



Thank you for your interest in our fourth Twin Cities Regional Group (TCRG) Central National Meet, which will be held in Winona, Minnesota the week of July 16, 2007.

Winona is a small city nestled between the bluffs and the mighty Mississippi River. Home to history, cultural arts, architecture, and scenic beauty, Winona offers this and more during our meet. We plan to provide an opportunity for you to enjoy the city and its surrounding beauty, while you enjoy the fellowship of Ford V-8 enthusiasts from all over the Midwest in a very relaxing atmosphere.

Winona is home to Watkins Products and is the Stained Glass Capital of the nation. Winona is located in the southeastern part of the state, just 30 miles northwest of LaCrosse, Wisconsin on 'The Great River Road', US 61, one of the most scenic drives in mid-America. Traveling along the river will be a drive of beauty, wildlife, and an easy drive for our V-8's.

Our headquarter hotel is a terrific place for a Meet, with all the amenities one would want, including a pool, restaurant, bar, continental breakfast (included) and a comfortable room for \$76 per night! **Please note, you must register for the Meet before you can reserve your room.** Overflow rooms are available a short distance away at a comparable hotel. If trailering, we have an adjacent lot for parking your trailer. If you have a motorhome, we have arranged for parking at Wal*Mart, just a block away.

Our Meet begins on Monday July 16. Registration, car clean up, raffle room, operational check, and Welcome dinner are all planned.

On Tuesday July 17 we will add a seminar or two, a swap meet, Car Owner and Judges Meeting, Meet your National President, and Early Ford V-8 Foundation Meeting. We also have a "book signing" planned that includes the new 33-34 Ford book compiled by two TCRG members. We have planned the perfect end to your day by capturing the spirit of a bygone era. Join us for a dinner cruise aboard the riverboat *Julia*

Belle Swain, an authentic paddlewheel steamboat, one of only five in operation on the Mississippi. Space is very limited, so send your reservation early!

On Wednesday July 18 we will hold the Concourse. The concourse is located approximately 1 mile from the Hotel in Lake Park on the edge of beautiful Lake Winona. A box lunch will be available through your registration form. A large pavilion is available for watching the action. We have also arranged for trailer off-loading.

For those not interested in the Concourse, we have planned an "alternative event" that includes a bus tour of historic stops in Winona, including famous Watkins Products. Afterward, the tour will move to Winona's Stained Glass Heritage. This beautiful historical tour will include an outstanding array of antique stained glass found throughout Winona. Your bus tour, led by a local historian, will visit historical landmarks, banks, and churches. The tour is approximately 3 hours long and will take place in the morning. We will end the day with a Cruise to the local Drive Inn, for a little relaxation and tire kicking with local auto enthusiasts. We will also provide several other restaurant options, many with an "antique" flavor.

Thursday July 19, plan on joining us for the 'Mississippi River Valley Driving Tour'. The tour will wind through the hills, valleys and small towns along the Mississippi. The tour will include a visit to Elmer's Auto and Toy Museum. Elmer's has several buildings containing 100+ antique automobiles, motorcycles and scooters, over 700 pedal cars, lots and lots of toys, and much more. A really awesome place! The cost for Elmer's is \$6.00 paid via your registration form.

We will stop for lunch at the Monarch Tavern in Fountain City, Wisconsin. The historic tavern and restaurant still features the original hand carved oak back bar, ornate pressed tin ceilings and 100 year old tables and chairs. They will have a special buffet just for us. The lunch is \$8.00 including gratuity (beverage cost add'l charge). Of course, we'll make it back in plenty of time to get ready for the Awards Banquet Thursday evening, held at the hotel. We are sure you will look forward to this fine meal and awards presentation.

Friday July 20, will be check-out day, but before you leave don't forget the farewell continental breakfast at the hotel. If you would like to enjoy a longer stay in the area, the hotel will honor our special rate for the weekends before and after the meet.

Check out our website for more details at www.tcrv8club.org, and check back often for future updates! We look forward to hosting a great Meet in 2007!