2019 Central National Meet • Auburn, Indiana
August 23-27, 2019

Dear Fellow V-8ers,

The Central National Meet Planning Committee is excited to invite you to Auburn, the home of the newly expanded Early Ford V-8 Museum. If you have not been to Auburn in a while, you will be impressed with all the changes that have been made. We hope you will be able to join us for several days of fun and fellowship with plenty to see and do.

There 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, meet merchandise, and touring opportunities. Details about these offerings are provided on the following pages.
2. Vehicle Registration Form – Complete one of these forms for each vehicle you plan to enter. If this is your first time or if you have questions about which class your vehicle should be in, please contact registration for assistance.
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.

The Meet has arranged for lodging at four hotels in Auburn (3 miles from the V-8 Museum) with rates from $75 to $114 plus tax per night. All of them are located near exit 329 off Interstate 69. (The Museum exit is 326.) The Baymont Inn & Suites is designated as the Host Hotel as it will be the site of the hospitality room and the Judges Breakfast. Located nearby are the Comfort Suites, the Auburn Inn, and the Red Roof Inn. The Hampton Inn is located on the other side of Interstate 69.

Some of the tours will be leaving from the Walmart, which is within walking distance of most of the hotels.

Many meet activities will take place at the Early Ford V-8 Museum. Registration, the raffle room, and the operational check will open at the Museum at 5:00 pm Friday evening. **Update: Seminars, meetings, and the welcome party will be held at Kruse Plaza Ballroom, across from the Museum, while the swap meet and the concourse will be on the Museum grounds.** There will be an area for car cleanup at the Museum; there may also be facilities provided at most of the hotels – please check with your hotel for availability.

As a special incentive, the first 300 registrations for the Meet will receive a unique commemorative plaque. The wooden plaque will feature a laser-engraved likeness of the Early Ford V-8 Museum. Be sure to sign up soon!

Auburn and DeKalb County are the home to nine museums, including the legendary Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum, the NATMUS (National Auto and Truck Museum) and, of course, our own Early Ford V-8 Museum. In addition to scheduled tours, you will find much more exploring to do, detailed toward the end of this document.

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 e-mail at registration@2019cnm.com or by phone at 630-858-9474.



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Registration Information

Registration Fees	
$100	January 1 – May 31, 2019
$125	After August 1, 2019

Email: registration@2019cnm.com
Phone: 630-858-9474
Web: http://2019cnm.com

Registration and raffles will be held at the new

Early Ford V-8 Museum

http://www.fordv8foundation.org

Swap meet, operational check, and show field are on the museum grounds.

Trailer parking is adjacent to Kruse Plaza. Seminars and meetings will be held at the Kruse Plaza Ballroom.

Tentative Schedule

9:00 am - 5:00 pm Museum Open Daily

Friday, August 23

5 pm – 9 pm Early Registration
5 pm – 9 pm Operational Check and Raffle Open
Dinner on your own

Saturday, August 24

8:00 am Driving tour to Portland Tractor Show
8:00 am - 4:00 pm Swap Meet
9:00 am - 4:00 pm Registration, People's Choice Raffle
9:00 am - 4:00 pm Operational Check
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Auburn Town Square Cruise-in
Dinner on your own

Sunday, August 25

8:00 am - 4:00 pm Swap Meet
9:00 am - 4:00 pm Registration
9:00 am - 3:00 pm People's Choice Raffle, Operational Check
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm Tech session – Jim Linder - Ignitions
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm President's Meeting
3:00 pm - 3:30 pm Early Ford V-8 Foundation Meeting
3:30 pm - 4:30 pm Owners/Judges Meeting
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Welcome Party

Monday, August 26

7:00 am - 8:00 am Judges Breakfast – Baymont Inn
8:00 am - 3:00 pm Swap Meet
8:00 am - 10:00 am People's Choice Raffle
8:30 am - 3:00 pm Ladies Tour - bus to Shipshewana
9:30 am - 3:00 pm Concourse
3:00 pm - 5:00 pm Pick up raffle prizes
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm DeKalb Outdoor Theater Park
Featuring Audie Blaylock Redline Band
Dinner on your own

Tuesday, August 27

8:00 am Driving tour to Elkhart RV/MH Hall of Fame & Museum
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm Cocktail hour – cash bar
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Awards Banquet
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Program/Awards Presentations

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Meals

Welcome Party: Sunday, August 25th, held at **Kruse Plaza Ballroom, across from the museum**. It will be a buffet with lasagna, pasta primavera, garlic mashed potatoes, house salad, smothered green beans, rolls and butter. There will be light guitar entertainment by Audie Blaylock. The cost is $34.

