

“The Headliner”

Newsletter of the Northern Ohio Regional Group #20 Early Ford V-8 Club of America Our 50th Year

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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.”

I'm happy to say we got our first meeting in for our 50th year of being a Regional Group. I myself am pretty proud to belong to such a wonderful group of car friends that I consider my second family. Congratulations to **Kenny Canankamp**, attending the first meeting of the year since 1968. Kenny and his wife Ruthie have been very active and contributed much to keep this group together. Thank you Guys.



Thanks to Beth and Regis for coffee and cookies. Being a special year, there will be special things on our agenda. At the meeting we discussed a few things to do in the coming months. Neal started us off with a great lunch at The Brickhouse Tavern. We had a good turnout and looking forward to the next adventure. I believe that our "V8 Tour Notzi" Jack will be pretty busy working diligently on some up and coming events.

Frank Posar did us proud with a great article in the V8 Times regarding our Annual Christmas and Installation Dinner. Great contribution Frank!

Also, Rich Jandrey has been very resourceful in obtaining guest speakers for our Monthly Meetings. I can understand that the potential list is getting thinner. If of you know someone or would like to recommend a particular subject, feel free to let Rich know.

Our yearly audit came out to the penny. Thank you Lois Stallard for volunteering to do our audits every year. Thinking about our Net Worth we do need to look into a fund raiser. Since we no longer have Auto Nation as a place for continuing to have an annual swap meet. Again we will entertain any options and ideas for a fund raiser.

We had a little setback on our 2019 Roster. The staple machine evidently decided to quit. You will receive one shortly. Another fine job by Craig. He puts many hours in to create our Roster. Thank you Craig.

Remember our shut-ins and those who have recently passed in our hearts and prayers

EnjoyurV8B4its2L8

Jeep



March Program

Program Chairperson, Rich Jandrey's speaker cancel at the "last minute". He is currently working on a replacement program.

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**All Meetings are held at
Stow Community Center
3800 Graham Road
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Ends: 10:00 or Sooner

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MINUTES OF February 15th , 2019 N.O.R.G MEETING

President, Jeep Iacobucci called the meeting to order at 7:30PM. The membership Introduced themselves and their cars. Our member Josh Madden brought his Dad Tom to the meeting. Welcome back Diane Francis and Earl Peters, you were missed.

Jeep thanked Beth and Regis Schilling for the refreshments for the evening.

Rich Jandrey introduced Donald Corbeth, an insurance agent specializing in Reverse Mortgages. Donald explained all the pros and cons of a reverse mortgage. Many individuals use a reverse mortgage as a way to get out of a desperate situation or used as a financial plan. The house has to paid off or 50% to 65% paid off to be eligible. The home owner can't be put out of the home, but must pay the taxes and the insurance. The amount of money available is determined on the youngest spouse.

The money can be used in many ways:

A new car ; Travel; Investments; Line of credit

If used to purchase another home or a new mortgage the closing costs can be costly. Donald suggests using for a mortgage is not a good idea.

Secretary, Ginnie Herrmann read the minutes of November 2018. The minutes were approved by Dan Francis and seconded by Rich Jandrey.

Treasurer's Diane and Dan Francis gave us the Treasurer's report and announced the annual audit passed. A motion to approve the Treasurer's report was by Jack Bukszar and seconded by Rags Stallard.

A thank you goes out to Annette and Ginger for the wonderful planning of the Christmas Party. It was enjoyed by all and a great way to end the year.

Vice President, Jack Bukszar said this summer will be a busy one. If anyone has any ideas, tours, etc., please contact Jack. Jack mentioned about a Thunderbird convention August the 11th. The club asked if we could display some of our cars. Please notify Jack if you can attend.

Craig Gorris, our Membership Director spoke about the rosters. They are printed by Bill Soltis' daughter at an inexpensive rate. However, the stapler on the machine was broken and the rosters will be distributed at the March meeting. Craig also spoke about bricks being purchase for Foster Buchtel and Bill Royer. In Annette's absence, Craig spoke about the upcoming monthly daisy page. It will be a surprise. A Golden Oldies moment. At the Cavaliers game and the ballroom dancer will be introduced.

