



VALVE CLATTER



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Cliff Green, Editor



THE FIRST OF THE FLEAS

Dave Blum and Jerry's Ford provided a 15 passenger van for the trip to Frederick and the Sugar Mt. AACA Region annual Flea Market and Parts extravaganza. Nine members, pictured above, took advantage of the wheels and met at Fair Oaks Mall for the trip. This is a social event as well as parts shopping. This meet brings out the old car folks from all around to talk about what happened to their hobby over the long winter. Usually it is cold, cold, up there and the concrete floors in the fair ground building provide little warmth - but, thanks to El Nino, this event was the warmest in memory. Flea marketers were running around in short pants!!!

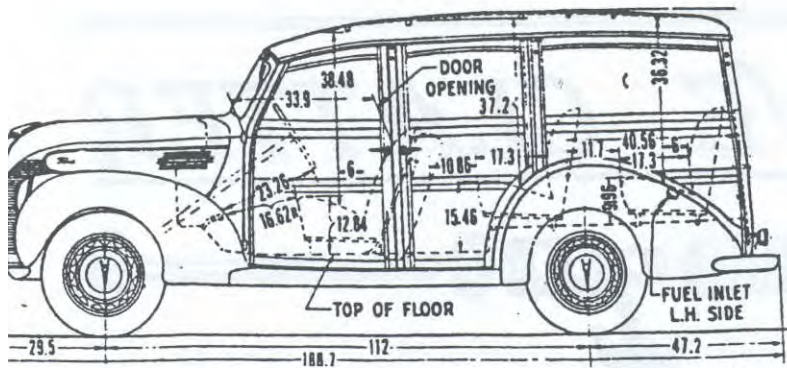
There was an excellent turn out of vendors, some of whom set up shop outdoors! There were a few interesting cars for sale including an extremely rare (3 remaining) restored 1935

Studebaker convertible with distinctive paint. A few old cars were spotted in the parking lot including Tom Shaw's 1951 Convert. Other members spotted on the grounds: Louise and Bill Vincent, Buzzy Potter, Ed Mascali, Bill and Joanne Fox.

Cliff Green bought an early K. R Wilson distributor timer - the one that is mounted on a wooden box, that he had been searching for. Hank Dubois picked up a complete exhaust system for a '35 for a reasonable price. Everyone purchased restoration supplies. Many Amsoil vendors were evident and some took advantage of the direct dealer price.

This parts meet gets the juices flowing towards another year of tooling and fooling around with our old Fords. Even though that elusive part may not be found, you never know what might turn up at this large event.

Lt to rt: Burns, Sumner, Dubois, Pres Westrate, Javaras, Green, Blum, Simos Sellev



Up front with The President

APRIL 1998

Hello to all! Well, even though we had a most remarkably mild winter, the warm temperatures of the last few days and the early spring blossoms are most welcome. The car covers are coming off, and folks are checking their oil!

The National has extended the membership incentive program for 1998 where the Regional Group is paid \$5 for each new member. New membership forms with color have been printed and look real nice. We will have some for members to put in their glove compartments. Be sure to put RG #96 in the sponsoring block so that we can take credit. Lets sign up our sons and daughters so that they will be exposed to the club for they most likely will get our cars "down the road".

Other National news: 1935-36 book goes to press with 174 pages with three color pictures of fabric and exterior colors; Touring division will be divided into two classes - new class will allow 12 volt and radial tires; 1938-39 book has completed third draft; 1999 Eastern National Meet will be held in Reading, Pa. June 2 - 5; possibility of a '46 - '48 book!

I took my front wish bone and spindles to Dwight Green in Hamilton to press in the brass bushings for the king pins. Dwight sent me across town (10 blocks) to Bill Hill at the Motor Car Garage to get a reamer to core out the new bushings. Bill who operates an antique car restoration shop took me to the old tool box, and we went through his Grandfather's reamer collection until we found the right one.

The treat of the day was a 1940 Plymouth Woody in Bill's shop, which was part of an estate. They were getting it running and ready for sale. The car was restored in 1984 and has potential. **Lars Okeson** was in Hamilton that day and also checked it out.

The trip to the AACA flea market in Frederick, Maryland this past weekend was fun. We want to thank **Dave Blum** and **Jerry's Ford** for providing a 15 passanger van. The *City of Fairfax Heritage Antique Car show* is developing very well. Please see **Tom Shaw's** report elsewhere in the newsletter. Let's have a fun season! And remember, if we all do a little, together we can accomplish a lot!

