

# “The Headliner”

## Newsletter of the Northern Ohio Regional Group #20 Early Ford V-8 Club of America Our 56<sup>th</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.”

Greetings fellow V8ers.

I hope you are happy and healthy. Time has this way of sneaking up on you.

I find the months and frankly this year have passed by so fast. Soon we all will be tucking in for the long Winter, longing for the V8 driving season.

October, but a memory now, offered NORG members two outings that did not disappoint. First, on the 12th, was the Fall Tour that was organized by our intrepid Bruce Lewicki.

This well attended tour offered a variety of stops in Medina County and surrounding area. Everything from a Petting Zoo to a Hay Farm were visited with perfect weather. Thank you to the Nifty Fifties and Bruce for the invite.

On the 18th, six members made the drive to Marshallville Ohio for the Bucket of Beans car show. With over 300 cars participating there was something for everyone. Bucket of Beans signals the end of the car show season and this picture perfect day was wonderful. A big thank you to Rick Jandrey for setting up a booth for NORG to attract new members and I believe we had more than a few interested enthusiasts. Fingers crossed.

This year NORG has decided to join the Nifty Fifties for a joint Christmas Party. Plans are being finalized and we will need a head count of members planning on attending. The party will be at Pa Pa Joe’s on December 7th at 2pm. The address is 1561 Akron Peninsula rd. in Akron. Information will be in this newsletter and reservations, along with costs will be taken in advance.

This message concludes my first year as your President. I want to thank EVERYONE who pitched in and helped NORG with another great year motoring with our beloved Ford V8’s!

From coffee and cookies to organizing one of our outings to all the tasks needed to keep our club running. Thank You!! I sincerely hope you had as much fun as I did, and here's to looking forward to next year.

I hope to see you at the club meeting on the 21st.

*Steve*



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### November Speaker

Our November Speaker is Mr. Mike Selig, veterinarian for the Cleveland Metro parks Zoo. He will discuss the various issues he encounters during the year.



## MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF OCTOBER 17, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by president Steve Kronen. Steve asked members to introduce themselves and say a few words about their cars, He thanked Bruce Lewicki for providing pumpkin pie and coffee for the meeting.

Program chair Rick Jandrey introduced our program for this evening, which was a videotape of the Nethercutt Car Collection. The program was saved from technical difficulties by Dan Francis, who was able to supply a backup copy of the videotape. This is a fantastic collection located in southern California that features many high-end classic Duesenberg's, Packard's, Cadillacs and others from the 1920s and 1930s. Details of the collection can be found on your computer at [Nethercuttcollection.com](http://Nethercuttcollection.com).

Secretary Neal Garland read the minutes from our previous meeting. They were approved as read. Co-treasurer Dan Francis reported that our treasury is in good shape and we have no outstanding bills. In his new position as membership chair, Dan reported that we have 41 members. Webmaster Regis Schilling reported that our website is doing fine and has not had any recent problems. Newsletter co-editor Craig Gorris reported no problems with the Headliner. He encouraged members to send items of interest for the newsletter to him and Annette.

Rick Jandrey reminded us that the Bucket of Beans car show will be held tomorrow, October 18 in Marshallville. He has reserved space for club members' cars. Rick will be there at 8:00 a.m. Registration begins at 10:00 a.m. This is a non-judged show that attracts a large number of different makes and models and always has a good turnout.

President Steve announced that it appears there will be an Eastern National Meet in 2026. It will be held in Princeton, New Jersey. More information on this later. This probably means our club will hold off on making plans for a trip to the Gilmore Museum in Michigan until later. Steve also announced that a special event is being planned at the Ford V8 Museum in Auburn, Indiana on June 27, 2026. More information on this later also.

Bill Sykes informed us that he has acquired a large collection of back issues of Collectible Cars magazines and Hemmings Magazines. He will be happy to share them with any members who would like to see them. Do you remember what 1940 Ford convertibles were selling for 20 years ago?

President Steve and Bruce Lewicki, president of the Nifty Fifties club, have been discussing the possibility of holding a joint Christmas Party this year. It would be held at Papa Joe's Restaurant in Akron on December 7. Discussion was held on this idea. Rick Jandrey moved that the two clubs hold a joint party. Pat Rooney seconded the motion. The motion passed. President Steve asked if NORG should pay for appetizers. Craig Gorris moved that our club contribute \$100 toward the cost of appetizers. Rick Jandrey seconded the motion. The motion passed. Program chair Rick Jandrey informed us that the speaker for next month's meeting will be the chief veterinarian for the Cleveland Zoo. He will speak about some of the challenges he faces in caring for the wide variety of animals that are his patients.

