

# “The Headliner”

## Newsletter of the Northern Ohio Regional Group #20 Early Ford V-8 Club of America Our 55<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.”

### Presidents Message

To all my Ford Friends,

Birds are singing, the grass is turning green, weather is starting to warm up and I'm itching to get the cars on the road. The winter wasn't too bad this year, but I've had enough.

Please keep this newsletter handy as there has been some changes to note regarding event dates, and an email change for me.

We have been asked to join the Nifty Fifties to tour Lakeside Sand and Gravel on Sat. April 27. located at 3498 Frost Rd., Mantua Rd. Streetsboro, Oh. Meet at 9:30 at McDonalds on Route 14, Leaving at 10:30

Sat. May 25<sup>th</sup>, we have been invited to participate in the Keels and Wheels display at the Cleveland Yachting Club. We will meet for a late breakfast or early lunch at Claudette's Cafe & Deli. Located 16485 Center Ridge Rd., Westlake at 10:00. Make to bring sure to a chair and a beverage if so desired. If you can't make it for a bite to eat Meet at the Yacht club at 1:00.

Sat. June 15 our two clubs are going to celebrate the NATIONAL DRIVE YOUR OLD FORD DAY. We will cruise to Skyway Drive in, and wrap up the day at Country Made Ice-cream on Rt. 303. Meeting place and times, Bruce Lewicki will have that information coming.

The July 13<sup>th</sup> cruise to Warren Ohio to tour the Packard MUSEUM AND THE NORMAN ROCKWELL DISPLAY HAS BEEN CHANGED TO JULY 22. PLEASE MAKE A NOTE OF THIS CHANGE. More details will be coming in the next newsletter.

**LASTLY, I HAVE A NEW EMAIL ADDRESS, PLEASE MAKE A NOTE OF THIS. MY NEW ADDRESS IS, [Jbukszar46@gmail.com](mailto:Jbukszar46@gmail.com)**

Until the next time stay safe and have fun,

JACK



Our April speaker will be Mr. Chuck Loper from Richfield Ohio. He will be discussing car restorations and finding collector cars. Looking forward to hearing his presentation



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## MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF MARCH 15, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by President Jack Bukszar. He thanked his wife Sharon for the coffee and cookies for this evening. He no doubt tasted them before bringing them to the meeting to make sure they were OK.

Secretary Neal Garland read a condensed version of the minutes of the February meeting. Rick Jandrey moved that the minutes be accepted. They were.

Co-treasurers Diane and Dan Francis reported that our treasury is still in good shape. Program chairman Rick Jandrey reported that he has speakers lined up for April and July, but he welcomes suggestions for May and later months.

Steve Kronen reminded us that there will be two national V8 meets this year. The Central National Meet will be held June 17-21 in Auburn, Indiana, and the Eastern National Meet will be in Clayton, New York on September 15-20. Steve encouraged members to attend both meets if possible. Based on pre-registrations for the Eastern National meet it appears that NORG is likely to be the largest regional group attending. Dave Collette encouraged members to be sure to make it to the Central National Meet. The Duesenberg-Auburn-Cord Museum is worth the trip by itself!

Dave Collette also invited members to attend the annual picnic/car show that he and Nancy host every year at their farm in Portersville, Pennsylvania. This year's event will be on Saturday, August 10. Mark your calendar now, as this is a "don't miss it" event. Last year's picnic saw approximately 200 cars of all makes and models show up.

Program chair Rick Jandrey introduced John Sabatina, our speaker for this evening. John is an executive with the Firestone/Bridgestone Tire Company. He gave us a brief history of his work with the company. He has served in many capacities in many departments and knows the workings of the tire business very well. He directs the research and development of new tires and he presented a detailed and highly informative explanation of how tires are made and what goes into the creation of new models. On the average, it takes about two to three years to put a new model tire on the market. He reminded us that under-inflation is a major cause of excessive tire wear and noted that tires tend to lose about one pound of pressure per month even just sitting in the garage. Thank you, John, for a very interesting look at how the tires we depend on every day are developed and produced.

Membership chair Craig Gorris informed us that we have 72 members. The 2024 roster has been distributed. If you didn't get one, contact Craig.

Annette Gorris noted that the Headliner is doing well, but she and Craig would welcome receiving items to include in the Headliner. Be sure to send them anything you think might be appropriate to be included.

