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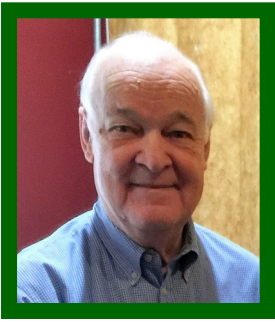
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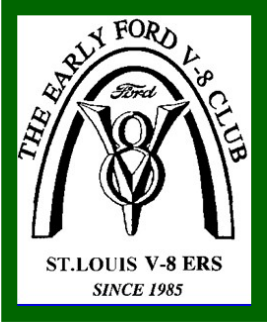


Installing 1935 Front Fenders Wasn't a One Person Job



# President's Message

By George Ball



St. Louis V-8ers,

First, congratulations to our highly-esteemed Newsletter Editor, Don Rogers, for Nationals "2020 Regional Group Newsletter Competition" recognition of his fine work with RG #124's monthly newsletter Thanks, Don!

The U.S. is slowly returning to normal or perhaps what is called the "new normal" after the COVID pandemic that began, a I recall, last March. We had just gathered for the February (2020) monthly meeting at the *Wildwood Pub & Grill* and then the shutdown came. However, a number of us did meet in September, October and November OUT-DOORS in Broemmelsiek Park in St. Charles County in shelters.

On April 7th our Wednesday Lunch group began gathering at the *Culver's* on Highway K; we have had 4 to 6 attendees each time and hope more will join us at 11 AM. At one of those gatherings we had a longtime member join us whom we hadn't seen for some time — Ron Dunker and his friend Sista. Another Wednesday Dick Davis joined us as you can see in this photo. [Russell, Gayle, George, Dick, Tom Canada, Charles]



On Saturday, May 1 at 8 AM, Russell and Gayle Roark hosted the reconvening of the **Saturday Breakfast** at *Village Cafe* in Lake St. Louis on Ronald Reagan Drive, across from Walmart. Six of us made it.....the Crawfords, the Roarks, Maxine Carroll, and yours truly!



Here's hoping for an even better turnout at the next breakfast, on **June 5th**.

***And soon after that event are two more!!!***

**June 13, SUNDAY at 2 PM**

Russel and Gayle Roark have offered their garage for this gathering.

AND the Club will be paying for Lunch — BBQ pork and sides from *Sugarfire Smoke House* in O’Fallon.

And to quote Russell: “**RSVP by June 9th** — the club will furnish everything so don’t bring any food items.”

Those of us present will discuss plans for Club meetings for the rest of the year. For example, do we want to resume meeting each month on the third Sunday as in past years? Do we want to hold the meetings at, for example, *Wildwood Pub & Grill* where we met many times over the years? Will we have sufficient attendance spending enough on lunch to cover their minimum charge for use of the private meeting room? If interest is minimal, instead should we meet again, say, in Broemmelsiek Park in St. Charles County at an expense to the club of \$60 for the shelter rental? Or is there another similar park arrangement in a West County Park that some of you could suggest?

As of now, we have SEVEN members interested/signed up: Bonnie Abler, Don and Rosie Taylor, Charles Walters PLUS, of course, Gayle, Russell and me. Russell’s home phone number is 636-828-5614, cellphone is 636-398-5089, and email is [raroark@att.net](mailto:raroark@att.net) Their address is 4286 Hueffmeier Road, Wentzville.

**June 19, SATURDAY**

***National Drive Your V-8 Day***

My tentative plan, suggestion is that we gather in the *Chesterfield Mall*, on the west, lower side by the now defunct *Dillard’s* store (as we did in past years), and from there drive the backroads to ***Babler State Park***...just under 10 miles away. There are three picnic areas at which we could stop, eat a bag lunch and/or just visit, and then disperse to return home. Or continue on to another scenic area suggested by a member.

**BUT.....I need feedback from you!** Are you interested in this adventure? Interested in driving your Flatheads (or other old car or a modern car)? Interested in bringing a lunch or stopping somewhere along the way for a snack during this adventure? Do you have another destination to suggest? Or driving route? Please let me know by the June 13th meeting at the Roark’s so we can share any alternate plan(s) and the officers and directors can decide which to follow. Or if there is not sufficient interest, participation, we will cancel the event for *RG #124* and I will let everyone know.

Thanks!



Thank you and MANY HAPPY [S]MILES to you,

George

**P.S. Later this Fall, early Winter, we will nominate and elect Officers and Directors for 2022. We need to have our younger members step forward and take on these duties now handled by our SENIOR members who have had these responsibilities for many years.**



Dear Club Members:

My family and I are overwhelmed by the kind thoughts and messages that we have received about Mary.

While it is devastating to loose such a wonderful wife, friend, mother and partner, we feel that hers was a life well lived with kindness, compassion, generosity and a dedication to serve others. Thank you all for making this sorrow a little better.

**Don Rogers, Catherine Halsey  
and Jenny Ramos**

**Welcome New Members  
Stephen & Camilla Brauer**

**Lunches & Breakfasts Starting Up  
See Future Events on Page 8 For Details**

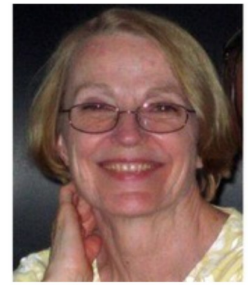


**HE ASKED WHY THE HOUSE ISN'T  
CLEAN SINCE I'M HOME ALL DAY**

**I ASKED WHY WE AREN'T RICH  
SINCE HE WORKS ALL DAY**

# Mary Claire Rogers (nee Berigan)

February 10, 1945 - May 4, 2021



Rogers, Mary Claire (nee Berigan), passed peacefully at home surrounded by loved ones following her valiant battle with cancer on Tuesday, May 4, 2021 at the age of 76.

