Happy Labor Day!



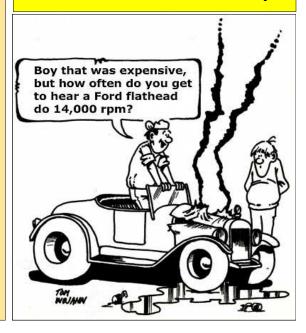
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MESSAGE

A lot of good stuff in this month's newsletter: a great story about a '51 Ford Convertible I'm sure you'll enjoy, "new" cars in the club for Kenny Polly and Chris Roush, a Grand National Award, a visit with V8 friends, another update on the '41 coupe rebuild, Ford Sportsman info and pictures, a technical tip...what more could you want!

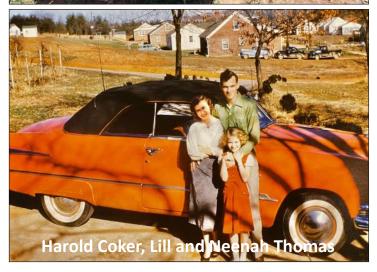
...Mickey



Member Car of the Month 1951 Ford Convertible Jerry and Christie Bowen, Columbia, TN







By Jerry Bowen

One of the most important things about any antique car is the stories that come with it.

This 1951 Ford Custom Convertible has been in our family many, many years. My father-in-law bought the car in March of 1989 from a fella out of Kentucky named Gary Curry. It was his second '51 Ford convertible.

My wife Christie's parents' names are Harold and Lill Coker. Harold is the founder of Coker Tire Company. He was the owner of several BF Goodrich modern retail tire stores in Chattanooga, Tennessee. He moved from Athens, Tennessee where he worked in a tire store to Chattanooga to open a store of his own when Christie was small.

Being a car collector and a tire dealer it was natural for car friends to ask him if he could find this or that tire for their own antique cars. He began to look for new "old stock" tires. The love of cars and needs those friends had for hard to find tires is the reason he started his vintage tire business. Enough of that, lets get to the convertible!

Before he and Lill got married, Harold drove a red 1951 Ford Custom Convertible. The picture shows Harold and Lill in

the fall of 1951 beside the car along with Lill's younger sister, Neenah. Lill and Harold married on Sept 6, 1953, and drove the '51 on their honeymoon. Children began coming the following year and the convertible was no longer an acceptable "family car." He loved the old '51 but it was wise to sell it for a more practical vehicle. Harold dreamed of having another one in the future.

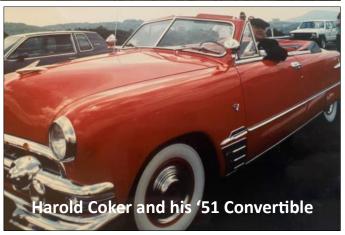
Harold always told Lill that one day he would buy another '51 Ford convertible and this time he would put every bell and whistle on it that he could not afford the first time. In 1989, he bought a rough car in need of some love. They planned to have a 50th wedding celebration and renewal of wedding vows in 2003. He wanted to drive away from this renewal of vows in the same fashion as 50 years before. This red convertible is that car.

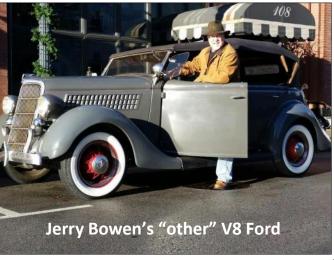
Harold left the car in as original condition as possible except for the paint, top accessories and new leather interior. Harold and Lill's marriage lasted 62 wonderful years before his passing. At that time, there were a few cars that were very important to my wife. They included a 1935 Ford Phaeton, the car in which she learned to drive on the family farm and this '51 Ford convertible. As she always says she obtained them the old-fashioned way...she inherited them.

Christie and I took possession of some of Harold's cars when he died in November of 2014. We have maintained, driven and loved the '51 ever since!











THE 1951 Fords Were Immensely Popular

By Robert Tate, Automotive Historian and Researcher

Some of the most popular Fords during the early 1950s were the great looking 1951 models. Even today at various car shows, the 1951 Fords still generate a great deal of conversation among automotive enthusiasts. They also have a huge following among custom and hot rod car collectors as well.

The 1951 Ford models were introduced to the public on November 2, 1950 and became so popular that consumers were signing up for waiting lists just to purchase the cars at dealerships across the country. Some automotive historians have said the cars' front end double-spinner look created a huge sensation. The 1951 models shared some styling features with their 1949 and 1950 counterparts that also became popular among consumers in later years.

One of the Ford automotive designers that helped style the 1951 models was Joe Oros, who was under the direction of George Walker, leader of the Ford Design Center for many years.

For 1951, Ford introduced an optional "Fordomatic Drive," which provided easier handling for many drivers and was part of the new automatic transmission. They also offered a key-turn mechanism start which was located to the left side of the steering wheel. On the exterior, a lowered hood design along was included with that new dual-spinner grille and a wider wraparound bumper, which created a more massive appearance to the front-end design.

That same year, Ford introduced a Deluxe line, which included a Business Coupe, Tudor model and Fodor models as well. In the Custom line, models included a Club Coupe, Tudor and Fodor and a great looking convertible. A popular wood-side trim station wagon, the new Crestline series, and the new Ford Victoria models were also available.

