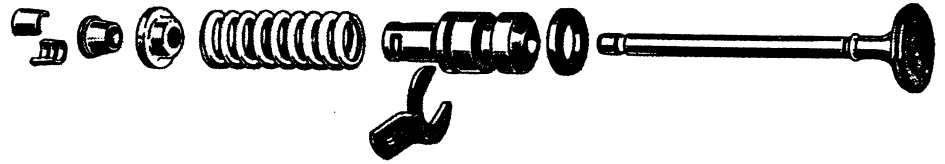




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Cliff Green, Editor

RECIPIENT OF THE 2003 GOLDEN QUILL AWARD FROM OLD CARS WEEKLY

NVRG CHRISTMAS PARTY – *Steve Pieper*

We had threatening weather on the eve of the event, but fortunately it didn't get in the way of having a great turn out. After 'Chaplin' **Hank Dubois** gave invocation, we were treated to a superb meal followed by **Jim McDaniel** and his bagpipes with a sing-along carol. Later, 'Santa' **Charlie Morrison** took over the evening's entertainment. Entertainment is an understatement as everyone howled with laughter at his antics while he conducted the Secret Santa presentation. There seemed to be fewer gifts exchanging this year, so I guess everyone was pleased with their luck. I certainly was, in that I have a '40 pick up and the gift I drew was a '40 pick up pocket watch. Fortunately, no one claimed it and it is now one of my prized pieces in my collection of '40 pick up related automobilia.





UP FRONT WITH THE PRESIDENT

January 2004

Did everyone enjoy the holidays? Or, as some would ask, "did everyone survive the holidays?" With the shopping, travel, planning, family visits, etc.,etc., the peace and tranquility of the season can be lost. In these hectic times, one needs to get out, have fun and relax and many of us did just that at Cliff and Sandra Green's annual V-8 Christmas party.(See front page) If you have never been to the event, don't let it pass you up next year. Sandra tells me that there may be a way to expand the event if the demand warrants.

It was announced at the Christmas party that your entire Board was reelected and each person has agreed to serve in the same positions as last year so get ready for another blockbuster year. One Board position that takes a real effort is the program chairmanship which is held by Dave Gunnarson. Contact Dave if you can offer any help with programs. Speaking of programs, there were several specials recently on TV related to the Wright Brother's 100 year anniversary of flight. One effort featured was "The Wright Experience". From that organization, we are privileged to have as our next speaker (January 12th) Mr. Larry Parks who will discuss the making of the Wright's propellers. It will be a good one!

Bill Vincent suffered a fall recently which required surgery. While in the hospital, Bill had a heart attack and is currently in intensive care. Our prayers and thoughts are with you, Bill and Louise.
See you all on the 13th, Steve

PS. While on travel to visit my family over the holidays, I came across two interesting places. The first was a company that reproduces 1940 Ford pick ups out of fiberglass (see photo). The second photo is a picture of a corner of one of my dad's friend's 'hobby shop' in Naples, FL. It consists of nearly 30,000 square feet of classic, hot rods, and other early automobilia. He has several nice early Ford V8's.

STEVE





Cliff Green
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November 18, 2003

Dear Cliff,

When testing my color copier after a cartridge change, I used 'something interesting' for copying, a German brochure for the 1932 German Ford V8s. Rather than toss the resultant copies (made on plain paper), I thought you may want them.

