

# "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."

This month, my message is a little bit short. In my opinion that's a good thing. I realize how much of a privilege it is to represent a great group such as ours. Our Officers, Board members and Chairpersons are doing an excellent job. ( even the cookie bakers). There is never a hesitation about what needs to be done in any of these positions. It reminds me of a well-tuned V8 just humming along with all the parts doing their job to keep it going in the right direction. This make my job a helluva lot easier and makes me a helluva lot more proud to be a part of this Regional Group. To me it feels like we are getting a little bit stronger every day.



I personally want to thank everyone that contributes to make it happen.

As a reminder, there is **no meeting in JUNE at our regular spot at the Stow Community Center**. Neil will be working on a local restaurant for the **JUNE** meeting. Information will be in the **JUNE** Newsletter.

Also there is information on our upcoming events for everyone to enjoy.

Try to support our generous sponsors on the back page of the newsletter.

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*Jeep*

**Henry said: "Chop your own wood, it will warm you twice"**



## May Program

Our May Program will be presented by Craig Gorris on NASA's History of Expendable Launch Vehicles from the German V-2 Rocket up to the present.

## Officers & Board 2016

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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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## MINUTES OF APRIL 21, 2017 N.O.R.G. MEETING

The meeting was called to order @ 7:40 p.m. by President, Jeep Iacobucci. Members were asked to introduce themselves and their cars. Jeep thanked Ginnie Herrmann for the coffee and cookies.

**Rich Jandrey**, our Program Director introduced Bob Hansen of the Dent Gent. Bob does paint less dent removal. The modern paint on vehicles is more flexible and easy to work with. Bob stressed, in order to remove dents you need patience. The aluminum in a Rolls Royce is bad to work with and the worst aluminum is Ferrari. When pushing out a dent Bob has to get behind the damage. In many cases he has to drill a hole in order to get to the dent and has special tools to do this work. He can also do huge dents depending on the damage of each dent. Sometimes Bob has to stretch the metal to solve the severity of the dent. This is also done with special tools and a special light for depth and perception. The cost is \$55.00 for the first dent and an additional \$20.00 for each extra dent. A dime size dent is \$25.00.

The Secretary's report was read by Virginia Herrmann. A motion was made to accept the minutes as read by Steve Kronen and seconded by Neal Garland.

Our Treasurers were absent; the club has feeling they skipped town!

Our Newsletter Editor, **Annette Gorris** received a plaque from the National V-8 club for the winning of the newsletter. Congratulations Annette for a job well done. Annette spoke about the Ladies page and how interesting the articles are each month. She thanked Sharon Bukszar for her story. Beth Schilling has the month of May. Beth is letting us in on a little secret, her son Matthew is going to be a Dad in October.

Our Membership Coordinator, **Craig Gorris** said we have 63 paid memberships, this makes a total of 110 members.

A thank you goes to **Frank Posar** for another fine article in the V-8 times magazine.

Neal Garland spoke about the luncheon turn-out at the Berea Union Tavern. Everyone had a good time. For the April 29<sup>th</sup> luncheon we are meeting at Stancato's in Parma at 11:30 a.m. They have a nice luncheon buffet. Then after lunch on to Eastwood Automotive Products.

Jeep awarded Neal with a very prestigious award for the job he does with the luncheon outings.

**Jack Bukszar** had a few events the membership may want to enjoy.

May 27<sup>th</sup> – The membership is invited to the Cleveland Yacht club.

June 17<sup>th</sup> – The Nifty Fifties has a cruise-in to the Fairlawn Skyway drive in.

July 16<sup>th</sup> – Hungarian National Farm.

All the details for the above will be in the Headliner.

If anyone needs name tags please see Jack Bukszar

**Rick Jandrey** had a trivia game and the winner was Jack Bukszar winning a dozen fresh eggs.

Jeep explained to the club that a quilt will be made with a patch from each V-8 group. This patch will be made by Diane Moore whom volunteered with a little pressure from the PRES. This quilt will be raffled off at the Grand National Meet in Michigan 2018.

Jeep picked Judy and Don Brehm to share a V-8 Memory with the club.

