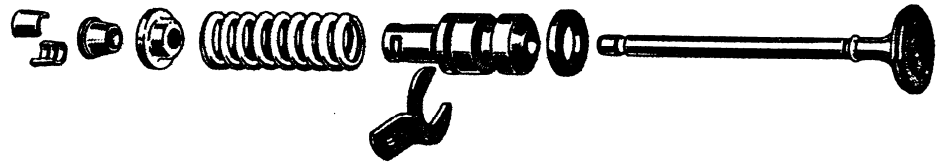




Valve Clatter



THE EARLY FORD V-8 CLUB OF AMERICA

Regional Group 96

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Volume XXV, Special Edition

December 1, 2007

Dave Gunnarson, Guest Editor

Special Edition

Thank You Cliff Green!

Celebrating 11 years as Editor-In-Chief
of the *Valve Clatter*!

January 1997 to December 2007



Early Ford V-8 Club of America - 1st Place 2003, 2004

Early Ford V-8 Club of America - 3rd Place 2005

Winner of Old Cars Weekly Golden Quill Award - 2003, 2005

Presidents Message

As Dave Westrate once said, if we all do a little, we can accomplish a lot. Well, I will add to that by saying that when one person does more than a little for a very long time, a great deal can be accomplished.

This special edition of the *Valve Clatter* is a tribute to the efforts of Cliff Green over the past eleven years as Editor-In-Chief of the *Valve Clatter*. That's 132 issues for those who are counting. Assuming an average of 10 pages per issue, that's at least 1,300 pages of material. We are fortunate that Cliff put his talents and skills towards this task for so long and he has received several awards for his efforts and creativity as shown on the front cover. This is no small achievement and a great value for all of the NVRG members who rely on the *Valve Clatter* for the latest news about our club. We especially have enjoyed the way Cliff wove together all of the input from members and his own sources to make each issue entertaining and informative. The *Valve Clatter* is certainly the glue that keeps our widespread membership together as a team.



Cliff will tell you that he relies on input from everyone else for content and ideas, and while that may be true, he is the one to probe, prod, and make assignments to ensure information keeps flowing to him. He will also tell you that others are part of the *Valve Clatter* team, namely the Assistant Editor, John Girman, who has assembled a number of issues when Cliff was away, and Bill Simons, who manages the “snail mail” hard copy production and distribution. I'm sure that if you ask John or Bill how big their role is, they will probably tell you that they have had very small parts in the process. The credit for the success of the *Valve Clatter* sits squarely on Cliff's shoulders.

I have appreciated Cliff's imagination and creativity to make some dull topics interesting and the routine messages eye-catching. He is always getting photos, assigning stories, asking for someone to write up every event, and choosing photos to illustrate things from his library collection of Early Ford books and reference materials to create interesting layouts and designs for each issue.

In his tenure, Cliff initiated the transition to electronic distribution and color content in mid-2003. This transformed the look of the *Valve Clatter* and the distribution process that many members take for granted today.

While Cliff is deservedly stepping down as Editor, he's not leaving us and has assumed the active role of Secretary and will be helping our new Editor-In-Chief, Jim LaBaugh take the helm. I appreciate, and have every confidence in Jim's ability to take on this big role for our club. Please give Jim every bit of assistance possible by sending him your articles, email, tech tips, photos and everything else that makes our *Valve Clatter* so special.

Like many of you, I have enjoyed my friendship with Cliff for a long period of time. In 1999, he was over to my house the afternoon of the day he learned that I had joined the national club, before I even knew anything about a Regional Group. He pre-paid my dues and left his copy of the 1936 Ford Truck Dealers Showroom Album in my hands to be returned “whenever.” At the time I had no idea how valuable it was, both in content and as a collectible item, but Cliff handed it to a stranger trusting it would be returned. Hopefully, I emulate his style and return some of that kindness to him and others as well.

With this issue of the *Valve Clatter*, I now have some idea of the amount of time and effort required to create just one issue, and my admiration of Cliff goes up another notch. This issue starts with a reproduction of the cover page of Cliff's first *Valve Clatter* issue; it makes for some interesting reading. Note the yellow paper, it was printed by a friend of Mike Gall, and the paper was of the printer's choosing. The remaining pages include a reproduction of every *Valve Clatter* issue produced under Cliff's tenure and a few words from some members about Cliff and what the *Valve Clatter* has meant to them.