Craig Gorris reminded us that member Guy Shively has been doing the artwork for the cover of our club roster ever since 1989. Craig suggested that we again send Guy a gift card to show our appreciation for his truly outstanding artwork. Craig also recommended that we again send a gift card to Debbie Heeter, who gets the roster printed for us at an extremely reasonable price. Members agreed that we should do so for Guy and Debbie for their valuable contributions to our club. Craig will see to it that the gift cards and a note of thanks are sent.

President Jack reminded us that we have a number of activities already planned for this summer, including showing our cars at the annual Cleveland Yacht Club boat show on May 25, a cruise to the Packard Museum and the Medici Art Museum in Warren, Ohio, on June 22 (although this date might be changed due to its proximity to the Central National Meet), and participation in the Stow City Parade on July 4. Look for more information on these and more events in future Headliners.

Rick Jandrey announced that he and Neal Garland are working on a recruitment package that can be distributed to potential new members at car shows, swap meets, and cruise-ins. More on this later.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

***Neal Garland, Secretary.***

## 2024 Activities At A Glance



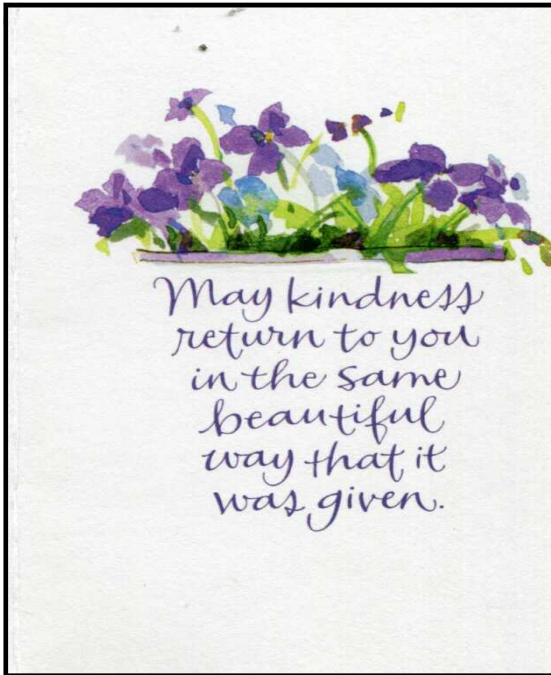
- **Friday April 19<sup>th</sup>** NORG Meeting Stow City Center 7:30
- **Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>** Tour to Lakeside Sand & Gravel **See page 5 for more information**
- **Friday May 15<sup>th</sup>** NORG Meeting Stow City Center 7:30
- **Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup>** Cruise to Cleveland Yacht Club “Keels & Wheels” with Breakfast at 10:00 Claudette’s Restaurant 4499 Detroit Road Grille **More Information to follow**
- **June : MEETING ROOM Closed. Looking for place to hold meeting**
- **June 17<sup>th</sup> ~ June 24<sup>th</sup>** Early Ford V-8 Club Central National Meet Auburn Indiana **For Information: <https://2024cnm.com/>**
- **Thursday July 4<sup>th</sup>** Participate in City of Stow 4th Parade **More Information to follow**
- **Friday July 19<sup>th</sup>** NORG Meeting Stow City Center 7:30
- **Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup>** Tour of Packard Museum and Medici Museum in Warren Ohio and lunch at Salvatore’s Italian Grille **More Information to follow**
- **Saturday August 10<sup>th</sup>** All Car Picnic at Dave & Nancy Collette’s Farm Portersville Pa. **More Information to follow**
- **Friday, August 16<sup>th</sup>** NORG Meeting Stow City Center 7:30
- **September 15<sup>th</sup> ~ September 20<sup>th</sup>** Early Ford V-8 Club Eastern National Meet Clayton New York **For Information: <https://efordv8-59.org/>**

### 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.

Received the Following Card From Lois Stallard Regarding NORG's Memorial Brick For Rags



NORG #20  
 Thank you for donating  
 a Memorial Brick to the  
 Ford V8 Foundation in Rag  
 name.  
 Our family was touch  
 by the large number of  
 members that took the  
 time to come to the celebra  
 of life, for Rags. Thanks so  
 much.  
 Ever thought he could  
 be at the meetings & outin  
 he still felt he was part  
 of the group.  
 Bless y'all,  
 Lois, David, Rick, & Linda

**New Members Too Late To Be Added To 2024 Roster**

Paul & Sherry Ellsworth 4752 W. Streetsboro Road Richfield, OH 44286

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*Please add to your Roster*



**NORG COOKIE BAKERS 2024**



February

Steve Klein Thank You

March

Sharon Bukszar Thank You

April

Mome/Neal Garland

May

Barb Rooney

July

Steve Kronen

August

Bonnie Sykes

September

Beth Schilling

October

Ginger Posar

November

Diane Francis

**April Social    Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>**  
**Lakeside Sand & Gravel 3498 Frost Rd, Mantua, OH 44255**  
*A Benefit Supporting the Hattie Larlham Foundation*

Come join the Nifty Fifties as we explore Lakeside Sand & Gravel, a working business establishment that includes antique functioning earthmoving machinery. It's a family-friendly event, so feel free to bring your kids and grandkids along!