Neal Garland moved the meeting be adjourned and seconded by Don Brehm. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Virginia Herrmann**  
**N.O.R.G. V-8 Secretary**

## 2017 Activities At A Glance



- **Friday May 19<sup>th</sup>** 7:30 PM Monthly Club Meeting, Stow City Center.
- **Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>** Car Coddlers Swap Meet, Sandusky Fairgrounds
- **Wednesday May 24<sup>th</sup>** 10:00 AM Flaming River Industries Factory Tour followed by lunch at Tony K's in Berea ***See page 9 for more information***
- **Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup>** Cleveland Yacht Club Car Show 1:00PM -4:30PM located at 200 Yacht Club Dr. Rocky River. Arrive and leave at your convenience. Cash bar and lunch available. ***See page 6 for more information***
- **Wednesday ~ Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup> ~11<sup>th</sup>** Eastern National Early Ford V-8 Meet Fairfax VA. ***see page 10 for more information***
- **Thursday June 29<sup>th</sup> ~ Sunday July 1<sup>st</sup>** NORG-NIRG Tour to South Bend Indiana ***see page 8 & 9 for more information***
- **Saturday June 17<sup>th</sup>** 4:00 PM Cruise to Skyway Drive In ***see page 6 for more Information***
- **Sunday, July 16<sup>th</sup>** Annual Rocky River Car Show at Rocky River City Hall, *Information to be announced next month*
- **Sunday, July 16<sup>th</sup>** Car Show and Cruise to Hungarian Farm in Hiram *Information to be announced*



## NORG Cookie Bakers

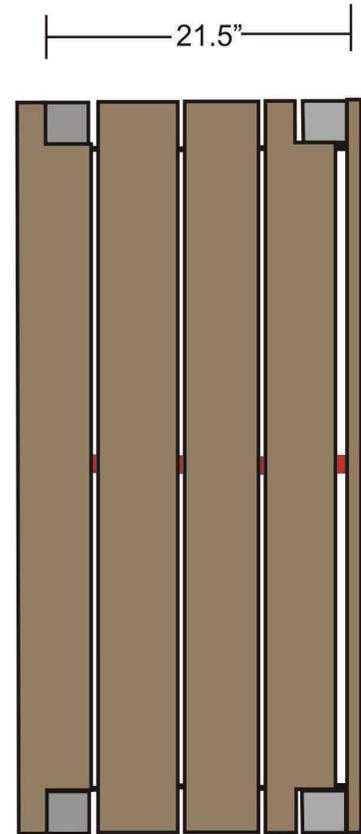
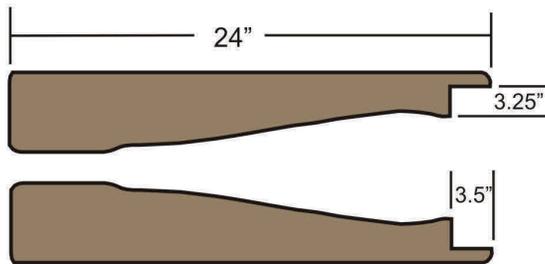
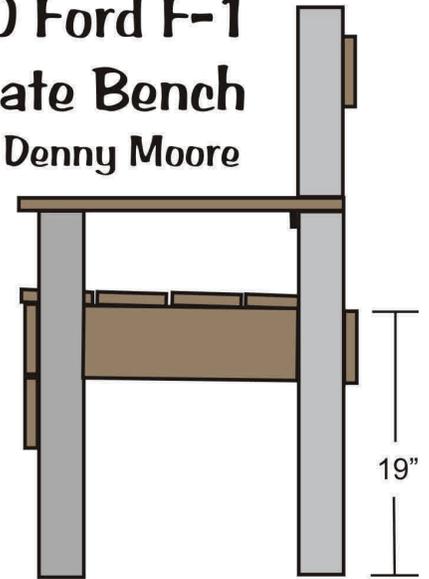
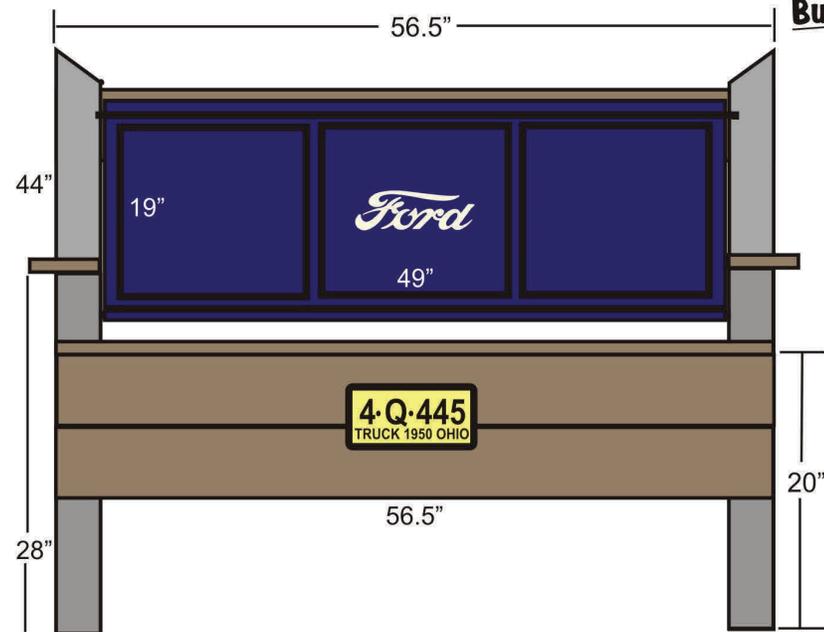
May Meeting	Marie Lewicki
June Meeting	Georgene Iacobucci
July Meeting	Charlie Jandik
August Meeting	Barb Rooney
September Meeting	Rose Deyling
October Meeting	Diane Francis
November Meeting	Annette Gorris

