

# “The Headliner”

## Newsletter of the Northern Ohio Regional Group #20 Early Ford V-8 Club of America Our 51<sup>st</sup> 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.”

The older I get the faster time seems to get past me with a blink of an eye. It seems like we didn't have much of a winter season this year. That's, okay with me.

I would like to thank everyone that attended our annual installation dinner. In the years past it was usually an overnight event. I never really enjoy getting all dressed up just to have dinner. It made me happy to see everyone and all the commotion and swapping stories since our last meeting.

The new Officers and Board members recently had our first meeting and have a lot of activities and things to do this year. The final ingredient to make things happen is for you as a club member to participate and enjoy the benefits of good times with your old V8. Neal has come up with a bunch of neat places for our monthly lunches. Our own V8 Tour Natzi Jack will be guiding us along a very nice tour around the Kalamazoo area with some very exciting stops. Rich Jandrey has acquired some pretty interesting guest speakers. Lots of other things to do were up for discussion.

We can't survive on dues alone. We discussed fund raising ideas. The big one is trying to organize a swap meet. Thanks to Pat Rooney we have the opportunity to maybe pull this off. The one thing for sure is that it will take "Everyone" to make this happen. We will discuss this in length at our next few meetings.

If you as a member have a suggestion for a fund raiser please share that with us.

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Also, our thoughts and prayers for our shut ins.

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*Jeep*



### February Program

Rich Jandrey will introduce our February Program that will feature a speaker from Michael's Auto Parts and Machine Shop to discuss the products and services they have to offer



### Officers & Board 2020

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**Vice President:** Jack Bukszar  
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Ken Bruening  
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Beth Schilling

**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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## 2020 Activities At A Glance



- **Friday, February 21<sup>st</sup> 7:30 PM** Monthly Club Meeting, Stow City Center. Our first meeting of the New Year
  - **Saturday, February 29 11:00AM** NORG Luncheon at the Honey-moon Grill *see page 4 for more information.*
  - **Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup> 7:30 PM** Monthly Club Meeting, Stow City Center.
  - **Monday June 15<sup>th</sup> through Thursday June 18<sup>th</sup>** Early Ford V-8 Club Eastern National Meet held at Morgantown PA. *see page 10 for more information*
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*1939 Lincoln-Zephyr*



## NORG Cookie Bakers



February Meeting	Michelle Bruening
March Meeting	Beth Schilling
April Meeting	Rose Dawson
May Meeting	Dan & Diane Francis
June Meeting	NO MEETING
July Meeting	Georgene Iacobucci
August Meeting	Ginger Posar
September Meeting	Sharon Bukszar
October Meeting	Dianne Moore
November Meeting	Kathy Kessler

## 2020 NORG Installation Banquet

On Saturday, January 18 NORG held their 51st anniversary installation banquet at Simons Restaurant. NORG currently has 93 active members who own 10 early V-8's

That evening, 34 members gathered in a private room and ordered off of a menu including Chicken Piccata w/ Potato & Soup or Salad, Eggplant Parmesan & Spaghetti w/ Soup or Salad, Broiled Salmon w/ Potato & Soup or Salad, a Cobb Salad in Tortilla Shell w/Chicken or Salmon or Steak . They also offered a Caesar Salad w/Chicken a Corned Beef & Swiss or Ruben Deli Sandwiches.

Our 2020 officers included President, Jeep Jacobucci, Vice President, Jack Bukszar, Secretary, Neal Garland, Treasurer, Dan & Diane Francis and Directors, Ken Bruening, Rich Jandrey, Steve Kronen and Beth Schilling. Past National President, Craig Gorris, swore in the officers and Directors. The food was delicious and the comradery was wonderful. We look forward to an exciting year.



## Our NORG “Unsung Hero” Awards

This past year, and undoubtedly even before that, the following NORG members have worked voluntarily, behind the scenes, to provide our members and Club with benefits we sometimes take for granted. We believe that these contributions should be recognized. Perhaps the next time you speak to them you may wish to thank them for the extra effort they donate to making our Regional Group one of the best within the Early Ford V-8 Club of America.

