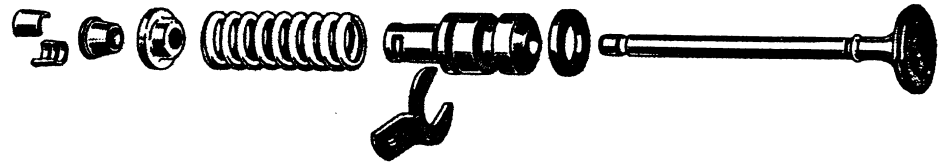




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THE EARLY FORD V-8 CLUB OF AMERICA  
Regional Group 96

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Jim LaBaugh Editor

## Spring time is Early Ford V8 drive time



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## *April 2009*

The time has come to dust off the old V8's. Spring has finally arrived. Sure the temperature outside might still be a little chilly now and then but the old car season is here. I was fortunate enough to make it to the annual swap meet in Frederick MD. this weekend so, that must mean Spring is here regardless of what Mother Nature thinks. As always a couple carloads of the faithful met at Fair Oaks Mall for the trip up I-270 to the fairgrounds. Upon arrival I found attendance to be pretty healthy for a cold rainy day. Following the advice of Clem Clement, I wandered my way over the building where the men and women of the Lions club were serving up breakfast. I promptly ordered a ham and egg sandwich and a cup of coffee, that sure hit the spot, thanks for the heads up Clem. Then it was off to scrounge for treasure. While the weather put a damper on some of the vendors outside there were still a handful of spaces doing business. Inside the buildings is where most people chose to congregate. There's something for everyone. Even if you don't find that particular piece on your list, most agree this meet is more a traditional kickoff to the V8 year and just good fellowship time after the Winter has kept us huddled inside.

Be sure to check the calendar page and make plans to attend some of our upcoming tours. A fun tour we are taking again this year is a quick trip down to South County High School. The students in the automotive program there will be showing us around the shop and demonstrating some of the machines. This is a great tour to help get some of the younger folks interested in the Ford V8.

Word has it Leo Cummings is working on tour to the Tucker Museum in Alexandria. If you have not been there before, I strongly advise you to make time to go. We are very fortunate to have such an incredible collection so close to us.

Lastly, the program this month is Show and Tell (*Details on page 8*). This always popular event gives members the opportunity to tell stories about their V8 and other automotive treasures. Sure to be interesting. Hope to see you there.

*Eric Sumner*

## March Program – Northern Virginia Car Club Council

The March meeting included over 30 members of the NVRG Flathead Ford Faithful, including Charter Member Walter Richmond (shown below with fellow Charter members Cliff Green, Bill Selley, Nick Arrington, and Hank Amster in attendance ). Welcome back Walter.



The speakers, Bill Haegele and Rex Turner arrived in Fords, Rex's '72 Mach I Mustang, however, received a bit more attention than Bill's Ford Escape. Bill's pride and joy



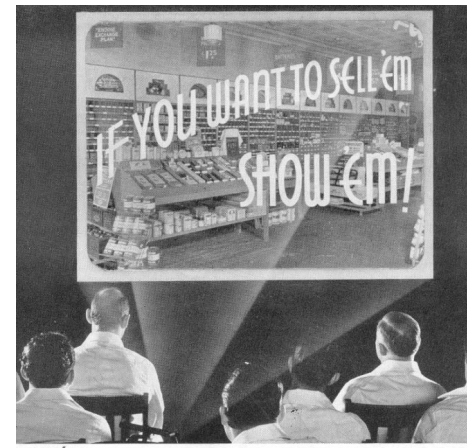
though is a red '64 Ford Galaxie convertible. Bill became interested in cars at an early age because his brother was a hot-rodder, driving a white '40 Ford with red wheels! Rex' s passion for cars has involved him in the organization of many parades, including 1972 parade of Ford convertibles for the Cherry Blossom Festival in Washington D.C. To this day he is involved in getting vintage vehicles in many area parades including Vienna's Fourth of July extravaganza.

They both explained that every session of the legislature involves activity that can affect vintage vehicle use on Virginia highways and byways. In past sessions such items included a proposed limit that vintage vehicles could only be driven so many miles in a year (50 to 250), or that yearly safety inspections would be needed. The Virginia Association of Car Councils, of which the Northern Virginia Car Club Council is a member, altered members to the issue and provided letters from the Council to key legislators advising them of problems legislation would impose on vintage vehicle owners.