This issue is dedicated to Cliff, and I hope both he and everyone else enjoys it.

Dave Gunnarson

Cliff's First Valve Clatter Issue, January 1997



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**THE EARLY FORD V-8 CLUB OF AMERICA
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Volume XX, No. 1

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

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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
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January 1997
CSP News, Editor

MEMBERS LIST FOR 1997

From the 1996 list, the following members have resigned: ...

NEW MEMBERS: ...

RENEWALS: ...

DEPARTING MEMBERS: ...

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Volume 22, No. 2
February 1997
CSP News, Editor

OUT OF THE PAST *Van Ficker*
The *Herald-Tribune*

Vienna man finally gets his 1946 Ford — 50 years later

It took 50 years, but the man who was promised a 1946 Ford in 1946 finally got it. ...

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Volume 22, No. 3
March 1997
CSP News, Editor

SALE'S YET THINKER READY?

... The automotive market is still in a state of flux. ...

THEY'DY' HATED TO LIKE

... The car is a real beauty. ...



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April 1997
CSP News, Editor

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May 1997
CSP News, Editor

WALK, NEW FRONT CHASSIS?

... The new chassis is a real improvement. ...

MEMBERS LIST FOR 1997

... The following members have resigned: ...

NEW MEMBERS: ...

RENEWALS: ...

DEPARTING MEMBERS: ...

Tribute to Cliff Green:

As long time friends with you and Sandra for over 45 years, I can attest to the fact that when you do something, you do it well--better than well. As our newsletter editor for the past ten years, you have extended this record superbly well. Not only have your efforts in publishing the Valve Clatter been a cohesive force in the continued success of the NVRG, your recruiting of new members and your continual support and leadership of club activities has encouraged others to participate in our club's functions. I know that I speak for the entire membership when I say, thank you for your continual efforts to enhance the success of our Regional Group. They have certainly paid off! You should be very proud of your accomplishments in this regard, and I am proud to have been associated with you in this effort! Even if you forced me to sleep in a tent at Hershey for 25 years; even if I had to show you how to fix my car for me; even if you finally succeeded in matching me traveling in high gear up Route 211 over the Blue Ridge Mountains, and even if you co-chaired the most successful Eastern National Meet of all time! Skol, La Chaim, etc.

Hank Amster

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June 1997
CSP News, Editor

MEMBERS LIST FOR 1997

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NEW MEMBERS: ...

RENEWALS: ...

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July 1997
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MEMBERS LIST FOR 1997

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August 1997
CSP News, Editor

MEMBERS LIST FOR 1997

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RENEWALS: ...

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Volume 22, No. 9
September 1997
CSP News, Editor

OUT OF THE PAST *Van Ficker*
The *Herald-Tribune*

In '48 Ford coupe's case, third ownership charms

... The car is a real beauty. ...

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October 1997
CSP News, Editor

MEMBERS LIST FOR 1997

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RENEWALS: ...

DEPARTING MEMBERS: ...

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THE EARLY FORD V-8 CLUB OF AMERICA
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Volume 22, No. 11
November 1997
CSP News, Editor

MEMBERS LIST FOR 1997

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NEW MEMBERS: ...

RENEWALS: ...

DEPARTING MEMBERS: ...

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Regional Group 96
Volume 22, No. 12
December 1997
CSP News, Editor

MEMBERS LIST FOR 1997

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NEW MEMBERS: ...

RENEWALS: ...

DEPARTING MEMBERS: ...

IMPORTANT

... The following members have resigned: ...



