



THE GREAT V-8 NORTHWOODS GETAWAY



JULY 12—16, 2015
CENTRAL NATIONAL MEET

The Twin Cities Regional Group # 46 would like to invite you to attend the 2015 Central National Meet, July 12—16, 2015. Once again, we will be hosting the Meet in the beautiful Minnesota lake country at one of the premier resorts, CRAGUN'S on Gull Lake.

Since 1940, CRAGUN'S has been making people feel special. Whether it's a friendly smile from a staff member, a special menu, or going the extra mile to assure that our event is a success, rest assured our group will be treated right at CRAGUN'S on Gull Lake.

That's why we have chosen once again (for the 3rd time) to host the Central National Meet at CRAGUN'S in the Brainerd Minnesota lakes area. If you attended the Central National Meet in 1987 or 2000, you know what we are talking about: remote location, beautiful views and surroundings, full use of lake facilities, excellent dining and accommodations, a **Great V-8 Northwoods Getaway**. All accommodations provide a relaxing view of the woods and water. All rooms have a refrigerator, microwave, fireplace, and coffee maker.



We have planned an enjoyable vacation for you. Besides the V-8 fellowship that you've come to enjoy with the Early Ford V-8 Club, we know you will relax and welcome the activities and events we have planned. An excellent supervised children's program called Club CRAGUN'S is available (at additional cost) to make this a truly great V-8 family vacation. (Please see accompanying write-up)

Included in the CRAGUN'S package are 4 nights lodging and 9 wonderful meals (breakfast and dinner), including the Welcome Dinner and Banquet Luncheon. The room and meal package starts at \$499 per person, double occupancy. Single rooms are \$808. These prices include service charges and tax. And we can't believe that these are the same prices as the 2000 Central National. Children over 12 are charged \$16 per night plus tax with meals extra. (Please note: when you register at CRAGUN'S, they will charge you a \$125 per person deposit to hold your reservation (\$250 per double occupancy). (That deposit will be a credit on your final bill.) If you plan to attend as a single and would share a room, the ROOMMATE double occupancy rate may be worth checking out. Two persons can take advantage of the double occupancy rate.

The Meet will officially start on Sunday July 12th, but don't let that stop you from coming early, CRAGUN'S has made special arrangements for those who would like to come a day early or stay a day late. Early Friday and Saturday rates are \$219 and stay over Thursday night rate is \$159. Check with CRAGUN'S for availability information.

Cragun's offers everything for a **Great V-8 Northwoods Getaway** vacation. Whether it is golf (a par 3 course round is included), tennis, boating, fishing, swimming, or just relaxing along the one mile of prime shoreline, it will be available. And if you had a hard drive to the Meet, Cragun's now offers the Gull Lake SPA, a great and relaxing time to pamper yourself. Appointments can be scheduled. (Please see enclosed brochure). All this with accommodations that will make you feel at home. Meals will be served in the Main Dining Room with a wonderful view of Gull Lake. Breakfasts and dinners will satisfy your hunger and no one will go away wanting more.

For those who bring car trailers, motor homes, etc. we have arrangements to satisfy you. There will be convenient car trailer parking on the grounds. There cannot be any motor home overnight sleeping on Cragun's property, so motor home hookups are available a short drive away at the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers Campgrounds. Call 1-877-444-6777 to check rates and reserve your site. The recommended way to reserve a site is using:

<http://www.recreation.gov> enter Gull Lake Recreation Area in Where? box

If you choose to stay in your motor home, a meal package of \$253 per person is available so that you can join in the dining fellowship. The meal package includes 9 meals, including Welcome Dinner and Banquet Luncheon, daily service fee and tax.

Meet Registration will open on Sunday at 1 p.m. Room check-in will start at 4 p.m. While waiting for room check-in, we invite you to get to know Cragun's surroundings. At 5 p.m. we will have a Welcome Wine and Cheese Reception prior to the Welcome Dinner. After dinner, we hope you have signed up for the pontoon rides on Gull Lake, a great opportunity to view Cragun's from the water. Your pontoon pilot may even be someone you know.

The usual events that have become National Meet traditions will happen — car clean-up, operational check, swap meet, and a grass concourse. The swap meet will be under shade trees on a grass area, ideal for negotiating. The Concourse will be held at the same location as we used in 2000. Maybe the Stinson Biplane will return. Lunch will be available to purchase from the Brainerd Lakes Lion's Club on the Concourse.

