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June Membership Meeting: NVRG Car Show at Nottoway Park

By Dave Gunnarson



Over 24 NVRG members gathered on Tuesday June 11th from 10 am to 2 pm at Nottoway Park in Vienna for an NVRG car show. The weather was perfect, with temps in the low 80's, fluffy clouds and a brilliant blue sky.

Dave Gunnarson brought his van full of tools (many virtually brand new and in their boxes) and household items which he received from his neighbor the day before. Apparently, the neighbor is selling his house unexpectedly because of a serious health issue and said that "everything must go". Members snapped up virtually everything and made a voluntary donation to the club. In the end "everything was gone" and the NVRG treasury has a donation of \$167.

Steve Blancard also brought generators and cutouts to sell along with other EFV8 parts and goodies.

There were nine EFV8 and other old cars in attendance and many non-club people who wandered in enjoyed looking at the cars. We gathered around the tent sales and enjoyed our bring-your-own-lunch snacks, swapped stories and other tales. Everyone seemed to have a nice time and by 2 pm, most everyone had departed home.

It was popular enough that this might become an annual event. (Members' car photos continue on p. 3.)

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Up Front with the President July 2024



President's Message—July 2024

Our informal car show on Tuesday June 11th was a great success. Good turnout of new and old members and cars and pleasant weather. Lots of comradeship, conversation, and even some parts for sale. Thanks to Dave Gunnarson for organizing this special "second Tuesday membership meeting".

Our new, 40-page NVRG membership directory is now available in printed form for a limited time only. The directory is a handy reference with members and their contact info. For touring, a copy in the glovebox seems as essential as spare parts and a cellphone. The directory will be printed -only one time - for all those members who have sent in prepaid orders before July 25th. Compared to the digital version recently emailed to members, this professionally-produced, stapled, booklet version (in color or B&W) available at relatively low cost seems like an obvious way to go. Refer to the notice in this issue for ordering details.

The EFV8 Club has just kicked off a new membership drive, running from July 1 through October 15. Members who recruit new members are eligible to receive EFV8 Club books as a reward. A great opportunity to expand and strengthen our V8 community and add to your personal V8 library. Details are in the current issue of the *V8 Times* magazine.

Our next membership meeting will be at the usual time and place: Tuesday July 9th at the Green Acres Senior Center in Fairfax City. This will be another "Movie Night" program, this time featuring *Danger on Wheels*, a full-length 1940 movie with lots of period auto action. Thanks to Susan Skiles, our movie concession stand will offer a selection of those wonderful snacks available at the theater decades ago. (Milk Duds were my favorite). Please note that this meeting will not be accessible on Zoom. I look forward to seeing you there!

Best V-8 wishes,

John

2024 NVRG Officers and Terms	2022 Directors and Terms	Committee Members
President – John Ryan (2023 & 24)	Membership – Gay Harrington (2024-25)	Fairfax Show – <u>Dave Westrate</u>
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Dave Skiles' 1934 Cabriolet



Leo Cummings' 1950 Mercury Monterey Tudor



Frankie Martin's 1951 Custom Tudor



Milton Sprecher's 1951 Convertible

Sully Plantation 2024 Father's Day Car Show *By Nick Arrington*

Unless you are new to the area, you probably agree that our Sully Show is the closest thing we have to a major/top shelf show—not Pebble Beach, but nothing to scoff at. Over the years I've seen steam cars, electric cars, Cords, Packards, the Moxie Soda Horse 'Car' and tons of great Model A's. The George Washington Chapter of the Model A Club really puts together a great event. This year, 305 cars were registered.

The weather this year was spectacular and the entry and exit onto the grounds was very smooth. This may have been the result of a mandatory pre-registration policy for this year. Our club was well represented, and club member Dave Westrate took 1st place 'Best of Show' with his spectacular Woodie Wagon. Leo Cummings won First in his Division with his '54 Ford and Keith Randall won first place in third class world of foreign cars including his Datsun 280X. Just joking—he has a killer original 280Z he's owned since new.

