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# President's Message

By Lee McDurmont



It was great to be back together again with the group. We met on Sunday March 27 and had a tasty meal. Congrats to Peggy and Howard for a well planned and executed meeting. Don pulled out a vintage Ford shop coat for George to wear for the inauguration of the officers. I must say that's some tie.

Thanks go out to Bruce and Theresa for hosting next month. We have hosts for May and June. I know that others will want to pick up the other months.

The weather is turning and will soon be great to get your early Fords out in the fresh air. Is there any interest in planning a car tour? We have a new area on our clubs website for events coming up that may be of interest. If you know of any events that may interest the group please let us know.

Sincerely,

Lee



**We are finally getting back to normal with our event calendar starting to get filled in. Bruce and Theresa have agreed to host our April meeting on April 24th. Lets all shake off those Covid Cobwebs and have a great turnout for the meeting.**

**Speaking of future events.....We've been invited to participate in the Model-A, Model-T, Early Ford V-8 Ford show on May 22nd, 2022 from 10:30 to 2:00 at the Museum of Transportation in Kirkwood.**

**There is another local event on June 11<sup>th</sup> called Cars & Guitars in Kirkwood, <https://www.kirkwoodmo.org/recreation/route-66-cars-and-guitars-festival>**

**Want to enjoy a great breakfast with good friends? Please consider joining us on Saturday, April 2nd at the Village Café. Details are in Future events at the end of the Newsletter**



**Those Were The Days My Friends!!!!**

# Bruce and Theresa Williams to Host April Meeting!

**When:** April 24th, 1pm

**Where:** Williams home, 1487 Wilton Lane 63122

**What:** Lunch, drinks and dessert provided

**RSVP** by April 22 to [bbwilliams1487@gmail.com](mailto:bbwilliams1487@gmail.com)  
or 314-452-7571

## March Inauguration Meeting Highlights

Attendees: Russell and Gayle Roark, Bruce Williams, Don Rogers, Howard and Peggy Crawford, George Ball, Lee and Laura McDurmont, Charlie Walters, Maxine Carroll, Bonnie Abler, John and Debbie Schmid



We began by swearing in Lee McDurmont and the other officers, new and existing. Lee congratulated George Ball on his 8 years as our newsletter editor and 5 years as our president. George was presented with a gift of a V8 tie of his own, and a gift card for the Village Café.

George talked about his new car, a 1947 Ford coupe. He has had previous “fat fendered Fords” and had the desire for another one. He finally found what he wanted in Iowa, to be shipped soon.

Bruce Williams volunteered to do the April meeting. Lee will be looking for the sign up sheet, which has been misplaced.

The Model T club has invited us to the All Ford Show at the Museum of Transportation in May. Lee would like to have a membership table with some info and sign up sheets. Russell will donate some V8 Times to hand out.

We adjourned to eat Bandanna’s Barbeque.

Gayle Roark

# March Meeting Candids





### ***I BOUGHT IT!***

My oldest grandson Justin and I left yesterday morning at 7:15 and returned home at 9 last evening. We arrived in Greene, Iowa .... a small country town in the middle of nowhere. Turns out *Coyote Classics* specializes in muscle cars. Their business cards say "Your Midwest Muscle Car Dealer" but the owner, Chad Austin (late 40s, early 50s) was at an auction in Florida a few months ago and this Ford was too good not to buy! His wife and son work there plus several other staff that I saw.

The green color is very attractive....I just had no memory from my youth of this color offering. I checked it over and great paint job, probably one re-paint he thought. A nick or two. I tapped the fenders and lower panels and all sounded "tinny" as we, I, used to say, except for one spot between the lower edge of the driver's door and the rear fender where the panel bends out to meet the level of the running board. I had a magnet but too weak to detect. Tapping it sounded too "solid" rather than "tinny"....compared to the same area on the right side. Other than that....great! Chrome, grill, trim beautiful! Glass clear. Left door handle a bit hard to turn down to open. Trunk clean, rubber good.

Interior quite perfect. Carpeting too.

The engine compartment clean and everything appeared in order...to my eyes, at least. Radiator not dented or damaged or rusted. The engine was quite quiet and smooth.

