



## Early Ford V-8 Club of America

### 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Diamond Jubilee Celebration

June 11<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup> 2023

Dearborn Michigan

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We hope you will join us in Henry Ford's Hometown, Dearborn Michigan, home of everything Ford. The Grand National Committee is working hard planning a spectacular time for you to participate in during a very enjoyable week. This is the twelfth Grand National Meet of the Early Ford V-8 Club of America, and the 10th held in the suburb of Dearborn.

#### Sunday June 11:

Even though the Meet doesn't officially start until Tuesday, we will be ready for those who registered for the Pre-Meet Tour to Auburn Indiana. Early Registration will open Sunday afternoon for those participants that have signed up for the motor coach tour to Auburn Indiana and tours of the Early Ford V-8 Foundation Museum and Auburn Cord & Duesenberg Museum. You will have to register for the Pre-Meet Tour, and be at the Headquarters Hotel on Sunday to pick up your tickets. The Pre-Meet Tour tickets will not be available on Monday. Registration will not be open early on Monday morning. The cost of the tour includes motor coach, lunch and museum admissions. You're not going to want to miss this opportunity to visit two great museums. The Pre-Meet Tour is available to a limited number, so sign up to participate. Trailer parking will open today.

#### Monday June 12:

The Pre-Meet Tour registrants will leave at 8 am sharp and you will travel by air conditioned motor coach. Half of the tour group will visit each museum first, have their lunch at that museum and then transfer to the other museum before returning to Dearborn. Your lunch choice will have been selected when you registered for the tour. Scheduled arrival time back at the Headquarters Hotel in Dearborn will be approximately 6 pm. Please note that this event is limited, so if you are thinking about registering for it, do so early.

While the Pre-Meet Tour is going on, lots will be happening at the Headquarters Hotel. Registration will open later in the morning, as will the 60th Anniversary Diamond Jubilee Celebration souvenir sales, 'Your Choice Raffle', Swap Meet, Operational Check and Car Clean up. Get ready to plan your free time using the information in your Goodie Bag. You will have all the information you need to "Tour on Your Own" to interesting sites in the area.

#### Tuesday June 13:

The official start of the 60th Anniversary Diamond Jubilee Celebration Grand Na-

tional Meet! Registration, Swap Meet, Car Clean up, Operational Check, Meet souvenir sales, and Your Choice Raffle will all be happening in and around the Headquarters Hotel.

We are hoping to schedule tours to the Benson Ford Research Center. There will be one in the morning and one in the afternoon. Due to the size of the Research Center, these tours are limited to participants and will sell out fast. If interested, be sure to register for the tour.

“Tour on Your Own” sites will be open. We would recommend that you check out the Ford Tri-Motor at the Yankee Air Museum. They will be offering rides for a fee. What a way to enjoy Ford history with a ride in a Tri-Motor!

There is also a very special, limited participation behind the scenes tour of Henry & Clara Ford’s home at Fair Lane. The home has been closed for 8 years while the slow and tedious restoration takes place and 150 people will have a chance to see how the fabulous work is progressing. This will be an opportunity that you will not want to miss. This will require an admission charge of which some of it will be a direct donation to the Fair Lane restoration. Only our group will be granted this opportunity in 2023, hosted by expert historians of the Ford family.

To help celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the Early Ford V-8 Club, Regional Groups will have the opportunity to display information on their history in a special room at the Headquarters Hotel. Be sure to check out what Regional Groups have been doing. This display runs through Wednesday.

The Early Ford V-8 Club National President’s Meeting will take place at the Headquarters Hotel in the afternoon.

The 60th Anniversary Welcome Dinner will be held at the Headquarters Hotel.

### Wednesday June 14:

Today will start with Registration, Swap Meet, Car Clean-up, Your Choice Raffle, Meet souvenir sales and Operational Check happening in and around the Headquarters Hotel.

This will also be the Early Ford V-8 Day at Greenfield Village. This was such a popular event last time that we wanted to do it again. Your registration for this will include admission to the Village, lunch and special parking for your Early Ford V-8 vehicle. Be sure to sign up to enjoy your special time at Greenfield Village from 10 am to 2 pm.

The Regional Group history display continues in a special room at the Headquarters Hotel. Be sure to check out what Regional Groups have been doing.

