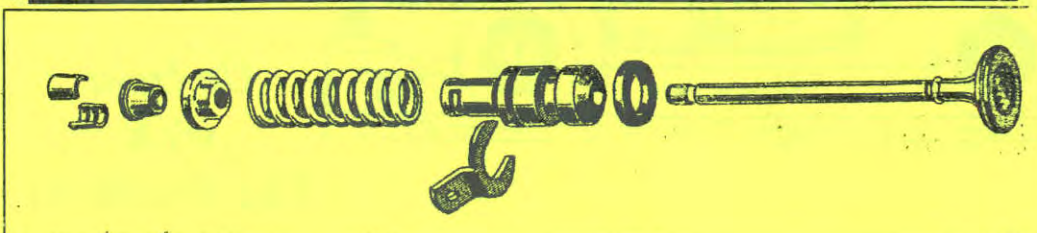


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VALVE CLATTER



THE EARLY FORD V-8 CLUB OF AMERICA Regional Group 96

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January 1997

Cliff Green, Editor

Happy New Year from your new editor

First of all the club must give a big thank you to Jim McDaniels for the super job he did with the newsletter - he brought the computer age to the paper - each issue was on time and informative. His shoes will be hard to fill.

I volunteered to do this, even though I had the job before for five years, because of the capabilities of the word processor, my new found free time (retired) and the production, assembly and mailing courtesy of Bill Simons insurance Company's office staff. The logistics of using the free printing service was always a hassle along with the folding, labeling and mailing.

What helps the editor the most is the contribution of articles for publication.

(Note that this is H. Amster's month) I will be calling you for info about what you are doing with your car restoration or requesting reports on meets and tours. I would like to have photos of these functions. Also, bring interesting articles for my consideration to the meetings - all gossip is interesting to others. (Heard that Benny Bootle, past AACA pres. and avid '40 collector died!)

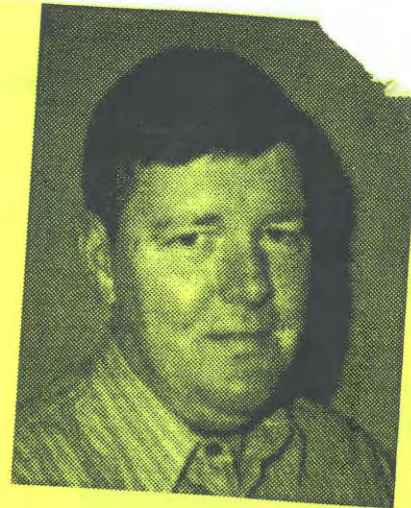
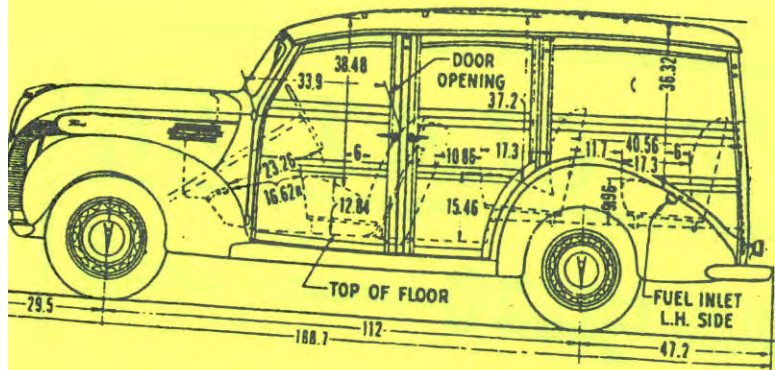
With the Pres. and I both woodie owners it will be difficult not to bias the newsletters with such beautiful and functional vehicles (instead of police cars). I will try to have representation from all years 32-53 and I will need you guys to send me your best info of your favorite.

Features will include: For Sale, Chatter, Tech tips, Meet reports, board doings, feature cars, calendar, restoration progress and lots of pixs. Stay tuned.



CHARTER MEMBERS OF THE NORTHERN VIRGINIA REGIONAL GROUP #96

Member No.	Name		
1	Arnold Lees	8	John T. Arington
2	Mike Gail	9	Bob Guthrie
3	Hank Amster	10	Bill Selley
4	Don Rant	11	Cliff Green
5	Walter Richmond	12	Aubrey Hall
6	Tom Arrington	13	John Pixley, Jr.
7	Nick Arrington	14	Jack Pixley
		15	John Hinkle



Up front with The President

January 1997

As we start a new year, I wish each of you and your loved ones the best. I am truly honored to have been elected by this Board of Directors to be President of our fine club this year. I pass my thanks on behalf of all members to Bill Simons and all of those who contributed last year to the special events and programs that were so interesting and fun.

