



Yes, it is October now (See Page 2)! Finally the summer is gone and the heat is behind us. Seems now as if we went from brutally hot to unseasonably cool but I'll take the cool any day. Fall and October means more pleasant touring and Hershey (and I don't mean chocolate candy!) The first full week in October is the annual AACA Swap Meet/Car Show in Hershey, PA, which Danny, Sharon, Michael, Jayne, and Charlotte Driskell and I attended and set up and sold parts for Third Gen Automotive. The weather this year was "wet Hershey weather"...rain and cold for three days...with the sun and warmer weather returning for Thursday, the last day. All in all, it was a good week and fun. One of my favorite things to do at Hershey is people-watching because, believe me, you see everything at Hershey! Enjoy the photos from Hershey plus some from our tour in September to Jim Bratcher's V8 collection in Shelbyville, TN, and more!

### **New Members!**

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**1951 Ford Police Cruiser**



# ODES TO OCTOBER

See October.

Sheets of crystal on morning grass,  
Flannel shirts the color of leaves,  
Sweaters the color of corn and pumpkin,  
Wooly worms crossing the road,  
Furry forecasters of a hard winter.

Hear October.

Groans of hard men hauling hay,  
Muffled report of rifles in woods,  
Chainsaw promising winter heat,  
Boughs breaking with weight of fruit,  
Ripe prophets of a hard winter.

Smell October.

Smoke of leaves, oak, maple, tobacco,  
Steams of soup, coffee, stew,  
School bus fumes and Russian tea,  
Whiff of cold in northern wind,  
Clean composer of a hard winter.

Feel October.

Weight of first blanket on the bed,  
Distant warmth of retreating sun,  
Thickening fur on an outdoor dog,  
Firmness growing in the ground,  
Heavy harbinger of a hard winter.

Taste October.

Apples, crackers and sharp gold cheese,  
Last grilled hamburger of the season,  
Farm-ground sausage, pepper-laced,  
Warm yeast bread from an old recipe,  
Sure sustainer through a hard winter.

Come October!

Bring the security of a hay-filled barn,  
A warming fire and goal made real.  
Crown the end of a summer's work  
With needs well met and hopes fulfilled  
To carry us through a hard winter.

...R. G. BELL

Daylight isn't around as much  
It starts to get colder  
Halloween is almost here  
Another year, I'm getting older  
I need some time off

I can't wait for the summer  
The October sky is good  
Dark, cold, lonely, like me  
The music plays better  
My spirits adapt to the dark  
As far as life, I'm at my best  
It's the only month  
Where I'm not sad, but not really happy  
Content is a better description  
I wish it could be October  
All year long  
I wish in a year  
I'll go away and be found  
October will always be here  
Even if I'm not around.

...Victor Osorio

As lightning flashes east to west  
And thunders with a boom -  
And a haunting orange halo  
Shrouds the early harvest moon.  
Fireflies rush through the Elder trees  
With the dragonflies and the honeybee's  
As October plays her symphonies  
Of wonder.

Wisps of Autumn greet the skies,  
And gentle smoke from chimneys rise.  
The Mockingbird annoys the dove,  
As thunderclaps pass high above.  
The moon glows gentle in the night,  
Stars dropping softly out of sight,  
And October plays her Opus bright  
With wonder.



**Car of the Month**  
**Don Ford, Summertown, TN**  
**1939 Ford Coupe**



I had looked from time to time for a 1939 Ford Coupe and finally found what I was looking for (I hoped!)



It was a black Deluxe that was advertised on Hemmings. There was only one picture in the ad but I made the call and the owner sent many more pictures and gave me a pretty good rundown on the car. The car came from Georgia and was owned by an elderly gentleman who obviously took good care of it. But he passed away and the car ended up in Michigan. I bought it and had it shipped from Flint, MI.



I was very pleased when it arrived...much as advertised...but I could never get it running as good as I thought it should. What I have now is a pretty much original '39 coupe with a rebuilt engine. I lucked out, the block and crank were both good. During the rebuild I had Offenhauser heads and an intake and dual carbs and an Isky Max1 cam installed.

The car runs and sounds good with new brakes and tires. I don't know if this is all correct numbers or not and don't really care about that.

