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RARE!! Low Mileage 51 Mercury Wagon Minor Damage..Great Hood Ornament

Please continue praying for Mary Rogers.



Francis W. Scheidt

1944 - 2021

Frank's love of antique Ford vehicles was known far and wide. He was always ready to answer questions or help a pal make repairs. His love of historical research and writing led him to being the editor of many car related newsletters, ***The Greyhound Express*** for the Western NY Regional Group, ***The Foundation News***, for the Early Ford V-8 Museum, ***The Henry Ford Heritage Association newsletter***, ***The Ford Tool Time newsletter***, as well as being a ***Contributing editor of the V-8 Times***, the magazine of the Early Ford V-8 Club of America.

A friend and great contributor to our hobby!!

Jan 12th, 2021

Thanks Gayle!!!!

**Gayle Roark has graciously volunteered to be our
new Recording Secretary for 2021**

The Missing Nov-Dec V-8 Times Issue!!

Through no fault of the National V-8 Club, the Nov-Dec issue of the Times has yet to reach thousands of members..The fault lies with the Post Office. All media mail has been piled up in distribution centers while the Post Office tries to deal with First Class letters and packages. It could take weeks to clear up the backlog.

In an effort to help alleviate the frustration, The Club is making the issue available for download from the National Club web site.

Use the following link to view or download the issue...

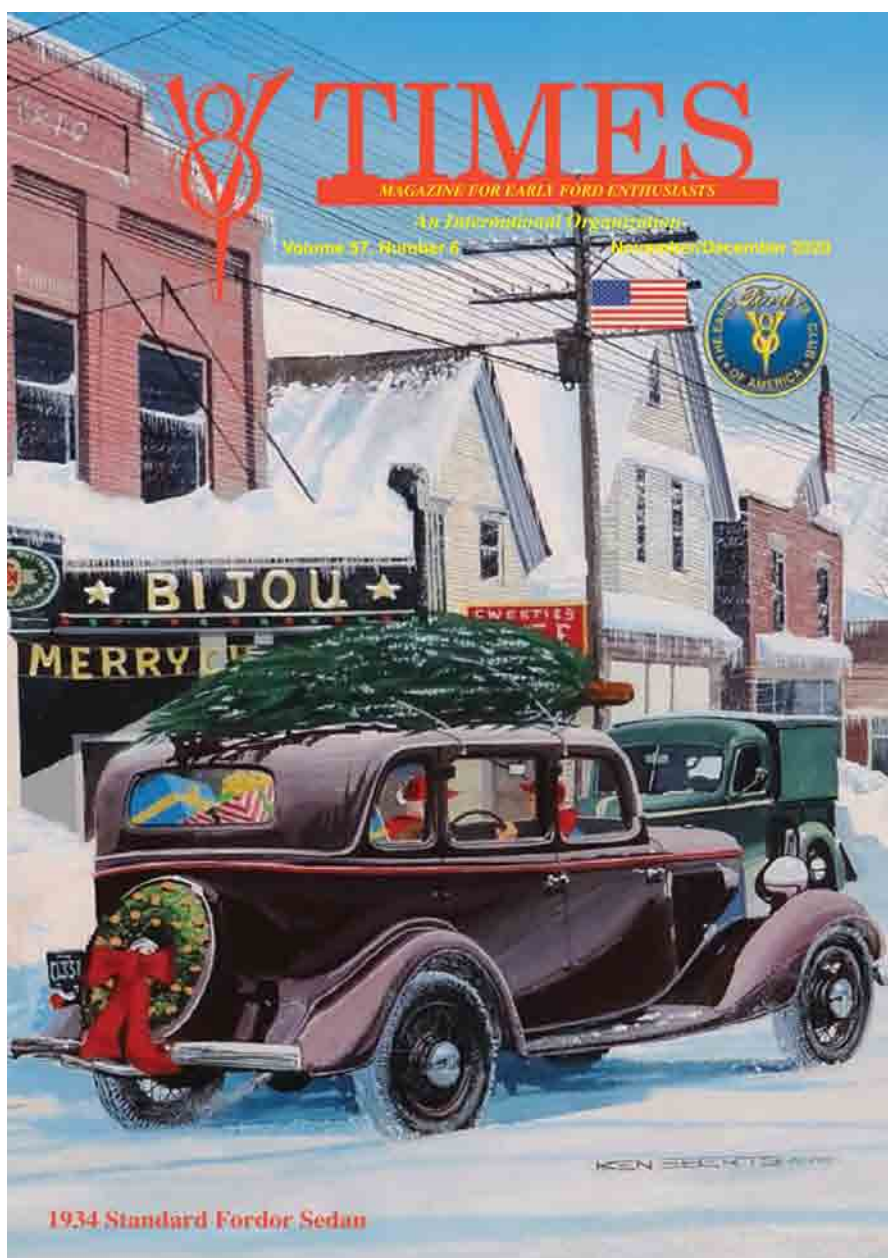
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1934 Standard Fordor Sedan

The Early Ford V-8 Club of America understands that the delivery of the Nov/Dec issue by the US Postal Service has been delayed for many of our members.

