

HAPPY EASTER! April 20th

THE REAR VIEW MIRROR

The Newsletter of the Volunteer V8 Ford Club

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Robert Dishner's 1948 Mercury Sedan Coupe

The Rear View Mirror

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MESSAGE

Finally!...Spring is here at last! I hope you've all been preparing your cars and planning to get them out on the road again. I had my '48 coupe out yesterday and it ran great. I hope you can get yours going without any trouble.

Please note on Page 13 of this newsletter about an outing to the Nash Family Creamery in Chapel Hill. We had one scheduled last Fall but poor weather cancelled. We're hoping for better weather this year so make plans to join us.

Also note the first major car show on Page 21...April 12th, the 25th Annual Kars4Kids at Brentwood High School on Murray Lane in Brentwood and a new show in Columbia on May 3rd on Page 22. That could be a great reason to tour together as a club!

Best regards, *Mickey Holton*



THE 1932 FORD V-8

"THE CAR THAT STARTED IT ALL"

By John Emmering

(See Pages 15 & 16)

CARS AND (NO!) COFFEE, SATURDAY, MARCH 8th, 2025





2025 CENTRAL NATIONAL MEET

SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

JUNE 22 - 26, 2025



Come join your fellow V-8 friends and family for a V-8 Family Reunion. The Northern Illinois Regional Group is hosting the 2025 Central National Meet in Springfield, Illinois from June 22 - 26. We are planning a fun and exciting event. We can't have a family reunion without you. We hope you will plan to attend.

The Early Ford V-8 Club of America 2025 Central National Meet



Springfield, Illinois • June 22-26, 2025 Early Registration Form

National V-8 Club Membership Number _____
You must be a National Member to Register

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/ZIP _____

Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

E-Mail _____
If provided, this will be our primary method of contacting you

Registration July 1, 2024 – April 30, 2025 \$70.00

Late Registration May 1 - June 22, 2025 \$90.00

I am paying my registration fee by:

- ☐ Check Make checks payable to "2025 CNM"
- ☐ Cash
- ☐ Credit Card..... We will send you a secure link by e-mail for your payment

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

The complete registration package will be available in 4th quarter 2024. Watch for more information on the Meet web site: www.2025cnm.com and in the V-8 TIMES.

Send completed form and payment to:

**2025 Central National Meet
1N410 Forest Ave.
Glen Ellyn, IL 60137**

**Questions?
Contact Registration At
630-858-9474 -or-
registration@2025cnm.com**

**You may also fill out this form on your computer or other device, save it, and e-mail it to
registration@2025cnm.com**



The Early Ford V-8 Club of America
2025 Central National Meet
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February 10, 2025

Mickey Holton
Volunteer V-8 Regional Group #97
P.O. Box 3011
Brentwood, TN 37024

Dear Mickey,

Northern Illinois Regional Group #8 is hosting the 2025 Central National Meet this year. To help support the meet, we are selling raffle tickets for some great items. We believe that your members would be interested in these items and would like to participate in the raffle. We are asking for your help in making these tickets available to your members.

We are raffling off a beautiful neon Ford V-8 sign, a new-in-box Stromberg-97 carburetor, and a genuine Ford 8BA carburetor rebuilt by Charlie Schwendler. Please see the attached flyer for the complete description of the prizes.

The winning tickets will be drawn at the Awards Banquet on Thursday, June 26th. **Winners need not be present to win.** If the winner is not present, the item will be shipped at no cost to the winner. The tickets are \$10 each or three for \$20.

Enclosed are 21 tickets for each raffle – if you need more, we will be happy to send them.

Please return the stubs showing the purchasers' information, along with the money received and any unused tickets to Ken at the address shown above by June 1. If you have any questions or need more tickets, please feel free to contact us.

We hope to see some of your group's members at the meet. More details about the meet and registration forms are also available on our meet website, www.2025cnm.com.

Thank you for your support!

Ken and Carolyn Bounds
Co-Chairs
2025 Central National Meet

See Page 8 for a description and pictures of items to be raffled off at the 2025 Central National meet in Springfield, IL, in June. If you want to purchase tickets and help make the meet a success, please let me know and I will make sure to get your tickets to you asap!



2025 Central National Meet • Springfield, Illinois June 22-26, 2025

Meet Raffle Items

Tickets for each item are \$10 each or 3 for \$20

Mix 'em or Match 'em

Drawing June 26 at the 2025 CNM Awards Banquet

Need not be present to win – Prizes will be shipped at no charge

Need a New Carburetor?



New in box Stromberg 97 carburetor –
Made in England – \$525 Retail value - donated by Ken and Carolyn Bounds



Genuine Ford 8BA carburetor – Will be professionally rebuilt by Charlie Schwendler of New York who donated his services

One winning ticket will be drawn for each carburetor

Win this 22-inch Ford V-8 Neon Sign



\$450 Value!

