

# 2023 Grand National Celebration • Dearborn, Michigan

## June 11-17, 2023

### Registration Information

Dear Fellow V-8ers,

The Grand National Celebration Planning Committee is pleased to invite you to Henry Ford's Hometown, Dearborn, Michigan, home of everything Ford. We are working hard planning a spectacular time for an enjoyable week. This is the 11th Grand National Meet of the Early Ford V-8 Club of America, and the 9th held in Dearborn.

These are three important forms we need you to complete and return to us:

1. Meet Registration Form – Tell us about yourself and make your selections for meals, touring opportunities, and meet merchandise. Details about these offerings are provided on the following pages. Please sign the acknowledgement and release of liability on the last page of this form.
2. Vehicle Registration Form – Complete one form for each vehicle you plan to enter. Information about the Division in which to register your vehicle is on the back, or page 2, of the form.
3. Concourse Judging Invitation – We invite each member to join the judging team. Our Meet Concourse Chairman and the National Chief Judge will be assembling teams based on your input. If you have not judged before, consider signing up as a novice judge to gain experience and learn what this is all about. Complete one form for each person desiring to serve as a judge.

When we receive your completed forms, we will send you a confirmation which will include information about making your hotel reservations at the meet hotel.

Trailer parking will be on the campus of the Henry Ford College, less than two miles from the Doubletree. This is in a quiet area off the main streets. The fee for trailer parking includes rental of this space and 24-hour security. Maps and driving directions will be provided.

Most meet activities will take place at the meet hotel. Activities include registration, raffle, operational check, vehicle cleanup, seminars, all meetings, outdoor swap meet, welcome party, vehicle concourse, ladies' luncheon, and awards banquet.

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 Host Hotel on Tuesday and Wednesday. Be sure to check out what Regional Groups have been doing.

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. See pages 9-10 for more details.

We are looking forward to a fun time with plenty of V-8 fellowship and are happy that you have planned to join us. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact registration by email at [registration@2023gnm.com](mailto:registration@2023gnm.com) or by phone at 630-858-9474.

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**Tentative Schedule of Events**

Sunday, June 11	4:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Early Registration
Monday, June 12	8:00 am – 6:00 pm	Bus Tour – Auburn, Indiana Museums
	9:00 am – 5:00 pm	Swap Meet, Operational Check, Vehicle Cleanup
	9:00 am – 5:00 pm	Registration Desk, Raffle Room, Merchandise Sales
	All Day	Tour on your own
	Evening	Dinner on your own
Tuesday, June 13	9:00 am – 5:00 pm	Swap Meet, Operational Check, Vehicle Cleanup
	9:00 am – 5:00 pm	Registration Desk, Raffle Room, Merchandise Sales
	9:00 am – 4:00 pm	Regional Group 60th Anniversary Memorabilia, Fairlane Room
	10:00 am – 11:00 am	Benson Ford Research Center Tour (limited to 10 people)
	10:00 am – 11:30 am	Fair Lane Tour – Fair Lane residence (limited to 26 people)
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	2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Benson Ford Research Center Tour (limited to 10 people)
	2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Yankee Air Museum – special Ford Tri-Motor viewing
	3:00 pm – 4:30 pm	Fair Lane Tour – Fair Lane residence (limited to 26 people)
	5:30 pm	Welcome Party Dinner – Great Lakes Ballroom
Wednesday, June 14	9:00 am – 4:00 pm	Swap Meet, Operational Check, Vehicle Cleanup
	9:00 am – 5:00 pm	Registration Desk, Raffle Room, Merchandise Sales
	9:00 am – 4:00 pm	Regional Group 60th Anniversary Memorabilia, Fairlane Room
	10:00 am – 2:00 pm	Day at the Village
	2:30 pm – 3:30 pm	Seminar – <i>Racing-The Heart and Soul of Ford Motor Co</i>
	3:30 pm – 4:15 pm	Early Ford V-8 Foundation Meeting
	4:15 pm – 5:00 pm	Meet the National President
	5:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Owners/Judges Meeting
	Evening	Dinner on your own
Thursday, June 15	7:00 am	Concourse open for parking; Vehicle Cleanup Area open
	7:00 am	Judges Breakfast – Great Lakes Room
	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	Concourse/Judging
	10:00 am – Noon	Raffle Room Open – Last chance to play raffle tickets
	11:30 am – 1:30 pm	Ladies luncheon
	3:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Pick up Your Choice Raffle prizes
	Evening	Dinner on your own
	8:00 pm – 9:30 pm	Seminar – <i>Henry Ford – Life and Times</i>
Friday, June 16	8:00 am – 4:00 pm	Bus Tour – Gilmore Car Museum
	All Day	Tour on your own
	1:30 pm – 4:30 pm	Pick up Your Choice Raffle prizes
	5:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Social Hour – Cash Bar
	6:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Awards Banquet – Great Lakes Ballroom
	7:00 pm	Awards/Presentations