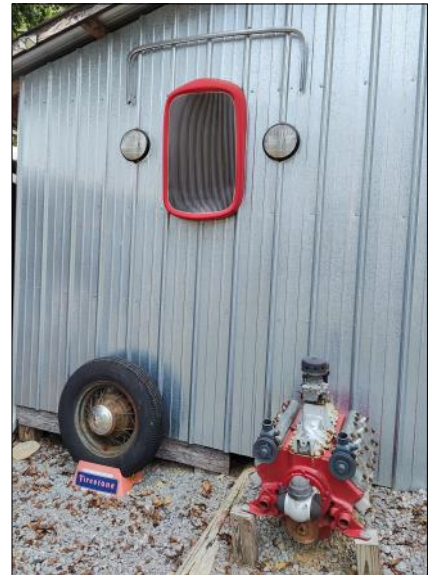
**Don's 1939 Coupe at Jim Bratcher's, Shelbyville, TN, on Sept. 23rd**





## Jim Bratcher's V8 Collection, Shelbyville, TN

Saturday, September 23rd, was a cool, beautiful day for a tour and members of the Volunteer V8 Ford Club took advantage of the great weather to tour to Jim Bratcher's V8 and motorcycle collection in Shelbyville, Tennessee.



**Pam, Luke and Jim Bratcher**











On the way home...the view from Glenn Nabors' 1942 Ford Convertible

Thanks to Jim, Pam and Luke Bratcher for hosting the tour of their collection



# Hershey 2022



**Parts!**

**Parts!**

**Parts!**



## "Unique" Cars seen at Hershey....



### 1942 U.S. Navy Ford

One of the 200 built for the U.S. Navy right at the end of Auto Production in early 1942.

These cars were stripped down models with no heaters, only one ashtray, and painted interior hardware. Some of these cars had mismatched interior colors, as they were assembled from what was left in the inventory.

All were supposed to have 6 cyl. engines, but some with V-8's because they did not have enough 6 cyl. available.

The cars were delivered in all black sheet metal and then painted flat gray by the U.S. Navy. This car was redone exactly as the Navy released it.



## **“Unique” Cars seen at Hershey....**



**Have you ever seen a Ford Woodie like this? It's a homemade Woodie built on the chassis of a 1947 Ford one ton truck!**



## **“Unique” Cars seen at Hershey....**

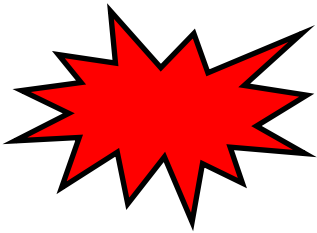


**Mortimer Snerd really likes this car!**



**This 1936 Ford Convertible Sedan came home with us to Tennessee!**





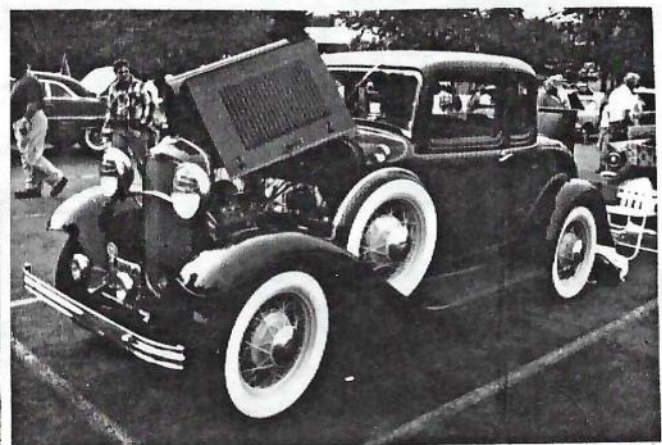
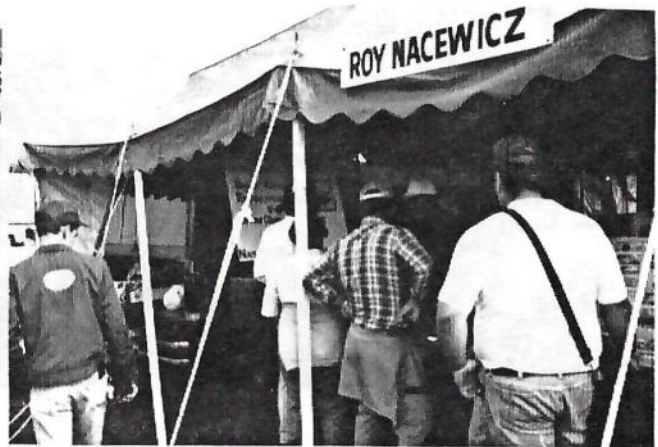
## BLAST FROM THE PAST!...HERSHEY 1992

