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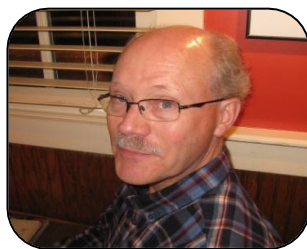
By Dave Gunnarson

About once a year, NVRG hosts a membership show and tell. The event has been a feature program for many years and the interesting items that are brought in and shared never cease to amaze. This year was no exception.

Bill Lightfoot started by showing a very unusual World War II vintage Load Calculator for a PBY aircraft. By adjusting various knobs to account for the weight of fuel, oil, pilots, and other items, the total weight and center of gravity of the aircraft could be determined. The back side revealed a mechanical wonder of lever arms – as Bill put it, the “software” of its day.



Up Front with the President



August 2018

My fellow colleagues on the Board of Directors have been ribbing me lately that my monthly message in the Valve Clatter harps about the weather too much. Okay, suffice it to say, we had an ungodly amount of rain in July.

Recently, I was reminded how vigilant we need to be when driving our old Fords. Whether your Ford is a new acquisition, repairs have been made, or it's just being aware of road conditions – BE CAREFUL. Case in point, every Saturday morning, not far from our home, Katie's/Old Brogue in Great Falls hosts "Cars & Coffee" from 6:30 to 9, and the vast parking lots fill with all types of cars, new and old. On Saturday, July 14, a gentleman drove his brand new McLaren 720S, purchased the day before and valued at approximately \$300,000, to "Cars & Coffee," but never made it due to an encounter with a tree. Fortunately, the driver was not seriously injured; unfortunately his McLaren was a total loss. (See article in Valve Clatter.)

August is typically the month that we hold our annual club picnic. This year NVRG member **Bill Potter** will be hosting the club picnic. I have never seen Bill's spread, but understand that his collection of old Fords, motorcycles, and other collectibles is a sight to behold. This year will be the first picnic, to my knowledge, that our friends from the **National Capital Regional Group (NCRG) 36** of the Early Ford V8 Club of America will be joining us. You don't want to miss this! Bill Potter and his collection were featured on an episode of American Picker (December 2016?). In that episode, Mike Wolfe and Frank Fritz try purchasing some of Bill's prized collectibles. Bill, being very knowledgeable about what he has acquired over the years, parted with a few items at the right price. **Sign-up and send your check no later than August 20 for great food from Willard's Real Pit BBQ.** Checks should be made payable to **NVRG** and mailed to: Joe Freund, 650 Springvale Road, Great Falls, VA 22066. The correct spelling of the road is **Springvale, not Springdale (as noted in a prior announcement).**

Also, in August, our Club By-Laws require that under Article III – Board Members, Section 1. Nomination of Board Members, A. "The nomination of five (5) members for the Board of Directors shall take place at the general membership meeting each year in September. **A general call for nominations shall be announced in the August issue of the Valve Clatter.**" Please consider joining the Board to continue making our club as successful as it has been for over 40 years.

Looking ahead, we have many events planned and hope you can participate:

- August 4: Brewfest at Workhouse Arts Center, Lorton, VA – Contact Ken Burns
- August 25: NVRG & NCRG Picnic, Bill Potter's home, West Bethesda, MD – Contact Bill Potter
- September 3: 19th Annual Labor Day Car Show, City of Fairfax, VA – Contact Hank Dubois
- September 15-16: Drive-In Movie Tour, Stephens City, VA – Contact Hank Dubois
- October 9-12: Hershey AACA Meet, Hershey, PA – Contact anyone in the club
- November 2-4 : Fall Tour, Oyster Festival, Urbanna, VA – Contact Bill Simons

Joe

2018 NVRG Officers & Terms	2018 Directors & Terms	Committee Members
President – Joe Freund (2018-19)	Membership – Gay Harrington (2018-19)	Fairfax Show – Dave Westrate
Vice President – Bill Simons (2018-19)	Programs Lead – Dave Gunnarson (2017-18)	Programs Member – John Sweet
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	At Large – Ken Burns (2018-19)	At Large – Andy Koerner
		At-Large – Jim LaBaugh

Jim McDaniel had an interesting assortment of aircraft gauges, including one from a Japanese plane and a 1941 celestial navigation calculator.



He also showed us some reasonable-looking battery cables which, on close inspection, turned out to be heavily corroded. When he replaced them, his car turned over much faster! Hidden corrosion had really robbed power from the starter.

Dave Henderson had a very rare mint in-the-box aftermarket accessory green tail light which he speculated may have been used on the left rear of a bus with a matching red tail light to indicate it was safe to pass.



Don Pauly displayed a series of promotional and recruitment posters dating from WWI to WWII. They had been purchased from a thrift store by his wife Madge. Normally, these are on display in his garage.



Cliff Green not only brought in his mint in-the-box Ford charcoal grill and briquet bag, he provided a detailed review presentation of the origins of this Ford product (see separate story, "Ford Briquets," in this issue).



Bill Potter wondered if anyone could tell him anything about an unusual Ford generator with oversized casing for larger field coils. There were several guesses for a police, bus, or other high-output device, but nothing conclusive.



In keeping with his tradition, Nick Arrington passed around several "snake oil" items which promoted better gas mileage, improved performance, or some other unsubstantiated claims.



Steve Groves displayed a rare exhaust manifold.



Ken Burns found a KR Wilson special tool for creating exactly the right pedal pressure for adjusting his brakes. No more 2x4s and bathroom scales now!



Leo Cummings had a tube radio vibrator which came apart to show how it worked (no photo available).

To commemorate the 100th anniversary of the end of WWI, Dave Gunnarson had a trench-art vase created from a discarded artillery shell brought back by his paternal grandfather in 1919. He also displayed a set of NOS parts for a 1935-36 big truck hot air heater.



It was a very interesting and informative evening. Maybe next year there will be a chance for others to share even more gems from the attic.

Rain, Rain, Go Away! – Rerun of a portion of Dave’s article that first appeared in the July VC + list of winners.
 By Dave Westrate and Cliff Green

The 21st Annual Fairfax City Car Show was rained out in May for only the second time in its history, so it is hard to complain. Because of the time, money, and effort already expended, it was decided to reschedule for June 23rd. Although the early morning was bleak, we were able to complete the show between rain storms. As the day progressed, more and more cars showed up, and we ended up with 32 cars and had a nice showing and a good day after all.