Understanding that the magazine is important to our members, the issue is now available on the Club's web site by going to Current News.

You can find Current News two ways: On the main page, scroll down and it will be there after News Headlines, or from the main menu on the left column, click on National Club Information and Current News will be the first item.

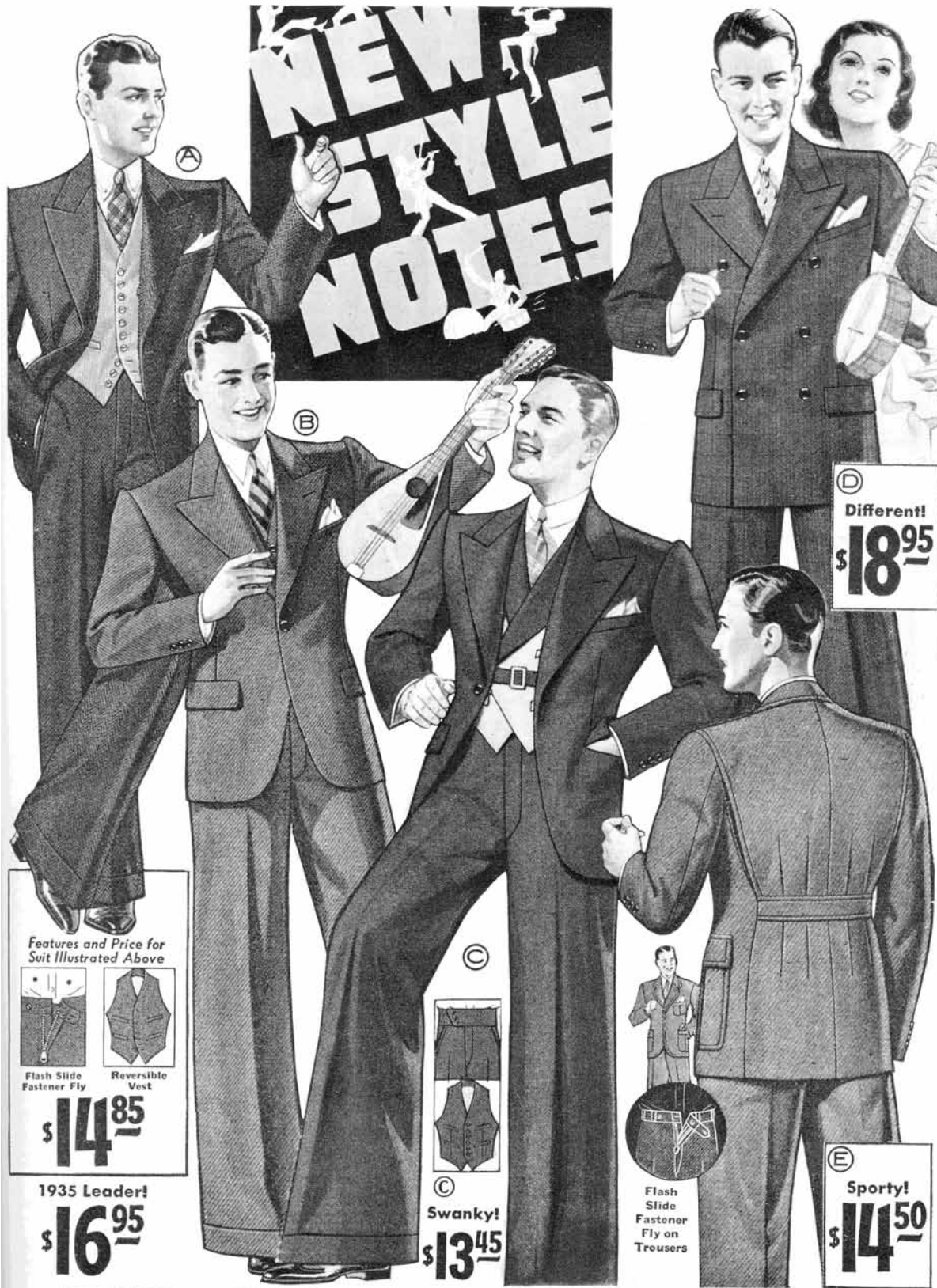
Please also understand that the magazine is the property of the Early Ford V-8 Club of America and any reproduction is prohibited without consent. We also hope that those members who have not received this issue, will have it delivered soon.