Dave



NVRG CAR SHOW UPDATE

By Tom Shaw

The City of Fairfax Heritage and Antique Car Show on May 17th is progressing nicely. We seem to be on schedule and many projects are close to completion. The Festival Committee met during the evening of March 12, at the Main Street Deli. many issues were discussed and resolved. Several glitches were dealt with such as funding for printing the registration brochures and fencing. It seems that Dave Westrate had to remind a City official about his promise and then funding was approved. Thanks Dave! The fencing issue is resolved for now. All agreed that the antique car parking lot should be encircled with fencing if we are to make any money on the show.

The Downtown Fairfax Coalition and the NVRG Committee member have been working very hard and deserve a lot of credit for their accomplishments. The Coalition has rounded up several groups to provide musical entertainment for everyone. The *Innovations* have agreed to play their specialty of jazz and oldies music. A three-piece instrumental ensemble will also play their special brand of music thought the day. Seven food vendors will be on hand. Numerous door prizes will be donated by local merchants who are members of the Coalition. Guided walking tours of Old Town will be provided by the Fairfax Museum. Free bus transportation will be provided to the Civil War Reenactment

Don Lombard has designed a very attractive antique car registration form and is about ready to go to print. These brochures will be mailed or hand delivered to the old car clubs thought the region. We will hand them out at the Winchester Show. Cliff Green plans to attend the meeting of the local car clubs to give details about the show and pass out registration forms. Dave Westrate is close to finishing the design of the dash plaque. Plans are to order 200 dash plaques. We agreed to award three trophies and they are: Mayor's Choice, Most Original (sponsored by NVRG) and Best Ford, chosen by Ted Britt Ford.

Again, I think the Festival and Antique Car show has the potential of being a very enjoyable and successful event. We need your help to ensure it's success, however. We only have two jobs that will require a lot of manpower. Help will be needed on the car registration, parking & cleanup Therefore, during the April NVRG meeting, please sign up to help on these two committees. The more help we get the shorter the work shifts need to be. Of course, we would like all driveable club cars to register! We receive 1/3 of the profits!!

DESPERATELY SEEKING A "TUESDAY WELD"

By Bill Simons

For the last year or so I began noticing a small water leak around the top of the left-hand head on my 34 tudor. In anticipation of making the drive this year to Dearborn, I thought that January was the perfect time to pull off the iron heads that have been on the car since 1979 and replace them with the nice set of aluminum heads I purchased last year. When I removed the left-hand head, it quickly became apparent why it was leaking. At the center top of the block an old weld, actually it was brazed, had collapsed and a piece of the block was actually loose and hanging by the thin strip of brass. The result was a hole in the water jacket about the size of a quarter!

Dreading the prospect of pulling out the entire engine, either to attempt repair or replace the block, I began calling machine shops to see what was possible. Most said they would not attempt repair. A couple thought it could be repaired but the block would have to be heated in an oven in order to improve the odds for success. One machine shop, *Jensen Manufacturing* in Alexandria, thought they could possibly effect a repair but wanted to see my pictures and drawing of the damage first. I showed everything to the owner, John Jensen, and I was pleased when he said he thought he could fix it. But the best part was that he felt he could accomplish the repair without removing the engine form the car!!

I wasted no time enlisting the help of **Hank Dubois** and **S.L. Ross** to get the car down to the shop on the first Monday in February, hoping for a "Tuesday Weld". It was not to be. In fact my beloved Tudor sat out in the wind and rain for three days with no hood, no heads, and no intake manifold - spread-eagle to the elements. (there was actually a small tarp over the engine compartment that must have blown off sometime during the week). Finally on Friday, the work was done, outside, with the welder standing under a beach umbrella in order to stay dry. When Hank and I arrived to pick up the car, the welder was just finishing up smoothing the block surface so the head would be able to make a tight seal. When I got the car safely home, I first drained the oil pan, where about a gallon of water poured out before the first drop of oil appeared! I spent the next several evenings rinsing the valve chamber with kerosene to clear out metal shavings left from grinding down the weld.

The next weekend I reassembled the engine and filled the block and radiator with water looking closely for leaks. On each side of the weld there appeared the very tiniest of water droplets but the quickly disappeared while the engine was running. Not satisfied, I purchased a can of *Gunk Block Sealer*, followed the direction on the can, and eliminated the droplets completely.

I have since driven the car over 100 miles at all speeds and feel confident that the repairs make will hold.

While I was desperately seeking a "Tuesday Weld", it looks as though my "Friday Weld" will do just fine and my plans to drive to Dearborn are back on schedule.