2018 Fairfax City Car Show Winners

Best in Show: 1955 Packard
 Owner: Tom Brooks

Mayor’s Choice: 1968 Triumph
 Owner: Steve Higginbotham

People’s Choice: 1955 Ford
 Owner: Jim Lieberman



Best Early Car	Personal Touch Jeweler	Bill Babcock	1924T Touring
Best Model A	I.O. Gestalt, Inc.	Paul Gauthier	1930 A Fordor
Best of the '30's	Forster Management	Hank Dubois	1935 Ford Coupe
Best of the '40's	Printing Ideas	Ken Burns	1941 Super DX Sta Wag
Best of the '50's	County Transmissions	Leo Germon	1957 Dodge Pickup
Best of the '60's	Rust Insurance	Lyn Adams	1965 Mustang Convert
Bet of the '70's	Weber Tire	Fredrick Seoane	1976 Chevy Cosworth
Best of the '80's	Fairfax Auto Parts	Olin Simons	1981 Corvette
Best Hot Rod	Sterling Hot Rods	Lew Wade	1937Dodge
Best Commercial	P.J. Skidoo's	David Lease	1954 Chevy Pickup
Best Sports Car	George's Auto Resto	Robert Martig	1955Ford T-Bird
Best Orphan Make	PennFed Realty, Edna	Larry Bradford	1967 Oldsmobile
Best Ford (Pre-war)	Hard Times Café	David Skiles	1934 Cabriolet
Best Ford (post - war)	Al & Mary Edwards	Bill Bohatch	1963 ½ Ford
Best GM Product	Twin Ace Hardware,	Bob Brown	1957 Chevy Convert
Best MoPar Product	Safford Auto Group	Doug Wilson	1976 Dodge Demon
Best Engine	Business Benefits Grp	Phil Murray	Demo Flathead
Best Paint	Quality Auto Body	Rick Healy	1957 T-Bird
Best Sedan	Cameron's Coffee	Eric Thorson	1964 Rolls Royce
Best Convertible	PT Auto Experts	Steve Zimmerli	1969 Mustang Convert

Oatlands WW I & WW II Weekend

By Hank Dubois

On July 14th & 15th, NVRGers headed out to Oatlands Plantation near Leesburg, VA, to participate in their 2nd Annual WW I & WW II Commemorative Weekend. Like last year, the NVRG was invited to display our vintage V8s in front of the plantation mansion for weekend visitors to enjoy. Some of our members who supported this event last year were unable to do so this year, so our turnout was smaller but no less enthusiastic!

On Saturday, Jim McDaniel ('51 Sheriff's Cruiser), Frankie Martin and granddaughter Sierra ('51 Tudor), Mike and Stephanie Petty ('31 Slant Windshield Fordor), and Hank Dubois with new member Chris Newall riding shotgun ('35 3-W coupe), left from the usual spot at Fair Oaks Mall at 9am heading for Oatlands via Rt. 50 & Rt. 15. The weather was near perfect, so the drive to Oatlands was super with all vehicles performing flawlessly. Upon arriving at Oatlands, we parked on the front lawn next to a beautiful '55 Caddy coupe belonging to a WW II reenactor who had displayed a '40s vintage Chevy last year. We had hardly finished parking when Don Pauly ('41 Continental coupe) pulled in and parked close to the main entrance like he did last year. And, like last year, Don's beautiful Lincoln attracted a lot of attention throughout the day! Last to arrive were Model A Club members Jim and Connie Baker ('31 Fordor), who also participated in our April Poker Run.

A huge magnolia tree on the front lawn beckoned to us, so we set up our chairs under it to enjoy the day with occasional forays to check out the many military displays and reenactment campsites set up throughout the property as well as to tour the mansion itself. There were a number of new displays this year including a Stewart light tank powered by twin Caddy V8 engines and a large display devoted to the military chaplains of WW II, which was manned by a chaplain reenactor. In addition to these period military displays, there were also a number of veteran service organizations represented. As you might expect, WW II-era displays dominated the event but there were quite a number of WW I-era displays as well for visitors interested in that war. There was a lot to see and we did our best to see it!

On Sunday, Ken and Helen Burns ('41 Woodie) soloed out to Oatlands where they were joined by Don Pauly, who came back for the second day of the weekend, and Bob Brown ('40 Coupe). Ken reported

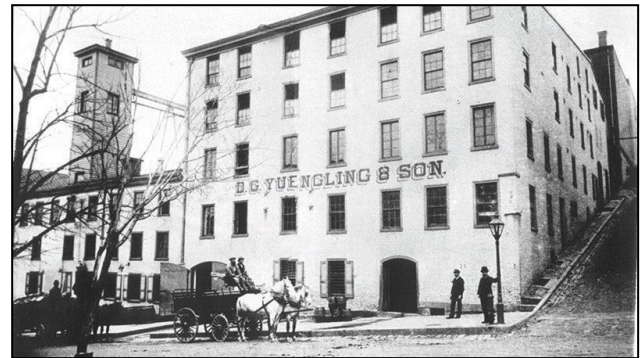
that everything was going well until early afternoon when a thunderstorm alert was sounded. He and Helen hoped to beat the impending storm but the skies opened up while they were preparing to leave. Their drive back on Rt. 15 was a wet one, accompanied by the inevitable "Woodie leaks," but when they reached Gilberts Corner, they drove out of the rain into bright sunlight! To cap things off, Ken had to clean a not insignificant amount of mud off the back of the Woodie caused by the rain mixing with the ample dust from Oatlands' long unpaved drive! Ah, the joys and trials (and memories) of driving an early Ford V8!

OUT AND ABOUT

May 2018 Eastern National Tour – Part 2 – Thurs.-Fri.
(see the July VC for Part 1, Mon.-Wed.)

By Ken Burns

Thursday found us setting off once again on the scenic byways to Pottsville, PA, for a tour of the Yuengling Brewery. Yuengling is the oldest continuously operating brewery in America, family owned and operated since 1829. In 1831, a fire destroyed the original building and a new building was built which is still in operation today and has been designated as a National Historic Site.



Then...



And now.

Yuengling survived Prohibition by switching production to near-beer and building a dairy across the street. Yuengling also survived the wave of consolidation that swept across the industry and, by the mid-1990s, Yuengling was positioned to expand operations by building a new brewery in Mill Creek, three miles from the original site and then acquiring the former Stroh's brewery in Tampa, FL. Recently, Yuengling went back into the dairy business by once again producing Yuengling Ice Cream, which is available at Wegman's (another company founded in PA).