Regis Schilling said the web-site is up and running without any problems.

There will be "NO MEETING IN APRIL" due to Good Friday.

Our Historian Steve Kronen showed a picture of several members taken at the Stow Library. Steve also has the 45th Anniversary stickers if anyone is interested.

- A joint tour is in the works with the Pennsylvania group that Collette's' presently belong too.
- An activity for April will be a tour of Bob Jones museum.
- July 27th, perhaps an overnight trip to New Philadelphia and Hall of Fame races at Midvale Speedway
- October 12th Trunk or Treat with the Nifty Fifties

The above activities will be in the upcoming Newsletters.

For the National Meet a discussion was to not donate a basket this year. Instead to purchase raffle tickets in the amount of \$50.00 and use the raffle tickets as 50/50 door prizes for the club.

The 50th Anniversary party is in the works. Annette, Beth and Ginnie will get together and start working on the arrangements. A license plate topper was designed for the club's 50th Anniversary and will be passed out at the banquet.

Jeep strongly urged everyone to look into a fund raiser for the club.

Frank Poser has clothing available. If interested please contact Frank.

Beth Schilling will look into a donation for the Stow Safety Center. Each year we donate as a thank you for the use of the meeting room.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30

Respectfully Submitted,

Virginia Herrmann

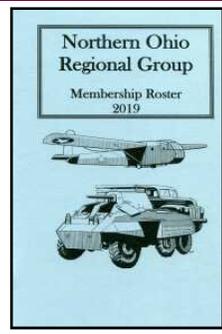
V-8 Secretary

2019 Activities At A Glance



- **Friday, March 15th 7:30 PM** Monthly Club Meeting, Stow City Center.
- **Saturday March 16th** Piston & Power Show at IX Center
- **Wednesday, March 20th** NORG Luncheon Oak & Embers Tavern Hudson OH *see page 7 for more information*
- **April 19th** **NO MEETING ~ Good Friday**
- **APRIL TBD** Luncheon and Tour of Member Bob Jones Vehicle Collection (TBD)
- **July 27th** Over night Cruise to Midvale Speedway Stock Car Race featuring Jeep Iacobucci *see page 7 for more information*
- **August:** Car Show with Thunder Bird Club Westlake OH
- **October:** Joint Tour with Pittsburgh Regional Group

Our NORG 2019 Membership Rosters will be available at our March Meeting, on Friday March 15th.



NORG Cookie Bakers

We realize that not everyone is available to bake cookies. We request, if possible, that you leave a small token donation to support our Club



March Meeting	John & Kathy Kessler
April Meeting	No Meeting ~ Good Friday
May Meeting	Dan & Diane Francis
June Meeting	NO MEETING
July Meeting	Neal & Momoe Garland
August Meeting	Denny & Diane Moore
September Meeting	Georgene Iacobucci
October Meeting	Judy Brehm
November Meeting	Charlie Jandik

V-8 Times Dan Wittern Settlement Statement

The Club's pursuit of its proven claim against Dan Wittern for misuse of \$217 thousand of Club funds during 2008 through mid-2013 has been settled for \$472 thousand. Along with \$50 thousand of insurance coverage, the result has been the full recovery of the lost funds and all of the costs expended to achieve that result.

Thanks to the tireless efforts of the Club's Audit Committee and Wayne Deitrich for bringing this sad chapter in the Club's history to a successful conclusion.

Concurrently, the management of the Club's financial resources has been completely restructured with appropriate separation of duties, formal approval authorities and purchasing procedures, and annual third-party independent audits.