The 1951 Ford Victoria models offered a great looking design combining a sport hardtop and convertible look that the public thoroughly enjoyed with a price tag of \$2,060. The Victoria name plate was first used on the popular Ford Model A in 1931. Some automotive historians called the 1951 Victoria models an all-purpose touring car. The interior was upholstered in durable Ford "Craftcord" fabrics. The Victoria also contributed to Ford's big sales in 1951.

The Ford V8 Crestliner was introduced in 1950 and was again available for 1951. This limited-edition two door model was distinguished by a vivid contrasting color sweep on its sides and a padded vinyl top design. Only 26,304 units were sold before the model was canceled for the 1952 model year. However, these vehicles have become popular among collectors.

Ford offered the name Country Squire for its top wagon line in 1951. The model was only available in a Custom series and sold for \$2,255. Today, these wagons are also popular with collectors, but they are exceedingly difficult to find because of the deterioration of the exterior wood. Ford introduced an all-new steel body for the next year's model.

In conclusion, Ford Motor Company produced over a million units for the 1951 model year, and these vehicles will always have a place in our automotive history.

Nash Creamery Car Show

August 19th, 2023, Rover, Tennessee

Steve Jordan ('32 Pickup) Mickey Holton ('35 Sedan) and Jeff and Fran Philbrook ('53 Convertible) made the drive to the Nash Creamery Car Show in Rover, TN, on Saturday, August 19th. Also there was Chris Roush. Don Potter and Jerry Bowen. Jerry had driven his red '51 convertible and entered it in the show. It was a hot day and the creamery was packed with hungry customers making it hard to get something to eat.













"New" cars in the Volunteer V8 Ford Club

Kenny Polly's 1937 5 Window Coupe:













Chris Roush's 1933 Model B Pickup







2023 AACA Grand National Meet

Bettendorf, Iowa August 10th-12th, 2023

Mickey Holton's 1948 Ford Sedan Coupe was eligible to compete for its First Grand National award in AACA and was taken to Bettendorf, Iowa, in early August for the 2023 Grand National Meet held there. It was a great meet, very well-planned, organized and executed, the weather was perfect and approximately 300 cars were registered. The car did very well and was awarded a First Grand National. Award.

















The Isle Hotel and Casino, Bettendorf, Iowa





Bridge over the Mississippi River







Mississippi Riverboat





1939 FORD 60 HP ENGINE DONATED TO V8 FORD FOUNDATION

In 2022, Early V8 Ford Foundation member Lawson Cox of Covington, GA, generously donated a restored 1939 Ford 60 HP engine to the Early V8 Ford Foundation. Since that time, the engine had languished in Lawson's garage in Covington while awaiting an opportunity to be sent to or picked up and delivered to the Foundation museum in Auburn, Indiana.

Recently, that opportunity presented itself when Foundation museum Executive Director Josh Conrad asked Vice-President Danny Driskell if he would agree to make the trip to Covington to get it and, of course, he agreed to do so. After a call was made to Lawson to arrange for a date and time for pickup, Danny and friend and fellow Foundation member Mickey Holton left Nashville on a hot August Saturday to retrieve it.

After a four-and-a-half hour drive, Danny and Mickey arrived at Lawson's garage in Covington where Lawson and grandson Jonathan Metherell were waiting with the engine. Luckily, the truck was equipped with a liftgate so loading and securing the engine was an easy task. The return trip to Nashville was uneventful and the engine arrived in perfect condition. All that remains now is for Danny to deliver the engine to the Foundation at the next board meeting in November.







(Left and center) 1939 Ford V8 60 HP engine; (Right) Danny and Lawson Cox inspecting the engine.







(left) Lawson Cox and grandson Jonathan Metherell; (Center) Lawson Cox and Danny Driskell; (Right) Mr. and Mrs. Lawson Cox); (Below) Loading the engine and Auburn Bound!!!