# A Great Do-It-Yourself Project

Thanks Denny Moore

**Build Your Own**

## 1950 Ford F-1 Tailgate Bench Denny Moore



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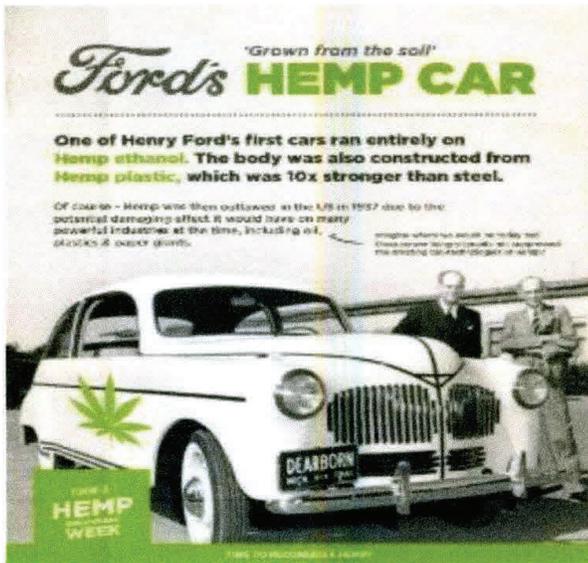
 - 4 X 4 (3.5"X 3.5") Treated Posts

 - 2 X 4 X 21.5" Treated

# HENRY FORD'S SOYA BEAN CAR

## – “the Hemp Car”

The soyabean car, more recently referred to as the hemp body car, was a car built with agricultural plastic. Although the formula used to create the plasticised panels has been lost, it is conjectured that the first iteration of the body was made partially from soyabeans and hemp. The body was lighter and therefore more fuel efficient than a normal metal body. It was made in Dearborn, Michigan, through the work of scientist/ botanist, George Carver and was introduced to public view in August 1941. It was made in part as a hedge against the rationing of steel during World War 2. It was designed to run on hemp fuel.



Henry Ford first put Eugene Gregorie of his design department in charge of manufacturing. Ultimately he was not satisfied with the proposed project and gave it over to the Soya bean Laboratory in Greenfield Village. The person in charge there was Lowell Overly who had a background in tool and die design. The finished prototype was exhibited in 1941 at the Dearborn Days festival. It was also shown at the Michigan State Fair the same year. Because of World War 2, all US automobile production was curtailed considerably and the plastic car experiment came to a halt. By the end of the war the plastic car idea went into oblivion. According to Lowell Overly, the prototype car was destroyed by Bob Gregorie.