We will meet at the **McDonald's at 9439 Route 14, Streetsboro, OH 44241** at **9:30 a.m.** If anyone wants breakfast or coffee, this is the perfect opportunity. Planned departure is **10:30 a.m.** and drive a short distance to the gravel pit.

Once there, we will have a bus tour where you will have a first hand guided tour and experience how a sand and gravel pit operate. You can also tour buildings and barns show-casing an impressive collection of vintage and antique construction equipment, trucks, and cars.

Because this is a fundraising event, refreshments consisting of hamburgers, hot dogs, fries, and drinks are available for purchase with proceeds donated to The Hattie Larlham Foundation. Plan on attending this heartwarming community event supporting a meaningful cause.

**Photos of Last Years Event at Lakeside Sand & Gravel**



## March 20th NORG Luncheon Cooper's Hawk Restaurant

Seven NORG members met at the beautiful Coopers Hawk Restaurant for a delicious luncheon. For those who have not been there it has a unique décor as well a significant selection of wines. In attendance were Jack & Sharon Bukszar, Neal Garland, Craig Gorris, Bruce Lewicki, Frank Posar and Pat Rooney. We enjoyed good food, good service, and lots of high-level conversation. Well, OK--two out of three isn't bad.

Incidentally their wines are available for purchase by the bottle.



*Coopers Hawk Wine Selection*

## April Luncheon Thursday, April 18th Mission BBQ, 8225 W. Ridgewood Drive, Parma

Our April luncheon will be at the Mission BBQ in Parma. Plan to arrive at 11:30. Be ready to enjoy more good food and highly intellectual conversation. Well, good food, anyhow. These are always fun. If you know of a tasteful place for lunch, contact Neal. He is always looking for new spots to have lunch.



## Some of the Makes of Automobiles Once Manufactured in the United States

PRODUCTION DATES	NAMES			PRODUCTION DATES	NAMES
1914-1922	Allen			1915-1931	Jordan
1916-1926	Anderson			1945-1953	Kaiser
1901-1926	Apperson			1927-1940	La Salle
1899-1911	Autocar			1904-1925	Maxwell
1935-1943	Bantam			1910-1925	Mercer
1915-1922	Bell			1918-1958	Nash
1915-1937	Brewster			1907-1932	Oakland
1871-1873	Cahart Steamer			1897-2004	Oldsmobile
1909-1927	Case			1906-1930	Overland
1908-1923	Chalmers			1899-1958	Packard
1913-1922	Commonwealth			1900-1932	Peerless
1929-1937	Cord			1901-1938	Pierce-Arrow
1939-1952	Crosley			1928-2001	Plymouth
1910-1936	Cunningham			1931-2010	Pontiac
1928-1961	DeSoto			1904-1936	Reo
1915-1924	Dixie Flyer			1896-1925	Stanley
1921-1934	Dusenbergl			1912-1930	Stearns Knight
1915-1933	Dupont			1906-1966	Studebaker
1921-1932	Durant			1913-1935	Stutz
1910-1932	Essex			1948-1949	Tucker
1902-1934	Franklin			1908-1923	Washington
1946-1948	Frazer			1908-1925	Westcott
1887-1932	Graham			1908-1955	Willys
1909-1958	Hudson			1896-1924	Winton
1888-1941	Hupmobile				

### HELP NEEDED

Hi to my USA friends, Need Help with measurements on a *1949-1951 Mercury Station Wagon*. What I want to know is the measurements of the windshield - width and height.

I have measurements for a Sedan, but need the ones from a *Station Wagon*..

Just for the record, the measurements of the Ford Station Wagon glass is different than the other body styles for the same year Fords. If possible, I would like a photo of the B Pillar.

Thanks for your help.