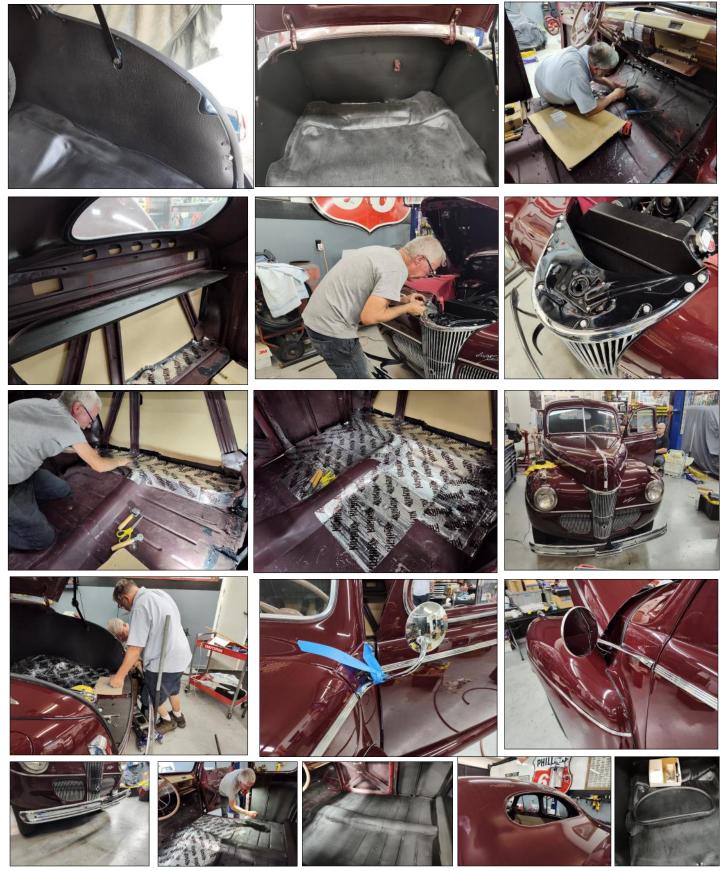






Update on Jim Bynum's '41 Ford Coupe

The work goes on...(see pages 12 and 13)















Kenny Polly and Danny Driskell trying to find out why the wiper motor won't mount properly behind the radio; well...it's the WRONG BRACKET! (below)





...and it looks more like a car every day! Gil Vigil did a wonderful job on the door jambs and headliner. Look at the next page to see the completed headliner.

Headliner....by Gil Vigil



















A Visit with Don and Vickie Henley

Springfield, Illinois

By virtue of owning, loving and driving Early Ford V8s, it is safe to say, that we love the cars we own. Yes, that's true but a big part...maybe the biggest part...is the character of the people who own these cars. I know all of you have made good friends with other owners and have looked forward to seeing them at EFV8CA meets. This is the case with Don and Vickie Henley, of Springfield, Illinois, who Danny and Sharon Driskell and I met for the first time at an AACA National Meet in Auburn, Indiana, in 2021, and it wasn't too long after that Sharon made the statement that it felt like we had known Don and Vickie for a lot longer.

That friendship with the Henley's continues as we have since seen and admired them and their 1947 Sportsman at two EFV8CA national meets...the 2022 Eastern National Meet in Franklin, Tennessee, and the 2023 Grand National Meet in Dearborn in June of this year. As I said, we just feel that no matter the time between visits with them we always come away feeling like we've been friends for many years.

It was for that reason that Danny and I decided to ask Don and Vickie if we could stop by for a visit to their home in Springfield, Illinois, on our way to the 2023 AACA Grand National Meet in Bettendorf, Iowa, in August. When asked, they responded they would love to have us stop by and after a six hour drive from Nashville we arrived and were greeted warmly by the Henley's.

Don and Vicki have a wonderful home but, of course, we were more interested in seeing and investigating their garage and "mini" museum and were not disappointed. In addition to their Sportsman, the have other fully restored cars, tractors, dozers, motorcycles and bikes. I could go on here describing the garage but I think better to show you in pictures just how wonderful it is.

In closing, if you have the occasion to attend a meet and come to know Don and Vickie, consider yourself very lucky!

(See Pages 18 and 19 for an article about the '47 Sportsman)













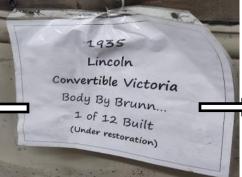














Something really NEW!

The Sportsman Convertible

by John Emmering

with it's gleaming wood body, and expert crafts-manship, the Ford Sportsman Convertible brought many a car shopper into Ford Dealership show rooms for a closer look. These appealing automobiles attracted many enthusiasts during their production years of 1946 through early 1948. Most often, however, the admirers would settle on a less expensive, more practical and easier to maintain Ford automobile for purchase. However, the magnetism of the Ford Sportsman Convertible was undeniable. In fact, this effect was exactly what Henry Ford II had in mind in 1945 when he approached designer E.T. "Bob" Gregorie with his desire to create this attention getting car.

he concept of the Sportsman Convertible came about in an unusual way. Back before the end of the Second World War, Henry Ford II seemed perturbed as he passed through, by the presence of a 1931 Model "A" Ford chassis on display in the company's design department. Not interested in nostalgia, Henry asked Gregorie to use the chassis to build a little beach wagon he could use on family outings to the shore in South Hampton. Gregorie was happy to comply and he put together a design for a wooden bodied beach wagon. It was soon handmade by Ford craftsmen. Henry and his family enjoyed using the little wagon, which severed as the concept behind the Ford Sportsman Convertible. Gregorie asked Henry if he could have the car when the Ford family was finished with it and Gregorie eventually became the owner.

Looking to create a car that would garner the attention of the public, Henry commissioned the production of the 1946 Sportsman Convertible. Each Sportsman started off as a stock convertible with a segment of its rear sheet mental sectioned off, substituted by a steel "skeleton". Then precision made wood framing, formed from solid wood blocks, was fitted onto the body. The wood came from the timber forests owned by the Ford Motor Company in Iron Mountain, Michigan. The wooden bodies were built and contoured there and then dispatched to assembly plants. With the company's experience producing wood bodied station wagons, production of the Sportsman Convertible was not a problem.



ost of the same components used on the more common 1946-48 Ford models were utilized on the Sportsman Convertibles. One exception was the rear fenders. Fenders previously used on the 1941 Ford panel delivery were found to match the curvature of the wooden trunk lid and were utilized on the Sportsman Convertibles. This also necessitated the use of the 1941 style taillights. The Sportsman Convertibles were only offered as part of the Super Deluxe line. The six-cylinder engine was never an option in the Sportsman, as they were all equipped with the 100 hp V-8. With the Sportsman's prepared for the 1949 switch over. extra weight, 100 pounds heavier than the regular convertible, the V-8 engine was a good idea. The automatic window lifts were an interesting standard feature which were also used on the Lincoln cars. The power for the automatic windows came from the same hydraulic apparatus that energized the opening and closing of the Sportsman's convertible top.