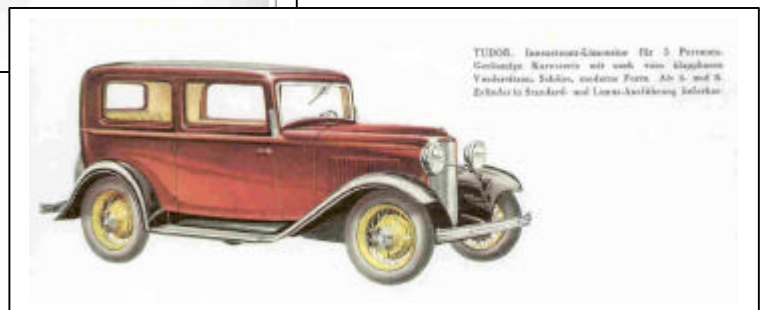
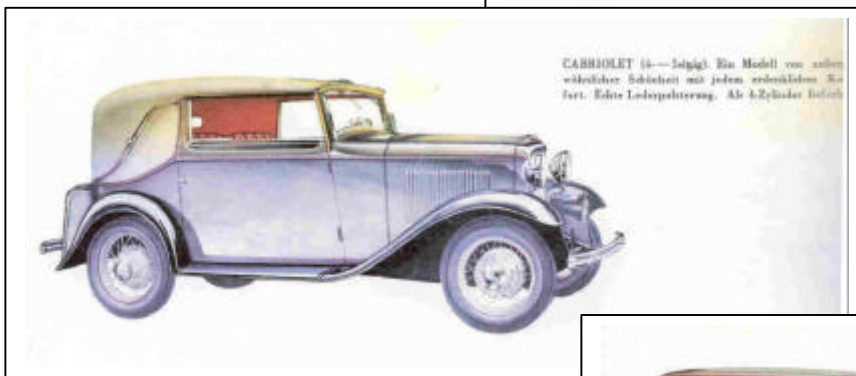
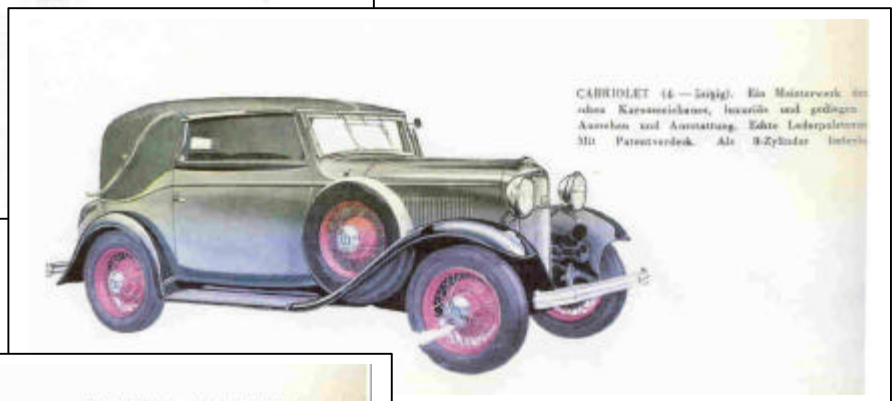
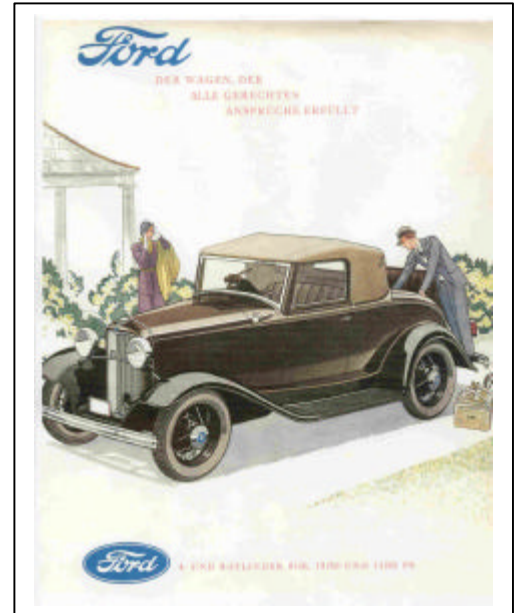
Bearing in mind the brochure is damaged, shown are several interesting German body variants. Note the tudor & fordor German pattern sedans with all doors rear hinged. Other body styles seem to be American pattern shapes.

