



1903-1909 EARLY FORD REGISTRY



Member Announcements

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Important Improvements to the EFR Website

Changes in the Internet Service

We had never "upgraded" our web hosting since we started it more than ten years ago. My philosophy about making changes in computer hardware and software is, if it works well, don't change it. However, our Internet Service Provider (ISP) had discontinued support on our web server, so it was obvious we had to change.

We did gain speed, support and lease time for the same money. It was an arduous task though, because everything had to be downloaded to a local server before the change could be made.

Users Forum Changes

After the new server was running, I noticed the Users Forum data was incomplete. It was impossible to reconstruct the users registrations and postings. Upgraded Users Forum software was installed. The nice thing is, it works like the old software which operated excellently.

It is possible to **read the Users Forum without registering**. If you haven't re-registered, you will get a screen asking you to register. Simply click on the **"Early Ford Registry Users Forum"** to display the messages.



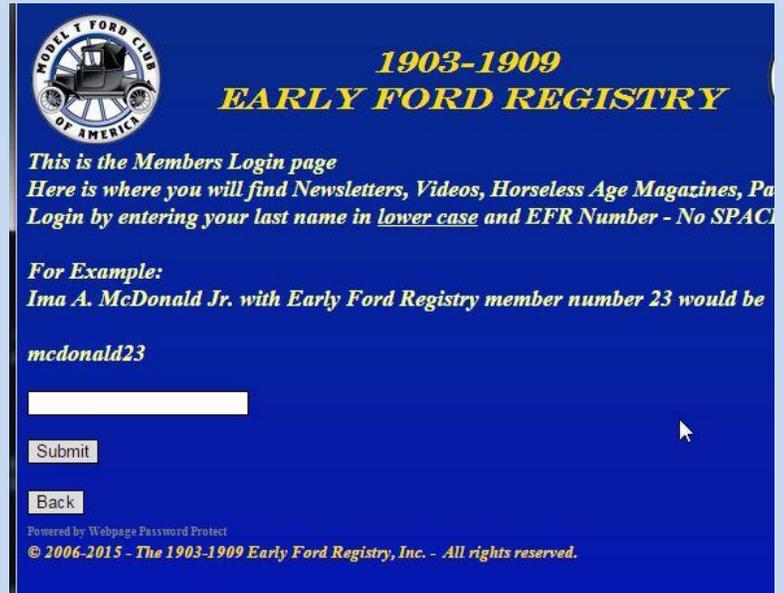
We made a significant change in registering - it is possible to post a new message immediately after registering. The spam prevention system in the registration works very well to keep out computer generated registrations. We made several announcements about having to "re-register" to use, but since we got several calls about not being able to use the forum, our explanation must have been poor.

We now have 58 folks registered and there is more activity on the forum than before the upgrade. It is important to write down your Users Forum login information because we cannot see anyone's password. If you might forget your password, you can click on "I forgot my password" and request an email be sent to reset your password. Complete instructions are here:

<http://earlyfordregistry.com/general-information/forgot-password.pdf>

Changes in the Main Menu

The web page main menu has changed also. The old "**Members Area**" has been replaced by a tab called "**Library**", because we have some items in the Library that are available for everyone to read. When you click on an item marked with an asterisk *, you will be directed to the **Members Login Page**.



The Login page (above) is where you type your last name - lower case (no spaces) and EFR Member Number. Please write down your member number, so you will be able to easily login. There is an example of how you login on the Login page.

We will be adding more articles, drawings and information to the Library from time to time. If you have something you would like to share, please send it to me - either in electronic form or by mail. If you ask for it back, we will be happy to send it back to you.

Please make sure what you send is very readable. If you have an article that would be hard to copy, please send it to us. We can scan items with good results.

You probably know, we have thousands of pages of catalogs and articles in the library. This is your material - you made it available to put on our web pages. Everyone that reads the material **Thanks You** for sharing. We would have nothing, if you did not share.

We have a winner in the contest to guess how many pictures **John Grace**, EFR 85 sent from the 2014 Lansing-Dearborn Run. The winner is **Timothy Kelly**, EFR 227. He will be picking up his prize of a Genuine EFR decal at the upcoming **Chickasha Pre-War Swap Meet**. I hope to see you there.

Cheers,

Dave Dunlavy

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Important Dates to Remember

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 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

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 for more information. Contact: Abby Boggs, 313-982-6058 or 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.

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