Ford Lighted Neon Sign

- Height: 21"
- Width: 22"
- Depth: 4"
- Weight: 16 pounds
- Manufacturer: Neonetics
- Licensed by Ford Motor Company

Member Car of the Month

1948 Mercury Sedan Coupe

Robert Dishner

Nashville, Tennessee

This month's Car of the Month is the recently purchased 1948 Mercury Sedan Coupe of Robert Dishner of Nashville. Bob had two 1946 Ford Tudor Sedans but had a yearning for a "newer" model car, so when this beautiful coupe became available at Museum Select Motors at the Early Ford V8 Foundation, Robert worked out a deal for the Mercury that included one of his '46 sedans as a trade in.

It's an excellent running car and it made it's first outing in Nashville at Cars and Coffee on March 8th (see pages 3 and 4) and drew a lot of attention from other car owners and other car admirers. Nice, Bob!



THE 1946-1948 MERCURY

By Mark J. McCourt

It's always seemed a bit unfair how, on the whole, Ford cars have maintained much greater recognition and desirability than their upmarket Mercury counterparts, in spite of the mid-priced cars' more opulent trimmings and greater power. This disconnect remains when examining the early postwar Mercury lineup, which— save for passionate marque enthusiasts like those belonging to the International Mercury Owners Association—is largely forgotten today, compared to equivalent mass-market Fords. It's not necessarily a bad thing, though, when it comes to assessing the values of Mercurys like the 1946 through 1948 Sedan Coupe, which has long represented a fine value in the classic car marketplace.



As did the competition from General Motors and Chrysler, Ford's newly formed Lincoln- Mercury Division rolled out lightly revised cars for the 1946 model year. The new Mercury Eight got a fresh face, trading its distinctive horizontal-grille treatment for a vertical grille. The lineup was consolidated, dropping the prewar three-passenger notchback-styled Coupe but keeping the equally attractive, more accommodating six-passenger Sedan Coupe that is the focus of this story. In 1946, it cost a reasonable \$1,495—the inflation-adjusted equivalent of \$19,963—just \$47 (\$628) more than the lowest price barrel-back two-door Sedan, and substantially less than the maple- and mahogany-trimmed Station Wagon (\$1,729) and the ultra-rare Sportsman convertible (\$2,209).

The Sedan Coupe would be sold through the end of this (initially prewar) body style, before the new, trendsetting envelope-body Mercurys arrived for 1949. It differed visually in minor details from year to year, but retained the 118-inch wheelbase and 239.4-cu.in. flathead V-8, making 100 hp and 180 lb-ft of torque. While it was practical, this wasn't a high-volume body style: Hagerty reported 24,163 built for 1946, 29,284 for 1947, and 16,476 left the line for 1948. Pricing would increase marginally, but considering inflation, history shows this actually represented better value: According to NADAguides, the 1947 and '48 Sedan Coupe both cost \$1,645, which was roughly equivalent to \$19,208 and \$17,773, respectively.

Decades on, remaining examples of this finely appointed two-door traded hands for reasonable prices. Twenty years ago, a '46 in #3 "good" original or restored condition could bring \$7,450, with a '48 commanding just \$250 more. The value spread between first-and last-year Sedan Coupes has remained similarly slim in the years since. NADA guides show a nearly \$3,000 jump in value between 2000 and 2005, holding rather steady up to 2010, and then a big leap by 2015, when average-condition 1946, 1947, and 1948 Sedan Coupes could bring \$21,500, \$21,800, and \$21,800, respectively. As this piece was written in the end of 2020, NADA guides suggested retail value ranges of \$10,200 to \$41,700 (1946), \$10,450 to \$42,900 (1947), and \$10,450 to \$42,900. Hagerty largely concurs with these figures, suggesting a #4 "fair" to #1 "concours" range of \$13,000 to \$44,400, with #3 "good" being \$21,700.





by ed weidner

Edsel Ford, though never having full control of the Ford Motor Company, did have considerable influence on his father, Henry — the manufacturing genius who built the firm into a gigantic enterprise.

Henry Ford is remembered as a man with definite opinions and stubborn ways. When Model T sales started to fall off, Henry still wanted to improve the Model T, and continue to manufacture it.

Edsel won out convincing his father — the Model T with its outmoded ideas was a thing of the past. The results of his winning point were the Model A — then after a few more successful years the 1932 V-8. The Lincoln Zephyr made its debut in 1935 followed by the V-8 in 1936.

By this time, Edsel felt there was a need for a Super Ford or Deluxe Car that would enable Ford Dealers to supply the demand that was evident.

Edsel came forward with the Mercury after convincing his father of the need for this slightly larger version of the Ford V-8. Edsel was the man who selected the name for this new car. The first prototypes that were built in July 1938 were labelled on both the hood and hubcaps with the lettering "Ford-Mercury." As the 1939 model year progressed the title was shortened to "Mercury."

This accent on model diversification was in extreme contrast to the policies of Henry Ford. Henry, since the very early days, had adhered to a singular policy in his line — restricting it to one model. This was in contrast to his competitors, who had already diversified their makes and models.

With the new Mercury, which in the beginning was sold almost exclusively by Ford Dealers, Ford was represented in more than 95% of all price brackets in the 1939 automobile market.

At this point in the story, credit for the Lincoln-Continental, Ford's ultimate pre-war creation, should also be given to Edsel Ford, for the prototype model built in 1939, under his guidance, was to be his personal car.

