



“Cars Galore in 2024”
2024 Central National Meet • Auburn, Indiana
June 17-21, 2024
Registration Information

Dear Fellow V-8ers,

The Central National Meet sponsoring clubs, Ohio RG#141, Indiana RG#56, and Auburn Blue Ovals #169, are excited to invite you to Auburn, Indiana, for the 2024 Central National Meet. Most activities will be held at the Early Ford V-8 Foundation Museum. The Museum has recently completed a second building containing the Jerry Windle Event center, a classroom for teaching about the flathead era, a complete workshop, and a large vehicle storage area. We believe that you will be pleased with the continued growth of the museum collection.

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, 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.

The meet has arranged for lodging at seven hotels in Auburn, about 4 miles from the museum. The rate ranges from \$75/night (Red Roof) to \$114/night for the other six hotels. All the hotels are near Exit 329 off Interstate 69. Comfort Suites, Baymont Inn and Suites, Country Inn and Suites, Sure Stay Hotel and Red Roof are on the east side of the exit. Hampton Inn and Tru by Hilton are on the west side of the exit.

Most meet activities will take place at the Early Ford V-8 Foundation Museum in the Jerry Windle Event Center, in the museum’s newest building. The museum is at I-69 Exit 326. Meet registration and the raffle room will open on Monday, June 17 at 9 am. We will have a “your choice” raffle and three special premium prizes in the raffle room. The Welcome Party will be held in the north end of Kruse Plaza in the former Hoosier Air Museum space. The swap meet and concourse will be held on museum grounds and spaces around Kruse Plaza. Trailer parking will be available behind the Kruse Plaza beginning on Sunday, June 16.

The Awards Banquet will be held at the Auburn Cord Deussenberg Museum in Auburn.

Auburn and Dekalb county are home to nine museums, including the Auburn Cord Deussenberg Museum, the National Auto and Truck Museum, and the Early Ford V-8 Museum. In addition to our scheduled tours, you may explore on your own. We will provide some locations and directions to guide you.

We are looking forward to a fun week of V-8 activities and catching up with old friends. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact registration by email at registration@2024cnm.com or by phone at 630-858-9474.

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Tentative Schedule of Events

Vehicle clean up area is available on the north side of the Windle Event Center each day. The Museum will be open 9:00 am to 5:00 pm daily.

Monday, June 17	8:00am-4:00pm 9:00am-5:00pm 9:00am-5:00pm 9:00am-5:00pm 11:00am-2:00pm Dinner on your own	Swap Meet – Grounds of Foundation Museum Registration – Jerry Windle Event Center Your Choice Raffle – Event Center Classroom Operational check – Event Center parking lot Free hot dogs – Jerry Windle Event Center
Tuesday, June 18	All day 8:00am-4:00pm 9:00am-5:00pm 9:00am-5:00pm 9:00am-5:00pm 9:30am-2:00pm 11:00am-2:00pm 6:00pm-9:00pm	Self-guided touring – suggested list provided Swap Meet – Grounds of Foundation Museum Registration – Jerry Windle Event Center Your Choice Raffle – Event Center Classroom Operational check – Event Center parking lot Poker Run/Scavenger hunt – leave from museum Box lunch available for purchase – Event Center Welcome Party-North end of Kruse Center
Wednesday, June 19	All day 8:00am-4:00pm 9:00am-4:00pm 9:00am-3:00pm 9:00am-4:00pm 11:00am-2:00pm 1:00pm-2:30pm 2:30pm-3:00pm 3:00pm-4:00pm 4:00pm-5:00pm Dinner on your own	Self-guided touring – suggested list provided Swap Meet – Grounds of Foundation Museum Registration – Jerry Windle Event Center Your Choice Raffle – Event Center Classroom Operational check – Event Center parking lot Box lunch available for purchase – Event Center Henry Ford Heritage Foundation Presentation Early Ford V-8 Foundation Meeting National President’s Meeting Owners’/Judges’ Meeting
Thursday, June 20	7:00am 7:00am-8:00am 8:00am-4:00pm 9:00am-10:30am 9:00am-3:00pm 12:00pm-2:00pm 3:00pm-4:30pm 5:00pm-7:00pm	Concourse opens Judges’ Breakfast – Windle Events Center Swap Meet – Grounds of Foundation Museum Your Choice Raffle – Event Center Classroom Concourse and Judging Ladies’ Luncheon – Windle Events Center Raffle Prize Pickup – Event Center Classroom Cruise-In – downtown Auburn Square
Friday, June 21	9:00am-Noon 10:30am-12:30pm 1:00pm-3:00pm 5:00pm-6:00pm 6:00pm-7:00pm 7:00pm-9:00pm	Raffle Prize Pickup – Event Center Classroom Cruise with lunch on Lake Wawasee Group 1 Cruise with lunch on Lake Wawasee Group 2 Hospitality hour/cash bar – ACD Museum, Auburn Awards Banquet – ACD Museum Awards Presentations – ACD Museum

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Hotel Information

The Central National Meet has reserved blocks of rooms at several hotels shown below at the special meet rate of \$119 per night, plus taxes. When making reservations, be sure to ask for the Early Ford V-8 Club rate. Update: we have heard that the Best Western is offering a rate of \$100 per night, plus taxes.