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## Hotel and Meal Information

Early Ford V-8 vehicle parking, the Thursday Concourse, and many meet events will be held at the meet hotel, the Doubletree, located at 5801 Southfield Expressway, Detroit. Participants bringing pets are invited to stay at the Courtyard by Marriott, 5200 Mercury Drive, Dearborn, located about two miles from the Doubletree. The Courtyard will also serve as our overflow hotel if rooms are no longer available at the Doubletree.

**Important Note:** Below are descriptions of planned meals and food available during the meet. If you have any special dietary needs that prevent you from consuming the foods listed, please note this in the spaces provided on the Meet Registration Form. We will work with the hotel and the caterer to accommodate your needs.

### Welcome Party Dinner

Entrée choices: Paprikash Chicken or Roasted Loin of Pork. Each served with salad and your selection of dessert, fresh bakery basket with butter, fresh brewed Starbucks coffees and selection of Tazo teas, iced tea and iced water. Chef will complement your hot entrée selection with the appropriate seasoned vegetables and starch.

### Ladies Luncheon

While Judging is taking place, the ladies' lunch will be held at the host hotel. A special historical presentation *Clara Ford – The Believer* will be the entertainment. This presentation is courtesy of the Henry Ford Heritage Association.

Entrée choices: Grilled Chicken Caesar Roll Up (Romaine Lettuce, Grilled Chicken, House Made Croutons and Parmesan Cheese tossed with Caesar Dressing. Wrapped in a Tomato Flour Tortilla. Served with Potato Chips.)  
Vegetarian Wrap (Capanota vegetables tossed in Balsamic Vinaigrette and Wrapped in a Spinach Tortilla. Served with Pasta Salad)

Each served with Old Fashioned Chicken Noodle soup, Dessert of New York Cheesecake with Fresh Strawberries, Fresh Bakery Basket with Butter, Freshly Brewed Starbucks Coffees and a selection of Tazo Teas, Iced Tea and Iced Water

### Concourse

Food will be available for purchase on the concourse. The hotel will be selling burgers, hot dogs, and chicken with condiments, chips, and soda. A restaurant is also available in the hotel.

### Awards Banquet

The Friday night awards banquet begins with a social hour (cash bar) followed by a plated meal in the Great Lakes Ballroom. Meal choices are a 12-oz. New York Strip Steak served with a natural jus and cream horseradish sauce; panko crusted chicken marsala served with mushroom marsala demi; or fennel seared salmon drizzled with a mustard cream. All dinners include a salad of baby field greens, Roma tomatoes and English cucumbers with a choice of dressings, and fresh seasonal vegetables. Dessert will be Florida key lime pie or New York cheesecake with fresh strawberries.

Please note that all meet attendees are welcome to attend the awards presentation even if they do not attend the banquet.

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### Tours

#### Monday, June 12

Monday features a motor coach tour to Auburn, Indiana for tours of the Early Ford V-8 Foundation Museum and the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum. **This tour is available to the first 336 people who sign up, so register early to participate. Please plan to go through meet registration at the hotel on Sunday – you must register and pick up your tickets before the buses leave.** The cost of the tour includes motor coach, lunch and museum admissions. Be sure to make your lunch sandwich selection on the tour registration form. You're not going to want to miss this opportunity to visit two great museums.

Air-conditioned motor coaches will leave at 8:00 am sharp from the host hotel for Auburn. Half of the tour group will visit the Foundation Museum while half visits the ACD Museum. Lunch will be served at the Early Ford V-8 Foundation Jerry Windle Event Center. After lunch, each group will visit the other museum. Scheduled arrival time back at the Host Hotel will be approximately 6 pm.