Note also the two coach built convertibles. The middle one was built by Drauz. Ken Tibbot restored a car like this and it is illustrated on page 44 of the Sept/Oct '03 issue of the V8 TIMES. It was shown at Pebble Beach, no less. These coachbuilt German cars were heavy and the folded top restricted rear vision, but they reeked quality. A '32 four window convertible by Deutsch is shown on page 45, but was not shown in the Ford brochure. The bottom convertible in the brochure seems to be listed with a 4 cylinder engine. The Drauz car is listed with a V8. Interesting. The increasing power of the Nazi Party in Germany in the 1930s made life difficult for the German Branch of the Ford Motor Company. Difficult days for the whole world.

Do you read German ?

Keep or toss.

Kind regards,



TECH TIP - TALE OF THE TAIL PIPE

ALWAYS LEARNING

Editor

The woodie has a low-pressure area behind the tailgate and exhaust fumes would be faintly present – no big deal if the proper windows were rolled down. This never satisfied my wife who is hyper sensitive to such odors (garage smells). It became unpleasant for her to ride with me and it finally came to a head when she refused to come along until something was done.

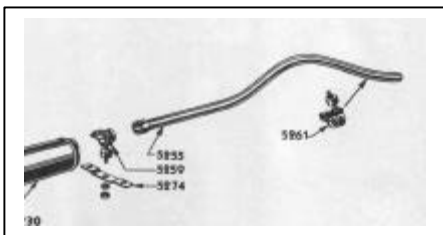
My early solution was to install one of the exhaust deflectors that are produced by Carpenter with the V8 on the top (unauthorized accessory, two point deduction). This helped with the windows down. When on the 1999 Lebkicker tour



out in the valley, we stopped to visit and tour Bob Wild's garage. I mentioned about the fumes still vaguely present. His son-in-law attached an extension on to the tail pipe which fixed the problem.

Bill Selley was having a tail pipe made up for his panel truck longer than stock. That sounded like a good idea, so I took mine off and had one bent up 9" longer. Now things looked and smelled good.

Come to find out, through emails with a new '40 woodie owner in Tenn, that he investigated the tailpipe issue also. In the 1938-39-40 Chassis parts book, Feb 1940, there is one part number (91A-5255) that fits all. Looking in the "Green" book Nov 1950, there is a Muffler Outlet and Extension Pipe Chart. Here the 91A pipe (80" long) fits all '40's except the pickup. There is also a 48- pipe (82" long) that also fits 1935-40. Reading down the list one notes that the '41 station wagon tailpipe is a separate item, being 6" longer than the passenger. Hummm! Did Ford engineering finally correct the problem for '41?



What happened to '40? Well, looking still further to the last item on the chart, on the next page, there is a 91AS-5263, 7.36" for the 1939 and '40 station wagon. There is an asterisk beside the part number, and on the bottom of the page = "Use as extension pipe"....VOILA! Apparently, there were complaints just like my wife's back in '40 and Ford did come out with a fix. Always learning!

BTY – the original outside diameter of the tailpipes from 1932 – 1937 is 1 1/2", from 1938-41 – 1 5/8", 1942-48 – 1 3/4". The pipe benders only have 1 3/4" these days. I have no info on the 1949-53.

LADIES PAGE



Ford Motor Company, in 1936, began to recognize that women were driving cars and becoming an important factor in the decision to buy them. This picture taken from one of 44 pages of the 1936 "Factograph" illustrates a step that new direction. The "Factograph" was a salesman aid –26" x 35" flip charts on an easel to help point out important features to the customer. The 1936 "Factograph" is a very rare item, only four examples are known to exist. The dealer optioned to buy them for \$2 and then threw them away when the new year came out.

This page emphasizes the "Ease of Control". The new 1936 improved the steering effort by increasing the ratio to 17 to 1. The earlier cars were very difficult to turn for the ladies – so this new feature is listed number 1 on the list. Not power steering, mind you, but noticeably easier.

Note the other adjectives on the poster: "convenient and restful, easy to operate, finger tip headlights, slight foot pressure, more leg room, and more knee room" – pointed directly at the woman customer driver.

