Dillinger's stolen Model "A"**

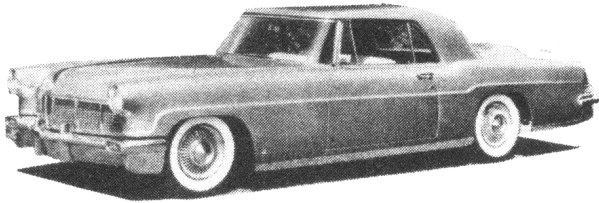
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# More Auto Trivia

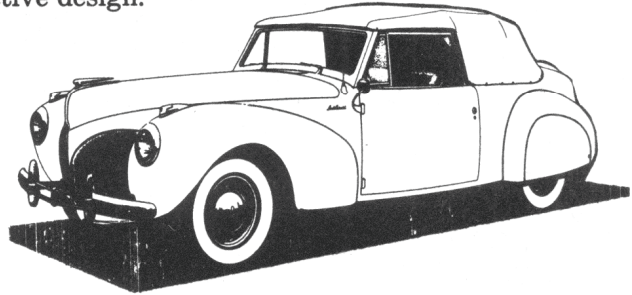
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## Classic Continentals

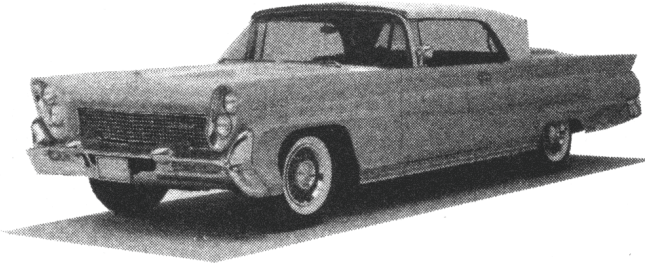
Continental's show a heritage of clean, elegant lines, but these Connies become tricky when guessing the correct series number. Six excellent examples are shown below. Your task is to fill in the correct model year and series number for each distinctive design.



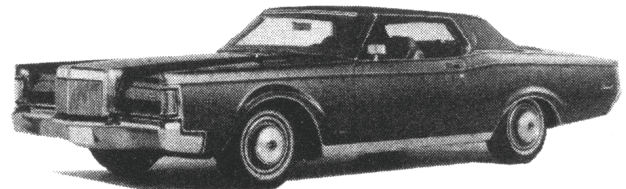
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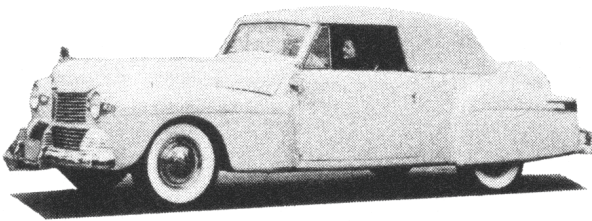
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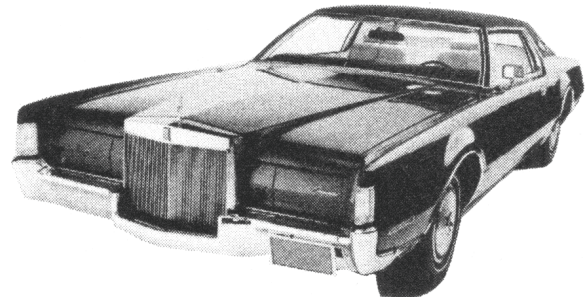
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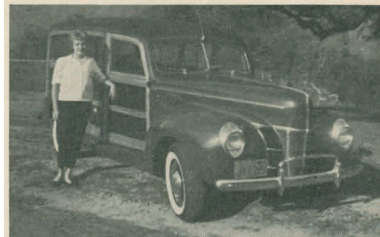
Answers: 1. 1955-57 Mark II; 2. 1941 Mark I; 3. 1958 Mark III; 4. 1970 Mark III; 5. 1942 Mark II; 6. 1972 Mark IV.

### Remember When...

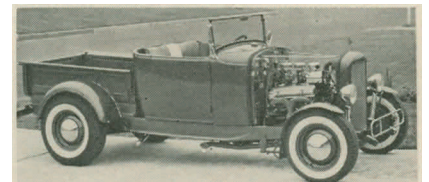
A 1940 Ford Woody sold for \$700

A Model A Pick-up with a 265" orange engine sold for \$2000

SELL — '40 Ford station wagon. Perfect throughout. Original clock and radio — both work. '47 Ford en-



gine, wood recently refinished. Driveable anywhere. \$700. Cam Stalker, 6072 Horton Drive, LaMesa, Calif.



SELL — Rare '30 Ford roadster pickup, show winner, featured March '61 HRM, full 265-inch Chevy. Automatic, power brakes, much chrome, blue, striped, full aluminum hood; perfect, \$2000. Hamer Phillips, 1922 Lakeside Ave. NW, Canton 8, Ohio. Ph. 455-1162.



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### *First Class Mail*

## Happy January Birthday

**Regis Schilling 3**  
**Foster Buchtel 9**  
**John Schigulinsky, Ed Smith, Rags Stallard 14**  
**Craig Gorris 17**  
**Richard Smith 19**  
**Gene Sanders 24**  
**Mike Wisniewski 29**  
**Sandy Coulter 30**



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