From Volunteer V8 Ford Voice, December 1992

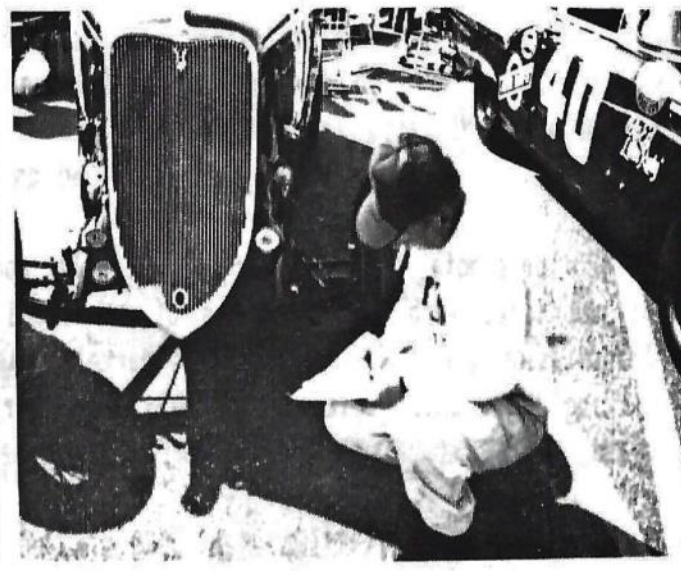
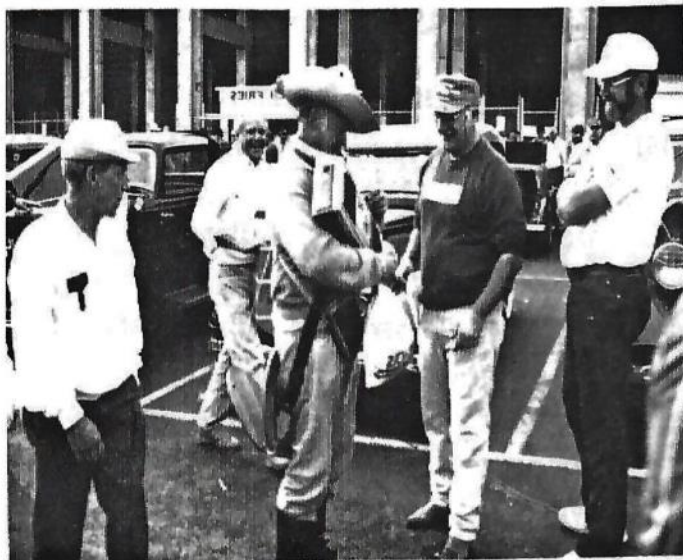
### Hershey 1992

Once again; many thousands of hardy antique auto enthusiasts met in the rolling hills of Central Pennsylvania, in early October in order to revel in the glory of the world's largest antique auto show and flea market more popularly known to all of us as *HERSHEY!* It would take more space than I have available here to do justice to Hershey; it's like nothing else in the antique auto hobby. Over 8,000 vendors are crammed into a huge area that requires miles of walking to see and more than 1,000 cars are entered in the judging. All makes and models of cars are there and of interest to us is the fact that about 60 '32 to '53 Ford V8's were there. As usual, Hershey means rain on at least one day and this year was no different, Friday was a downpour but the weather was more than pleasant on the other days. A good representation of Volunteer V8 Ford Club members were in attendance and all reported their satisfaction with the show. Hope you've made your reservations for next year as I hear the hotels are already being booked for 1993!