Ed Carr reminded us of the passing of Lynn Stacey, who for years served as the national expert on what tools belonged to each year flathead Ford. If you want to get a tool kit that came with your Ford when it was sold new, it might still be available from Lynn's wife. Also, Lynn's 1942 Ford is for sale.

Rick Jandrey gave a brief report on the annual car show and swap meet. Some 1500 cars were on display, with 950 of them entered for judging. The swap meet is without doubt the world's largest and is the place to look for that impossible to find part.

**Neal Garland, Secretary**

### **Help ~ Needed**

*Frank Posar is stepping down as V8 correspondent and has offered to assist anyone who would like to take over the position.*

## 2025 NORG Activities At A Glance

- **Friday, November 21<sup>st</sup>** 7:30 NORG November Meeting, Stow City Center
- **Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>** Christmas Concert, St. Basil Church  
**See Page 4 for more information**
- **Sunday December 7<sup>th</sup>** Joint NORG & Nifty Fifties Christmas Party. **See Page 4 for more information**



**NOTE: 2026 NORG DUES are DUE ~ FORM on Page 9**

### Please Note

**This is a combined November/December NORG Newsletter.**

**Your next Newsletter will be in February**

**There is NO MEETING in  
December or January**

### NORG COOKIE BAKERS

February	Steve Klein <i>Thank you</i>
March	Neal & Momoe Garland <i>Thanks</i>
April	John Madden <i>Thanks</i>
May	Diane Francis <i>Thank You</i>
July	Bill & Bonnie Sykes <i>Thank You</i>
August	Regis & Beth Schilling <i>Thank you</i>
September	Sharon Bukszar <i>Thank You</i>
October	Bruce Lewicki <i>Thank You</i>
November	Pat Rooney



## Joint NORG and Nifty Fifties Christmas Party

Bruce Lewicki, President of the Nifty Fifties Ford Club and Steve Kro-nen, President of Northern Ohio Regional Group of the Early Ford V-8 Club of America have joined forces to provide both groups with a delightful Christmas Party for this Joyous Season

### Details as follows:

**Place:** Pa Pa Joe's Restaurant, 1561 Akron Peninsula Road, Akron.

**Date:** Sunday December 7<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 2:00 PM

**Menu:** Appetizers, Lasagna, Roast Beef, Lemon Chicken and Desert

**Cost:** \$65.00/person

**Last Date For Reservations: Friday, November 28<sup>th</sup>**

**How to Pay:** *Mail your Check to Bruce Lewicki, 7107 Charles Drive, Parma 44129*



St. Basil Christmas Concert  
Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM  
St. Basil Church  
8700 Brecksville Road

Join us for an enchanting evening of Christmas Music presented by our 50 member parish choir and 25 piece parish orchestra.

*Doors open at 6:30*

*Suggest you arrive early since church fills up fast*

## NORG Annual Charitable Donation

Each year our club donates funds to a local organization. This year, at our November meeting, **Beth Schilling** will present a check to a local volunteer representing “**Bulldog Bags**”

“**Bulldog Bags, Inc.**” is an all volunteer non-profit organization focused on addressing weekend hunger in Stow Munroe Falls students. Since packing our first bag in January 2016, we've expanded our program so that we now help all students, from pre-school through high school (and home school!), with bags sent home twice a month. We recognized a gap for our families during the summer months, and began a summer box program in 2018. It's grown into a year round program, even delivering boxes to our limited mobility families. Recent events will challenge our community further; thankfully we have strong operational processes, amazing volunteers, and tremendous community support that will enable us to meet surging needs.

Beth suggested members bring something to the meeting for the bags. Here a few suggestions of items they are in need of:

*Oatmeal packets, Hot chocolate packets, Dental Floss*

## NORG / NIFTY FIFTIES Fall Tour

On Sunday, October 12, members from both clubs met at the McDonalds in Brunswick and after refreshment left on a tour route, led by Bruce Lewicki through the back roads on Medina County.

