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**EARLY FORD V-8  
CLUB**

**ON THE ROAD**

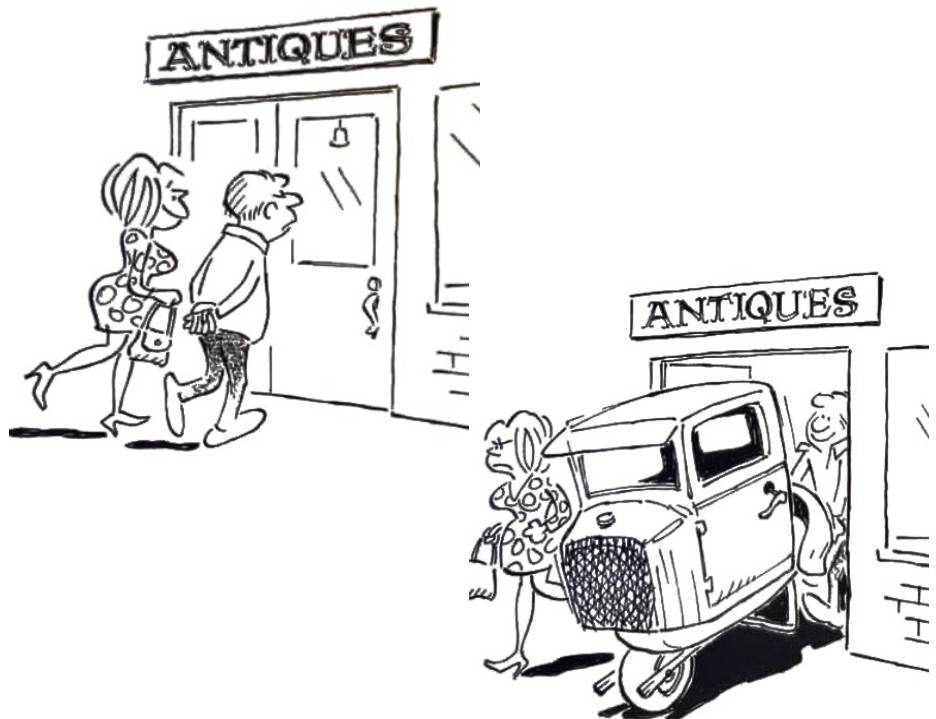
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# March 2004 President's Message

**By Bruce Williams**



We sure had a fun March meeting! A big thanks to Maxine and George. We had a good turnout and lots of good Bandana's BBQ, and in honor of St. Patrick's Day, Maxine made a wonderful dessert that we're told from a reliable source (Peggy) is called Watergate Salad; I had two servings! I was going for three, when Theresa suggested maybe I should use better judgement. And best of all, we now have two new members, Susan and Mike Montigne! They are friends of Russell and Gayle, and have attended a couple previous meetings. Welcome to the club, and we hope to see you at many up-coming events.

The other day, Don Rogers brought his old buddy from Pittsburg, Jon Anderson, by the house for a visit to check out progress on the Mercury. Jon visits Don from time to time, and Jon and I have bought and sold Ford literature and parts over the years at V8 Club swap meets and thru the mail. So it was great to see Jon to share old Ford stories. And a few days ago, Dave Conrad stopped by in his '32 3-window to catch up. We reminisced about all things Ford and my brother Doug, and many delightful memories were stirred up and shared. And a little later, Larry Shepard stopped by because he was close by for some Model A club business. A week prior to that, I had the opportunity to assist David Diehl with a tire rotation task on his '46 Ford. We got to spend several hours talking about Fords, family, and retirement pro's and con's. I was again reminded that the absolute best thing about the old Ford hobby is the people you meet and the lasting friendships you make. Doing some math in my head, those folks represent to me up to 150 years of friendship! And still counting... what a special gift.

A reminder to please join us for the April meeting at our house. The particulars are elsewhere in the newsletter, but it again will be SATURDAY morning, and the theme will be a garage tour and a joint meeting with the Model A club. Come and have donuts and coffee, and check out a bunch of cars, and maybe make some new friends.

If you show up for the garage tour, you'll see that I've been pretty busy on the Mercury. By April 20, I should have 95% of the interior completed. I have been working thru a lot of issues and challenges, but for the most part, I have successfully been completing all the assembly tasks without too much scratched paint or cuts and blisters. But I swear that what took less than a minute on the assembly line in 1946 is a 1-2 hour task for me! I don't know how they built them so well, so quickly.

