

# “The Headliner”

## Newsletter of the Northern Ohio Regional Group #20 Early Ford V-8 Club of America Our 57<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.”

Greeting to you all,

And suddenly it's March. I even see temperatures coming this week that start with a seven! To me that means Flathead cruising is here!

My 53 is so dusty and in need of a good cleaning. I am certain that we still have a bit of colder days still to come, but I can see the light at the end of the tunnel. That being said, this Sunday is the beginning of daylight saving time at 2:00 AM on the 8th.

NORG had its first club meeting on the 20th of February. A small gathering of the usual suspects enjoyed seeing fellow V8ers and our speaker from the Car Collective, Chris Anglewicz had a fantastic presentation. Chris discussed his idea to bring car clubs together to learn what other clubs are doing. They meet on the third Wednesday every month in Aurora.

A big thank you to Rick Jandrey for setting up February's speaker.

The day before our club meeting on the 19th, NORG, had a Board of Directors meeting primarily to discuss this year's event schedule. The Board met at Simon's Restaurant in Brecksville to have dinner followed by hearty discussion on many events that are familiar and some new ideas.

The best way to learn what outing is on the horizon is to come to our club meeting in Stow. You can also check the newsletter to find what NORG is up to.

Craig and Annette do a great job putting together The Headliner and we all owe them a BIG THANK YOU!

Neal Garland, our lunch planner extraordinaire, has organized our first lunch to take place on the 5th at Geraci's in Pepper Pike. Thank you Neal!

I hope you and yours are well and I look forward to seeing all at the club meeting on the 20th.

*Steve*



### March Speaker

Our March speaker is Mr. Joe Shook. He will discuss “Cyber Security and Fraud Awareness”



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**President:** Steve Kronen

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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 FOR THE MEETING OF FEB. 20, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by president Steve Kronen. He asked members to introduce themselves and say a few words about their cars.

Program chair Rick Jandrey introduced Chris Anglewicz, our speaker for this evening. Chris is the owner of Vintage Motor Cars USA. He specializes in the sale of antique, special interest, and muscle cars. He provided a brief and entertaining account that we can all relate to of his journey into the car hobby and business. Chris also is an organizer of the Car Collective, a group of enthusiasts from a number of different car clubs. They meet every third Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. at the Bertram Inn in Aurora. There is a charge of \$5 to attend the meeting, or of \$25 to attend the meeting and have dinner.

Secretary Neal Garland read the minutes of the previous meeting. Rick Jandrey moved that the minutes be accepted as read. Members voted to accept the minutes.

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 informed us that we have 43 members. He reminded us that dues for 2026 are due.

President Steve reported that at a recent board of directors meeting it was proposed that the cost of our 50/50 raffle be increased to \$5 for three tickets. This would help keep our treasury solvent. Rick Jandrey moved that we do so. The motion passed.

Rick Jandrey informed us that he has flyers advertising our club ready to be distributed at the Hale Farm car show this year. Anyone planning to attend this show should contact Rick regarding the distribution of these flyers.

President Steve announced that the 2026 National Meet that was planned for New Jersey has unfortunately been canceled.

However, the "Flatheads Forever" activity to be held at the Ford Museum in Auburn, Indiana on June 27 is still going forward. Steve suggested that we consider making a club trip to attend this activity.

*Please refer to the information to your left. A registration form can be found on page 6.*

Rick Jandrey moved that we adjourn. We did at 8:45 p.m.

Neal Garland, Secretary

First Annual!  
**FLATHEADS FOREVER REUNION**  
ANY Vehicle with a flathead!!