Concourse: Food will be available for purchase during the Concourse Judging on the Museum grounds.

Awards Banquet: To be held at the world famous Auburn-Cord-Duesenberg Museum in Auburn. The evening starts with a cocktail hour with a cash bar. Meal choices are grilled salmon, hickory smoked brisket, almond crusted chicken, or eggplant parmesan with sea-salted baked potato, California vegetable blend, fresh fruit salad, water, coffee. The cost of $58 per person includes admission to the A-C-D Museum. What a great way to cap off what is sure to be a memorable V-8 National Meet! Note: All registered attendees are welcome to attend the Awards Program after dinner, even if they do not attend the banquet.

Tours

Driving Tour to Portland Tractor Show: Put on by the Tri-State Gas Engine and Tractor Association on Saturday the 24th. It's the World's Largest Gas Engine and Tractor Show! We'll leave from the Walmart parking lot at 8:00 am for the 75 mile drive to Portland. There will be special show field parking for those driving an early Ford V-8. Lots of activities including crafts, antiques, swap meet, etc., and plenty of food! Leave whenever you like, alone or in a group. Plan to be back in Auburn by 6 pm for the cruise-in. Early registration on Friday evening from 5 pm to 9 pm will give you the opportunity to get your tickets for the Driving Tour on Saturday.

Cruise-In Around Auburn Square: It's a short drive to downtown Auburn on Saturday night for a big Cruise-In. The city of Auburn will "shut down downtown" to make room for this fun event, which starts at 6 pm.

Ladies Tour: While the guys are busy on concourse day, Monday August 26th, our Ladies Tour will be a bus shopping trip to Shipshewana, Indiana. This tour will give you the chance to do a lot of Shopping! Whether it's Lotions and Potions, Fabrics, Shoes and Accessories, Antiques and Boutiques or Books galore, you'll find it in this quaint town.

There are lots of places to have lunch on your own. There will be a goodie bag given to each who attend. We will have games on the bus and prizes. The cost is only $25 per person. We have reserved a bus for 50 ladies, so please sign up early! We will be leaving from Walmart at 8:30 am and return around 3-3:30 pm. Hope you will join us for a fun day!

Outdoor Theater Park Concert: Downtown Auburn will be the place to be at the popular DeKalb Outdoor Theater Monday night. It will have all of the feel of a downtown cruise-in, except situated in a cozy park with live bluegrass music provided by the Grammy nominated and Museum Trustee, **Audie Blaylock and Redline.** Parking will start 2 hours before the music on a first come basis. We will also be inviting the public in for the concert so parking will fill up fast. Audience seating is not provided so pack your lawn chairs or a blanket and settle in for an entertaining evening. The DeKalb Outdoor Theater is located just southeast of the downtown square. There are onsite restroom facilities. Food is not available, but there are plenty of places to eat a short walk away from the park. Admission is free but donations will be gladly accepted. The concert begins at 7:00 pm.

Driving Tour to Elkhart: It's the Elkhart RV/MH Hall of Fame & Museum! It's an incredible 100,000 sq. ft. museum that features a variety of historical recreational vehicles from Airstream, Winnebago and other American makers. On display are trailers, photos and memorabilia reaching back to the 1920s and 1930s. We will depart Auburn as a group, meeting at 8:00 am and departing by 8:30 and arrive as a group between 10 & 10:30 am. The $10 ticket cost includes museum admission. This is a tour on your own museum so the return to Auburn will be on your own as everyone will go at their own pace. Maps will be provided. We will also note possible places for lunch on the way back. There is no food service at the museum.

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Meet Merchandise

Note: To ensure you receive the Meet merchandise you want, we recommend you pre-order with your registration. Limited quantities of Meet clothing will be available on site at the Meet.

T-Shirts
Meet t-shirts are available in ice grey or black, men's cut, with a logo on the front and the Museum Rotunda on the back. They are 100% pre-shrunk cotton.