That's all from my end, until next month. I hope to see you out on the road a lot this spring and summer.

**Thanks, Bruce**

I hope to see you all at the April garage tour meeting at Bruce Williams. Our Saturday Morning Breakfast will be this Saturday at 8:00 am at The Village Café. 314-578-3275



Congratulations to Diane and Mike Huber on the birth of their first grandson Ferris William Huber on Saturday March 8th. Everyone is doing well, the parents, Daniel, Kristi and the two sibling pups are very excited and tired.

Welcome new members,  
Michael and Susan Montigne



SAINT PATRICK regrets his decision to DRIVE THE SNAKES out of IRELAND.

**Missed The Opportunity  
Last Month.  
But It's Still Funny**

# April Meeting Notice

A reminder to please join us for the April meeting at Bruce's and Theresa's house on Saturday Morning, April 20th at 9:30 AM. As a reminder, the Williams live at 1487 Wilton Lane, Kirkwood.

To mix things up a bit, it will be a joint meeting with the Model A club, and it will best be described as a "garage tour". That means we'll mingle around a lot of old cars and eat donuts, and there will be pretty close to zero "business" conducted. That's our idea of a perfect car club meeting! The Model A club drives their cars a lot, so you can expect to see a good number of A's in attendance. Please plan on attending and adding to the festivities.



**It should be a Hole lot of fun!!!**

# May Meeting Notice

**Sunday, May 19th,  
Museum of Transportation—All  
Ford Show  
10:00 AM to 3 PM.**



**Mike Huber Performing Model A Frame  
Load Test 2022**



# National board Meeting Notes

February 17, 2024



The Early Ford  Club of America

## Summary of February 17, 2024, National Board Meeting

VIA ZOOM CALL

### Early Ford V-8 Club of America

Meeting was called to order by President Connie Hall at 10:05 am CST

Newly elected directors were announced: Daniel Castellini, California/Southwest 1, Dave Collette, Mid-Atlantic, and Micheal Driskell, Central. New Officers were announced for 2024: Connie Hall, President, Mike Stichter, Vice President, John Emmering, Secretary.

Minutes of the November 4, 2023, Fourth Quarterly Meeting were reviewed and approved.

The financial report by Treasurer Dave Rehor was received and approved. The board will be seeking a candidate to stand by to replace Dave when he feels ready to step down from his office.

Mike Stichter presented a report on social media which was reviewed and approved.

A report on the activities of the Audit Committee was made by committee Chairman Joe Valentino. The report was approved by the board. Due to the need for a new firm to conduct club audits directors voted unanimously to approve a contract with Bonk, Cushman, Eagle and Garcia of San Diego, CA to conduct the audit of 2023 finances.

#### National and International Meets

**Australian Nationals**, Echuca, Victoria, Australia May 2-6, 2024, sponsored by the Early Ford V-8 Club of Victoria. For information contact [mlvnych@gmail.com](mailto:mlvnych@gmail.com)

**Central National Meet**, Auburn, Indiana June 17-21 sponsored by Ohio RG #141, Indiana RG #56, and Blue Ovals RG #169.

**Eastern National Meet**, Clayton, New York September 15-20 sponsored by Mohawk Valley RG#59 and Western New York RG#3.

**Membership Update:** Treasurer David Rehor reported that membership was at 6,293 at the end of January 2024. Compared to one year ago membership is down 356 or 5.5%. Directors agreed that steps must be taken to recruit new members. A contest was proposed whereby individual

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members could win EFV8CA publications for recruiting a number of new members into the club. The recruitment contest is still under consideration by the board. Updates to come.

**Membership Roster:** Due to increasing costs for printing and mailing alternate methods for providing members with a membership roster were discussed by board members. Discussion was held over to the second quarter meeting in May.

**V-8 Times:** Editor Shannon Olson explained the options available for printing the V-8 Times by the printer, Modern Litho. Directors voted to approve a new printing contract with Modern Litho, providing for a 112-page edition of the V-8 Times magazine.

**President's Call to Regional Group Presidents.** President Connie Halls announced her plans to conduct a Zoom meeting with Regional Group President's on Wednesday March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 5:00 pm PDT (7:00 pm Central Time)

**Accessory Sales:** Candidates for the position of Accessory sales are being interviewed by committee members. A committee is examining the logistics involved in relocating stored books and accessories and the shredding of some unneeded documents. Funding was approved for the move.