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FRUIT OF THE PAST *By Tom Padden*

Dream of a rare 1940 Mercury is fulfilled



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CITY OF INDIAN BEACHES FESTIVAL
CELEBRATE HERITAGE AND
AMERICAN CAR SHOW



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RECEPTION OF A CLASSIC BOB CROCK - A TIMELY TALK
By Hank Dubois



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SPECIAL ADVERTISE



This is just to let you know what the Valve Clatter means to some of the club members who can no longer attend many of the V8 Club events and meetings. Louise Vincent looks forward to receiving the Valve Clatter and reads it from cover to cover each and every month. When Hank and I went to visit her after she broke her hip last year she had the latest Valve Clatter right beside her at Rehab, took it out, and asked us several questions about articles she had seen in it. Recently, she told us how much she had especially enjoyed the articles about Hershey and the Lebkicker tour in this year's November issue. I asked her if she wanted me to write up something for your special issue of the Valve Clatter and she said "yes" - so here it is - with special thanks from Louise.

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We know the secret to the Valve Clatter's success these last ten years. It's Cliff Green! It is the same indomitable spirit, enthusiasm and knowledge that you brought to the Co-Chairmanship of the 2007 Eastern National Meet that you also brought to the Valve Clatter to make it so special. We have enjoyed reading the Valve Clatter for the past ten years as you improved and expanded it to an e-mail version in color just like the "big city" papers. Thank you for all your efforts and for all the memories.

Hank and Cindy Dubois


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HOLIDAY GALA
 Group Photos
 The Holiday Gala was held at the...
 Photos of the gala event.

REVISIONISM IS A JOE
 The Joe...
 Photos of a car.

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"Dedicated, enthusiastic, organizer, cheerleader, preciseness, fun loving." That's Cliff Green. Many of us are members of several clubs structured similar to our beloved V-8 Ford Club - be it other makes of cars, aircraft, boats, etc. They all no doubt have newsletters. (I for one, receive 6 different club newsletters). None hold a candle to Cliff's "Valve Clatter". Cliff introduced a lot of people to our club and got most of them involved beyond just being a member. It is a wonderful group of folks and the club owes a lot to him besides being the editor. Although he is passing on the editing duties to a very able Jim Labaugh, Cliff will continue to be a major pillar in our club. Thanks Cliff.

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ANTIQUE SHOW
 The antique show was held at...
 Photos of the show.

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Steve Pieper
 Seven years ago I was in the hospital recovering from bypass surgery. Cliff Green took time to visit me. About that time another friend, a retired Navy pilot also came to visit. As we talked the conversation turned to Naval Aviation and Cliff and my friend did considerable "hangar flying" for the next while. I think my recovery was eased by the thoughtful visit of these good friends.

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SENIOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS AT WORK
 Photos of the board meeting.

THE 1928 LOOKS LIKE YOUR OWN GETSTANDING
 Photos of a car.

WE LIVED FOR OCTOBER BECAUSE IT WAS THE BEST
 Photos of a car.

FORD NEWS
 Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
 Photos of a car.

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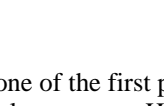
2000 Mustang Parts
 This year's Mustang parts are...

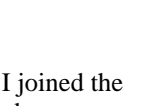

TOY TO STEVE A WUFFY FURDER CARAGE AND RIF
 It would only be fitting to describe this group as the Top of the...


CLIFF FORKS UP THE CLATTER
 Cliff Green has been...


VALVE ZONE
 The Valve Zone...

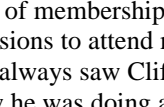

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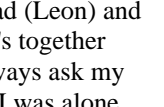
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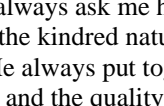
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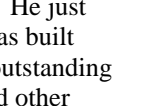

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Cliff was one of the first people I met when I joined the club several years ago. He is very cordial and enthusiastic. There was a good reason for his leadership on the Valve Clatter. One of the first things he asked me was whether I would write an article on my 33 Ford Cabriolet and the trials and tribulations of putting it together. I graciously accepted as he was a hard guy to turn down given his warn and friendly demeanor. In the early days of membership in the club, my dad (Leon) and I had occasions to attend meetings and rally's together where we always saw Cliff. Cliff would always ask my father how he was doing and at times when I was alone he would always ask me how he was doing. He just embodies the kindred nature that the club was built around. He always put together a fine and outstanding newsletter and the quality of the pictures and other graphics is always top-of-the-line. I wish him the very best and know that he will help others who follow in his footsteps.