Barbara and I are relative newcomers to the old car fraternity, and it has added so much to our lives.

The Northern Virginia Regional Group is 20 years old this year and is rich in tradition and knowledgeable members. Five founding members remain active; Hank Amster, Bill Selley, John Hinkle, Mike Gall and Cliff Green. We all appreciate what these fine men have done over the years and we thank them.

The Board of Directors welcomes Brian Boardman, Bob Clark, Tom Shaw and Jason Jarvis. These new members join with us to preserve and enhance this club and build on the work of so many over the past 20 years.

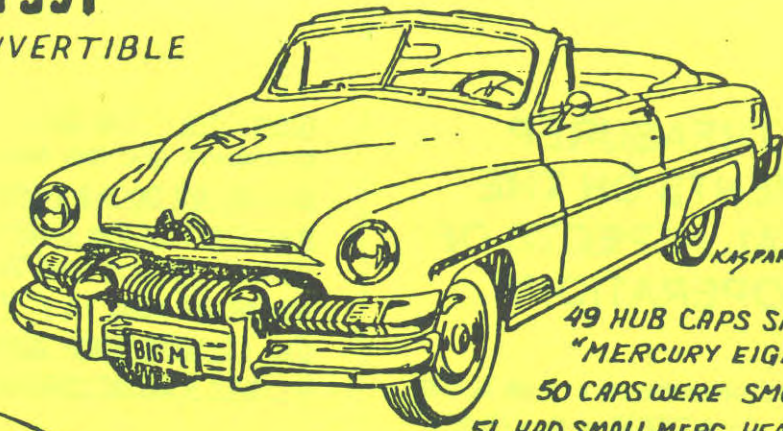
1997 will be an exciting year for the club. We are planning a variety of event and activities which will be of interest to all. We hope to follow the progress of several members' restoration projects while those already on the road lead us to interesting people, places and things to see and do.

Once again, thanks for the confidence you have shown in me, and I look forward to a fine year with lots of fun and excitement. I urge all members to participate actively in club events. If we all do a little, together we can accomplish a lot.

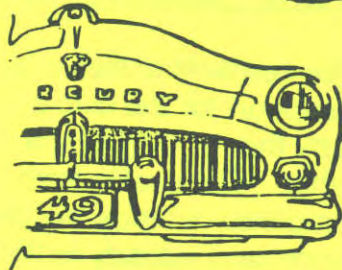
Happy New Year!!

Dave

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 "MERCURY EIGHT"
 50 CAPS WERE SMOOTH
 51 HAD SMALL MERC HEADCREST



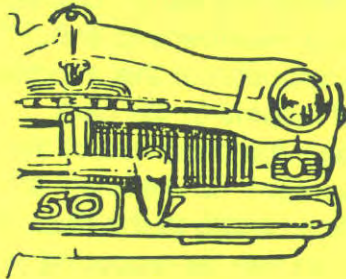
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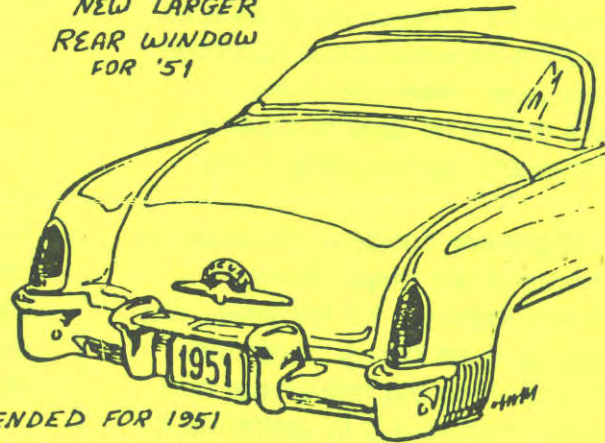
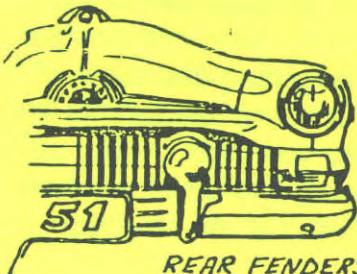
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SPEARS

MERCURY 1951



NEW LARGER
 REAR WINDOW
 FOR '51



REAR FENDERS EXTENDED FOR 1951
 NEW BUMPERS, TRUNK ORNAMENT, AND TAIL LAMPS



Reminder: All club meetings now at 7:30

The talk at the January meeting will be about the Columbia overdrive rear end presented by Cliff Green. Come and congratulate the new volunteer Board of Directors who work for you and enjoy the refreshments too. See you there Jan. 14th.