Others argue that Ford invested millions of dollars into research to develop the plastic car to no avail. He proclaimed he would “grow automobiles from

the soil”. However it never happened even though he had over 12,000 acres of soyabeans for experimentation. Some sources even say the Soyabean Car wasn't made from soyabeans at all, but from phenolic plastic, an extract of coal tar. One newspaper even reported that all of Ford's research only provided whipped cream as a final product.

The HENRY FORD MUSEUM gives three reasons for Ford's decision to make a plastic automobile, the plastic car made from soyabeans;

1. Ford was looking to integrate industry with agriculture
2. Ford claimed that his plastic made these cars safer than normal metal cars.
3. Ford wished to make his new plastic material a replacement for the metals used on normal metal cars. A side benefit would have been easing of the shortage of metal during World War 2.

The frame of this automobile was made of tubular steel, to which were attached some 14 plastic panels, said to be “only a quarter of an inch thick.



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The windows were made of acrylic sheets. All of this led to a reduction in weight from 1200kgs to 950kgs- around 25%. The engine was a Ford V8 60.

The exact ingredients of the plastic are not known since there were no records kept. Speculation is that it was a combination of soyabeans , wheat, hemp, flax and ramie. (*Ramie is a material used by ancient Egyptians to wrap mummies*). Lowell Overly, the person who had the most influence in creating the car, says it was “soyabean fibre in a phenolic resin with formaldehyde used in the impregnation. (*Could this be the first fibreglass?*)

Henry Ford had his own car made of this material which was used for promotions at the same time. This promotional photo shows Henry striking the rear of his car with a sledge hammer. The trunk lid was made of Ford “plastic”



Thanks to Murv Perry Ford Words

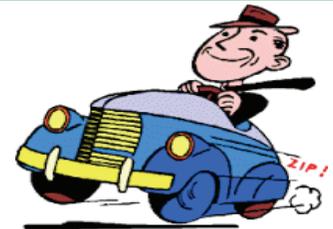
## Upcoming Cruises

### MAY 27 ~ CLEVELAND YACHTING CLUB

200 Yacht Club Drive Rocky River

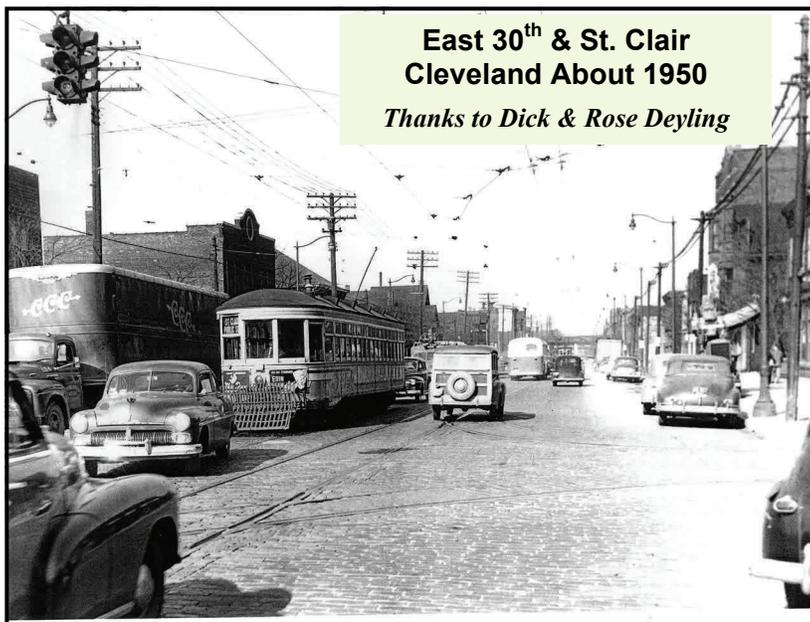
Arrive Between 1:00 ~ 4:00 and Leave at will

*If Interested, we will meet at Michaels Family Restaurant for Breakfast or Brunch 19797 Detroit Road Rocky River at 11:30.*