Editor 's Note: Dan Wittern had been the National Club's Business Manager for years. An audit suggested that funds had been misappropriated. As a result, litigation was brought against him

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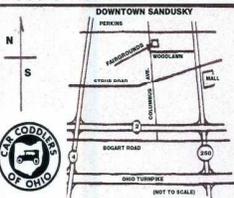
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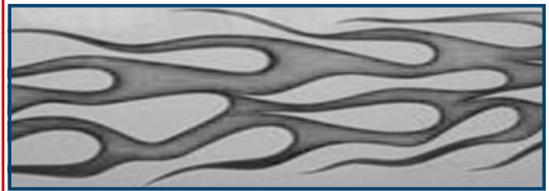
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Guy Shively at Piston and Power Show March 15th, 16th, & 17th

Member, Guy Shively, who owns "Guy's Graphics" in Youngstown and creates the artwork for our annual Club Roster will be at the IX Center *Piston and Power Show* pin striping with all proceeds going to charity

While you are there, stop by and say



The 80th Anniversary of Mercury

2019 marks the 80th Anniversary of the introduction of the Mercury automobile. It traces the roots from 1939 until 1953, the period that is recognized by the Early Ford V-8 Club of America. We plan on presenting four generations of Mercury to our readers during the coming months.

These are:

- First generation; 1939 ~ 1940;
- Second generation 1941 ~ 1948;
- Third generation; 1949 ~ 1951
- Forth generation; 1952 ~ 1953.

This month we will discuss the First Generation. 1939 ~ 1940

Background: The *Mercury Eight* is an automobile that was marketed by the Mercury division of Ford between 1939 and 1951. The debut model line of the Mercury division, Ford slotted the full-size Mercury Eight between the Ford Deluxe (later Custom) model lines and the Lincoln. In total, Ford assembled three generations of the Eight (before and after World War II). During its production, the Eight offered a full range of body styles, including coupes, sedans, convertibles, and station wagons. For its first generation, the Eight was produced with its own body, adapting its own version of a Ford body for its second generation; for the third generation, the Eight shared its body with the Lincoln.

For the 1952 model year, Ford expanded its namesake division to three nameplates and Lincoln and Mercury to two each, with Mercury replacing the Eight with Monterey (introduced in 1950 as a trim option), lasting until 1974.



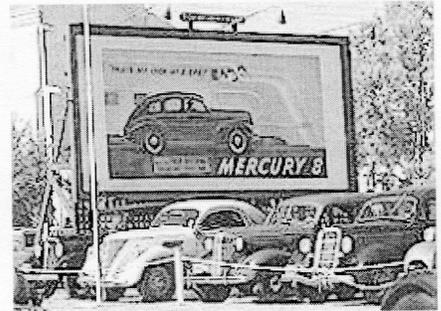
First Generation (1939 –1940)

The advertisements for this car declared it to be "The car that truly dares to ask 'Why?'" , referring to the idea that a big car couldn't also be economical. The Mercury was

priced in the thousand dollar range, several hundred dollars more than the Ford V-8, several hundred less than the Lincoln-Zephyr and

about the same as the upper-range Oldsmobile and Dodges, Hudsons, and the lower-range Buicks and DeSotos, sales from all

of which, it was hoped, the new Mercury would usurp. Its engine was a 95 hp version of the Ford flathead V8 engine, its styling was inspired by the Zephyr, and it had hydraulic brakes from the beginning. 1940. Braking was via 12-inch drums.



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With a wheelbase of 116.0 in and an overall length of 196.0 in, it was a good-sized car, which the Ford company advertised extensively, together with its up-to-20 mpg performance-"few cars of any size can equal such economy." Double sun visors became standard. Although the "Eight" script would not appear on the front of the hood until the 1941 model year, sales literature prominently referred to the car as the "Mercury Eight" from the very beginning. This is no doubt because the actual series names, 99A in 1939 and 09A in 1940, were somewhat less enticing. A 1940 09A model has the words "Mercury

Eight" in an emblem that runs from front to rear alongside the top hood lines on both sides. It appears as chrome wording on top of a double red bar. By the end of 1940 Mercury could run with the headline "It's made 150,000 owners change cars!"