OUR TREASURER COMMENTS ON THE FINANCIAL ASPECTS OF 1996 OPERATIONS

Located elsewhere in this issue of the **VALVE CLATTER** is the club's statement of operations for the year 1996. You will note that we had an operating loss of nearly \$300 for the year. The main reason for the loss, and the deviation from the previously budgeted amounts for the year was the necessity for purchasing a new supply of blank club name tags for future new members. The club operates on a cash basis, and we do not account for inventories of salable items, so the expenditure is recorded when it occurs. New members purchase the name tags in addition to their first year's membership dues.

Of greater concern, however, is the analysis of our major items of income and expense for the year. Our membership dues barely cover the cost of publishing our newsletter and the postage necessary to distribute it to members. Thus with costs ever increasing in this area, it was necessary for the Board of Directors to vote a modest increase in the annual club dues in 1997. This is the first increase since the club was founded 20 years ago. Our largest source of income for the club is our annual fund raiser, the sale of "Entertainment" books. This item brings both good news and bad news. The good news is that we sold 76 books this year for a net income to the club of \$560. The bad news, however, is that these sales were attributable to only 14

members in the club. Of these 14 members and the sale of the 76 books, 69 books were sold by 10 members of the Board of Directors! (Don Lombard sold 28 books, and Jim McDaniel sold 14.) The balance of the 7 books were purchased or sold by only 4 other members of the club.

This certainly shows a lack of financial support for the club's activities by the majority of the membership. The profits from these books completely finance the club's annual picnic and subsidy to the annual Christmas party. Certainly, more of our membership should share in the contribution of this important source of income to the club. Remember, the purchase of the "Entertainment" books is not a contribution of \$35 to the club. The expenditure can be recouped many times over through use of the considerable discounts available in the book. The dining discounts of two for one at the many restaurants are only part of the scenario. Hotel, car rental, dry cleaning and other services are also included in the savings.

Please keep this in mind next October when we again hope to use this painless method for our major annual fund-raising activity. Your financial support is critical to the future health and well-being of our organization. Please don't let us down!

Submitted by Hank Amster, Treasurer





**NORTHERN VIRGINIA REGIONAL GROUP
EARLY FORD V8 CLUB OF AMERICA**

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

January 1, 1996-December 31, 1996

	1996 <u>Actual</u>	1996 <u>Budget</u>
<u>INCOME:</u>		
Dues for Year 1996	\$ 560.00	\$ 700.00
50/50 Share	99.00	100.00
Entertainment Books-76 Sales	588.00	600.00
Accessory Sales	114.00	50.00
Miscellaneous	87.00	-0-
Advertising	<u>-0-</u>	<u>50.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME	<u>\$1448.00</u>	<u>\$1500.00</u>
<u>EXPENSES:</u>		
Christmas Party	\$ 436.44	\$ 350.00
Meeting Expense	20.04	50.00
Member Remembrance, Recognition	232.01	100.00
Name Tags	288.41	50.00
Newsletter	171.49	300.00
Picnic-Social	126.32	100.00
Post Office Box	58.00	50.00
Miscellaneous		100.00
Supplies		50.00
Postage	<u>395.04</u>	<u>350.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENSE	<u>\$1727.75</u>	<u>\$1500.00</u>
LOSS FROM OPERATIONS, YEAR 1996	<u>\$ 279.75</u>	<u>\$-0-</u>

Bank Balance, January 1, 1996	\$ 3172.52
Less Loss from 1996 Operations	<u>279.75</u>
	\$ 2892.77
Add Prepaid 1997 Dues	<u>20.00</u>
Bank Balance, December 31, 1996	<u>\$ 2912.77</u>

Respectfully Submitted:
Hank Amster, Treasurer

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY SCORES BIG

Mark down another triumph for the NVRG! Our annual Christmas party, held on December 7 at the beautiful Country Club of Fairfax, drew rave reviews from the attendees. We had 43 participants this year, and as usual the highlight of the evening was the gift exchange. More about that later. The first obstacle of the evening was for the members to get past the undersigned perennial treasurer who was stationed at the front door collecting the evening's fees. Once inside, the guests chatted for about an hour with cocktails available for those so inclined. Among the guests were the Alexanders, Amsters, Blums, Chases, Dawkins, Dubois, Greens(our hosts at the club), Javaris, Lombards, Mary Menke, Jeanette Moore & Barry, Morrisons, Pendleys, Potters, Wm. Selley, Shaws, Tindalls, Vincents, Westrates, and Wilds.

