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March Meeting

Saturday, March 21 at 1pm
Bandana's Bar-B-Q
11750 Gravius Rd.
Sunset Hills, MO 63127-1804



It looks like we have a great year ahead of us in 2020. We still have some openings for someone to host a meeting or tour.

HOW ABOUT YOU?

Please consider getting involved this year and hosting a meeting.

Members: Please keep Betty Henerey in your thoughts and prayers.

2020 MEETING HOSTS

(AS OF 2/19/20)

MARCH 21 at 1 pm.....Jan & Dave Conrad
APRIL 19 at 1 pm.....Lee & Laura McDurmont
MAY.....Don & Mary Rogers
SPRING TOUR (Optional).....Open
JUNE.....Bruce & Theresa Williams
JULY.....Open
AUGUST.....Howard & Peggy Crawford
SEPTEMBER.....Claudette White
OCTOBER.....Carmen Viviano
FALL TOUR (Optional).....Open
NOVEMBER.....Open
DECEMBER 13 at 1 pm.....Russell & Gayle Roark

MINUTES FROM THE FEB. 2020 MEETING

Twenty-two members and three guests attended the February 16 meeting held at the Wildwood Pub & Grill, hosted by George Ball. Claudette White introduced her daughter Tina and Bonnie Abler introduced Vickie and Landon Pendill, one of Herb's cousins.

George Ball stated that there are still two months and two tours available for hosting. A tour suggestion was a trip to Bowling Green, MO and attractions such as a 100 year old candy store and the home/museum of Champ Clark who was Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives.

Russell Roark reported that the location for the Wednesday lunches has moved to Culver's on Highway K at 11 a.m.

Our treasury remains solvent.

February birthdays and anniversaries were recognized.

Claudette White will be in Colorado over the time of the 2020 Western National Meet and is looking for information. It was suggested that she visit the website for information.

If you have any articles or information for the newsletter, please forward to Don Rogers.

There was \$52 collected for the 50/50 drawing and George Ball was the winner of \$26.

Howard Crawford presented the President's tie to George Ball.

The next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, March 21 at Bandana's on Gravois in South County, hosted by the Conrads.

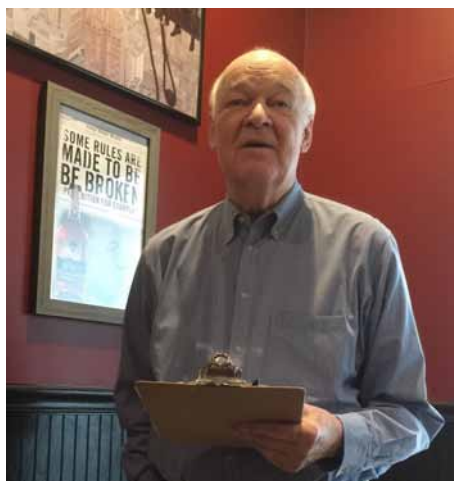
Submitted by Bonnie Abler

Luncheon Meeting

Feb. 20, 2020



George Receives The Presidential Tie From Howard



Photos by Crawford & Rogers

BLASTS FROM THE PAST



Bowling Green Driving Tour

Are You Interested?

Russell Roark is curious to see if there is any club interest in a Driving tour to Bowling Green, Mo. This year.

The tour would include visits to:

Sweet Betsy's Cabin/Woods Smoked Meats

Bankhead's Candies

"Honeyshuck" Home of the former Congressman from 1911 thru 1919

Kountry Store...Antiques, Collectibles and Tools

Lunch at Dos Primos Mexican restaurant

Russell indicates that the T-Bird Club did this tour in 2018 and enjoyed it immensely.

If you have interest or are curious, contact Russell at raroark@att.net or 636-828-5614.

National Meets 2020

June-15-18

Eastern Meet, Morgantown, PA

[2020 ENM Complete registration package 8-25-2019.pdf](#)

Sept. 21-24

Western Meet, Alamosa , CO

[2020 Western National Meet flyer - ver 2 5-10-2019.pdf](#)

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... OUT AND ABOUT WITH OUR MEMBERS ...

Our country members in the fire zones

With the fires raging around the State over the Christmas and New Year period, we did a ring-around to check on our regional members. Thankfully, none of our members have lost their homes, sheds or livestock, and I'm told all Early Fords are accounted for.