Club members sighted included Dave Westrate, Warren Barbee, Eric Sumner, Joe Freund, Steve Zimmerli, Leo Cummings, Frankie Martin, Hank DuBois, Bill Potter and Bob Vignola. Raymond Lambert was toiling in the flea market. Forgive me if I missed anyone.

Bob Vignola took his 37 Phaeton on its inaugural run after sorting a bunch of electrical gremlins. It's a great show—mark your calendar for next year.



Slick Frankie Martin's Shoebox



Hank Dubois' 3-window wonder



Bob Vignola's coming out party at Sully (just the car—not him)



Dave Westrate Best of Show—Woodie Wagon



Leo Cummings Best of Class—'54 Ford



Nick Arrington—Best Exhaust Tips and Fender Skirts, Tough
Class



Arringtons in '41 pickup and '66 Beetle. Vignolas in '37 Phaeton

2024 Ford Carlisle

By Warren Barbee

Officially known as "Carlisle Ford Nationals" it's more car show than swap meet. The car show takes up more than ¾ of the Carlisle Fairgrounds. But that's OK, as that means less walking.

Starting at gate 1 or 2 heading east to gate 7, so the lower fields if you will. But fear not V8ers—although it's mostly a post war/muscle car/truck meet there is lots of fun Ford history to take in and some "Flattie" parts for those that have the patience for the hunt. Check out the coolest Ford outside billboard I stumbled across. Tin sign nailed to an old wooden frame...schweet.









Horses and Horsepower

By Keith Randall

On June 9th some V8 club members attended the Invitational 'Horses and Horsepower' car show in Upperville, VA. Steve Zimmerli, Rusty Rentsch, and Keith Randall were each asked to bring a specific vehicle to the event. The 1-day car show is held in conjunction with the weeklong International Horse Show held in Upperville. Rusty was voted 'People's Choice' in the show.





Randall's 1916 Ford Model T touring



Zimmerli's 1936 Ford Phaeton



Rentsch's 1956 Lincoln convertible

Car Show in the Park 2024

By Hank DuBois

Fairfax Memorial Park Cemetery's first car show honoring dads past and present on Sunday, June 23 was, in spite of the unusually hot weather, a success. An estimated 60 or so cars were on display and, despite little publicity, even a fair number of spectators were seen. The Park has hosted a noncar event for mothers past and present for a number of years and this year decided to do something for dads. It was decided that a car show would be the way to go and a date was selected that was close to Father's Day but wouldn't compete with the longrunning and popular Sully Show. It was a totally free event for participants and spectators with free car registration and token gifts for participants, raffle prizes for many of the participants and, free refreshments and BBQ lunch for participants and spectators.

Five NVRG member cars were on display to honor Ken Burns: Keith Randall's '36 Cabriolet, Frankie Martin's '51 Tudor, Jim Gray's '31 Coupe, Leo Cummings' '66 Pontiac Bonneville and, Hank Dubois' '35 Coupe. Helen Burns and daughter Kathy had hoped to have Ken's black '41 Woody at the show but decided not to at the last minute due to the extreme weather forecast. However, they, along with granddaughter Emma, did make a brief appearance via a modern air-conditioned car to check out the event and say hello to us.

All in all, it was a fun event and, hopefully, will be continued in the future.

In Memoriam

Model A and Ford V-8 club member Jim Baker passed in June. Upcoming July memorial information is as follows:

> Saturday, July 27, 2024 1:00PM - 3:00PM Fairfax Memorial Funeral Home 9902 Braddock Road Fairfax, VA 22032

The Great Race of 2024

Photos by Warren Barbee

The Great Race participants called it a day and put up in Warren's house in Purcellville for the night. The spectators who showed up had some fine rides, as well.