(My thanks to Marll McDonald and the *V8 PAST TIMES*, newsletter of the New England Regional Group, for some of the information about the show and to Walter Heckman for the photographs)









## In the Kitchen...

### **PUMPKIN CRISP**

1 Can Pumpkin  
1 large can evaporated milk  
1 cup sugar  
1/2 tsp cinnamon  
3 eggs  
1 box yellow cake mix  
1 cup chopped nuts  
2 sticks melted butter

Mix pumpkin, milk, sugar, cinnamon, and eggs and pour into a 9X13 pan lined with parchment or waxed

Paper. Crumble dry cake mix over pumpkin, pour Melted butter over cake mix and chopped nuts.

Bake

50-60 minutes at 350 degrees. Turn upside down, remove paper, cool, and add topping.

Topping:

1 4oz cream cheese, 1 1/2 cup confectioner's sugar,

6 oz cool whip. Mix well and cover crisp when cooled.

Top with remaining nuts.



### **PERSIMMON PUDDING**

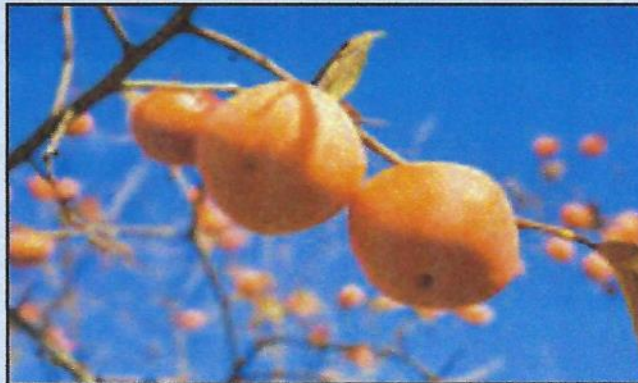
1 cup all-purpose flour  
3/4 cup sugar  
1/2 teaspoon baking powder  
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
Dash of nutmeg  
1 cup of persimmon pulp  
1/3 cup milk  
1 egg, beaten  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Optional Ingredients:

Raisins

Chopped nuts

Combine dry ingredients, mix well, stir in the persimmon pulp, milk, egg, vanilla extract, and raisins and nuts if you so choose. Use mixer to mix all ingredients. Pour into an aluminum foil lined baking dish coated or sprayed with vegetable oil. Bake at 350 degrees 40-45 minutes or until knife inserted into the center comes out clean.



### **KOREAN SALAD**

1 head Romaine Lettuce  
1 head Iceberg Lettuce  
1 purple onion sliced thinly  
2 cans mandarin oranges drained  
1 small package sliced almonds – toasted  
Wash and chop lettuce and mix all of above together (chill)

Dressing:

1/2 Cup Sugar  
2 Tbsp sesame seed  
2 Tbsp poppy seed  
1 1/2 tsp. Minced onion  
1/4 tsp paprika  
1/4 tsp Worcestershire sauce  
1/2 Cup vegetable oil  
1/4 Cup Cider vinegar  
Mix well and chill

Pour dressing over salad just before serving and sprinkle with toasted almonds



**Hard Starting When Hot!***By Cliff Green*

I have had numerous V-8ers describe symptoms that seem prevalent with our flatheads. The car will start and run perfectly when cold. After shutdown and sitting for a while, it refuses to start! There are two possible ignition issues here and both are subject to heat: the condenser and the coil.

The condenser is either good or bad – it works or it doesn't – it is not a gradual failure. It can be tested on the bench to find if it is shorted and for capacity.

By using an analog VTM in the ohm position you touch one lead to the case and the other to the terminal which will provide a slight charge using the VTM battery. Then switch the meter to the DC Volt position lowest setting and again ground the case and when you touch the red lead to the terminal you will see the needle jump and go to zero. This proves that the condenser is good and not shorted.

Now, using a microfarad meter (Honeytek A6013L available on Amazon for less than \$20) you can measure the capacitance. The range is slightly different for each year. For the '32-'48 years, we are looking for .26-.33 mfd., '49-'53 .22-.28 mfd. Excessive point pitting will occur if a condenser of improper capacity is used. The condenser is matched to the coil.

The test should also be done after the condenser is heated (with a hair dryer). This simulates the condition when the engine is stopped and there is no longer a cooling fan. There is the rub if test fails.