Blue Mountains – Malcolm Campbell was keeping a close eye on the Gospers Mountain Fire that was raging through the most fire prone area in the state. Mal had already relocated his Coupe to the Motor Museum at Wollongong, but he still had several other classics on his property. Several times he packed up, ready to evacuate – he made sure his tanks were full and his caravan was packed and ready to go.

Southern Tablelands – Dave Collins and Bob Fletcher live around the Braidwood area. Prior to Christmas and more recently, I spoke to Dave who said that at that time, the fires were burning through the nearby national parks, although still a few kilometres away – something to keep an eye on. Their area was blanketed in thick smoke for weeks on end, and the Kings HWY cut off.

Bob Fletcher (pictured) is a member of the Wamboin Brigade in the Lake George Zone in Southern NSW. Bob said, "We have been working on the Black Range fire in the Tallaganda National Park near Braidwood for the past month". "I have been out each weekend and still working during the week, while retired members and some who work from home have been manning the trucks on weekdays". "Now we are supporting the fighting of the Canowan Fire between Batemans Bay and Nowra which is still out of control". "All members are on standby and our local commanders are trying to ensure members are rested and ready to cover local incidents". "We are also trying to do maintenance on our trucks due to the heavy workloads which bring wear and tear". "At this stage we haven't been asked to assist with the Sydney blazes as we normally would, due to the heavy workloads locally". "Prior to these recent events we have had members travelling to northern NSW and the Hunter region which is normal with RFS personnel giving assistance to other areas". "It is also important to mention the huge support teams that back us up when we are on the fire ground- they feed us, provide communications, weather reports, equipment replacement and all the aerial support- invaluable!!"



Adam Best at Binalong had a lot of smoke but no fires.

Hawkesbury River – Brian Merchant who lives on the Putty Rd at Colo Heights had a close call. The fire jumped the road and came within 40ft of his house, burning on three sides of his property. One nearby house and several sheds were lost. Brian is also a member of the Rural Fire Service and has been out with his crew fighting fires.

Wollindilly Shire & Southern Highlands – Graham Hunt from Tahmoor was evacuated and went to stay with his daughter. The fires burnt about half of his property – an area which had dense bush.

Eric Worner at Mittagong and Darren Freer at Berrima had fires burning to the north and west of them. With several of the northern villages in the Highlands already devastated by fire, the fire front was also being pushed by the strong winds up through the Bulio and the Wombeyan Caves area, and is still burning. In the Southern Highlands, several people have completely lost their collections – one collection of 5 vehicles and one collection of 200 vehicles in the village of Balmoral. We also know of another collection of 24 muscle cars that was completely lost.



Northern Tablelands – Val Stevenson from the Gunnedah area is in the middle of drought. He was lucky enough to sell his farm and his livestock as the cost of hand-feeding became too expensive. Although not in a fire zone, he certainly has had to deal with the never ending drought and dust storms.

Our country members in the fire zones.

South Coast – The Currawan Fire was unable to be brought under control for several weeks and many properties and several lives were lost. Kevin Gibson from Ulladulla lives on five acres and has 9 old vehicles, including his Early Ford. As the fires surrounded the town, he was able to move most of his vehicles to safety, just prior to being evacuated. Roads and HWY in his immediate area were closed, power lost and in the nearby beach towns, the fires burnt right to the water's edge. On neighbouring properties, one person has lost a 1974 Maserati Indianapolis worth \$400,000 new, another neighbour lost a 2 year old Porche and an MG *Pictured right – the damage in the town of Mogo*



Local resident, Carmel Cox said to us, "The South Coast of NSW has been devastated by recent fires. At a time when it would be peak season in Batemans Bay and surrounding areas, the shops, beachside markets and galleries are really struggling". She added, "I would love to see people head to the towns along the South Coast, visit the various exhibitions, stay a night, eat out and visit the shops".

Riverina – Mick Anderson and Ken Reeves also had a lot of smoke, with the fires to the east of Wagga. But the area has been hit with drought and dust storms – and we can all imagine how hard it is to get that red dust out of homes and cars. They also had to deal with temps well over 40° in the Dec/Jan period.

Feb/Mar 2020

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DATES TO REMEMBER:

MARCH 7 – 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

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

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

MARCH MEETING — **Saturday**, March 21st at
1 pm at Bandana’s, 11750 Gravius Rd., Sunset
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March

Birthdays & Anniversaries

12 Williams Anniversary (1988) 32nd

15 Rogers Anniversary (1969) 51st

17 Dave Decker

18 Debbie Schmid

27 Schmid Anniversary (1976) 44th

St. Patrick's Day



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