Race Entry Cars







Spectator Cars







On the Road

By Nick and Kathy Arrington

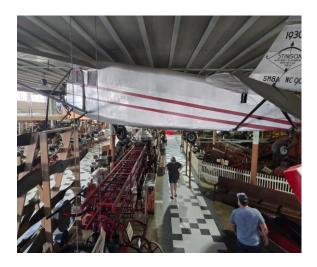
Kathy and I spent 9 days and 4,500 miles driving out West to visit our son in Colorado. We hustled out there through Kansas and I stuck my head in a little racing museum featuring local legends. In the building was a flathead set up with an Ardun OHV Conversion. It was not for sale.

On the way back we picked a route to finish up in the Great Lake regions of Michigan. I hustled through a Kansas Military Museum which had a Sherman Tank outside and the 800 HP Ford Motor that was used to power it inside. While passing through Nebraska I saw a billboard that read:

Pioneer Village-See How America Grew-300 Automobiles On Display

The hook was set.

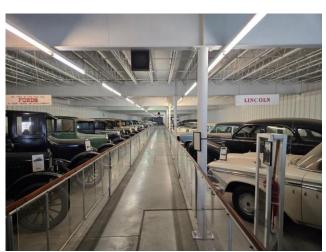
We pulled into Minden, Nebraska with two hours to spare. OMG—floor to ceiling with antique cars, trucks, boats, jet motors, and planes hanging from the ceilings. Three double deck Quonset huts—each over 200 ft long—displayed cars by make and models along with super rare motorcycles.



The founder, Harold Warp, was the youngest of 12 kids whose family struggled farming the Prairie and both died when he was 11. He practically established the plastics industry starting in the late 1920's, holding 30 patents—inventing Plexiglass, plastic food wrap and the plastic garbage bag which made him a wealthy man. Just imagine the royalties.

However, he remained true to his humble beginnings. During the 1950's he wanted to establish a museum to document progress and how the Great Plains area was often the last region for new technology to arrive after the East and West Coasts.

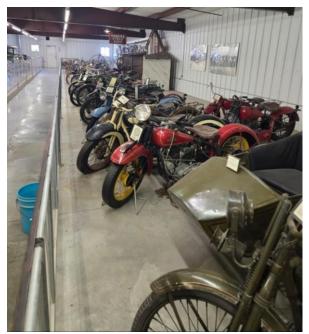
He had a husband/wife team employed that scoured the country for items to show the progress of our country. Dream job if you ask me. We barely got through the autos-cars and tractors in the two hours before they closed. We only scratched the surface. We finished up our trip at the Shipwreck Museum in Paradise, MI where they have the bell from the Edmund Fitzgerald raised from 535 feet to the surface on display. Some of the documented shipwreck tragedies took only 16 minutes for a ship to disappear from radar after a "Mayday, Mayday" distress radio signal went out. I'd strongly recommend both museums if you are in Minden, Nebraska, or Paradise, Michigan. Plan 5 or 6 hours in Minden.



Pioneer Village 200 ft. row of cars



Entrance to the Pioneer Village



Display of antique motorcycles



From Model T to the Jet Age



Sherman Tank

TECH TIP

Vapor Lock Woes on a 99-Degree Day By Nick Arrington



I took off at 8:00 am with 80-degree weather and hit the road with very little traffic and the truck just hummed along. At 1:30 it was time to leave and temperature was pushing 99 and I hit every light on the parkway. 9 miles from home the truck started surging and bucking-I hit the electric helper pump switch and the 59AB seemed to respond but alas gave out. It would run a bit better after cooling down, but traffic was heavy and I called for a wrecker.

I got home and started up the truck for some 20-odd minutes and recorded a temperature of 135 at the top of intake manifold and 123 at base of carburetor. This all with an infrared heat gunpretty reliable -So it was safe to assume the thin carburetor gasket accounted for a 12-degree temperature drop. I decided to install a phenolic spacer—several of which I had bought at swap meets the next day. Pulled off the carb and used the 'double nut' method to spin 2 studs out easily. Lit includes longer studs.





Penetrating oil is your friend. If the stud won't budge, let it soak.

The last one needed some Kroil and an hour of soaking in but then came out.