Condensers are available from NAPA and you should always carry a spare.

The second cause of not starting when hot is the coil receiving too much voltage and heating up. The ignition resistor drops the battery voltage almost in half to no more than 3.5v. Any more than that will cause breakdown until it cools off. Test the V with a VTM at the coil – you will get a reading only when the points are closed. To high – change the resistor. A fuel-related problem to hot starting after sitting, is when the power valve is leaking and the engine is flooded. Turn the mixture screws all the way home, when idling, and it still runs, the valve is leaking down.



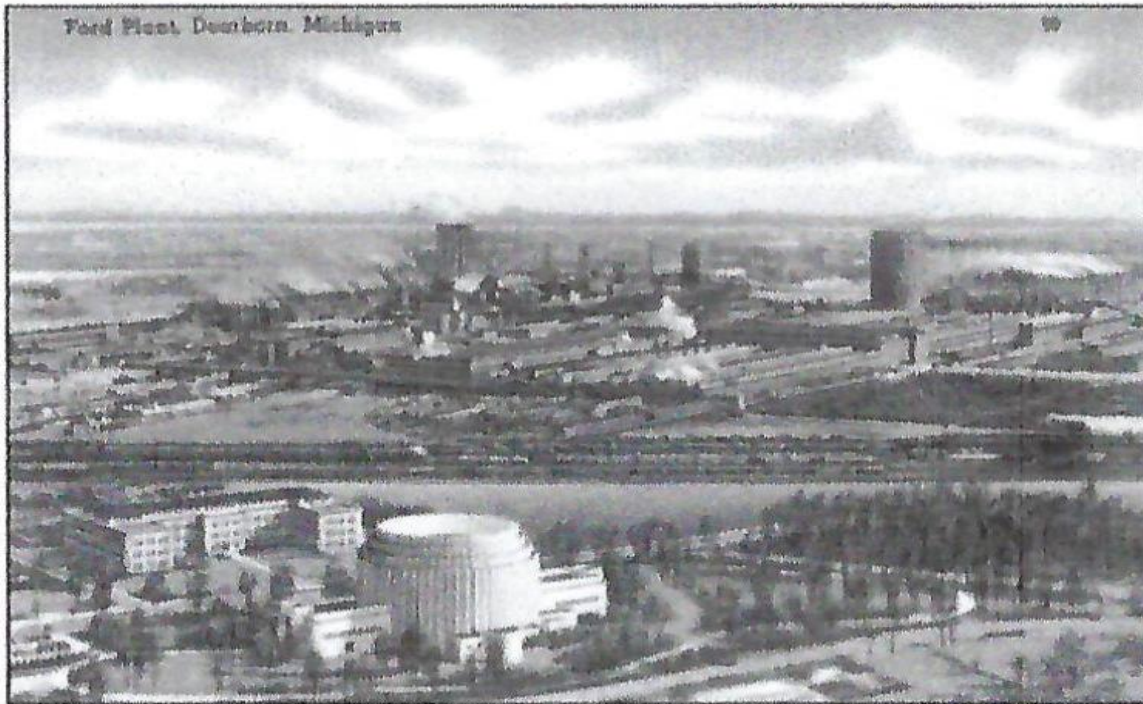
## EARLY FORD V-8 CLUB OF AMERICA

# 60TH ANNIVERSARY DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATION



**JUNE 11-17, 2023  
DEARBORN,  
MICHIGAN**

*By Bruce Nelson, Grand National Chair*



We hope you will join us in Henry Ford's hometown, Dearborn Michigan, home of everything Ford. The Grand National Committee is working hard planning a spectacular time and scheduling events for you to participate in during a very enjoyable week. This is the twelfth Grand National Meet of the Early Ford V-8 Club of America, and the 10th held in the suburb of Dearborn.

### SUNDAY JUNE 11TH

Even though the meet doesn't officially start until Tuesday, we will be ready for those who registered for the Pre-Meet Tour to Auburn, Indiana.

Early Registration will open Sunday afternoon for those participants that have signed up for the motor coach tour to Auburn and tours of the Early Ford V-8 Foundation Museum and Auburn Cord Duesenberg Automobile Museum.