Enjoy.

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1934 Men's Fashions

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**NEW
STYLE
NOTES**

D
Different!
\$18⁹⁵

Features and Price for Suit Illustrated Above



Flash Slide Fastener Fly Reversible Vest

\$14⁸⁵

C
Swanky!
\$13⁴⁵



E
Flash Slide Fastener Fly on Trousers



E
Sporty!
\$14⁵⁰

1935 Leader!
\$16⁹⁵

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1935 Memorabilia

78 [1935]

Ingersolls

AMERICA'S LOWEST PRICES

New Deal Watches

Big Hit! Modern! Different!

Buy yourself this good Ingersoll . . . A New Deal Ingersoll! Men, women, boys and girls are wearing them. Made exclusively for Sears; in no other mail order catalog! The New Deal Watches are good timekeepers; sturdy, reliable and an idea as modern as tomorrow.

The Wrist Watch
Chromium plated case, resembles white gold. Capitol dome on dial. Shpg. wt., 6 oz.

4 H 940—With adjustable Safety Clasp Metal Band...**\$2.98**

4 H 941—With Genuine Leather Strap**\$2.98**

The Pocket Watch
12-size Thin Model Chromium plated case, resembles white gold. Capitol Dome on dial. Back of watch and fob in blue enamel. Genuine leather fob. Shpg. wt., 7 oz.

4 H 1704
With Fob.....**\$1.98**

4 H 1705
Watch only...**\$1.88**



MICKEY MOUSE KEEPS TIME for 1 1/2 MILLION CHILDREN



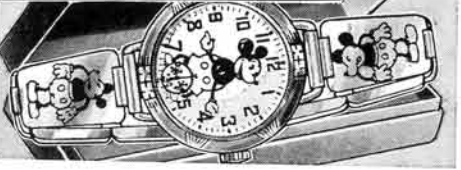
MICKEY MOUSE Pocket Watch
Regular \$1.50 Value

Mickey Mouse Tells the Time With His Hands
Improved Thin Model. Mickey on the fob and back of watch, too. Nickel plated case. Non-breakable crystal.

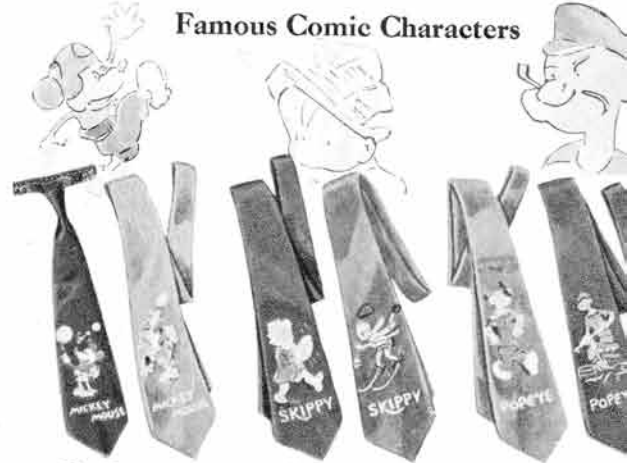
4 H 1650—Shpg. wt., 7 oz..... **\$1.29**

MICKEY MOUSE Wrist Watch
Regular \$2.95 Value

Two more Mickeys in enameled colors on the wrist band. Daily, Mickey teaches boys and girls to "be on time". Chromium plated case, looks like white gold. Non-breakable crystal. Shpg. wt., 6 oz. Metal Band **\$2.69** Leather Strap **\$2.69**



Famous Comic Characters



23c
EACH

Mickey Mouse painted in colors on this dressy weighted silk crepe tie. Choose a four-in-hand to tie yourself, or a made-up tie, that just hooks around under your collar with a fancy elastic band.

33 K 8550—Four-in-hand (elastic band).

33 K 8551—Ready tied (elastic band). Colors: blue, red, light brown or green. State color. Shipping weight, 2 oz.

23c
EACH

"Us fellers" are bound to be in style when we wear these ties with the comic figures on them! Skippy is painted in colors on good quality, plain color, weighted silk crepe. Ties up into a dandy knot, wears well. Good colors.

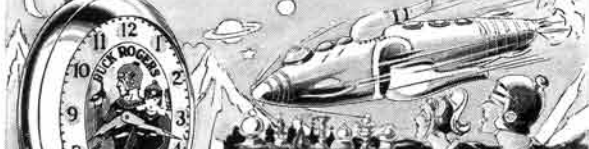
33 K 8553—Colors: Blue, Red, Light Brown or Green. State color. Shipping weight, 2 ounces.