Beloved wife of Donald Rogers; mother of Catherine "Cassie" Halsey and Jennifer (Alex) Ramos; grandmother of Campbell, Creighton, Ethan, and Claire; sister of Margaret (Dennis) McKinley, Leroy "Skip" (Jean) Berigan, and the late Georgia Berigan; daughter of the late Leroy and Berniece Berigan.

Mary was gentle, yet strong mother and wife with an amazingly kind heart and overwhelming desire to help others, both human and animal. Whether it be fostering puppies, giving to charities, or simply assisting people at the library, she found joy and purpose as a helper.

Services: A private family service will be held at SCHRADER Funeral Home. A celebration of Mary's life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to [Stray Rescue of St. Louis](#).



A donation of \$75.00 will be sent to Stray Rescue of St. Louis from the St. Louis Regional Group #124 in her memory.

# Museum of Transportation

## Car Show Report

By Chris Smith

On Sunday May 16, the National Museum of Transportation hosted its annual Model T/Model A/and early V8 show. This was the first major outing for my 1936 Phaeton since acquiring it last Fall.

As of Saturday, weather forecasts were either predicting perfectly clear weather, or rain all day—typical Spring in St. Louis. By late Saturday/early Sunday, the forecast cleared, and a beautiful day “appeared” to be in store.

When both of my 9-year old twins expressed an interest in taking the '36, I told my wife that I had to run with it. Frankly, she was all too happy to have us out of the house for a change. So, the two girls and I headed to Chesterfield and the warehouse to pick up the car. After a quick walk around and inspection, they pronounced it road worthy and off we went.



Inspecting newly installed third brake light prior to departure; bonus points if you can identify the make and model of the car immediately to the left.

We decided to avoid highways. The kids initially fought over who would co-pilot (monitor gauges and such) and who would navigate (read Google maps and tell us when and where to turn).

As I am sure anyone with kids and grandkids can relate, personalities sometimes run in extremes. We are no exception. Lucille sports an Audrey Hepburn (Breakfast at Tiffany's) short cut, and wears whatever happens to be out. She is the super responsible one. Laura likes dresses, jewels, is very into fashion, and sometimes a “little” less responsible. Laura decided she would navigate. She immediately plopped herself down in the backseat, stretched out, and started

singing. Lucille and I gave each other a look that said we both doubted we would ever make it to the museum. Somehow, by some miracle, we made it. Maybe singing navigation could be a “thing”?

We were immediately greeted by a large contingent of Model T and Aers, and club member Bruce Williams. Steve Brauer was also there with a very polished V8. The kids immediately suggested that I park at least one spot away so that the contrast in polish was not quite so apparent. Shortly thereafter a rustic early T with a raccoon (?) tail parked next to us—which they thought was the coolest thing there. They thought it was unfortunate that I was now parked between two much cooler cars. After a very short-lived chat with some attendees, I was quickly pulled into a tour of the Museum with the girls.



1936 Phaeton with the “cooler” car immediately to the right. Handlers Lucille (back left) and Laura (back right) relax under a tree.

Shortly after lunch the Model T club put on its “Assemble a T in Ten Minutes” demonstration. Again, one kid was really into it, the other wandered off. It had clearly been a year or two since the Model T club performed its assembly trick, but maybe 15-20 minutes later the T was up and running. And so were we.

Large clouds appeared in the sky, and the weather apps now showed a barrage of thunderstorms looming. While we have side curtains for the '36, they have never been installed and figuring that out would certainly take longer than the drive back to Chesterfield. And so, we packed up and raced off to try to beat the storm. We failed. As we cruised down 141 in the storm, my backseat driver (Laura, who was also once again singing), lamented that I was going way too slow: “Dad, even that Model T just passed you.” While I am pretty sure it was a Model A, I am also pretty sure its driver had a lot more confidence in his stopping power in the rain. I did not, and our 45-mph felt like a breakneck pace to me in the storm surrounded by modern cars weaving in and out much too carelessly for my taste.

## 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 June 5th !!!!**



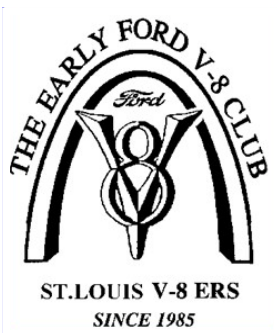
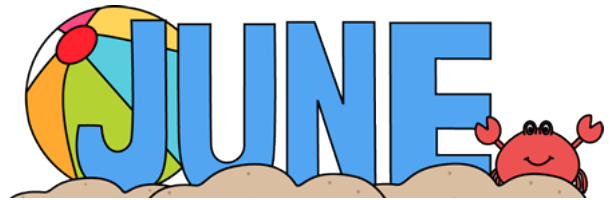
**EVERY WEDNESDAY** – The ROMEOs meet at Culvers 4351 State Hwy K, O'Fallon, MO 63368 at 11:00 AM **Resumed April 7th!!!!**

**MONTHLY MEETING** — June 13 th Russell and Gayle Roarks at **2 pm**. RSVP by June 9th

## June

### Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 2 Swoboda Anniv. **(2012)**
- 10 Lisa Klein
- 12 Brauer Anniv. **(1971)**
- 12 Schott Anniv. **(1965)**
- 18 Shepard Anniv. **(2015)**
- 21 June Grebing
- 26 Sharon Hagan
- 27 Ralph Bauer and Judy Walters
- 28 Joni White



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