The instrument panel, dash and all the interior surfaces were clean and undamaged. I knew from the video that the fuel gauge and clock did not work. The radio turned on but nothing. The temp gauge not connected but two replacements hung below the dash, coming from each head. Same with oil pressure after-market gauge hanging down.

Got down with my flashlight and looked at underside and found no rust issue. Minor rust spots. Really clean after 75 years....all of it.

So we took it out for a run. I was surprised by the engine noise coming through. Soooo....is there a sound-deadening mat available that could be inserted below the front edge of the carpet and up under the dash to block at least some of the engine noise?

Rode fine...except it has old-style tires! One of the first things I'll do is get the modern tires as I had on my two '47 Fords. The spare? Leave the old or replace it also? Shifts smoothly, as I remember it. Clutch seemed fine. He took it up to 65 mph. Then I drove it and seemed fine except for the difference radial tires would make.

Back to the business, talked about what needed to be done. And he offered to knock off \$1,000 for an as-is sale...no repairs by them! Called my financial manager and transfer of funds will be made. The Coyote office "paper" lady will work on finding an enclosed trailer coming in this direction., perhaps by the end of this week.

And I need to work on insurance coverage. I will get a quote from State Farm and contact the three others that some of your mentioned" — Grundy, Hagerty and JC Taylor.

I am going into the Waterways Apartment office and secure Garage #14, just down from my #10....both out my front door. And then I will outfit it for the Coupe: floor "trays" with absorbent/kitty litter, shelf unit for tools and supplies, etc. Also need "nuts and bolts" to attach my original historic plate I used on the other two '48 Fords. Etc., etc., etc. Thinking of going to *AutoZone* — one here in Lake St. Louis, others on Highway K,

Highway N, and Wentzville. Anyone know anything about this company, these stores? 😂 Gayle??

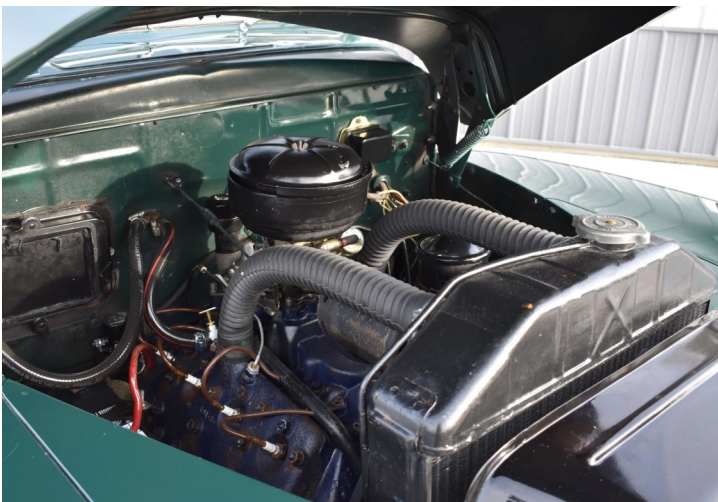
And a good source for tires for this era automobile?

My son here in O'Fallon uses a shop in the area to service and maintain their five vehicles. I'll check them out for "above and beyond" routine maintenance but for repairs also, such as the fuel gauge ASAP? I knew a guy in Ballwin that worked on the '48s radios and clocks in my '48s but probably no longer around. Any suggestions?

Well, thanks for listening [reading] while I ramble on.

Just got notification that my car should arrive here on Saturday afternoon, April 2!!!!!!

George



## Future Events:

**SATURDAY, 2nd OF APRIL**– Breakfast at 8 AM at Village Café, Just off Hwy 64 at Hwy N across the street from Walmart. 636-561-0235

**Let Russell or Gayle know if you can make it.**

636-398-5089 or raroark@att.net



**This Month's Meeting... April 24th, Bruce and Theresa Williams**

**May Meeting....May 15th..Host TBD**

## April

### Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 8 Camilla Brauer
- 10 Hagan Anniversary (1970)
- 16 Dave Conrad
- 22 Bert Schott



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