We visited Spring Mist Farms, a four generation family farm with a menagerie of animals including horses, livestock and many different birds .

Next was a drive to Valley City to the Liverpool township Historical Society including a 1895 train depot and the Ladies of the GAR Museum where decedents of Civil War soldiers in period dress provided an insight into a soldiers life during the conflict.

Our last stops were to very large farms which included a market and corn maze.

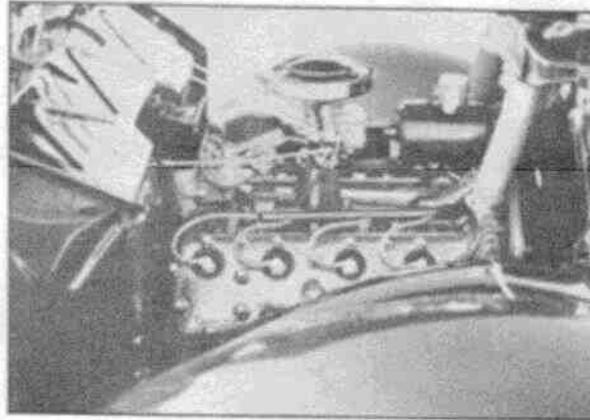
Completing the day was a delicious meal at Paninis Grill.



*Members enjoying a meal at Paninis Grill*

# '36 SHOWCASE FOR CRAFTSMANSHIP

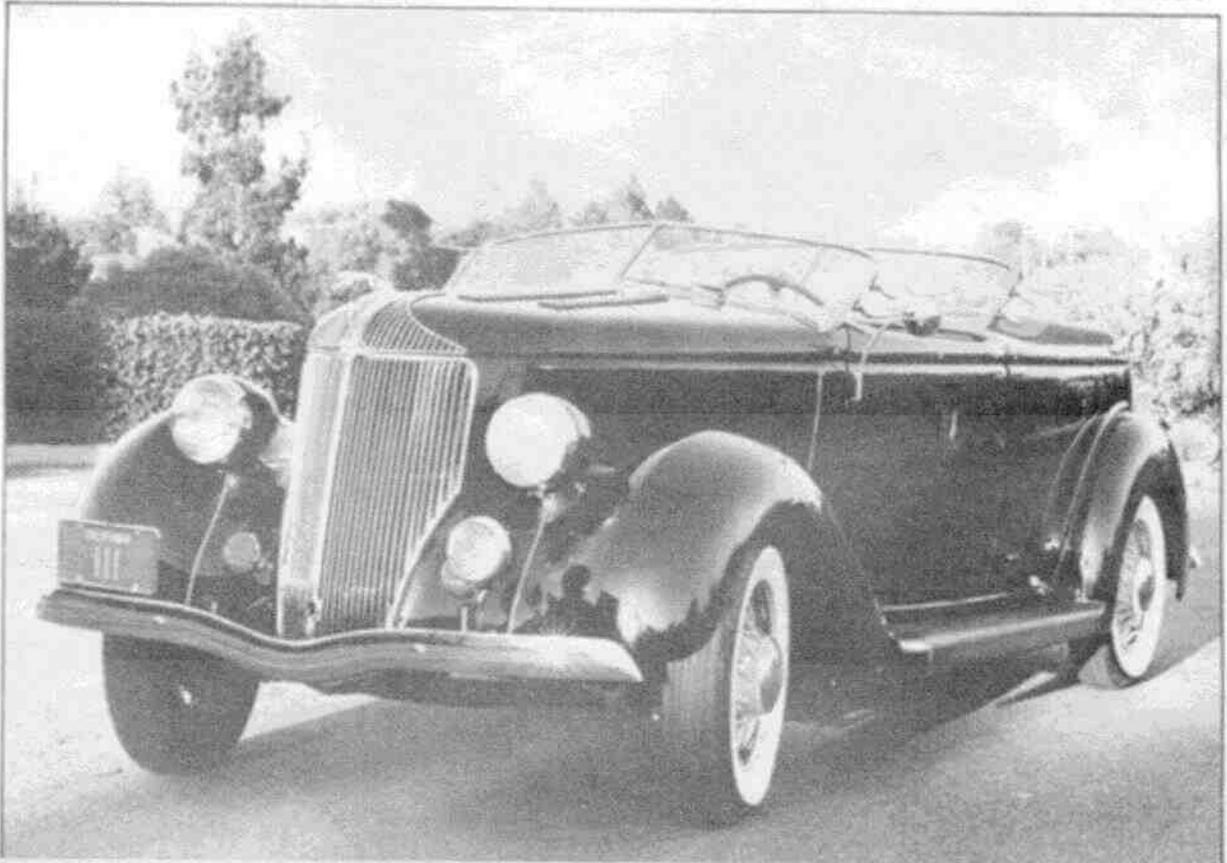
Carefully individualized, this 1936 Ford Phaeton is a crowd-stopper.

