



1903-1909 EARLY FORD REGISTRY



Member Announcements

November 11, 2014

A Revised List of Board of Directors Candidates

Our current Board of Directors serves as nominating committee for annual board elections. They have announced the names of the candidates for the election held in this month. Ballots and dues notices will be mailed to current members with a postage paid return envelope to all members in the USA. Overseas members vote by email. The candidates biographies are shown in order determined by random drawing. [Additional Candidate - Bruce Balough](#)

Herb Iffrig, St. Peters Missouri



I was born in 1956 and grew upon our family farm at St. Peters Mo. I still live there, working on the farm with my brother and also working in construction too.

I became interested in antique mechanical things by hearing the stories from my dad and uncle who were farming here at the time. I also got the Model T bug by visiting my Grandmothers house where another uncle had a Model T stored in the garage. I currently have a 1911 Model T Torpedo Roadster, a 1918 Model TT Hucksters truck and a 1903 Model A Ford project car.

I enjoy the old Ford forums on the internet and like to make new friends in the hobby. I have been to the Ford Centennial in 2003 and Model T Centennial in 2008. I have been to the pre war swap meet in Chickasha several times in the last few years. At all of these events I look forward to meeting other people who are interested in the hobby and learning from them.

John Grace, Westland, Michigan - Incumbant



My name is John Grace. I am originally from Pennsylvania, but have been living in Westland, Michigan, for the last 20 years. I have grown up around antique cars. My dad started collecting cars in the 1950's and has restored several Model N-R-S Fords. My best childhood memories are of Cecil Ralston, Les Schuhardt and my dad talking about early Fords and who had the complete alphabet collections. Unfortunately, my dad had to sell his A and his C, but I was fortunate enough to buy them back; the A in 2002, and the C in 2009. In addition, I own a Model F that I purchased from Cecil Ralston's collection.

Antique cars are a big part of my life. I proposed to my wife on the New London to New Brighton Run (MN), and we took our honeymoon in our 1915 Model T on the Glidden Tour. My wife celebrated the Alice Ramsey centennial by driving our 1915 Model T across the United States with our oldest daughter. We also have been co-hosting the Lansing to Dearborn Run (MI) since 2000.

In past years, I wondered how early Fords could have so much interest, but no club to share that interest. I am delighted that we now have the Early Ford Registry. It has helped me network with so many people and solve different issues as I struggle to keep my cars running. It is important that the club preserves and shares the history of early Fords. It is also our responsibility to attract new members to whom we can pass this knowledge on. The best way to achieve this is to get our cars out and use them so more people are exposed to the wonderful world of early cars!

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Bruce Van Sloun, Minnetonka, Minnesota



My route to joining the EFR and owning a Model S Ford Runabout is roundabout. I've long been a 'car guy' and had muscle cars early on, but then figured out that going ever faster was a never ending proposition. I switched to sports cars, and several English cars found their way into my garage. Another 'car guy', and very dear friend of mine, Wes Johnson, lived in Northeast Minneapolis. We made a point of going to see the New London to New Brighton cars come into the finish not very far from his home. Wes and I would exam all these strange contraptions and were simply amazed at the wide variety of engines, mechanics, speeds and automobile designs. I saw these crazed people coming in, smoke

spewing, oil spewing, parts spewing, their jaw set, at blistering speeds of a dozen miles an hour and knew I had to do this. Knowing nothing about early cars, I found a lead on one and looked for someone with some experience to advise me. I was guided away from the car I had found, a 1916 Studebaker with likely cracked cylinders, but they found a car that I should get instead, a 1913 Overland roadster. It was only then that I found that the car was too new for the NL-NB run, but it did set me on the path to find a car that DID qualify, a 1904 Autocar. I've made the run 6 times in the car now, and it's a favorite event of mine. One of the most enjoyable aspects of the run, is the time spent in the parking lot, working with drivers from all over, with all manner of early iron. It seemed that there was one group of people that seemed to: always have a good time, spill and leak a lot of oil, knew how to drink a beer and had a passion for their cars. This was the Early Ford group of course. My Autocar and I had the fortunate opportunity to be 'adopted' as an Early Ford honorary member, which led to more opportunities for indoctrination. After listening to the never ending discussion on the brilliance of Henry Ford and his engineering prowess, and the clear superiority of his product, I had to admit that I was intrigued. I started entertaining the prospect of finding and taking custodianship for an early Ford. Of course there were a few EFR members that did their best to guide me down the slippery slope. When Dan Walters decided that it was time to pass on his Ford S to the next steward, I jumped at the chance. Dan had done a lot of touring in the car and found that it was running well. None the less, I went through the engine and transmission, just to make sure all was well, and made up a wind front and set of side curtains so I was prepared for early Minnesota spring touring. I've really enjoyed driving the car around town, it's a MUCH easier car to drive than my Autocar, and lends itself to spur of the moment runs, having put more than 700 miles on it this summer. My daughter also enjoys driving it, and hopes to join me on the New London to New Brighton run as the pilot.