The first public showing of the '39 Mercury was on November 4, 1938. The Mercury was the first Ford-produced car styled entirely within the company, and the first built up from a clay model by Ford stylists. Its exterior lines were obviously intended to relate to the Lincoln Zephyr V-12.

The Mercury's V-8 engine was an enlargement of the powerplant used in the then-current Ford series. Displacing 239 cubic inches, the flat head V-8 of the Mercury was rated at 95 horsepower at 3600 rpm and propelled the 3220 pound car at 90 miles an hour.

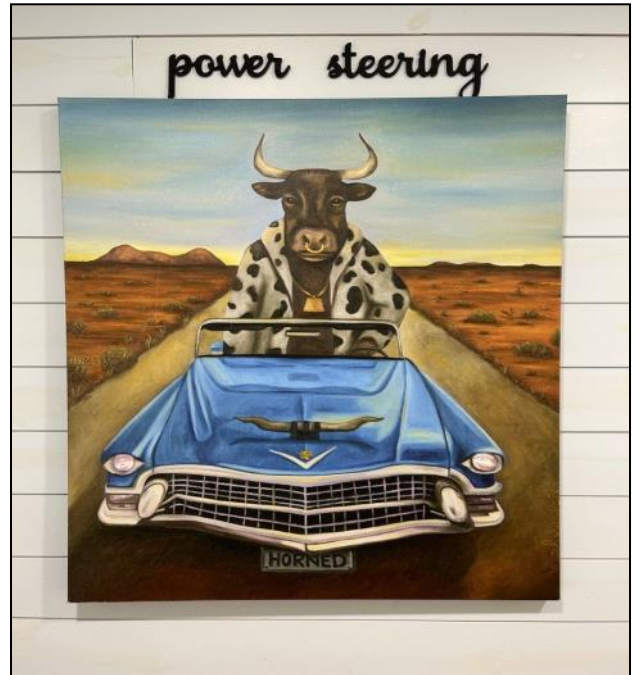
The first model year's production was over 60,000 units.

The success of the new Mercury line was evident by the time the 1940 model was introduced. It carried a number of modifications and improvements, sealed-beam headlights, column-mounted shift lever, and several interior changes.

Completely new to Mercury this year was a four door convertible — this replaced the same model in the 1940 Ford line, after it was dropped for that year. Only 979 units of this stylish model were built and then it also was deleted.

By the model year's end 80,000 of the popular 1940's had been sold to the public.

SATURDAY, APRIL 5TH, 2025
VOLUNTEER V8 FORD CLUB TOUR TO
THE NASH FAMILY CREAMERY, CHAPEL HILL, TN
(4019 US-41-ALT N, Chapel Hill, TN 37034)
FOR LUNCH AND ICE CREAM
(Weather Permitting)



Meet at the Kroger parking lot Old Hickory Blvd. and Nolensville Road (near the Pizza Hut) to leave by 10 AM to tour together to the Nash Family Creamery or, if you prefer, meet us at the Creamery. They have a great lunch menu plus the best ice cream you've ever tasted!

Bring a chair!



THE DOG

*A summer night in Forty One
With four kids on a lark.
Glen with Sue and Lee and I,
In love at Roseland Park.*

*The band was never sweeter then,
And the dancers on the floor
Danced to silver trumpet sound
That's gone forevermore.*

*Lee said yes to me that night
As our favorite song was played.
And we drank a toast, the four of us.
To long and happy days.*

*Glen drove a V-8 roadster then
A snappy little car
With a silver dog way out in front
That seemed to paw the air.*

*And as a joke, he took the dog
And said with proper show:
"An engagement gift from me to you,
The finest friend I know."*

*And so I held that silly dog
In Roselands golden light.
Young, in love, a little drunk
And so full of hope that night.*

*But, I didn't marry sweet Lee Ann
Though I hear she married well.
And Glen lies somewhere by the Rhine
Where his bomber burned and fell.*

*And as for me, my life goes on.
I have no cause to weep.
But I've always kept that silver dog.
For it's strange what people keep.*

*Until today, I stopped for gas.
And there to my surprise,
Stood a V-8 roadster just like Glen's.
A sight for these old eyes.*

*A nice young fellow with his girl
Stood proudly by the Ford.
And told me of the V-8 Club
Who have such cars restored.*

*So then I did a funny thing
That I don't understand.
I ran and got my silver dog
And placed it in his hand.*

*And friend, you never would believe
The look upon his face
As he proudly took that silly dog
And set it up in place.*

*So now my dog is home again
Perched proudly on the hood.
And for some crazy reason now,
I sure am feeling good.*



Bob McCoppin

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The 1932 Ford V-8; The Car That Started It All

by John Emmering

During the early days of automotive innovation, Henry Ford, a visionary in the automobile industry, constantly sought to push the boundaries of engineering and manufacturing. In December 1931, just as production began on the 1932 Ford four cylinder Model B automobile, Henry Ford had a moment of inspiration. He envisioned introducing his game-changing V-8 engine in the upcoming 1932 Ford model. He suspended production of the Model B and geared up for the V-8.