**Chief Judge and Deputy Chief Judges.** Ken Bounds was approved for a three-year term as Chief Judge. Deputy Chief Judges approved were Michael Driskell (East) John McBurney (Central), Steve Lemmons (West) and Rick Claybaugh (Alternate).

**Regional Support:** Directors were encouraged by President Hall to intercede in regional group problem situations if requested. President Hall asked that directors send Regional Group Handbooks to each regional group president and to check the active status of groups.

**International Support:** Robert Davis was appointed as International Regional Group Liaison. President Hall revealed her plans to attend the Australian National Meet

**Anniversary Certificates:** Certificates have gone out in the mail. Directors should receive them soon and be prepared to award them to regional groups that have special anniversaries.

**Volunteer Staff Support Personnel:** President Hall selected several volunteers to assist the Board of Directors with various functions. They are Michael Polan, Robert Glucksman, Dave Gunnarson, John Caldwell, Jerry Littner, and Les Kotouch.

**Newsletter Competition:** Regional Group Newsletter Editors are encouraged to enter the 2024 Newsletter Competition. Les Kotouch will be the newsletter judge. You may email a PDF version of your group's newsletter to him each month for consideration at:

**Leskotouch78@gmail.com**

President Connie Hall thanked all the committee and board members for their contributions and hoped the club could get back to basics in 2024 and have a successful and productive year.

Submitted by John Emmering, National Secretary

## 2024 Calendar of Events R.G. 124

Month	Date	Event	Time	Hosts
January	21		1:00 PM	<b>McDurmonts</b>
Feburary	18		1:00 PM	<b>Cancelled</b>
March	17		1:00 PM	<b>Maxine and George</b>
April	20	<b>Garage Tour 9:30 am</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Bruce Williams</b>
May	19	<b>All Ford Show Museum of Transportation</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	
June	16	<b>Ice Cream Social</b>	1:00 PM	<b>Williams</b>
July	21		1:00 PM	<b>Diehls</b>
August	18		1:00 PM	
September	15		1:00 PM	<b>McDurmonts</b>
October	20		1:00 PM	<b>Potthoffs</b>
November	17		1:00 PM	
December	15		1:00 PM	

# March 17, Meeting Minutes

by Gayle Roark

Bruce thanked George and Maxine for hosting the meeting at the Bandanna's Wentzville.

We welcomed back Howard and Peggy after Howard had some health issues.

Our meeting in April will be Saturday (not Sunday) April 20 at Williams' garage. There will be a garage tour, so bring your cars. Donuts and coffee will be served. This is a joint meeting with the Model A club.

Our May meeting will be the all Ford show at the Museum of Transportation. It will be May 19, 10am – 2pm. The Model T club will assemble and drive a car.

Our June meeting will be June 23, the Ice Cream Social at the Williams'.

The National Meet in Auburn IN will be June 17 – 21. Bruce and Theresa Williams and Don Rogers will be going. David Diehl will ride along.

Our July meeting will be at David Diehl's July 21.

August, November, and December are open to hosts.

On September 4-8 Dan Castellini our region 148 director (Temecula CA) will be in town. We can set up a hang-out in Bruce's garage for anyone who would like to come.

The St. Louis Community College is working on a car entered in the Great Race. It is a 41 Ford 2 door. It is supposed to be a Ford executive car, given by the Ford Foundation. They will bring the car by on our April 20 meeting.

Our new national president is Connie Hall. Michael Driscell is our regional director. Membership has gone down, so there will be a national effort to bring in new members. They are also considering eliminating the printed member roster. Ken Bounds is the chief judge.

Mike and Susan Montigne joined as new members.

We acknowledged Mike and Diane Huber's new grandbaby (the first)!

Attendees: George Ball, Maxine Carroll, Roarks, Mike and Susan Montigne, Huber's, Charlie Walters, Williams, Crawfords, Schmids, Claudette White, David Diehl, Don Rogers





# March 17, Meeting Photos



**Future Events:**

**SATURDAY, April 6, 8:00 am**

Breakfast 314-578-3275 or raroark@att.net



**Upcoming Events:**

**April 20th Model A Club Garage Tour**

**May 19th "All Ford Show"**

**Museum of Transportation**

**June 23 Ice Cream Social**

**April**

**Birthdays & Anniversaries**

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