Following lunch we headed to Orwigsburg and a visit to Bob Green's private museum. Bob's passion is mid-50s to 60s cars with a special love for muscle cars.



Just a few of the cars in Bob's collection and...



Something for Nick's collection! This is sort of like the kid's game *Operation* but was a coin operated device in bars to see if you were sober enough to drive. Riiiiight!!!

What sets Bob's museum apart from any other that I've ever visited is his drive-in movie. That's right, he built his own drive-in movie in the second story of his building, complete with more than a half dozen mid-60s convertibles, car-side speakers, a snack bar, picnic tables, digital projection of period movie trailers and cartoons, dimmable lighting that simulates the sun setting and even cricket sounds.

Bob, who's in the telecommunications business, said he's always been a car guy and also an A/V "geek," so a high-tech, digital drive-in just seemed like something he'd likely build in his museum.

Our last stop of the day was at Roadside America, alongside I-76 in Shartlesville. It's a miniature village/ginormous train layout. Helen went there when she was about 7 or 8 and we've driven by it numerous times headed to New Jersey. Clem says he's been there several times with his train folks.



Placard says: Stars and Stripes offers an assortment of drinks, lively discussion, honest roulette wheels, and old fashioned entertainment.

Friday was tour-on-your-own day, and Keith and Susan and Helen and I decided we'd visit the [National Watch & Clock Museum](#) in Columbia, just across the Susquehanna River from York. We'd all been to the museum before but it's the kind of museum you can definitely visit more than once. If there's ever *anything* you want to know about time, this is the place to go. You can learn about how the ancient Egyptians measured time to mechanical time pieces to electronic time pieces and everything in between. The clock and watches on display vary from stunning antique clocks to a clock from a Soviet nuclear submarine to whimsical devices to kids clocks.



Who better to teach kids how to tell time than the Sesame Street Count?

The tour wrapped up with a delicious home-cooked feast at Light's Victorian Farmhouse in Lebanon. Door prizes were awarded, folks said their goodbyes, and we all headed back to the headquarters hotel to ready for the trip home. By the time we were back home, we'd covered over 650 miles and would have covered nearly 800 if we'd been able to drive the Woodie on Tuesday.

Helen and I had a wonderful time and thank all the Hawk Mountain Regional Group folks who put on this wonderful event.

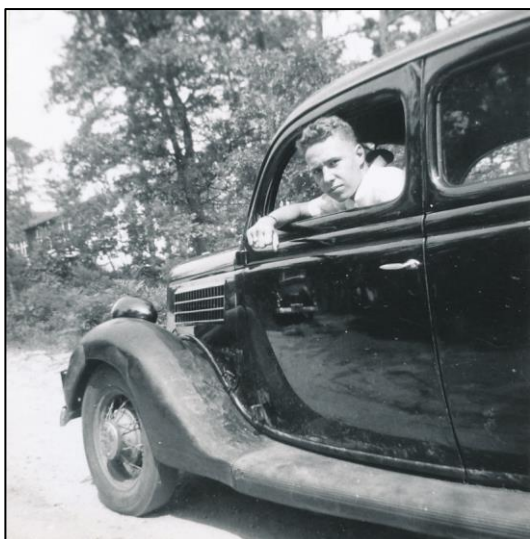
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FORD SOYBEAN PAINT 1933

Cliff Green

Upon reading Loren Sorenson's book *The American Ford*, I read an interesting article concerning the way Henry started painting his cars back in 1933. He introduced a soybean formula enamel for the bodies while the fenders were still painted with lacquer.

My first car was a 1935 Ford Tudor that I bought for \$25 and used as transportation to my summer job as a busboy in Onset, MA. Note in the picture that the body is extremely shiny while the fenders appear dull. I am sure that I waxed both surfaces equally.



Shiny body, dull fenders!

"Ford was noted for astounding body paint durability and lasting sheen, as it was soon proven that the soybean-based paint was not only longer wearing but less likely to chalk or off-color, and was not as nearly affected by atmospheric conditions."

Other features of using the new paint was ease

of application, it was less expensive than lacquer, had less odor and, importantly, was non-explosive. It was dropped during WWII because of the scarcity of materials.

"Legend has it that the use of the fabulous Ford soybean paint recipe was traded to Chrysler for hydraulic brake patent rights in 1938!"

You might take note of "Rouge" cars on the concourse and detect a difference between the body sheen and fenders. Nowadays, restorers paint with base coat and clear coat which, in my opinion, is *too much!*

That old Ford was only 20 years old at the time, but the body paint was beautiful. I sold it for \$25 at the end of the summer, 1955.

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Ford Briquets

By Cliff Green

As you know, Henry abhorred waste. One of his many examples is with the utilization of wood scraps to produce charcoal briquets.

The Model T required a considerable amount of wood for floorboards, roof ribs, body framing, and shipping crates. Henry, not wanting to be dependent on outside suppliers, bought 313,000 acres of timberland in the upper Michigan peninsula through the efforts of Edward Kingsford, the husband of his cousin, who was also a Ford dealer.

An entire five-story saw mill, along with a hydroelectric plant, train and ship access was built and opened in 1922. Soon, a village of 3,000 sprang up to be named Iron Mountain.

The wood waste was processed in an adjoining plant designed by Thomas Edison to produce charcoal briquets along with wood alcohol. This was the first commercial use of this product. Ford was manufacturing 55 tons of briquets a *day!* The charcoal was "Fuel for a Hundred Uses" for "Hotels, Restaurants, Railroads, Foundries, Tinsmiths, Meat Smoking, and Tobacco Curing." Bags of charcoal could be bought in 5-lb. to 100-lb. sizes.





In April 1935, Ford expanded his sales outlets to include Ford dealers who ordered supplies from their Ford branch. Included with the Ford charcoal sales were stoves sold in three sizes. One could buy a kit which included a 1-lb. box of charcoal with a small stove for \$1. The incentive for the dealer to sell this new item was a 42% profit margin!

LET'S HAVE A PICNIC
The aroma of steak sizz- open spaces and a steak zling over glowing charcoal briquettes, step on the way stimulates the appetite of the most demanding epicure. When you head for your Ford dealer's for a bag of Ford Charcoal Briquets and Camp Grille.

