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City of Fairfax  
The Heart of the Capital Area

**MAY 21, 2005**

**ANTIQUE CAR SHOW**

### MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SHOW – DAVE WESTRATE

This years Fairfax City Car Show was the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual and a wonderful success. I hope that you enjoyed the event. We had over 100 cars and a great turn out of the public. This year we had the Fairfax City Fire Department's education truck, which was a great addition.

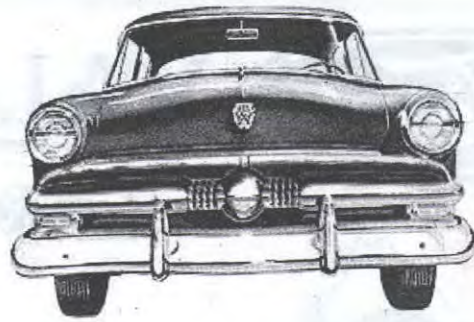
We had several teams that enhanced the efficiency of the show. Don Lombard handled registration, Cliff Green arranged for 20 trophies and managed judging; Dave Gunnarson did a great job with parking; Eric Sumner managed the 50/50 for the

Armed Forces Retirement Home in Washington D. C.; Hank Dubois was the team leader on signs.

Once again thanks to all the team leaders and all those who volunteered to be on the teams and worked other duties. Membership participation makes this work. Thanks Again.







## UP FRONT WITH THE PRESIDENT

### JUNE 2005

Great car show, guys! We really lucked out with the weather and the NVRG took full advantage of it. The show went very smoothly and reflected much better organization than last year. We had phenomenal representation by the club membership. I stopped counting when I got to thirty members. That's a terrific response and members stayed on the job for the entire show. The 50:50 raffle, which as new this year, was well received and we were successful in raising funds for the Armed Forces Retirement Home's car show. In addition, as Vern Parker remarked, the quality of cars was noticeably higher than in previous years. Once again we had a large array of trophies for the winners and this year, the Mayor of Fairfax was on hand, not only to select the Mayor's Choice but to hand it out to the lucky winner. Several members of the NVRG received trophies and I'm sure there is a list of the winners elsewhere in this newsletter.

I hesitate to single out anyone for their hard work at the car show, since so many did so much, but I have to mention **Dave Westrate** for his hard work and dedication to organizing this event; **Don Lombard** for handling the pre-registration and organizing the registration on the day of the show; and **Cliff Green** for working with sponsors to get support for all those trophies. Several members brought more than one car to the show and that takes extra effort. Thanks to everyone for all the things they did to make the show a success. It was a real team effort.

How do I know it was a success? Several ways. First, everyone seemed to be having a good time and enjoying the day. In addition, several parents came up to the registration table as they were leaving and thanked the club for having such an event. They said how nice it was to have an event for their families that didn't cost an "arm and a leg." That's good to hear because the kids in those families represent the future of the old car hobby. A final way occurred at the Silver Diner later that evening. After the show, Patty and I were too tired to cook. (For me that's not new—I'm usually "too tired" to cook.) Since the '53 Ford was already cleaned and ready to go, we decided to go to the Silver Diner. To our surprise, we counted twelve cars there that had been at our show that afternoon, including two trophy winners with their trophies occupying a place of honor in their cars. After enjoying a meal, we sat in lawn chairs and listened to conversations around us. A young guy in his Mustang (about a 1966) was regaling his companion about the great car show he had just come from. He was talking about the great cars, the great band and the great setting. And, no he wasn't one of the trophy winners but he concluded with a comment that made my day. He said, "Now, THAT was a CAR SHOW!" I couldn't agree more.

So, what is coming up for the next month? Well, the Board has already met and discussed what worked well and what can be improved for next year's show. Jack Sweet is going to give us a program on the high-priced Ford, the Lincoln, at the next membership meeting. Don't forget there is a change of location for the June meeting. We will be meeting at the Clark House. (Directions are located elsewhere in this newsletter.) And, one more thing to remember, the Sully Car Show is coming up. The NVRG will be meeting at its traditional spot, the large shade tree on the northwest corner of the plantation house, for an informal picnic.