Bill and Rex explained that many vehicles, including those from the 1980's are eligible for antique license plates. A fair number of these, although registered as vintage, are driven daily rather than in accordance with the rules for vehicles with vintage tags. The result is ongoing pressure on legislators to change the laws regarding vintage vehicles. In most cases common sense and enforcement of existing laws would take care of the problem. Currently, the Department of Motor Vehicles of Virginia has 100,000 vintage vehicles registered, many of these in Northern Virginia.

The Northern Virginia Car Club Council formed in 2006. Other Councils in Virginia include Car Club Council of Hampton Roads, Car Club Council of Central Virginia, Virginia Peninsular Car Club Council, and Southwest Virginia Car Council. The website for the Northern Virginia Car Club Council [[www.novaccc.org](http://www.novaccc.org)] includes information about legislation, Virginia travel, and the various car clubs and car club events in the area. Bill and Rex encouraged NVRG to join other clubs in the Northern Virginia area that are members of the council, such as Kena Shriners Antique Car Club, Custom Cruisers of Northern Virginia, Potomac Classic Thunderbird Club, National Capitol Region Mustang Club, Delmarva Cougar Club, The Fredericksburg Classic & Muscle Car Club, Virginia Chevelle Enthusiasts Association, Capital Area Cobra Club, Mid-Atlantic Camaro Club, Bull Run AACA, Northern Virginia Rods and Classics, Washington Chapter Model A Ford Club of America, and now the NVRG!



## March Program (continued)

The presentation prompted many questions about laws related to vintage iron, among them was one regarding the issue of the same tag number for different years. Bill Simons provided the following information after the meeting -*"In the "For what it is worth" department, at the meeting Tuesday night I thought I heard someone say that if a vintage plate number was already registered for one year, then DMV would not allow that same number to be registered for another year. Not true! I just registered # 401 for 1949 for my woodie and it sailed through without a hitch. Cliff Green has already registered 401 for 1940 and Ken Gross has 401 for 1939."*

At the conclusion of a very interesting program one and all thanked Bill and Rex for taking the time to inform us about the Council and how legislation can be influenced by input from the Council. John Sweet, Program Chair and Vice President of our Regional group followed up the meeting with this note to Bill and Rex: *"Many, many thanks for coming and talking to the club last night. It was a great presentation. Several of our members commented on the fact that it was highly informative, interesting and very germane to our hobby. As time moves on, I suspect groups such as the NOVACCC will become even more important than we realize. The old car hobby is a wonderful fraternity, but sometimes misunderstood by the non-car multitudes. Groups such as NOVACCC are the key to keeping our state and local politicians aware that cars are more than just transportation from point "A" to point "B", they're a culture and a hobby, and an enjoyable one at that. Anyway, the Northern Virginia Regional Group #96 of the Early Ford V-8 club of America is looking forward to being part of the team. "*

Key excerpts from Bill Haegele's reply to John Sweet include: *"Gentlemen, First of all, thanks for inviting Rex and me to speak at your club's meeting last night. We had a great time and hope your member's found the information we provided to be informative and entertaining."* ...

*"I have updated the NOVACCC website (see my signature below) with your club's information. Please pass the address on to your members and encourage them to check out our site. Hopefully they will find it helpful."* ...

Bill Haegele  
The "RED" 1964 Galaxie  
www.bills1964galaxie500.com  
Northern Virginia Car Club Council  
www.novaccc.org

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## Tech Tip

by Dave Westrate



One of the most difficult to find pieces on the '38, '39, '40 Woodie Wagons are the rear fenders. A club member from Iowa talked to Cliff Green at Hershey and Cliff referred him to Dave Westrate who has an extra that he is willing to part with. The drivers side fender is the last part that the gentleman needs to complete his restoration. An agreement was reached but now, how to get the fender from Northern Virginia to Iowa. This may look like an old fender but in reality it is a fragile, valuable antique piece. Dave's solution was to construct a wooden crate as depicted in the photographs. The crate and fender weigh about 53 pounds. Let's hope it makes it safely.



## V8 Email

Central Meet Road Trip - I would like to hear from anyone who would like to drive to the Central meet at the end of August. It is the weekend BEFORE Labor Day. It appears to be about the same distance as Dearborn. - Bill Simons

Restoration report - Progress on my '34 3 window. All metal work finish. Body, fenders and frame in primer. On to the engine, transmission, rear and front end. Allen Ponton

Battery cases available - We are finishing what will likely be the last batch of OEM Ford Low ('39 and earlier) and high ('40 and later) battery cases to slip over 6 volt Optima batteries. I believe these to be the best for show and "go" available anywhere, and, to my knowledge, no one else offers anything comparable, particularly for the early low Ford battery applications. Call 240-367-7530 info, or stop by after the Frederick flea market to see them (or at Spring Carlisle). - Alan Whelihan





**Saturday May 16, 2009**  
**10:00AM - 3:00 PM**  
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Margot Sherman's column for July 1941 included the following "Picnic Cues."