23c
EACH

A regular copyrighted Popeye tie, with the genius Popeye label and a picture in color of "Popeye the Sail Man" going into action! Good weighted silk crepe, in practical weave. All the boys wear them.

33 K 8555—Plain colors: Blue, Red, Light Brown or Green. State color. Shipping weight, 2 oz.

BUCK ROGERS



Buck Rogers Tells Time by the Stars
Note Our Low Price

98c

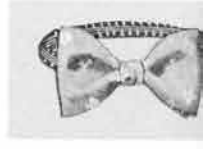
Straightway into the 25th Century Buck Rogers transports every boy and girl. Tells time by the stars! Draws his power and lightning like speed from the cosmic rays! See the hero Buck Rogers and the heroine Wilma on the dial in brilliant colors. See the famous Buck Rogers rocket pistol for hair-raising escapes and rescues. The villainous Tiger Man is on the back of the watch. Selling as fast as Inghram can make them. Shown in no other Mail Order Catalog. Nickel plated case, non-breakable crystal. Medium thin model. New style crown and bow. Genuine Inghram, American made; tells time reliably. Every boy should have one. Shpg. wt., 6 oz. **4 H 1727**—In very attractive colorful box..... **98c**



49c

A wide sporty western type belt that boys like to wear with their corduroy trousers. Made of fine 1 3/4-inch full grain bridle leather in fancy embossed design. Big nickel plated double pronged buckle.

33 K 8880—Black **33 K 8883**—Tan Even sizes: 24 to 30 inches waist measure. Shipping weight, 5 ounces.



15c

Boys' real tied bow. Clever designs in ray and silk mix fabrics. Far elastic band. Just to size.

33 K 8572—Colors: Fan Blue, Red, Brown, Gray, Green, Black; also Plain Black. State color. Shipping weight, 2 ounce

Irish O'Malley Story (Continued)

Courtesy of The Northern IL. RG #8 Road Chatter.



John Langan



Clarence Sparger

O'Malley Gang's John Langan and Clarence Sparger Continue Crime Wave in Ford V-8's

By John Emmering

Striking out independently after the capture of their criminal compatriots Irish O'Malley, "Dapper Dan" Heady, Russell Cooper and Leonard Short, John Langan and Clarence Sparger sought out more opportunities for illicit gain to support their life on the run. The pair were wanted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, having been indicted for bank robbery. Teaming up with "Blackie" Doyle and Russell "Spike" Lane, the bandits targeted the Hund & Eger Bottling Company in St. Joseph, Missouri for a robbery on August 7, 1935.

Entering the bottling company with guns drawn the bandits first demanded cash from the wallets of the employees, intending to also go after the company's payroll money. The crime however was broken up by two police detectives who had been notified of the robbery by some bystanders. After an exchange of gunfire with the detectives, the bandits fled, eluding capture. Langan however had received a flesh wound when a bullet grazed his shoulder. The robbery netted only \$150.00 taken from the employees.

As darkness spread over Sioux City, Iowa on Saturday evening September 1st, 1935, John Langan and Clarence Sparger crept across the front yard of Mr. Lyle Cleveland. They surreptitiously entered his new 1935 Ford V-8 Deluxe Fordor Sedan parked in the driveway. Firing up the engine the outlaws took off in the attractive gray Ford V-8 sporting red spoke wheels and headed to their hide-out in Kansas City. The Ford V-8 was intended for use as the getaway car in the impending robbery of the Citizen's Bank of Blythedale, Missouri, 100 miles to the northeast that the gang had planned.

Piling into the gray 1935 Ford V-8 long before sunrise on Wednesday September 5th, Sparger and Langan were joined by two thugs they had recruited from the Kansas City underworld, Charles "Bad Eye" Arbogast and Raymond Fletcher. Sparger took the wheel as they headed toward their destination. The Ford V-8 crept into the tiny village of Blythedale, pulling into the alley behind the Citizen's Bank to allow its three passengers to exit, while Sparger stayed with the car. Langan, Arbogast and Fletcher jimmed the rear door in the darkness and entered the bank. They waited for employees to enter so they could force them to open the vault.

As 8:30 am rolled around cashier Truman White unlocked the front door and entered the Citizen's Bank ready to start another workday. Suddenly he was confronted by the armed outlaws standing behind the counter, guns drawn. As the bandits announced the robbery and told White to put up his hands, the cashier bolted back out the front door and fled, shouting "robbery" to the townspeople nearby. Within moments merchants and bystanders within earshot of the panicked cashier retrieved firearms which they kept ready and gathered in the street.