Hope to see you there,

JOHN

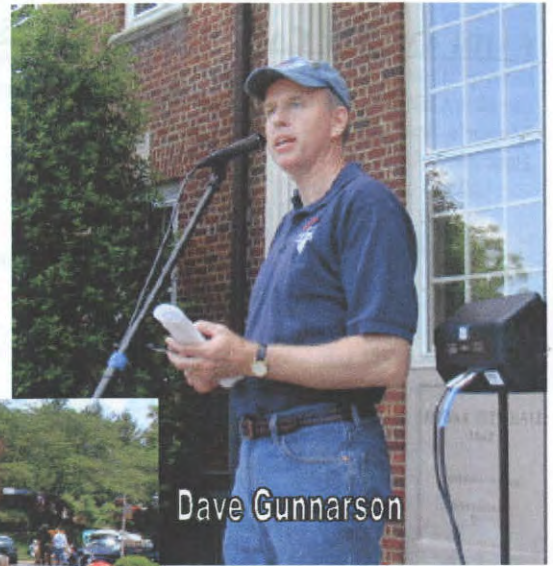




Vern Parker

Dave Westrate

Best of Show  
'39 Woodie



Dave Gunnarson



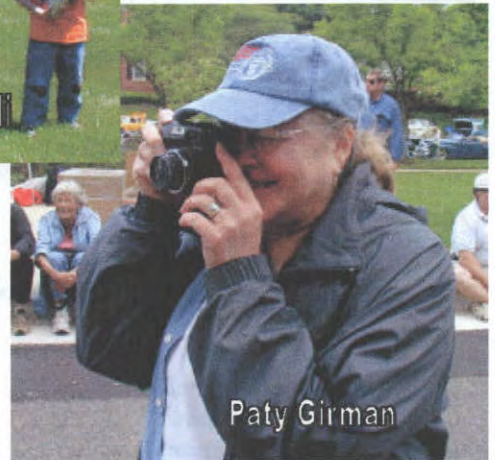
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S.L. Ross, Grandson, Hank, Jason

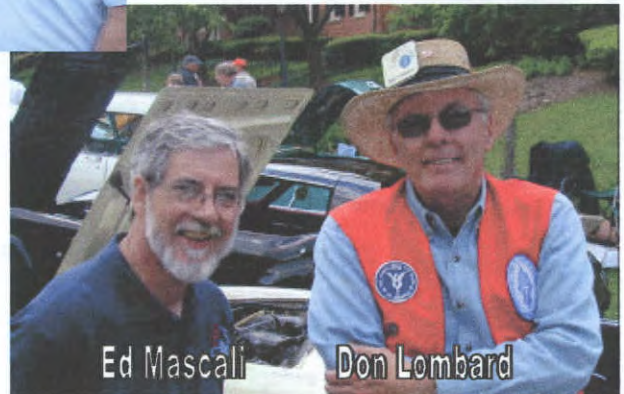


Paty Girman



Frankie Martin

Tom Shaw



Ed Mascali

Don Lombard



## FAIRFAX CITY CAR SHOW RESULTS

Best of Show (Vern Parker) 1939 Woodie – **Dave Westrate**  
Peoples Choice – 1933 Cadillac – **Jim and Edna Cross**  
Mayor's Award – '57 Corvette

Best Early Car – Model T center door

'30's – 1936 Cadillac four door convert

Model A open – 1931 Phaeton

Model A closed – 1930 four door

'40's – 1941 Super Deluxe Station Wagon – **Ken Burns**

'50's – 1955 Packard Caribbean

'60's – 1961 Ford Thunderbird

'70's – 1971 Oldsmobile 44

Modified – 1965 Mustang

Custom – 1951 Ford Tudor

Commercial – 1936 Chevie Pickup - **Ben McDonald**

Foreign – 1963 VW Convertible

Ford Product – 1940 Lincoln Cont. – **Red Vaughn**

GM Product – 1967 Pontiac GTO

Paint – 1955 Chevie Belair tudor

Most Original – 1947 Ford Coupe – **Jason Javaras**

## TECH TIP

*Thanks to Ray Kunsman*

The product began from a search for a rust preventative solvent and degreaser to protect missile parts. WD-40 was created in 1953 by three technicians at the San Diego Rocket Chemical Company. Its name comes from the project that was to find a "water displacement" compound. They were successful with the fortieth formulation, thus WD-40.