Polo Shirts - Men's & Women's
Meet polo shirts come in both men's and women's style, and are heather gray in color with the meet logo patch on the left chest. This is a very nice quality 100% combed cotton pique, no-fade, no- shrink, no-curl collar, no-wrinkle performance. The men's shirt has a left-chest pocket.

Denim Shirts
Denim shirts are in a men's style and are blue in color, long-sleeved, with the meet logo over the pocket.

Caps
Meet caps are a structured baseball-style cap, blue in color, with the meet logo on the front, an American flag logo on the side, "2019 Central National Meet" embroidered on the back arch and "Auburn, Indiana" embroidered on the Velcro strap.









Meet Gear Shift Knobs by Dennis Carpenter and Meet Hat Pins are also available.





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Raffles

A People's Choice Raffle will run throughout the Meet. The prizes will be set up just inside of the Museum's entrance door that leads into the gallery, along the south wall. Last chance to buy tickets will be on Monday from 8:00 am to 10:00 am. Many wonderful items have been donated. Tickets are $20 for a sheet of 26 tickets.

Winning tickets will be drawn and posted Monday afternoon at 3:00 pm. Winners can claim their prizes from 3:00 - 5:00 pm on Monday and again on Tuesday from 9:00 - 10:00 am. If you can't be there to check to see if you won or to claim your prizes, be sure to give your tickets to a friend to do it for you. We will not ship any prizes.

Large Item Raffles: Raffle tickets are available for four additional items, described below. Tickets are $2.00 each or 3 for $5.00. You can order tickets with your registration or buy them at the Museum Raffle Room. Winning tickets will be drawn at the awards banquet. You need not be present to win; however, the winner is responsible for pickup at the Museum, or shipping can be arranged at the winner's expense.

Giant Dahlia Amish Quilt



The quilt is queen size, hand-pieced and hand-quilted by Dorathea Yoder, from Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

It is a "Giant Dahlia" pattern, in shades of blue on a cream background.

Donated by Milly Scheidt - NY

Custom Designed Soft Bag



Uniquely designed Travel Purse by Grace Penty from her collection called "Gracefully Yours"

Made from heavy weight denim in three coordinating blue fabrics. Fully lined, interior pockets.

Ideal for hauling knitting projects, soft items or carry on for air flight.
Value $65.00
[10" X 16" base X 11" high]

Donated by Grace Penty Region #141 of The Early Ford V-8 Club

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More Raffle Items

A Custom-built Tailgate Bench!

Made with a 100% Genuine, Used 1941 Ford Tailgate. Hand-crafted by Ron Stauffer. It measures 57” wide, 22” deep and 44” high. A fantastic, unique, one-of-a kind bench that will make your V-8 buddies green with envy.

Value: Priceless!



Owens Products Trailer Tongue Box

Owens Products trailer tongue boxes are a 3-piece design with fully welded seams for added strength. They are made of high-grade, rust-resistant aluminum, and incorporate a diamond plate finish. The hemmed lids are easily opened with the help of a gas strut, and feature a lockable stainless steel paddle latch.

Length: 34 in.

Height: 15.5 in.

Depth: 14.5 in.

Value: Retails for $350



Raffle Tickets:

$2.00 each or 3 for $5.00
Order some with your registration or buy at the Museum Raffle Room

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Seminar and Meetings

A tech seminar and all meetings will be held in the Museum on Sunday afternoon, August 25th.

1:00 - 2:00: A Technical Seminar presented by Jim Linder of Bubba's Ignition in Speedway, Indiana. Jim was supposed to give his seminar at 2018's Grand National Meet in Dearborn, Michigan, but had to cancel. He is making his presentation at the 2019 Central National Meet in Auburn. Jim is a very knowledgeable and entertaining guy.

2:00 - 3:00: National President Michael Driskell will speak to the state of the Early Ford V-8 Club and conduct a question and answer session.

3:00 - 3:30: Early Ford V-8 Museum President, John Knecht, will speak briefly about what's happening at the Museum.

3:30 - 4:30: Owners/Judges Meeting. This is a mandatory meeting for judges and for everyone showing vehicles on the Concourse. Judging teams will be assigned at this meeting.

Touring on Your Own

Within a short drive from the hotels and the V-8 Museum:

- Auburn-Cord-Duesenberg Museum (also the site of the Awards Banquet) Over 120 classic, antique, vintage and special interest cars are displayed with other automotive related exhibits on three floors.