Penetrating oil is your friend—easier than drill bits and EZ Outs. 'EZ Out' is really an oxymoron. The insulator plate I used has a long tongue that goes under the fuel bowl area. I had to loosen the generator and wiggle it to clear the back edge of the generator. Bolted the carb back up and let the truck idle for 35 minutes. Temp. on intake manifold-under the spacer was 150 and temp at carb bas-on top of space was 119—a 21-degree drop. So that unit works as advertised. Then for grins I aimed the gun at the fuel pump and recorded the same 140. The hottest reading on the carb is the fuel bowl area. I'm giving that some thought for future modifications.



Finished product

2024 NVRG ANNUAL CLUB PICNIC

Let's Drive Our Old Fords

WHEN: Tuesday, September 10, 2024 - RAIN or SHINE

TIME: 11:00 am to 3:00 pm - You are welcome to arrive early and depart later. We have Shelter 4 all

day.

LUNCH TIME: 12 Noon buffet style

WHERE: NOVA PARKS - Occoquan Regional Park

9751 Ox Road Lorton, VA 22079

SHELTER 4

FOOD: Provided by Willard's Real Pit BBQ

Choice of: Pulled Chicken

Hot Sausage Beef Brisket Sandwich Rolls Cornbread Baked Beans Potato Salad Cole Slaw

Homemade Pickles

BBQ Sauce

WHAT SHOULD I BRING: DESSERTS ARE WELCOME

A comfortable folding chair if you wish, your favorite beverage (non-alco-

holic)

COST: \$13.00 per person

PAYMENT: Please make your checks payable to NVRG

MAIL CHECKS TO: Joe Freund

650 Springvale Road

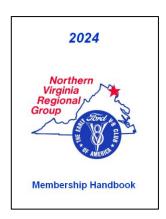
Great Falls, VA 22066-3304





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2024 Membership Handbook—Printed Version



The 2024 Membership Handbook is here! It's been sent to all NVRG ListServer addresses as a PDF file. If you would like a printed version, a one-time print run is being arranged. The printed booklet is 40 pages long, 5 1/2" wide x 8 1/2" tall and saddle stapled binding. You can purchase a booklet either printed in full color or black and white only as follows (all prices include VA sales tax). Here's the pricing information:

- <u>Full Color</u> The color version is \$14.50 each. If I receive 25 or more orders for color copies, the price will drop to \$10.00 each.
- 100% Black and White The black and white version is \$8.50 each. If I receive 25 or more orders for black and white copies, the price will drop to \$5.00 each.

Ordering Details:

- The order submission deadline is Wed., July 25 if you want to purchase one or more copies. Let Dave Gunnarson know by email to gunnarson@verizon.net or leaving a voice or text message at 571-776-6393. Be sure to indicate the number of copies and which version you want. The default assumption will be one black and white copy per order.
- 2. This is a one-time printing offer. after which if you want a printed copy you will have to print it yourself.
- 3. No payment is required until you receive your copy. The anticipated delivery date is the August 13th membership meeting.
- Ordering a copy is your agreement to pay the higher price but if the order quantities exceed the price break threshold, then you will pay the lower price.
- 5. All copies will be hand delivered at club events. Shipment by USPS is available for an additional cost and by prior arrangement.



July 2024 Membership Meeting: Movie Night, *Danger on Wheels*

The July 2024 NVRG Membership Meeting is all about going back to a 1940 matinee movie experience featuring *Danger on Wheels*. While certainly not up to today's movie standards, it does have lots of cars, car stunts, car crashing and racing. You can sit in your chair and be transported back to 1940!

If you were at last year's movie night you might remember the bountiful movie snack provided by Susan Skiles. She stepped up again this year so be prepared for some yummy treats.

Showtime starts at 8:00 pm and the movie runs just about one hour long. This month there will not be a Zoom connection.

