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Remember this?

Spring has sprung
The grass has riz
Where last year's
Careless drivers is
Or how about this one?
Around the corner
Lickety split
Nice car
Wasn't it?



Ah yes—the good old days. Dad had the car all polished up (a Ford, no doubt) and the sun was shining, so what better way to spend a nice Sunday afternoon than to pack up the family and go for a drive down a two-lane country road (which was the only kind of road there was back then).

And watch for the Burma Shave signs. I vividly remember sitting in the back seat as we traveled along, anxiously waiting to discover the next installment of Burma Shave wisdom. Even as a kid, I usually got the message.

Burma Shave messages were like that. Short. Simple. Humorous. Profound in their own way, without being "preachy." Easily read and understood even by a kid sitting in the back seat as dad drove along at a leisurely pace.

That was then. This is now. Today, we don't often drive down two-lane country roads. They don't take us where we need to get to, and even if they do it takes too long to get there. Most often the roads we drive on now have four—or more—lanes. We don't move along at a leisurely pace. The speed limit is 65 or 70, which means most people drive 75 or 80.

And there are no Burma Shave signs. No pithy statements of wisdom that even a kid in the back seat can understand. Maybe that's a part of why so many things don't seem to be quite right in today's world.

Maybe that's part of why I enjoy my old Ford so much. With a bit of effort and advanced planning (and a few spare parts), I still can polish that car up and find a two-lane road to cruise along. I don't need air conditioning. Just roll down the windows and open up the cowl vent and let the fresh air in. Makes it easier to hear that flat motor ticking away up front and the dual Smittys rumbling out behind, too.

I image we all have a bit of the same feeling about our flatheads. They are beautiful machines—works of art, really. But they are much more than that. They are undeniable connections with our past—with a time when we didn't have to get there RIGHT NOW in a totally sealed, soundproof, air conditioned capsule on wheels that whisks us silently along at 75 or 80 miles per hour.

I like the feeling of the breeze in my face. I like the sound of the flathead ticking away and the twin pipes humming a melody. I like the two lane roads and a slower pace. I'm looking forward to sharing a lot of all that with like-minded members of NORG as we enjoy our club activities this summer. I hope you feel the same.

I still miss the Burma Shave signs, though. Maybe we should put up some of our own along those two-lanes. What do you think? **Neal Garland, President**



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Kick tires at 7:00 pm Meeting begins 7:30 pm Need to be out of there by 10:00 pm

All V8 meetings will be at the Stow Community Center 3800 Graham Road Stow, Ohio

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N.O.R.G. CALENDAR PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES 2009

May

15th **Meeting** - Stow Community Center

30&31st Outing at Presque Isle - Outing Information on Page 5

June

19th Meeting - Stow Community Center
 24 to 27th Eastern National Meet - Windsor Ct.

July

12th Outing at Collettes - Picnic 1:00pm -.More later mark date
12th Antique Car Show - Rocky River - Jay & Jean Rounds

17th **Meeting** - Stow Community Center

August

21st **Meeting** - Stow Community Center

23rd AACA Car Show - Hale Farm - Richard & Regina Jandrey

28th-9/1 **Central National Meet** - Auburn Indiana

September

13th 40th Anniversary Party - Raintree Country Club - More later mark date

18th **Meeting** - Stow Community Center

26th Fall Tour - Covered Bridges - More later mark date

October

11th Outing 'Last Annual Pig Roast' - More later mark date

16th **Meeting** - Stow Community Center

November

20th **Meeting** - Stow Community Center

December

More Programs and Outings are in the Works

Memory Lane Antique Car Show

The City of Rocky River presents the 3rd annual Memory Lane Antique Car Show on Sunday, July 12, 2009 at Rocky River City Hall at 21012 Hilliard Blvd in RR. Arrival time—11am until 4:00pm No entrance fee. Plaques provided; goodie bags; door prizes. Trophy for crowd favorite. Food/beverage available for purchase. Parking will be on the grassy area at city hall. To pre-register please call Jay and Jean Rounds at 440-333-9805. We can take registration over the phone.