Rob Heyen, Milford, Nebraska - Incumbant



I grew up in Milford on the farm my father was born on. We are fourth generation farmers and I developed an interest in Model Ts at an early age when I resurrected a T and drove it on country roads prior to high school. Following high school, I sold the T, and went on to a career in the Army Reserve and Law Enforcement. I attained the rank of Captain, was an Airborne Ranger, and also was an investigator prior to returning to the farm. I also have a Crop Insurance business, with agents and clients in seventeen states. My wife, Holly, is a Financial Planner (CFP) with RBC Wealth Management in Lincoln NE, and we have two children Ashlea, 16 and Elianna, 14. Their interests include horses, sports and reading.

Currently, we have a stable of horses and cars, the cars including my wife's two Chebbies (67 and 98 Corvettes) and my 1906 N, 1907 K, 1909 T, 1913 T, 1922 TT. In addition to the EFR, I am a member of HCCA, AACA, MTFCA, MTFCI and VMCCA.

I "re-entered" the antique car hobby about ten years ago, and slowly gravitated back to Model Ts along with a growing appreciation for early Fords. My favorite car is our 1907 K Roadster.

If you elect me, I promise "a chicken in every pot, and Ford in every garage". Well, not really. However I do treasure the relationships I have with many EFR members, and appreciate the opportunity to continue to serve..

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Milt Roorda, Odessa, Florida



Rosemary and I live in Tampa, Florida. As with most young boys I was enthralled with cars, when I was in high school in the early 1970's.

But then marriage and raising children delayed my car hobby. We got back into old cars in 1996 with a purchase of a 1924 Model T Roadster. Rosemary and my interest lie in the early years of Ford 1903-1912. My motto is "No Doors" which would encompass these years.

Really what I find interesting is you can actually see the innovation in the manufacture of the car industry as the models and years progressed.

The hobby has different parts to it. Some folks enjoy restoring and working on brass cars, some enjoy showing their cars at shows. Our interest lies in driving the cars, we

tour about 4000-5000 miles per year. We currently have a 1906 Model N, 1909 Model T, 1911 Model T and a 1912 Model T.

I would love to serve as a Board Member. The EFR is a very good way to connect with like minded people and it is always fun to see folks at tours and swap meets. I would appreciate your vote.

Bruce Balough, North Canton, Ohio



After a 35 year career in the entertainment industry that included 25 years running a Performing Arts facility in a school, I retired in 2012. My hobbies have been racing Sailboats, Aircraft restoration, Flying in and working at airshows, and in the last ten years restoring and driving old Fords. In my garage are a 1926 Tudor, and a 1908 S Roadster.

I was raised in the industrial engine business at my father's shop gaining knowledge about the internal combustion engine. My family history includes my Grandfather working in the experimental room at Ford on the design of the Model N, and T. Later starting and running Hercules Motors from 1915 to 1958. "I think it's in my blood."

I have in the past I served on pilot association boards as member and president.

My current project is working for The Henry Ford Museum on the personal papers of Joe Galamb. I would enjoy serving on the board to help preserve the cars and history.



As you can see, we have a great group of volunteers ready to work for you and the hobby. The Board of Directors elected now will serve a three year term from 2015 through 2017. A ballot is being mailed to all members in the USA in November. Members outside the United States will receive an email with the candidates names listed. Those members should simply reply with names of three candidates.

Please vote for *three* (3) candidates of the six running - no more. Ballots marked with more than *three* (3) will not be counted. We thank all six candidates for their interest in our organization.