Then the first Sportsman Convertible was produced in late 1945 it caused quite a sensation as it was displayed in Dearborn. Popular 1940's film actress and pin-up girl Ella Raines took ownership of this first Sportsman on Christmas Day in 1945. It took until July 1946 for the Sportsman Convertibles to begin regularly rolling off the Ford assembly lines. The initial price for the Sportsman was \$1982.00, which was \$494.00 higher than the regular 1946 Ford steel bodied convertibles.

uring 1946, it's first year of production, 723 Sportsman Convertibles were produced. The 1947 models saw a price increase of \$300.00 as the post war inflationary period had hit the economy. A Mercury version of the Sportsman Convertible was also released on a limited basis for 1946. Only 205 of these Mercury units were produced. 1947 proved to be the biggest year for the Ford Sportsman Convertible with 2,774 being built during that model year. The model year 1948 had a short run and only 28 Sportsman Convertibles were produced, as Ford

he Sportsman Convertible had the distinction of being Ford's only factory produced wood bodied car that was not a station wagon. These type of vehicles were not unique to just the Ford Motor Company however. Chrysler produced it's Town & County Sedan and Nash also manufactured it's own unique wooden bodied Suburban Sedan.

In the world of the Early Ford V-8 enthusiast, the Ford Sportsman Convertible really is as good as it gets. It is hard to think of a Ford V-8 that is as rare or as highly prized as the Sportsman. Recent televised auctions have seen examples of these cars in top restored condition, selling for from \$170,000 -\$200,000. Henry Ford II wanted to create a car that would attract the admiration of the public. He certainly succeeded with this uniquely attractive car which is a prized collector's item today.









1947 Ford Sportsman

Specifications

List Price...\$2282 f.o.b. factory

Weigh t......3366 lbs.

Tire Size.....5.00-16in.

Engine type.....L-head V-8

Displacement......239.4 cu. In

Power.....100 bhp at 3800 rpm.

Dimensions

Wheelbase......114 in.

Length......197.88 in.

Width73.25 in.

Height......66.2 in.

Ground Clearance......8.5.in.

Standard Equipment

Hydraulic power windows & top.

Performances

Top Speed	84.6 mph
0-30	
0-50	15.1 sec.
0-60	19.4 sec.
0-70	27.3 sec.

Fuel Consumption......17.5 mpg.

















The Henleys 1947 Ford Sportsman

By Don Henley

(Editor...The article about the Ford Sportsman on pages 16, 17 and 18 reminded me about the Henleys '47 Sportsman so I asked them to "write up" a piece on it and its history and restoration to tie in with the article. Enjoy!)

In 1945, Ford Motor Company Henry Ford II commissioned E.T. "Bob" Gregorie, chief stylist for Ford, to design a new and exciting car...one that would get people talking and coming into his showrooms. Hence, the Ford Sportsman hit the market.

The Ford Sportsman became the most expensive model produced by Ford in 1947 at a price of \$2,150, which was \$500 higher than that of a standard convertible. It was also the first Ford model equipped with Electro-Hydraulic power windows coupled with top of the line luxury leather upholstery. The slated total production of the Sportsman over a three year period, 1946-1948, was approximately 3,600. It is said that less than 100 of these examples exist today.

The Sportsman bodies were built and produced at Ford's Iron Mountain, Michigan, wood plant. In this region of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, Henry Ford owned over 200,000 acres of hardwood timber from which the hard maple was harvested for the wood framing of the body. The panel sections of the bodies were made of mahogany veneer which provides a striking color contrast between the two woods. Once completed, the fully trimmed bodies were shipped by rail to various Ford assembly plants where they were mated with the chassis.

While knowing of its existence for many years, this particular car was purchased eight miles from our home in Illinois from the family of the second owner in 2012. The previous owner thankfully tucked it away on his farm for over 58 years, which truly preserved this specimen. The car was complete and retained all of its original components. It underwent a total restoration with all the work being completed by the current owner over a four year period. The car was finished in May of 2021 and completed the trifecta of AACA awards...Junior, Senior and Grand National First over the summer of 2021 and was also included in the Zenith display at the 2022 AACA Grand National Meet at Virginia Beach, VA. In EFV8CA competition, it received a Dearborn Award at the 2022 Eastern National Meet in Franklin, TN, and a Dearborn Medallion at the 2023 60th Diamond Anniversary in Dearborn, MI.







(Left) Don with Dearborn Medallion Award, 2023 Grand National Meet; (Right) Parking the Sportsman at Dearborn.