Also in 1936, women were becoming more prominent in the Ford advertising, being seen in a sporting background with a youthful appearance.

Editor

EMAIL BAG

Jim Roebuck

Hello, Mr. Cliff,

You'll probably get a lot of comments and messages about this over the next few days/weeks...

Got the latest (Vol. 40 No. 6, Nov.-Dec. 2003) issue of the "V8 Times" in the mail. That's a great picture of your fine old '36 Phaeton on the cover. I'm guessing you must have taken that picture some time after one of last season's snow storms. VERY classy.

In the "In Transit" page description of your car, the description of that rear cowl was most interesting. You're very lucky to have that. That and the Columbia - that's super. (Radio, too, I'll bet...?)

I love -looking- at those old roadsters and Phaetons, but for comfort! You can probably guess from my "ol' Bartholomew" that closed cars are my thing. (Some day, I'd like to get a '23 Ford Fordor, the first year Ford ever made a four-door sedan...) (Have you ever ridden in a rumble seat? I don't think I ever want to!)

Dave Westrate

Club member, Bob Stewart ("Stew") sent me copies of interesting 1931 correspondence about a prize he won for building a model coach. "Bob the (Coach) Builder" won 50 bucks, which was a lot of money in 1931. The model was sent to Detroit for a national competition.

He told me that he had to learn many skills, including metalworking on a lathe, woodworking, upholstery and painting. He rode his bike to visit craftsman and ask them how to do what he needed to learn.

I asked him what ever happened to it. He responded that when he deployed to serve in the Pacific in the Second World War, he left the model coach in a bag with 2,000 Indian Head pennies in the hallway in his house. He never saw coach again; and, I assume the same is true for the pennies.

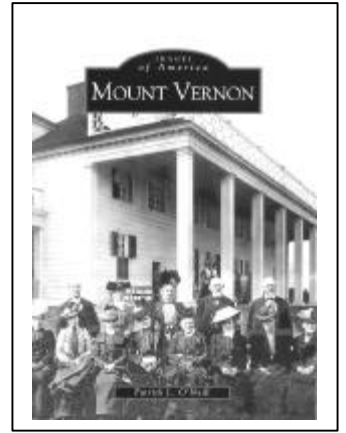
His 46 Ford eventually went to Japan with him. I guess he was born with cars in his bones.

Dick Mcinich

Just a note about a Fall Tour for the V-8 Club. The Wintergreen Performing Arts is having a Rock'n Roll concert on Sept 18 at Wintergreen. The show includes a car show and concert by the Fabulous Hubcaps ('50's and '60's music). If you display your car, you will get a discount on your tickets for the show. The club could drive down on Friday or early on Saturday morning in time to have your cars on the show field about 12:00 with the concert at 3:00. There are rooms available at the Mountain Inn at the top of the mountain. So put the 18th of Sept. on your calendar for 2004 and come see a great car show, concert and get a tour in also. Please let me know if the club is going to come so I can have a head count as there is only so much space on the show field. Thank you.

Patrick O'Neil

I just published my first formal book, entitled "Images of America: Mount Vernon" by Arcadia Publishing. It is a photo book on Mount Vernon and the immediate area around the estate. I was referred to the publisher by Mount Vernon to write the book, so I am flattered.



To let you know, there is a Flathead Ford V-8 in the acknowledgements! I put the photo of Mildred near Seneca Rocks, West Virginia in there!!!!!!

Jason Javaras

Cliff; No inputs for the ValveClatter but Bill Vincent is still hospital bound in serious condition and any cards to his address would be greatly appreciated. I will be in Seattle for a couple of weeks to support my daughter who is heavy with child and light with husband (Iraq) so any support for Louise would be greatly appreciated.

Jim Roebuck

Guys and gals,
Something "Mr. Cliff" wrote to us about some months ago is true in spades now: If you're interested in going to the Eastern Meet at the Holiday Inn in Frederick in June, get your reservations in NOW. It's Wednesday, June 16 through Saturday, June 19 (to leave the morning of the 20th). I finally remembered to get a reservation just a few minutes ago, and they're pretty tight.

