# "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."

It sure seems like a long winter season this time around. I was daydreaming the other day looking at the snow trying to imagine putting tire chains on the old Mercury. Thinking back as a young man working in a garage, our day was pretty much taken up by putting on chains and filling radiators with antifreeze or alcohol. But now is the time we should be planning ahead for a very busy R.G. summer. We started off with our first meeting



of the New Year with a bunch of loyal members braving a pretty cold night. There was a lot on the agenda and the discussion of a bunch of activities to participate and attend.

Our first outing of the year, thanks to Neal Garland, was at the Clearview Diner in Bath. We had a good turn out in spite of a little snow. 15 Bravehearts had a good time sharing stories and enjoying getting out and about.

We are planning a few outings with the Nifty Fifties and one with the Illinois R.G. All of the activities will be in the newsletter and also discussed at our meetings. Also coming up are two National Meets this year. One in Charlotte N.C. and one in Brainerd, MN.

Please take note: The July Meeting will be at the home of Dan and Diane Francis, this will also be a covered dish outing. Also if you attended the Last Annual Pig Roast, *you actually did*! This year we will have an outing at the Herrmann Ponderosa and a possible fund raiser.

We will be keeping an eye open for our snowbirds to return to the Garden Spot of Ohio. Let's have a banner 45th year: and......N joy ur V8 B4 it's 2L8

## Officers & Board 2015

President: Jeep Iacobucci Vice President: Frank Posar Secretary: Virginia Herrmann Treasurer: Dan & Diane Francis

#### **Directors**

Jack Bukszar Rich Jandrey Steve Kroner Earl Peters

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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### **March Program**

Our March Program will feature automotive historian Mr. Walter Szczecinski who will present a program on Henry Ford. This should be very interesting.

If any members know of a speaker, please contact Rich Jandrey



#### MINUTES FROM THE N.O.R.G. MEETING February 20, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 PM by President, Jeep Iacobucci. Jeep thanked Ginnie and Dan Herrmann for tonight's coffee and cookies. Dan Francis introduced his guest Paul Samels.

Our program Chairman, Rich Jandrey had a movie on the Ford cars and this will be played at the end of the meeting. Rich is working on upcoming programs.

<u>SECRETARY</u> – Virginia Herrmann read the minutes from the November 2014 meeting. Mike Wisniewski accepted the minutes as read and was seconded by Regis Schilling.

<u>TREASURER</u> – A report was not presented, however the books were audited by Lois Stallard. Diane and Dan Francis will be taking over our previous treasurer, Anne Davis' duties. The checkbook signatures will be changed and as of our next meeting Diane and Dan can start hiding our money. Let's see if they do as good a job as Ann did?

<u>MEMBERSHIP</u> – Craig Gorris reported we have 60 members and 58 of them have paid. Craig will reach out to these members. The rosters have been printed and will be at the March meeting.

<u>NEWSLETTER</u> – Annette Gorris, our Editor was absent and has been recovering from her recent surgery. Craig said Annette is doing well. Craig has been sharing duties with Annette and reports the newsletter is running smoothly.

<u>SUNSHINE</u> – No report, please keep Ruth Canankamp in your thoughts.

SEMA – No report

<u>WEB-SITE</u> – Regis Schilling reported that he has problems with the calendar. He is looking into the problem and working on a resolution.

<u>V-8 CORRESPONDENT</u> – Frank Posar has done a fine job and everyone praised him for the article in the V-8 Times.

HISTORIAN – No report

<u>OLD BUSINESS</u> - Jeep sadly announced that Jim Stewart and Everett Jordan passed away. Pictures were passed around the membership that Craig had printed.

Bricks for Jim and Everett will be discussed at the Board Meeting in March.

<u>NEW BUSINESS</u> - Craig picked up the artwork from Guy Shively. He has created pictures and posters for the Glenmore Gathering and many others. He has done the art work for our rosters and has been an automobile artist for 25 years. Craig asked Guy what he may like as an offering for his work each year on our roster. Guy mentioned that he would like a long sleeve shirt. The club graciously accepted this offer and will purchase the shirt and issue to Guy.