#### Tuesday, June 13

##### Benson Ford Research Center (BFRC) Behind the Scenes Tours – 10:00 am and 2:00 pm

There is a lot more to the BFRC than books, microfilm and Engineering Drawings. The "Behind the Scene Tours" allow the visitor to get a closer look at some of The Henry Ford's collections, such as Thomas Edison's patent models, folk art and paintings. The tour also includes a viewing of the business papers of Henry Ford. Special items specific to the Early Ford V-8 are also on display. Please note that the reading room will not be open for this tour. The tour lasts 60 minutes. One morning and one afternoon tour will be offered and **seating is limited to 10 people each.** Tours will begin in the lobby of the Benson Ford Research Center, approximately a four-mile drive from the meet hotel, and a ticket is required.

**Sorry – the BFRC tours are sold out.**

##### Behind the Scenes at Fair Lane – 10:00 am, 1:00 pm, and 3:00 pm

This is a very special, limited participation, behind-the-scenes tour of Henry & Clara Ford's home at Fair Lane, approximately a three-mile drive from the meet hotel. The home has been under restoration since 1975 while the slow and tedious restoration takes place and 78 people will be on hand to show you the fabulous work is progressing. This will be an opportunity that is not to be missed. A portion of the \$50 admission charge will be a direct donation to the Fair Lane Foundation.

**Sorry – the Fair Lane tours are sold out.**

##### Yankee Air Museum

The Yankee Air Museum is one of our "tour on your own" museums. It is located at 47884 D. Street, Belleville Michigan, about 22 miles from the meet hotel; admission is \$13 adults, \$10 seniors 60+. They had hoped to have the Ford Tri-Motor available for rides but it will unfortunately not be flying during the meet. **On Tuesday only** between 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm they will have the hanger open to allow V-8 members who paid for admission and are showing their meet credentials to view the plane.

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### Tours - Continued

#### Wednesday, June 14

Wednesday will feature *Day at the Village* at Greenfield Village. Your registration 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, approximately a four-mile drive from the meet hotel, from 10 am to 2 pm.

Plan on spending a full day to explore the Village that Henry Ford assembled where communities of dreamers and doers collide. Experience over 300 years of American heritage where everything feels real...because it is! Your day will be filled with fun, exploration and inspiration and will be highlighted by a mid-day picnic in the Greenfield Village Pavilion adjacent to the Village Square.

Special parking (exclusively being offered to the V-8 Club) will be provided within the Village grounds at the Eagle Tavern for those driving meet registered Club Recognized vehicles. This parking will be limited to the first 150 qualified vehicles arriving at the event. Note: After the limit has been reached **OR** for those driving modern or modified vehicles, parking will be provided in the general parking lots and your Picnic/Village Day ticket will be honored at all regular admission gates into the Village.

Your picnic lunch will consist of barbecued chicken breasts, hot dogs, hamburgers, (veggie burgers available upon request), condiments, baked beans, coleslaw, pasta salad, potato chips, cookies and lemonade. The ticket price includes parking (a \$9 value), admission to the Village (a \$33 value), and your picnic lunch including all gratuity and taxes.

#### Friday June 16

Friday offers the Tour to Gilmore. **Please note that the tour to Gilmore is limited to the first 224 people who sign up, so register early.** Air-conditioned motor coaches leave from the Host 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. Both indoor and outdoor seating are available. The motor coaches will start to depart Gilmore around 2 pm and return back to the Host Hotel around 4 pm with time to freshen up for the Awards Banquet.

#### More Touring on Your Own Sites

- Within a short drive of meet hotel
  - Henry Ford Museum of American Innovation
  - Greenfield Village
  - Rouge F-150 truck plant tour
  - Fair Lane, the home of Clara and Henry Ford (Closed for renovation, but visitors can walk the grounds and view the outside)
  - The Automotive Hall of Fame
- Greater Detroit area outside of Dearborn
  - Detroit Institute of Arts (home of the Diego Rivera murals of the Rouge Plant) – 10 miles
  - Ford Piquette Avenue Plant Museum (home of the Model T) – 10.5 miles
  - National Automotive History Collection at the Skillman Branch, Detroit Public Library – 11 miles
  - Roush Automotive Collection in Livonia – 17 miles
  - Yankee Air Museum – 22 miles
  - Edsel and Eleanor Ford House in Grosse Pointe Shores – 23 miles
  - The Ypsilanti Automotive Heritage Museum (Hudson Auto Museum) (Closed Mondays) – 27 miles

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### Meet Merchandise

Note: To ensure you receive the meet merchandise that you want, we recommend that you pre-order with your registration. You will receive the items you pre-ordered upon meet check-in. Limited quantities of meet clothing will be available on site at the meet.