So don't delay any more if you plan to go - the Frederick Holiday Inn's 800 number is (800)868-0094, and their regular number is (301)694-7500. Hope 2 C U there!

Al Edwards

Acrobat is a bit finicky. The best procedure for members to follow is to start the download -- following the exact procedures you have outlined, then *go get a cup of coffee* (or whatever other refreshment will help smooth one's patience). If you come back and the VC has mysteriously appeared in the Acrobat Window, then, viola! You can go ahead and print it out. Make sure you click on the printer icon within Acrobat, not the icon at the top bar of the window.

If not, I have the VC on my computer now and would be happy to email a copy of it to anyone who wants one that way. Then all they have to do is download it and double click on it and it will load itself into Adobe Acrobat and can be printed out. They can also email me at AlFromVA@aol.com (not my regular email) or call me at 703-759-2604 (home) and I'll try to talk them through any problems they might be having.

**NORTHERN VIRGINIA REGIONAL GROUP
EARLY FORD V8 CLUB OF AMERICA
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
January 1, 2003-December 31, 2003**

	2003 Actual	2003 Budget
<u>INCOME:</u>		
Dues for Year 2003	\$1435.00	\$1200
50/50 Share	244.50	175
Fairfax City Car Show Income	\$ 1228.00	\$1000
Less Car Show Expense	<u>976.96</u>	<u>100</u>
Net Car Show Income	251.04	900
Accessories & Clothing Sales	\$ 1336.00	\$1500
Less Cost of Purchases	<u>838.09</u>	<u>600</u>
Net Accessory/Clothing Income	497.91	900
Fund Raiser-Willowcroft Winery	100.00	100
Miscellaneous- Award for Recruiting	<u>10.00</u>	<u>-0-</u>
<u>TOTAL NET INCOME</u>	<u>\$2,538.45</u>	<u>\$3,275</u>
<u>EXPENSES:</u>		
Christmas Party	\$ 588.64	\$ 800
Contribution-EFV8 Foundation	375.00	-0-
Newsletter	208.17	100
Picnic-Social	238.95	500
Post Office Box	100.00	100
Tour Expense	106.78	100
Printing, Supplies	62.18	150
Postage	<u>476.90</u>	<u>600</u>
<u>TOTAL EXPENSE</u>	<u>\$ 2,156.62</u>	<u>\$2,350</u>
 <u>PROFIT FROM OPERATIONS, YEAR 2003</u>	 <u>\$ 381.83</u>	 <u>\$ 925</u>

Bank Balance, January 1, 2003, From Year 2002 Statement	\$ 5,498.66
Less Year 2003 Dues Included in Balance	<u>945.00</u>
	4,553.66
Add Profit from 2003 Operations as Above	<u>381.83</u>
	\$4,935.49
Adjustments: Add Prepaid 2004 Dues Not Included Above	<u>855.00</u>
<u>Bank Balance, December 31, 2003</u>	<u>\$5,790.49</u>

TREASURER'S COMMENTS ON THE YEAR 2003 FINANCIAL OPERATIONS

The Statement of Operations for the year 2003 is shown above. Our results show a profit from operations of \$381.83 for the year. We still have a small clothing inventory on hand for sale to members. The end result shows another successful financial year for the club. Our club's success this year should not be measured by dollars, but can be attributed to a record increase in membership and participation in club activities. We look forward to another great year in 2004

Respectfully Submitted: *Hank Amster*, Treasurer

BACK PAGE PICTURE

Ken Burns submitted this picture of the Presidential Inn in Conway, NH. If you look closely at the car behind the Chevy it looks similar to the two in Burns' garage.

I looked up the Inn on the Internet to find some history. There is only advertisement for it's current operation as an "Adventure B&B". A two person Jacuzzi is in every room with names like "Love Shack, Cave, Roman Spa, etc". Is anything sacred anymore? At least the place has not burned down!!