5-LB. BAG BRIQUETS
A 5-POUND BAG OF FORD CHARCOAL BRIQUETS. READY TO USE. 25 CENTS PER BAG.

THE CAMP GRILLE
A LARGE SIZE GRILLE. MADE OF PORTLAND CEMENT. LIGHTWEIGHT. EASY TO USE. 25 CENTS.

FORD PICNIC KIT
INCLUDES STEAK GRILL, BAG OF CHARCOAL BRIQUETS, AND A BUNNY CARBON. \$1.



NOS #20 camp grill display in Cliff Green's station wagon.

After WWII, with wood products declining, Ford spun off the charcoal to the Kingsford Chemical Company who continue in the charcoal business today.

In 1954, Ford Motor Company donated the sawmill and community buildings to Michigan Technological University.

FROM OUR FRIENDS DOWN UNDER

USA Trip – June 2018 (Part 1 of 3)
by Trevor Poulsen



Trevor and Pam Poulsen

It all started last year when I read that the Early Ford V8 Grand Nationals were to be held in Dearborn, MI, in 2018. My wife Pam and I had attended the last Grand Nationals back in 2013 and thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. Back in 2013, we spent 7 weeks touring the USA – 1,000 miles with friends from Arizona – after which we picked up a rental Ford Fusion and added another 9,000 miles to our trip. All up, we actually visited 35 different States. This time around, we would not be driving as extensively, and it would be a much more leisurely trip.

For the 2018 trip, we would only be away from home for 3 weeks. Back in 2013, our Aussie Dollar was about par with the USA Dollar; however, this time around, our Aussie Dollar would only buy just over 70 cents in USA money. Regardless of the exchange rate, life still goes on, and you have to take the good with the bad.

Earlier this year, we purchased our airline tickets from Brisbane to Los Angeles, with a connecting flight to Detroit. When we booked the trip, it seemed months away; however, time really flies

and the departure date was upon us. Our daughter drove us to Brisbane International Airport, and we were on our way.



After 13 hours in the air, we landed at LAX, cleared through Customs, and delivered our 2 suitcases for our connecting flight to Detroit. We spent a few hours at LAX and were then on our way, the flight taking 4 hours. I was sitting next to a window and saw one of our suitcases being unloaded but didn't see the second one. After disembarking, we went to collect our luggage and, as suspected, only one suitcase had arrived.

We checked the Lost Baggage people and they told us that TSA had removed one of our suitcases to inspect the contents, and that it subsequently missed the flight. It would not arrive in Detroit until the following day. The only thing to do was to pick up our rental car and drive to our friends John and Leslie's place for the night, as it had been a very long day. In fact, we got up at 5 a.m. Wednesday in Brisbane and we arrived at our friend's apartment at 9:30 p.m. the same day. But, as you can imagine, it didn't feel like that, and Pam and I were both very tired.

Next morning, our friends left for work, while we had a sleep in, but we were interrupted by a knock on the door. Our missing suitcase had arrived and Delta personally had made a special trip to deliver it to us, which was much appreciated. On opening our suitcase, we could see that TSA had gone through everything. I had some books that I had brought from Australia, and to protect them, I wrapped them up individually, only to find that the TSA had ripped the wrapping off each book. What did they expect to find? I guess that you would put it in the category of Jobs, Jobs, Jobs, meaning, you have to appear to make yourself busy to keep your job.

After a good rest, we were ready to explore one small corner of Michigan in our rental car

while our friends were at work. That evening, John and Leslie took us to dinner in a 2018 Lincoln Navigator, after which we were driven around parts of Detroit, including Grosse Pointe Shores, where we saw the entrance to the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House – a grand mansion.



Edsel & Eleanor Ford House

We spent the next day exploring the countryside and getting ready to attend the Grand Nationals in Dearborn. Sunday afternoon, we booked into the Edward Hotel in Dearborn for the week, where entrants started to arrive in their Early Ford V8s.

Monday morning, the Swap Meet got underway. I was able to buy a few things to take home. Some larger items were tempting, but the weight and size prevented me pursuing these further. The old Fords continued arriving, as the massive dedicated car park started filling up. The wind was blowing quite strongly making tents redundant.

While we were staying in Dearborn, we took the opportunity on Monday to visit Fair Lane, the original home of Henry and Clara Ford, as it was a quiet day as entrants continued to arrive. While we could not view the inside, owing to the whole place being renovated, we were able to walk around the extensive grounds of this great old home.

Tuesday, we boarded a bus to take us to the Ford Piquette Avenue Plant, where Henry built the early "letter" Fords prior to the Model T.



What a wonderful place, with dozens of very early Fords to view. If you are visiting Detroit, make sure to add this place to visit. In the evening, three seminars were presented. The first one was on Early Ford Carburetors, followed by Early Ford Transmissions. After a break for dinner, the final presentation was on Early Ford Spark Plugs. These seminars were all conducted by experts in their respective fields.

Wednesday, we spent the day walking around Greenfield Village, another place not to be missed when you visit Dearborn. This is a fantastic place spread over 240 acres. Henry sure put his money where it would be recognized for decades to come. Walking around this place was an amazing experience. The massive grounds are kept in pristine condition and, to add to the atmosphere, you can take a ride in a Model T Ford or a horse-drawn vehicle. Meanwhile, back at the Meet hotel, the early Ford V8s continued to arrive, ready for the Concourse the following day.

Thursday brought great weather as nearly 200 early Ford products were lined up in their respective groups. What a great sight of old Fords, Mercurys, and Lincolns, especially for an Australian, as we didn't receive the variety of body styles that were available in the USA and Canada. It was certainly a pleasant experience walking around all these great old Ford products and taking plenty of photos at the same time. As not all ladies want to spend all day looking at cars, a special Ladies Luncheon was offered which included a painting class. In the evening, a special tour of the Ford River Rouge Complex was offered, and we were transported there by bus. We were able to see the Ford F150 pickups being assembled, which was a great experience.

As nothing was planned for Friday, Pam and I decided to visit the gravesite of Henry and Clara Ford, plus other members of the Ford family. The gravesite is located in the grounds of St. Martha's Episcopal Church in Detroit.



In the afternoon, I was privileged to be invited to a private showing of David Rehor's amazing collection of early Fords – mostly 1932 models – but they also included examples from 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936, and 1937, plus a 1931 Lincoln. What an incredible collection of perfectly restored or in-the-process-of-being-restored old Fords. In the evening was the awards banquet and presentations. It was a great night which was the culmination of the week's activities.