Overview	
Model years	1939–1940
Body and chassis	
Body style	2-door coupe 2-door convertible 2-door sedan 4-door sedan 4-door convertible
Powertrain	
Engine	239 cu in Flathead V8
Dimensions	
Wheelbase	116.0 in
Length	196.0 in



Overnight Cruise to Midvale Speedway July 27th & 28th

Our Northern Ohio Group is planning an overnight cruise to Midvale Speedway in New Philadelphia OH the weekend of July 27th & 28th. Our own Jeep Iacobucci, the largest money winner in the history of Midvale Speedway, will be racing that evening. Midvale is about a 75 minute drive from greater Cleveland.



We have reserved 15 rooms at the at the Comfort Inn in Dover Ohio. The rate is \$94.00 per night including breakfast. The hotel has a pool as well as a hot tub. They are holding 4 King rooms and 11 Twin Queens. Dover is the closest city to Midvale, about 10 to 15 miles away from the track.



The cut off date for rooms is **June 27**. Everyone must call and make their own reservation. **ASK FOR EARLY FORD V-8 RATE. PHONE NUMBER IS 330-440-9011.**

Incidentally, there are no rooms available in New Philadelphia since there is a big baseball tournament that weekend and EVERY HOTEL IS BOOKED

More details will be available next month. However we wanted to let everyone know regarding room reservations.

LUNCH OUTING FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

Oak and Embers Tavern
7774 Darrow Road Hudson, Ohio

Fifteen members of NORG enjoyed our February lunch at the Brick House in Cuyahoga Falls. Again, the food was fine, the atmosphere was pleasant, the service was great, and we all left with full stomachs and smiles on our faces!

Wednesday, March 20 is the official first day of spring (HURRAY!!!), so let's welcome it with a lunchtime outing at the Oak and Embers Tavern located at 7774 Darrow Road (Rt. 91) in Hudson, Ohio 44236. Their phone number is 234-602-1056. There is more than one Oak and Embers Tavern in our area, so be sure to tell your GPS you want the one in Hudson. Plan to arrive at 11:00 a.m. so we can beat the noontime rush. We will have a semi-private room in the back of the restaurant. Tell the hostess you are with the Ford V8 club. She probably will let you in anyway. The restaurant has a rustic theme decor and most items on the lunch menu are in the \$10-15 range.



Matt Harwood has invited us to view the current inventory of classic and hot rod cars in the new Harwood Motors location following lunch. Harwood Motors is only about a 10 minute drive from the restaurant and is very easy to find. The address is 1333 Highland Road, Macedonia, Ohio 44056. As you know, a visit to Matt's facility is more like walking through a high quality museum than a visit to a business establishment.

Hope to see you at Oak and Embers and at Harwood Motors!

Neal Garland, Activities Chair

Bonnie and Clyde were Ford tough

To robbers, powerful car's engine was a steal

Randy Essex
Detroit Free Press
USA TODAY NETWORK

On April 13, 1934, Ford Motor Co. received a notorious endorsement.

"Dear Sir," read the handwritten letter addressed to Henry Ford. "While I still have got breath in my lungs I will tell you what a dandy car you make. I have drove Fords exclusively when I could get away with one."

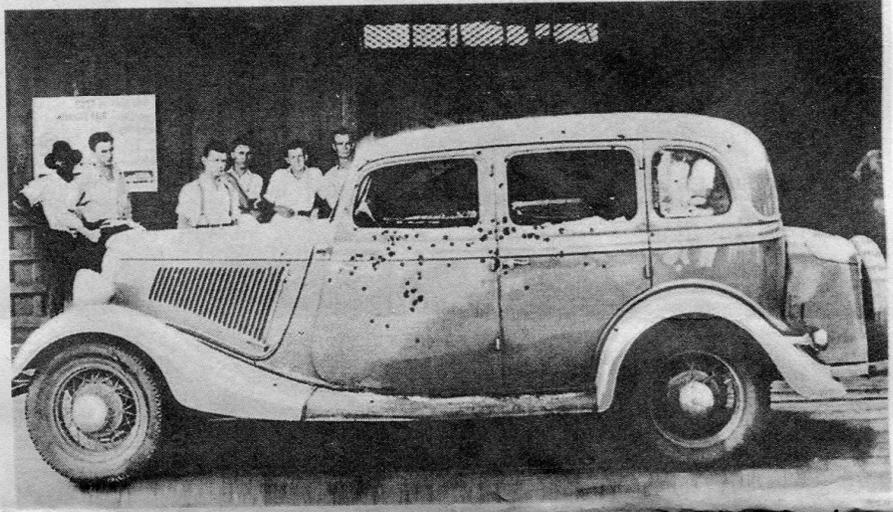
"Get away" being operative words — the letter was signed, "Yours truly Clyde Champion Barrow."