Here are some of the uses:

- Protects silver from tarnishing.
- Cleans and lubricates guitar strings.
- Gives floors that 'just-waxed' sheen without making it slippery.
- Keeps flies off cows.
- Restores and cleans chalkboards.
- Removes lipstick stains.
- Loosens stubborn zippers.
- Untangles jewelry chains.
- Removes stains from stainless steel sinks.
- Removes dirt and grime from the barbecue grill.
- Keeps ceramic/terra cotta garden pots from oxidizing.
- Removes tomato stains from clothing.
- Keeps glass shower doors free of water spots. >
- Camouflages scratches in ceramic and marble floors.
- Keeps scissors working smoothly.
- Lubricates noisy door hinges on vehicles and doors in homes.
- Gives a children's play gym slide a shine for a super fast slide.
- Lubricates gear shift and mower deck lever for ease of handling on riding mowers.
- Rids rocking chairs and swings of squeaky noises.

- Lubricates tracks in sticking home windows and makes them easier to open.
- Spraying an umbrella stem makes it easier to open and close.
- Restores and cleans padded leather dashboards in vehicles, as well as vinyl bumpers.
- Restores and cleans roof racks on vehicles.
- Lubricates and stops squeaks in electric fans.
- Lubricates wheel sprockets on tricycles, wagons and bicycles for easy handling.
- Lubricates fan belts on washers and dryers and keeps them running smoothly.
- Keeps rust from forming on saws and saw blades, and other tools.
- Removes splattered grease on stove.
- Keeps bathroom mirror from fogging.
- Keeps pigeons off the balcony. (they hate the smell)
- Removes all traces of duct tape.
- I have even heard of folks spraying it on their arms, hands, and knees to relieve arthritis pain.
- Florida's favorite use was "cleans and removes love bugs from grills and bumpers.
- The favorite use in the State of New York--WD-40 protects the Statue of Liberty from the elements.
- WD-40 attracts fish. Spray a LITTLE on live bait or lures and you will be catching the big one in no time. Also it's a lot cheaper than the chemical attractants that are made for just that purpose. Keep in mind though, using some chemical laced baits or lures for fishing are not allowed in some states.
- Use it for fire ant bites. It takes the sting away immediately, and stops the itch.
- WD-40 is great for removing crayon from walls. Spray on the mark and wipe with a clean rag.
- Also, if you've discovered that your teenage daughter has washed and dried a tube of lipstick with a load of laundry, saturate the lipstick spots with WD-40 and rewash. Presto! Lipstick is gone!
- If you sprayed WD-40 on the distributor cap, it would displace the moisture and allow the car to start.

WD-40, long known for its ability to remove leftover tape mung (sticky label tape), is also a lovely perfume and air freshener! Sprayed liberally on every hinge in the house, it leaves that distinctive clean fresh scent for up to two days! Seriously though, it removes black scuff marks from the kitchen floor! Use WD-40 for those nasty tar and scuff marks on flooring. It doesn't seem to harm the finish and you won't have to scrub nearly as hard to get them off.

Just remember to open some windows if you have a lot of marks. Bug guts will eat away the finish on your car if not removed quickly! Use WD-40!

**Word of caution: do not use it where you intend to paint – Silicone will cause "fish eyes" in the paint!**





## WILLOWCROFT WINE TOUR

John Girman

Six Fords from the NVRG made it out to Willowcroft Winery for a pleasant day in the sun on May 7th: Don Lombard in his '57 convertible; Tom Shaw in his '51 Ford convertible; Frank Martin in his '51 Ford sedan; Ken & Helen Burns in their '41 Woody; Hank & Cindy in their '35 coupe and Patty Girman and myself in our '53 hardtop. Greg Mensinger also joined us. The day couldn't have been nicer and the wine supplied by Amy Parker, the winery co-owner quickly disappeared. Everyone picnicked and enjoyed cake in honor of Patty's birthday, which really was that day. Tom brought out some horseshoes, quickly drove in some stakes and organized some games.



