



# 1903-1909 EARLY FORD REGISTRY



## Member Announcements

July 23, 2015

### Happy Birthday EFR - 15 years old this year

#### It Started with an idea from Bruce Hartel

This year marks the 15th year since we came into existence. I remember talking to **Bruce Hartel, EFR 1** and **Jay Klehfoth, CEO of MTFCA** about starting a new MTFCA Chapter dedicated to **Early Pre-Model T Fords**. A charter was issued but became misplaced so one was reissued in 2005.

It took a while but slowly and surely, interest continued to grow.

**Harold "Hap" Tucker, EFR 60**, got involved and helped along the way. Hap wrote several technical papers and newsletters and sent them to the growing list of "members".

Shortly after **Floyd Jaehnert, EFR 34**, and I, **EFR 41**, became interested in helping, **Richard Oswald, EFR 39**, called me and said he wanted to donate "2 Model N Fords" to the group. After discussing this big donation with several folks, Floyd and I decided to incorporate and become a 501(c)3 non-profit educational organization. Luckily, a lawyer friend of mine was willing to do the paperwork very reasonably. Our Incorporation papers were filed with the Secretary of State in Iowa on February 7th of 2007. By-laws were drawn up and a Board of Directors was chosen.

It was a big decision. It was a big undertaking. It was a gamble. Floyd and I drove to Denver Colorado and met with Richard. He was **President of the Model T Ford Club of America** in 1982. He had a lifetime collection of parts in several garages. The Model N's were in many piles of parts. We loaded them up in Floyd's trailer and drove to Iowa where we took a break. We then continued on to the Piquette Plant in Detroit. That was the beginning of a great organization with many dedicated folks interested in preserving the early history of Ford Motor Company's automobiles.

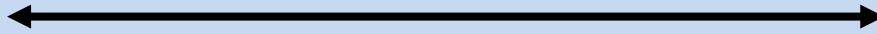
I am very proud of what we have accomplished in those years. If you want to review our complete history, reading the newsletters is a great place to start. All of them are on our website.

Happy Birthday, Let's Celebrate!



**Dave Dunlavy**, Newsletter Editor and Webmaster





### 2015 Board of Directors

<b>Richard Emery</b> , 2013-2015	<b>John Grace</b> , 2015-2017	<b>Rob Heyen</b> , 2015-2017
<b>Rick Lindner</b> , 2014-2016	<b>Paul Mikeska</b> , 2013-2015	<b>Ned Protexter</b> , 2014-2016
<b>Dave Shadduck</b> , 2014-2016	<b>Jerry VanOoteghem</b> , 2013-2015	<b>Bruce VanSloun</b> 2015-2017

### *Important Dates to Remember*

**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 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015. All vehicles 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](http://www.AntiqueCarRun.org)

**September 10th & 11th, Thursday & Friday 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

**September 12th & 13th, Saturday & Sunday 2015: Dearborn, MI - Old Car Festival at The Henry Ford** for pre-1932 vehicles. Go to [www.thehenryford.org](http://www.thehenryford.org) for more information. Contact: Abby Boggs, 313-982-6058 or [participantinfo@thehenryford.org](mailto:participantinfo@thehenryford.org)

**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.

**March 17-18, 2015, The 26<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.pwsm.com) or call Mike or Susie Erslund at 405.224.9090.

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