Important Update: The final dates for making reservations at the meet rate is shown in the box for each hotel below. In addition, we have just learned that the Country Inn and Suites has closed for renovation. If you made reservations there, you will need to make other arrangements.

Most events, including meet registration, raffle room, operational check, trailer parking, judges' breakfast, and concourse are being held at the Early Ford V-8 Foundation Museum.

☺ indicates that the hotel permits pets, although some may charge a fee.

East Side of Interstate 69			
<u>Baymont Inn & Suites</u> 306 Touring Drive Auburn, IN 46706 (260)333-5509	☺	Meet Rate Offer Expires May 1	<u>Comfort Suites</u> 1137 W 15th Street Auburn, IN 46706 (260)920-7601
<u>Country Inn and Suites</u> 404 Touring Drive Auburn, IN 46706 (260)572-8061	<div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 5px; transform: rotate(-5deg); display: inline-block;"> CLOSED </div>		<u>Sure Stay Plus Best Western</u> 225 Touring Drive Auburn, IN 46706 (260)925-6363
West Side of Interstate 69			
<u>Tru by Hilton</u> 303 Peckhart Ct Auburn, IN 46706 (260)333-7700	☺	Meet Rate Offer Expires May 17	<u>Hampton Inn</u> 1020 Smaltz Way Auburn, IN 46706 (260)925-1100

Although no special arrangements have been made for the meet, camping is available about 5 miles southwest of the Early Ford V-8 Foundation Museum:

[Indian Springs Campground](#)

981 County Road 64
 Garrett, IN 46738
 Phone (260)357-5572

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Meal Information

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 caterers to accommodate your needs.

Welcome Party

Please join us for the Welcome Party on Tuesday night at 6 pm in the former Hoosier Air Museum at the north end of Kruse Plaza, across from the Foundation Museum.

Our buffet dinner will consist of chicken parmesan, garlic mashed potatoes, roasted vegetables, Caesar Salad, rolls and butter, cheesecake bar and non-alcoholic beverages. The price is \$40. A children's menu offering is chicken fingers, fries and/or mac & cheese for \$15.

Judges Breakfast

We look forward to our judges' breakfast in the Jerry Windle Event Center on June 20 at 7:00am. The buffet menu will include scrambled eggs, bacon, hash browns, pastries, homemade biscuits and jam, orange juice, coffee and water.

Concourse Food

Look for the "Hoosier Mama" food truck around the Concourse. Their menu will be cheeseburgers, tenderloin, pulled pork, poutine, garlic parmesan fries, canned soda, and water.

Ladies Luncheon

We are pleased to present our Ladies Luncheon on June 20 at 12:00 noon in the Jerry Windle Event Center. The meal will consist of a cup of soup, a chicken salad croissant, salad, and dessert. Afterwards, there will be a fun, creative, and unique activity. The price is \$40 per person.

Awards Banquet

We are excited to host the evening awards banquet on June 21 at the Auburn-Cord-Duesenberg Museum in downtown Auburn. We will begin the event with a Hospitality Hour from 5 pm to 6 pm. Dinner will be from 6 pm to 7 pm. Awards presentations will follow. Please take the opportunity to explore the ACD Museum. It is an outstanding facility.

Our dinner will have three entrée choices: char grilled tenderized beef filet with bearnaise sauce on the side for \$55, grilled salmon served with a light butter sauce for \$50, or panko almond encrusted chicken breast pan fried with Hollandaise sauce for \$47. Each entree will include roasted potatoes, asparagus, tossed salad, rolls & butter, and double chocolate layer cake. A children's menu offering will be chicken fingers, mac & cheese, green beans, applesauce and dessert. The children's menu price is \$20. Please join us for the festivities.

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

Tuesday, June 18

Poker run combined with search and identity hunt. This fun event starts at the museum at 9:30 am, where you will check-in at the event center. You must have signed up with your registration by paying your \$10 fee or sign up at the Jerry Windle Event Center on the day of the event. Maps will be distributed to direct you to each of five stops where you will draw a playing card that will make up your poker hand. You will also receive a list of places and objects that you will need to search for along the way and identify by answering a question.