Date: Tuesday, July 9, 2024

Time: Doors open 7:00 pm, meeting starts at 7:30

pm

Location: Green Acres Community Center, down-

town Fairfax



About the Movie:

During a test a race car using an experimental oil-fueled engine blows up, killing the driver. Lucky Taylor, a stunt driver, is initially blamed for the accident, but is later cleared. He thinks the engine design has a real chance to win races, but the racing association has banned it since the accident. He devises a scheme to have a car equipped with the engine entered into a race, without race officials-or the engine designer's sassy daughter--finding out about it.

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<u>NOTE</u>: The *Automart* is maintained and updated by NVRG member Nick Arrington. If you have a submission, update, or correction, please contact Nick at ntal153@verizon.net</u>. To be included in the upcoming issue, ads need to be submitted by the 18th of each month. **<u>WANT AD GUIDELINES</u>**: Ads expire after running six months. The expiration date (the issue in which the ad last runs) is listed at the end of each ad. Expiring ads may be extended another six months at the request of the ad submitter.

VEHICLES FOR SALE

1936 Deluxe Phaeton, the "President's" Car. Offered by the "FDR Living Museum." Excellent condition; nearly identical to FDR's personal car (now located at Hyde Park, NY). This Phaeton was used for 30 years by renowned FDR re-enactor Delmas Wood, seen at events by over 2 million people and ridden in by many historical figures. Fully restored, AACA winner, show condition. Rare as these are, this is not your typical 1936 Deluxe Phaeton. This one has its own history and so much history of World War II associated with it. Museum accepting a responsible offer. Contact Jim Crawford 301-752-0955. (02/24)





1950 Ford 2dr stock body restored with skirts, white and red interior, paint colonial white, engine has 2 Stromberg 97's, offy heads, reds_headers and dual exhaust, 12-volt solid state ignition, alternator. Extra gauges for water temp and amps plus Tach Radial tires, runs cool. Call or text Bob Belsley, 571-437-8401; bsbelsley@aol.com. \$21,000. (6/24)



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Seeking skilled mechanic to help owner repair and maintain various antique foreign and domestic vehicles from 1941 to 1972. All vehicles garaged in climate controlled environment. Work 4 to 6 hours per month after initial assessment. Hourly rate based on mechanical experience and capability. Contact Joe at 703-627-1533 or by email: joefreund@verizon.net



PARTS & ACCESSORIES FOR SALE

'35 & '36 Gauges, locks, Champion Plugs, handles, fenders, bumpers, engine parts, wheels, radio, headlights, 5W Coupe doors, touring trunk lid, radiator, gas tank, WS frame, tools, V8 Times back issues. Gauges & locks for many years. '41 NOS F Fenders (top), pair \$350. '38 NOS RF Fender, Standard \$350. '38 Radiator (nice, no leaks) \$150, '48 Mercury frame with Engine and OD \$250. Jim Crawford, 301-752-0955. (05/24)

Books and Judging Manuals. Ford Parts & Accessories "Green" Book; older version 1932 Ford Judging & Restoration Guide; 1940 Ford Restoration Book; 1949–51 Ford Restoration Book. Make an offer. Call **Bill Selley**, 571-239-7570. (01/24)





Flat-o-Matic Automatic Transmission Adaptor by Cornhusker. Use a C-4 behind a 8BA or 59 with bell housing adaptor. Asking \$300. Contact **Nick Arrington** at 703-966-8422. (11/23)



'32-'34 Inside Door Handles and Window Crank Handles: Inside door handles and window crank handles (standard and deluxe versions) and matching escutcheons for '32 cars, '32 commercial and trucks, '33-'34 cars (including commercial and trucks up to '37). All new, unused, excellent Drake reproductions in original packaging. John Ryan at john@ryanweb.com or 240-271-4097. (08/23)



'32 Headlamp Reflectors: Both Standard (2 bulbs) and Deluxe (1 bulb) versions available. These are new Drake reproduction original-type reflectors in original sealed packages and not currently available from the major commercial vendors. **John Ryan** at john@ryanweb.com or 240-271-4097. (08/23)



