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**EARLY FORD V-8
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ON THE ROAD

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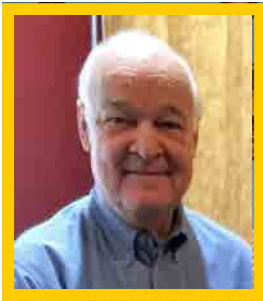
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What happens when Old Car Guys get sent to a nursing home ...



President's Message

By George Ball



Four hearty, brave souls showed up for the FINAL “gathering”/meeting held on Sunday, November 15, at Broemmelsiek Park in St. Charles County, as it had been on September 20th and October 11th. It was a sunny day with temperature forecasted in the low 50s....BUT the wind was brutal and the windchill factor was probably in the high 30s or low 40s. Bonnie Abler, Russell and Gayle Roark, Bruce Williams and your truly held out as long as we could but left after about 50 minutes.....chilled to the bones! Thanks, Bonnie, Russell, Gayle and Bruce!



So this was the final get-together of the year! Considering the rise in COVID cases, I expect it will be some months before we can once again meet. Hopefully the coming vaccine will take effect and allow us to gather as early as Spring 2021.....perhaps again at our favorite place, Wildwood Pub & Grill. BUT.....we need to continue the support of RG #124 as we have for the past 35 years. And here is how:

We need **(3)** members to volunteer to fill the Recording Secretary position plus two Director positions for the 2021-2023 period. I am pleased and thank Russell Roark for stepping forward last week and offering to fill the Vice President position. Thanks, Russell! So I look forward optimistically to **(3)** more members offering to serve the open positions. THANKS in advance!

Please complete the 2021 membership form which is included in this Newsletter, even if your information has not changed. And include your \$20 check for your 2021 membership! We have ongoing expenses, such as, printing and mailing the 2021 Rosters to everyone, printing and mailing Don's monthly newsletters to members without email, buying commemorative bricks in Auburn for deceased members, and miscellaneous correspondence.

Send your stories or memories to Don Rogers for use in the newsletters.

Thanks for your support and participation! Let's make our 36th Year a great one with fun activities and getting reacquainted after the COVID isolation!!

Yours Ford-ever, George

Please continue praying for Mary Rogers.

Don't forget to fill out your enclosed membership form and return to Theresa by December 31st.. There will be no Christmas party this year, so you will have to mail them in. *You can take me off your Christmas card list this year and use that postage to mail in your forms!!!*

Members: Please check up on each other and your neighbors. Stay safe and practice social distancing. You in the garage and your wife inside the house reading a good book.

Please Help!! Your Editor needs stories/articles for our Newsletter! I know things are slow right now, so its a great time to think back and recall some of those great old car experiences and put them on paper!!

Thanks to Bruce for his Pettijohn story this month!!!

2021 MEETING HOSTS

STAY TUNED!!!

A Sign In A Shoe Repair Store In Vancouver Reads:

We will heel you
We will save your sole.
We will even dye for you.

A Sign On A Blinds And Curtain Truck:

"Blind man driving."

In a Podiatrist's office:

"Time wounds all heels."

On a Septic Tank Truck:

Yesterday's Meals on Wheels

At an Optometrist's Office:

"If you don't see what you're looking for,
You've come to the right place."

On a Plumber's truck:

"We repair what your husband fixed."

On another Plumber's truck:

"Don't sleep with a drip. Call your plumber."

At a Tire Shop in Milwaukee:

"Invite us to your next blowout."

On an Electrician's truck

"Let us remove your shorts"

In a Non-smoking Area:

"If we see smoke, we will assume you are on fire and will take appropriate action."

At a Car Dealership:

"The best way to get back on your feet - miss a car payment."

Outside a Muffler Shop:

"No appointment necessary. We hear you coming."

In a Veterinarian's waiting room:

"Be back in 5 minutes. Sit! Stay!"

At the Electric Company:

"We would be delighted if you send in your payment on time. However, if you don't, YOU will be delighted."

In a Restaurant window:

"Don't stand there and be hungry; come on in and get fed up."

In the front yard of a Funeral Home:

"Drive carefully. We'll wait."

At a Propane Filling Station:

"Thank Heaven for little grills."

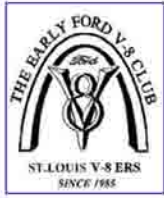
In a Chicago Radiator Shop:

"Best place in town to take a leak."

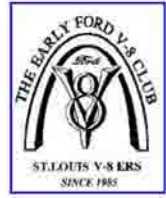
And the best one for last...;

Sign on the back of another Septic Tank Truck:

"Caution - This Truck is full of Political Promises"



St. Louis Regional Group #124
Early Ford V-8 Club of America
2021 Annual Dues Notice



Your 2021 annual dues for membership in *St. Louis Regional Group #124* of the **Early Ford V-8 Club of America** are due and payable by **December 31, 2020**. The amount of **\$20.00** is for an individual member or a couple.

