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I told Howard that model railroading can be dangerous!!!

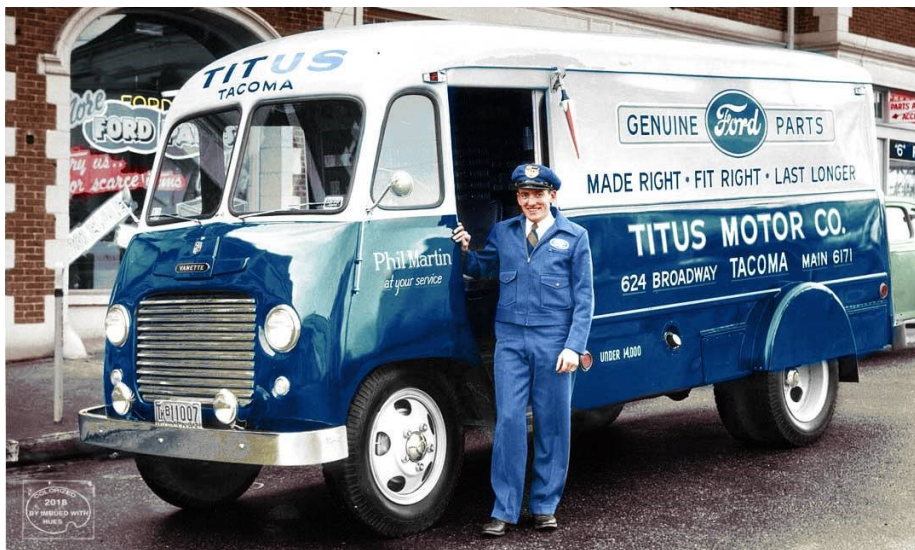
We need to get our club activities going again! The Roarks and Williams have stepped up. How about you? Most of us have been vaccinated and can safely begin to socialize again. Restaurants are open and begging for business. Won't you consider hosting a meeting in 2021?

Here is a list of available dates:

Date	Location	Start	
<u>(3rd Sunday)</u>	<u>Host &/or Hostess</u>	<u>or Venue</u>	<u>Time</u>
July 18	Bruce & Theresa Williams	Home	1 PM
August 15			
September 19			
October 17			
November 21			
December 19			

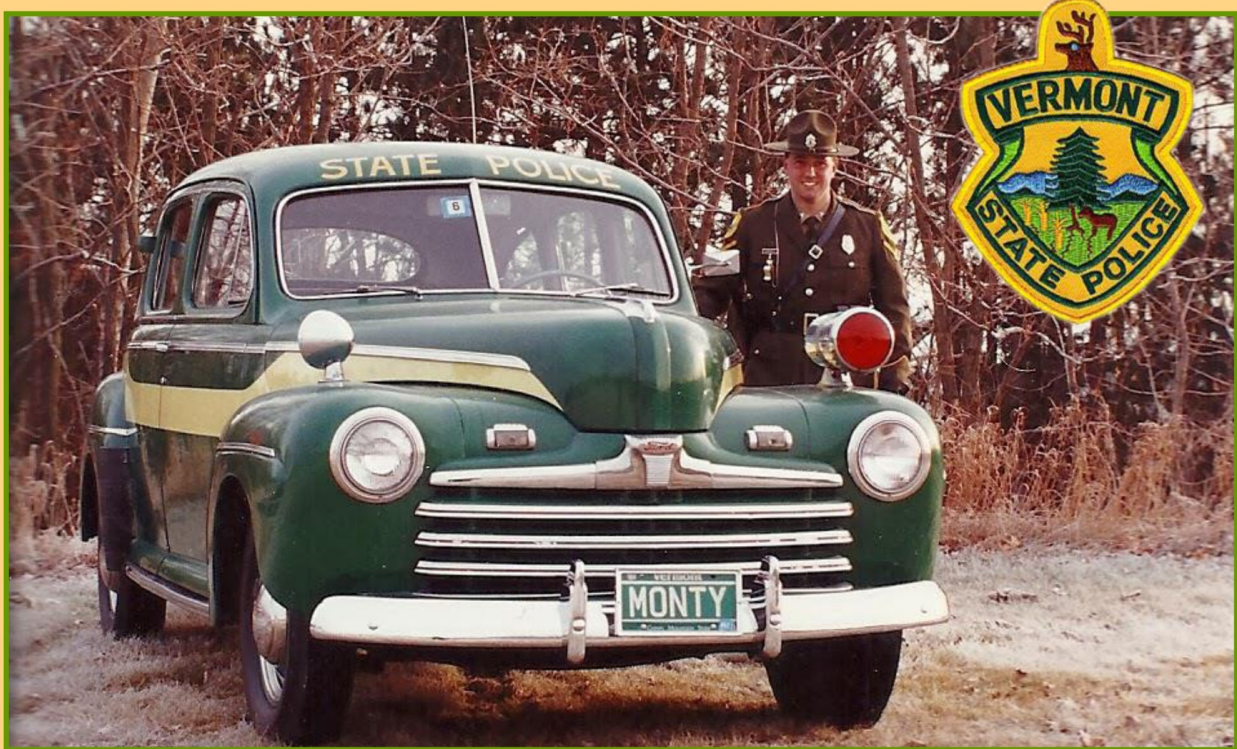
Please give George a call if you can help!!

