

“The Headliner”

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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.”

Presidents Message

Hi Ford folks,

Now that the holidays are over with and the tuff part of winter is upon us, it may be time to jump in and get rid of the “HONEY DO LIST”. I know the thought of this sucks but I hope that you don’t do what I did last winter. The cars need work that started as a small project that turned into a most of the winter job. By the time I got around to do my honey do project it was time to do more important things like getting the cars ready for a summer of fun. This winter I am ashamed to say I am paying the price. Now it’s time to roll up my sleeves and quit making excuses. As Larry the cable guy says” GETR DONE”!!!

This year has started out on a wonderful note. December 21st we held our annual Installation Banquet. If I must say so myself it was a great success. We had 24 members in attendance. The food was plentiful and delicious. I didn’t hear one complaint. The staff did a fantastic job and everything went off without a hitch. A great afternoon was had by all. If you didn’t go you missed a good time.

Craig Gorris administered the swearing in of the new board of directors, we had one open slot on the board. A relatively newer member, Steve Klein has accepted to fill that position. I thank you all for assuming these positions to make sure this V-8 Club continues on.

This coming Tues. a board meeting will be held to map out what we hope to accomplish this coming year. There will be two National Meets on our side of the country. The club is going to try to put together a couple of one day trips locally and a couple of ideas we will be knocking around. One thing I must stress, without the participation of our members none of this be can be achieved. I realize that people have busy schedules and are not able to make everything. But with 70+ members we should be able to come up with more than a few participants. An old car to drive would be nice, but if one isn’t comfortable to drive an old one bring the family car or truck or a bicycle. It is up to you folks as to where we go from here.

One last thing, we are in need of speakers at our meetings. Rick has done a bang-up job bringing in speakers but he needs help to fill the gaps. Please reach out to folks you may know that will be willing to share their story with us at a meeting. I can’t stress enough that it doesn’t need to be only auto related it can be anything that would be of interest you. It could be on lawn care, cooking, bike repair or any number of things. Give it a try. If you come across someone `please set it up and let Rick Jandrey or any other board member know and help us all.

With that being said get ready to get the old iron out for a long-awaited spring. Until then stay healthy wealthy and wise.

Looking forward on seeing you down the road.

JACK



Officers & Board 2024

President: Jack Bukszar
Vice President: Frank Posar
Secretary: Neal Garland
Treasurer: Dan & Diane Francis

Directors

Rick Jandrey
Steve Klein
Steve Kronen
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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This month member Rick Jandrey will discuss the restoration of his family’s very rare 1938 Studebaker Coupe Express



We did not have a meeting in December, as a result there are no minutes

**Welcome new Members
Michael & Mary Ann Parker**

I received a very nice letter from Mike Parker that I want to share with you. He and Mary Ann were members of the Ohio Region Group (#141) located in Dayton. It made sense to join our Regional Group. A picture of their car is on page 3. *Craig Gorris, Membership Chairperson*

15 January 2024



To: N.O.R.G. Membership Chairman, Craig Gorris

From: Mike Parker Early Ford V8 Club Member 918885

Subj: APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP IN N.O.R.G.

Craig, please find attached membership application. I have been an Early Ford V8 Club member since 2018 when I purchased a 1940 Ford Deluxe Coupe. I have been a collector of old Ford cars since 1985 when I purchased a 1927 TT. I have since purchased to other T's, a Model A, a 55 T Bird and a 65 T Bird. My wife and I like to use them all. We had 300 miles on a restoration of the 40 Coupe when we purchased it. Some minor details needed to be completed on it, none that affected driving, and we have put about 7000 miles on the faithful 40. We were a part of the Ohio Region Chapter but would prefer to be a part of yours, as your chapter is closer.

Since it does not seem I am familiar with anyone in your chapter I will provide further background information, I am active in the Model T Ford Club International (past president, chief judge, and director, current chapter president) and the Commodore Perry Chapter AACA. I am a retired commercial nuclear power executive, having worked 31 years at Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station as an engineer, engineering supervisor, senior reactor operator, maintenance superintendent, and nuclear security manager. Upon retirement I continued working there for Rolls-Royce as a contract engineer. I also retired from the Marine Corps as a First Sergeant having served 21 years on active and reserve duty. My wife was a beautician before becoming a full-time domestic engineer. My wife and I have two sons in their concrete business in Sandusky doing business as Hermes-Parker Concrete with their two cousins (Hermes). We have four grandchildren.

We are looking forward to joining your chapter if accepted.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael S. Parker".

Mike Parker

“Too Soon Old, Too Late Smart!”

Mike & Mary Ann's 1940 Ford Coupe



NORG COOKIE BAKERS 2024



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|------------------|--------------------------|
| February | Steve Klein |
| March | Sharon Bukszar |
| April | Mome/Neal Garland |
| May | Barb Rooney |
| July | Steve Kronen |
| August | Bonnie Sykes |
| September | Beth Schilling |
| October | Ginger Posar |
| November | Diane Francis |

2024 Activities At A Glance



- **Friday, February 16th** NORG Meeting Stow City Center 7:30
- **There is no luncheon planned for March.** We will have one in April.
- **Friday March 15th** NORG Meeting Stow City Center 7:30

2024 Membership Dues

We wish to thank all members who have sent in their 2024 dues. Our NORG 2024 Roster is currently being printed and will be delivered at the March meeting.

A Message from our Central Director Steve Kronen

Happy New Year to all.

Another beginning to a year filled with the Early Ford and this fantastic group of people. This new year brings us new Officers for our National Board.

I would like to say a "thank you" to our Officers that have completed their duties this past year. I want to be the first to welcome our new President Connie Hall, Vice President Mike Stichter and Secretary John Emmering.