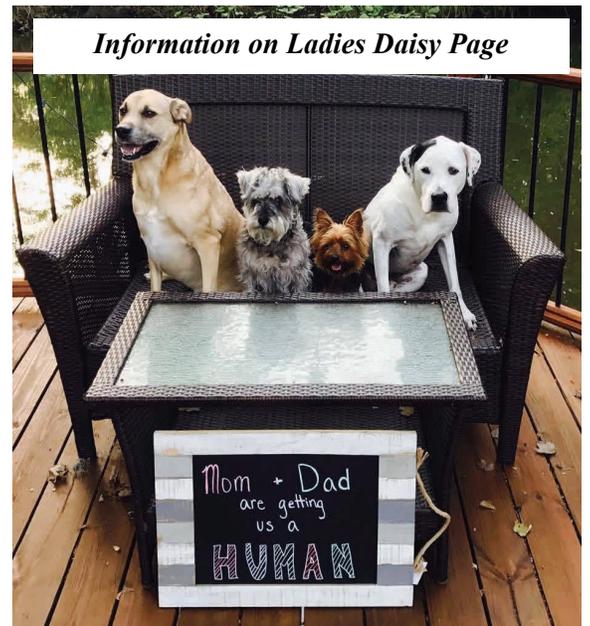
### JUNE 17 CRUISE TO SKYWAY DRIVE INN

**Meet at 4:00** at Richfield Day's Inn 4742 Brecksville Rd (Route 21) South of Turnpike



East 30<sup>th</sup> & St. Clair  
Cleveland About 1950

Thanks to Dick & Rose Deyling



Information on Ladies Daisy Page



## GREAT LAKES RENDEZVOUS 6



You are invited to join your fellow Club members for our Sixth Annual Joint Tour to South Bend, Indiana June 29 – July 2. We will be staying at the DoubleTree Suites in downtown South Bend; our rate of \$139.00 per night includes garage parking. Each room includes a refrigerator. **Please make your hotel reservations now by calling the DoubleTree at 866-893-5713 or click [here](#).** Be sure to ask for the **Early Ford V-8** rate. **THE CUTOFF DATE FOR THE HOTEL IS MAY 31.**

### Thursday

For early arrivals on Thursday we are planning a tour of Tippecanoe Place, the mansion (now a restaurant) built by Clem Studebaker in the 1880s.

### Friday



On Friday morning we will have a driving tour approximately 42 miles to Shipshewana to visit Hostetler's Hudson Auto Museum. Admission fee is \$4.00 per person. What started with a single vehicle more than 25 years ago has grown to include the largest collection of Hudson automobiles in the world. The collection includes the Hudson, Essex, Terraplane, Railton, and Dover brands. After the museum tour we will have a buffet lunch at

the nearby Blue Gate Restaurant.

After a leisurely drive back to South Bend, we will take a quick tour of the South Bend Chocolate Company factory and have some time for visiting and relaxing before dinner at a local restaurant.



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**Deadline is May 31**

**Please provide the information requested on the other side of this form, tear it off, and forward it with your payment of \$46.00 per person for the Saturday night buffet to:**

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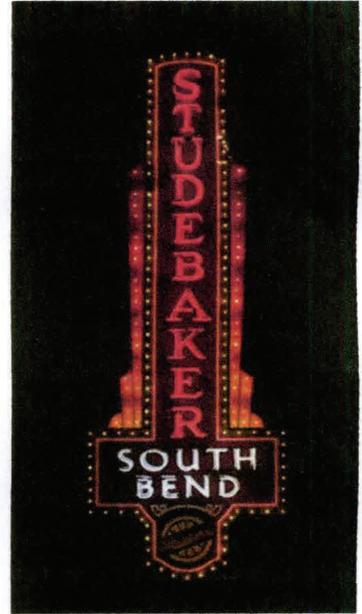
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## Saturday

On Saturday morning we will tour the beautiful and historic campus of the University of Notre Dame, followed by lunch at a downtown restaurant.

On Saturday afternoon we will tour the Studebaker National Museum. The \$10 admission covers a 1½ to 2 hour tour of the priceless Studebaker collection of wagons, automobiles, and artifacts covering 150 years of local history. For those who want more, we can also explore the Center for History which includes several historic galleries pertinent to South Bend history. These include the Raclin Gallery of Notre Dame history, a gallery about the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League (A League of Their Own), Voyages about people of the St. Joseph River Valley, and more.

