



## 2024 Eastern National Meet • Clayton, New York September 15-20, 2024 Registration Information

Dear Fellow V-8ers,

The Mohawk Valley Regional Group (#59), in partnership with the Western New York Regional Group (#3) welcomes you to attend the 2024 Eastern National Meet in Clayton, New York. We are excited to host a National Meet in New York for the first time in more than 10 years, and bring the club to a unique area which has not previously hosted a meet.

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.

We have chosen the 1000 Islands Harbor Hotel as the host hotel for the meet. The hotel, situated directly on the waterfront is a AAA Four Diamond property, offering 105 guest rooms and suites, many with panoramic river views and balconies.

Trailer parking will be off-site at the Antique Boat Museum storage facility. The area is on grass, but has plenty of space for trailers. The location is approximately 2 miles from the host hotel, just outside of the village.

Swap Meet: Swap Meet spaces will be on site at the host hotel, adjacent to the meet concourse area.

Clayton is a village nestled along the St. Lawrence River, and minutes from the Canadian border. You'll find quaint shops and galleries, nationally known museums, and outdoor activities ranging from fishing to golfing, diving, kayaking to hiking that are all within walking distance. In 2022, Clayton was chosen #1 in the United States by USA Today in their poll of reader's choice travel awards for best small town cultural scene. Clayton is also home to the Antique Boat Museum which is the premier freshwater boating museum in North America. The ABM's collections hold over 320 unique boats and thousands of related artifacts and archives. The 4.5-acre campus comes alive with speedboat rides, a working skiff livery, and educational programs.

We have a fully-packed week of activities planned including tours to the Antique Boat Museum, Boat Tours on the St. Lawrence River, and a driving tour. Most activities including registration, operational checks, swap meet, and concourse will occur at the host hotel.

When our regional groups first considered hosting a meet, we did so with the goals of continuing to bring our members in the Early Ford V-8 Club together to share in the common interests of showing our cars and keep the in-person meets going strong for the future. While the cars are the star of the show, the people are who really make these meets memorable. Opportunities to see old friends, meet new ones, and share our wonderful area with everyone are what has motivated us to host this meet.

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@2024enm.com](mailto:registration@2024enm.com) or by phone at 630-858-9474.

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**Tentative Schedule of Events**

<b>2024 ENM Daily Schedule</b>		
<b>Sunday 9/15</b>	5PM to 8PM	Early Registration
<b>Monday 9/16</b>	8AM to 4PM	Swap Meet
	9AM to 4PM	Registration, People's Choice Raffle
	9AM to 4PM	Operational Check
	10AM to 5PM	Antique Boat Museum (Tour on your own)
	2PM to 5:30PM	Boat Tour: Two Nation & Boldt Castle
<b>Tuesday 9/17</b>	8AM to 4PM	Swap Meet
	9AM to 4PM	Registration, People's Choice Raffle
	9AM to 4PM	Operational Check
	9AM to 4PM	Memorabilia Display
	10AM to 1:30PM	Boat Tour: Two Nation & Boldt Castle
	12:30PM to 3PM	Antique Boat Museum - Group Tour
	3PM to 3:30PM	President's Meeting
	3:30PM to 4PM	Early Ford V-8 Foundation Meeting
	4PM to 5PM	Owner/Judges Meeting
	5:30PM to 9PM	Welcome Party – Hotel Ballroom
<b>Wednesday 9/18</b>	7AM to 8AM	Judge's Breakfast
	8AM to 3PM	Swap Meet
	8AM to 2PM	People's Choice Raffle
	9:00AM to 3PM	Concourse
	10:30AM to 1PM	Ladies Luncheon - Clayton Opera House
	4PM to 5PM	Pick up Raffle Prizes
<b>Thursday 9/19</b>	8:30AM to 3PM	"North Country" Driving Tour
	5PM to 6PM	Cocktail Hour/Cash Bar
	6PM to 7PM	Awards Banquet – Hotel Ballroom
	7PM to 10 PM	Awards Ceremony
<b>Friday 9/20</b>	8AM to 11AM	Check Out, Travel Home

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**Hotel Information**

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**Host Hotel: 1000 Islands Harbor Hotel**

200 Riverside Drive

Clayton, NY 13624

Phone: 315-686-1100

[www.1000islandsharborhotel.com](http://www.1000islandsharborhotel.com)



**Meet Rate: \$209/night**

Rooms Available: \*\*River View or Village View, King or Double Queen. Accessible rooms available.