Lew Parker, the other winery co-owner, gave us a tour of the winery and spent quite a bit of time describing the trailer housing a combination bottle washer and sterilizer, bottler, corker, and labeler. This complicated piece of machinery is owned by a cooperative formed by several nearby wineries and just happened to be at the winery that day. All in all, we enjoyed the good company of fellow V8ers on a really great spring day.



First we stomp the grapes with our feet

The new addition we had this year was that Tom Shaw brought a Horseshoe Game which was enjoyed by Greg, Frankie, and Tom. Also, the portable bottler trailer owned by a consortium of 6 wineries, 3 each in MD and in VA was on site. Lew Parker gave us an explanation of its operation. We also celebrated Patty Girmans birthday!

## WINCHESTER

Unusually fine weather greeted the NVRG members who ventured out to the Apple Blossom Meet at Winchester. Seen in the area were were Von Hardesty with his Buick, Hank Amster in his '41, Green in his '36 Phaeton, Jason & Dee Javaras with a '65 Ford, Dave Blum '39 Linc Zeph,



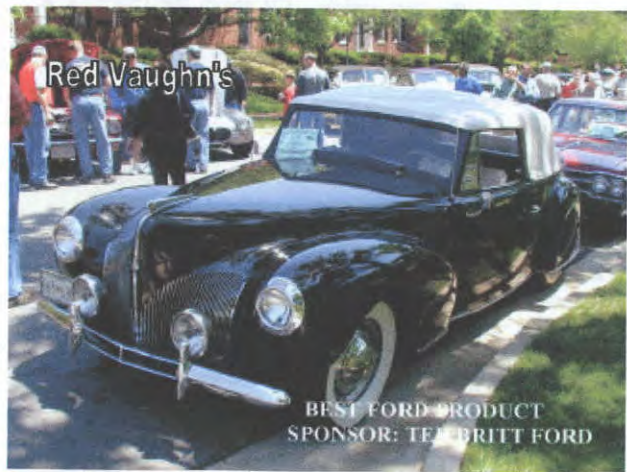
Amster, Judy, Green, Javaras

Jerry Lunt with a brand x, Gene Welch with two '36 Fords, Tom Shaw '51 convert. Roy Judy was viewing, Chad & Evelyn Coombs, Bob Wild and Ben McDonald were vending and Louise Vincent looked beautiful!



Dave Blum tools away in his crowd pleaser.

## ANOTHER LINCOLN



Red Vaughn's

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## EMAIL BAG

*Von Hardesty*

I am tempted to write another piece for the VC on the "hot and controversial" topic of hot rods. Recently, on cable TV I came across a program where an old '36 Ford coupe—an original, if weathered, survivor from the past—was taken apart for the purpose of creating a hot rod. The guys who gleefully dismantled the old coupe were young and, I would guess, not too aware of the gem in their possession. I am not philosophically opposed to hot rods, but I am keenly aware that many fine old cars are on the endangered lists these days; we live in a muscle car era and interest in the cars of the 1930s and 1940s is waning. When I was in high school these old cars were in abundance and the modification of them into hot rods or customized cars did not seem so out of place. I am less sanguine about that sort of thing today, largely because of the finite number of old cars still around. I remember the letter you and others wrote to save that old Ford a few years ago. It is one thing to take a real basket case and modify it. However, it is not the same to take a complete or near complete car that could be restored. Saying these things, of course, might anger some, who react negatively to those who criticize the hot rod passion as supposed "purists," or whatever. I guess I would describe myself as a "traditionalist" on these matters, hoping that the popular hot rod and customizing trend will remain in bounds. I think, too, about the ultimate fate of your '35 Ford, whether it will remain more-or-less close to its original aspect or find itself someday in a customizing shop (we are, at best, custodians of these antique vehicles and we cannot guarantee their survival). Being at a museum only heightens my sense of concern about preservation and I realize there is a generational factor at play on how we line up on this issue. Please excuse my musings over the lunch hour.