Dan and Diane Francis will have the July meeting again at their home this year due to the Safety Center having other arrangements.

Jeep presented a plaque to Anne Davis for her secret job as Treasurer. Anne was very appreciative and she will be missed.

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Jeep stated that a Board Meeting will be held on March 29, 2015 at his home.

Frank Posar spoke about the "Cost of Freedom celebration" on July 4<sup>th</sup> at the Twinsburg High School. \* Details will be in the Headliner.

Jack Bukszar spoke about the Illinois Ohio Tour to Dayton on July 30<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> and August 1<sup>st</sup>. Reservations are now being taken for this tour. \*Details will be in the Headliner.

<u>ACTIVITIES</u> – Neal Garland spoke about visiting local restaurants as a focus on day trips. Foster and Neal have been checking out the food menus in different cities. Several dates are planned for March and April. \*Details will be in the Headliner. If anyone has a neighborhood restaurant please notify Neal. Neal is trying to get a tour together to visit Terminal Tower in Cleveland.

The National meets this year are Eastern National Meet, June 8-11th. The Central National meet, July 12-16th.

Make sure you check the Headliner for meets and events and try to attend. The more the merrier!

Jeep announced that Down's Syndrome will be presented a check in the near future.

Jeep passed out 13 spark plug awards to those who helped out in 2014. Jeep thanked everyone for all the assistance he was given during his term as President.

Just a point of interest: At the Blue Line Classics in North Royalton, the 1951 Sanford and Sons pick-up is on display.

Bruce Lewicki moved to close the meeting and Neal Garland seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Virginia Herrmann, Secretary



## From Joe Immler

A teenager not even old enough to drive a car was able to wirelessly **connect to a vehicle's internal comput**er network and control various functions.

The 14-year-old *built an electronic remote auto communications device with \$15 worth of Radio Shack parts* that were assembled in less than a night.

Auto executives at a conference this week sponsored by the Center for Automotive Research <u>revealed how</u> <u>stunned they were</u> by the feat, which actually happened last summer, noting it shed light on the need for greater

#### 2015 Activities At A Glance

- Friday March 20<sup>th</sup> 7:30 PM Monthly Business Meeting at Stow City Center
- Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup> 11:30 AM NORG <u>Luncheon</u> at Zeppe's Italian Bistro, Hudson *Info in Newsletter, Page 4*
- Friday April 17<sup>th</sup> 7:30 PM Monthly Business Meeting at Stow City Center
- **Wednesday, April 28**<sup>th</sup> **11:30 AM** NORG <u>Luncheon</u> at Musketeers Bar & Grill 3027 Brecksville Road Richfield
- Friday May 15th 7:30 PM Monthly Business Meeting at Stow City Center
- Thursday, May 28th 11:30 AM NORG <u>Luncheon</u> at Eddy's Deli & Restaurant 4581 Kent Road, Stow
- **Monday ~ Thursday June 8**<sup>th</sup> ~ **11**<sup>th</sup> <u>Eastern National Meet</u>, Charlotte North Carolina 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of 1940 Ford.
- Friday June 19th 7:30 PM Monthly Business Meeting at Stow City Center
- Saturday June 20<sup>th</sup> 11:00 ~ 2:00 <u>Cruise & Display of Club Vehicles</u> at Hudson Elms Nursing Home
- Thursday ~ Sunday July 2<sup>nd</sup> ~ 5<sup>th</sup> Cost of Freedom Tour Twinsburg High School Info on page 10 of Newsletter
- Sunday ~ Thursday July 12<sup>th</sup> ~ 16<sup>th</sup> Central National Meet, Brainerd Minnesota
- Thursday ~ Saturday July 30<sup>th</sup> ~ August 1<sup>st</sup> NORG & NIRG Summer Cruise to Dayton OH Info in Newsletter, Page 11

#### WEEKDAY LUNCHTIME

Thursday, March 26, 11:30.