1947 Ford Sportsman

Don and Vickie Henley

Springfield, Illinois





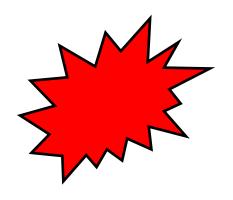
Central Director Steven Kronen 1439 Ritchie Road Stow, OH 44224

Greetings to All.

Allow me to be the first to congratulate the Volunteer Regional Group #97 on your 45th Anniversary. Anniversaries are a time to reflect on the past and I feel RG 97 has a rich one! Your group most recently hosted a wonderful Eastern National meet in Franklin Tennessee last year. The growth your group has shown since that meet is an impressive accomplishment! Enjoy your anniversary and share the certificate with your members. Again, Congratulations!

Steven Kronen
Early Ford V8 Club of America





Blast from the Past

From the August 1993 Volunteer Voice

ANGELS CAME, MEN REACHED DUT

by Mary Brown, Sewanee, Tennessee, 1993

One lovely Sunday morning, after several days of struggle to get our 1942 Ford Woodie in good running order, Ken and I went to an antique car club tour in Nashville, When meets are that far away, we load the car in our trailer and haul it to the site or some place nearby. This time we drove to the parking lot of a fellow car member in an industrial park where he has his business. We unloaded the car there and drove off on a wonderful day of touring through the beautiful spring countryside north of Nashville. We visited a state park and then ate lunch at a huge old house where it was easy to imagine the life of nannies and governesses, of house servants who had their own quarters in tiny rooms in the attic and entertainments in the great rooms downstairs.

Most of the day the weather was good, the temperature was just right and the sun shone in blue skies. But as we left our friends to return to our trailer, it bagan to rain, not hard - but more than just a shower. It was easy to tell it was going to continue. As we pulled into the, we discovered that Mickey, one of our car club friends, had followed us to help load the car. He was on his way to work but was grabbing a few minutes to reach out to us. Ken and Mickey put the trailer ramps in place but, because of the rain, Ken decided to do something he had done before with no problems. He skipped pinning the ramps in place. Ken climbed in the car and started it up the ramps. The trailer lurched, the ramps bumped out of their sockets and the car dropped. There it was, hanging by its front bumper on the deck of the trailer and the ramps were lying on the ground.

After a conference in the gently falling rain, they decided to lower the back end of the trailer by jacking up the front end. They put the jackstand in place and started cranking. The trailer lurched again and the jack stand kinked, leaving tongue and stand hopelessly out of alignment. It was still raining.

At some point in all these happenings, another man appeared and began to help, a man who could help without bossing and who was very knowledgeable about prying and lifting. It was he that produced two 2%4's from the edge of the parking lot, All three of them pried and pushed. They straightened out the jackstand and lowered the back of the trailer just enough so that Ken could use the car's rear wheel drive to drag it off the deck.

I turned to the man and asked him if he was another car club member. He explained that he lived in the trailer that he had just pulled into an adjacent lot where he would be working on truck docks the next day. He had heard the car fall and walked over to see what he could do to help.

Meanwhile, in the rain, there was scurrying to rehitch the trailer to the tow car and to put the ramps in place, this time with their pins. With Mickey directing, Ken drove the car into the trailer. The man put the 2X4's back where he had found them while Ken tied the car down inside the trailer. The last thing I remember about the man was that he was inspecting the hitch and refastening the electrical connection.

We ran for our various vehicles and just as we were under cover, a little damp but not soaked, the heavens opened. We drove home to Sewanee in pouring, drenching rain. We drove home to Sewanee knowing something more about reaching out, Something more about angels.



To rotate tires or change a flat tire, you need to know how to tighten lug nuts, but "tight enough" isn't enough. While many people get away with using a spider wrench, breaker bar or impact gun (which could be disastrous), the best way to tighten lug nuts is with a torque wrench. Here's how to tighten lug nuts the right way.

WHAT IS TORQUE?

Wheel studs and lug nuts clamp the wheel, brake rotor and wheel hub together, which transmits braking torque to the wheel on deceleration and drives torque from the engine and transmission. Automotive engineers design wheel studs and lug nuts to achieve a specific clamping force or bolt tension.

Professional and DIY mechanics can't measure clamping force or bolt tension. Instead, they use torque, a measurement of twisting force, to determine the correct clamping force. When torque is applied to the lug nut, it's converted to linear force, which stretches the wheel stud and clamps everything together.

HOW TO TIGHTEN LUG NUTS THE RIGHT WAY

Tightening lug nuts the wrong way can cause problems, some of which may not be immediately noticeable:

- Under torque could result in losing a wheel.
- Over torque can stretch the wheel stud, possibly breaking it, or distort the brake rotor or wheel hub, causing vibration or pulsation.
- Uneven torque (each lug nut torqued differently) can cause vibration or pulsation.
 After setting the torque wrench to the specification in the owner's manual or repair manual, there are three steps to tighten lug nuts properly:
- Replace damaged studs or nuts.
- 2. Use a wire brush to clean the wheel stud and lug nut threads, and then dry them. Corrosion, thread damage and oil or grease can skew torque application and affect clamping force.
- 3. Clean the wheel, hub faces and the center hole with a wire brush as well, then dry them.
- 4. Apply a dab of anti-seize lubricant in the center hole if necessary, but do not apply to the wheel study or lug nuts.
- 5. Run the lug nuts in with your favorite tool until snug, but no more.
- 6. Tighten the lug nuts in a star pattern twice, smoothly applying force until the wrench clicks, but
 - Knowing how to tighten lug nuts properly is critical. Keeping your wheels on helps you and others on the road to stay safe, and setting proper torque prevents damage to the wheel, hubcaps and brakes.