Once the Early Ford V-8 Day at the Village event is done, there will be a Ford Memorabilia room opening up at the Headquarters Hotel. A Seminar is scheduled and that will be followed by the Owner’s and Judge’s Meeting. This meeting is required for all participants showing a vehicle and also for those who plan to Judge.

### Thursday June 15:

Concourse Day! The day will start with the Judge’s breakfast. The Concourse layout and parking assignments will be in your Registration Packet.

While Judging is taking place, the Ladies/Significant Other lunch will be held at

the Headquarters hotel. A special historical presentation of Henry Ford's wife, Clara will be the entertainment. This presentation is courtesy of the Henry Ford Heritage Association.

Dinner will be on your own, and the evening will end with a special presentation on Henry Ford, also hosted by the Henry Ford Heritage Association. Come find out all about Henry Ford.

#### Friday June 16:

Today starts with those that registered for the Tour to the Gilmore. Air conditioned motor coaches leave from the Headquarters Hotel at 8 am. You will travel to Hickory Corners and the Gilmore Auto Museum, the largest automobile collection in the nation. There are eight museums in one location. When we are there, it will be the start of the Franklin Air Cooled Gathering and you will probably see more Franklins in one place than since their manufacturing years. You will also be able to participate in the Friday *'Ride in the Classics'* program, where you have the opportunity to ride around the grounds in a classic car from the museum collection. Lunch will be available to purchase from either the Heritage Café or The Blue Moon Diner with choices for every taste. There is both indoor and outdoor seating also available. The motor coaches will start to depart around 2 pm and return back to the Headquarters Hotel around 4 pm with time to freshen up for the Awards Banquet. Please note that the tour to Gilmore is limited, so if you are thinking about registering, do it early.

You will still have time today to "Tour on Your Own" if you did not register for the Tour to Gilmore.

The Your Choice Raffle drawings will take place and hopefully your ticket will be drawn for items you wanted. Check your numbers and pickup your items.

The Awards Banquet will be the culmination of a wonderful week in Henry Ford's Hometown of Dearborn Michigan. This is a great time to meet with your V-8 friends and share stories of your week in Dearborn, while dining and finding out the results of the Concourse judging.

#### Saturday June 17:

While the 60th Anniversary Diamond Jubilee Celebration Grand National Meet officially ends on Friday, we have been invited to once again participate in *the Henry Ford's* Motor Muster at Greenfield Village. This will be a separate event from the Grand National and will require Early Ford V-8 Club members to register with *the Henry Ford* to participate. Here is what the event information said for 2021:

*Make your way to a vintage auto enthusiast's dream destination as Motor Muster, at the Henry Ford, celebrates one of the grandest and most innovative eras of American automotive history: from glamorous classics of the 1930s to brawny muscle cars of the 1970s, Greenfield Village hosts hundreds of gleaming examples for you to enjoy. The goal of the event is to serve two purposes. First, to be a top-quality car show in a beautiful setting, providing the best possible experience for show participants and their families. Second, to educate Greenfield Village*

*guests about the history and significance of the automobile in ways that are fun and engaging for all age levels. It is not a hot rod show, custom car show, or modified muscle car show. However, company produced prototypes, period correct racing vehicles and specific customized cars may be eligible. Restored, partially restored, and un-restored vehicles are all eligible to apply.*

Information on how to register for the Motor Muster 2023 will be included in your full registration packet. You must register separately for this event. It is not part of the Grand National Meet events, but is an incredible opportunity to participate in a very prestigious show at Greenfield Village.

There you have it. A full week of activities centered around our Club, our Ford Motor Company vehicles and Henry Ford's Hometown. We hope that the 2023 60th Anniversary Diamond Jubilee Celebration is in your plans. We look forward to you attending, enjoying the time and meeting back up with friends, old and new.

We hope to see you in Dearborn, June 11 to 17, 2023.

Bruce Nelson  
Grand National Chair  
And the 60th Anniversary Diamond Jubilee Celebration Committee

***Watch for more information in the V-8 TIMES and on the Club's web site  
[www.earlyfordv8.org](http://www.earlyfordv8.org)***

And no matter how hard we try, there are circumstances beyond our control so this schedule is subject to change and/or modification.