WELL! YOU ASKED FOR IT
YOU GOT IT!!!

N.V.A. HAS FINALLY GOT A CLUB
FOR YOU. THIS CLUB WILL COVER
LEESBURG, WINCHESTER, WARRENTON,
FREDRICKSBURG, AND ALL CITIES NORTH
TO THE POTOMAC RIVER.

REASON

1. FOR PEOPLE WHO WANT TO JOIN A
V-8 CLUB BUT CAN'T GO TO RICHMOND
OR MARYLAND FOR MEETINGS.
2. FOR PEOPLE WHO NEED LOCAL HELP
TO BUILD THEIR V-8 FORDS TO ORIGINAL
3. TO DO THINGS WITH OTHER V-TERS,
SUCH AS LOCAL TOURS, WORKSHOPS,
AND MEETS.
4. FOR PEOPLE TO WANT TO DO THINGS
WITH THEIR FAMILYS WITH PEOPLE
WITH THE SAME GOALS.



1ST. MEETING
FEB. 7, 1978
7:30 P.M.



FIRST MEETING WILL BE AT
MIKE GALL'S HOUSE. WE WILL AT THIS
MEETING ELECT OFFICERS AND A
BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

IF YOU NEED FURTHER INFO
CALL MIKE AT HOME AT 273-5334
THIS WILL BE YOUR CLUB SO PLEASE
PLAN TO ATTEND. WE HAVE A LOT OF
PEOPLE READY TO MAKE THIS AN EXCEL-
LENT CLUB. IF YOU CAN'T MAKE MEETING
WRITE FOR MORE INFO. GET INVOLVED
JOIN NOW!



N.Va. Regional Group
EARLY FORD V8 CLUB
P.O. BOX 24
FAIRFAX, VA. 22030

THE BEGINNINGS OF NVRG, 20 YEARS AGO.

Driving west on the interstate through Kentucky to the 1978 Grand National V8 Meet in Tulsa, Arnold Lees and myself started talking about how traffic was making it difficult to get to the meetings of the National Capitol V8 group. This came up as we were sitting afternoon back up of traffic in Lexington. The rest of the way to the meet we talked about starting a V8 club in Northern Virginia. The main problem was the close ties to our present club, but we new that we had a large group of V8 people who wouldn't drive across the river into Maryland. We decided to ask members of the National Capitol Group at the meet about our idea.

The Grand National Meet was really great with one small problem, the temperature was 100 degrees at midnight!!! So, we had time to discuss the idea indoors to stay cool. We got a very good response from fellow members. So the National Capitol Club president and I had a long talk. We decided, that at the next month's club meeting we would bring up starting a Virginia Regional Group. Well, as you can see, they thought it was a great idea and it would make both clubs stronger with more exposure.

Arnold Lees, at the time, was on the Nation Board of Directors. During the quarterly conference call, Arnold requested that we would like a charter. Arnold called me at midnight to let me know. We received a Charter for a NVRG in December 1978. Next step was for me to put an ads in newspapers and look in the V8 roster for addresses of Virginia residences to send a notice for a first meeting in January 1978.

As Arnold had to leave the club because of a major divorce, I started the club as my divorce just was beginning. The first meeting was in the basement of my house on Burke Station Road in Fairfax City and about 15 V8'ers attended. The club was good for me through this period of adjustment, plus there was more room for a meeting with no furniture except for the chairs that I had!

I feel bad that I can't be at a meeting or be involved, now that the club is really doing so great, but I'm only a phone call away in Pa. 814-276-3848. I will be driving to the Grand National this year and like in 1977, I will be thinking it is so far away to drive to a V8 meeting in Pittsburgh, that maybe I'll start an RG for the Johnstown/Altoona, Pa area for the V8'ers around here!

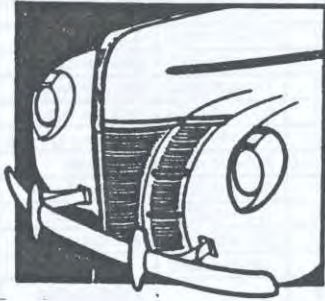
Happy V8'ing...Mike Gall

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Thanks for the sample copy of your club's newsletter, Valve Clatter. It's an excellent publication and I was especially interested in your article on "Oil Pan Attachments". Luckily, my 1940 Ford has the "Starter to Oil Pan" brace.

The major point however is that it's this attention to detail and "getting it right as Henry made it" that makes this hobby so interesting. With that thought in mind here are three other "judging" details on '40 Fords that I recently learned about the hard way at the recent Eastern National Meets.