## Early Ford V-8 Club Grand National 2023



You will have to register for the Pre-Meet Tour, and be at the Headquarters Hotel on Sunday to pick up your tickets. The Pre-Meet Tour tickets will not be available on Monday. Registration will not be open early on Monday morning. The cost of the tour includes motor coach, lunch and museum admissions.

You're not going to want to miss this opportunity to visit two great museums. The Pre-Meet Tour is available to a limited number, so sign up to participate. Trailer parking will open for Pre-Meet Tour participants.

### MONDAY JUNE 12TH

The Pre-Meet Tour registrants will leave at 8:00am sharp and will travel by air conditioned motor coach. Half of the tour group will visit each museum first, have their lunch at that museum and then transfer to the other museum, before returning to Dearborn.

Your lunch choices should be made when registering for the tour. Scheduled arrival time back at the Headquarters Hotel in Dearborn will be approximately 6:00pm. Please note that this event is

limited, so if you are thinking about registering for it, do so early.

While the Pre-Meet Tour is going on, lots will be happening at the Headquarters Hotel. Registration will open later in the morning, as will the 60th Anniversary Diamond Jubilee Celebration souvenir sales, Your Choice Raffle, Swap Meet, Operational Check and Car Clean up. Get ready to plan your free time using the information in your goodie bag. You will have all the information you need to "tour on your own" to interesting sites in the area.

### TUESDAY JUNE 13TH

The official start of the 60th Anniversary Diamond Jubilee Celebration Grand National Meet! Registration, Swap Meet, Car Clean up, Operational Check, souvenir sales, and Your Choice Raffle will all be happening in and around the Headquarters Hotel.

We are hoping to schedule tours to the Benson Ford Research Center. There will be one in the morning and one in the afternoon. Due to the size of the Research Center, these tours are limited and will sell out fast. If interested, be sure to register for the tour.

"Tour on Your Own" sites will be open. We would recommend that you check out the Ford Tri-Motor at the Yankee Air Museum. They will be offering rides for a fee. What a way to enjoy Ford history with a ride in a Tri-Motor!

There will also be a very special, limited participation, behind the scenes tour of Henry & Clara Ford's home at Fair Lane. The home has been closed for eight years while a slow and tedious restoration takes place. Just 150 people will have a chance to see how the fabulous work is progressing. This will be an opportunity that you will not want to miss. This tour will require an admission charge of which some of it will be a direct donation to the Fair Lane restoration. Only our group will be granted this opportunity in 2023, hosted by expert historians of the Ford family.





## Early Ford V-8 Club Grand National 2023

Ford V-8 Club, Regional Groups will have the opportunity to display information on their history in a special room at the Headquarters Hotel. Be sure to check out what Regional Groups have been doing. This display runs through Wednesday.

The Early Ford V-8 Club National President's Meeting will take place at the Headquarters Hotel in the afternoon.

Dinner will be on your own, but save room for the special Welcome to the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ice Cream Social at the Headquarters Hotel.

### WEDNESDAY JUNE 14TH



Today will start with Registration, Swap Meet, Car Clean-up, Your Choice Raffle, souvenir sales and Operational Check happening in and around the Headquarters Hotel.

This will also be the Early Ford V-8 Day at Greenfield Village. This was such a popular event last time, that we wanted to do it again. Your registration for this will include admission to the Village, lunch and special parking for your Early Ford V-8 vehicle. Be sure to sign up to enjoy your special time at Greenfield Village from 10:00am to 2:00pm.

The Regional Group history display will continue in a special room at the Headquarters Hotel. Be sure to check out what Regional Groups have been doing.

Once the Early Ford V-8 Day at the Village event is done, there will be a Ford Memorabilia room opening up at the Headquarters Hotel. A seminar is scheduled and that will be followed by the Owner's & Judge's Meeting. This meeting is required for all participants showing a vehicle and also for those who plan to judge.

### THURSDAY JUNE 15TH

Concourse Day! The day will start with the Judge's Breakfast. Concourse layout and parking assignments will be found in your Registration Packet.