**Deck dad out in a barbecue apron complete with chef's cap. You might have the guests autograph it and include a few pertinent scribbles about his prowess as a cook.**




**Indispensable to anybody fussing around the campfire are mitts built high to protect the arms and padded with heat-resisting asbestos. Then when the coffeepot starts to boil over you can reach right in and grab it!**



**About grills. You'll find that a number of Ford dealers carry some dandy ones that are easy to set up and very efficient.**



**Don't forget to take along a supply of Ford Charcoal Briquets, either. They're wonderful for broiling meats because they give out such a steady penetrating heat . . . burn twice as long as lump charcoal. And, of course, you get no smoke or sparks.**



**One last word. Tuck in a few of the new auto lunch trays which attach inside your car without the aid of screws, bolts or special attachments . . . hold your food without fuss or bother. Then—even in a howling rain—your picnic can be a success!**

by Clem Clement

Sunday, March 29 was the famous "COWTOWN" which is now not the real Cowtown. <<http://www.sjraaca.com/>> They moved a few years back a few hundred yards and across the street to the Salem County Fairgrounds. This is AACA South Jersey's finest. Parts, hundred of cars for sale, good chow and a bazillion peoles.

Four of us rolled at 4:02 am for Cowtown-not the Cowtown-Sharpstown-Salem County Fairgrounds-Cowtown. It was very misty and gooe with deer everywhere. No matter we rolled at mach1.1 and crossed the Delaware at 6:30 with so much fog it hid the pollution. Sliding to a spot on the wet grass we were off for a fun time of junking. First things I liked were a table full of A parts, some 35 wheels and lots of wet junk. There was a Model A open pickup with 8 foot exhausts in the back. Turns out they were not installed-\$300 each. Thru the building we went in a hurry to get to the North 40. We did stop to get Frankie a cooffee. It was not light as yet and the North 40 had 5 rows of beaters with junk surrounding them. We could tell this was gonna be good as a small tractor was helping push trucks into their flea market spaces. I spied a '39 hubcap for my '39 peekup that was almost not a beat as one I have on the truck. Did I see the sweet hood handle next to it for \$10 bux-no. Did it walk while I watched-yea. There was a nice pair of wide bolt pattern rear drums, but I promised I would not buy more of such.

Then we spied this wondrous 1938 Ford panel truck that had been a coke-a-cola work truck. I loved it. Body by seemore and frame by nomor, but I loved it anyway. Yellow with red letters. The North 40 was fuller than ever. And folk were buying. 4 megafat tires for \$100. 4X 16 94 tires for \$30,a whole 4 tables of stuff @\$1each. John found a windup Bing floor loco for \$140. I had never seen one before and have yet to own one. A guy showed up a bit late with a trailer full of old stuff. To the top were several '32 fenders, so you know the diggings were good. Mike was in his usual spot and had quite a bit of Model A stuff. There was a nice big box of e-V8 plastic and metal dash parts: post war Ford I'm thinking.

The weather was perfect: light mist, cool and sweet smelling. By 8 am the isles were chock full of car nuts. At least 1 hour earlier that last year.The visibility was never more than BC mile in goo and haze. So no sweating and no soaking rain. And the mist mixed with the Jersey hydrocarbon pollution and goose chits created an artistic glitter to even the worstest parts. Irresistiblensness of sheen shrouded even the Chebby parts as we watched a pile of '31 Chebby parts find a new chicken coop to live in. (to page 8)

**April Program – Tuesday, April 14, 7:00 PM**

"This month the featured speaker is you! Its time for the ever popular annual Members Show n' Tell. And while we missed April Fools Day, why let that get in the way of a bit of fun. Our Show n' Tell theme is to bring in something "foolishly" related in some way to the V-8, or some of those "foolish things" we've bought, or those "foolish things" we've kept for one reason or another. Naturally, over the course of many years, we've all certainly come across at least one thing that fits the bill. We're sure you have one or two items "foolishly bought or "foolishly" kept and related to, or even just partially related to, our V-8s (and V-12s!) For many of us, the majority of these things have been bought (hopefully) with the idea that they are either needed to make the restoration happen, to keep the V-8 on the road, or something important enough to save for future use.