Henry Ford's decision to introduce the option of a V-8 engine alongside an improved four cylinder engine in the 1932 Fords was both bold and ambitious. In an era when most automobiles were equipped with four or six cylinder engines, the idea of a V-8 engine in a low cost car was revolutionary. Ford believed that a more powerful engine would not only enhance the performance of the vehicle but also set a new standard in the automotive industry. Thus, production on the Model B was temporarily halted, and the company's engineers were tasked with perfecting the in-block valve eight-cylinder engine for the 1932 Ford.

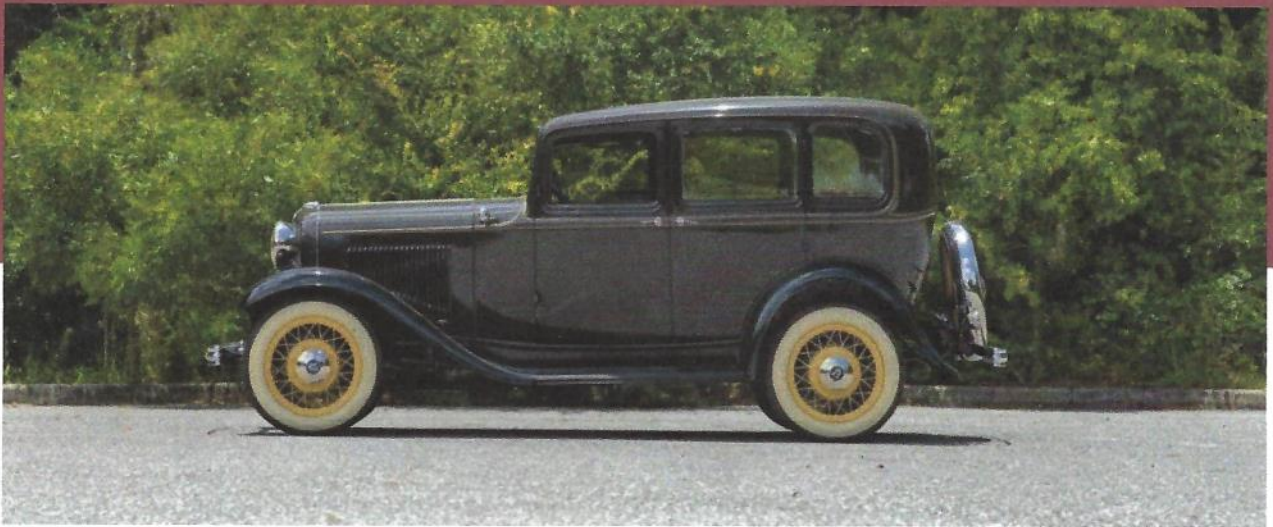
The development of the V-8 engine presented significant engineering challenges. The primary challenge was to create a cast-in-block V-8 engine that was reliable and could be produced on a large scale. Charles Sorensen, affectionately known as "Cast Iron Charlie," played a pivotal role in overcoming these challenges. Sorensen and his team worked tirelessly to design and produce a cast-in-block V-8 engine that met Ford's stringent standards.

Sorensen's expertise in casting was instrumental in the development of the engine. By casting the entire engine block as a single piece, the team was able to create a stronger and more durable engine at lower cost. This process also allowed for more precise control over the engine's internal geometry, resulting in improved performance and efficiency.

The introduction of the V-8 engine in the 1932 Ford was a landmark moment in automotive history. The new engine offered 65 horsepower, a significant improvement over the 50 horsepower provided by the new four-cylinder Model B engine or the 40 horsepower of the 1928-1931 Model A Ford. This increase in power translated to better acceleration, higher top speeds, and an overall more exhilarating driving experience.

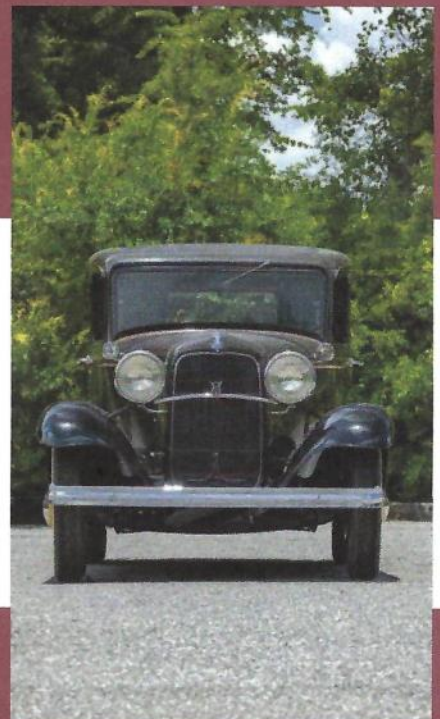
The 1932 Ford, often referred to as the "Deuce," quickly gained popularity among consumers. Its sleek design, combined with the powerful V-8 engine, made it an attractive option for car buyers seeking both performance and style. The V-8 equipped cars designated Model 18s out sold the four cylinder Ford Model B cars. The success of the 1932 model also solidified Ford's reputation as an industry leader and innovator.

The introduction of the V-8 engine had a profound impact on the automotive market. Competitors were forced to reevaluate their own engine designs and consider the benefits of more powerful engines. The V-8 engine became a symbol of American automotive engineering and performance, and it set a new benchmark for the industry.