*Ray Papciak*

*President, EFV8 Club of America*

Your newsletter is fantastic...one of the beauties of an on-line letter is COLOR! The content is great, as well. Please keep me on your newsletter distribution. I travel frequently to Washington, DC, and it may be possible to visit with your group on a Sunday outing...I'll check the calendar in the newsletter, and see when I might be "in town!" Many thanks for good reading.

*Tom Shaw*

I thought you might want to see the somewhat sad 53 sedan that I bought recently. I have stripped most of the stainless, front and rear bumpers, upholstery and got the engine running a little better than when I bought the car. It blows a little smoke and is a 8BA. I am negotiating with Ben Macdonald for 1953 block that is supposed to be rebuildable. This is a fairly solid car that wail need a total restoration. A friend said he would help me with patch panels and another promised to help me sand blast the

body. I have infirmly named the car, I'll tell you in person it's name.



*--Steve Pieper*

I wonder if Eric's new home purchase is news worthy.... something titled 'keeping it in the club' ....just like the cars? Actually, that sparks an idea for a possible future article on 'What the Club Means To Me' where different members contribute a paragraph or two on what the club has done for them or what contacts have come out of their involvement, or what personal support has come from member friendship, etc., etc.,.... you know, things other than just the common Ford cars connection....just a thought  
*Eric Sumner bought Steve Pieper's house – Editor*



## FORD MEMORABILIA



Here we have a advertisement that appeared on billboards around the country. Nothing like a pretty girl to call attention to the car!



## A Royal Collector Motors On

*Steve Dawkins*

The death of Prince Rainier of Monaco takes one of the greatest old car collectors from this earth. His museum in Monaco contains a superb collection of antique cars, European and American, and is open to all. They are in flawless condition and attractively displayed.

A small sign by each car not only identifies the car, but the person who donated it to the prince. Judging from the array of French, Italian, German, and English names of the donors, it suggests that one way to gain entrée to His Royal Highness was to donate an appropriate antique car. All having been negotiated in advance, of course.

The donor was then most likely able to establish his Monaco corporation, pay no local taxes, and evade taxes from the donor's home country. If favors do result, then keeping beautiful antique cars at the peak of their allure is not all bad.

## JUNE MEETING REPORT

*Eric Sumner*

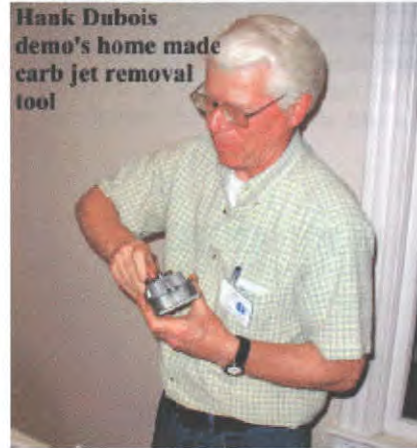
Once again our popular show and tell program was a success. As in the past, members were encouraged to bring in their latest swap meet treasures and rare pieces that don't normally see the light of day. This time around we threw a wrench in the works, literally. We asked for tech tips and special tools, many home made.



*Bob Hellems shows the roll around engine stand and engine adapter for rotating stand that he made up*

Blinded by brilliance, we were presented with tools and ideas that showed the true depth of knowledge and ingenuity within our club. Spark testers, pin strippers, engine dollies, engine stands, lock cylinder rebuild jigs, carburetor jet tools, piston pin removal tools, all of which were home made and worked as if KR Wilson had produced them himself. We were also treated to antique head light aimers, curb feelers, and some stunning examples of Worlds Fair memorabilia. One piece in particular, a serving tray from

the 1934 worlds fair finished in 1934 Ford dash wood grain, in mint condition.