Their names are listed as follows alphabetical order :

### Jack & Sharon Bukszar: Tours and Cruises

Jack & Sharon have taken the time to plan and arrange the routes, restaurants, interesting places and lodging to make sure our members enjoy the occasion. Whether it be a one day event, an over-night experience or a multi-day tour.

### Neal Garland: Monthly Luncheon

Each month Neal takes the time and travel to plan a delicious lunch for our members. His choice of restaurant is usually quite interesting, at modest cost and the selection of cuisine will change from month to month.

### Rich Jandrey: Monthly Program

Before Rich volunteered to obtain a monthly program, our Club meetings were rather unexciting. As a result, over the past few years, we have been exposed to many different people who have entertained us with any number of subjects some auto related, some not.

### Frank Posar: Regional Group News & Club Clothing

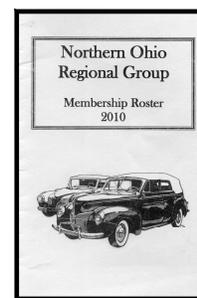
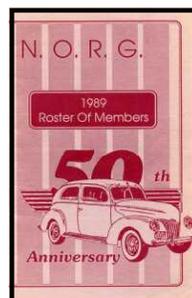
Included within each publication of the Early Ford V-8 Times, there is usually an interesting article written about our Northern Ohio Regional Group. These accounts of our Club activities are not written by Jerry Windle, Editor of the V-8 Times but created from the pen of Frank Posar. In addition, he also manages to supply our NORG clothing (see page 8)

### Regis Schilling: NORG Web Site

Ever wonder how our NORG website is always full of current information? Well it is Regis Schilling who takes the time to update it . Take some time and look at it. No wonder it one of the best web pages in the entire Early Ford V-8 Club.

### Guy Shively: Roster Cover Artwork

Every year our Regional Group publishes a Membership Roster. We really do not know how many other Regional Groups do this but we do and the best part of the Roster is the unique artwork created by Guy Shively. Guy is famous throughout the country for his artwork as well as his pin striping. Guy has been volunteering his services to NORG since 1989. A few of his many designs are listed below:



## FEBRUARY LUNCHEON

LUNCH AT THE HONEYMOON GRILLE  
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29

Now that everyone has followed their New Year's resolutions and dieted and exercised to lose all those extra calories gained during the holidays (maybe), it is time to start our 2020 V8 lunches.



We will begin with a visit to the Honeymoon Grille (where else could we go during Valentine's Day month?) located at **3458 Manchester Road** in **Portage Lakes, Ohio 44319**. Our visit will be on Saturday, February 29.

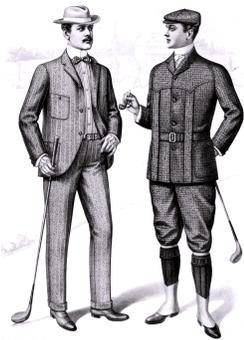
Plan to arrive at 11:00 a.m. so we can beat the noontime rush. We will have a semi-private room and the restaurant does serve adult beverages, so be sure to bring your picture ID.

The restaurant is located at the intersection of Manchester Road and Portage Lakes Drive. See you there!

Neal Garland, Chief Lunch Locator



**Remembering the first Lincoln-Zephyrs**



## **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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Dead line for orders will be **March 15** NO EXCEPTIONS  
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## World War II Ends

By January 1945 the world was beginning to see the end of a war that had caused more destruction and death than had ever been witnessed. It was also the beginning of the end of a bitter war within the management of the Ford Motor Company.

Charles Sorensen "*Cast Iron Charlie*", the creator of the Willow Run and Rouge Plants, the designer of many of Henry Ford's ideas, and the very mortar that held the Ford Motor Company together for forty years had resigned in January 1944. Edsel Ford had passed away at 1:10 A.M. on May 26, 1943 just five months short of his fiftieth birthday. Some say the cause of death was a broken heart over the cynical treatment by his father as they worked together to manage one of the largest companies in the history of America up to that time.



Henry Ford II had enlisted in the Navy after Pearl Harbor, but after Edsel's death, in order to save the Ford Motor Company, Secretary of the Navy, Knox granted him a special discharge in late July 1943. He arrived at the Rouge on August 10, 1943. At the age of 25 he was called to lead the company to a new level of excellence.