While judging is taking place, the Ladies' Significant Other luncheon will be held at the Headquarters hotel. A special historical presentation of Henry Ford's wife, Clara will be the entertainment. This presentation is courtesy of the Henry Ford Heritage Association.

Dinner will be on your own and the evening will end with a special presentation on Henry Ford, also hosted by the Henry Ford Heritage Association. Come find out all about Henry Ford.

### FRIDAY JUNE 16TH

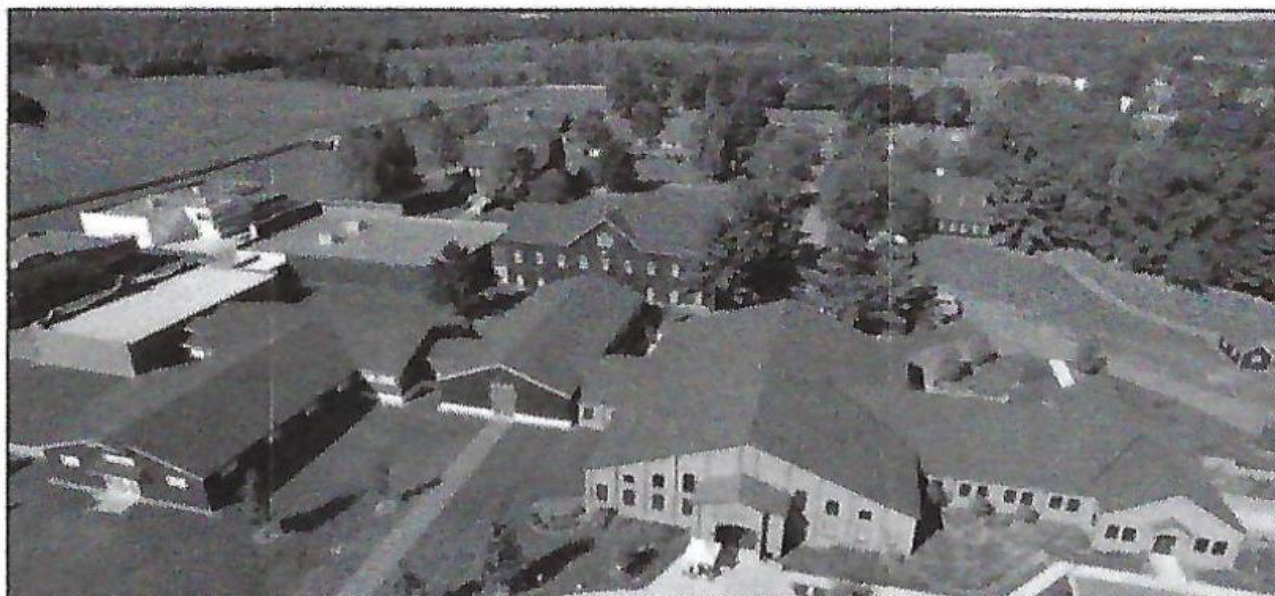
Today starts with those that registered for the tour to the Gilmore Car Museum. Air conditioned motor coaches will leave from the Headquarters Hotel at 8:00am. You will travel to Hickory Corners and the Gilmore Auto Museum, the largest automobile collection in the nation. There are eight museums in one location.

When we are there, it will be the start of the Franklin Air Cooled Gathering and you will probably see more Franklins in one place than since their manufacturing years. You will also be able to participate in the Friday 'Ride in the Classics' program, where you have the opportunity to ride around the grounds in a classic car from the museum collection.

Lunch will be available to purchase from either the Heritage Café or The Blue Moon Diner, with choices for every taste. There will be both indoor and outdoor seating available. The motor coaches will begin to depart around 2:00pm and return back to the Headquarters Hotel around 4:00pm, with time to freshen up for the Awards Banquet.

Please note that the tour to Gilmore is limited, so if





you are thinking about registering, do it early.

You will still have time today to "tour on your own" if you did not register for the tour to Gilmore.

The Your Choice Raffle drawings will take place and hopefully your ticket will be drawn for the items you wanted. Make sure to check your numbers and pick up your items.

The Awards Banquet will be the culmination of a wonderful week in Henry Ford's hometown of Dearborn, Michigan. This is a great time to meet with your V-8 friends and share stories of your week in Dearborn, while dining and finding out the results of the concourse judging.