In the kitchen...

FRIED GREEN TOMATOES

This recipe comes from The Lee Brothers Southern Cookbook and after trying them once, they instantly became the only way we fry green tomatoes. I think what makes them so good is dredging them twice. If you don't use the buttermilk lime dressing, you might try using buttermilk instead of the whole milk in the ingredients. The dredge can also be used for frying chicken, fish, oysters, or clams.

Ingredients

- 3 pounds green tomatoes (about 6-8 medium tomatoes)
- 3 large eggs, beaten
- ¾ cup whole milk
- 3 cups peanut oil
- 3 batches Lee Bros. All-Purpose Dry Dredge (below)
- Kosher salt, if needed. Lemon juice, if needed

Lee Bros. All-Purpose Dry Dredge:

- ½ cup all-purpose flour
- 3 tablespoons stone-ground cornmeal
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 1 ½ teaspoons freshly ground black pepper
- A sprinkling of bread crumbs for quick browning, if dredging fish or oysters

Buttermilk Lime Dressing:

- 34 cup whole or lowfat buttermilk (preferably whole)
- 5 tablespoons freshly squeezed lime juice (from 3-4 limes)
- 2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- 1 tablespoon honey
- ¼ cup finely minced fresh basil
- ¼ cup finely minced green onions
- ¼ cup finely minced fresh flat-leaf parsley
- ½ teaspoon salt, plus more to taste

Directions

Make the dressing: In a small bowl, whisk the ingredients together until thoroughly combined. Cover tightly and store in the refrigerator not more than 2 days. Makes 1 1/4 cups.

Make the dredge: In a medium bowl, sift the flour, cornmeal, salt, and pepper together twice. Stir and turn out into a flat surface.

- 1. Cut out the stem ends from the tomatoes and slice them 1/4-inch thick with a serrated tomato or bread knife; reserve. Whisk the eggs and milk together in a broad, shallow bowl.
- 2. Pour the oil into a 12-inch skillet and heat over medium-high heat until the temperature on a candy thermometer reads 365 degrees. (If using a different size skillet or pan, fill with oil to a depth of 1/3 inch)
- Heat the oven to 225 degrees. Set a baker's rack on a cookie sheet on the top rack.
- 4. Spread the dredge on a large plate or pie pan or in a small, shallow baking pan. Taste the tomatoes. They should have a bright tartness like citrus fruit. If they don't, sprinkle the slices with salt and lemon juice. Then press 1 tomato slice into the

dredge, once on each side, shaking any excess loose. Dunk in the egg mixture, then dredge the slice on both side again. Shake off any excess and place the slice on a clean plate. Repeat with more slices until you've dredged enough for a batch (3 or 4 slices). With a spatula, transfer the first batch of slices to the oil.

5. As the first batch cooks, dredge the second batch of tomatoes, but keep a watchful eye on the first. Once the slices have fried to a rich golden brown on one side, about 2 minutes, flip them

carefully and fry for 2 minutes more, or until golden brown. Transfer the fried tomatoes to a plate lined with a double thickness of paper towels and leave them to drain for 1 minute.

6. Transfer the slices to the baker's rack in the oven, arranging them in a single layer, so they remain warm and crisp. Repeat with the remaining slices until all the green tomatoes have been fried. Serve right away with Buttermilk-Lime Dressing.



OKRA AND FRIED GREEN TOMATO FRITTERS

This is a first cousin to fried green tomatoes and we really love them. First got the recipe from Jean Anderson's *A Love Affair with Southern Cooking*. This has made me hungry for okra. Off to the freezer for some of our home grown....Chuck Ingredients:

14 cup sifted all-purpose flour

1/4 cup stone-ground cornmeal, preferably white

1-1/2 teaspoons salt

½ teaspoon black pepper

4 baby okra, about 2 ounces, stemmed and thinly sliced

1 small green tomato, about 4 ounces, cored and coarsely chopped

4 large scallions, trimmed and coarsely chopped; include some green tops

2 large eggs, lightly beaten

3 to 4 tablespoons corn oil or 2 tablespoons corn oil and 1 to 2 tablespoons bacon drippings

Directions:

Combine flour, cornmeal, salt and pepper in a large bowl. Place okra, green tomato, scallions and eggs in a 2-quart measure, and mix well. Pour the okra mixture into the flour mixture; stir only enough to combine, no matter if a few floury specks show.

Heat 3 tablespoons oil in a large, heavy skillet over high heat until ripples appear on the skillet bottom. Drop the fritter batter from a tablespoon into the hot oil, and brown 2 to 3 minutes on a side, adding the remaining oil, if necessary.

Recommended for making fried green tomatoes:

The Granny Smith tomato is great for frying because when it ripens, it's still green and hard...

A great idea!