Saturday evening we will have a barbeque buffet with a cash bar in the DoubleTree Hotel. The cost for the buffet is \$46.00 per person which includes all tax and gratuities. **The cost for the Saturday evening dinner needs to be paid in advance. Please send your check for \$46.00 per person, payable to Ken Bounds, along with the form at the bottom of the page.**



If you have any questions, please contact either:

Jack Bukszar

or

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## Sunday

Sunday morning we will tour the historic 38-room Oliver Mansion built in the 1890s by the owner of the Oliver Chilled Plow company.

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## EARLY FORD V-8 LUNCH BUNCH FACTORY TOUR & LUNCH WEDNESDAY MAY 24, 2017

Over 20 members attended last month's luncheon at Stancato's Restaurant. Afterward a number drove to the new Eastwood Store on Ridge Road. It was very successful.

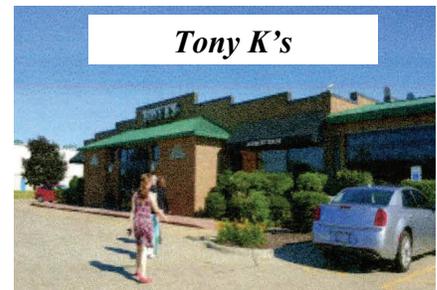


*Flaming River Industries*

This month we are planning a tour of the Flaming River Industries, that manufacture steering columns, hot rod equipment and custom auto devices. They are located at **800 Poertner Drive, Berea Oh., (440-826-4488)**

Please plan on arriving at 10:00AM, there will be coffee & doughnuts. The tour should last until about noon.

After the tour, we will take a short drive for lunch to **Tony K's Bar & Grill** located at **841 W Bagley Road 440-234-9700**. Tony K's feature a specialty sandwiches and a variety of other luncheon specials.



*Tony K's*

*Jack Bukszar & Neal Garland, Activities Chair*

### **For Sale 1947 Ford Convertible ~ \$3000 Firm ~ Needs Total Restoration**

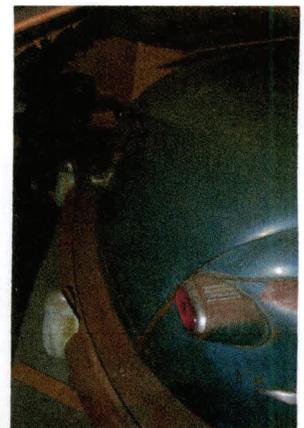
*More Information Ted (440) 255-8665 Cell (440) 754-9264*

Details: Owned by sellers father since 1948

Not run since 1966

- Engine stuck - have replacement & trans, bought 10 years ago
- Mostly complete & untouched
- Hydraulic top reservoir is missing
- Owner has radio & clock somewhere
- Owner believe has original top boot
- Rusted front floor - have rare aluminum toe-board to replace
- LF fender damaged in the '50's - have replacement '46 fender (slightly different) but believe have a correct '47 fender

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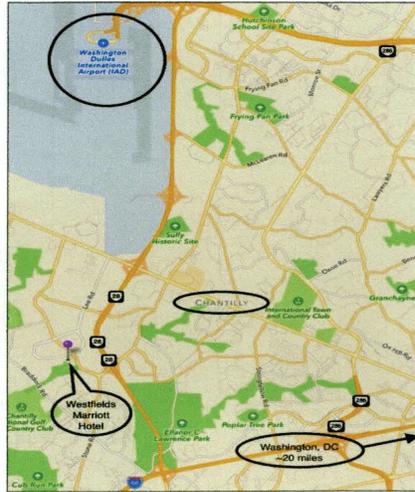
## Chantilly, Virginia: The V-8 Scene in '17

We've planned a wide variety of events and tours to interest every member of your family.

Naturally we'll have Concours judging, Touring and Display classes, and we



also offer many **Udvar-Hazy Aircraft Restoration Facility** of the sights for which Northern Virginia and the District of Columbia's metropolitan area have become famous: DC with the National Mall and all the monuments; George Washington's Mount Vernon home; historic Old Town Alexandria; beautiful Loudoun county; and the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum's awe-inspiring Udvar-Hazy Center that houses historic aviation & space artifacts from the Enola Gay to the Space Shuttle Discovery to the first Boeing 707 to the Lockheed SR-71 Blackbird to the Concorde Supersonic Transport (SST). The Udvar-Hazy Center also features the nation's premier aircraft restoration facility.