Roy Judy

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THE FORD V-8

The first of the Ford V-8s was produced in 1917. It was a revolutionary design for its time, being the first mass-produced V-8 engine. It was used in a variety of vehicles, including cars, trucks, and military vehicles. The V-8 was a significant milestone in automotive engineering, and it paved the way for the modern V-8 engine we know today.

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I'm a very recent member, Hershey 2007, of the Northern Virginia Group but have enjoyed the Valve Clatter newsletter for many years. I edit the Headliner for the National Capital Group for the last 5 years. One of my early experiences as editor was to use an older article from the Headliner as a rerun to help fill the pages before I had a reference library established. Cliff called me to let me know that he wrote the older article and I neglected to recognize him as the author. I started to wonder why I volunteered to become an editor after that but have always looked for and given credit to the article creator since that event. Cliff has been very supportive throughout the years and offers suggestions for me to improve the newsletter. We've always been 1st and 2nd place in the annual newsletter competition and I feel his efforts have helped me generate a better publication. Thanks Cliff.

Norm Heathcote

I am a member of the Chapter because Cliff invited me to join when I met him and several other members at the Vernon, New York V-8 show. I live in Roanoke so I don't attend the Chapter meetings or participate in the various tours. I have continued my membership because of the excellent newsletter.

Joe Wright

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As the "publisher" of the snail mail version of the VC I appreciate that the VC was always sent to me on time and complete, other than a few typos. I will say that over the years there a number of people in our office that read it and have become interested, [not like we are, of course,] in old Fords. They always want to know "when is the next Valve Clatter coming in?" That is a tribute to Cliff in that the VC is of interest to many of the "uninitiated".

Bill Simons

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It was Cliff who with a hectic work schedule always found time and the means to publish an award winning Newsletter, the envy of many other clubs and did so when he had to beg for articles. And now Cliff is moving on and so he should because as part of the national club's Judging Standards Committee, his time, talents, and treasures will be a blessing to a larger audience. I can assure all who read this he will never forget his "roots" in the No. VA Regional Group cause that's the kind of guy he is. I am proud to call him a friend.

Bill Tindall

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THE GAVEL IS PASSED

The FORD V-8 MEMBERS OF THE NVRG wish you and yours a VERY BUSY & Enjoyable New Year

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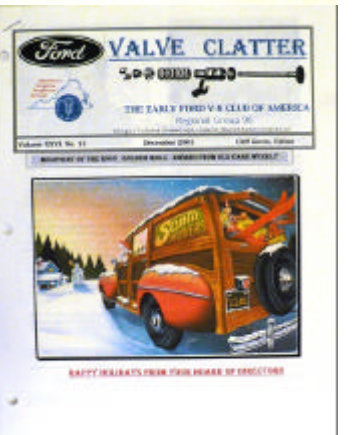
Thank you so much for the time and effort that you put into publishing the first class Northern Virginia Region Newsletter for so many years. Thank you also for including news about "Pierre" in some of the issues. Enjoy your newsletter retirement!
Jeannette and Barry Hall



Car guys love cars. They love to drive their cars. When they're not driving their cars, they like to look at cars. When they can't look at cars they like to read about cars. Thanks to Cliff Green, all the car guys in the NVRG have been able to make it through all the tough times when weather, repairs, restorations, or life's "other" obligations, have kept us sidelined. For Ten years he has performed the job of editor of our news letter and kept the club "glued" together. I for one have taken for granted how good our newsletter is. Every month, without fail, The Valve Clatter arrives full of information, tips, history, culture, art, any and all things Ford. Cliff has taken our news letter from a local black and white copy to a full color, electronic version that now is in circulation across the United States. Cliff, you've done an incredible job! For all the long hours and extra effort you've poured into the Valve Clatter, I Thank you.



Eric Sumner



VALVE CLATTER - 2004



When I joined the Club in the spring of 2006 Cliff was one of the first people I met. He was very open, friendly and receptive of me as a new member. He was always there to introduce me to the older NVRG members and to show me the ropes of the Club and had lots of technical hints on my 1940 Ford and told me where parts might be available. He also took a great interest in helping me prepare my '40 for the Eastern National Meet. In particular, he spent a full afternoon inspecting my car and pointing what was not correct with it. In a complimentary effort this member loaned me several difficult to obtain parts for the Meet. This was all wonderful guidance and help.