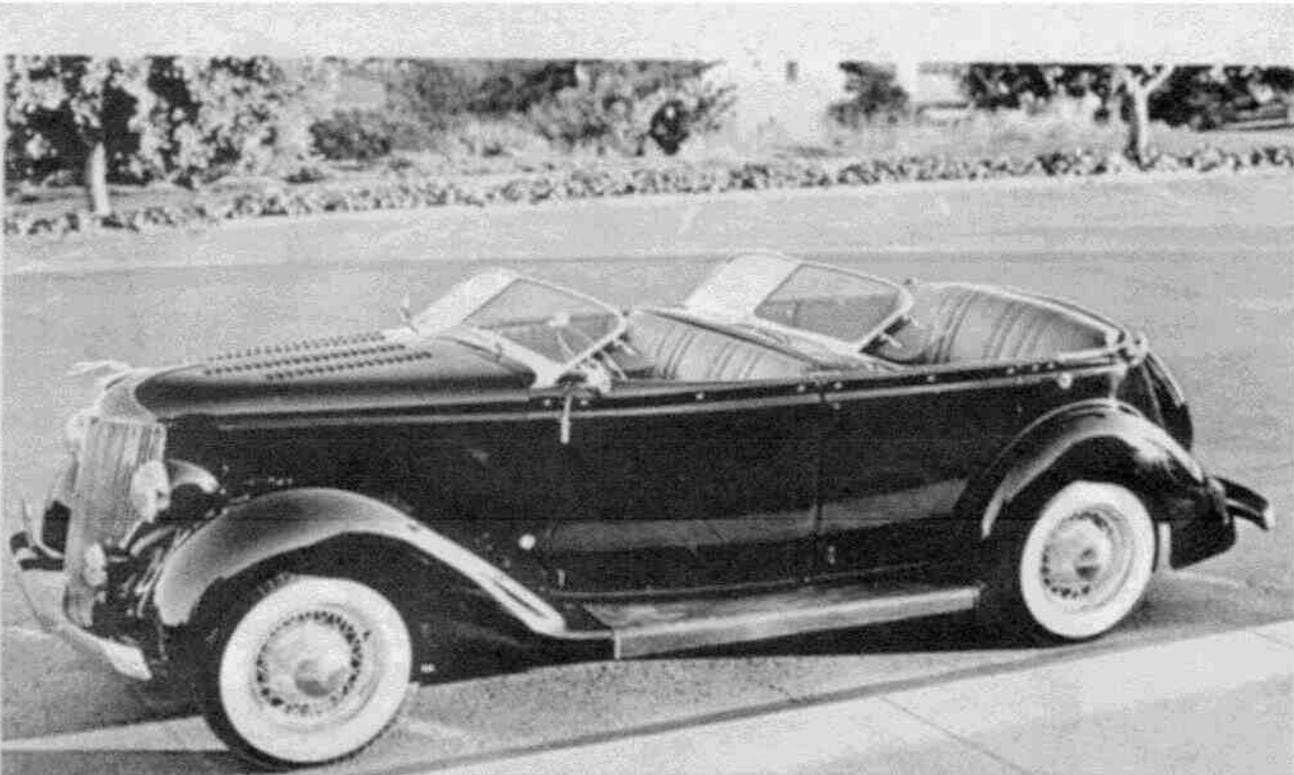


Owner: Harry N. Morse III  
Castro Valley, California  
Text and photos: Strother MacMinn

It took Harry Morse nine years from the time he acquired the phaeton (at the "right price") to arrive at the point where he could drive, enjoy and show his masterpiece. Besides being a dedicated car enthusiast he is also a natural, self-taught craftsman with deep personal convictions and is a perfectionist. He did nearly all of the restoration work on the car himself although he is quick to point out the superb work done by friends and professionals in realizing this ideal "era-type" custom.

