



**2012 Central National Meet
August 20 – 23, 2012
Branson, Missouri**



We would like to invite you to "Show Your V-8 in the Show Me State", August 20 to 23, 2012 in beautiful and entertaining Branson, Missouri.

This event is being planned by the National Board of the Early Ford V-8 Club with extra volunteer assistance from members in the area.

The headquarters hotel is the Radisson Branson, located at 120 South Wildwood Drive. We have a block of 200 rooms available at a nightly rate of \$87 (plus state and local taxes). Call 800-395-7046 or 417-335-5767, and mention *Early Ford V-8 Club* to get this room rate. This nightly rate is also good for the 3 days before and after the Meet, just in case you would like to spend some extra time exploring Branson. The rooms will have either a king or two queen size beds, a flat screen TV, chair, ottoman, desk table and office chair, full bath with step in shower, low chest of drawers, iron and ironing board. Many rooms come with small refrigerators. The hotel is 'pet friendly' and has disability accessible rooms.

Meet Registration will be available late afternoon Sunday, August 19th.

Starting Monday, August 20th, the Meet hotel will be your spot for Meet Registration, the Your Choice Raffle, Operational Check, the Swap Meet, car clean up, and the Welcome Party. At the Welcome Party there will be light snacks and cash bar.

Tuesday, August 21st, has the Meet Registration, the Swap Meet continuing, Your Choice Raffle, car clean up, Operational Check, the President's Meeting, Owners and Judges Meeting, Early Ford V-8 Foundation Meeting, and an opportunity to see the *'Legends in Concert'* at Dick Clark's American Bandstand Theater.

'Legends in Concert' is a live musical celebration featuring the world's greatest celebrity impersonators. They portray them with amazing accuracy, emotion, and attention to detail. You will see such Legendary greats as "Neil Diamond", "Elton John", "Buddy Holly", "Dolly Parton", "Garth Brooks", "Judy Garland", "Wynonna Judd", "Frank Sinatra", Shania Twain", and many, many more. This will be an event you won't want to miss.

Wednesday, August 22nd will be Concourse Day. It will start with the Judge's Breakfast at the headquarters hotel. The Concourse will be held at Tri-Lakes Center, 3.8 miles from the headquarters hotel. There are both large areas of either asphalt or grass. The final parking location will be determined during the Meet. Food vendors will be onsite during the Concourse. There will be trailer parking available at the Concourse site.

Also Wednesday, there will be an alternate event; the traditional Ladies' Luncheon. It will be held at the Tri-Lakes Center, adjacent to the Concourse and will feature a luncheon of salad plate, assorted crackers, breads, dessert, tea, coffee, and soft drinks, along with a delightful presentation on quilting.

Wednesday evening, will be the wonderful and very enjoyable dinner cruise on the Branson Belle. If you attended the Meet here in 2001, you will remember this as being the best and largest attended event. Something you will not want to miss

after a day of cars and judging. Your 2-hour cruise across beautiful Table Rock Lake includes a delicious 3-course meal prepared fresh daily on board the ship. The meal consists of salad, bread, slow-simmered beef roast and chicken Foccacia dressed with Dijon sauce, garlic mashed potatoes and French green beans with bacon and onions, followed by Anna Belle's golden brittle torte drizzled with caramel. Oh, and did we mention that during all of this you will be entertained with the exciting production Showboat Branson Belle's *ENCORE!*, featuring two headlining acts.

Thursday, August 23rd begins the end of our wonderful time in Branson. While preparations are underway for the Awards Banquet, you will have time to explore the town and maybe even take in a show or two. Representatives from the Branson Visitor's Bureau will be available Monday during registration to help you find things to do during this time.

The Awards Banquet will be held at the headquarters hotel. Dinner will be a Barbeque Buffet. Baby back ribs, barbeque chicken and burgers, with corn on the cob, baked beans, cole slaw, potato salad, and dessert. Enjoy a delightful evening before heading toward your home.

Further information will be available in your registration confirmation mailing.

We look forward to you "Showing Your V-8 in the Show Me State".

The 2012 Central National Meet Committee

Bruce Nelson

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Co-chairs