# Early Ford V-8 Club of America

## 2015 Eastern National Meet Schedule and General Information

## June 8-11, 2015

Thank you for your interest in the 2015 Eastern National Meet hosted by the Piedmont Region, Early Ford V-8 Club of America. The headquarters for the meet will be at the host hotels, Hilton Garden Inn, The Wingate Hotel and the Hampton Inn and Suites, off Bruton Smith Blvd near Charlotte Motor Speedway.

The Wingate Hotel 7841 Gateway Lane Concord, NC 28027 Phone: 704 979 1300 Hampton Inn and Suites 9850 Weddington Rd Extension Concord, NC 28027 Phone: 704 979 5600

Hilton Garden Inn 7831 Gateway Lane Concord, NC 28027 Phone: 704 979 2900



Meet Rates: \$99.00 \$104.00 & up \$109.00 (Rates do not include fees/taxes of approximately 13%)

Over 250 rooms have been set aside at the three hotels which are adjacent to one another. Registration packets, etc. will be available at The Wingate Hotel. Registration codes for each hotel will be provided with your registration confirmation. Since we are the mega center for NASCAR (Over 90% of the race teams are within an hour's drive of the speedway), we will incorporate this theme into our meet. We are also fortunate to have Dennis Carpenter Industries in our backyard, so we will take advantage of this asset. Listed below is a **preliminary itinerary** for your planning purposes. Note that times may change as we get closer to the event and we plan to add other activities.

### Monday June 8th:

- 12 5PM Registration at The Wingate
- 12 5PM Vehicle safety inspection
- 12 5PM Vehicle clean up
- 1PM- 3PM Tours of Dennis Carpenter Industries\*
- 2PM 5PM Race Shop Tour
- 8AM- 5PM Dennis Carpenter Museum open

\*Sign up for tours in the registration room at the Wingate. Each group will be limited to 15, resulting in a better tour. Each tour will be 45-60 minutes with the first starting at 9AM each day and the last at 3PM. The tours will be spaced 20 minutes apart. There will be no tours between 11:30AM and 1PM.

### **Tuesday June 9th:**

- 8AM 5PM Registration at The Wingate
- 8AM 5PM Vehicle safety inspection
- 8AM 5PM Vehicle clean up
- 8AM 5PM Vendor swap meet behind The Wingate
- 9AM 3PM Tour of Dennis Carpenter Industries (See note above)
- 9:30AM 2:30PM Bus Tour NASCAR Hall of Fame
- All Day On Your Own Tours of NASCAR Race Shops (Maps will be provided)
- 3PM 4PM Presidents meeting at Hilton Garden Inn. Come meet our National President
- 4PM 5PM Judges/Owners Meeting at Hilton Garden Inn
- 6PM ? Welcome Party/Cookout at Dennis Carpenter Museum

#### Wednesday June 10th:

- 7AM 8:30AM Judges Breakfast
- 8AM 9AM Registration at Charlotte Motor Speedway
- 8AM 9AM Vehicle safety inspection at Charlotte Motor Speedway
- 8AM 4PM Concourse Judging at Charlotte Motor Speedway.
- 8AM 5PM Vendor swap meet behind The Wingate.
- 8AM 5PM Dennis Carpenter Museum open
- 12PM Ladies Lunch/Entertainment Hilton Garden Inn
- All Day NASCAR Race Shop Tours
- 5PM -6PM Early V8s Drive Charlotte Motor Speedway

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### Thursday June 11th:

9:30 AM Driving Tour - NC Transportation Museum, Spencer, NC

6PM Awards Banquet - Speedway Club, Charlotte Motor Speedway

The majority of the activities will take place at or near the meet hotels. From I-85, reach the meet hotels by taking exit 49, Bruton Smith Blvd. Drive East towards the speedway and the hotels will be on your left.

<u>Concourse</u> will be held in the terrace area behind the Charlotte Motor Speedway, located about 1mile from the hotels on June10th.

**Registered V8s** will have the option of driving the Charlotte Motor Speedway after the Concourse. We have reserved the track from 5-6 PM. This activity is included in the price of registration. Entrance into the speedway will be through turn three tunnel Gate 26. You must wear your nametag to get access to the speedway, so include the names of spouse/guests on your registration form so nametags will be available when you arrive.

<u>Trailer Parking</u> will be available behind the Wingate hotel.

<u>RV Camping</u> with full hookups and 30 and 50 AMP outlets will be available close to the meet hotels. Contact Fletch Little for reservations at 704-455-2409

<u>Meals</u> The only meals hosted by the club will be the **Welcome Party** on Tuesday night and the **Awards Banquet** on Thursday. The Welcome Party is a hot dog and hamburger cookout, complete with cake/pie and homemade ice cream, held at the museum location behind Dennis Carpenter Industries. If you have never visited the museum, you are in for a treat. In addition to classic Fords, tractors and Cushman Scooters, Dennis has an extensive collection of Ford Memorabilia.

**Transportation** Each hotel also has shuttles available each day to provide transportation to Dennis Carpenter, Concord Mills, the Speedway, etc.

### **Concord Mills**

North Carolina's largest visitor experience, and number one tourist destination, *Concord Mills* is located within a mile of the meet hotels. Featuring over 200 retail and specialty stores including a giant food court and a new aquarium, Concord Mills is not to be missed. Also at this location is a 24 screen AMC Movie Theater and the largest Bass Pro Shop in North Carolina. Numerous fine restaurants are located in and around this complex. Hotel vans are available for transportation.

## If you have further questions or need additional information, contact:

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Thank You!