The legacy of the 1932 Ford and its V-8 engine endures to this day. The model is highly sought after by car enthusiasts and collectors, and it is often celebrated at classic car shows and events. Probably the biggest impact was the 1932 Ford's popularity in the world of Hot Rods and customs. The V-8 engine itself has become an iconic symbol of power and performance, influencing generations of automotive design and engineering.

Henry Ford's decision to introduce the V-8 engine was a testament to his vision and determination to push the boundaries of what was possible. The 1932 Ford not only transformed the automotive industry but also left an indelible mark on American culture and history. The date of the Ford V-8's debut to the public, March 31st 1932 stands out as the day that started it all for Ford V-8 enthusiasts.



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

MINDFULNESS OVER HASTE AROUND OLD VEHICLES, PLEASE (ONE STEP UP AND TWO STEPS BACK...)

Recently I noticed that I had a slight coolant leak in one of my old antique trucks (the coolant level was inexplicably dropping, when there had been no overheating or overt loss of coolant in that way). So after adding coolant a few times, I decided to try to see what was going-on. I started the truck in the driveway and opened the hood, and standing out on the ground, observing the coolant system from the outside, pretty soon I could see that I had a very, very small dripping leak at one of the hose clamps going up to the radiator. Easy fix. So, I got a screwdriver and tightened that particular hose clamp.



Now, remember how I said that I had started the truck? Well, by the time I ran down the little drip, the truck had not run enough to warm-up for the thermostats to open. I knew that I wouldn't dependably be able to tell that I'd fixed the leak unless I got the full blast of coolant flow from the block up to the radiator (meaning the truck being warmed-up enough for the thermostats to open and get the full coolant flow). So, I needed to let the truck run a little longer. Easy enough to do, right (truck was already running)? However, for me to tell whether the hose connection was still leaking, I needed to mop-up the few drops of coolant that were on top of the alternator (where the leak had first showed itself--obviously, there shouldn't be any coolant on top of the alternator!). So I got a rag and took my left hand and reached in to wipe the leaked drops of coolant off the alternator. But I did this...uh, while the truck *was still running*. **MISTAKE.** Before I noticed, I jammed the ring finger of my left hand right into the spinning alternator fan. Pain? Yep. Blood? Yep. Frustration with myself?. Yep, to that too, in spades.

If you're going to put one or more of your hands in where the engine is and keep them in there for any reason, **turn the engine off before you do it.** You can always turn the engine back on after you pull your hands out. [Note: I didn't require seeing a doctor or have to get any stitches; however, I have kept my finger bandaged/immobile now for going on five weeks. And all unnecessary. **Don't Do This!...Steve Jordan**



TECHNICALLY SPEAKING



What to Look for when you test drive an Early Ford V-8

Test driving an Early Ford V-8 with an eye to make a purchase can be an exhilarating experience, especially for Ford V-8 enthusiasts. It's not just about the aesthetics and history; it also involves ensuring that the vehicle is in good working condition. Here are some key aspects to consider during your test drive:

1. ENGINE PERFORMANCE

Start by assessing the engine's performance. Ensure the V-8 engine starts smoothly without excessive cranking. Listen for unusual noises such as knocking or ticking, which could indicate internal issues. Check for steady idle and smooth acceleration.

2. TRANSMISSION AND CLUTCH

Pay attention to the transmission's behavior. Whether it's a manual or an automatic, the gear shifts should be smooth and without hesitation. In a manual transmission, check the clutch operation for any signs of slipping or difficulty in engaging gears.

3. BRAKING SYSTEM

Test the brakes thoroughly. The car should brake in a straight line without pulling to one side. Listen for any unusual sounds like grinding or squealing, and feel for any vibrations that could indicate warped brake discs or other issues.

4. SUSPENSION AND HANDLING

Evaluate the suspension system by driving on various road surfaces. The car should handle bumps and rough patches without excessive bouncing or rattling. Check for stability during turns and ensure the steering is responsive and precise.

5. ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS

Antique cars often have outdated electrical systems. Test all lights, indicators, horn, and other electrical components to ensure they are in working order. Pay special attention to the condition of the wiring and connections.

6. FLUID LEAKS

After the test drive, inspect the ground where the car was parked for any signs of fluid leaks. Common leaks include oil, transmission fluid, coolant, and brake fluid. Leaks can indicate underlying mechanical issues that need to be addressed.

7. INTERIOR CONDITION

Examine the interior for signs of wear and tear. Check the condition of the seats, dashboard, and other interior components. Ensure that all gauges and controls are functioning properly.

8. EXHAUST SYSTEM

Listen to the exhaust note for any unusual noises. Check for visible smoke from the exhaust, which could indicate engine problems. The exhaust system should be securely mounted and free of rust or holes.

9. BODY AND FRAME

Inspect the body and frame for rust, dents, and other damage. Pay special attention to the undercarriage and wheel wells, as these areas are particularly susceptible to corrosion. Ensure that the car's structure is sound and free of significant defects.

10. DOCUMENTATION AND HISTORY

Finally, review the car's documentation and history. Verify the authenticity of any claims made by the seller, and check for any past accidents or major repairs. Proper documentation can add value to the car and provide peace of mind.