Barrow, whose given middle name was Chestnut, is among the most famous criminals in American history. With accomplice Bonnie Parker and other running mates, Bonnie and Clyde committed robberies, kidnappings, car thefts and killings from their native Texas as far north as Minnesota from 1932-34.

Barrow's preference for Fords with what then was a powerful engine raises the question: What would be today's great getaway cars?

We'll get to that in a moment.

The letter, which is in possession of The Henry Ford museum in Dearborn, Michigan, went on to say: "For sustained speed and freedom from trou-



Bonnie Parker and Clyde Barrow died in this stolen 1932 Ford Fordor Deluxe in a hail of bullets. The car had a V8 engine that could go up to 75 mph, considerably faster than the older, slower cars that police drove at the time. CHARLES CULBERTSON

ble the Ford has got ever other car skinned and even if my business hasn't been strickly legal it don't hurt anything to tell you what a fine car you got in the V8 —"

(He was a criminal, not a spelling bee champion.)

Ted Ryan, archives and heritage brand manager for Ford, notes that "no one has ever truly verified the handwriting to prove conclusively that it is Clyde Barrow's. That is part of the fun of history. Personally, I think it is true."

Bonnie and Clyde, being intensely hunted at the time of the letter, just a few weeks before being ambushed by lawmen and riddled with bullets in Louisiana, certainly were not publicity-averse. They posed for photos and were brazenly aware of their celebrity.

Ryan said Ford had introduced the single block cast V8 engine just a few years before.

"The resulting engine was a modern

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marvel and provided the power the public was looking for at a price they could afford," he said in an email. "Suddenly, higher-powered engines were available to everyone, including Clyde Barrow."

Now, what about today's getaway cars? The Free Press auto team came up with these possibilities:



Clyde Barrow and Bonnie Parker were brazenly aware of their fame and would pose for photos. AP

Thanks to Gary Bukszar for this article

Ladies Daisy Page

THE WORLD IS FULL OF SURPRISES!
by Momoe Garland

I never dreamed of dancing for the Cleveland Cavaliers senior dance and cheerleader team called the "Wine and Goldies" at my advanced age of 39+ (well, OK, maybe 39++++ is closer). It all began when Neal and I went on a cruise through the Scandinavian countries in 2017. We enjoyed daytime on-land visits to Helsinki, Finland, Stockholm, Sweden, Oslo, Norway, and even St. Petersburg, Russia. Evenings were spent on the ship where numerous evening activities were available. Since Neal likes to retire early and I am more of a night owl I took advantage of some of these activities, one of which was a class in ballroom dancing. It was lots of fun and the instructor encouraged me to take more dance lessons when we returned to Akron. I took his advice and enrolled in a dance studio in Cuyahoga Falls and continued to greatly enjoy dancing.