First, a brief report on our lunchtime outing for February. We had a great turnout, with 15 members attending. We arrived at the Clearview Restaurant and Pub at 11:00 a.m., just as the fire engines were leaving the parking lot.

It seems that when the delivery guy brought the restaurant's supplies for the day he blocked open the back door to the restaurant to make it easier to carry in the boxes. A neighborhood skunk noticed the open door and decided to wander in and take a look around. As the skunk was entering the restaurant, a neighborhood dog took notice and appointed himself to be the guardian of the premises and proceeded to attempt to evict the skunk. After a brief chase around the kitchen, the skunk took refuge behind a stack of boxes of fresh lettuce the delivery guy had just brought in. Using his superior power of smell, the dog quickly located the skunk and the skunk did what skunks do when they feel threatened.

The dog, getting the full benefit of the skunk's firepower, jumped straight up in the air and landed on the hot stove where there was a pan of oil being heated up. The dog ran out the back door with nothing seriously hurt but his pride, the skunk decided it had had enough excitement for the day and followed the dog out the door, and the spilled pan of oil set fire to the stove.

The fire damaged the exhaust fan located right above the stove. Thus the fire engines.

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#### **WEEKDAY LUNCHTIME**

### Thursday, March 26, 11:30.

OK, so I made all of this up. Well, almost all of it.

When we arrived at the Clearview, the waiter told us that the exhaust fan in the kitchen had quit working and the health department regulations—or somebody's regulations—prohibit the use of the stove without the exhaust fan. Thus all the restaurant could serve was cold sandwiches and salads. NORG members held a brief conference and decided that cold sandwiches and salads would do just fine—and they did. We had a very enjoyable lunch and nobody left hungry. The waiter did an excellent job of handling the situation, so a good time was had by all.

I figured the skunk and dog story would be more fun than just saying the fan broke.

Our lunchtime outing for March will be held on THURSDAY, MARCH 26, at ZEPPE'S ITALIAN BISTRO located at 5843 Darrow Road in Hudson, Ohio (44236). Zeppe's is a full service restaurant with an Italian theme. Again, plan to arrive at 11:00 a.m. so we can beat the noontime rush. It probably still will not be flathead weather, but the food will taste good anyhow. And, hopefully, their exhaust fan will be working.

#### Neal Garland, Activities chair

<u>Note:</u> If you look them up on line, at www.zeppesbistro.com they offer meal coupons



## Cookie Bakers



March Meeting Neal & Momoe Garland

April Meeting Bruce Lewicki

May Meeting Diane Francis

June Meeting Charlie Jandik

July Meeting Need Volunteer

August Meeting Ginger Posar

September Meeting Beth Schilling

October Meeting Annette Gorris

November Meeting Rose Deyling

## 1940 Ford Cut-Away Chassis, Engine & Driveline













## Remembering Everett Jordan

1943 ~ 2015

Past N.O.R.G member, Everett Jordan died suddenly February 18. He was born in Louisville Ohio and had retired from Sparex Inc. in Aurora Ohio after 15 years of service.

Prior to that Everett was a self employed master mechanic and the "one to call on" if your flathead needed repairs. More than once, on a trip to a Early Ford V-8 Club National Meet, Everett could be found under the hood of a N.O.R.G. members V-8 that had broken down along the road. Everett also rebuilt numerous flathead V-8's for club members as well as carburetors, fuel pumps and other items..

Everett & Barbara had been members of N.O.R.G for over 35 years. Barbara was President of N.O.R.G 1984~1986. Both were very active in our Regional Group. Along with other N.O.R.G. members, they organized the successful 1982 Early Ford V-8 Club Eastern National Meet in Kent, Ohio.

He was preceded in death by his parents Alice & Everett Jordan and son Don Everett Jordan.