**Trevor Poulsen   Brisbane Australia   [tpou8669@bigpond.net.au](mailto:tpou8669@bigpond.net.au)**

## NORG Past Activities

1989

### *Confederate Air Force Fly-in- Car Show at Cleveland IX Center*

Earlier in 1989, Craig Gorris was contacted by a member of the Northern Ohio Chapter of the *Confederate Air Force*. The group had made arrangements for a World War II airplane display at the IX Center. They inquired if NORG would like to participate. NORG members spotted their vehicles near each of the many aircraft. The show was very successful with all proceeds going toward the restoration of a B-29 Superfortress that the *Confederate Air Force* was in the process of restoring. We have added a few pictures for you.



**Bill Kirsch's** 1947 Tudor & C-47

**Don Krause's** 1936 Coupe & B25 Mitchell

**Pete Shipp's** 1937 Coupe & P40 Warhawk

**Jewell Thomas'** 1940 Convertible & P-51

**Craig Gorris'** 1940 Coupe & P-38 Lightning

**Jim Stewart's** 1936 Roadster & P40 Flying Tiger





## The 85th Anniversary of the 1939 Ford

by John Emmering

Curious potential Ford customers jammed Ford dealer showrooms Friday, November 4, 1938 as the new 1939 models were unveiled. This year the 1939 Fords mark their 85<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We well remember 1939 models were the honored car at the Central National Meet in Springfield back in 2014 when we commemorated their 75th anniversary.

The beautiful 1939 Ford automobiles came in both the De Luxe and standard models. The standards were officially just known as “Ford V-8s” and the higher end cars were referred to as “Ford De Luxes”. The 1939 standard models bore a strong resemblance to the Ford De Luxe models of 1938. Ford produced somewhat different appearing Standard and De Luxe models with the standards resembling the earlier year’s models from 1938-1940.

Less expensive, the standard models were outfitted with only one tail light and had an interior sun visor only on the driver’s side. They also lacked the “banjo” steering wheel, dash clock and plastic dipped inside door handles of the De Luxe models. The upholstery on the standard models was also a little less luxurious. A standard Tudor was priced at \$664.00, \$60.00 cheaper than it’s De Luxe counterpart. This would be about \$1,000.00 in today’s dollars.

The 1939 De Luxe shorter streamlined grill and repositioned headlights gave a whole new look to the Ford which actually saw only minor changes to it’s body. E.T. “Bob” Gregorie, Ford chief designer learned to alter the look of the car through these subtle changes. The standard line retained a grill similar in appearance to the 1938 grill and offered a choice of the full size 85 hp V-8 engine or the 60 hp V-8.

Four Standard model body styles offered were the Coupe, Tudor, Fordor and Station Wagon. The Deluxe line offered six models consisting of the De Luxe Coupe, Tudor, Fordor, Station Wagon, Convertible Coupe and Convertible Sedan. 1939 was the last year Ford offered the De Luxe Convertible Sedan. Also the rumble seat was offered for the last time in the De Luxe Convertible Coupe model.

The De Luxe Tudor sold the most units at 144,333 followed by the Standard Tudor at 124,866. Fewest sales were experienced by the Standard Station Wagon at 3,227 and the De Luxe Convertible Sedan at 3,561 which make both cars a rarity today. All cars featured a floor mounted gearshift and bulb headlights for the last time. The biggest change was that hydraulic brakes became standard equipment on all 1939 passenger cars. They were a welcome advancement.

