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Feb 2004 President's Message

By Bruce Williams

As I write this, today January 25th is the day of Al Hartnagel's funeral. Al was a wonderful gentleman and a long-standing member of the club with his wife Barb. Al had many friends, and he will be greatly missed. Sometimes known as "Mr. 50-50", Al did a lot to fundraise for our club, and he always did so with a smile and a ton of laughs. Godspeed, Al.



On to a few less heavy topics. Thanks to Laura and Lee McDermont for hosting last week's January meeting at the Wildwood Grill. We had a good turnout, and as always, everyone had a great time. During the meeting, we were able to sign up two more months with hosts (thanks George and Maxine for March, and Laura and Lee for September). But we don't have anyone to host February. So, with such short notice, we will have to skip the month of February. But PLEASE make sure to show up for the March meeting. You'll see more details about it soon. And if you have some fun ideas and a willingness to host, we have several months left open. Don't be shy...

We also have a few members who are having surgery over the next few weeks... Larry Shepard this week, and Howard Crawford in early February. Our prayers and wishes are with you both, for much success and a speedy recovery.

It'll be Spring pretty soon, so make plans for lots of V8 fun. Change the oil and get out the grease gun. Wash her and apply a coat of wax. Then be ready to put on some fun miles. See you soon.

Bruce

Thanks again to the members who contributed to this month's newsletter and those members who stepped up to host a monthly club meeting. Getting together during the blah months of winter does us all good and lifts out spirits.

On a very sad note I have to tell you that our long time member and good friend, Al Hartnagel, has passed away. My condolences to his wife Barb and all their family.

There will not be a February meeting this month but I hope to see you all at the March meeting at Bandanas

Our Saturday Morning Breakfast will be starting up again on the First Saturday of the Month at 8:00 am at The Village Café. 314-578-3275



**A Fresh Batch of Young American Airline
Stewardesses Getting a Look at an American DC-3**

January 21 Meeting Minutes

Jan 10, 2024 by Gayle Roark

We met at the Wildwood Pub and Grill, hosted by Lee and Laura McDermont. We thanked them. Russell talked about Al Hartnagel, who died last week. His funeral will be 1/26 at Baue Funeral Home in St. Charles on the Cave Springs exit. Viewing is at 1-3 pm, and funeral is at 3pm. Bruce talked about other members. Howard Crawford will be having his gall bladder removed the first week in February. Larry Shepard will have a hip replacement this coming week in January.

Normally in January we swear in the officers, so we did that quickly, since most of our officers did not change. We need volunteers to host meetings each month this year. Bruce did not have a sign up sheet but will bring one next meeting. The following meetings are spoken for:

Jan - McDermonts

Mar – George and Maxine, at Bandanna’s in Wentzville

May – Roarks at Broemmelsiek park

June – Williams

July - Diehl

Sept – McDermonts

Oct - Potthoffs

Attendees: Roark, George Ball, Maxine Carroll, Bruce Williams, Don Rogers, David Diehl, Charlie Walters, Lee and Laura McDermont, Bonnie Abler, Claudette White, Kerperiens

No Photos This Meeting

March Meeting Notice

Maxine and George will host the March meeting on March 17th, 2024 at 1:00PM at Bandana's Bar-B-Q at #1 Ruggeri Drive, Wentzville, MO. 63385.



Please RSVP to Maxine at 314-330-4331 or [4331@gmail.COM](mailto:4331@gmail.com)

or George 314-202-3240 or george35ball@gmail.com

before Thursday March 14th, 2024

Driving Directions:

Take I-64 west to I-70

Take exit 1A on the left to merge onto I-70 W towards Kansas City

Take exit 208 toward Wentzville Pkwy

Keep left at the fork to continue toward Wentzville Pkwy

Turn right onto Veterans Memorial Pkwy

Turn left onto Ruggeri Dr.





Albert Adolph Charles Hartnagel III

July 26, 1936 — January 17, 2024

St. Charles, Missouri

On Wednesday, January 17, 2024, Albert “Al” A. Hartnagel passed away peacefully at the age of 87. Al was born on July 26, 1936, to Wilmer and Emma (Rischar) Hartnagel in Belleville, Il. The oldest of three boys, Al attended McBride High School. He met his future bride, Barbara “Barb” Rose Kaiser, when she was a freshman at St. Marks High School. They wed on August 9, 1958, and welcomed their first son, Mark, the following year. In 1964, Al opened “Al’s Standard Service,” a station in Florissant, Mo, which he sold in 1975. He was a mechanic who naturally excelled at sales due to his breadth of knowledge and affable personality.

Albert Hartnagel (con't)

In 1974, Al and Barb moved with their three children – Donna and Bryan joined Mark in 1961 and 1966, respectively – to a 60-acre farm in Marthasville, Mo. The farm had a house and barns. They added log cabins, cows, chickens, dogs, and cats. There they raised their family and in 1979, Al bought an Amoco Station in Warrenton, Mo. In 1991, Al sold the station and in 1995, he retired at the age of 59. In 2005, Al and Barb moved from the farm to Defiance, Mo. And since 2023, they've resided at the Boulevard Senior Living of St. Charles. They were members of Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in New Melle, Mo. Al was an avid collector of old Ford cars and an active member of the V8 Ford Club. He was happiest when he was restoring vehicles, woodworking or generally piddling around in his workshops. Al and Barb loved traveling. They visited England, France, Italy and Greece, among others.

In retirement, Al and his fellow R.O.M.E.O.s – Retired Old Men Eating Out – had a standing lunch date at their local Steak 'n Shake. He was a jokester who loved to make others smile. His family and friends will remember the passionate, generous, and charming man they knew and loved. He and Barb celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary this summer.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Wilmer and Emma, and his brothers, Curt Hartnagel and Denis Hartnagel. He is survived by his children, Mark Hartnagel, Donna (Jeffrey) Bunge, Bryan (Susan) Hartnagel; his grandchildren, Julie (Ben) Whitsitt, Amy Bunge, Kaitlyn Hartnagel, Brooke Hartnagel; and his great-grandchild, Lydia Whitsitt.

To order [memorial trees](#) or send flowers to the family in memory of Albert Adolph Charles Hartnagel III, please visit our [flower store](#).



The Day Al Sold His Coupe

2024 Calendar of Events R.G. 124

Month	Date	Event	Time	Hosts
January	21		1:00 PM	McDurmonts
Feburary	18		1:00 PM	Cancelled
March	17		1:00 PM	Maxine and George
April	21		1:00 PM	
May	19		1:00 PM	Roarks
June	16		1:00 PM	Williams
July	21		1:00 PM	Diehls
August	18		1:00 PM	
September	15		1:00 PM	McDurmonts
October	20		1:00 PM	Potthoffs
November	17		1:00 PM	
December	15		1:00 PM	

Blast From The Past !!

First Dedicated Gas Station
St. Louis, Missouri By Jim Gosnell



Early
Manual
Gas Pumps



Future Events:

SATURDAY, Feb 3, 8:00 am

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



Upcoming Events:

February Meeting Cancelled!!!!

March 17th Meeting Bandanas

February

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 4 Peter Brown
- 5 Alice Schott
- 13 Harold Walters
- 25 Ron Dunker
- 28 Huber Anniversary (1987)



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