This Email serves as my farewell to the Board and all of the Regional groups that I looked after for three years. I served this past year as Vice President for our National Club and enjoyed my time honestly. It was my honor to represent you all for these years and I will fondly look back at the work we did as a group. Our efforts at last year's Grand National Meet are my most cherished moments of my time on the board. As most of you are aware we had a snag with our ballot for the National Officers. At this time the results are not in as to who has replaced me as Director for the Central district. That information will follow some-time next month. The end of last year was busy for the board. We had several meetings to discuss issues and is part of the reason for the tardiness for this update. I have two attachments of Meeting Minutes for you to share with your Regional groups. I, once more, would like to thank you for the honor of serving as Director for the Early Ford V8 Club of America. If anyone is interested in serving on the board, please contact myself or Connie Hall for more information. Serving on the Board is the best way to keep our club moving into the future.

Steven Kronen
EFV8CA
Vice President
Central Director

2024 NORG Installation Banquet

Jack & Sharon Bukszar did a great job providing our members tasty appetizers and a delicious meal at our 2024 Installation Banquet held at D'Agnese's Restaurant. In attendance were Jack & Sharon Bukszar, Ed Carr, Neal Garland, Diane & Dan Francis, Craig & Annette Gorris, Richard Jandrey, Rick & Kathy Jandrey, John & Kathy Kessler, Steve & Stephanie Klein, Steve Kronen, Bruce & Marie Lewicki, Frank & Ginger Posar, Pat & Barb Rooney and Jay & Jean Rounds. After Dinner, the 2024 Officers and Board Members were sworn in by past National Early Ford V-8 Club of America Craig Gorris.

Craig used the original 1963 Club Oath that was written by J. R Ballard and Gene Riggs. It is quite humorous and timely considering the year. A copy of this can be found on page 7.



Jack Bukszar on right (President of our Northern Ohio Regional Group) & wife Sharon with Bruce Lewicki on left (President of the Nifty Fifties of Northern Ohio) & wife Marie.



Some of our guests awaiting the arrival of the meal

Photos of the Northern Ohio Regional Group Installation Banquet
January 24 2024



Early Ford V-8 Club of America Oath of Office



*Heavenly Henry, I want you to hear,
What we're going to say tonight right chere.
Henry's not here, but if he was,
He would bless these V-8'er's because,
We are the best damnedest upcoming officers in this here state,
That ever got in and drove a Ford V-8.
On my Honor I'll do my best,
To uphold the virtues of The Early Ford V-8 Club and forget the
rest.*

*As we stand here before you, we solemnly swear,
That we will never own a Chevy Belair.
Hudsons are a virtue and Nashes are great,
But those of us here tonight do state,
That the offices to which we have been selected,
We promise will never be neglected!*

J.R. Ballard Gene Riggs



SO HELP ME HENRY !!



The Early Ford Club of America

Summary of the National Board of Directors

4th Quarter Meeting November 4, 2023

Zoom Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Rick Claybaugh. All the directors were present but one. Executive staff were also present.

The first few items on the agenda were the basic meeting items, approving the August minutes, treasure report and the audit report. At this point things are progressing as reported. More to come in the end of year reports.

We have been advised of state sales tax laws are changing, the audit committee is following this closely and advising us how to handle.

The membership drive give-away, 1 free digital membership to your family and friends will continue till the end of the year. Please extend this offer to as many friends and family that you think would enjoy the V8 Times. Flyer: [MagazineQRCode \(1\).pdf](#)

Upcoming tours and meets:

4/11/2023-4/14/2023 51st Texas Tour - Dallas Regional Group #115,

5/3/2023 -5/6/2023 Australian Early Ford V-8 Nationals

6/17/2023-6/21/2023 2024 Central National Meet - RG #141 RG#56 RG #169

9/15/2023-9/20/2023 2024 Eastern National Meet - Mohawk Valley #59 & Western NY #3

For more details on any of these events see the club website earlyfordv8.org

David Rehor has devoted many hours to the early Ford V8 Club of America as treasurer. He has advised the Board that he would like to retire. He has been a devoted staff member helping the club untie knots in the budget, maintaining the budget and club monies, advisory to so many of the Directors, along with so much more. We all owe him a debt of gratitude for all his work. He will sorely be missed. At this time, we will be starting a search for a new treasurer.

Due to a couple errors on the original ballot that went out, the Directors decided to reprint ballots and include them in the V8 times and mailed them to those that do not receive the V8 Times.

National Board of Directors Meeting Continued

Please be sure and vote with the ballot that is written in blue ink all other ballots will be thrown out. Voting deadline is Jan. 27, 2024.

Be sure and check the club's Facebook page and twitter account.

While online check out the new book that the store has to offer.

NEW 1949-1951 Mercury Book

Authored by Gene Napoliello

The revised 1935-1936 Ford Book (5th edition)

1935 - 1936 Ford Book, softbound *The index page was omitted by Modern Litho and that the books were being returned from Napa to Modern Litho to have the page added.

Meeting adjourned.

Just a note from all the Early Ford V8 officers, staff, and more wish all of you a Happy Holiday Season.

NORG MEMBERS

Your NORG Headliner depends upon contributions from members to be a successful.

Your photos and text on club activities, ladies hobbies and recipes, technical information, and information on your restoration are needed to keep your Newsletter refreshing.

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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:
Annette Gorris
annette.gorris@gmail.com

February Birthdays

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| 1 | Debbie Madden |
| 2 | Bonnie Sykes |
| 4 | George Hlavacs, Earl Peters |
| 5 | Nancy Collette |
| 18 | Eileen Sanders |
| 20 | Don Brehm |
| 21 | Ken Bruening |
| 24 | Reid Firestone |



February Meeting Meeting
Friday 16th
7:30
Stow City Center