At the same time, I am part of a group of local Japanese women who get together for a monthly potluck lunch. Each of us cooks a favorite dish to contribute to the lunch. It is great fun, although not always good for the waistline! One of the members of this group introduced me to a young Japanese woman named Tomomi Terada, who is a cheerleader for the Cleveland Cavaliers basketball team. Tomomi was looking for a

place to live in the Cleveland area, but was not having much luck finding a place she could afford. As you probably know, Neal and I often have taken in Japanese people who are temporarily working in the Akron-Cleveland area, so we invited Tomomi to move in with us. She moved in on October 5 of last year. When she found out that I was taking ballroom dance lessons, she told me that auditions were being held on October 7 for a new senior dance and cheerleader team being organized by the Cavaliers and she encouraged me to go for it. With Neal's strong support, I did try out and was surprised to receive an invitation to join the Wine and Goldies! In only two days my life was changed! The group consists of 20 members, all of whom are in the 39++++ age category. Four of the members are guys. We do get paid (but not much) for our participation, so I guess I can legitimately claim to be a professional cheerleader!



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My daily schedule is now filled with ballroom dance lessons and cheerleader practice and I am really enjoying it all! Neal has been bragging to his friends that he is a lucky guy because he now lives with a dancing girl (because of my ballroom dance activities) and TWO cheerleaders.

In addition to the tons of fun I am having with all this, there are two bits of good news resulting from these dancing and cheerleading activities that I would like to share with everyone:

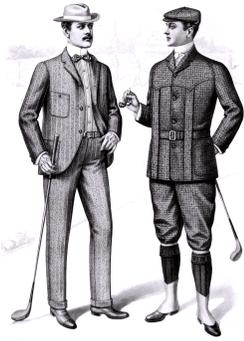
Before starting dancing and cheerleading I often experienced fairly severe pains in my back and legs. It had reached the point that I had difficulty climbing stairs. The doctor recommended medication and physical therapy, but I didn't listen (surprise?). I just kept dancing anyway and now those pains are completely gone. All the exercise and physical activity in dancing has chased them away.

Since beginning dancing and cheerleading I have lost weight. In fact I am now trying to gain a little bit and just can't do it. Neal recommends more ice cream and donuts, but so far that hasn't worked.

Getting rid of my pains and losing weight through increased physical activity has convinced me that the conclusion to my story is this: YOU CAN KILL TWO BIRDS WITH ONE STONE

Note from Neal : *Regarding the pictures, the one showing Momoe in a red and white dress (above) is from a ballroom dance competition held in Cleveland last fall. Her partner is her dance instructor. She won awards in three dance categories--waltz, swing, and cha-cha. The group picture on page 10 is the Cavaliers' "Wine and Goldies" senior cheerleaders team. Momoe is in the center of the front row.*





**Frank will be at the
March Meeting to take
clothing orders**



Important Clothing Information

A few people have inquired about ordering club jackets, shirts, etc. and what the costs are. Let me start by explaining that because we order so few items per year, some years no orders at all, we get different prices each time. Plus it is not worth a company's time to deal in such limited order quantity. The more we order the better deal I can get. That being said I try to order once a year for both the Early V8 Club and the Nifty Fifties Club creating a better atmosphere between us and our supplier.

February will be clothes ordering month this year. I will bring a sample of some of the items we have on our list to this month's meeting of each organization. It is important to check these items out because the manufacture we use sizes seem to run large. **ITEMS ORDERED OUR NOT RETURNABLE BECAUSE OF SIZE ERROR .**

Prices from our last order (2018) so some may vary:

Northern Ohio Early Ford V8 Club:

- Coaches Jacket : \$69.39
- White Knit Polo: \$38.43
- Long sleeve denim shirt: \$48.04
- Short sleeve denim shirt: \$43.00 plus tax
- Sweat shirt: \$34.00 2014 price + tax

Nifty Fifties Club

- Three season's jacket: \$106.75
- Long sleeve denim shirt: \$60.84
- Short sleeve denim shirt: \$58.80
- White polo shirt: \$45.00 + tax
- Sweat Shirt: \$43.50 2014 price + tax

Chestnut Hill Oxford shirt and King Louie Jacket: N/A

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Happy March Birthday

- 04 Momoe Garland
- 07 Sue Brown
- 15 Andy Sollers
- 19 Ken Canankamp
- 21 Kathy Kessler

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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www.norgv8club.org

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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Friday, March 15th 7:30PM
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