The three bandits ran from the bank heading into a corn field amidst a volley of gunfire. A young man named Robert Jones took careful aim with his rifle and fatally shot Raymond Fletcher as he fled. Arbogast also caught a less serious bullet wound and was captured by the townspeople. Suddenly the gray Ford V-8 roared alongside the cornfield with Clarence Sparger at the wheel. John Langan sprinted from among the corn stalks, and leapt onto the running board of the quick moving Ford.

Hearts pounding and adrenaline surging, Sparger and Langan sped through the Missouri countryside back to Kansas City having lost their two cohorts. After cooling off for a week in Kansas City, John Langan arranged for his wife Margaret to join him. On September 13th the couple headed west leaving Kansas City in the stolen gray 1935 Ford sedan. They turned onto US 40 near the small community of White Church, Kansas.

Wyandotte County Deputy Sheriff Ellsworth "Red" Edwards spotted the hot 1935 Ford V-8 and gave chase. After the Ford came to a stop, Deputy Edwards, approached the and car was shot in the neck by John Langan's .45 pistol. Gravely wounded Deputy Edwards fired at a figure running from the Ford, fatally wounding Margaret Langan, age 35.

Fleeing the scene, leaving his mortally wounded wife behind, Langan sped 50 miles south in the gray 1935 Ford V-8. His reckless flight from the shooting led to a collision with a newspaper delivery truck. Langan escaped by hijacking another truck. The wrecked Ford V-8 was identified as the one stolen in Sioux City, Iowa. Deputy Edwards spent a year recovering from his wounds before returning to duty. Margret Langan's mother and 10 year old daughter grieved her death..

Back in Kansas City, John Langan began a romantic involvement with former Irish O'Malley flame Vivian Chase. Langan teamed up with the notorious gun moll along with Sparger, Doyle and a thug named Joe Spano. Another 1935 Ford V-8 was acquired by the gang when they stole a new black Fordor from a Ford dealership lot in Lamoni, Iowa September 25, 1935. In the next weeks Langan and Chase working as a team robbed seven drug stores in the Kansas City area, netting a total of \$1,700.

The relationship between Langan and his girlfriend Vivian Chase quickly deteriorated. On a rainy Sunday morning, November 3, 1935 the body of Vivian Chase was discovered shot to death lying inside the stolen 1935 Ford Fordor which had been abandoned in the parking lot of St. Lukes's Hospital in Kansas City. Arrested the day of Vivian's funeral Joe Spano told police that John Langan shot Vivian Chase in a drunken argument. Somehow the law was unable charge Langan with her murder.

Four O'Malley gang members, Dewey Gilmore, Russell Cooper, Leonard Short and Dan Heady, had been taken out of action through earlier arrests. While awaiting trial the gang members pulled an escape from the Muskogee Oklahoma Jail on December 3, 1935, killing Detective Ben Bolton in the process. During the police manhunt escapees Leonard Short and Dan Heady lost their lives and the other fugitives were captured.

As witnesses stood by, Langan and Sparger stole another 1935 Ford V-8 on November 16th, 1935 from a parking lot in Falls City, Nebraska. They headed for their new base of operations in Omaha. The dangerous duo continued their life of crime until they were cornered and arrested while hiding in a tourist court in Hickman Hills, Missouri on April 21, 1936 .

The last of the gang, Harry Blee, was captured on July 18th, 1937. Irish O'Malley died in 1944 from a heart condition in the psychiatric ward of Menard Prison. John Langan went off to Leavenworth Prison and Clarence Sparger to Alcatraz. Both felons received a degree of clemency and were released in the mid 1940's.

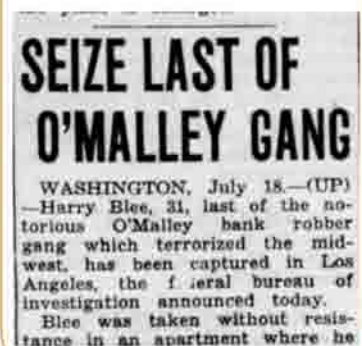
Atragic legacy of terror, death and misery inflicted on residents of the depression era Midwest by the infamous O'Malley gang associates had finally been brought to an end.



Vivian Chase



"Blackie" Doyle



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 !!**

February

Birthdays & Anniversaries

4 Peter Brown

5 Alice Schott

10 Mary Rogers

13 Harold Walters

25 Ron Dunker

28 Huber Anniversary (**1987**)



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