Please mail your check (payable to the **Early Ford V-8 Club/RG #124**) to the treasurer at the address below so it is received **by the end of December**.

Theresa Williams, Treasurer
St. Louis Regional Group #124/Early Ford V-8 Club of America
1487 Wilton Lane
Kirkwood, MO 63122-6942

If not received by 1/15/2021, your name(s) will NOT be in the 2021 Roster!

Membership in the **National Early Ford V-8 Club of America** is a **prerequisite** for membership in the *St. Louis Regional Group #124*. National's dues are billed on a "cycle" system depending on the month that you joined the club. Your renewal month is shown on your V-8 Times mailing label. The current dues amounts are as follows and are to be paid to ***Cornerstone Registration, Ltd.***:

Regular membership: \$35 per year **OR** \$100 for 3 Years
Joint membership: \$38 per year **OR** \$109 for 3 Years
Renew online by Emailing registration@cornerstonereg.co
Renew by calling Cornerstone at 1-866-427-7583 (toll-free)
Renew by faxing Cornerstone at 1-763-420-7829

Renew by mail to Cornerstone at P.O. Box 1715, Maple Grove, MN 55311-6715

Thank you for your attention to keeping your National and Regional Group dues current in order to assure your name(s) being shown in both 2021 Rosters!

To show your correct information in both *RG #124's* and **EFV8CA's 2021 Roster**, please complete the form. If **(1)** you have recently acquired an Email address or changed it or are not certain that the club has it, **(2)** you would like your cellphone number(s) to be included on the Rosters, or **(3)** your Flathead(s) has/have changed, please indicate on this form. Having up-to-date information on you will enable the Officers to contact you more easily and promptly with notices or news between *RG #124's* monthly *Early Ford V-8* newsletters. Also if you wish to receive the newsletter by U.S. Mail or by Email, check the appropriate boxes. Thank you!



St. Louis Regional Group #124
Early Ford V-8 Club of America
Membership Info UPDATE for 2021 Roster



Name: _____ Spouse: _____

Newsletter Delivery Method: Snail Mail () Email ()

I have changes from prior year roster - Yes/No _____

If you answered YES, please note the changes below.

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ ZIP Code: _____ Telephone Number: () _____

Email Address: _____ Cellphone(s): () _____

Birthdays (**Month & Day ONLY**): _____ Yours: ___ / ___ Spouse ___ / ___

Wedding Ann. (**Mo./Day/Year**): ___ / ___ / ___ Website: _____

Member's **EARLY FORD V-8** Collector-Vehicle Information:

Year: _____ Make: _____ Body Type: _____ Model: _____ Veh. Code: _____

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*** PLEASE ATTACH DUES CHECK TO THIS FORM**

• **Memorial Bricks** –



- Please indicate below if you or your spouse would like a Memorial Brick when the time comes. Otherwise a donation will be made to a charity of your choice.

Name _____ Yes _____ No _____

Name _____ Yes _____ No _____

The Next Chapter

Pettijohn Motors and The Connection to The V-8 Club

By Bruce Williams

Hopefully, I piqued your interest last month regarding Pettijohn Motor Company in King City, Missouri. You will recall that I was contacted out of the blue through our web site by Jim Pettijohn, the grandson of founder of the Pettijohn Ford agency, Charles Pettijohn. Well, Jim and I have connected pretty regularly, and he is a consummate gentleman and he has graciously shared stories and sold me items that have been handed down to him through his grandfather and father. The Pettijohn agency opened in 1924 and I believe it continued into operation into the 1980's at its original site. Pettijohn's remains in business today in Bethany, MO, another small farming community 39 miles from King City.

So, a few weeks ago, I received a large envelop that contained letter from Jim as a cover to another very lengthy letter written some time in the '80's or perhaps early '90s to Jim's father. The letter was from none other than Bob McCoppin. If you have been in the V8 Club for a long time, like most of us in St. Louis #124 have, you'll recognize that name as the long-time

editor of the V8 Times. In addition to being editor, Bob wrote occasional articles for the magazine, was editor of the "V8 Album", and was also widely known for his literary skill as "The Grease Pit Poet". It seems that Bob spent his formative years growing up in King City, and like many of us, he was enthralled with Fords as a teenager and he became what we might call today a

By Golly, There IS a Difference!

More than you possibly wanted to know about '47/48 Fords.