Just heard some sad news from Toni Sago, daughter of former members Darrell and Lela Sago (2003-2013) Darrell passed away in January of this year and Lela has Dementia. Toni indicates that she has 2 rebuilt V-8 engines that her parents had and she would like to sell them locally. If interested, Toni can be contacted at tonisago@ymail.com



I wonder if they still carry Genuine Ford Parts?

Early Ford V-8 Law Enforcement Legacy



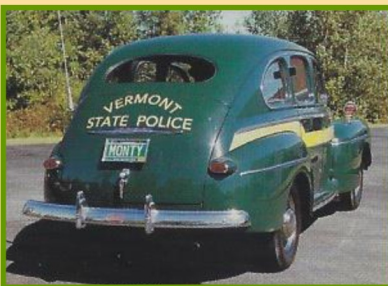
Vermont State Police Preserve the Memory of Their First Fleet with “Monty” a Restored Early 1947 Ford Fordor Patrol Car By John Emmering

Spying an old Ford V-8 parked in a lot behind Boardman’s Garage, an auto shop in Plainfield, Vermont back in 1970, Corporal Harvey Jones of the Vermont State Police inquired of the shop’s owner “What year is that old Ford?” Corporal Jones was pleased to learn the Ford was a 1947, the same year that the Vermont State Police came to be, and the car was the same make and model of the initial fleet of Vermont State Police patrol cars. Looking over the old Ford and inquiring with the shop, Jones found that the fenders were rusty, it had been repainted white, the transmission was bad, and it did not run.

As a public information officer for the Vermont State Police, Corporal Jones hoped to restore a 1947 Ford to show the public what the earliest Vermont State Police Cars looked like. He somehow saw promise in that old ’47. The garage owner was happy to part with the 1947 Ford for a reasonable price and soon the old V-8 was hooked up to a tow truck for the 45-mile trip to a garage in Essex, Vermont where restoration work would begin. Corporal Jones and many of his colleagues got to work in their spare time on a complete restoration of the car they would affectionately name “Monty”.



Courtesy of The Northern Illinois R G # 8 Road Chatter Newsletter



The restoration was a two-year process. Replacement parts were located, the old white paint was sanded off, fenders repaired, engine and transmission both pulled and rebuilt and the myriad of other tasks that go into a restoration were completed. While some Troopers worked on mechanicals others with skills in upholstery installed a new interior kit. To keep the patrol car as authentic as possible an original red warning light was located and installed on the left fender and the correct radio system was obtained. Most of the radio equipment was installed in the trunk due to its size.

Finally, in 1972 “Monty”, the newly restored 1947 Ford Fordor which had been transformed into a replica of one of the first patrol cars of Vermont State Police when the agency was formed in 1947, was unveiled to the public. Sporting its new authentic green paint job and police accessories “Monty”, was immediately popular when it was displayed at public relations events around the state. Ford V-8 car buffs often have questioned Troopers who accompany “Monty” about the car’s model year because it appears to be a 1946 model instead of a 1947. Since the car was originally titled as a 1947 model, “Monty” seems to be one of the very early 1947 Ford automobiles produced before February 19, 1947, which were essentially identical to the 1946 Ford models.