The <u>Granny Smith Tomato</u>: Exceptionally tart flavor, with enough firmness to be diced without turning mushy. Fruits are still green when fully ripe (harvest when it shows a little light-yellow color), with a full, sweet, natural flavor - a 'real tomato' taste with a bit more tartness than red types. Its full size, 6 to 8 oz., makes it unsurpassed for grilling or frying. Two-week keeping time!

Local Car Shows, Cruise-Ins, Etc.—September 2023

September 2nd: Clarksville, TN - 2023 Fall Swap Meet & Car Show at RimTyme Custom Wheels, 672 N. Riverside Drive, Clarksville, TN. Times: 10:00am - 3:00pm. We ask swap meet vendors to arrive between 8am - 10am for setup. Participants in the car show should arrive between 10am - Noon. Buy, sell, and trade those parts you've been holding onto! New/old parts and accessories are welcomed. You can trailer in or drive a vehicle in if you�d like to try and sell it. For one spot it will be \$15, each additional spot is \$10. Each spot is 10' by 10'. We are not extremely strict on spot spaces but we ask you to be honest and to stick to those dimensions as close as you can. Trophies include: TOP 10 Overall / Best Truck / Best Modern / Best Classic / Best of Show / Best Lowrider / Furthest Traveled.

September 7th: Springfield, TN - The Farmers Bank Charity Car Show at 1203 Memorial Blvd, Springfield, TN. Times: 4:30pm - 7:00pm. Cars will be voted on by Judges & Spectator ballots. Entry by DONATIONS!!! Awards include: 1st Place / 2nd Place / 3rd Place. All proceeds will to to the United Ministry Food Bank of Robertson County, TN. For more information, contact Emma Donoho 615-323-1193 or Ann Schneider 615-384-9547.

September 8th-9th: Red Boiling Springs, TN - 67th Annual Fall Meet of the Mid-Tenn Region of the AACA. More information to follow.

September 9th: Centerville, TN - 4th Annual VFW Auto Show at Centerville Church of Christ, 138 N. Central Avenue, back parking lot. Registration: 8:00am - Noon, Entry fee \$20.00 with voting ballot, non-entry ballots are \$5.00 each and must be turned in by Noon. TOP 10 People's Choice Awards + Commander's Trophy. For more information, call 931-994-3343.

September 9th: Murfreesboro, TN - Cars For A Cause Cruise In at 850 NW Broad Street, Murfreesboro, TN. Times: 8:00am - 10:00am. Join us as we bring awareness to those who are fueled by potential. This event will feature an array of stunning vehicles, delicious food and coffee options.

September 9th: Smyrna, TN - Wings of Freedom Fish Fry & Classic Car Cruise-In at Azure Flight Support Hangar, 278 Doug Warpoole Road, Smyrna, TN. Times: 5:00pm - 9:00pm. Fish, Food & Drinks, Classic Cars, Music at the Smyrna/Rutherford County Airport honoring "Operation Enduring Freedom" Veterans. Proceeds from the event go to assist local non-profits. No Judging! No Trophies! just good ole car fun. Car entries are \$50.00 per car, limit 2 people per car. Additional tickets are \$50.00 per person. Tickets can be purchased online at www.wofsmyrna.com Gates open at 4:00pm for staging. For more information, contact Jerome Dempsey 615-396-7404 or Mike Woods 615-2605925

September 9th: Madison, TN - 3rd Annual Car Show Fall Fest by Darkside Car Club at 1558 N. Gallatin Pike, Madison, TN. Registration starts at 10:00am. Bike & Sound Competition. Awards & trophies and so much more. For more information, call 615-681-1069.

September 10th: Spring Hill, TN - UAW Local 1853 Annual Fall Fest Car Show at the Union Hall parking lot, 125 Stephen P. Yokich Pkwy, Spring Hill, TN. Times: 8:00am - 2:00pm, Entry Fee \$10.00. Limit 60 Vehicles. Door Prizes, Trophies, New & Older Vehicles. For more information, contact Gary Allen via text: 615-585-3776 to Sign Up.

September 15-16th: Lebanon, TN - 18th Annual Fall Redneck Rumble at the Wilson County Expo Center, 945 E. Baddour Pkwy. Times: 10:00am - 7:00pm. Pre-68 Rods, Customs, Rats, Bikes & Swap meet. Passes \$15.00 / Show Entry \$25.00 includes driver & passenger. For more information, call Tommy Williams 615-364-1828.

September 16th: Franklin, KY - The Franklin Car and Craft Show The Franklin Car and Craft Show - Franklin, KY will be held on Saturday, Sept. 16 in downtown Franklin. This is the 60th year for the car show. Simpson County Tourism is organizing the car and craft show this year. We are looking for event sponsors and a few volunteers. We will be selecting a few arts and craft booth vendors and food vendors. For any questions message us on face book or contact the office at

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September 16th: Hendersonville, TN - 2nd Annual Cruisin' to Remember Car & Motorcycle Show at Community Church of Hendersonville, 381 West Main Street. Times: 8:00am - 4:00pm. All vehicles welcome to attend. Entry fee \$20.00, Food, Inflatables, Vendors, Door prizes, Raffles, Cake walk, Live music and more. For more information, call or text Robynn 615-757-3484.