Saturday morning meant pack up and move out of the Edward, as the Meet had ended, but as luck would have it, the annual Motor Muster at Greenfield Village was on. So we packed the car with our belongings and headed once again to Greenfield Village. The whole place was abuzz with modern cars. Only stock vehicles produced between 1933 and 1977 are acceptable. Items like aftermarket mag wheels, etc. are not acceptable. Lowering of the vehicle and removing chrome trim also makes the vehicle unacceptable. Imagine the scene: a beautiful, manicured lawn filled to overflowing with perfectly restored cars from all manufacturers, all displayed in these magnificent grounds. In addition to the cars, there was plenty of entertainment in different forms. What a great day to view all these superb cars in this great location.

However, we needed to move on. After lunch, we headed to Coldwater to meet up with our friends John and Leslie once again. This is where they spend the weekends. After a pleasant weekend with John and Leslie, we headed off early Monday morning to South Bend, IN, as we wanted to visit the Studebaker National Museum. This museum traces its rich history, starting with the horse-drawn vehicle, as that is where it all began. Vehicles, both horse-drawn and motorised, are located on two floors, plus more vehicles are stored in the basement. It is a great museum, and worth adding to your itinerary if you are in Indiana.



(Part 2 coming next month.)

HAPPENINGS JUST AROUND THE BEND



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NVRG Ice Cream Social and Family Feud

Tuesday, August 14, 7pm
Hunter House, Nottoway Park, Vienna, VA

It's time again for another NVRG favorite, the Ice Cream Social. Everyone is welcome – kids, grandkids, spouses, significant others, friends, etc. You'll enjoy all this and more: three flavors of ice cream, lots of toppings and sauces, plenty of delicious fruit, whipped cream, cherries, and nuts too! Create your own delight!



In addition to delicious ice cream, fresh fruit, and root beer floats, we will be playing a fun team game of Family Feud – The Car Edition!

If you've ever watched the popular TV game show, *Family Feud*, you know that contestants compete by guessing what a random survey of Americans* would answer to a variety of prompts. For this game, a sample prompt is: Besides an engine, name something under the hood of a car.

Each team will have time to discuss and agree upon one answer. Points will be awarded for matching any of the top three random survey answers. For the example prompt, the "Survey Says": 1) Battery (3 points), 2) Radiator (2 points),

3) Carburetor (1 point), and 4) Spark plugs. How did you do? Did you guess most people would say battery first?

It should be a lot of fun for the whole family – You don't want to miss it! See you there.

**Family Feud* contracts with polling companies who conduct phone surveys using random-digit dialing.

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Annual NVRG Drive-In Movie Tour

September 15 and 16
Family Drive-In Theatre, Stephens City, VA



Saturday, September 15th

* Depart from Fair Oaks Mall at 1pm and caravan through the scenic VA countryside to Middletown, VA. Check into the Wayside Inn in Middletown around 3pm. The historic and charming Wayside Inn is the oldest continuously operated inn in America and dates from 1797. We have 12 delightful rooms set aside for us, ranging in price from \$95 to \$150 (before our 20% discount) which includes a full cooked breakfast. The rooms are 3, 6, 7, 11, 12, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23 and 24. Check them out online (alongthewayside.com) then call 540-869-1797 to reserve yours.

* Rooms are set aside under "Henry Dubois/Early Ford V8 Club" and will be held until September 1, so don't delay.

* Dinner at 4:30pm at the Wayside Inn, then on to the Family Drive-In Theatre for their 9th Annual Classic Car Show and Movie Night. The car show is from 3-7pm and we'll have a chance to check out the cars that are staying for the '60s action film *Two-Lane Blacktop* starring James Taylor and Warren Oates, which will be shown at dusk.

Sunday, September 16th

* After a leisurely breakfast, we'll spend a little time enjoying the ambience of the Wayside Inn before departing for our scenic return trip home. Along the way, we may stop at a historic site (TBD)

as well as an interesting place for a light lunch or snacks before completing our drive back to the hustle and bustle of Fairfax arriving around mid-afternoon.

* Contact for more information or questions: Hank Dubois: handcdubois@verizon.net or 703-476-6919 (H).

* This is really a fun tour that takes you back in time. So, if you've thought about going before but haven't, don't miss out on the fun this year!

NEW MEMBER WELCOME

Welcome!

By Gay Harrington

On behalf of the entire NVRG family here's a big WELCOME to our newest members, Craig Proulx and Chris Newell. Craig and Chris both attended our rescheduled—due-to-rain Fairfax Car Show in June, where several of us had the pleasure of meeting them in person. Craig is building a 1934 Ford 3-window coupe, so all you 1934 “guys & dolls” out there, don't hesitate to make Craig's acquaintance! Email him at: cproulx@cox.net.

Robert C. “Chris” Newell has an interest in early Ford V8s and may be looking for one of his own soon. He resides in Washington, DC.

We also welcome Jim Walker of Manassas Park, VA. Mr. Walker has a '42 Lincoln Coupe.

Our chapter now has 154 “family” members in ten U.S. states and the District of Columbia, as well as members in the U.K.

Last month I welcomed Dick and Joan Rial of Richmond to our chapter, and I now have some photos of their 1949 Mercury 4-door Sport Sedan to share—a beauty for sure!



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McLaren 720S, costing around \$300,000, was destroyed Saturday in Great Falls. The driver was taken to the hospital with non-life threatening injuries

\$300K Car 'Purchased Friday, Totaled Saturday'

Driver medevac'd but OK, say Police.

Fairfax County Police said in a tweet on Saturday, July 14, at 5 p.m.:
“Purchased Friday. Totaled Saturday. This McLaren 720S, costing around \$300,000, was destroyed Saturday in Great Falls because of speed. The driver was taken to the hospital with thankfully only non-life threatening injuries. A reminder to slow down, or it could cost you.”

Bud Morrissette said on Facebook: “[The driver] was heading to the Cars and Coffee event held every Saturday from 6:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. at Katie's/Old Brogue in Great Falls. I was there. Was standing 20 feet away from the rescue squad and the helicopter that air vac'd him to the hospital. Then I drove by the car leaving the event on Walker Road. He is lucky to be alive. You could see he came around a right hand corner too fast and the car just slid right from under him to the left and into the tree... driver side. Trees always win the battle.”