Two looming obstacles stood in his way to resurrect the company. First, was his grandfather. Henry Ford's health was failing and he was becoming increasingly difficult to deal with. In addition, Henry did not trust or like his grandson. The tension between the two was fueled by Henry II's belief that his grandfather killed his father by the way he treated him. The second was Harry Bennett, Chief of the Service Department. Bennett had become Henry Ford's henchman and while Ford's health declined he made plans to take over the company.

*Henry, Clara, Henry II*



It was actually the women in the family who took control. Upon learning of the Bennett's intent, Henry Ford's wife, Clara, along with her daughter-in-law, Eleanor (Edsel's widow), decided that Henry II represented the future of the company. Old Henry Ford's health was clearly failing and Bennett was laying the ground work to become President. Clara and Eleanor Ford were determined and they were prepared to take drastic measures if Henry II did not become president. Clara Ford eventually accomplished the impossible. Working on her husband through the summer of 1945, she slowly in-

duced the old autocrat finally to relinquish his power and hand it not to Harry Bennett, his alter ego, but to the family's choice.

On September 20, 1945, Henry Ford II was summoned to the gloomy halls of Fair Lane. There his grandfather beckoned him into a chair and informed him that he was, finally ready to step aside and let the young man take over the presidency of the company.

Henry II called a board meeting the next day and as B.J. Craig, the Treasurer, started to read old Henry's resignation letter into the minutes Harry Bennett got up bitterly to leave the room. He knew what was coming. Prevailed to stay, he got through the resignation and the vote that confirmed it. Henry II's next act was to fire Bennett, which was done the very next day.

While Henry II proved to be a good company leader, he knew he needed help. The company which he took over in September 1945 was near death. The caliber of the surviving management, engineering and financial staff was patchy.

In October 1945, Henry Ford II hired the "Whiz Kids". This was a group of ten young Air Force officers who had developed particular planning and financial skills during the war, and who decided to stick together and hire themselves out, in peacetime, as a ready made management team. The young officers' expertise was considerable, for they had served together in the office of statistical control, the administrative pivot that had helped make the U.S. Army Air Force the massive and dominating power it had become by the end of World War II. The group consisted of the head of the Office of Statistical Control, Charles Bates "Tex" Thornton, age thirty-two, one of the youngest colonels in the U.S. Army Air Force; Arjay Miller, before becoming an Air Force Officer, he had lectured on business at the University of California, Los Angeles; Robert S. McNamara had been on the faculty of the Harvard Business School; J. "Ed" Lundy had served in the economics department of Princeton; Francis C. Reith, like Thornton, had established a record of business success before joining up.

The group also included Wilbur R. Anderson, Charles E. Bosworth, Ben Davis Mills, George Moore and James O. Wright. At that time they aged between twenty-six and thirty-four. By the time all ten had completed their business careers, six had become Ford Vice-Presidents, two had served as President of the company, three had taken chief-executive jobs in other companies, one had held a cabinet office and one had dreamed up a car called the Edsel.

In addition, through his "Industrial Relations Department", Henry U launched a training program to bring college graduates to Ford. It had been agreed to bring in only fifty recruits in this first class of 1945, but a young engineer from Allentown, Pennsylvania, named Lee Iacocca insisted on being included and became the fifty-first.

Together they went forward to restructuring the company and to produce a post war auto. And finally, on October 26, 1945, a day designated as "V-8 Day", Henry U brought out the first postwar car. It was a 1942 model spruced up with a little extra trim and a few engine modifications, but it symbolized the return to business as usual that the company, its customers and indeed all of America had been waiting for.





## 2020 Eastern National Meet June 15-18, 2020

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### NORG Newsletter Receives Participation Award.

Again this year our Newsletter has gotten recognition from the Early Ford V-8

THE EARLY FORD V-8 CLUB OF AMERICA  
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# Ladies Daisy Page



## Guess Who :

The young Cub Scout (above) is an active member of NORG.

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- 21 Ken Bruening
- 27 Ted Cragulets



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**Annette Gorris**  
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**February 2020 Meeting**  
**Friday, February 21<sup>st</sup> 7:30PM**  
**Stow City Center**