Thank you. Jay and Jean Rounds

Annual Spring Tune-Up Cruise Presque Isle PA ~ May 30 & 31, 2009

- We will be meeting at the first rest area on 190 into
 Pennsylvania at 10:00 am SHARP on Saturday the 30th.
- From there we will travel to the Presque Island Casino for some \$\$\$\$ & R fun.
- Next on to the Glass House Inn where we can get settled in our rooms.
- Then again to the Colony Pub & Grille for their great buffet and a visit with our friends in the Nifty Fifty and Pittsburg V8 clubs.
- Sunday Morning after a Continental breakfast we will be on our own to do what ever.









Minutes From the Meeting of April 17, 2009



Memorial Day May 25, 2009

Meeting called to order by President Neal at 7:40.

Minutes were read and approved with one correction (bet I get fired on second mistake).

Thanks to Annie for cookies and coffee. Yum yum

2 guests attended this month's meeting. Bob Satava and Wally Schmunk looking for a 39.

Activities – Presque Isle trip May 30 -31. Sign up:

Fall tour all ready except for date.

Headliner: Georgene needs more articles sent for tech tip. Send a tip or joke, recipe, story of how you found your car. Send anything of interest on cars or whatever!

Program – Alex reported May speaker for us ladies. Sandy's Notion.

Sunshine – Loretta Duda's dad passed away and thinking of you to Grant Oakes. Let club know when a card is needed.

Soma report – Pat Rooney – 2 states passed laws on old cars, Wyoming and Utah, seat belt law (I think)

Web master – Don Clink – Nothing at this time.

Old Business -

39 dash complete looking for face plate Dick asked about Guy Shiveley to put ad in newsletter and on website.

Motion made to donate dash to museum. Joe made motion – motion passed.

New Business -

Motion made to buy basket for Eastern Meet. All in favor.

Debbie Stahl to bake cake for 40th Anniversary.

Motion to adjourn was made by Foster.

Respectfully submitted,

Barb Soltis, Secretary



Where's Henry Ford when we need him? by, Jim Richardson Borrowed from Hemmings Classic Car - March 2009

"Money is only a tool in business. You might as well borrow 1000,000 lathes as \$1000,000 dollars if the trouble is inside your business." **Henry Ford**



I am not a "Ford" man, per se. I have owned more Packards than any other make. In fact, the only ford I ever actually owned was a tiny English Ford Escort I drove on Holiday one summer down in New Zealand. It was a tired rust bucket, but I must say it did not let me down.

With our domestic auto industry in critical condition on this 102nd anniversary of the Model T Ford—perhaps we ought to take a few moments and see if we can learn anything from Ford's phenomenal early success.

Henry Ford didn't invent the automobile, mass production or the assembly line, but he did put America on wheels.

How did he do it? He did it by focusing on building automobiles—not on making money, unlike literally hundreds of other car manufacturers in the first part of the last century.

He was an engineer, and his energy was nearly inexhaustible. Ford wanted to design and build what he called the Universal Car. He reasoned that if he could build an automobile that was cheap enough, and easy enough to operate, that everyone would want one. And, as it turned out, nearly everyone did.

More next month

Chicken Salad

You'll love this chicken salad's versatility. It tastes great by itself, on a green salad or in a sandwich.



INGREDIENTS:

6 boneless chicken breast halves

1 cup chopped celery

1/2 cup dill pickle relish

1 teaspoon salt

1 teaspoon pepper

Pinch of onion powder

1 cup mayonnaise

DIRECTIONS:

Boil chicken breasts in salted water until they are cooked through, about 15 minutes.

Dice or shred the chicken.

Combine the chicken, celery, pickle relish, salt, pepper, onion powder and mayonnaise. More or less mayonnaise can be added, depending on your preference.