**\*Please specify room preference when booking**

**\*\*River View first come, first serve**

- > Deposit: First night's room and tax (at time of booking)
- > Reservations after August 15, 2024 will be provided on space and rate availability
- > Rates do not include 8% New York State Sales Tax and 3% Occupancy Tax
- > Rates are based on single/double occupancy
- > Check-in time is 4pm, Check out time is 11am
- > Meet rate applies for Sunday 9/15 thru Thursday night 9/19 (*rate increases Friday 9/20*)

**Booking Information:**

Individuals can call the hotel direct at 315-686-1100 to book their guest rooms.

Please state you are with the Early Ford V-8 Club Eastern National Meet.

**Policies:**

The hotel is 100% non-smoking. A \$250 fee will be charged to the credit card on file if it is determined that smoking occurred in the guest room. No pets are allowed. Complimentary high-speed internet throughout hotel.

Accessible rooms have an open entry shower, shower seat, hand held shower, grab bars

No coffee makers in rooms. Fresh Complimentary Coffee provided on each floor in hallway throughout the day.

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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 5:30 pm in the host hotel. A buffet dinner will be served consisting of: Fresh rolls, salad of mixed field greens, vegetables w/ herb dip, medallions of chicken Maison, vegetable lasagna with alfredo sauce, oven roasted potatoes, and a brownie sundae dessert. Entertainment will be provided by the Adirondack Playboys Band, consisting of old-time country and western music and square dancing. The price is \$38. A children's price will be \$20 for ages 5 to 11 and under. Children under 5 years old are free.

**Judges Breakfast**

A judges' breakfast will be held in the hotel ballroom on Wednesday September 18th at 7:00am. The buffet menu will include scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, home fried potatoes, French toast, pastries, fruit, and orange juice, coffee, tea and water.

**Concourse Food**

The hotel restaurant Seaway Grille will be open for lunch and will be offering select lunch options for meet attendees. We are also working with the hotel to offer additional food selections for the concourse attendees.

**Ladies' Luncheon**

A ladies' luncheon will be held at the historic Clayton Opera House which is within walking distance of the host hotel. The luncheon will consist of your choice of: 1. Chicken salad on a croissant - celery, onion, grapes, fresh herbs – or – 2. Tomato caprese sandwich - fresh mozzarella, tomato, basil, pesto mayo, balsamic glaze. Both will include a house salad loaded with veggies and croutons with a house-made dressing and cheese.

There will be a presentation by Clayton Historian Thomas LaClair, followed by a Tartan Demonstration by Harriet Burns. She will speak on the history of the Scottish. She will have a loom with the tartan on it that she is developing for the town of Hamlin, New York.

There will be a tour of the Opera House and V-8 Bingo, followed by the luncheon.

**Awards Banquet**

We are excited to host the evening awards banquet on Thursday September 19<sup>th</sup> in the host hotel ballroom. The evening will kick off with a cocktail hour/cash bar starting at 5PM, followed by buffet dinner service. Dinner will be from 6 pm to 7 pm. Awards presentations will follow. The buffet dinner will consist of: Fresh rolls, salad of mixed field greens, seasonal vegetable, carved top roast sirloin au jus, oven roasted turkey breast with traditional dressing, Virginia baked ham with maple orange glaze, whipped potatoes, pasta salad, penne pasta with marinara sauce and New York-style cheesecake for dessert.

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

#### **Boat Tours: Two-Nation Tour and Boldt Castle - \$52 per person**

Option 1: Monday 9/16            2:00PM - 5:30 PM

Option 2: Tuesday 9/17        10:00 AM - 1:30 PM

**Note: Two guided boat tour times will be offered. Please sign up for the time you prefer in the registration forms.**

Enjoy an intimate boat tour as we travel over 27 unique miles through US and Canadian waters among many of the 1000 Islands along the St. Lawrence River. Our professional local guides share rich history, legends and lore as we get closer to the islands than any other tour. View magnificent million-dollar homes, travel under American and Canadian spans of the 1000 Island Bridge System, and pass Rock Island Light-house on Rock Island.

At Heart Island guests have the option to take a self-guided tour of millionaire George Boldt's Castle, built as a testament of love for his wife Louise, before tragedy struck in 1904. Marvel at life in the "Gilded Age" for the wealthy who built magnificent castles and summer homes on islands as we travel through "Millionaire's Row" and the St. Lawrence Seaway shipping channel with the possibility of viewing oceangoing vessels that travel from around the world to the Great Lakes of North America.

Boat tour will pick-up at the docks on site at the host hotel.