Everett leaves to cherish his memories his loving wife Barbara of 55 years, daughter, Tracy Jordan of Texas his precious grandchildren, Chad Everett Jordan, Dawn Jordan Flowers and Nick Everett Harmon; sister Alta Papes and six great grandchildren. Private funeral services were for family.





2015 is the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 1940 Ford. We hope you like the following interesting technical information and historical facts about this iconic model and contemporary world events.

#### **Firsts**

- → First Fords with sealed beam headlamps
- → First year for steering-column mounted gearshift
- → New two-spoke steering wheel
- → First automatically operated top on convertibles

#### Lasts

- → Last year for 60-hp V-8 ("Standard" models only)
- → Last year for full exposed running boards
- → Last year for center cowl vent

#### **Technical Specifications**

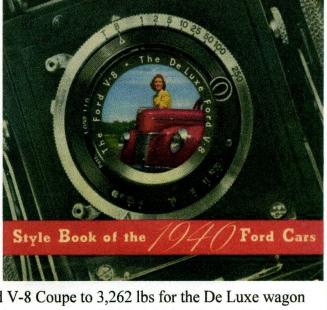
- → Price from \$619 for the 60 hp Ford V-8 Coupe to \$950 for the De Luxe 4-dr Station Wagon
- → Wheelbase 112", overall length 188.25", height 68"



- → Engines 221 cubic inch Flathead V-8 rated at 85 horsepower and 136 ci 60-hp Flathead V-8
- → Production totals 599,175; Fewest Ford V-8 Station Wagon, 4,469; Most De Luxe Tudor Sedan, 171,368
- $\rightarrow$  Serial numbers 85 hp: Beginning 18-5,210,701 End 18-5,896,294

#### Notable

- → Ford introduced the new models in October 1939
- → Ford continued to use the term *Ford V-8* for "Standard" models, and *De Luxe Ford V-8* for upscale models, although the term "Standard" is commonly used today
- → The 28,000,000th Ford was a De Luxe Fordor assembled April 8 at the Edgewater, NJ, plant
- → On February 7 RKO released Walt Disney's second full-length animated film, *Pinocchio*
- → Ron Santo was born February 25
- → On May 15, women's stockings made of nylon go on sale for the first time
- → On June 16, the first Sturgis Motorcycle Rally is held in SD
- → On September 16, the first peacetime draft in US history began
- → On November 7, the Tacoma Narrows bridge collapsed just four months after opening
- → On December 8 the Chicago Bears won the NFL championship, defeating the Washington Redskins 73-0





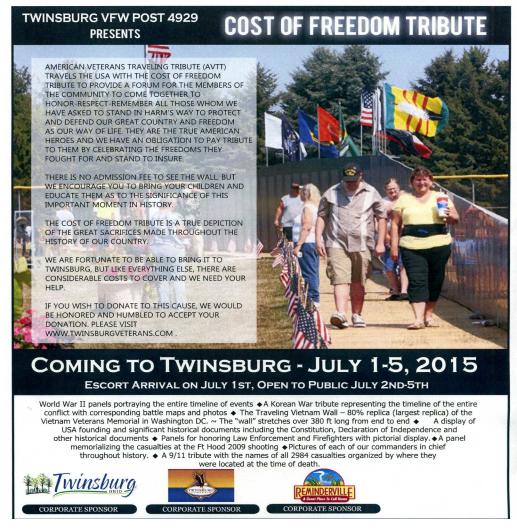
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### A Message To All N.O.R.G. Members & Veterans From Vice President Frank Posar

On July 2,3,4 & 5, the City of Twinsburg will host the **Cost** of **Freedom Tribute** 

It all starts with escorting the Viet Nam wall in from the turnpike in the City of Streetsboro on Wednesday July 1 with opening ceremonies on Thursday at noon. Along with the display of the 380 foot Viet Nam Wall will be the Korean Wall, the Eyes of Freedom exhibit, Through the Eyes mobile Museum. The Marlboro Volunteers mobile Museum, Police and Firefighter displays, Bag Pipes, and many more displays and presentations throughout the event.