After the usual "....and bless our V-8's" Benediction by Charley Morrison, we sat down to a wonderful dinner of beef tenderloin or chicken (or a veggie plate for the non-bovine set), topped off by the most scrumptious chocolate cream pie (or sherbet for the dieters). Bill Simons then passed the ceremonial gavel on to our new president for 1997, Dave Westrate. Bill introduced the rest of the new officers for 1997, and he was presented with a past president's plaque by the recently deposed PFL, Don Lombard.



Next came the eagerly awaited big event of the evening, the gift exchange. Using his last presidential initiative, Bill declared a change in the gift exchange process. After the lottery for gift selection, the person selected had to declare whether they would keep their gift or exchange it for someone else's prior to opening it. In the past, the selector opened their gift before making the decision whether to keep or exchange it. This new procedure added some mystery, anxiety, joy or disappointment to the process, as well as a lot of fun and good natured joshing. Among the biggest hits in the gift exchange was a set of old car bookends that made their way among at least six different people, some V-8 engraved cocktail glasses, and a talking frog. The biggest disappointment for a number of the grease mechanics present was the absence of a bundle of shop towels as in the past.



Ginny Potter celebrated her birthday at the Christmas party. She walked away with the coveted door prize : a nice jacket donated by JERRY'S FORD. Who's the guy she's with?

Hats off to the Greens who scheduled and planned this event and to those members and spouses who supported the function through their attendance. It was a fun and festive occasion and a great prelude to the holiday season.

Submitted by Hank Amster



The popular gas station book ends were exchanged numerous times and ended up in the hands of Buzzy Potter. They were sold at "Tuesday Mornings".

Elsa Chase is excited with her gas tank and jug of STP

43 members and wives attended including at this table visible lf to rt: Don Lombard, Hank Amster, Cliff & Sandra Green, Bev & Allan Alexander, Bill Tindall



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January

- 14 **7:30 p.m. NVRG Monthly Meeting**
- 17-18 EFV8CA Nat'l Board of Directors Mtg
- 17-19 Auto Mania '97 Indoor Parts Meet,
Fairgrounds, Allentown, PA, (610) 366-
7597
- 25 Bay County Reg AACA Indoor Parts
Meet, Denton, MD, (410) 479-0872
- 28 **7:30 p.m. NVRG Directors' Meeting**

February

- 7-8 AACA Annual Meeting, Wyndham-
Franklin Plaza, Phila, PA
- 11 **7:30 p.m. NVRG Monthly Meeting**
- 25 **7:30 p.m. NVRG Directors' Meeting**

March

- 11 **7:30 p.m. NVRG Monthly Meeting**
- 25 **7:30 p.m. NVRG Directors' Meeting**

April

- 8 **7:30 p.m. NVRG Monthly Meeting**
- 17-20 Spring Carlisle
- 29 **7:30 p.m. NVRG Directors' Meeting**

May

- 2-3 AACA Museum Inc. 2nd annual
meeting, Hershey, PA
- 8-10 AACA Southeastern Division Nat'l
Spring Meet, Greenville, SC
- 10 Apple Blossom Meet, Shenandoah
Region, AACA, Winchester, VA
- 13 **7:30 p.m. NVRG Monthly Meeting**
- 27 **7:30 p.m. NVRG Directors' Meeting**

June

- 3-7 EFV8CA Eastern Nat'l Meet, Atlanta,
GA
- 6-8 Carlisle All Ford Nationals
- 10 **7:30 p.m. NVRG Monthly Meeting**
- 19-21 AACA Eastern Div Nat'l Spring Meet,
Gaithersburg, MD
- 23-27 EFV*CA Western National Meet,
Rohnert Pk, CA
- 24 **7:30 p.m. NVRG Directors' Meeting**