GET WELL



Hey Grant Oakes... We're all thinking about you and hoping that you will make it to some of our summer outings.



Mother's Day May 10.2009

May Barb Rooney

June Rose DeylingJuly Barb Soltis

August Bill Holland

• September Regina Jandrey

October Annette Gorris
 Neverther Gircle Hermann

November Ginnie Herrmann



Our Sympathy to
Dr. Hergenroeder and his Family on
the Death of his Mother.
There will be a Memorial Service on
Saturday, May 30th at Mother of

Saturday, May 30th at Mother of Sorrows Church in Peninsula OH.

Grandma's Hands

Grandma, some ninety plus years, sat feebly on the patio bench. She didn't move, just sat with her head down staring at her hands.

When I sat down beside her she didn't acknowledge my presence and the longer I sat I wondered if she was OK.

Finally, not really wanting to disturb her but wanting to check on her at the same time, I asked her if she was OK. She raised her head and looked at me and smiled. 'Yes, I'm fine, thank you for asking,' she said in a clear strong voice.

'I didn't mean to disturb you, grandma, but you were just sitting here staring at your hands and I wanted to make sure you were OK,' I explained to her.

'Have you ever looked at your hands,' she asked. 'I mean really looked at your hands?'

I slowly opened my hands and stared down at them. I turned them over, palms up and then palms down. No, I guess I had never really looked at my hands as I tried to figure out the point she was making.

Grandma smiled and related this story:

'Stop and think for a moment about the hands you have, how they have served you well throughout your years. These hands, though wrinkled shriveled and weak have been the tools I have used all my life to reach out and grab and embrace life.

They braced and caught my fall when as a toddler I crashed upon the floor.

They put food in my mouth and clothes on my back. As a child, my mother taught me to fold them in prayer. They tied my shoes and pulled on my boots. They held my husband and wiped my tears when he went off to war.

They have been dirty, scraped and raw, swollen and bent. They were uneasy and clumsy when I tried to hold my newborn son. Decorated with my wedding band they showed the world that I was married and loved someone special

They wrote my letters to him and trembled and shook when I buried my parents and spouse.

'They have held my children and grandchildren, consoled neighbors, and shook in fists of anger when I didn't understand.

They have covered my face, combed my hair, and washed and cleansed the rest of my body. They have been sticky and wet, bent and broken, dried and raw. And to this day when not much of anything else of me works real well these hands hold me up, lay me down, and again continue to fold in prayer.

'These hands are the mark of where I've been and the ruggedness of life.

But more importantly it will be these hands that God will reach out and take when he leads me home. And with my hands He will lift me to His side and there I will use these hands to touch the face of God.'

I will never look at my hands the same again. But I remember God reached out and took my grandma's hands and led her home. When my hands are hurt or sore or when I stroke the face of my children and husband I think of grandma. I know she has been stroked and caressed and held by the hands of God.

MEMORIAL DAY MAY 25, 2009

If any of you have ever been to a military funeral in which taps was played; this brings out a new meaning of it. Here is something Every American should know. Until I read this, I didn't know, but I checked it out and it's true: We in the United States have all heard the haunting song, 'Taps..' It's the song that gives us the at lump in our throats and usually tears in our eyes.

But, do you know the story behind the song? If not, I think you will be interested to find out about its humble beginnings. Reportedly, it all began in 1862 during the Civil War, when Union Army Captain Robert Ellicombe was with his men near Harrison's Landing in Virginia .. The Confederate Army was on the other side of the narrow strip of land.

During the night, Captain Ellicombe heard the moans of a soldier who lay severely wounded on the field. Not knowing if it was a Union or Confederate soldier, the Captain decided to risk his life and bring the stricken man back for medical attention Crawling on his stomach through the gunfire, the Captain reached the stricken soldier and began pulling him toward his encampment. When the Captain finally reached his own lines, he discovered it was actually a Confederate soldier, but the soldier was dead. The Captain lit a lantern and suddenly caught his breath and went numb with shock. In the dim light, he saw the face of the soldier. It was his own son. The boy had been studying music in the South when the war broke out. Without telling his father, the boy enlisted in the Confederate Army.