You will be traveling on lovely country roads with stops at parks and a private display of an old-fashioned Shell gas station. The last stop must be completed by 2:00pm at the Event Center. There will be a \$100 first Place, \$50 second Place, and \$25 third Place award for each the poker run and the search and identity hunt. The cash awards will be given out at the Welcome Party.

Thursday, June 20

Cruise-In on Thursday night in downtown Auburn. Drive your Early V-8 and park around the courthouse square. This event runs from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

Friday, June 21

Please join us for a Lake Cruise on The Lily Pad II on Lake Wawasee, about one hour west of Auburn. You must select your time on the registration form for one of two cruises leaving the dock at 10:30 am or 1:00 pm. The boat can accommodate up 110 people on each cruise. The price is \$30 per person.

The cruises leave from the dock at 111 Harkness Drive, Syracuse, Indiana, a pleasant 1-hour drive from Auburn. We will be lining up at the Wal-Mart parking lot on Touring Drive near the hotels on the east side of I-69 at exit 329 at 8:30 am and at 11:00 am respectively for the two tours. A map will be provided and we invite participants to convoy to cruise site; you may also drive on your own.

Each cruise includes lunch of hamburgers, hot dogs, pulled pork, potato salad, cole slaw, coffee, water and lemonade.



Touring on Your Own

There are many opportunities for touring on your own while in Auburn. We will have brochures available for you for many of these sites. Examples include:

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

Auburn-Card-Duesenberg Museum, NATMUS (National Auto and Truck Museum), the Garrett Railroad Museum, the Mid-America Windmill Museum, Country Heritage Winery, Byler Lane Winery, Hartland Winery.

In Nearby Ft. Wayne – about 23 miles south of Auburn

The Old Fort, Firefighters Museum, Castle Gallery, Botanical Conservancy, The History Center.

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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 are available in white, men's cut, with a logo on the front and a 1933 Ford Roadster, Museum Sign, and Rotunda on the back.



Polo Shirts

Meet polo shirts are in the color "Stone" and available in Men's and Women's style.

Men's style has a pocket and women's styles has no pocket. Each will contain the oval meet logo on the left chest. These are silk touch fabric and very comfortable.



Caps

Meet caps are a structured baseball-style cap, almond in color, with the oval meet logo on the front, "2024 Central National Meet" embroidered on the back arch and "Auburn, Indiana" embroidered on the Velcro strap.



Hat Pin

This is a collectible hat pin with the meet logo, shown to the right.



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Raffles

Your Choice Raffle

This raffle will run throughout the meet – see schedule for times. The prizes will be set up in the classroom on the south side of the new Event Center. Signs in the hallways will direct you to the raffle room. You can buy tickets with registration or pick up additional tickets in the raffle room.

Tickets: \$20 for sheet of 26 tickets

Prize pickup will be from 3:00 to 4:30 pm Thursday, 6/20 and 9:00 am – Noon Friday, 6/21.

If you can't be there to check your numbers, please have a friend do it for you. Prizes must be picked up and will not be shipped.

Large Item Raffles

Raffle tickets are available for four additional items described below. Tickets for these more valuable items will be \$10 each or 3 for \$20. You can order tickets with your registration or buy them at the raffle room. Winning tickets will be drawn at the Awards Banquet. You need not be present; however, the winner is responsible for pickup at the Awards Banquet. Shipping can be arranged at the owner's expense.

Pedal Cars: Two pedal Cars, one modern and one antique will be one prize. You can see from the pictures that the antique car needs to be “restored”. The modern car was donated by the Driskell family. The antique car was obtained by Dave and Debby Sharp of RG#56. Dave will restore the antique car in time for the meet!



Early Ford V-8 Club Stained Glass Emblem: A handmade, stained-glass emblem for the Early Ford V-8 Club. This will be crafted and donated by the Claycomb family from RG#56. Kathleen Claycomb is the talented artist.



Antique Herman Miller Mantel Clock: This is a beautiful antique clock from Herman Miller donated by Tom and Grace Penty from RG#141. This clock has a value in excess of \$1,500 dollars.



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Meetings and Seminars

Wednesday, June 19

All meetings will be held in the Jerry Windle Events Center.

- 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm Henry Ford Heritage Association Presentation on "Cast Iron" Charlie Sorenson and how his skills in foundry work created the V-8 flathead block.
- 2:30 pm - 3:00 pm Early Ford V-8 Foundation Presentation - 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 Museum.
- 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm Meet the National President - Meet the President and Board members of the Early Ford V-8 Club.
- 4:00pm - 5:00 pm Owners/Judges Meeting - Everyone is encouraged to attend this meeting, hosted by National Chief Judge Ken Bounds and Meet Concourse Chairman Ron Stauffer. 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.