Of course these "foolish things" normally get us into trouble if mentioned to our "Better Half" because they (being the better half) just don't want to understand the reason why you've bought something or why you're even keeping it. So bring in those items - especially those parts and pieces we've either foolishly bought (out of design or ignorance) or even better, those things we've kept, because, well, gosh darn it! - its just to good to toss or sell. Since we've all done over the years, now's your chance to come clean, tell us your tale. We promise we'll be the most empathetic audience you've ever have. Your price of admission? Just bring in that interesting "foolish thing" and be prepared to tell a tale. See you on the 14th!"

Don't miss the **April Garage Tour** on **Saturday, April 18** to the **South County High School Auto Technologies Facility** - 8501 Silvebrook Road, Lorton, VA 221015 - Just off of VA 123. Depart Fair Oaks at 9:00 am - Contact Leo Cummings for details.



**Dig 'em out, Dust 'em off, Blow 'em out, Shake 'em down**

If none of these work; drive mama's car, the ol' commuto-wagon, or anything else that will move under its own power, but for goodness sakes join us for our first road trip of the year:

**8<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Poker Run & Scavenger Hunt**

**Saturday, May 2, 2009 -**

**9:00 a.m. - Depart from the Bob Evans**

**Centerview Drive, Chantilly**

**[Northeast of the intersection of Routes 50 and 28]**

Travel Northern Virginia's lesser-known roads to view beautiful spring blossoms - lunch at a restaurant in an old tavern - great prizes - \$\$\$ gift cards for both scavenger hunt and best poker hands - see you on the road!

**A head count is required by April 28th for the restaurant.**

**Contact Ken Burns 703-978-5939**

**helenandken@verizon.net**

**Cowtown (continued from page 7)**

About 9:15 we overcame to glow of mist- glossed parts and retreated to the Famous Wagon Wheel for eggs, taters, scrapple, topped with sausage gravy. Benny asked for grits so they made him stand out in the rain. Oh, on the way into the restaurant us gentlemen were of goosepoo on our boots too much, so we stomped in several mud puddles to wash us off. Only the finest of citizenry would make such a move right info of the restaurant sign on a Sunday morning, but it fit the scene and no one raised an eyebrow.

Home safe after another memorial encounter with my beloved South Jersey crowd in the sacred fields of Cowtown. Until spring of next year we pine.

Clem Clement, **Sunshine Chairman**







# NVRG Calendar



## April

2 5	Charlotte, NC, AACA Spring meet, Charlotte Motor Speedway
14	<b>Membership Meeting - 7:00 pm</b> - Nottaway Park - <b>Program: Those foolish things: Show and Tell</b> <b>Refreshments:</b> Mark Luposello
18	<b>South County High School Open House and Garage Tour</b> - Details on page 8
22-26	Carlisle, Pa - "Spring Carlisle and Collector Car Auction"
28	NVRG Board of Directors meeting - 7:30 pm @ Oakton Library
29	<b>Valve Clatter deadline</b> - send items to Jim LaBaugh (jlabaugh@verizon.net)

## May

2	NVRG Annual Poker Run – Details on page8
12	<b>Membership Meeting - 7:00 pm</b> - Nottaway Park - <b>Program:</b> Before your Ford: The Trolleys of Washington - Larry Velte, National Capitol Trolley Museum <b>Refreshments:</b> Art Zimmerli
16	<b>NVRG Annual Car Show, Fairfax City, VA</b> – Details on page 6
26	NVRG Board of Directors meeting - 7:30 pm @ Oakton Library
30	<b>South County High School 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Car Show – Lorton, VA</b>
31	<b>Valve Clatter deadline</b> - send items to Jim LaBaugh (jlabaugh@verizon.net)

## June

6	52nd Annual Antique Automobile Meet. Hosted by the Historic Fredericksburg region, AACA. Caroline Street, downtown Fredericksburg, VA. Contact J. Brown at (540) 372-6896
9	<b>Membership Meeting - 7:00 pm</b> - Nottaway Park - <b>Program:</b> Old time movie night <b>Refreshments:</b> John Girman
21	<u>Sully Plantation Car Show</u> - Join us in the shade for our traditional Father's Day picnic
24-27	Eastern National Meet, Windsor, CT June 24 to 27, 2009
27	Walter Reed Car Show
28	NVRG Board of Directors meeting - 7:30 pm @ Oakton Library

## Down the Road

NVRG Annual Summer Picnic – Algonkian Park along the Potomac  
 NVRG Annual Drive-In Movie tour, Stephens City, VA  
 Central National Meet, Auburn, Indiana, August 28 to September 1



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**Mark your calendar !**  
**The April Meeting is on**  
**Tuesday April 14**  
**at 7:00 pm in the historic Hunter**  
**House, located adjacent to the tennis**  
**courts, Nottoway Park, Court House**  
**Road, Vienna, VA**



April program: [Show and Tell](#)



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