**Hank Dubois demo's home made carb jet removal tool**

What makes a club great, like our own, is the free exchange of ideas and knowledge gained over the years. Some by the "school of hard knocks", others past down from those more experienced. So, the next time your out in the garage and you've run up

against a problem that has you on the verge of buying a Chevy, turn to your club with your questions. Chances are some has been in your shoes and has made a tool to get you on the road again. As program director I would like to thank all who shared with us. I can't wait till the next one.

## LADIES PAGE



Wow! How about this "Miss Unsafe Brakes" in the skeleton suit? I wonder how much they paid her to climb in this get up and give a talk about unsafe brakes? The device that she has in her hand must rotate around the brake drum and then stopped using new brake shoes than old worn ones to show the difference. She must have gotten the attention of all the men at this trade show.

This picture was pulled from the web about automobile shows thanks to Von Hardesty



## BACK PAGE PICTURE

Here we have an image taken by Eric Sumner of the site of our annual car show – The City Hall of the City of Fairfax, Note our banner strung across the sidewalk. The trophy tent and the administration tent flanked the sidewalk. A super band played on the top of the steps, curtesy of the City. Hopefully, one year, they will allow us to park several cars on the grass!



### LLYOD EMERY

9986 Blackberry Lane  
Great Falls, VA 22066  
703-759-2590  
1949 Ford two door

### ART ZIMMERLI

4309 Argonne Drive  
Fairfax, VA 22032 703-323-1773

**ATTENTION –ATTENTION !!**  
**June membership meeting**  
**At Clarke House 7:30**  
**See directions back page**

### SALE/WANT

For sale-1968 Dodge Monaco-383 v8-runs and drives great-\$3500.00 - 1998 GMC pickup-off road package-\$9,500.00 -8n Ford tractor with snow plow-new tires-wheel weights-\$2950.00 - fender skirts and outside side sun visors for a 1951 Ford-\$100.00 each call Gene [WELCH-540-869-7475-welch@visuallink.com](mailto:welch@visuallink.com)

Front bumper for 1941 Super Deluxe Ford. \$50.00 Bob Wild (540) 347-0725

### GREAT RACE



The Great Race, a transcontinental auto race featuring approximately 120 antique autos, has chosen Front Royal as their first Official Pit Stop. The race will feature cars built before 1951, including 25 flathead V8's, and will begin at 12 noon on Capital Hill, on Saturday, June 25.

The first group will arrive at Front Royal approximately 2 PM. The race will cover 29 towns and cities on its 2500-mile route that will end in Takoma, Washington. Main Street, Front royal, will become "Pit Road" during the event- open only to Great Racecars. There will be entertainment, food vendors, special sales by Main Street businesses, and antique cars display by the Shenandoah Region AACA from 1 PM until 4:30 along Main Street and the Gazebo.

Contact Hank Dubois ,703-476-6919 if interested in going.

**ANNUAL NVRG PICNIC**  
**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**  
**JULY 12<sup>TH</sup> 6:00**  
**NOTTOWAY PARK, VIENNA**  
**Reservation now with Greg Mensinger**

[Grmensinger@att.net](mailto:Grmensinger@att.net) 703-893-5644

This is a heads up for the picnic – more info in the July newsletter. The BOD is arranging the details (read: who is going to buy the supplies and cook). Editor

### VIRGINIA WINE FESTIVAL

What a deal this was for the old cars and only THREE NVRG members took advantage. Greens and Dubois' met the Wilds at the Festival. We drove in a separate road and gate and parked free inside the show right up next to the tents. The staff came to the cars with our wine bottle and glasses to sample. There were lots of attractions for the ladies here. The weather, at first questionable, turned out perfect. We even took our own picnic. Next year?



Cindy, Hank, Jane, Sandra

### SULLY

The biggest car show in the area will be on Father's Day, as usual. The NVRG always has a large turn out and gathers under the tree across from the woodies to picnic. Bring the grandkids and a blanket. See you there.