#1 The repro bumper extensions (elephant ears) for '40's that have been around for years are excellent in appearance and quality. However, I discovered at the Connecticut Meet that they are not



exactly as Henry made them, in that they don't "curl up" around the bumper on the bottom half. Subtract 1 point each! But that's not the whole story. If you are a purist and must have restored originals the cost will be at least \$60 to \$75 easy!

#2 Speaking of missing brackets...on a '40 there are two almost invisible small holes on the top part of the frame, in the engine compartment, down by the horns. According to Bill Widenhouse, an acknowledged National authority of 1940 Fords and particularly on the subject of nuts, bolts and screws on these models, these two small holes are for anchoring two small clips that hold down the headlight/horn wiring harness. (I credit Bill as an expert in that he knows by heart the type, location, an number of fasteners used per car. This includes all engine, body and frame fasteners!) Now, I dismantled an original/original car that I've owned since 1957 and those little clips weren't there. Subtract 2 more points in Connecticut for this one. I'm convinced the Detroit plant (where my car was assembled) never installed them for any number of reasons, i.e. "early vs. Late" specs. lax inspection, etc. Indeed, this is a nit, and probably more obscure than the "starter to pan" brace.

#3 At the Atlanta Meet in 1997, I also learned that my car was missing a clamp that holds the speedometer cable to the frame. way down on the bottom of the frame, just before the cable starts climbing up to the speedo gear housing. Again, my car did not have one

of these animals for the same reasons as #2. Good-bye to another point. Interestingly, the speedometer worked perfectly for 51 years without it!

I'm sure there are even more obscure point deductions in store at future meets and I'm anxious to find out what they are because my overall goal is to get it all right, just like Henry made it.

Best regards and Happy V8ing
Ray Kunsman, Connecticut Regional Group

Ray owns three '40's - sedan, coupe and convert - all Dearborns (editor)

BLUMS BEAUTY

Editor

Dave Bum purchased a pheasant red 1947 Mercury Convertible from member **Don Youngblood**. 10,221 Merc's convertibles were produced vs. 22,159 Ford convertibles in that year. The Mercury differs from the Ford in that it has a 4" longer wheel base and rides on 15" wheels. The dash plastic is different along with the upholstery.

Dave's new car sports twin spotlights and fog lights. It is a strong runner with a newly rebuilt 100 hp engine and transmission. Bias belted polyester cord tires makes for smooth tracking. Dave intends to use the car as a driver, so look for it on our tours - he'll be the guy with the big smile!

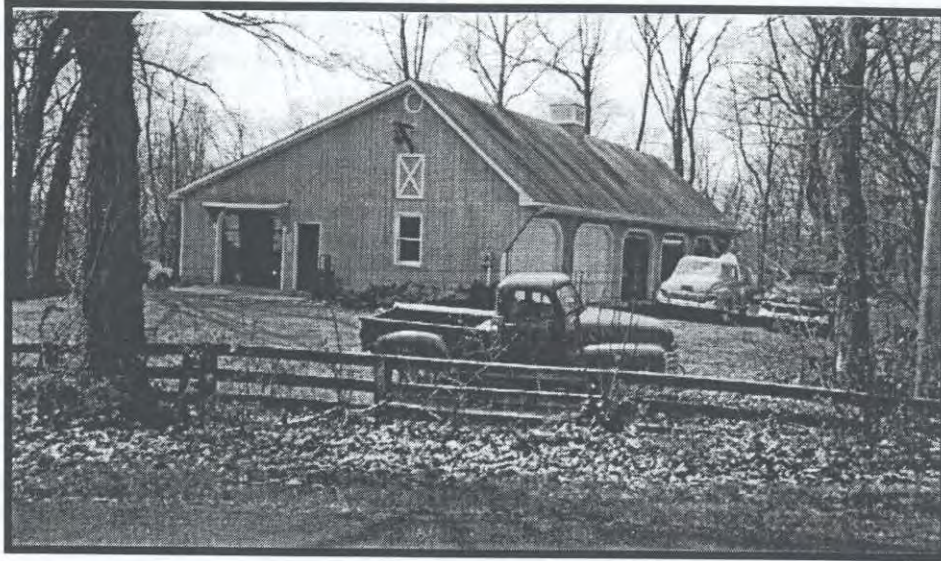


The car made a trip out to **Karl Anderson's** to scout out the April tour. **Amster, Green, Dubois** and **Blum** enjoyed the ride in the country with the top down. We were able to compare this car with a Dearborn '48 Merc convert and a '46 Merc, both in for repairs. This was a rare event, at least on the East coast, where the three years were represented together.

