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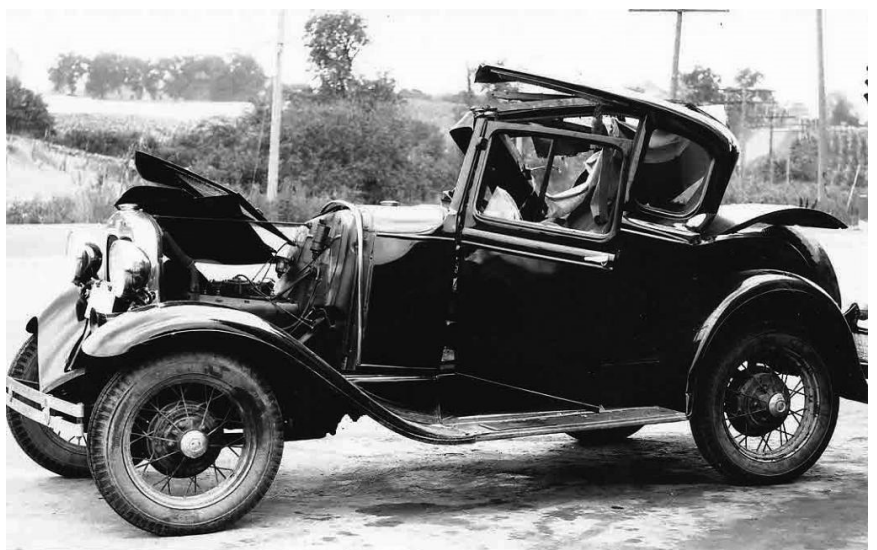
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Convertible Coupe???

President's Message

By Bruce Williams



V8-ers,
I'm typing this the day after our March meeting at the Wildwood Grill. First off, thanks to Peggy and Howard Crawford for hosting. They made it a very festive St. Patrick's celebration with many touches of green... beads, scrumptious cookies, and so forth. Their nice touches added greatly to the fun we all had. And indeed we all had a great time. It was a good turnout and there were lots of laughs and great camaraderie (camaraderie definition: *mutual trust and friendship among people who spend a lot of time together...* a perfect description of the feeling & vibe when we meet as a club). I'm truly thankful for this club, and the great friendships that have grown out of it for so many of us over the years; those friendships were on full display yesterday. And it's great that we had several folks in attendance who've joined fairly recently... Jerry & Judith, David, and Phil. Thanks for showing up and adding to the fun. Also, shame on me for not calling out Don, who had recently received an award from the national club for his efforts on our newsletter. So... **THANK YOU DON FOR YOUR GREAT WORK** on our monthly newsletter.

I have mentioned a couple time about some fun old movies to watch that feature old Fords, and several of you tossed out some of your nominations. So elsewhere in this newsletter is a list of shows you might want to search out on various old movie channels or youtube. If you have others to suggest, pass them along and I'll include them in upcoming newsletters.

Lastly, it's the start of Spring and a lot of great old Ford activity is about to commence, so get your car ready and join us at all the upcoming meetings and shows that are listed in the activities section of this newsletter. Don't miss out on the fun... we'd love to see you.

Regards,

Bruce

Editor's Page

Take a look at the 2023 Calendar in this issue. There are a few spots left. Is it time for you to host a future 2023 meeting?

A special thanks to Peggy and Howard for hosting our March meeting. (Details on Pages 8 & 9)

Our April meeting is firmed up. Russell and Gayle Roark have saved us all a room at the Pizza Ranch. (Details on Page 5)

Please don't assume that your editor is aware of all the local Car Shows and Flea Markets coming up this year. Please send me a note or e-mail with details of any events that you are aware of.

From Bonnie Abler... The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office is having a fundraiser for the Deputy Welfare Fund. They are raffling off a 1951 Chevy BelAir hardtop hotrod (502 big block, custom suspension, A/C, disk brakes, etc.)

Each ticket is \$100. You can pay by check to Jefferson County Deputy Welfare Fund, and mail to address below. Questions can be called in to 636-797-5028

Jefferson County Sherriff's Office

Attn: Angela Evans

PO Box 100

Hillsboro, MO 63050

GCS Credit Union Ballpark "

(Grizzlies Stadium)

2301 Grizzlie Bear Blvd

East St Louis, IL 62206

2023 Model "T" Swap Meet & Car Sale

Sunday May 7th, 2023

6:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Classic Movies and Old Fords

By Bruce Williams

If you're like me and like to occasionally watch old movies, you'll know that a bunch of great (and not-so-great) shows stand out as featuring old Fords in prominent roles. So if you watch TCM, Movies!, the Old Movies Channel, or YouTube, there's a good chance that you'll get to see some vintager V8's in their natural habitat. Here's my list of shows that stand out to me as having some great V8 scenes...