The car had a rare, DuVall windshield mounted on the forward cowl when he found it which was a key point in his objective. The inspiration for the second windshield and cowl for the rear seat came from a photo of a proposal drawing for a 1934 Cadillac "16" Fleetwood dual vee-windshield phaeton. To make this conversion he first disassembled and then had duplicated the original windshield—cast in bronze, chrome plated and Butler-finished to resemble stainless steel. The tiny wind-wings mounted to these frames are





miniature masterpieces in themselves. Don Bridgman constructed the rear seat cowl by adapting the forward cowl section from a 1935 Ford roadster parts car. He then fabricated the supporting structure and magnificent surface panels blending it into the phaeton mid-section. Following this, Charles Proia took thirteen days to carefully hand-fit each of the windshields to the cowls.

When Morse acquired the car he disassembled it completely and then began the task of renewing everything in the chassis and drive train back to original 1936 specifications. The car

had the wrong engine in it when he bought it in 1968 so a 1936 engine was found, rebuilt and balanced completely. Part of that deal was that it would be delivered back to Harry's garage on a truck with an engine hoist so it could be dropped right into the car. However, delivery took place at 5 p.m. and the engine was deposited on the driveway. Harry and his 118-pound wife wrestled it by themselves into the car using crowbars and jacks without pinching a finger or burring a shaft.

Some of the custom features on the car are nearly subliminal. The plain hood

sides and louvered hood top are typical period touches but the Fulton trim kit that extends the grille texture up onto the hood nose is a super-rare period accessory. Harry chose to paint the greyhound cream, matching the Kelsey-Hayes wire wheels that are equipped with "Ford" whitewall tires. Of course the '39 Ford taillight lenses featured blue-dot centers and the tailpipe has a single red-jewel chromed splay tip. You might have noticed the beautifully fabricated flush door over the recessed gas filler cap on the left rear fender or the fact that all of the accessories

used on the car were Ford-merchandised pre-WW II including the rear tire cover and the single fog lamp neatly mounted under the left headlight. You probably wouldn't notice that Harry made quite an effort to locate a steering knob that matched the Ivory shift knob.

The interior is just as outstanding in its taste and finish. Wood-grain painting on both instrument panels is flawless, with the rear containing dual ash trays and lighters plus a center-mounted clock. Seat and door trim are leather and are a custom kit from LeBaron-Bonney, installed by Morse.