July

- 8 **7:30 p.m. NVRG Monthly Meeting**
- 17-19 AACA Southeast Div Nat'l Meet,
Louisville, KY
- 23-27 EFV8CA Central National Meet, Tulsa,
OK
- 29 **7:30 p.m. NVRG Directors' Meeting**

August

- 12 **7:30 p.m. NVRG Monthly Meeting**
- 26 **7:30 p.m. NVRG Directors' Meeting**

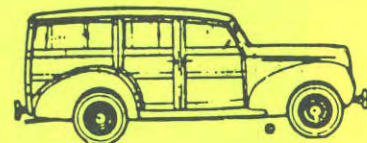
September

- TBD EFV8CA European Tour
- TBD *Lebkicker Memorial Tour*
- 9 **7:30 p.m. NVRG Monthly Meeting**
- 30 **7:30 p.m. NVRG Directors' Meeting**

October

- 14 **7:30 p.m. NVRG Monthly Meeting**
- 2-5 Fall Carlisle
- 8-11 AACA Eastern Div Nat'l Fall Meet,
Hershey, PA
- 28 **7:30 p.m. NVRG Directors' Meeting**

Please contact Don Lombard, (703) 690-7971
with corrections, omissions, etc.



Northern Virginia Regional Group
1997 Club Renewal is DUE!



\$15.00 due by January 1.
Deadline is January 31.



Newsletter will stop if not renewed.

The Early Ford V-8 Club of America rules say that you must be a current, paid-up member of the National Club to renew with NVRG.

TIME TO RENEW!

Mail your check to: **Brian Boardman**
 9023 Chestnut Ridge Rd.
 Fairfax Station, VA 22039

MEMBER ROSTER UPDATE

Names (include spouse): _____

FILL IN ONLY PARTS THAT HAVE CHANGED: NO CHANGE, CHECK HERE

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone (Home): _____ (Work): _____

Year	Model <small>(Standard, Deluxe, Super Deluxe, Custom, etc.)</small>	Engine	Body Style

IMPORTANT NOTE: Annual renewal is due January 1, with a deadline of January 31. In the past, there has been a late fee for those missing the deadline. With the increase in dues this year, the Board chose not to charge a late fee. However, if dues are not submitted by the deadline, you will be dropped from membership and all rights as a member, including mailings of the Valve Clatter, will cease on February 1. Please fill out this form and either mail your dues to our new membership Chairman, Brian Boardman (his address is above), or bring your form and dues to the December holiday party (December 7) or to the January 14 monthly meeting.



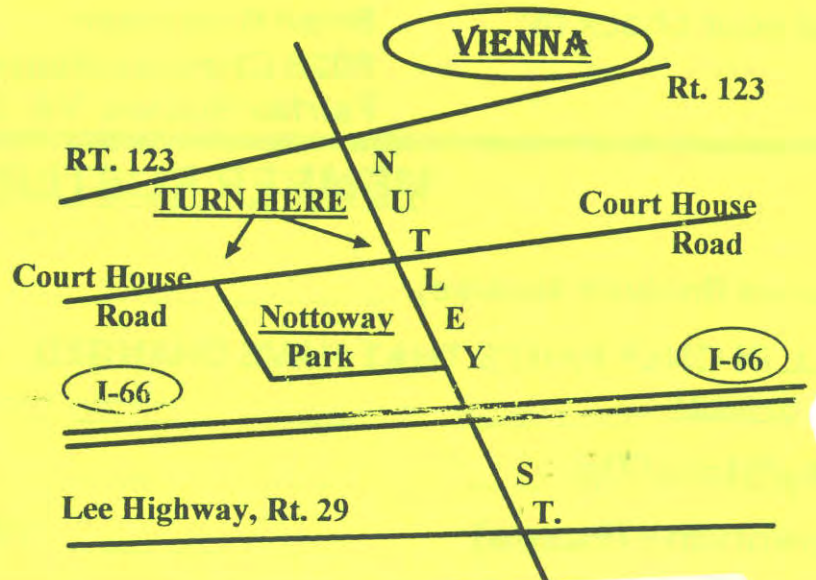
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
NORTHERN VIRGINIA REGIONAL GROUP



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Vice President :	David Blum	281-1654	Activities:	Bill Tindall	323-6151
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Monthly general Membership meetings are usually held at 7:30, the second Tuesday of each month, in historic Center House, located adjacent to the County courts, Nottoway Park, Court House Road, Vienna, Va. Check the newsletter for occasional alternate sites



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