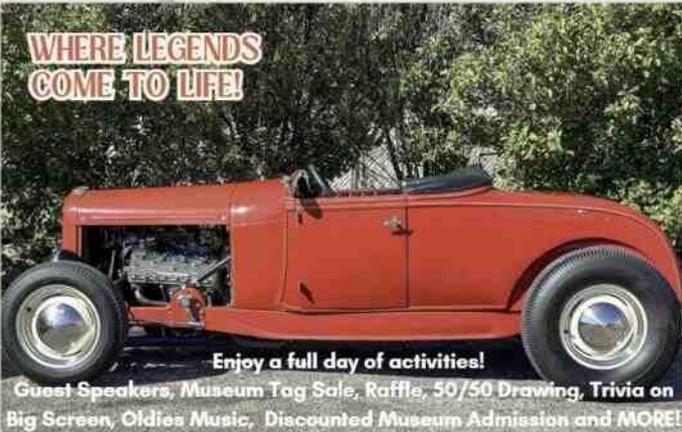


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Entry 9-5 2026 Museum Campus

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REGISTRATION PAPERS DAY OF EVENT

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[www.flatheadsforeverreunion.com](http://www.flatheadsforeverreunion.com)

## Help ~ Needed

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

*The job needs a person to write an article for the V-8 Times once every issue (6/year) regarding NORG activities to be published with activities of other V-8 Regional Groups*

**Remember 2026 NORG Dues are due, Form on page 9**

## NORG Cookie Bakers

Month	Volunteer
February	Steve Klein <i>Thank You</i>
March	Annette Gorris
April	<b>NEED SOMEONE</b>
May	Neal & Momoe Garland
July	Bill & Bonnie Sykes
August	Pat & Barb Rooney
September	Jack & Sharon Bukszar
October	Dan & Diane Francis
November	Regis & Beth Shilling

## 2026 NORG Activities



- **March 5<sup>th</sup>** Luncheon Geraci's Restaurant ***More Information on Page 5***
- **Friday March 20<sup>th</sup>** NORG Meeting Stow City Center
- **Friday April 17<sup>h</sup>** NORG Meeting Stow City Center
- **Friday May 15<sup>th</sup>** NORG Meeting Stow City Center
- **Saturday May 23<sup>rd</sup>** Nifty Fifties/NORG Club Outing Breakfast at Claudette's Restaurant with car display at Cleveland Yacht Club "**Keels & Wheels**" ***More Information to follow***
- **June TBD** Nifty Fifties/NORG Cruise to Skyway Drive In and "Old Fashion Ice Cream in Richfield ***More information to follow***
- **Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup>** Father's Day Car Show, Hale Farm and Village ***More Information on Page 5***
- **June 27<sup>th</sup>** Flathead Reunion. Auburn IN ***Info on page 2***
- **July TBD** Picnic at Mihalek's Farm Bath ***More information to follow***
- **Friday July 17<sup>h</sup>** NORG Meeting Stow City Center
- **July TBD** Cruise to Winery at Wolf Creek ***More information to follow***
- **July/August TBD** Summer Picnic Collette's Farm, Portersville PA ***More information to Follow***
- **Friday, August 21<sup>st</sup>** NORG Meeting Stow City Center
- **Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup>** NORG Meeting Stow City Center
- **Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>** NORG/Nifty Fifties Corn Roast ***More information to follow***
- **October TBD** Nifty Fifties/NORG Fall Tour ***More information to follow***
- **Friday October 16<sup>th</sup>** NORG Meeting Stow City Center
- **October TBD** "Bucket of Beans" Car Show ***More information to follow***
- **Friday November 20<sup>th</sup>** NORG Meeting Stow City Center

Note: *If any club member has any other ideas that they believe would be of interest to members, contact Steve Kronen. It may be an interesting day trip, a place that you found exciting, an interesting restaurant or some place impressed you*

## **NORG March Lunch Thursday, March 5th**

Our lunch for March was held at Geraci's, located at 29425 Chagrin Blvd. in Pepper Pike. In spite of the overcast and rainy day our luncheon was held. In attendance were Jack & Sharon Bukszar, Frank & Ginger Posar, Pat Rooney, Neil Garland and Craig Gorris. The food was delicious and the camaraderie outstanding.