We have been honored to be included in this event by displaying our historical vehicles and having those who served our country display any items depicting their time and branch served. My hope is to have vehicles on display from noon



Thursday until 3 pm Sunday afternoon and because N.O.R.G. and the Nifty Fifties are the host club I am hoping to have enough vehicles representing our two clubs to fill the following three time slots.

#### Friday July 3rd from 4 PM till 8 PM ~ Saturday July 4th from 11 A.M. till 3 PM & Saturday from 4 PM till 8 PM

The need is for **20 vehicles per time slot** equaling a total of 60 cars. Time slots will be assigned on a first come basis. The vehicles will be displayed on a black top parking area adjoining the man display and has a grass area next to it. Tents will be provided for shaded seating. After you register a packet will be mailed to you with all the information you will need to participate. Please call or email me to register your vehicle and/or ask any questions you may have. This is an invitational event only. You will **not** be allowed in to the display area without pre-registering. Thank you for considering being a part of this very special event.

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#### A Letter From Our National Director

Early Ford V8 Club of America Michael Driskell Central Director 3233 Short Mountain Rd. McMinnville, TN 37110 615-293-9985 driskellracing @gmail.com

March 3, 2015

The National Board of Directors and Staff members had their annual face-to-face meeting in San Antonio, TX, February 3-4. The new board members were sworn in and retiring directors were recognized for their service.

The Club's book sales on Amazon.com have been a success so far considering the small amount of time in which they have been for sale on Amazon. It was pointed out that the ones purchasing the books through Amazon have no ties with the V8 club, so this will likely be a great advertising tool as well. The V-8 Album will continue to be on sale at a very appealing discounted price, and if you do not own a copy I highly suggest you take up on this offering. The 1949-51 Mercury book has made tremendous progress and is nearing completion. The 1940 Book, and the Flathead Engine book are still in undergoing progress.

There will be two national meets this year. Eastern National June 8-11 in Concord, NC, and Central National July 12-16 in Brainerd, MN. The National Tour Program has proven to be a success, and plans are currently underway for a Black Hill, SD Tour later this year. The Central National Meet for 2016 had been scheduled for June 12-16.

This being the 75th Anniversary of the 1940 Ford, owners who participate in 2015 National meets with their 1940 Ford or Mercury will receive a very nice collectible 75th anniversary license plate tab. This license plate tab was shown to us at the meeting and is a very neat item.

The Club's website has shown great interest, with nearly one million views in the last six years. The board approved to have the Club's website "updated" to be compatible with mobile devices such as cell phones, and tablets.

In closing, I want to mention it is my pleasure to serve as your new National Director, and gladly would love to hear any complaints or suggestions you may have. You may contact me with the contact information above.

Respectfully,

Michael Driskell, Central National Director

<u>Editors Note:</u> Michael was elected as our National Director. He replaces Lynn Stringer of Detroit who completed his 6 year term in December. Michael is your contact should you have any questions regarding the National Club or National Business.

## Need Club Clothing

Looking for N.O.R.G Club Clothing? Frank Posar has been working with a new vendor that offers 1st class clothing, embroidered with our N.O.R.G logo at very competitive prices. Both men's and women's sizes are available. Frank has worn the jacket to our meetings and the quality of the product is excellent.

## Club Clothing List

All items subject to change due to rising costs and quantity of orders (Additional cost for 2xl and larger sizes)

Coaches jacket with large Logo on back	\$60.00
Long sleeve Denim shirt with club logo	\$42.00
Short sleeve Denim shirt with club logo	
Knit golf shirt with club logo\$30.50	
Jersey Super sweat shirt with logo	-
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## First Class Mail

# Happy March Birthday

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	Ken Canankamn	19



March Meeting: Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup> Stow City Center

### The Headliner Deadline

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

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Don't Forget to Check out our updated website: **www.norgv8club.org** 