NVRG & NCRG Combined Picnic @ Bill's Big Top Emporium

August 25, 2018



I would like to invite everyone from the Northern Virginia & National Capital V-8 Regional Groups to a joint picnic at my place in Bethesda, MD, on August 25th. Family members are, of course, welcome. It's rain or shine, so if we don't luck out with the weather, jump in your late model Ford and come anyway. My garage will accommodate a fairly large crowd.

Willard's Real Pit BBQ will be catering our event because they have done such a superb job for us over the years. Pulled pork; beef brisket; smoked sausage, along with the usual sides and picnic essentials will be served. The cost per person will be \$11 per adult and \$6 per child. In an effort to establish a head count, **please RSVP to Joe Freund no later than August 20th** by mailing him your check made out to NVRG. Please indicate the number of adults and children that will be attending. For our friends in National Capital, his address is: 650 Springvale Rd., Great Falls, VA 22066. We are asking guests to please bring your beverage of choice and a dessert or favorite side dish to share. I have a limited number of garage chairs so please bring folding chairs as well.

I have a large mowed field next to the garage for parking vintage vehicles - please follow the signs. Modern iron will park up by the road, a short walk away.

I'm located on the VA/MD border near the American Legion bridge, just upstream from DC. I'm back in the bushes on five acres but none of it is visible from the road, so when you get close, look for the balloons. If anyone would like a map, by all means let me know and I'll be happy to mail you one. I realize not everyone has GPS.

The party starts at High Noon and we will begin serving at 1:00pm. Feel free to stay as long as you like – there's a lot to see if you haven't been here before... It's not ALL rust ;) I'm excited to be hosting our first-ever joint RG picnic and I look forward to seeing everyone on Aug 25th.

Bill Potter
8600 MacArthur Blvd.
West Bethesda, MD 20817
If anyone has questions, feel free to call me: (c) 301-466-2610

ANNUAL ANTIQUE AUTO ASSEMBLY
ARMED FORCES RETIREMENT HOME WASHINGTON DC
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

Schedule of Events

- 8:00 a.m.—Registration/Refreshments
- 9:00 a.m.— Car Show Begins
- 10:00-11:30 a.m. Car Show Judging
- 11:45 a.m.— Nation’s Capitol Model “T” Club Demonstration
- 12:15 p.m.— Award Presentation
- 12:30 p.m.— Car Show Ends



This Auto Assembly is free, Dash Plaques will be given out to the first 100 registered. Enameled Dash Plaques commemorating the event will be given to each participant. This event will be apart of the Annual AFRH/Community Fall Fest day from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Please enter at the intersection of Randolph and Rock Creek Church Road N.W. Activities include a golf tournament, beer/bourbon tasting, petty zoo, military static displays and much more... Plan to stay the day after the car show is over for the Fall Fest. For details call 202-541-7637 or email Constance.Maziel@afrh.gov

(Circle Category) ANTIQUE, MODIFIED, MILITARY, MOTORCYCLE

NAME _____ PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

MAKE/MODEL _____

VEHICLE _____ YEAR _____ CLUB _____

Labor Day Car Show



September 3rd, 2018



8:00 AM to 3:00 PM

19th Annual Show "on the streets"
in the City of Fairfax, Virginia

Sponsored by the Clifton Lions Club and the City of Fairfax

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT LOCAL CHARITIES

***** Open Show *****

Antiques, Classics, Foreign, Customs, Trucks,
Street Rods, Muscle Cars, Motorcycles, and more

*** Specialty Trophies and "Participant Pick" Awards ***

*** Dash Plaques to the first 250 show vehicles ***

Visit www.labordaycarshow.org for show information

Contact Jim Chesley for Sponsorship and Vendor Opportunities

Telephone (703) 830-2129 or email jchesley@aol.com



Clifton Lions
Serve
Show Schedule

6 AM Registration Opens

8 AM Show Begins

12 Noon

• Colors - American Legion

• Post 177 Honor Guard

• National Anthem

12:30 PM

• Participant Balloting Ends

2:00 PM 50/50 Raffle Ends

2:15 PM 50/50 Raffle Drawn

2:20 PM Trophy and Awards

• Popular Choice - Top 20

• Ladies Choice

• City of Fairfax Mayor's

• Lions Awards

• Best of Show

• Special Award

3:00 PM Show Closes



Show Vehicles

- Must enter at the Sanger & University
- Must exit via Armstrong Street
- Must Check-in with the Registration Desk
- Follow Vehicle Parking attendant directions
- Departures prior to 3:00 PM by prior arrangement only

FAIRFAX CITY LIONS INTERNATIONAL

Fairfax City and The Clifton Lions Club present the

19th Annual LABOR DAY CAR SHOW

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SEPT 3 2018 | 8 AM to 3 PM | University Drive and the SunTrust Bank Parking Lot, FAIRFAX CITY, VIRGINIA

OPEN SHOW

Antiques, Classics, Foreign, Customs, Street Rods, Muscle Cars, Trucks, Motorcycles, etc.

All Proceeds Benefit Local Charities

- Dash plaques to first 250 show vehicles
- "Participant Pick" Awards
- Specialty Trophies
- Live Music & Food

For show and vendor information contact:
Jim Chesley | 703-830-2129
Go to www.labordaycarshow.org
or email jchesley@aol.com

Show Vehicle Registration Form

Pre-Register by August 28th: \$15 Registration On-Site: \$20

Name _____ Telephone _____

Address _____

Email Address _____ Club _____

Year/Make/Model/Features _____

Signature _____

Cash or Check made payable to Clifton Lions Club

Mail to: Jim Chesley, 7207 Main Street, Box 225, Clifton, VA 20124-0225

In acceptance of the right to participate, I hereby release the Clifton Lions Club, the City of Fairfax, and all others connected with the management or presentation of this event from any and all known and unknown liabilities that may be suffered by any entrant to his person or property. Management will do all in its power to cooperate with participants to ensure a successful event.



NOTE: The "Automart" is now being maintained and updated by NVRG member **Jim McDaniel**. If you have any submissions, updates, or corrections, please contact Jim at jim44mcd@gmail.com (email preferred) or cell: 202-409-4459. To be included in the next issue, new or changed ads need to be submitted to Jim by the **18th** of each month. Photos are acceptable for ads and will be included as space permits.