As of March 98		1998 Northern Virginia Regional Group						
LAST NAME	FIRST & WIFE	ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP	PHONE	CAR 1	CAR 2
Alexander	Allan, Beverly	8311 West Blvd. Dr	Alexandria	Va	22308	703-360-6488		
Anderson	Karl	Rt 3, Box 6195	Berryville	Va	22611	703-955-3765		
Amster	Hank, Bea	8543 Foal Court	Gainsville	Va	20155	703 753-9575	1941 Convert	
Arrington	Nick, Kathy	P.O. Box 738	Gainsville	Va	20156-0738	703-754-2827	1941 Pickup	1935 Roadster
Bellafaire	Mike, Judith Ann	27 Clarke Lane	Stafford	Va	22554	540-720-1729	1940 Tudor Std	
Blum	Dave, Norma	9495 Coral Crest Lane	Vienna	VA	22182	703-281-1654	1953 Linc Conv	1938 Conv Sed
Boardman	Brian, Kelli	9023 Chestnut Ridge Rd	Fairfax Station	Va	22039-3015	703-643-2661	1948 Merc Coupe	
Bowers	Jack, Millie	59 Rutherford Circle	Sterling	Va	22065	703-450-5673	1941 Tudor Del	
Bowie	Jerry, Joyce	7316 Rectors Lane	Marshall	Va	20115	703-687-6610	1940 Coupe	
Burns	Ken, Helen	10409 Stailworth Court	Fairfax	Va	22032	703-978-5939	1941 S/D S/W	1941 S/D S/W
Chandler	John, Carolyn	Rt 1, Box 6.	Kinsale	Va	22488	804-472-4837	1946 Mercury Conv	
Chase	Paul, Elias	9016 Fox Lair Dr.	Burke	Va	22015	703-978-5669	1952 Victoria	1941 S/D Sedan
Clark	Bob, Betty	4763 Tapestry Drive	Fairfax	Va	22032	703-323-5217	1936 Tudor	
Culpepper	Gariand & Kathleen	One Lynn Drive	Portsmouth	Va	23707-1013	757-393-0535	1940 Std Coupe	1936 4dr Del
Cummings	Leo	7922 Hillstream Court	Springfield	Va	22153	703-866-9707	1950 Mercury Mont.	
Darby	Bill, Nancy	11340 Gunston Road Way	Lorton	Va	22079	703-339-5299	1949 Convert	
Dawkins	Stephen, Jane	624a Fleming St	Key West	Fl	33040	703-313-8852	1947 Mercury Sed	40 Merc 4Dr Cvt
Dubois	Hank, Cynthia	3627 West Ox Road	Fairfax	Va	22033	703-476-6919	1935 3w Coupe	
Foltz	Tim	15117 Overlook Rd	Fredericksburg	Va	22407-1575			
Farkas	Micheal	7294 Opal Rd	Warrenton	Va	20186-8674	703-347-2781	1932 5w Coupe	
Fox	Bill and Jo Ann	23020 Old Hundred Rd.	Dickerson	MD	20842	301-972-8319		
Gall	Mike	Rd 1 Box 58	Osterburg	Pa	16667	814-276-3848	1936 3w Coupe	1946 2 Ton Coe
Gibson	Stephen	9128 Fowler Lane	Lanham	Md	20706-2454	301-459-5302	1940 Del Coupe	1940 Sedan Del
Green	Cliff & Sandra	6214 Militia Court	Fairfax Sta	Va	22039	703-426-2662	1940 Sta Wagon	1936 Phaeton
Hardin	Clift, Judy	10463 Dahlgren Rd.	King George	Va	22485	540-775-9524	1940 Std Tudor	1941 S/D Sta Wgn
Hill	Jerry N. & Joyce S.	P.O. Box 7110, Rt. 768	Irvington	Va	22480	804-438-5450	1940 Merc Convert	1946 2 Dr Cpe
Hinkle	John, Dorothy	609 Brush Creek RD	Winchester	Va	22603-1614	540-888-4131	1950 Tudor	
Javaras	Jason, Dolores(Dee)	6401 Harrison Rd	Fredericksburg	Va	22407	540-768-5819	1948 Del Coupe	1940 Std Coupe
Jones	David, Barbara	7680 Kinchloe Rd	Clifton	Va	22024	703-818-2723	1932 Pheaton	
Judy	Roy, Karen Lee	8489 Falling Leaf Rd	Springfield	Va	22153	703-455-4793	1933 Cabriolet	
Karr	Bob, Lucille	12212 Captain Court	Woodbridge	Va	22192	703-494-5632		
Kearney	Mike	2012 Wolftrap Oak Ct.	Vienna	Va	22182		1936 Club Cabr	
Lebkicker *	Myrtie	Rt2, Box 163h	Leesburg	VA	22075	703-771-1475	1937 Cabriolet	