Some place along the line, I realized that he was doing wide variety things for the Club such as editor of the Valve Clatter and Co-Chairman of the Eastern National Meet. This past summer he also started assisting another new member with his 1940 Ford convertible including that installation of a new distributor. The cycle of selfless support had begun again.

To my MENTOR, Cliff, I say thank you with deep admiration and respect.

Maurie Roesch

VALVE CLATTER - 2005



I would like to take this opportunity to thank Cliff (and Sandy) for their years of hard and successful work on our Valve Clatter. Cliff's work has resulted in a well informed Club membership by his reporting on what has happened, current issues and future activities. The membership is made aware of everything the V-8 Club is involved in thanks I in no small part to Cliff's efforts. He is the glue that holds us altogether.

I've really come to enjoy the friendship I have received from Cliff and Sandy Green. I don't know how it started, but it blossomed as Cliff began to help me with the late Gil Williams 39 pickup. His "piece of cake" attitude as we tackled the nest of homespun wires munched on by ground hogs and all the other challenges we faced, he has become a great and special friend.



I did get even with his willingness to encourage me to spend \$\$ on the truck, by getting him to the York train show and encouraging him to build an operating train layout (=>). I also enjoy pointing out his error in joining the smaller military outfit; The United States Marines, but I would have been very honored to fly his wing anywhere, anytime.



Wonderful team, Cliff and Sandy and we are surely lucky to know them and have them serving as our Valve Clatter for these many years. I can't wait to see what greater heights they lead us to.

Clem Clemens



VALVE CLATTER - 2006



So, Cliff Green is retiring from the Valve Clatter. It's difficult to think of one without the other. He's been the editor of the VC since I joined the club. He's certainly raised the bar for car club newsletters, as the VC's many awards attest. The Northern Virginia Regional Group of the Early Ford V8 Club has really benefited from his tenure as newsletter editor. It's been the principal "glue" that holds the Club together. Witness the many members that leave our geographic area but continue their membership so they can receive the VC.

The thing I most appreciate about Cliff is the way he has distributed the "writing duties" among the club membership. Cliff has always commented on the large number of good writers in our club and that's certainly true. However, having good writers in the club is no guarantee that they will produce articles for a club newsletter. Cliff has maintained a good supply of willing writers, due in no small part to his ability to encourage members to contribute and to his willingness to always find room for an article in the VC. Cliff really has made the VC a newsletter for all the club members.

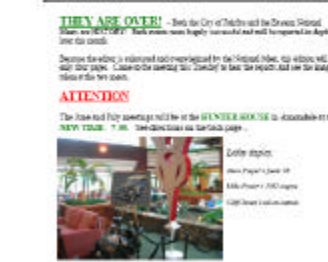
As the person who occasionally "subbed" for Cliff, I can also appreciate how he has organized the VC and his willingness to work with the next VC Editor. Thanks, Cliff, for producing such a great car club newsletter for so many years! We've all enjoyed it. Thanks, Cliff, For Such a Great Valve Clatter. **John and Patty Girman**

VALVE CLATTER - 2007



When I first joined the NVRG in the late 1990's, the thing that struck me from the very start was the quality of the newsletter. It was really amazing! Every issue of the "Valve Clatter" was packed full of great articles, tech tips, history, and fun Ford facts. It was always the highlight at the beginning of the month. I found it hard to believe that anyone could produce a high quality, interesting newsletter each and every month. Then I met Cliff, and I immediately understood. He modestly always is quick to point out that it's the members that make it happen with all the contributions, and yet we all know he's being way to modest. Every issue he has done over the years reflects an effort of at least 110%, if not more, and each one is a monument to his dedication, knowledge and (especially) his perseverance. This includes Sandra as well, because without her support and understanding, I suspect Cliff would have retired from the job quite a while back. We've been very lucky to have had his talents for so long, so before he passes the keyboard to Jim La Baugh, I just want to say "Thanks Cliff, you did a phenomenal job. Enjoy your free time! --and see you on the road!"