Bringing Up Baby (1938)- a classic Cary Grant/Katherine Hepburn comedy that features a '34 station wagon and two '36 cabriolets being banged into each other

Tobacco Road (1941)- a new '41 convertible is continually abused and wrecked

The Long, Long Trailer (1953)- Lucille Ball and Dezi Arnaz trade their '40 for a new '53 Mercury convertible to haul their honeymoon trailer

Drive a Crooked Road (1954)- Mickey Rooney soups up a '40 sedan and serves as the getaway driver in a bank robbery. The robbers kidnap the bank manager in his '53 Ranch Wagon

April Love (1958)- Pat Boone soups up a '48 convertible and wins the heart of Shirley Jones

It's a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World (1963)- a huge cast of stars chase a bundle of stolen loot, and Phil Silvers sinks a '48 convertible in a river

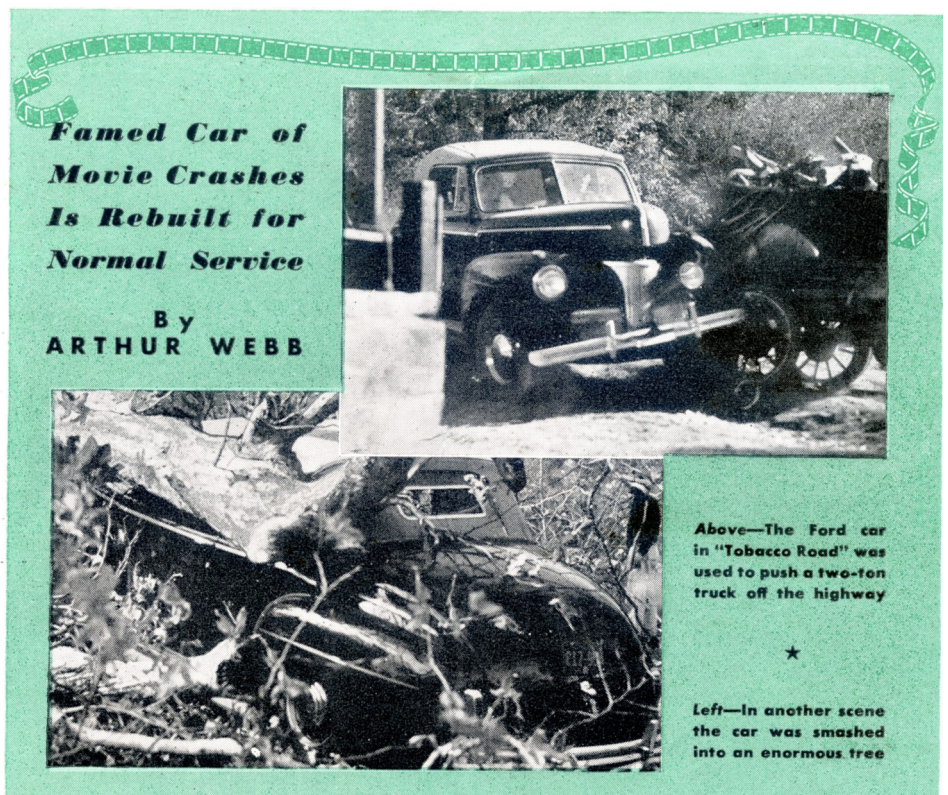
Dark Passage (1947)- Lauren Bacall helps Humphrey Bogart evade the law in a '48 station wagon. Bogart also uses a very rare Model A Deluxe Phaeton to support his prison escape

Chinatown (1974)- Jack Nicholson drives and wrecks a '35 convertible sedan

The Highwaymen (2019)- not an old movie, but a very good depiction of the pursuit of Bonnie and Clyde, featuring '34 Fords

If I Had a Million (1932)- W.C. Fields wrecks a new '32 phaeton

Scenes from ***Tobacco Road*** (from 1941 edition of Ford News)