## ***COME TO THE BEST CLASSIC CAR SHOW IN OHIO***

June 21, 2026 at Hale Farm & Village

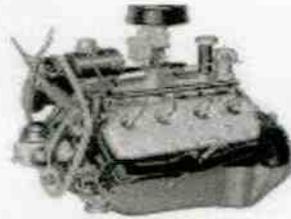
Our new venue allows for more cars, better parking, lower ticket prices, and a lot more to see and do!



**Ohio Region Classic Car Club of America (ORCCCA), moves to Hale Farm & Village in Bath, Ohio, on Sunday, June 21, 2026, from 10 AM–4 PM.**

**This expanded event features 400+ vintage, classic, and muscle cars (25+ years old), live music, food trucks, and historic**<https://orccca.com/fathers-day-show/> demonstrations. <https://orccca.com/fathers-day-show/>

**IF YOU HAVE NOT PAID YOUR 2026 N.O.R.G.  
MEMBERSHIP DUES,  
THEY ARE CURRENTLY OUTSTANDING. PLEASE  
COMPLETE THE FORM ON PAGE 9.**



## 1<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL “FLATHEADS FOREVER REUNION”

(This charitable event sponsors youth activities at the Museum)

Saturday June 27 2026 - 9:00A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

**Registration Form & Waiver**

**Registration # \_\_\_\_\_ (To Be Assigned)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt#: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Affiliations: \_\_\_\_\_

Car make: \_\_\_\_\_ Model: \_\_\_\_\_ Engine # cyl: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

**This Waiver MUST be signed to be a participant in this event !**

I hereby release the Ford V8 Foundation/Museum; its members and volunteers, any and all sponsors, from any responsibility and liability for any injury to myself, my property, and any members of my party while attending and/or participating in this event.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Return this Registration/Waiver & \$25.00 fee to the following:**

**Make check payable to the “Ford Foundation/Museum” or Call: 260-927-8022 at the Museum Monday - Friday 9:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. to make a payment. We do not accept a credit card on the Web Site. Registration ends at 11:00 A.M. the day of the event.**

Ford V8 Foundation/Museum  
2181 Rotunda Drive  
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Most clays shown here were meant to become postwar Fords, got bumped up to Mercurys at last minute. This coupe begins to show '49 Mercury grille.

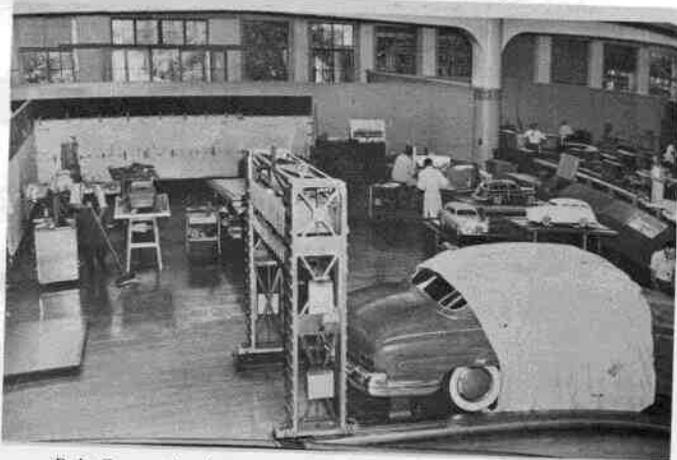
# On the Way To the 1949 Mercury

**E**DSEL FORD envisioned a whole new line of postwar cars. Before he died in May 1943, Edsel commissioned Ford styling chief Bob Gregorie to design an entirely new family of Fords, Mercurys, and Lincolns. At the same time, Ford's chief engineer Larry Sheldrick got busy bringing Ford Motor Co. out of the buggy-spring era. He did quite a bit with independent front suspensions.

Gregorie and Sheldrick had to work in semi-secret, because the Old Man, Henry Ford Sr., didn't believe in new-fangled and fancy changes in his cars—not at this point. He was nearly senile and very set in his ways. After Edsel died, work on postwar projects came to a brief standstill but were revived when Henry Ford II returned from the Navy in late 1943.