Conclusion

By carefully evaluating these aspects during your test drive, you can make a more informed decision about purchasing an antique Early Ford V-8 automobile. Remember, while the allure of owning a classic car is strong, ensuring its mechanical integrity and overall condition is paramount to enjoying your investment for years to come.

IN THE KITCHEN...

CHEESY POTATOES

Arla Mae Hansen
Bennet, NE-RG #54

Frozen French fries, to almost fill 9 x 13-inch pan	1 can cream of mushroom soup
1 can cream of celery soup	1 can cheddar cheese soup
	1/2 can water to rinse cans

Place French fries in pan. Combine all soups and water and pour over potatoes. Cover with foil and bake at 375° for 1½ to 2 hours until potatoes are soft and have absorbed liquid. Let stand 15 minutes and serve. Our Danish Family serves this for family dinners along with Danish meatballs and sweet and sour red cabbage.

BRUNCH CASSEROLE

Mary Craft
Cedar Rapids, IA-RG #77

3 c. frozen shredded hash brown potatoes	1/4 c. sliced green onion
3/4 c. (3 oz.) shredded cheddar cheese	4 beaten eggs or 1 c. Egg Beaters
1 c. diced fully cooked ham or Canadian bacon	1 (12-oz.) can evaporated milk
	1/8 tsp. salt
	1/4 tsp. pepper

Grease 2-quart square baking dish. Arrange potatoes evenly in bottom of dish. Sprinkle with ham, cheese and green onion. Beat eggs, milk, salt and pepper. Pour over potato mixture. Bake, uncovered, at 350° for 40 to 45 minutes. May be covered and refrigerated for several hours or overnight. Then bake 55 to 60 minutes or until center appears set. Let stand 5 minutes before serving.

HOLIDAY POTATO DISH

Francie Moser
Finksburg, MD-RG #36

4 lbs. potatoes	10¾-oz. can cream of celery soup
1 c. chopped onion	
1/4 c. butter	1 pt. sour cream
1½ c. shredded cheddar cheese	

Grease 9 x 13-inch pan. Boil potatoes with skins on; peel potatoes and rice or chop them into small pieces. Sauté onions in the butter until tender and remove from heat. Add soup and sour cream and stir together. Place potatoes in pan and sprinkle cheese on top. Pour soup mixture over potatoes. Refrigerate, covered, overnight. Bake at 350°, uncovered, for one hour.

Note: Cream of broccoli soup may be substituted and bread crumbs sprinkled on top if desired.

V-8ers Delight

A Collection of Recipes by
Cornhusker & Omaha
Early Ford V-8 Clubs

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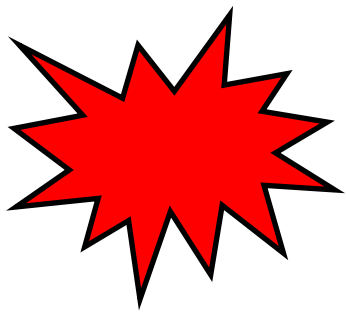
Early Ford V-8 '99 Central National Meet

Omaha, Nebraska
July 20-24, 1999



Jerry VincentiniChairman
215 Heavenly Drive, Omaha, NE 68114

Ray MoyerCo-Chairman
5015 South Street, Lincoln, NE 68506



Blast from the Past!

From The Volunteer V-8 Ford Voice

January 7, 1997



BENNY BOOTLE (LEFT) WITH ROY NACEWICZ AND WAYNE MOORE AT THE AACA MEET IN MURFREESBORO IN 1993. THE CAR BEHIND THEM WAS BENNY'S FAMOUS 40 FORD CONVERTIBLE "OLD BLUE" WHICH HAD WON MANY HONORS IN BOTH AACA AND V-8 COMPETITION.

Saturday, April 12: Brentwood, TN: The 25th Annual KARS4KIDS Show open to all cars, trucks, bicycles and motorcycles. **SHOW LOCATION FOR 2025 is Brentwood High School, 5304 Murray Lane in Brentwood, TN.** Show will be held in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Brentwood's 42nd Annual Pancake Breakfast, which is "by donation only" starting at 7 am to 11:30 am. KARS4KIDS Show registration on-site for \$20 per vehicle from 7 am to 11 am. TOP 30 People's Choice and other specialty awards presented by Noon. Silent Auction! Rain or shine with plenty of paved parking. 100% of the car show and Silent Auction proceeds, and a grant from the Rotary Club of Brentwood, fund the Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes Summer Activities Program at the Brentwood campus. Please come out and support the kids! Event is presented by The Brentwood Rotary Club and the Music City Antique Automobile Club of America (AACA), with trophies provided by O'Reilly Auto Parts. For more information, please contact Paul Collins at 615-642-5822 or by email at: pcollins@sullivanengineering.com

25th Annual KARS4KIDS

Show Open To All Cars, Trucks, Motorcycles and Bicycles

Silent Auction

Designated Car
Show Parking

Saturday, April 12, 2025



Show Will Be Held In Conjunction With
The Rotary Club of Brentwood's
"By Donation Only"
42nd Annual Pancake Breakfast
From 7 AM - 11:30 AM