Vehicles **FOR SALE**



1932 Ford Tudor (Model B, 4-cylinder): All original metal. New LeBaron Bonney interior. Has been driven the last couple of years but could use a rebuild and a paint job. \$29,000. **Jim Rodda**, 301-801-3534 or email to jrodda1932@gmail.com. (08/18)



Early 1950 Ford Custom Deluxe Tudor Sedan: 46,687 Original Miles; same owner for 36 years; Numerous Dearborn and AACA Awards. Car located in VA. \$25,000. **Jeannette Hall**, 540-424-9823. (05/18)



Early 1947 Super Deluxe Ford Coupe: Dark blue, 2017 Dearborn Award winner. Car located in VA. **Bill Selley**, 703-679-9462. (09/17)



1936 FORD 5 Window Coupe: Same owner past 55 years; last 20 in covered, dry storage. 21 stud LB engine rebuilt in 1985. Extra running '36 engine. \$23,000 OBO. Located in PA. **Mike Gall** 814-619-8193. (11/16)



1953 Lincoln Capri Convertible and Coupe: Call for more info. **Mike Gall** 814-619-8193. (11/16)



1974 Mercedes 450 SL Convertible: V-8, Automatic, A/C, red with black leather interior, both tops included, extra engine and transmission included. Asking \$6,500. **Steve Groves**, 6312 Marywood Rd., Bethesda, MD 20817, 301-530-7411, email: sevorg1751@gmail.com. (Photo is representative of year, type, and color – not photo of actual car for sale.) (08/18)

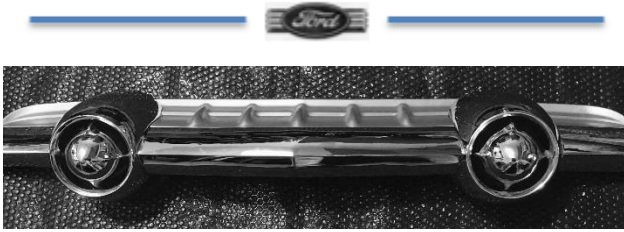


Parts & Accessories **FOR SALE**

EFV8CA Restoration Guides: 1932 (2 volumes) \$30; 1933-34 \$20; 1935-36 \$15; 1938-39 \$15; 1949-51 \$10. Call **Cliff Green**, 703-426-2662. (08/18)



1932 Model B Original and Repro Parts: Have a large stash of '32 Model B (4-cylinder) parts: gas tank, running boards, 12-volt conversion parts, etc. All real nice. Package deal great for a Hershey stall. Call **Jim Rodda** at 301-801-3534 or email him: jrodda1932@gmail.com. (08/18)



Complete 1951 Ford Grill: Recently restored with shiny, new chrome plating. Grill assembly includes Center Outer Grill Bars (1A-8150-PR), Grill Bullet Outer Rings (1A-8217-PR), Center Grill Bar (1A-8241-PR), Grill Bullets (1A-8216), Grill Bracket to join center bars, and Center Air deflector sheet. Reproductions will cost you \$900 and up. Your cost for this nice assembled grill is \$525. I will provide free shipping/handling. **Bill Tindall**, Email: earlyfordguy@yahoo.com. (07/18)

24-stud Flathead Engine: Complete; Heads have "EAB" cast (believed to be '53 engine, not certain); will turn over (not frozen); heads have been removed so you can inspect cylinders and decide if you want the engine. Purchase is "as is"; no return. \$450. **Ray Lambert**, 703-595-9834. (6/18)

1951 Ford Truck 5-Star Hood Trim, to use with your "hood spear" on the sides of the hood. Have both left and right. \$150. **Ray Lambert**, 703-595-9834. (06/18)

1951-52 Ford F-1 Truck Rear Axle: Drum-to-drum with springs; no wheels. \$150. **Ray Lambert**, 703-595-9834. (06/18)

1951-52 Ford F-1 Truck Front Axle: Nearly complete, backing-plate-to-backing-plate, with springs and steering arms. Note, no brake drums or wheels. \$150. **Ray Lambert**, 703-595-9834. (06/18)

1935-40 Ford passenger car tailpipe, NOS/NORS. Never used, \$50. **Jason Javaras**, 540-786-5819. (3/18)

1942-48 Ford/Mercury SS back window trim w/rubber seal, \$50. **Jason Javaras**, 540-786-5819. (3/18)

1947-48 Ford accessory chrome grill guard, \$50. **Jason Javaras**, 540-786-5819. (3/18)

1940 and earlier years Ford "A" cylinder heads, \$25 each. **Jason Javaras**, 540-786-5819. (3/18)

Ford backup lamp (51A 18275). Needs switch, otherwise show quality, \$60. **Jason Javaras**, 540-786-5819. (3/18)

One pair 60-HP Ford Script Heads: NOS cast iron, best offer. **Leo Cummings**, RPMLHC@aol.com, cell: 571-212-7747. (3/18)

Three 24-stud Ford Script Heads, cast iron, best offer. **Leo Cummings**, RPMLHC@aol.com, cell: 571-212-7747. (3/18)

Eastern National Meet Goodies: Craftsman Tool Bag, \$5; Meet Gearshift Knob, \$5; Meet License Plate Topper, \$5; Compact LED Flashlight w/Clip & Magnet, \$5; Meet Pin, \$1, or free w/purchase of one or more other item(s). **Hank Dubois**, handcdubois@verizon.net or 703-476-6919. (07/17)



1936-39 Ford Complete Transmission: Completely rebuilt trans plus a nice top. All new (NOS Ford) internal parts (gears, shafts, bearings, etc.) and

clutch release parts (shaft, fork and arm). Late 36 style gear set (all helical gears, 16 spline helical main shaft for sliding gear) in a late pickup case (1946 top loader). Includes an excellent used 36 – 38 top. Will sell complete gear set without the case (i.e., if you want to install these gears in your case). Will not sell internal parts individually. **John Ryan**, 301-469-7328, john@ryanweb.com. (11/17)



1941-48 Ford Original Shocks and Links: A pair (right & left) of original shocks with arms & links for 41-48 Ford front. These are used shocks that seem to be in good working order with no sign of internal rust issues. **John Ryan**, john@ryanweb.com. 301-469-7328. (08/17)



Pair of 1949-51 three-rib fender skirts: Very good condition. Painted gloss black and was on my '51 until the mid-1990s. Will NOT fit '51 Ford. \$90 for set. **Jim McDaniel**, jim44mcd@gmail.com, c:202-409-4459. (8/16)