September 16th: Nashville, TN - 2nd Annual Charity Car & Truck Show hosted by First Church Nashville & The Music City AACA. Location: First Church Nashville, 7512 Charlotte Pike, (near Sawyer Brown Rd), Nashville, TN. Registration: 8:00am - Noon, Entry fee \$20.00. Open to all vehicles! TOP 50 People's Choice & Specialty Awards presented at 3:00pm. All paved parking! Rain or Shine!!! All proceeds benefit Tupelo Children's Mansion. For more information, contact Jerry Barlar 615-202-8054

September 16th: Lebanon, TN - 44th Annual Mustang and ALL Ford Show at Maple Hill Church of Christ, 102 Maple Hill Road, Lebanon, TN. (Across from Snow White Drive-In). Registration: 8:00am - 11:00am, Awards at 2:00pm. 23 Judged Classes (16 Mustang, 7 Ford Powered) with awards for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, plus 4 Specialty Awards. Food trucks, DJ Music, Door Prizes, Silent Auction, Vendors and 50/50 drawing. Entry fee \$25.00 at the Show / Early Bird before September 15th \$20.00. See flyer for pre-registration info. Proceeds will support the Music City Mustang Club Scholarship Fund at MTSU. For more information, Todd Broadway 615-218-4694.

September 23rd: Lebanon, TN - 2nd Annual Middle TN Missions Market Car Show at 1660 Leeville Pike, Lebanon, TN. Times: 10:00am - 3:00pm, Entry fee \$20.00. Live music, Silent Auction, Food trucks, Craft Artisans, Hayrides and more. Benefiting the MM Single Moms and Widow's Car Clinic. Welcome cars, trucks motorcycles. TOP 3 Trophies. For more information, call 615-934-3986.

September 23rd: Dickson, TN - 9th Annual Car/Jeep/Bike Show & Silent Auction at Dickson County Fairgrounds, 1053 TN-47, Dickson, TN. Registration 8:30am - Noon, Ends at 3:00pm. Entry fee \$25.00 for 1st vehicle, \$15.00 for 2nd vehicle by same owner. Live music, Great Food, Dash plaques for 1st 100 entries. Every entry has a chance to win a 41-inch Craftsman Tool Box. Rain or Shine! Proceeds will benefit Mallory's Miracle Children's Charity. For more information, call Johnny Clark 615-207-6652 or to pre-register call, Marietta Lilly 615-946-0857

September 23rd: Smyrna, TN - Tri-Star Veterans Resource Center Car Show at LifePoint Church, 506 Legacy Drive, Smyrna, TN. Rain Date Sept 30th. Times: 10:00am - 2:00pm, Awards at 1:30pm. Entry fee \$20.00. Dash plaques for the 1st 50 registered, Food Trucks & Giveaways. Awards include: Best in Show / TOP 20 / Veterans Choice. All proceeds benefit Rutherford County Veterans.

September 23rd: Gallatin, TN - 3rd Annual Car Show & Swap Meet to Benefit WayPoint Vets at Gallatin Elks Lodge 2547, 242 Airport Road, Gallatin, TN. Registration: 8:00am - Noon, Rain Date Sept 30th, Entry Fee \$20.00 / Swap Meet \$25.00 Entry fee. Four Classes: Factory / Hot Rod / Heavy Mod / Rat Rod. Trophies for 1st / 2nd / 3rd Place plus Best in Show. Food & Drinks, 50/50 drawing.

September 29th-30th: Nashville, TN - AL Menah Shriners Car, Truck & Bike Show will be at Scoreboard Parking Lot, 2408 Music Valley Drive, Nashville, TN. Registration starts at 8:00am, Trophies presented at 2:00pm. Entry fee \$30.00, Rain or Shine! Friday night Cruise-In & Poker Run. 7:00pm Start, 8:30pm Stop. \$20.00 per hand, \$10 optional card last stop. Saturday, 1st 100 entries receive a dash plaque. FREE 5x7 Photo with each entry, Club Participation Award, Hot Wings eating contest, Big Wheel races, Fun & games for everyone. All proceeds benefit the AL Menah Shrine Center. For more information, Call Kerry Fleenor 615-289-8272 or Geoff King 615-473-6087.

September 30th: Mt. Juliet, TN - 2nd Annual Gladeville Methodist Church Car, Truck & Bike Show at 8770 Stewarts Ferry Pike, Mt. Juliet, TN. Registration: 8:00am - Noon, Judging begins upon arrival, Dash Plaques for the 1st 100 entries, Trophies awarded at 1:00pm. Entry fee \$20.00. For more information, contact Jeff & Michele Savage 615-566-2099 or Stephanie Pugh 615-476-6323. Fundraiser for the children & youth ministries of Gladeville Methodist Church.

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2023 Clarksville Gearhead Fall Swap Meet & Car Show

AwardsTop Ten Overall
Best Truck
Best Modern
Best Classic
Best Lowrider
Best in Show
Furtherest Traveled
Club Participation
Best Import
Most Unique
Best Paint

Swap Meet Spots-10x10 \$15 First Spot \$10 Each Additional Spot



Spectator Fee-\$5 a person Kids 10 and under are free Fee is paid if entering the show or paid vendor spot

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