The names of the current Board of Directors is below for your reference with their current dates of service. The President, Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer are elected by the Board of Directors. Their term of office is the following calendar year.

The 1903-1909 Early Ford Registry, Inc. Board of Directors

John W. Biggs, 2012-2014

Rob Heyen, 2012-2014

Ned Protexter, 2014-2016

Richard Emery, 2013-2015

Rick Lindner, 2014-2016

Dave Shadduck, 2014-2016

John Grace, 2012-2014

Paul Mikeska, 2013-2015

Jerry VanOoteghem, 2013-2015

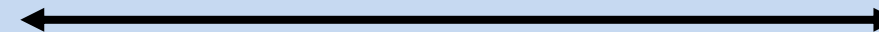


Important Dates to Remember

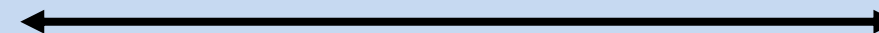
March 1-6, 2015: Kerrville, TX. Horseless Carriage National Convention & Texas Hill Country Tour. Y O Ranch Resort Hotel and Conference Center located at 2033 Sidney Baker, Kerrville, TX 78028. Ph: (830) 257-4440 Fax: (830) 896-8189 WWW.YORanchHotel.com Room rates are \$115 per night double occupancy at this full service resort and includes breakfast. The rates are effective from February 28 thru March 7. Rooms MUST be reserved by January 21, 2015 before the blocked rates go up. Karl Darby, 17 Sandy Ridge Rd, Stockton, NJ, 08559. Any Questions call (609) 397-1586 or email Karl



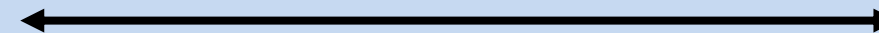
March 19-20, 2015, The 25th Annual National Pre-War Swap Meet at Chickasha, OK. The meet has the largest selection of brass era parts anywhere. It is limited to automobiles, parts, transportation items pre-1945. There is plenty of free parking, and admission is free. Get complete information at website www.pwsm.com or call Mike or Susie Ersland at 405.224.9090.



August 1-3, 2015 – The EFR 2015 International Tour at Paynesville, MN. We are touring again in the Paynesville area for several reasons. The area has excellent roads, easy to drive, and a very nice Motel facility. More details will be available in the Spring, but make your reservation at Paynesville Inn & Suites now – call Peggy at 320.243.4146. Want more now, contact Rob Heyen at 402.643.0235 or rob4holly@hotmail.com



August 5-8, 2015 – The New London New Brighton tour. Warm-up tours Wednesday thru Friday. The **Grand Run** will be on Saturday, August 8th, 2015. All vehicle from 1908 or earlier, or any 1 or 2 cylinder vehicles up to 1915 are eligible to participate in the New London to New Brighton Antique Car Run. This includes bikes, motorcycles, steam and electric cars as well. The Grand Run is about 120 miles from New London, MN to New Brighton, MN. For complete rules see the website www.AntiqueCarRun.org



September 4th & 5th, 2015: Lansing to Dearborn Run for early small horsepower vehicles co-hosted by the Snapper's Brass & Gas Touring Region AACA and the Southern Michigan Motorist Regional Group HCCA & the Northwest Chapter Steam Automobile Club. **John Grace**, 36523 Rolf St, Westland, MI 48186 phone 734.467.7802 jfgrace@peoplepc.com



October 7-10, 2015 – AACA Eastern Division National Fall Swap Meet, Hershey, PA. We will have a Hershey Meet & Greet with time and place to be announced later.

The 1903-1909 Early Ford Registry, Inc. (EFR) is a Chapter of The Model T Ford Club of America (MTFCA) and an Affiliated Register of the Horseless Carriage Club of America (HCCA). You must be a member of the Horseless Carriage Club of America and we encourage membership in the Model T Ford Club of America. We welcome anyone with an interest in Ford automobiles manufactured from 1903 through 1909 (those were generally manufactured in the first manufacturing plant that Ford Motor Company built, the Piquette Plant). You do not need to own a car of this vintage to be a member of the EFR. Annual membership dues: \$15 US to receive Newsletters by email - \$25 US to receive Newsletters by USPO in the USA - \$35 US to receive Newsletters by USPO outside the USA.

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