John Sweet



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December 2007

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Tribute to Cliff

I feel compelled to contribute a few words to the special edition of the Valve Clatter to thank Cliff for his effort as our Editor. First, I want to thank him for his service and for producing such a quality product month after month. If there is a better Regional Group Newsletter out there, I would like to see it and do a little judging! I think the awards speak for themselves.

Second, there is a bigger story here than the newsletter, which is just another manifestation of the man. Cliff should have the title of Cheerleader in Chief, because that is what makes him so special. When Barbara and I first joined the club, we had no experience with antique cars or clubs for that matter. Cliff could not have been more helpful and made a special effort to make us feel welcome. Before I knew what happened, he made me President, and I owed him a President's Message every month!

We have all seen him in action:

- Like the year he made me drive his woodie to the Eastern National Meet three states away, so I could "appreciate the experience". I think having guns pointed at me was less stressful than driving his 40 on the interstate!
- Always getting people to ride in the old cars with others, for the same reason.
- Encouraging all of our children to join in and recruiting new members at every car show.
- Making sure everyone has a tent space to sleep in at Hershey.
- At group meals where he says "just put in what you owe and if the pot is short, I will cover it" – I doubt that he has ever been short.
- Every time we turn around, its – "group picture, group picture – let's all move in closer, closer still – did it flash?"

We all can add to this list, and I haven't even mentioned his role in the national club.



Cliff, the Valve Clatter has had an impact on people that you are not even aware of. For example, members Bob and Joan Stewart are now in their 90s and do not participate in club activities. Barbara sends them a color copy of the Valve Clatter every month, which they very much enjoy. "Stew" sends a thank you note regularly expressing his enjoyment in reading of the club's activities.

Copies went out to our fathers before they passed away and others from time to time. The newsletter entertained and informed many who looked forward to the next addition.

Well, your shift as Editor is over after ten long years. Please know from the bottom of our hearts that your work has been loved and appreciated. You are the best!

Warmest regards,
Dave Westrate





Here's a little bit of NVRG trivia for you: did you know that Cliff is responsible for the name of our newsletter? More than 15 years ago he was an active contributor of a column called the Valve Clatter to what was then the unnamed NVRG newsletter. Eventually the name of the column morphed into the name of the newsletter. When I served as NVRG President in 1992 I told the Board of Directors that I felt there were three things that were absolutely necessary for our Club to be successful: an interesting assortment of monthly programs to draw us together, a tour program that encouraged us to get our beloved V-8s out and drive them, and a vibrant newsletter that generated excitement about our Regional Group activities and kept our members informed. If you look at the growth and success of our Club over the past decade I think it's easy to see what a huge role Cliff had in all of these areas, but none more so than putting together a consistently award winning newsletter. Not only has the Valve Clatter won a slew of national recognitions but under Cliff's tutelage it has become a significant contributor of articles reprinted in the V-8 Times. How's that for generating excitement about the NVRG?

Ken Burns

To me, Cliff Greene has two personas. One as Editor of a world-class car club Newsletter that has achieved repeated recognition and whose contents have been reviewed by probably hundreds of people outside the club. The VC is our face to the outside world as well as the inner Gazette for our membership, and it has been a great one. I have really looked forward each month to the news, articles, photos, classifieds and all the special features of the Newsletter.

I remember the first time Cliff asked me to do an article. I said to myself, "what? – I hardly know anything about the club and he wants ME to do an article?" Well, I did lots of research and came up with what I thought was a pretty passable article and while doing so, extended my range of knowledge of the club and its members (and of my own, somewhat rusty writing skills). It was challenging but actually fun but I was surprised that Cliff trusted me to do it. I certainly grew as a member because of that trust.

Cliff's other persona is that of an extremely kind individual who will do just about anything in the world to help you if you ask him. He is a fountain of knowledge about old Fords and just an all-around nice guy. His long service to the club through the VC and other venues will always be remembered and we are very fortunate to have such a great human being as a friend and senior member that we can all look up to.

Thanks, Cliff - Great Run and "73's" to you. You've turned over a great product for others to build on!

Allan Edwards











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