by M. I. Confused*

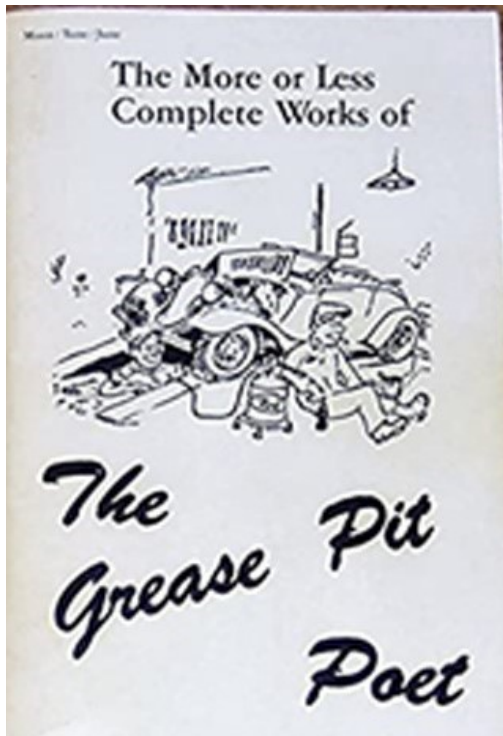


When I was a student in high school in the little country of Cosmolene, Missouri, there was a shortage of school buses that picked up and delivered the country kids to that venerable seat of learning. (Yes, I know I always start my articles with a school bus, but

Busily stuffing my mouth with spicy dough and licking sugar frosting off crinkly cellophane, I would make my way down to the end of the block where reposed that citadel of humanities, culture and cuss words, the Pettijohn Motor Co. Pettijohn's was one of the biggest Ford

Bob and his story on 47 & 48's featured in the V-8 Album

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Bob's book "The Grease Pit Poet"
King City!

"shop rat", someone who was constantly hanging around the Pettijohn agency to check out the new cars and talk to anybody who'll listen. I remember reading Bob's stories, and how he always referred to his life in the little town of "Cosmolene, MO". I recall going thru a Missouri map trying to find Cosmolene, hoping one day to drive an old Ford there because of the images he conjured in my mind. I quickly found out it was a mythical town. But NO... it's really King City! And now I have (long term) plans of finishing the '46 Mercury and Theresa and I motoring out to



Map of Missouri with King City shown

What are the chances that this connection with a stranger would lead to a legendary member of the V8 Club?

So let me share some of the delightful stories from Bob as he described his days hanging out at Pettijohn's, as told by Bob in his own words in his letter to Mr. Pettijohn. I have condensed his letter down quite a bit...

"... I hope you will indulge me a little nostalgic leeway here and let me recall for you some of my memories of Pettijohn Motor Co. and King City. I'm sure no one ever realized what an impression Pettijohn's made on me but conditions were just right for me to be impressed and I was; much more I daresay than any of the other kids... I remember when the first new Fords after the war arrived at King City. They came sometime in October 1945, I'm pretty sure, although it could have been in November. I know there were two of them, both Super Deluxe Tudors. One was black and the other lite moonstone gray. Word was the gray one went to some Pettijohn relations in Phoenix. But Charles (Charlie) Pettijohn got the black one... when I talk in the article (ed., see photo) about the school bus breaking down and me riding to school in the luxurious new Ford, that is the Ford I'm talking about... I never knew such luxury as that fantastically quiet new Ford. Charlie was just a little wild with it and I'm sure our parents would not have approved of some of the things he did with all us kids in there with him (ed., for reasons unknown, Charlie used to pick up kids as part of their route to school). I

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sure as hell wasn't going to tell mine because I wouldn't have ended these experiences for anything. Several times old Charlie would wind it up tight in second gear overdrive (The car had a Columbia rear end) and she would do 62 miles an hour in SECOND, an event so startling as to bend my mind. Needless to say it made me a Ford man to this day”.

Bob goes on to describe Charlie's escapades with other Fords, and how Charlie replaced the Tudor with a '46 convertible, in which he had multiple accidents. Charlie also had a brother who was mayor of King City at about this time, and his brother drove a “really fine lite blue '41 Super Deluxe Sedan Coupe, with white wall tires and most of the other goodies.”

Imagine taking the time to write a letter to the owner of a business decades after growing up, with the intent to share memories and how your life was impacted by time spent in his father's place of business. It seems that old Fords can have that effect on impressionable teens. Clearly, Bob developed his passion for old Fords at Pettijohn's, and that passion in a real and significant way went on to drive the V8 Club forward. The spark that was ignited in Bob from his time hanging out at Pettijohn's has made a contribution to all of us, and has helped to build the excellent foundation that our club enjoys today.



Delivering a new '50 in front of Pettijohn's

Future Events:

FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH– Breakfast at 8 AM at Village Café, 6127 Ronald Reagan Dr., Lake St. Louis, MO 63367. Just off Hwy 64 at Hwy N across the street from Walmart.

636-561-0235 **ON HOLD !!**

EVERY WEDNESDAY – The ROMEOs meet at Culvers 4351 State Hwy K, O’Fallon, MO 63368 at 11:00 AM **ON HOLD !!**

EVERY THURSDAY – The ROFers meet at Lion’s Choice 17294 Chesterfield Airport Rd., Chesterfield, MO 63005 at 11:00 AM **ON HOLD !!**

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DECEMBER

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 2 Gayle Roark
- 3 Roark Anniversary (1983)
- 4 Bill Klein
- 10 Theresa Williams
- 10 Lemen Anniversary (1966)
- 14 Taylor Anniversary (1957)
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- 20 Betty Harper
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- 28 Don Rogers
- 31 Maxine Carroll



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