- NATMUS (National Auto and Truck Museum) Numerous prototypes and "One-of-a-Kind" exhibits, Muscle Cars of the '60s & '70s, fine examples of race cars, multiple brand collections, from Hudson and Checker to the best designs of the Big Three, over 100 trucks covering more than 100 years of production.

- The Hoosier Air Museum: Consists of a 10,000 square-foot hanger which houses our aircraft, various radial, in-line, and jet engines. Also included are aviation artifacts, models and photographs. Special exhibits include Tuskegee Airman, W.A.S.P. - The Women Airforce Service Pilots, and others.

- The Garrett Railroad Museum: Garrett, Indiana. The former Baltimore & Ohio railroad freight station. Located alongside the CSX railroad tracks, the station has been restored to reflect a typical rural railroad station of the early 1900's. Here you will find displayed many relics, curios, photographs, and railroad items that tell the story of Garrett's rich history. The basement of the museum houses an HO scale model railroad layout. Outside is an actual railroad post office car and a Chesapeake & Ohio caboose.

- The Mid-America Windmill Museum in nearby Kendallville. There are a total of fifty-two windmills that have been restored and are on exhibit in the museum barn or outside on the museum grounds. A highlight of the museum is a replica of the Robertson Post windmill, a single stone grist mill with a 52-foot diameter wind wheel.

- Country Heritage Winery: 185 Co Rd 68, Laotto, Indiana, (260) 637-2980, countryheritagewinery.com. You can visit our Tasting Room where we offer six complimentary tastings daily. You may also shop at our showroom where we feature locally made items, such as edibles, wearables, wine accessories, and gift items.

Our winery is open seven days a week. It is a great place to relax, whether on the spacious wraparound porch or in the gazebo, where you will be surrounded by eight acres of gorgeous vineyard.

- Byler Lane Winery: 5858 County Road 35 Auburn, Indiana, (260) 920-4377, bylerlanewinery.com. Byler Lane Winery is more than the delicious wines - it is where friends become family, stories are shared, and memories are made. We have been serving quality wines since 2016 ranging from drys to sweets. Stop by for a tasting and stay for a relaxing evening overlooking the vineyard and pond.

- Hartland Winery: 425 County Road 23, Ashley, Indiana, (260) 587-3301, info@hartlandwinery.com. The variety of taste profiles, sweetness levels and flavors are designed to appeal to a wide range of people. We are constantly trying new things and experimenting. Because of this our wine selection changes frequently. We invite you to visit often and enjoy our Small Batch & Handcrafted wines.

In Nearby Ft. Wayne:

- The Old Fort: 1201 Spy Run Ave., (260)437-2836, oldfortwayne.org. A nineteenth century replica fort where French and British forces clashed with fur traders - Native Americans - Civilians and Soldiers. Demonstrations and reenactments by folks in period costume tell you the history of this fort. Learn how the fort played a pivotal role during the war of 1812. Open Saturday 10:00 - 6:00 and Sunday 10:00 - 4:00; donations accepted.

- Firefighters Museum: 226 West Washington Blvd., (260)426-0051, fortwaynefiremuseum.org. Engine House #3 is the home of the Firefighters Museum consisting of two floors of equipment, photos and memorabilia. Open weekdays 10:00 - 4:00 and Saturdays 10:00 - 3:00. Closed Wednesdays and Sundays. Adults $4, Seniors $3.

- Castle Gallery: 1202 West Wayne St., (260)426-6568, castlegallery.com. Fine art in a residential setting. This fine arts gallery is within a 1905 once private home in a residential neighborhood. There are three floors of inspiring art collection. Open Tuesday thru Saturday 11:00 - 6:00. No admission fee.

- Botanical Conservatory: 1100 S. Calhoun St., (260)427-6440, botanicalconservatory.org. Surround yourself with nature thru the tropical & desert gardens with lush seasonal displays. Open Tues - Sat 10:00 - 5:00, Sun 12:00 - 4:00. Adults $5.00

- The History Center: 302 E. Berry St., (260)426-2882, fwhistorycenter.com. Located at the Allen County Historical Society museum and collections featuring 26,000 Artifacts located in the original City Hall building. Adults $6.00 & Seniors $4.00. Monday to Friday - 10 am to 5 p.m., Saturday - Noon to 5 pm.