Postwar plans at first called for the all-new, full-sized Ford to span a 118-inch wheelbase. Just after the war, as FoMoCo scrambled to get back into car production and at the same time wrestled with new designs, Ernie Breech and Ford's cost accountants deemed the proposed 118-inch Ford too expensive and heavy to sell as a Ford. Thus it became the 1949 Mercury. The proposed Gregorie Mercs (there were two) became the 1949 Lincoln and Cosmopolitan, and the company put through a crash program to design an all-new Ford from scratch. Photos on these pages show some of the clays and ideas that emerged during and just after WW-II and that led up to the 1949 Mercury. □

PHOTOS COURTESY FORD ARCHIVES, HENRY FORD MUSEUM



Bob Gregorie's design studio looked like this in Aug. 1945. Lincoln clay stands under wraps while modelers work in 1/4-scale in background.



This is a real car with clay over metal. Mercury's stepped fender treatment appears here. Edsel Ford instigated the postwar proposals.



*Proposed Ford fastback on 118-inch wheelbase has 1949 Mercury's gas filler atop rear fender.*



*This is the same car as above. Canadian 1949 Monarch (Mercury) had grille similar to this.*

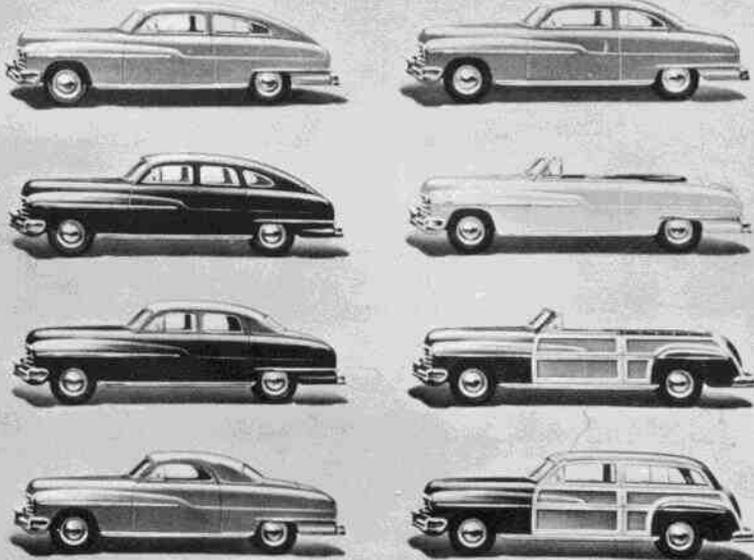


*Much thought was given to wheelcovers, side trim. 4-door fastback appeared as 1949 Cosmo.*



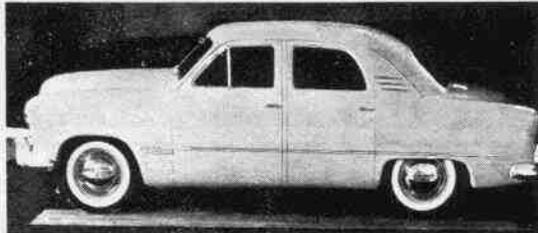
*Hood begins to roll under here to make way for Merc grille. What's that car in the background?*

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*One of many postwar Ford line proposals called for eight different body styles. When Ford became 1949 Mercury, only four bodies survived: sedan, coupe, convertible, and 2-door station wagon.*

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*Geo. Walker submitted top proposal for '49 Ford, Bob Gregorie the bottom one. They're similar because Youngren set "package." Walker's won, but Gregorie's roof & doors were adopted.*

Northern Ohio Regional Group 20  
Early Ford V8 Club of America  
Membership Form  
Annual Month Dues \$30.00

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2026

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List all Early Fords you own from 1932 to 1953 and Highest Award won at a National Meet:

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**Happy Birthday**

**March Meeting**  
**Friday March 20<sup>th</sup>**  
**7:30 PM**  
**Stow City Center**

**NORG MEMBERS**

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

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