SHOW LOCATION:

Brentwood High School, 5304 Murray Lane , Brentwood, TN 37027

Show Registration On-Site from 7AM - 11 AM

\$20 per Vehicle

TOP 30 People's Choice, Best of Show plus Specialty Awards by Noon

For more information, please contact Paul Collins at 615-642-5822 or by email at: pcollins@sullivanengineering.com

All Car Show Proceeds Benefit The Children's Summer Activities Program

At The Brentwood Campus Of The Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes





*1ST Annual
SOUTHERN SHOWDOWN
Car, Truck and Bike Show*

Saturday May 3, 2025

Southern Heritage Center

2357 Park Plus Drive, Columbia, TN 38401

(PLEASE USE THE PARK PLUS DRIVE ENTRANCE)

Registration is from 8:00 AM to Noon

The show is from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

The awards presentation is at 2:00 PM

Registration Special:

Donation of \$20.00 for the 1st entry and \$10 for each additional entry from the same owner. No advance registration.

Free admission for spectators, however all donations are appreciated and accepted with the proceeds going to Samuel R Watkins Camp 29.



People's Choice Plaque \$1 per vote

Commander-in-Chief Plaque

Best of Show Plaque

Best of Class Plaque for each class

Food Trucks

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Local Car Shows, Crjaise-Ins, Etc, April

April 5

8th Annual DCHS Car Show. Dickson County Fairgrounds. Vendors, face painting, silent auction, music. Multiple awards.

April 5

Good Hope Baptist Church 2nd Annual Car Show. Boys & Girls Club 17690 TN-58 N, Decatur TN. Top 50 trophies, cake walk, bake sale, 50/50 raffle. 9am - 2pm \$20 entry

April 5

Rumble in the Brier Car Show and Spring Fling. Louise Martin City Park 2300 Greenbrier Pike, Greenbrier TN. Live entertainment, bouncy house, vendors, 50/50, food trucks. \$20 Pre-registration, \$25 day-of-show. Best of Show wins 65" television! 8am - 2pm. Contact Jennifer Woodard 615-415-3381. See Flyer section for list of classes.

April 5

The 2025 Band Bazaar Car Show. Presented by South Greene Band of Rebels. South Greene High School, 7469 Ashville Hwy, Greeneville TN. Dash plaques, awards, prizes, live auction, concessions, vendors, more! \$20 registration. 12pm - 4pm

April 5

1st Annual War Eagle Car Show. Sycamore High School, 1021 Old Clarksville Pike, Pleasant View TN. Food vendors on site. Registration \$25. 10am - 2pm. Rain date April 12.

April 5

5th Annual The Rock Youth Group Car Show. North Fork Baptist Church, 1641 Unionville Deason Rd, Shelbyville TN. Proceeds to North Fork Baptist Church Youth. Concessions, door prizes. \$20 Entry. 9am - 1pm, awards at 12:30.

April 6

The Collection Spring Meet by Club Sixx. The Fountains at Gateway, 1500 Medical Center Pkwy, Murfreesboro, TN. 1pm - 4:30pm.

April 12

Clarksville Cruisers 1st Annual Car Show. YAIPAK, 1255 Paradise Hill Rd. Clarksville, TN. Entry fees benefit YAIPAK. Caprigio's and Sassy's food trucks. 10am -3pm

April 12

25th Annual KARS4KIDS Show and Rotary Club Pancake Breakfast. Brentwood High School, 5304 Murray Ln, Brentwood TN. Presented by Brentwood Rotary Club and Music City AACA, with proceeds supporting TN Baptist Children's Home's Summer Activities Program. Held in conjunction with the Rotary Club's 42nd annual Pancake Breakfast (by donation, 7am - 11:30am). Open to all cars, trucks, motorcycles, & bicycles. Rain or shine, paved parking, silent auction. Car entry \$20, registration 7am - 11am. Awards by noon. More information: Paul Collins at 615-642-5822 or by email at: pcollins@sullivanengineering.com

April 12

14th Semi-Annual Pack the Park Car Club Show. Winchester City Park, 1561 Phillip Fulmer Pkwy Winchester TN. Car, truck & motorcycle show. Vendors, swap meet, door prizes, food trucks, 100 dash plaques. Registration \$20 9am - 1pm. See flyer for award categories or facebook.com/packtheparkcarclub

April 12

Road Warrior Car Show. Presented by & benefitting the RHS band. Riverdale High School, 802 Warrior Drive Murfreesboro TN. 50 trophies, concessions, door prizes, silent auction. \$20 Registration 9-12, spectators Free, 9am - 2pm.