#### T-Shirts

Meet t-shirts have the meet logo on the front and a graphic of the Rotunda and V-8s on the back. They are offered in a men's cut in both a navy and tan color and are heavyweight 100% cotton. Shown below is the front of the navy shirt and the back of the tan shirt.

#### Polo Shirts

Meet polo shirts are in a men's style and are navy blue in color with the meet logo embroidered on the right chest. See the third picture below. This is a very nice quality 100% cotton shirt.

#### Denim Shirts

Meet denim shirts are also in a men's style and are dark blue in color, long-sleeved, with the meet logo embroidered on the right chest. Shown on the right below.



Cap

Meet caps are a structured baseball-style cap, Navy blue in color, with the meet logo on the front, "2023 Grand National - Dearborn" embroidered on the back arch.



Hat Pin

This is a 1" diameter collectible hat pin with the meet logo, shown actual size to the right.



Gearshift Knob

The meet will feature a 1937 Ford-style gearshift knob generously provided by Dennis Carpenter Ford Restoration Parts featuring the meet logo as the center insert.



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**Raffles**

**Your Choice Raffle**

**Items will be displayed and additional tickets can be purchased in the Dearborn Room at the Doubletree • June 12 - 15**

**Tickets: \$20 for sheet of 26 tickets**

**Prize pickup will be from 3:00 to 5:00 pm Thursday, 6/15**  
**And 1:30 – 4:30 pm Friday, 6/15**

**Win Free Nights at the Meet Hotel!**

This raffle is a very special opportunity to help pay for your stay at the Doubletree hotel during the meet. Tickets are \$10 each or three for \$20 and may be purchased on your registration form or on-site throughout the meet until noon on concourse day. Three prizes will be drawn. Each winner will receive up to four complimentary nights (room and tax) – an approximate \$593 value. Winners will be announced at the awards banquet – you do not need to be present to win.

The fine print: winners must be staying at the meet hotel, the Doubletree by Hilton Dearborn, during the week of the meet. Rooms will be compensated for the length of stay up to four nights at the meet rate of \$129.00, plus tax. Buy as many tickets as you like to increase your chances to win, but there can be only one winner per hotel registration.

**50/50 Raffle**

**Tickets will be sold in the Dearborn Room every day during the meet**

**Cash Prize!!!**

**Winner splits the pot!**

**Winning ticket to be drawn at the Awards Banquet.**

**Winner need not be present to Win!!**



**Tickets are  
1 for \$5.00**

**or**

**3 for \$10.00**



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**Meetings, Seminars, and More**

**Tuesday, June 13**

Regional Group 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Memorabilia Room – Fairlane Room – 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

To help celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Early Ford V-8 Club, Regional Groups will have the opportunity to display information on their history. Be sure to check out what Regional Groups have been doing over the years. (Continues on Wednesday)

**Wednesday, June 14**

Regional Group 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Memorabilia Room – Fairlane Room – 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Seminar – Ford Racing - 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm

Here is your opportunity to learn about early Ford racing. The presentation, *Racing—The Heart and Soul of Ford Motor Company*, hosted by the Henry Ford Heritage Association, will explain the history of Ford racing from 1903 to the Indianapolis 500 of 1935.

Early Ford V-8 Foundation Presentation – 3:30 pm – 4:15 pm

You will have the opportunity to meet representatives of the Early Ford V-8 Foundation and Museum to learn about the status of the Foundation and on-going projects at the Auburn Museum.

Meet the National President – 4:15 pm – 5:00 pm

National President Rick Claybaugh and members of the Board of Directors will give you the inside scoop on your club, the Early Ford V-8 Club of America. This is your opportunity to meet these folks in person and ask any questions you may have about the Club, Judging Standards, future activities and plans, etc.

Owners/Judges Meeting - 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Everyone is encouraged to attend this meeting, hosted by National Chief Judge Ken Bounds and Meet Concourse Chairman Michael Driskell. If you will be judging vehicles on the Concourse, your attendance is mandatory. Every participant who is showing a vehicle on the Concourse should attend to understand the judging process, Concourse procedure, and the plan for parking vehicles on the Concourse. This meeting will include a video presentation on the judging process and introduction of the judging teams.

**Thursday, June 15**

Seminar – 8:00 pm – 9:30 pm

Thursday evening will end with a special presentation: *Henry Ford – Life and Times* hosted by the Henry Ford Heritage Association. Come find out all about Henry Ford.