We will also adjust a few of the standard events. Our Wine and Cheese Welcome Reception will be held overlooking beautiful Gull Lake. The Non-Concourse Activity will be a light luncheon, followed by a short motor coach ride to the wonderful town of Nisswa, for shopping and strolling. Nisswa has over 50 specialty shops. Don't forget about our outdoor Barbeque dinner, outside by the lakeshore. And when was the last time you had a marshmallow, chocolate, graham cracker s'more around a campfire? Well, plan on it. We may even throw in a few rousing campfire songs for good measure. Even the sunset will be fun!



Paul Bunyan Welcome

The North Woods Driving Tour will take you down two-lane roads in the heart of Minnesota's lake country. Many sightseeing stops and photo opportunities will be available. An excellent lunch will be served midway through the tour, sponsored in part by Dennis Carpenter. When

you return, you can check the results of the "Your Choice Raffle", and hopefully take home something that you wanted.

We will culminate our time together with a very relaxed Banquet Luncheon. And that's right, leave those dresses, ties and sport coats at home, you're on vacation! We're sure you will enjoy our relaxed atmosphere.

The items listed on the **Great V-8 Northwoods Getaway** Registration Form as 'included', are exactly that once you register for the Meet and are staying at CRAGUN'S.

Cornerstone Registration will be handling our registration duties. You can contact them for the registration package (866-427-7583 or via the Meet webpage www.efv8cnm2015.org) Once your Meet registration is received, Cornerstone will send you the CRAGUN'S Lodging registration information. You can also register for the Meet via our secure online webpage listed above.

We would like to draw your attention to three major items on your way to CRAGUN'S and then on your way home. Iola 2015, the Midwest's answer to Hershey, will take place July 9 through 11. Iola is located just east of Stevens Point, Wisconsin. But we should caution you, that like Hershey, room availability is at a premium and being able to find a place to stay may be difficult. On your way home we encourage you to stop at the largest fully enclosed shopping mall in the United States—**Mall of America. Mall of America**, located in Bloomington, MN, just south of I-494, hosts over 500 retail shops and the indoor amusement park called Nickelodeon Universe. You could easily spend a day there. Also, on either your way up or back, stop by Little Dearborn Ford Parts, 2424 University Avenue, Minneapolis for any NOS or reproduction parts you maybe looking for. In business since 1952. (open M-F)

CRAGUN'S combination of friendly hospitality, professional service, and beautiful lake country provide a unique setting for our Meet that you can't find anywhere else. We invite you to attend the **Great V-8 Northwoods Getaway** with us in the heart of Minnesota Lake Country, 'cause as CRAGUN'S says, "We've planned it all!"

PLEASE NOTE: Your CRAGUN'S Lodging Registration form will be included with your confirmation (either mailed or emailed) when registering for the **Great V-8 Northwoods Getaway**.

On behalf of the **Great V-8 Northwoods Getaway** Committee, we hope that your summer plans include coming to Minnesota and enjoying the wonderful lake region and all that CRAGUN'S has to offer. We feel we have created a genuine V-8 vacation for you and your family.



Meet Co-Chairmen

Pat Minor



Bruce Nelson

P.S. Don't forget to pack your Snowman shirts!

THE GREAT V-8 NORTHWOODS GETAWAY SCHEDULE

Sunday July 12	Registration and Resort check-in 'Your Choice Raffle' Room open Car Clean-up * Operational Check * Welcome Reception over looking Gull Lake \$ Welcome Dinner * Pontoon rides on Gull Lake *
Monday July 13	Breakfast * Open time to enjoy CRAGUN'S activities * Registration open 'Your Choice Raffle' Room open Operational Check * Car Clean-up * Swap Meet \$ Judge's and Owners Meeting Dinner *
Tuesday July 14	Judge's Breakfast * Breakfast * Registration open Concourse * Non-Concourse Activity—Luncheon and shopping in Nisswa \$ 'Your Choice Raffle' Room open after Concourse Barbeque Dinner Lakeside * Campfire *
Wednesday July 15	Breakfast * Northwood's Driving Tour \$ Pickup 'Your Choice Raffle' prizes Dinner * National President's Meeting *
Thursday July 16	Breakfast * Check out Pickup 'Your Choice Raffle' prizes Luncheon Awards Banquet * Meet Raffle — Clock and Quilts drawing Awards Presentations *

Plus evening entertainment and surprises!

* included in Cragun's package

\$ additional registration fee