



**Early Ford V8 Club of America
2017 Eastern National Meet
Chantilly, Virginia
June 7-11, 2017**

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"The V-8 Scene in '17"

THE EARLY FORD V-8 CLUB OF AMERICA AND THE NORTHERN VIRGINIA REGIONAL GROUP # 96 invite you to attend the 2017 Eastern National Meet in Chantilly, Virginia located 20 miles west of Washington, DC.

The headquarters hotel is the Westfields Marriott located just off Route 28 in Chantilly. We have a block of rooms reserved from June 6 (for an early check-in) to June 11 at a nightly rate of \$119.00 plus state and local taxes. For reservations call 703-818-0300 or log onto our meet webpage at <http://enm2017.cornerstonereg.com>.

We have a number of exciting and informative special events planned for the meet. These events take advantage of the meet's close proximity to our nation's capital, Washington, DC and the scenic Virginia countryside. The attachment briefly describes the special events planned as part of the meet. In addition, there are many cultural, historical and entertainment attractions in the area that you can explore on your own before or after the meet (Civil War sites, wineries, museums, etc).

We are pleased that you are considering joining us in June. If there is anything we can do to make your stay more enjoyable, please contact either Bill Simons or Joe Freund as shown below.

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Description of Special Events and Tours

Wednesday, June 7:

The first event begins at 1:30pm with a self-guided tour to nearby Manassas National Battlefield, about 18 round-trip driving miles. Admission is free and a National Park Service Ranger will present to our group the history of the two important battles that were fought here during the Civil War, in July 1861 and August 1862. The Park Ranger's presentation has been requested for 2:00pm. Please check your registration packet when you arrive to ensure that time has not changed. (<https://www.nps.gov/mana/index.htm>).

In late afternoon, there will be a presentation, "Speed and Style: The Saga of Edsel Ford's Special Speedsters" by Ken Gross, noted automotive historian and author. From 1932 to 1935, Edsel Ford and E.T. "Bob" Gregorie collaborated on three Special Speedsters — their remarkable story is the subject of this talk.

In the evening there will be a welcome party at the hotel with pasta stations, salads, mini sandwiches, desserts, coffee, tea, and a cash bar. Entertainment will be provided.

Thursday, June 8:

At 10:00am there will be a guided driving tour of only 10 round-trip driving miles to the fabulous Udvar-Hazy Center, the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum's annex at Washington Dulles International Airport. Their exhibits are continually changing so, on the chance that you have been there before, you can expect to see plenty of new things. Lunch is on your own in the museum cafeteria. The museum is free, but there is a \$15 per car parking fee. Carpooling is encouraged. (<https://airandspace.si.edu/udvar-hazy-center>)

In the evening after dinner (on-your-own), there will be a movie shown in the hotel beginning at 8:00pm. This documentary movie, "Live Another Day," tells the story of the US automotive industry during the financial crisis of 2008.

Friday, June 9:

Friday is concourse day and the judges' breakfast will begin at 7:00am, followed at 9:00am with the concourse judging.

The spouses' lunch at 11:30am in the hotel will feature a presentation on the Virginia wine industry by a local expert.

At 3:30pm we will depart the hotel and drive about 20 miles to the Cross Farm for a wonderful country BBQ dinner with entertainment, a garage tour, and a demonstration of an antique operating sawmill. This event was hugely popular at our 2007 Eastern National Meet and is back by popular demand!



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Saturday, June 10:

There will be two tours to choose from on Saturday.

1. Historic Virginia Country Homes. We begin with a guided driving tour and a rare opportunity to visit the mansion and gardens of Oak Hill, the home of President James Monroe, and a tour of the grounds and house of Oatlands Plantation, about 40 round-trip miles. Oak Hill is privately owned and not open to the public. The house, built in 1820, contains numerous features from our country's history. Some of the building materials were salvaged from the White House after British soldiers burned it in 1814. The fireplace mantles were a gift from the Marquis de Lafayette and some of the furniture was designed, if not built, by Thomas Jefferson. There are slate floors complete with dinosaur footprints that were quarried on the property. If you love American history, you won't want to miss this opportunity. Because Oak Hill is still a private home, the tour will be limited to the first 50 people who sign up.

Following Oak Hill, we will continue down the road for a tour of an even older colonial home, Oatlands Plantation, built by George Carter in 1798. The house and gardens are not to be missed (<http://www.oatlands.org>). We will enjoy a box lunch while at Oatlands before driving back to the hotel.

2. Arlington National Cemetery and the Smithsonian Museums on the National Mall. This tour begins with a guided bus tour to Arlington National Cemetery in the morning (<https://washington.org/DC-guide-to/arlinton-national-cemetery>), and then on to your favorite Smithsonian museum on the National Mall (<https://washington.org/smithsonian-institution-museums>). Arlington National Cemetery is full of history, including the graves of two US Presidents. (Can you name them?) Robert E. Lee's family home, the remains of the crew of the USS Monitor, and the mast of the battleship Maine are also there. Also, you won't want to miss the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknowns. In late morning, the bus will take you to the National Mall where you can choose to explore one or more of the Smithsonian museums. Admission is free to all the Smithsonian museums, including the National Gallery of Art, National Museum of Natural History, National Museum of American History, the Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, the National Air and Space museum, the National Museum of the American Indian, and the newly opened National Museum of African American History and Culture. Each museum has a cafeteria for lunch on your own. Your tour guide for the day will be Don Lombard, a licensed Professional guide and a member of the NVRG. The bus will take you back to the hotel by 4:00pm, with time to prepare for the awards banquet at 6:00pm.