The following morning, heartbroken, the father asked permission of his superiors to give his son a full military burial, despite his enemy status. His request was only partially granted.

The Captain had asked if he could have a group of Army band members play a funeral dirge for his son at the funeral.

The request was turned down since the soldier was a Confederate.

Presidential Proclamation of Feb. 27, 1950, Mr. Truman stated:

But, out of respect for the father, they did say they could give him only one musician.

The Captain chose a bugler. He asked the bugler to play a series of musical notes he had found on a piece of paper in the pocket of the dead youth's uniform. This wish was granted.



The haunting melody, we now know as 'Taps' used at military funerals was born.

The words are:
Day is done.
Gone the sun.
From the lakes
From the hills.
From the sky.
All is well.
Safely rest.
God is nigh.



MAY 16. 2009 ARMED FORCES DAY

On August 31, 1949, Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson announced the creation of an Armed Forces Day to replace separate Army, Navy and Air Force Days. The single-day celebration stemmed from the unification of the Armed Forces under one department -- the Department of Defense. Each of the military leagues and orders was asked to drop sponsorship of its specific service day in order to celebrate the newly announced Armed Forces Day. The Army, Navy and Air Force leagues adopted the newly formed day. The Marine Corps League declined to drop support for Marine Corps Day but supports Armed Forces Day, too. In a speech announcing the formation of the day, President Truman "praised the work of the military services at home and across the seas" and said, "it is vital to the security of the nation and to the establishment of a desirable peace." In an excerpt from the

Armed Forces Day, Saturday, May 20, 1950, marks the first combined demonstration by America's defense team of its progress, under the National Security Act, towards the goal of readiness for any eventuality. It is the first parade of preparedness by the unified forces of our land, sea, and air defense.

The theme of the first Armed Forces Day was "Teamed for Defense." It was chosen as a means of expressing the unification of all the military forces under a single department of the government. Although this was the theme for the day, there were several other purposes for holding Armed Forces Day. It was a type of "educational program for civilians," one in which there would be an increased awareness of the Armed Forces. It was designed to expand public understanding of what type of job is performed and the role of the military in civilian life. It was a day for the military to show "state-of-the-art" equipment to the civilian population they were protecting. And it was a day to honor and acknowledge the people of the Armed Forces of the United States. The first Armed Forces Day was celebrated by parades, open houses, receptions, and air shows. In Washington D.C., 10,000 troops of all branches of the military, cadets, and veterans marched pass the President and his party. In Berlin, 1,000 U.S. troops paraded

for the German citizens at Templehof Airfield. In New York City, an estimated 33,000 participants initiated Armed Forces Day "under an air cover of 250 military planes of all types." In the harbors across the country were the famed mothballed "battlewagons" of World War II, the *Missouri*, the *New Jersey*, the *North Carolina*, and the *Iowa*, all open for public inspection. Precision flying teams dominated the skies as tracking radar were exhibited on the ground. All across the country, the American people joined together to honor the Armed Forces.

As the people gathered to honor the Armed Forces on this occasion, so too did the country's leaders.



This is my favorite "before and after" view of Dave's 46 convertible. There's more to do, but he's hard at work. This week it's window installation. Hello to all in Ohio! Nancy Collette



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ROAD CHATTER



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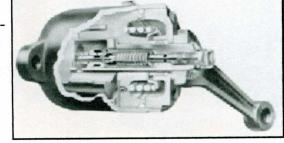


By Ken Bounds

Call them knee-action shocks, call them lever-action shocks, call them #\$%&!* shocks – many Early Ford owners have strong opinions about the shock absorbers that Mr. Ford put on his cars from 1928 to 1948. Whether they are old and leaky, hard to maintain, or just don't work well, these shocks are often ignored by owners or even replaced by the many kits available over the years to convert to more modern tube style shocks.