Lee	Charlie, Katherine	6827 Gen. Longstreets Line	Manassas	Va	22109-2218	703-255-0904	1936 Tudor	
Lombard	Don, Tina	9505 Oak Stream Court	Fairfax Sta	Va	22039	703-690-7971	1953 Tudor	1957 Convert
Lumpkin	Tom, Beverly	13817 Mills Ave.	Silver Spring	Md	20905	301-384-7318	1936 Dix Roadster	1938 4dr Sedan
Mascall	Ed, Debbie	2015 Pimmit Dr	Falls Church	Va	22043	703-893-6429	1933 Pickup	
Mazzie	Bruce, Deborah	4904 Penny Royal Ct	Rockville	Md	20853	302-924-0347	1934 Roadster	1934 Phaeton
McDaniel	Jim, Char	6904 Loudoun Lane	Springfield	Va	22152-3335	703-569-6699	1951 Tudor	
McIninch	Dick	215 Stoney Creek W.	Nellyford	Va	22958	361-2568 Fax -	1936 Dix sedan	
Menke	Mary	8306 West Blvd DR.	Alexandria	Va	22308			
Moore	Jeannette	103 Spring Knoll Circle	Fredericksburg	Va	22405	540-373-1229	1950 Custom Tudor	
Morrison	Charles, Dorothy	704 Plum Street Sw	Vienna	Va	22180	703-938-7194	1935 3w Coupe	
Mryick	Jerrel (Butch)	1322 Madison Ave.	Front Royal	Va	22630	540-635-7725	'46 Sedan Delivery	
Okeson	Lars, Cindy	1207 Bishops Way	Reston	Va	20194	703-404-0439	1942 S/D Wgn	1952 F1
Painter	Victor	129 S. Fenwick St	Arlington	Va	22204	703-892-2441	1952 Panel	
Pendley	Jerry, Jo Ann	11905 Chapel Rd	Clifton	Va	20124-1914	703-978-8245	1940 Std Bus Cpe	1950 Tudor
Potter	Buzz, Virginia	10700 Lockland Rd	Potomac	Md	20854	301-299-9099	1936 Pheaton	1936 Std Sedan
Ross	Don, Evelyn	250 Scenic View Dr	Ft Thomas	Ky	41075	606-441-3228	1935 Cabriolet	1935 Sb Sedan
Ross	S.L., Lela	8358 Orange Court	Alexandria	Va	22309	703-360-3310	1936 Conv Sedan	1936 3w Coupe
Ryan	John	108 Tapawingo Rd S.E.	Vienna	Va	22180	703-281-9686	1932 Tudor	
Selley	William	4016 Burke Station Road	Fairfax	Va	22032	703-273-5334	1941 1 Ton Panel	
Shaw	Tom, Sarah	38756 Lime Kiln Road	Leesburg	Va	22175	703-771-9374	1947 Del Coupe	1951 Convert
Simons	Bill, Liz	4526 N 41st Street	Arlington	Va	22207	703-536-3648	1934 Roadster	1934 Tudor
Spero	Art	3459 Cornice Place	Woodbridge	Va	22192	703-491-6158	1940 Del Coupe	
Stewart	Robert, Joan	3107 Juniper Lane	Falls Church	Va	22044	703-534-4056	1946 S/D Tudor	
Sumner	Eric, Nancy	1355 Oakshire Court	Herndon	Va	22070	703-709-4164		
Sykes, Jr.	Beverly	Rt 4 Box 298	Berkeley Sprin	W. Va	25411	304-258-1858		
Tindall	Bill, Sylvia	5217 Dunleigh Glen Lane	Burke	Va	22015	703-323-6151	1948 Convert	1948 Del Tudor
Vincent	Bill, Louise	31 Beech Drive	Stafford	Va	22554-1210	540-752-0162	1940 Convert Dix	1935 Sedan Dix
Welch	Gene, Jeanne	1773 Macedonia Church Rd	White Post	VA	22663	703-869-7475	111936 coupe	
Wells	Jim, Eva	8731 Lee Highway	Merrifield	Va	22116	703-560-2846	1935 Pheaton	1937 conv. Sedan
Wenchel	John, Helen	8211 Silverline Dr.	Fairfax Sta	Va	22039	703-256-3095	1946 Pickup	
Westrate	David, Barbara	11605 Belmont Dr	Oakton	Va	22124	703-620-9597	1939 Dix Sta Wag	1939 Std Sta Wag
Whelihan	Alan, Joan	4975 Winchester Blvd.	Frederick	MD	21703	301-831-8594	1947 Linc Cont Cab	
Wild	Bob, Jane	8723 Meadows Rd	Warrenton	Va	22186	540-347-0725	1951 Convert	1949 F-1
Williams	Gilbert, Kathryn	8232 Robey Ave	Annandale	Va	22003	703-560-8829	1939 Commercial	
Youngblood	Don, Anne	9962 Mallow St	Manassas	Va	20110	703-392-0626	47 Merc Convert	