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## The Early Ford V-8 Club of America's 2017 Eastern National Meet



**June 7-11, 2017**

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## 2017 Eastern National Meet

Celebrating the 75th Anniversary of 1942 Ford Motor Company Vehicles

### Please Join Us

The Northern Virginia Regional Group looks forward to having you join us in beautiful Fairfax County for the 2017 Eastern National Meet. We've put together an exciting program that showcases the breathtaking sites and rich heritage of the Northern Virginia and Washington DC area.



World War II Memorial

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#### Tentative Schedule of Events

##### Wednesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>

- ◆ Registration Opens
- ◆ Car Clean Up Is Available
- ◆ Operational Check & Vehicle Photos
- ◆ Swap Meet
- ◆ Raffle Room Open
- ◆ Guided or Self-Guided Tour to Local Sights
- ◆ Seminars
- ◆ Welcome Party & Entertainment

##### Thursday, June 8<sup>th</sup>

- ◆ Registration Open
- ◆ Car Clean Up Is Available
- ◆ Operational Check & Vehicle Photos
- ◆ Swap Meet
- ◆ Raffle Room Open
- ◆ Bus Trip and Driving Tour
- ◆ President's Meeting
- ◆ Early Ford V-8 Foundation Meeting
- ◆ Judging and Owners Meeting
- ◆ Dinner on your own

##### Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup>

- ◆ Registration Open
- ◆ Judge's Breakfast
- ◆ Concours Judging
- ◆ Swap Meet
- ◆ Raffle Room Open
- ◆ Spouses Luncheon
- ◆ Driving Tour to Cross Farm Country BBQ with entertainment, antique saw mill & garage tour

##### Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup>

- ◆ Swap Meet
- ◆ Bus Trip or Driving Tour
- ◆ A Day at the Museum - the Smithsonian Air & Space Museum's Udvar-Hazy Center
- ◆ Awards Banquet—Cash bar
- ◆ 50/50 Special raffle items drawing



Celebrating the 75th Anniversary of the 1942 Fords

# Ladies Daisy Page

## Spring Is Here

Georgene Iacobucci is sharing her beautiful Lilac Flowers with us. The colors and fragrance have been worth waiting for. These wonderful treasures are a result of the magic of our Creator. Imagine yourself with Georgene having a cup of coffee and enjoying all the beautiful lilacs



## Welcome Hummingbirds



For the past 32 years I look forward to the first week in May. I am so grateful to have known our deceased members Arlene and Bill Cassidy who shared their love of Hummingbirds which inspired me to attract “hummers” here. Bill told me about the feeders he made for Arlene using an empty plastic soda bottle and the top of a large jar lid. Bill explained how to assemble these two items.

The plastic bottle would contain sugar water and the jar lid would enable the “hummers” to perch above the sugar water. This was the beginning of how I began to welcome “hummers” to our yard.

Since that first summer 32 years ago the “hummers” tell me they have returned and it’s time to get the feeders out by pecking on the kitchen window. That first handmade feeder has grown to six commercial feeders. On May 2<sup>nd</sup> of this year there they were, pecking on the window, announcing that Spring is here, let my friends know it’s “hummer” time. By July, I have at least a dozen “hummers” at any time fighting for their turn at one of the feeders that hang along the deck and back porch. Would you believe that last year they consumed 15 plus lbs. of sugar. Arlene’s magic receipt is ¼ cup sugar to 1 cup of water and a pinch of red food coloring. (The food coloring isn’t necessary; but it hides any cloudiness in the water).

*Each year brings back fond memories of Arlene and Bill when the “hummers” return .*



## Special News and Congratulation to the Schillings!

Mathew & Sarah Schilling (Beth & Regis’s son and daughter -in-law) are expecting their first child. See announcement on page 6.

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- Virginia Herrmann 7
- Frank Posar 13
- Elaine Hlavacs 14
- Tom Clark 15
- Michelle Bruening 23
- Karen Mihalek 25

**Apology:** Last Month we forgot First Lady-  
Georgene Iacobucci April 22

Don't Forget to Check out our updated website :  
[www.norgv8club.org](http://www.norgv8club.org)

### The Headliner Deadline

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

**Annette Gorris**  
[annette.gorris@gmail.com](mailto:annette.gorris@gmail.com)

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**Stow City Center**