Four slightly used black wall, all weather, radial tires, size 205/75 R 15. Perfect fit for a shoebox Ford. Production date: 31/21. Less than 600 miles on them. I recently traded them for white walls. Half price at \$100 each. Bill Simons, 202-734-2211, bsimons@rustinsurance.com. (07/23)

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1941 Ford Coupe dashboard -mostly complete Nice condition, original faux wood paint, very faded. 1923-25 Ford turtle deck with key. Solid, very good condition. Call or text Mark Luposello, 703-399-0999. Please leave message (12/24)



Pair of rechromed 1950 parking light housings. Like new. Asking \$485 for the pair. Contact **Bob Belsley** 571-437-8401 or bsbelsley@aol.com. (11/24)



Photos from the Fredericksburg AACA Meet



'40 Ford

(Far right) '35 Ford

Fredericksburg Region AACA Meet

By Terry Thoman

On June 1st the Historic Fredericksburg Region AACA held it's 67th annual antique automobile meet. After the city of Fredericksburg made it clear that our show was no longer welcome on historic Caroline St. We were forced to find a new site.

The move to the Fredericksburg Fairgrounds was a blessing. The Fredericksburg fair is the oldest continuous agricultural fair in the US. Our show chairman and his committee secured a 3-year contract for a car show with an option for 2 more years. Our first show in this new location was expanded and revised. This year no car was turned away because of modifications. This year we had two show fields. One was a traditional judged field for cars that met AACA judging rules. We had about 80 historic automobiles. The other field hosted some 30 cars. These cars either couldn't meet judging standards or had not pre-registered to be eligible for judging.

The show attracts a diverse array of antique automobiles. My favorite era is pre-war through the 1950s and we had several examples with owners from the Early Ford V8 club. Owners included Steve Blancard, Leo Cummings, Jason Javars, and me.

The fairground facilities are excellent and provided space for the show central, the fashion show, and the "Take Apart T" demonstration. There were a couple of excellent food trucks and new restroom facilities.

Next year we will be expanding again by adding a flea market area and a car corral. My goal for next year is to increase attendance by EV8 members at the Fredericksburg meet and by Fredericksburg members at the Fairfax meet. We need to support each other.





NVRG 2024 Events Calendar



July	
9	Membership Meeting – 7:30 PM. Program: Movie Night, Danger on Wheels. Location: Green
9	Acres Senior Center.
10	Caffeine Double Clutch Breakfast—Fair Oaks Silver Diner at 9:30 AM. Questions? Contact
	Wayne Chadderton at wjchad@gmail.com.
18	VC Submission Deadline – For articles/photos/want/sell calendar to content coordinators.
30	NVRG Board of Directors Meeting —7:30 p.m. via Zoom. All are welcome to attend.
August	
13	Membership Meeting – 7:30 PM. Location: Green Acres Senior Center. Program: Flathead In-
	take Manifolds, Spindizzys and More. Presenters: Ken Gross and Others.
14	Caffeine Double Clutch Breakfast—9:30 AM. Fair Oaks Silver Diner. Questions? Contact
	Wayne Chadderton at wjchad@gmail.com.
18	VC Submission Deadline – For articles/photos/want/sell calendar to content coordinators.
27	NVRG Board of Directors Meeting —7:30 PM via Zoom. All are welcome to attend.
September	
10	Membership Meeting7:30 PM. Location: Occoquan Park. Program: Club Picnic
11	Caffeine Double Clutch Breakfast—Fair Oaks Silver Diner at 9:30 AM. Questions? Contact
	Wayne Chadderton at wjchad@gmail.com.
18	VC Submission Deadline – For articles/photos/want/sell calendar to content coordinators.
21	Edgar Rohr AACA Show—8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Manasseh Masonic Lodge, 9810 Cockrell Rd.,
	Manassas, VA
24	NVRG Board of Directors Meeting—7:30 p.m. via Zoom. All are welcome to attend.

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<u>Truck Driver Blues</u>

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