NVREG TOUR TO KARL ANDERSON'S GARAGE IN BERRYVILLE, VA AND LUNCH AT THE GENERAL STORE IN BOYCE, VA

SATURDAY APRIL 18TH



We will be leaving from Fair Oaks Mall at 10:00 and proceeding out Rt. 50 to rendezvous with western members at Gilberts Corner. The tour will proceed through Aldie and on to Snickersville Pike, a "National Highway". We will pause at the Snickersville General store in Bluemont before intercepting Rt 7 over the hill to Berryville and Karl's Garage.

Karl Anderson (our newest member) is a retired Pan Am Captain who worked as a mechanic at a chrysler/Plymouth garage prior to his flying career. His garage will be the envy of all who visit. He has an engaging personality and will offer visitors a tale or two about his experiences.



We will then proceed over the back roads to the charming town of Boyce, Va and eat lunch at the "General Store"- a period shop with all the artifacts. Other interesting antique stores are nearby. We will go home via Rt. 50.

Contact **Hank Dubois** 476-6919 for lunch reservations

SELLEY SAYS:

This past winter I had my speedometer rebuilt by : Reynolds Speedometer Repair, 4 Lobao Drive, Danvers, Ma. 01923, 978-774-6848 They were real prompt in responding to my questions and there was an approximate three week turn around on my speedo. It looks good and operates perfectly.

I took my 1940 tail pipe to: A.A. Speed & Custom, 1051f Cannon's Ct., Woodbridge, Va. 22191 703-494-1330. The passenger car tail pipe is about 10" - 12" to short for a woody or truck. They bent up a new pipe using my old one as a pattern and it came out a perfect fit and looks better than the original.

They can bend up any kind of system that you need and will install them also.



TIM FOLTZ
15117 OVERLOOK DR
FREDERICKSBURG,
VA 22407

KARL ANDERSON

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BERRYVILLE, VA 22611 540-955-3765

WELCOME BACK!

GENE & JEANNE WELCH

1773 MACEDONIA CHURCH RD.
WHITE POST, VA, 22663 540-869-7475
1936 COUPE

THANKS

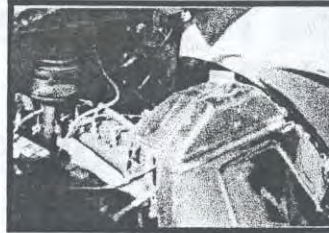
The month of February the editor was in Florida and **Bill Simons** put together the March issue of "Valve Clatter". Thanks for the help and thanks again from the club for printing and mailing our rag.

Also: Thanks to the members for contributing all the material that help make "Valve Clatter" #3 in the newsletter competition - let's shoot for #1 in '98!

1941 FORD 4 CYLINDER PICKUP

Jason Javaris took these pictures of a rare 4 cylinder '41 pickup at Hershey. From Old Cars: "For the economy minded buyer in 1941, a 120-cid, flathead four cylinder producing 30 hp could now be specified in half-ton trucks. Borrowed from Fords 9N tractor, its lugging power seemed to make it a good choice as a truck engine. Unfortunately, 30 hp wasn't enough to motivate a full-sized Ford pickup and its performance was poor. After 1942 it was gone."

In 1940 Ford offered three engines for trucks all V8's. In 1941 the choice was the 221 and 239 cid V8, a 226 cid six and the four banger.



This rare, rare, truck has 29,000 miles and original paint!