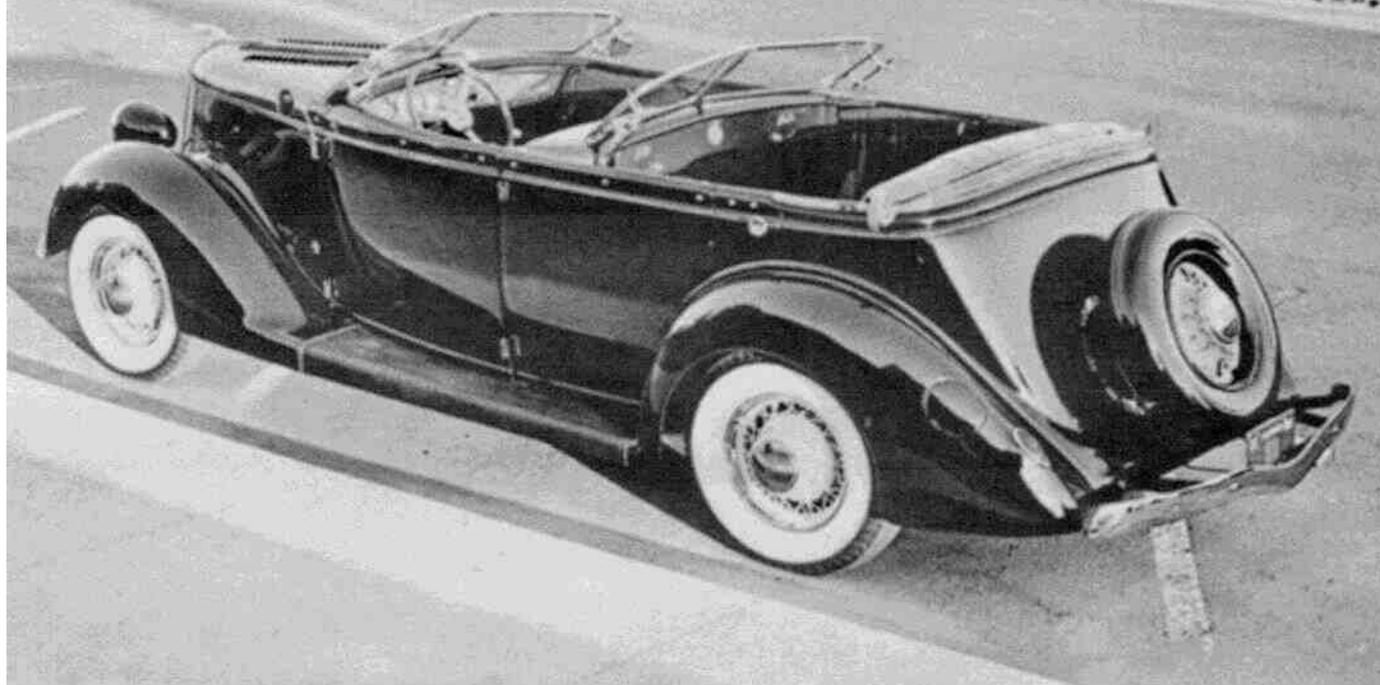
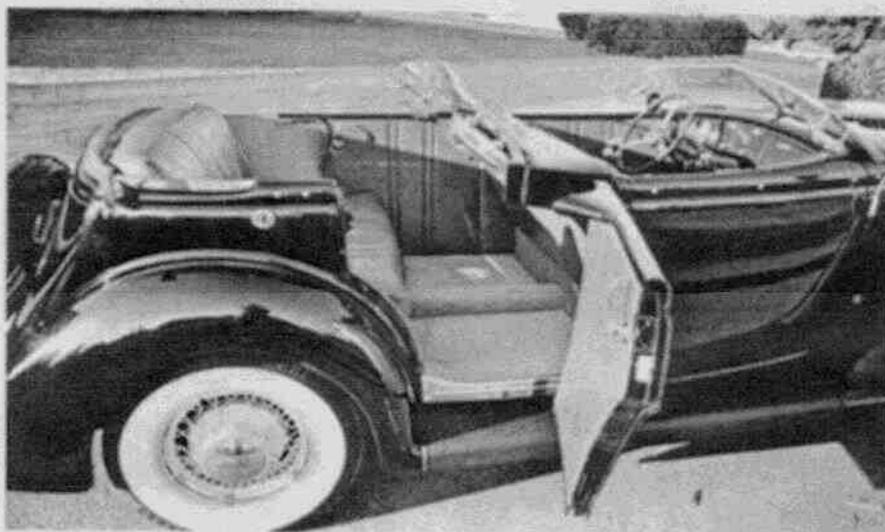
Discouraged by the cost quotes on a

black lacquer paint job, Morse taught himself and then did his own, superbly. Carl Hovey did the single line cream body stripes.

The car has no top although Harry has retained the original rear bow pivot mounts, cradle brackets and side curtain snaps on the doors and cowl. The present plan is to design and build a folding top for the rear cockpit only and in which his wife Mary can ride comfortably. This might easily be complemented by a snap-on extension that would continue the cover over the driver when absolutely necessary.

The car's performance matches its

looks. Quick, smooth and free-running, the balanced stock engine moves the car right out with a crisp burble from the single tailpipe. The ride is firm enough to be stable but not jouncy, the steering is responsive with a minimum of effort. The hydraulic brake conversion (the one non-stock chassis feature) eliminates the occasional insecurity of the original mechanical system. But the big kick of riding in the car is the admiration and respect that it receives everywhere. Above all, the car is a tribute to highly selective design and craftsmanship—a meticulous interpretation of Ford custom ingenuity. ■



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*Thank you also to the original Authors.*

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- November Birthdays**
- 6 Annette Gorris
  - 11 Jay Rounds
  - 13 Paul Ellsworth
  - 23 Mary Ann Parker
  - 24 Gene Sanders

**November Meeting**  
**Friday November 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**7:30 PM**  
**Stow City Center**

- December Birthdays**
- 4 Don Brehm
  - 10 Ed Carr
  - 20 John Drake
  - 30 Jamie Madden

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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.

Please send us anything, we can re-write if necessary.