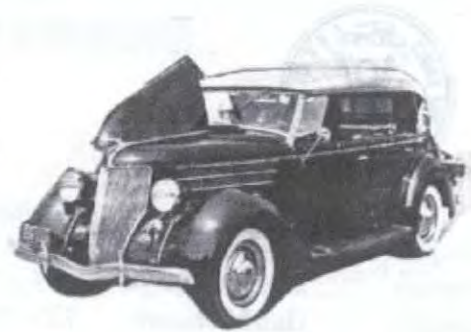
Eric Sumner photo

How many kids can you stuff in a '46?





# V8 CALENDAR NVRG



## June

- June 11 Richmond Region 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Car show , corral & swap meet, Richmond Raceway
- June 14 **Membership Meeting** Lincoln H-V12 John Sweet & Chad Coombs Refreshments : **Bob Burke**
- June 19 Sully – NVRG picnic under the old oak tree opposite the woodies
- June 21 – 24 Eastern National V8 Meet, Hiawassee, GA – contact cliffgreen@cox.net

## JULY

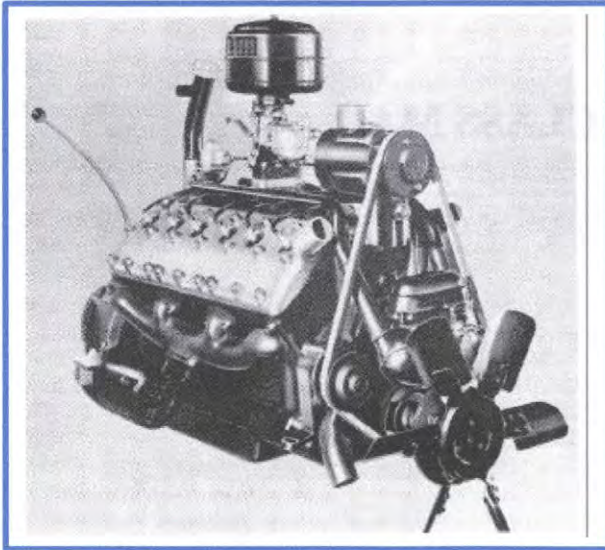
- July 4 Business Benefits Group Classic Car Show, Fairfax City– on parade route. Must be on lot by 9 am  
Music, drawings and giveaways 703-385-7200x109 Limited space
- July TBA Annual night at the Drive Inn movie.
- July 10 National Capital V8 Annual Car Show, Brookville, Md.
- July 12 **Annual Club Picnic** – Nottaway Park, Vienna - see page 8 for details
- July 28-30 EFV8 Foundation “Auburn Motorfest”, Auburn, IN

## AUGUST

- August 5-7 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Das Aswcht Fescht, Macungie, PA
- August 9 **Membership Meeting** – Review of Eastern National Meet Refreshments: **Dave Gunnarson**
- August 13 Fredricksburg AACA – Contact **Jason Javaras** 540-786-5819 for information
- August 25 **Jim Crawford** Tour of Southern Maryland – see next months flyer for details

## SEPTEMBER

- September 3 Mason-Dixon Region, AACA at Vintage Motorcar Co., Rt 340 – 2 miles W. Harpers Ferry
- September 11 Sugarloaf Mt AACA meet, Mt Airy, Md
- September 13 **Membership Meeting** Program TBA Refreshments: Butch Myrick
- September 25 Lucketts Antique Auto Show, Lucketts Community Center , Rt 15
- September 28- 30 Fall Carlisle



## COME TO THE JUNE MEETING AND LEARN WHAT WE HAVE HERE –

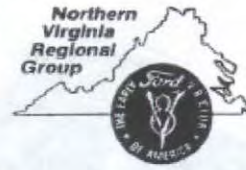
Is this engine just a stretched V8 with four more cylinders? What are the differences – for one: starting in 1938, it uses “silent, self adjusting hydraulic valve lifters”. Is it really an oil burner? What parts are interchangeable with the V8?

Find out all you need to know when **JOHN SWEET** presents the Lincoln HV-12





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**CLARK HOUSE  
FOR JUNE  
MEETING**

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