

MEMBER CAR OF THE MONTH

1942 Ford Convertible of Glenn and Nancy Nabors, Goodlettsville, TN

By Mickey Holton

This month's "Member Car of the Month" is the beautiful 1942 Ford Convertible owned by Glenn and Nancy Nabors. The "old timers" in Volunteer V8 Ford Club remember this car well as it was restored, owned and driven previously by Volunteer members Mary and Ken Brown (now deceased) of Suwanee, Tennessee. It was purchased from the Browns in May, 2005. Before moving to Tennessee, the Browns lived in Pennsylvania and were members of the Greater Pittsburgh Regional Group #48 and that's where the car was restored.



As you know well, the 1942 Ford is a unique model and comes close to being described as rare seeing as how the assembly line was closed only months into production due to the onset of World War II just a couple of months before. This model, 21A-760, saw only 2,916 units produced. The production of '42 Fords continued however, but almost all cars made after February 22, 1942, were for military use. That's unfortunate for us Early V8 Ford owners because, if you believe as I do, the 1942 Ford is one on the best looking cars made by

Ford, especially the grille area (in my humble opinion).

This '42 was originally a California car. Original color of the car was Newcastle Grey and had a red leather interior. In 1964, it was "imported" to Ohio by owner Rodney Nelson of New Cornerstown, Ohio. It was repainted non-Ford red by Nelson in 1974. Ken and Mary Brown purchased the car in September, 1989, after Nelson's death. Total restoration by the Browns began in 1990 and was completed on October 1, 1993. Restoration saw the car painted Florentine Blue, with a new red leather interior, a black top with red piping, Vermillion wheel stripes and white sidewall tires, plus several other accessories. For his part, Glenn hasn't done a restoration of the car except to add a 59 AB engine for a little more power.



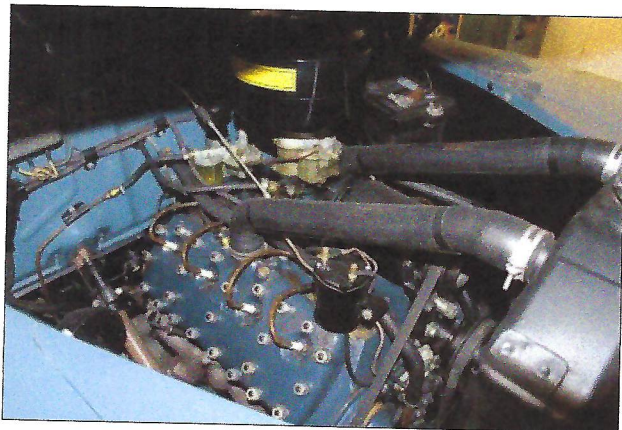
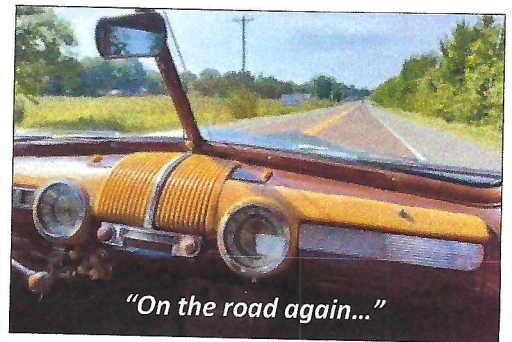
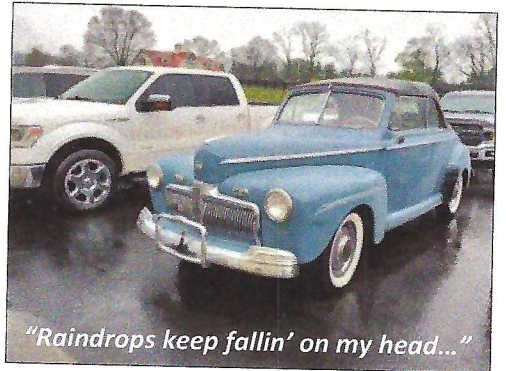
As you might expect, this car has received many awards from both the AACA and EFV8CA :

AACA	Hershey, October, 1993—First Junior
	Vero Beach, FL, November, 1993—Senior
	Melbourne, FL, March, 1994—Preservation
	Murfreesboro, TN, May 1994—Preservation
	Greenville, SC, August, 1994—Preservation, Grand National First
	Special National Award Nomination—1994
	Punta Gorda, FL, - March, 1995, Preservation
	Hershey, October, 1995—Preservation

Fort Lauderdale, FL, March, 1996-Preservation
Dearborn, MI, June, 1996-Preservation
Huntsville, AL, July , 1996- Grand National Senior

EFV8CA Eastern National Meet, Reading, PA, 1994-Dearborn Award
Western National Meet, Steamboat Springs, CO, 1994-Dearborn Award
Central National Meet, Nashville, TN, 1995- Dearborn Medallion
Eastern National Meet, Hartford, CT, 1995 -Dearborn Medallion
Eastern National Meet, Atlanta, GA, 1997- Dearborn Medallion

Not a show car now, this car is driven on a regular basis and not just for short distances. Glenn and Nancy are stalwarts on club tours in this car and Glenn has said on several occasions to me that "I'm not afraid to drive it anywhere!" A good example happened recently on our club tour to the Willis Johnson Collection in Franklin, Tennessee, when a steady rain kept our Early V8s in the garage...except for the Nabors' '42 ...and Steve Jordan's '32 pickup! Way to go, guys!!!!



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