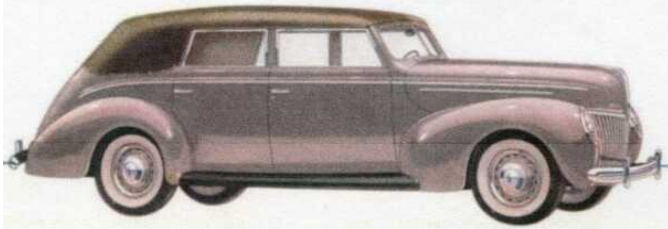


1939 DE LUXE FORD V-8 FORDOR SEDAN  
Equipped with 85 Hp Engine



1939 FORD V-8 TUDOR SEDAN  
Choice of 85 or 60 Hp Engine

## 1939 Ford Fast Facts



Last year for the Convertible Sedan



Last year to offer a rumble seat



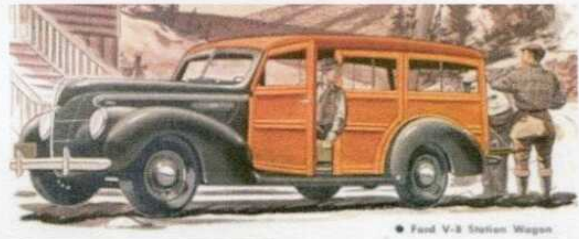
#1 Best Seller De Luxe Tudor



#2 Best Seller Standard Tudor

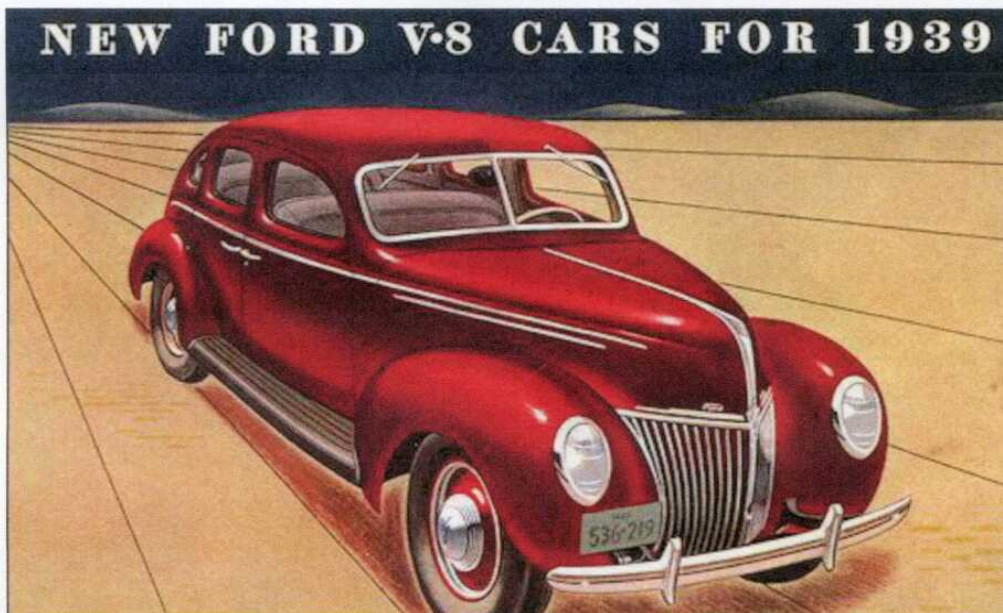


● Ford V-8 De Luxe Station Wagon



● Ford V-8 Station Wagon

Both De Luxe and Standard Station Wagons were offered for 1939



*Thanks to Hoosier Views*



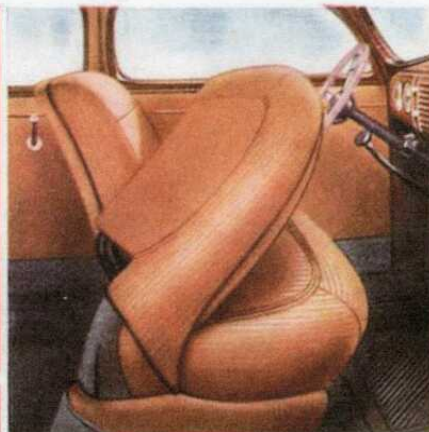
#### DE LUXE INTERIORS

Smartly-paneled seats upholstered in either taupe broadcloth or mohair. Big arm rests. Pillar lights. Large parcel shelf behind rear seats. Golden mahogany-finished trim with fittings of modern metal and plastic. Every detail styled for good taste and good service.

### **NEW DESIGNS ... NEW FEATURES ... NEW VALUES ... FOR 1939**

IMPORTANT new features distinguish the Ford V-8 and De Luxe Ford V-8 for 1939. They differ in appearance but the brilliant streamlined beauty of both is inspired by the Lincoln-Zephyr the acknowledged style leader among modern motor cars. Both are big, roomy cars, engineered for new quiet and comfort. Equipped with hydraulic brakes, and powered with the famous V-8 engine which more than five million owners already enjoy. Big hydraulic brakes are precision-built to meet strict Ford standards of safety. Their easy velvety action matches the smoothness of the V-8 engine. The Ford V-8 offers a choice of the thrifty 60 hp engine for rock-bottom economy or the 85 hp engine for top-notch performance. Both Ford cars for 1939 are Ford-priced for greater dollar value. Both bring new meaning to a familiar phrase, "*The Quality Car in the Low-Price Field.*"

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**April Birthdays**

6 Ron Mihalek, Alex Stall  
 12 Diane Francis  
 16 Marie Lewicki  
 20 Sharon Bukszar, Kathy Jandrey  
 22 Lee Downey, Georgene Iacobucci, Debbie Stall



**April Meeting Meeting**  
**April 19<sup>th</sup>**  
**7:30**  
**Stow City Center**