TREASURER REPORT

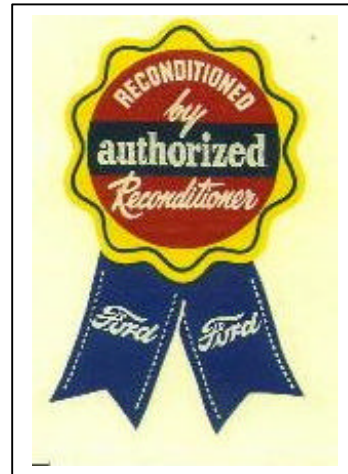
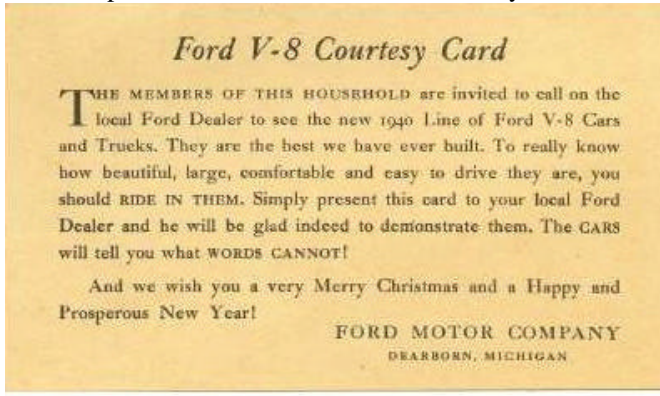
With all the newsletters that the editor receives, NVRG is the only one that publishes a statement of operations. All other clubs keep their bank account a secret unless you attend the

meetings. Hank Amster is our longest serving member of the BOD and has always done a terrific job in keeping the books and controlling the budget.

ON LINE

More and more of our members are downloading the color addition of the VC and appreciating the ability of enlarging the copy and having the option of printing or not. They enjoy the edition 4-5 days sooner then the Black & white.

Hemmings, who hosts our web site, does not allow ads in the newsletters. So they will be sent directly to all members. Clips are included here instead.



Say, Edsel, where are we going?

Sounds like fun!

We are going on a garage tour of Bob Burke's in Catlett, Va. He lives on Fordy Lane with a big collection of cars and parts. He will have coffee and donuts, too.

Meet at Fair Oaks at 9am, Jan 24, snow date Jan 31. Lunch afterwards in Haymarket. H. Dubois for details



V8 CALENDAR NVRG



January

- 13 General Membership Meeting. Program: "Making new Wright Brother's flyers propellers" Larry Parks of the Wright Experience Refreshments: Dave Gunnarson
- 24 Garage tour : Bob Burke, Catlett, Va. Meet at Fair Oaks Holiday Inn, 9am. Info Hank Dubois 703-476-6919 Snow date Jan 31
- 27 NVRG Board of Directors meeting 7:30

February

- 10 General Membership meeting. Program: "More Sand in my Carburetor" Charlie Morrison. Refreshments: Ken Burns
- TBA NVRG special tour of new Air & Space, Dulles
- 24 NVRG Board of Directors meeting
- 26-29 Atlantic City

MARCH

- 9 General Membership Meeting. Program: Paint Systems Refreshments: Hank Dubois
- 30 NVRG Board of Directors
- 27 & 28 Frederick Flea Market (Sugar Loaf AACA Parts Meet)

APRIL

- 1-3 Charlotte Auto Fair at Lowes Motor Speedway
- 13 General Membership Meeting Program: Lock and Keys – Jim Crawford Refreshments: Butch Myrick
- 22-24 Spring Carlisle



JANUARY 13TH MEETING

Speaker will be Larry Parks of the Wright Experience, Warrenton, VA. He is the craftsman who makes the propellers for the Wright Brothers flyers.

Refreshments: Dave Gunnarson



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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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