As the 50th Anniversary of the Vermont State Police approached it was clear than “Monty” needed a facelift. After almost 25 years of traveling the State of Vermont for public relations events “Monty” was showing wear and was brought to the State Police Special Services garage where new patrols cars are outfitted for duty. There “Monty” received a new green pain job. The car’s bumpers and other chrome items were removed and replated and “Monty” looked as good as new once again. The 1947 Ford patrol car was center to the 50th year anniversary festivities in 1997. The old V-8 patrol car continues to draw the attention of the public as it is displayed at various gatherings. “Monty” opens up communication between Troopers and various types of people from car buffs to children and those who recall days gone by. “Monty” has proven to be a great ambassador for the Vermont Troopers.

V8 Club Annual Ice Cream Social

Sunday, July 18th
1:00 p.m.

Please bring something to share
with ice cream!
(either a topping or another treat)



Hosted by: **Theresa & Bruce Williams**
[1487 Wilton Lane](#)
[Kirkwood, MO 63122](#)

Join us for our annual ice cream social, we have missed seeing everyone!
Drive your old Ford, and check out all our Ford cars & stuff!

R G # 124 V8 Club Minutes 6/13/2021

Attendees:

Jim Gosnell, Pat Bauer, Don Rogers, Bonnie Abler, Bruce and Theresa Williams, Gayle and Russell Roark, Don and Rosie Taylor, George Ball, Charlie Walters, Lee McDurmont and Claudette White

This was our first meeting since the Covid shutdown. George opened the meeting at 3:08 after we ate. Everyone thanked Russell and Gayle for hosting the meeting in the garage. We have some new members, Chris and Kim Smith and Stephen and Camilla Brauer. Welcome to you all. Next Saturday (6/19) is the national drive your V8 day. George suggested riding from Chesterfield to Babler park, but nobody showed any interest in a tour.

We passed around the meeting sign up sheet. Bruce and Theresa volunteered for July, and Lee may volunteer after consulting with Laura for one of the months. Most are not taken right now.

Bruce and Theresa will do an ice cream social next meeting, and everyone will bring toppings. George checked with the Wildwood Pub and Grill and they need a minimum of \$250 to be spent by the members for their meals and drinks for the free use of half of their private party room. So if each person spends at least \$15, only 17 members would cover this minimum; fewer if more was spent on average by the members. Someone also suggested trying Maggie O'Brien's in Kirkwood.

Next month (July) is the 25th anniversary of our 1996 V8 National Meet. George said we currently have 35 members on the roster. We had a suggestion of going to Fast Lane which has a "cars and coffee" meeting the 2nd Saturday of every month. Theresa asked if they have links to local clubs, where we might be able to put a link to our page and pick up some new members.

Don had some new business. We have a new editor for the V8 Times who lives in the St. Louis area. She will be taking over from Jerry Windle, who has been editor for many years. A couple of associate editors have passed away recently. Also, a Grand National Meet is in the early planning stages for 2023 in Dearborn, MI. Nashville TN may host a regional meet in 2022. And Hershey Swap Meet will resume this year, 2021, at its normal time. A new book on the 1940 Ford has been published and is available.

We adjourned at 4:48.



For Sale

1932 Ford V8 5 window coupe with rumble seat. Original! Black, Beautiful condition. \$85,000



1968 Chevy Camaro red convertible, excellent condition, recently renovated, \$30,000

Also for sale, 1959 ladder truck fire engine from Webster Groves fire department, \$5,000

Contact Marian Krause, 314 962 1997

**Two rebuilt V-8 engines are for sale.
For additional information,
Contact Toni Sago**

tonisago@ymail.com

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 **See You July 3rd !!!!**



EVERY WEDNESDAY – The ROMEOs meet at Culvers 4351 State Hwy K, O'Fallon, MO 63368 at 11:00 AM **On Going!!!!**

MONTHLY MEETING — July 18 th Bruce and Theresa Williams at **1 pm**.

July

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 1 Klein Anniv. **(1978)**
- 11 Howard Crawford
- 16 Rosie Taylor
- 26 Al Hartnagel
- 26 Marian Krause
- 27 Harper Anniv. **(1957)**
- 27 Russell Roark
- 27 Smith Anniv. **(1964)**
- 30 Charlie Heneroy



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