April Meeting Information

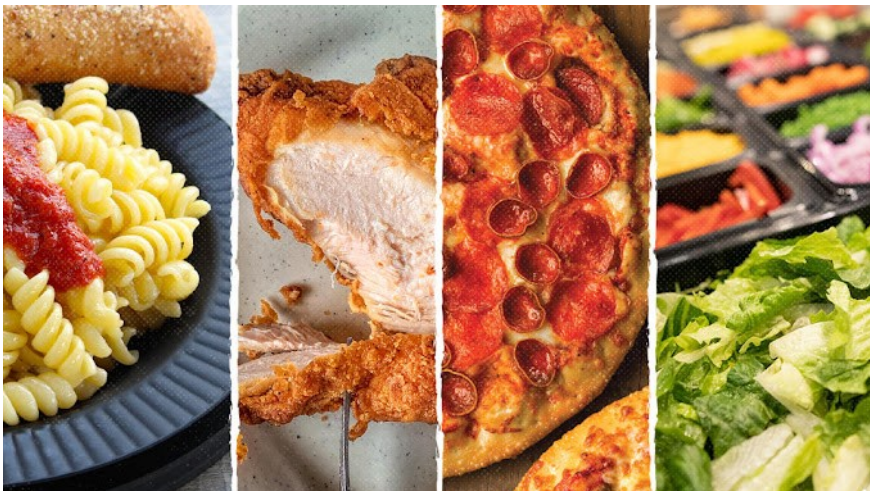
Hosts: Gayle & Russell Roark

SATURDAY (NOT SUNDAY) APRIL 15TH AT 1PM

Pizza Ranch
1225 Wentzville Parkway
Wentzville, MO. 63385

RSVP by April 10th
Raroark@att.net OR 636-398-5089

WE HAVE A ROOM RESERVED!



2023 Calendar of Events R.G. 124

Month	Date	Event	Time	Hosts
January	15	Cancelled	1:00 PM	Cancelled
Feburary	18	Maggie Obrien's	1:00 PM	Conrads
March	19	Wildwood Pub & Grill	1:00 PM	Crawfords
April	15	Pizza Ranch	1:00 PM	Roarks
May	21	Museum of Transportation	1:00 PM	
June	18	Ice Cream Social	1:00 PM	Williams
July	16		1:00 PM	Diehl
August	20		1:00 PM	
September	17		1:00 PM	McDurmont
October	15		1:00 PM	Potthoff
November	19		1:00 PM	
December	17		1:00 PM	

Members, It's time to step up and host a meeting next year. The meeting can be in a local restaurant. It can be a tour to some place of interest. It can be a tire kicking in the garage. If you have a meeting in your home, you don't have to buy all sorts of food. Chips and soda is fine or ask everyone to bring a dish. Covid is behind us!!! Many members have already signed up. Won't you join them?

Blast From The Past !!

After All ... It's Fifty Dollars!

Morris and his wife Esther went to the state fair every year, and every year Morris would say, "Esther, I'd like to ride in that helicopter."

Esther always replied, "I know Morris, but that helicopter ride is fifty dollars, and fifty dollars is fifty dollars."



One year Esther and Morris went to the fair and Morris said, "Esther, I'm 85 years old. If I don't ride that helicopter, I might never get another chance."

To this, Esther replied, "Morris that helicopter ride is fifty dollars and fifty dollars is fifty dollars."

The pilot overheard the couple and said, "Folks I'll make you a deal. I'll take the both of you for a ride. If you can stay quiet for the entire ride and not say a word, I won't charge you! But if you say one word, it's fifty dollars."

Morris and Esther agreed and up they went. The pilot did all kinds of fancy maneuvers, but not a word was heard. He did his daredevil tricks over and over again, but still not a word.

When they landed, the pilot turned to Morris and said, "By golly, I did everything I could to get you to yell out, but you didn't. I'm impressed!"

Morris replied, "Well, to tell you the truth, I almost said something when Esther fell out, but you know, fifty dollars is fifty dollars!"

March Meeting Notes

V8 meeting minutes, 3/19/2023, at Wildwood Pub and Grill

We thanked the Crawfords for hosting the meeting, and providing the green cookies and Mardi Gras beads!

Next month we will meet at the Pizza Ranch in Wentzville, and we passed around a menu. Rick McKee came last month and we could see if he would like to join. His house would be a very interesting garage tour. Some upcoming events are:

April 9 – Easter show in Forest Park

May 7 – Model T swap meet in Grizzly Park

May 21 - All Ford show

There will be a raffle of a 51 Chevy with big block engine, Bruce will get it in the newsletter next month.

Bruce will be setting up a driving tour of Kirkwood sometime in early May. He is also making a list of old movies that have a good sample of the old Fords in them.

Phil Orwick recently moved from Indianapolis, and talked about meeting Don Rogers in 1996, and going with Don to the Hershey swap meet. His parents had a 51 Ford, their first new car. He later got a 51 convertible. He moved here to get closer to his son. He has sold his cars and the parts that were left over. He handed out samples from a box of ink pen tips with Ford script on them. These were used before ball point pens became common.



Attendees:

John and Debbie Schmid, Bruce Williams, Charlie Walters, George Ball, Maxine Carroll, Bonnie Abler, Mike and Diane Huber, Howard and Peggy Crawford, Russell and Gayle Roark, Don Rogers, David Diehl, Jerry and Judy Potthoff, Phil Orwick

March Meeting Photos



Future Events:

SATURDAY, April 1st – Breakfast

636-398-5089 or raroark@att.net



Upcoming Events:

April Meeting : Pizza Ranch

Easter Show Forest Park April 9th

Model T Swap Meet May 7th

Ford Show Transportation Museum May 21

2023 Grand National Meet will be held in Dearborn, MI

June 11th thru 17th

April

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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16 Dave Conrad



Don Rogers, Editor

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