1949-50 Ford chrome fog light set: After Market; never installed or used. New condition, no blemishes, includes set of clear and amber 6-V sealed beam fog lights, wiring, switch with bracket, and instructions. \$75. **Jim McDaniel**, jim44mcd@gmail.com c:202-409-4459. (8/16)



1949-53 Ford & Mercury Engine Parts: Nearly all parts available: Heads, manifolds, crankshafts, rods, camshafts, valve parts, oil pans, oil filter housings, front covers, water pumps, bellhousings, ignition, etc. No Mercury crankshafts or oil pans. Dirt cheap! **John Ryan**, 301-469-7328, john@ryanweb.com. (07/16)



Tools: Six-piece hand tool kit with pouch for your exact year/month EV-8, with "B" tip screwdriver, tire iron, jack, jack handle, grease gun, and pump optional with purchase, as available. **Dave Henderson**. jrdshen@verizon.net or 703-938-8954. (02/16)



1934 Ford Parts: Two 21-stud '34-'35 engines, one complete, one parts. Small parts for '34; ash tray, bolts, bushings, rubber parts, windshield with glass; two '34-'36 transmissions complete, lots of extra gears; engine heads and manifolds for '34-'36; oil pan for '34; hubcaps for spare; original and new door handles; carburetor kits; water pumps; fender braces; 17" wheels; water inlet with motor mount for '34-'35; 50 years of V-8 Times. Call for more info. **Don Hill** 1308 Bragg Road, Fredericksburg, VA 22407 – 540-847-3363. (updated 05/18)



Vehicles WANTED

Driver quality 1935-36 Pickup wanted: Contact **Nick Arrington**, nta1153@verizon.net or 703-966-8422. (01/15)



Parts & Accessories WANTED

1940 Ford Frame wanted. Call **Ray Lambert**, 703-595-9834. (08/18)



Model 81 Carburetors. Two Model 81 carbs suitable for rebuilding wanted. These were the carbs used on the 60 HP V-8s. **Nick Arrington**, 703-966-8422 or nta1153@verizon.net. (8/18)



Car Rotator. Want to borrow, rent, or buy. **Steve Groves**, call 301-530-7411 before 9:00 PM. (04/18)



1951 Ford station wagon sway bar. Steve Groves, call 301-530-7411 before 9:00 PM. (04/18)



1950 Ford transmission cross-member. Steve Groves, call 301-530-7411 before 9:00 PM. (04/18)



1951-52 Ford pickup 8-foot bed: Ray Lambert 703-595-9834. (02/18)



1940 Ford Heater Switch for hot water heater. **Bill Chaney**, flihi@cabelfirst.net or 804-776-7597. (12/14)



1935 Ford closed car: the radio speaker with cable and connector to the radio box. **Jim Eberly** – 301-689-9420 or Jeberly4@comcast.net. (07/14)



Parts & Accessories

FREE

1950 Ford back seat FREE. Don't know if it's from a Tudor or Fordor. Good springs; enough of the original upholstery and padding remaining to cover with seat covers for a driver (but I don't think I would). Bought it to cut down for my '49, then found a seat at Carlisle. **Russ Brown**, 703-919-6011, dogbanner@gmail.com. (05/18)



Fall Tour – Urbanna Oyster Festival

November 2-4, 2018

From Bill Simons:

I have reserved 10 rooms at the Quality Inn in Gloucester, VA: 5 king beds and 5 doubles with 2 beds for a group rate of \$80.00/room plus tax.

Check-in is Friday, November 2, and check out is Sunday, November 4. The rooms for us are held until October 1st under the Ford V-8 Club.

Their direct phone number is 804-695-1900 and the manager is named Lakisha. You can cancel up to November 1 without penalty.

I urge those participating to make their reservation sooner rather than later.

The main attraction will be the Urbanna Oyster Festival, but we will tour other points of interest in the nearby area. Further details will follow. Please let me know if you plan to attend so that I can get a tentative head count. Email me at:

bsimons@rustinsurance.com.



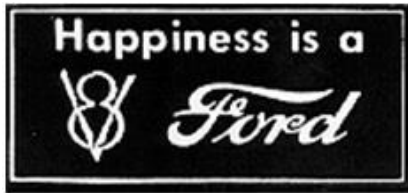
V-8 Ford given proper burial as mourners gather.



V-8 Ford: "Honey, get me a ladder. Looks like a Mercury motor. We need that crankshaft."



V-8 Ford: "Sorry, sir. It's your muffler bearings. It's going to be expensive to fix."








NVRG 2018 Calendar



August	
4	Workhouse Art Center Brewfest – 1pm–8pm, Lorton, VA. Contact Ken Burns at helenandken@verizon.net if interested.
14	Membership Meeting and Ice Cream Social – 7pm – Nottaway Park – Game night: Car-related Family Feud
18	Valve Clatter Deadline – Submit articles, photos, want/sell, calendar updates, etc. to content coordinators listed below.
25	Joint Picnic with National Capital Regional Group – At Bill Potter’s home. Details in this issue.
28	NVRG Board of Directors Meeting – Bob Evans Restaurant, 10443 White Granite Dr., Oakton, VA (near Routes 123 and 66, phone: 703-591-7550). Dinner at 6:30; meeting at 7:30. All are welcome to attend.
September	
Date TBD	Old Soldiers Home Show
3	19th Annual Labor Day Car Show – 8am–3pm – Event sponsored by Clifton Lions Club and City of Fairfax, Fairfax City, VA (see ad).
11	Membership Meeting – 7pm – Nottaway Park. Program: Fire Safety – Refreshments: Andy Koerner
15-16	Drive-in Movie Tour/Weekend – Stephens City, VA.
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9-13	Hershey AACA Show and Flea Market
16	Membership Meeting – 7pm – Nottaway Park. Program: Hershey Review by Tommy Harper – Refreshments: Bruce Metcalf
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Down the Road



-  September 3 – Labor Day Car Show – Clifton Lions Club and City of Fairfax
-  September 15–16 – Drive-in movie tour/weekend, Stephens City, VA
-  October 9–12 – Hershey AACA Meet, Hershey, PA
-  November 2–4 – Fall Tour, Gloucester and Urbanna Oyster Festival, Urbanna, VA
-  December 8 – Holiday gala

NVRG Car of the Month
John Girman « 1953 Victoria



FIRST CLASS MAIL

**Regional Group 96
Early Ford V8 Club
Post Office Box 1195
Vienna, Virginia, 2218**