## **SATURDAY JUNE 17TH**

While the 60th Anniversary Diamond Jubilee Celebration Grand National Meet officially ends on Friday, we have been invited to once again participate in the *Henry Ford's Motor Muster* at Greenfield Village. This will be a separate event from the Grand National and will require Early Ford V-8 Club members to register with the *Henry Ford* to participate.

Here is what the event information said for 2021:  
*"Make your way to a vintage auto enthusiast's dream destination as Motor Muster, at the Henry Ford, celebrates one of the grandest and most innovative eras of American automotive history: from glamorous classics of the 1930s to brawny muscle cars of the 1970s, Greenfield Village hosts hundreds of gleaming examples for you to enjoy. The goal of the event is to serve two purposes. First, to be a top-quality car show in a beautiful setting, providing the*

*best possible experience for show participants and their families. Second, to educate Greenfield Village guests about the history and significance of the automobile in ways that are fun and engaging for all age levels. It is not a hot rod show, custom car show, or modified muscle car show. However, company produced prototypes, period correct racing vehicles and specific customized cars may be eligible. Restored, partially restored, and un-restored vehicles are all eligible to apply."*

Information on how to register for the Motor Muster 2023, will be included in your full registration packet. You must register separately for this event. It is not part of the Grand National Meet events, but is an incredible opportunity to participate in a very prestigious show at Greenfield Village.

There you have it. A full week of activities centered around our Club, our Ford Motor Company vehicles and Henry Ford's hometown. We hope that the 2023 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Diamond Jubilee Celebration is in your plans. We look forward to you attending, enjoying the time and meeting back up with friends, old and new.

We hope to see you in Dearborn, June 11 to 17, 2023!

***Watch for more information in the V-8 Times and on the Club's web site [earlyfordv8.org](http://earlyfordv8.org).***

*\*And no matter how hard we try, there are circumstances beyond our control so this schedule is subject to change and/or modification.\**





# The Early Ford V-8 Club of America 60th Anniversary Diamond Jubilee Grand National Celebration

**June 11-17, 2023  
Dearborn, Michigan**

## **Early Registration Form** Valid May 1 – November 1, 2022

**National V-8 Club Membership Number** \_\_\_\_\_

**You must be a National Member to Register**

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**I am paying my \$50 registration fee by:**

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**You will receive information about making hotel reservations with your registration confirmation.**

**The complete registration package will be available in 4th quarter 2022. Watch for more information on the Club's web site: [www.earlyfordv8.org](http://www.earlyfordv8.org) and in the V-8 TIMES.**

**Send completed form and payment to:**

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**Questions?  
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**You may also fill out this form on your computer or other device, save it, and e-mail it to [registration@2023gnm.com](mailto:registration@2023gnm.com)**



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## 2023 Grand National Meet Hotel Information

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**2023 Grand National Meet Registration** <2023grandnationalmeet@gmail.com>

Fri, Jul 1, 2022 at 9:01 AM

Reply-To: 2023grandnationalmeet@gmail.com

To: registration@2023gnm.com

Dear 2023 Grand National Celebration Registrant,

Our block of rooms at the meet hotel, the Doubletree by Hilton, [5801 Southfield Expressway, Detroit, Michigan](#) is now available for registration. The meet rate of \$129 per night plus tax (currently 15%) will be honored up to three days before and three days after the meet, subject to room availability.

You can make your hotel reservation online by clicking [here](#). At the first page on the Hilton website, click the blue **Book a Room** button. On the next page, check the proposed dates and the number of people in the room. As needed, click **Edit Stay** to adjust the dates and people.

You may also call the Doubletree toll free number at **800-222-8733** and ask for code **EFV** or call the hotel directly at **313-982-3980**.

The hotel fine print: Reservations must be guaranteed by a major credit card. The deadline for making reservations at the meet rate is **June 1, 2023**. Cancellations of any or all nights must be received 72 hours prior to your arrival date, or the first night's room and tax amount will be charged. The Doubletree is a smoke-free property. Pets are not accepted at the Doubletree. If you plan to bring a pet, please contact us for alternative accommodations.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Carolyn and Ken

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