Ford called them Ford Houdaille Double Acting Shock Absorbers. The design was patented by Maurice Houdaille as early as 1907, but it was in 1927 that production really took off when Henry Ford announced that these shocks would be standard on the upcoming Model A – an order estimated to be over 21 million units!

Many owners want to keep their Early Fords "like Henry built them" or believe that a properly maintained Houdaille shock is just fine, but realize that disassembly or rebuilding is a daunt-



Section View-1940 Shock Absorber

ing task requiring specialized tools. There are a few sources for servicing or rebuilding these shocks, but I often heard the most praise for Louis Trinque in Connecticut. Many of us were concerned when we learned that Louis had decided to retire and initially could not find anyone to take over his business. The following good news appeared recently on the Fordbarn website: http://www.fordbarn.com/earlyv8/forum.htm.

Posted by Gary Trinque on Monday, November 17, 2008 at 5:08PM:

My father Louis Trinque is retiring from the shock rebuilding business. The business has been sold to William P. Wzorek of Florence, MA. Louie and Bill will begin rebuilding the shocks together until Bill has a good grasp of the rebuilding process and gets completely setup at his location at which point he will completely takeover. If your shocks are with Louie now they will be working on those first to complete all outstanding orders. I know its been getting behind as my father is not as young as he once was and slowing down quite a bit. PLEASE DO NOT send any more shocks to Louie and contact Bill with your needs. He can be reached at 71 cardinal way Florence, MA 01062. On behalf of my father and I we appreciate the years of business and its been a fun ride. Thanks everybody!!!!

Bill has now fully taken over the Trinque shock rebuilding business. Contact information: Bill Wzorek, 71 Cardinal Way, Florence Ma. 01062. Phone (413)586-5324, E-mail wpwz@comcast.net.

This article is not intended to be an endorsement of Bill's business, just one source for our members who need to have shocks serviced or rebuilt. Another major "player" in this business is Apple Hydraulics, 1610 Middle Road, Calverton, NY 11933. Phone (800)882 -7753, web site: http://www.applehydraulics.com/

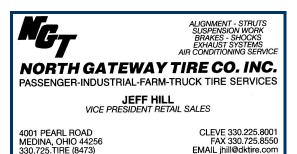
Many different fluids have been used to refill Houdaille shock absorbers. The original fluid was glycerin. Mac's Antique Auto Parts in Lockport, NY, Phone (716) 210-1340 sells "correct" fluid for \$3.20 per pint.

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Remember to add new member to your V8 Roster.



Time to get the soil ready for gardening.... Just think about those fresh greens, large crisp peppers, sweet cucumbers and those **big red juicy tomatoes.....** Well, Foster has a friend that had an idea to help get his fathers yard dug up..... Thanks for sharing Foster.

THE TOMATO GARDEN

An old Italian man lived alone in New Jersey. He wanted to plant his annual tomato garden, but it was very difficult work, as the ground was hard. His only son, Vincent, who used to help him, was in prison. The old man wrote a letter to his son and described his predicament: Dear Vincent,

I am feeling pretty sad, because it looks like I won't be able to plant my tomato garden this year. I'm just getting too old to be digging up a garden plot. I know if you were here my troubles would be over. I know you would be happy to dig the plot for me, like in the old days. Love, Papa

A few days later he received a letter from his son.

Dear Pop,

Don't dig up that garden. That's where the bodies are buried. Love. Vinnie

At 4 a.m. the next morning, FBI agents and local police arrived and dug up the entire area without finding any bodies. They apologized to the old man and left.

That same day the old man received another letter from his son.

Dear Pop.

Go ahead and plant the tomatoes now. That's the best I could do under the circumstances.

Love you, Vinnie





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