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Isaiah 117 2025 Car Show. Northside Church, 655 W. Thompson Lane, Murfreesboro TN. Kid's Zone, DJ, 50/50, t-shirts, food trucks. \$25 registration & voting 9am - 11am. Awards at 12pm. Rain date April 26. rutherfordtn@isaiah117house.com

April 12

First Annual Spring Car Show. Miller's Pond of Manchester, 6542 McMinnville Hwy East 55, Manchester TN. Car Show and Vendors and Food Trucks. \$20 car show entry, pre registration available. Starts at 10am, voting at 1pm, awards at 2pm. Vendors 9:30am - 3:30pm. Rain date May 3. SEEKING VENDORS and FOOD TRUCKS. Contact Gina Stanley 615-663-7845. Car show application: <https://form.jotform.com/250556957958174>

April 12

3rd Annual Jeeps 4 Little Peeps. Coopertown Middle School 3820 TN-49, Springfield TN. All Jeep Show & Shine benefitting Shop-With-A-Cop program. Best in Show, Muddiest Jeep, Best Modified, Best Vintage Jeep. \$25 donation. Registration 8am, show 10am - 2pm. Free to public. coopertownpd.org

April 12

3rd Annual Cruise In. Nick Mayer Chevrolet GMC, 861 N. Ellington Pkwy, Lewisburg TN. Presented by Nick Mayer, with Tennessee Valley Corvette Club. Hourly giveaways, trophies, food trucks, tunes by Willie Davis, free admission! All Corvettes, hot rods, & antique cars are welcome. 8am - 12pm.

April 19

Cars, Cigars, and Coffee. 4707 Dayton Blvd, Red Bank TN. All makes/ models welcome. Food trucks, cigars, beverages. 9am - 3:30pm. Awards at 2pm.

April 19

Heritage High School Truck & Tractor Pull. Blount County, TN. Antique pulls, truck & tractor pulls, largest EASTER EGG HUNT in Blount County. Pulls start 10am.

April 19

Darkside 6th Annual Spring Fest. 1558 N. Gallatin Pike, Madison TN. Vendors, food, fun, giveaways, raffles. 10am - 4pm. Registration until noon, judging at 2. More info: 615-681-1069

April 19

Spring Conjure. Lincoln County High School, 12333 Huntsville Hwy, Fayetteville TN. Presented by Voodoo Customs and Elk Valley Crafters. 50/50 drawing, door prizes, no-fee swap meet. Craft show 9am - 6pm. Car show 9am - 2pm. Registration (until noon) \$20. elkvalleycrafters.com

April 19

Mid-Tenn Hot Rodders 2nd Annual Spring Thaw Out Car Show. Rescheduled from March 15. 951 Sgt. Asbury Hawn Way, Smyrna TN. Dash plaques to first 30 entries, Top 20 awards, 50/50 raffle. \$20 Registration 9am - 12pm, Awards at 2pm. midtnhotrodders@gmail.com

April 25 - 26

Bowtie Nationals. Beech Bend Raceway Park, Bowling Green, KY. GM Invasion. Car show, vendors, swap meet, drag racing, dyno, autocross, burnouts.

April 26

4th Annual Walnut Grove Missionary Baptist Church Car Show. 1616 Walnut Grove Rd, Clarksville TN.
2pm - 5pm. (Inclement weather date May 3rd)

April 26

Cruising For Christ. Highland Baptist Church, 808 W Hickory St. Tullahoma TN. Food, 50/50, games, prizes. 10 am- 2pm

April 26

3rd Annual Mike Albert Memorial Cruise In. 1308 Poplar Ridge Rd, Chapmansboro, TN. All cars & trucks welcome. 1pm - 5 pm

April 26

Sundown in Sneedville. Main Street, Sneedville TN. Cars, trucks, motorcycles, food & family fun.
4pm - 8pm

April 26

8th Annual Spring Fever Auto Show. Robertson County - Springfield Airport, 4423 Airport Rd, Springfield TN. \$20 Registration 8am - Noon, awards 2pm. Vendor spaces, 50/50 drawing, door prizes. For more info or pre-registration: Chris 615-268-4276

April 26

2nd Annual Welsey Heights United Methodist Church Cruise In. 2101 East Lincoln St. Tullahoma, TN. Tims Ford Region AACA. Kid games and activities, 50/50, cake walk, adult challenges, concessions available. No entry fee - donations appreciated. 11am - 2pm. Rain date May 3rd.

April 26

Oakland Car Show. Fundraiser for Sophie Nolan. Sunoco / Green Cactus Grill, 6302 US 64, Oakland TN. \$25 entry. Registration begins 8am, judging begins 11:30, awards at 3. Cruise to Faith Church CruiseIn at 4pm.

April 26

Brothers of the Wheel M/C 2nd Annual Car and Bike Show. Old Franklin Co High School parking lot, 925 Dinah Shore Blvd, Winchester TN. Proceeds go toward toys & bicycles for kids at Christmas. 1st & 2nd in multiple classes, Best in Show, Peoples' Choice. All makes & models welcome. \$20 Registration starts at 9am. Show 10am- 2pm.

April 26

Pan Can Purple Stride Car Show. Nashville Fairgrounds 625 Smith Ave, Nashville TN. Presented by Pancreatic Cancer Action Network. Gates open 6:30am, Event village 8am, Walk begins 9:30, Awards at 10:30. 20 spots available, enter by April 1st. \$25 entry fee. Contact Cody

Ayers cfilbert@pancanvolunteer.org

April 26

SRCC Cruise-In / Car Show at the Pioneer Days Festival. Cannonsburgh Village, 312 S. Front St, Murfreesboro TN. SRCC = Stones River Car Club. Top 10 plus several specialty awards. Free registration, free lunch, free admission

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