#### **Antique Boat Museum: Self-Guided / Group Tour - \$18 pass good for entire week**

We invite you to join us for a tour of the Antique Boat Museum, located just a half mile from the host hotel. One ticket purchase will be good for admission to the museum at any time. If you choose to take in the museum on your own, you may use your ticket anytime and enjoy a self-guided tour of the complex at your leisure. We will have planned group tour available on Tuesday September 17th from 12:30 PM to 3:00 PM, which will be self-guided, however the museum will have extra staff on hand that day to receive us and talk about the artifacts in the museum.

Considered the premier freshwater boating museum in North America, the museum encompasses 4.5 acres of public program space, 1900' of dockage, and 1300' of St. Lawrence River shoreline. The 10 buildings on the campus contain 29,000 square feet of exhibit space, 33,000 square feet of public program, collections storage, archives, library and administration space. The exhibits and programs are supported by 20,000 square feet of boat collection storage located a short distance from the Museum's main campus.

We encourage visitors to plan for at least 1.5 hours to visit the Museum. The Museum campus and exhibit buildings are wheelchair-accessible, with paved paths meandering between our buildings across beautifully landscaped lawns and gardens. A limited number of complimentary wheelchairs are available at the Museum.

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**Tours (Continued) Plus Meetings and Seminars**

**Driving Tour: Thursday September 19<sup>th</sup> - \$28 per person**

Please join us for a driving tour of the “North Country” on Thursday 9/19. We will depart from the host hotel at 8:30 AM and travel east roughly 50 miles to hamlet of Beaver Falls, NY. On the way we will pass through the U.S. Army Base Fort Drum, home of the 10th Mountain Division.

The first stop will be to the LaChausse family residence, home of the Early Ford V-8 collection belonging to Allen and Justin LaChausse. Beaver Falls is a small hamlet located along the banks of the Beaver River and home to a rich history of the paper making industry.

After a short tour of the LaChausse collections, the group will travel 3 miles to the village of Croghan, NY. Croghan is the home of the American Maple Museum and Hall of Fame, Railroad Historical Society of Northern New York, Croghan Meat Market home of the famous “Croghan Bologna”, and Good Ol’ Wishy’s Ice Cream Parlor. Tour attendees will have time to tour the Maple Museum and Railroad Museum and enjoy a catered lunch (included in tour price). Lunch will consist of ¼ BBQ Chicken, sides, and a drink.

The group will travel back to Clayton in time for the Awards Banquet that evening.

**Touring on Your Own**

There are many opportunities for touring on your own while in Clayton. We will have information available for you to many of these sites.

**Within a short drive from the hotel:**

Tibbetts Point Lighthouse (Cape Vincent, NY)

Wellesley Island

Alexandria Bay

Sackets Harbor Battlefield

**Meetings and Seminars**

**Tuesday September 17<sup>th</sup>** - All meetings will be held in the Harbor Ballroom.

3:00 pm - 3:30 pm Meet the National President - Meet the President and Board members of the Early Ford V-8 Club.

3:30 pm - 4:00 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.

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 Arel Brown. 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 team.

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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 dark blue, men's cut, no pockets, with the meet logo on the front consisting of a 1935 Ford Special Cabriolet, Wooden Boat, and Water in the background.



Denim Shirts

Long Sleeve Denim button-up shirts will feature pocket on left chest and embroidered meet logo on left chest.



Sweatshirt

Non-hooded crew neck heavy cotton dark blue sweatshirt will feature the meet logo.

Caps

Meet hat will be low rise, soft adjustable one size fits all type, and will feature the meet logo on the front.

Hat Pin

This is a collectible hat pin with the meet logo.



Gearshift Knob

Meet logo gearshift knob will be available for purchase at the meet.



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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 conference room just off the hotel lobby. Signs in the hallways and lobby 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 4:00 to 5:00 pm Wednesday 9/18 and at the awards banquet on Thursday 9/19.

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 three additional items described below. Tickets for these more valuable items will be \$5 each or 5 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.

**Item #1: Early Ford V-8 Club Wool Blanket.** The 100% virgin wool blanket was made by Pendleton Woolen Mills in Portland, Oregon for the 1971 Western National Meet in Wemme, Oregon. The blanket measures 48" x 68" and is adorned with the Early Ford V-8 Club Logo. Bid on your chance to own a piece of Early Ford V-8 Club history!



**Item #2: Custom "1949 Pedal Car."** The 1949 Ford will be celebrating its 75th anniversary in 2024, so what better way to celebrate than to take home a replica 1949 Ford pedal car. This pedal car will be customized and painted by Justin LaChausse.

**Item #3: Ford Lighted Neon Sign**

**Dimensions: 22w x 21h x 4d**

**Neon Ford V-8 Sign featuring multi-colored, hand-blown neon tubing. It is fully licensed by The Ford Motor Company through Neonetics, Inc.**