FOR SALE

650 -16 blackwall firestone tire - new, never used \$90;
slightly used 1940 tailpipe \$10 Wm. Selley 273-5334

1938 Ford Convertible Sedan - Great driver Dave Blum
256-500w 281-1654h

WANTED: Banjo steering wheel in good usable condition. Concourse condition and year unimportant.
Ed Mascali 703-893-6429

MARCH MEETING NOTES

19 members enjoyed the technical talk on water pumps presented by **Bill Simons**. **Hank Dubois** explained the mysteries of '35-'36 intake manifolds. **Pres. Westrate** won the 50/50 and rolled the proceeds back into the treasury, attaboy! Thanks to **Sarah Shaw** for the home cooked goodies!

"978" NEWSLETTER

Steve Dawkins has started a newsletter dedicated to the 1940 Mercury Convertible sedan of which there are only 978 produced. He has located 24 members, so far.

NYRG FUNDRAISER

We will be touring to *Willowcroft Winery* in Leesburg May 30th for a picnic lunch. Similar to the past times we were there, we bring the old cars and stay from about 11:00 to 4:00 and the club receives a donation. We are comitted to about TEN CARS. The winery is a delightful place to relax, picnic and socialize. Please mark that date on your calendar!

V8 CALENDARS FOR 1999 WESTERN MEET



So. Cal RG is selling beautiful 18 month calendars to help fund their 1999 Western Meet. All photos were taken at historical sights around So. Cal. and feature members cars in full color. They are \$10 and can be ordered from Wm. Selley - 273-5334

CALENDAR

April

- 2-5 Charlotte Auto Fair, Charlotte Motor Speedway
- 11-13 Hershey -in-the-Spring
- 14 **NVRG Monthly Meeting** Program: Shocks
- 23-26 Spring Carlisle
- 27 Nat'l Capital Mustang Spring Concours and All Ford Show Montgomery College
- 28 **NVRG Director's Meeting**

May

- 9 Winchester
- 8-10 AACA SE Div. Nat'l Spring Meet, Greenville, S.C.
- 12 **NVRG Monthly Meeting**
- 16 Old Dominion Meet, Hampton, Va.
- 17 **City of Fairfax Heritage Festival, Antique and New Car Show - NVRG Sponser**
- 20-23 AACA Eastern Division Tour, Annapolis, Md
- 23 Gettysburg AACA, New Oxford, Md.
22nd Antique car & Flea Market
- 26 **Meeting NVRG Director's**
- 30 **NVRG Willowcroft Winery Club fund raiser,**
1100- 400, Leesburg, Va
- 31 Marshall days, Marshall, Va.

June

- 5-7 Carlisle All Ford National
- 9 **NVRG Monthly Meeting**
- 14 Sully
- 19-20 AACA Eastern National Meet, Salisbury, Md
- 29-July 4 **EFV8CA Grand National Meet, Dearborn**

July

- 9-11 Grand natl AACA Meet , Cherry Hill, NJ
- 11 All Ford Show, Frederic Motor Co, Rt 40
Frederick, Md
- 12 **Natl Cap Reg. V8 show - Brookville, Md**
- 14 **NVRG Annual picnic, Nottaway Park**
- 24-26 Summer Carlisle
- 28 **NVRG Director's Meeting**
- Jul 31-Aug 2 35th Annual Das Awkscht Fescht,
Memoria Park, Macungie, Pa.

August

- 8 Fredericksburg AACA Show
- 11 **NVRG Monthly Meeting**
- 15 23rd Annual Tobacco Trail Antique & Classic
Car Show, Allen Pond Park, Bowie, Md.
- 22-23 Virginia Wine Festival
- 25 **NVRG Monthly Meeting**

September

- 8 **NVRG Monthly Meeting**
- 13 Mt Airy - 29 th annual Sugarloaf Region
AACA meet
- 12-13 **Annual Lebkicker Tour**
- 13 Out of the Past Review - Vern Parker's "Times
- 20 Bull Run Region AACA, Manassas, Va
- 20 Piedmont Region AACA, Charlottesville, Va.
Dick McIninch 804-361-2568
- 29 **NVRG Directors Meetingg**

October

- 1-4 Fall Carisle
- 7-10 Hershey

Call Editor for addition to this list - check date for sure!

**- CARAVAN TO WINCHESTER -
THE APPLE BLOSSOM PARADE OF NVRG V8'S
WILL LEAVE FAIR OAKS MALL
AT 7:30 MAY 9**

We want to be there early to beat the rush at the registration table
and get to the flea market!



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Monthly general membership meetings are usually held at 7:30, the *second Tuesday* of each month, in historic Hunter House, located adjacent to the tennis courts, Nottoway Park, Court House Road, Vienna, Virginia. Check the newsletter for occasional alternates sites. **SEE YOU THERE**



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