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**Solid 40 Sedan....Pulls to The Left a Bit!!**

# **President's Message**

**By Bruce Williams**



**Fellow V8 enthusiasts,**

**If you're like me, you are not a big fan of February weather. It's cold and dreary, and it takes a bit of extra motivation to get out to the garage to tackle a chore or project. I always get "spring fever" pretty early... the first decent day with some sunshine, and I'm ready for winter to be over. So far, this winter has been pretty decent, and February always goes quickly, so I'm already planning some bigger painting jobs and car prep chores so that I can have batteries charged, oil changed, and so forth when the warm weather finally arrives. I hope you're using the colder months to do safety checks and PM tasks so that you're able to do a lot of touring this spring.**

**On another topic: some of you may be aware of the site [fordheritagevault.com](http://fordheritagevault.com). It is a relatively new place to go to access original Ford pictures from the Ford Archives. What used to cost an access fee is now available for free, and the site is fully searchable by year. I've spent some time at the site and it's great. Give it a look.**

**See you at the February meeting.**

**Bruce**

**Take a look at the 2023 Calendar in this issue. It's time for you to host a future 2023 meeting!**

**A special thanks to Jan and Dave Conrad for hosting our upcoming February meeting at Miss Sheri's. (Details on Page 4)**

**The Crawfords have stepped up to host our March meeting at the Wildwood Pub and Grill. (Details can be found on Page 5)**

**If you haven't renewed your membership for 2023, please do so right away. This may be your last issue of our newsletter "On The Road".**

**Please don't assume that your editor is aware of all the local Car Shows and Flea Markets coming up this year. Please send me a note or e-mail with details of any events that you are aware of.**

**A special thanks to Bruce for his great update article on his 46 Mercury restoration!!!**



## **Our Memory of Things Past VS The Reality!**



# February Meeting Information

Hosts: Jan and Dave Conrad

SATURDAY (NOT SUNDAY) FEBRUARY 18TH AT 1PM

MISS SHERI'S CAFETERIA

5406 SOUTHFIELD CENTER (SOUTH COUNTY)

S LINDBERGH TO BAPTIST CHURCH RD

BEHIND FREDDIE'S IN THE SHOPPING CENTER

**CASH ONLY**

RSVP

[DOCHIBOY@AOL.COM](mailto:DOCHIBOY@AOL.COM) OR 636-225-3160



# March Meeting Notice



March 19th, 2023 at 1:00 P.M

Hosted by Howard and Peggy Crawford

At Wildwood Pub and Grill

17253 New College Avenue

Wildwood, MO 63011

Please **RSVP before March 14th** to:

636-532-5636 or

email to: [Hduce@aol.com](mailto:Hduce@aol.com). Or text to:

314-307-8839.

## 2023 Calendar of Events R.G. 124

<b>Month</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Hosts</b>
January	15	Cancelled	1:00 PM	Cancelled
Feburary	18	Miss Sheri's Cafeteria	1:00 PM	Conrads
March	19	Wildwood Pun and Grill	1:00 PM	Crawfords
April	16	Picnic in Park	1:00 PM	Roarks
May	21	Lunch	1:00 PM	Diehl
June	18	Ice Cream Social	1:00 PM	Williams
July	16		1:00 PM	
August	20		1:00 PM	
September	17		1:00 PM	McDurmont
October	15		1:00 PM	Potthoff
November	19		1:00 PM	
December	17		1:00 PM	

**Members, It's time to step up and host a meeting next year. The meeting can be in a local restaurant. It can be a tour to some place of interest. It can be a tire kicking in the garage. If you have a meeting in your home, you don't have to buy all sorts of food. Chips and soda is fine or ask everyone to bring a dish. Covid is behind us!!! Many members have already signed up. Won't you join them?**

# Blast From The Past !!

By Jim Gosnell



Rooney Plaza, 1937, was Stilwell & Wright Texaco - Fire Chief, 19c/gal.; Ethyl, 21c.

This picture is from my home town of Lawrenceville, Illinois. across the street from the old Ford cars is the Ford Garage. As a teenager the guys with motorcycles hung out at S&W I got arrested when I was 14 years old. On a dare, I rode my motorcycle on the sidewalk from the gas station to the end of the block. Seems like I pissed off a few merchants. My dad had to come to the police station and get me. My fine was \$2.00!! Nothing was said about not having a driver's license.

# A Brief Update on Progress on my '46 Mercury...

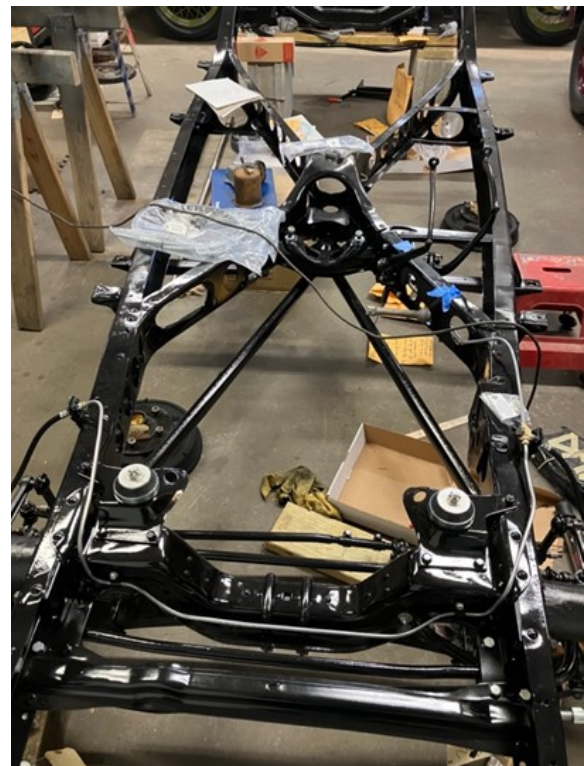
By Bruce Williams

I have made some decent progress since I last provided an update. After a couple setbacks, the chassis has been the focus of my primary activity.

Engine... the builder discovered a "high risk" crack in the block as he was about to begin final assembly. We decided to set that block aside and search for a new one. To the rescue was fellow V8-er Seth Swoboda, who had several 59A-B motors he was willing to offer as a replacement. I shopped thru Seth's barn looking at a few candidates, and selected the 3<sup>rd</sup> one I looked at. It turned out to be an excellent choice, as it was crack-free and had not too many miles on its last rebuild. So, after about a 6-7 week delay, I picked the motor up on Dec 16th from my rebuilder, Vernon Ruble in Warden, IL. It looks great, and I will install it soon.



Chassis... Frame is painted, front end rebuilt and installed, and NOS shocks and odds and ends are now installed. Master cylinder and front brakes are essentially finished. Transmission is finished and will be attached to the motor with a new clutch in the next few days. Lots of proper fasteners and parts have been purchased from Michael Driskell at ThirdGen Automotive in Nashville, TN.





Rear Axle... Larry Shepard sold me a Columbia 2-speed rear axle, and it's in very good shape. So with Larry's help and guidance, my Columbia is beginning to come together. I hope that over the next couple months, it will be ready to install. Thanks Larry!

Interior... The work on recovering seats and door panels is on hold for about 3 months. The supplier of the primary fabric, SMS Auto Upholstery in Oregon, is out of it and is having some material woven. They say it should be available by early January. All the other materials are in hand, and my upholsterer can get busy on it in the back half of January.

Body... no real activity yet. My plan is to get the chassis "rollable", and then to swap its location in the garage with the body in March or April, so I can begin the next big phase of bodywork and painting.

That's it... some good progress and some delays, but "endless hours of fun" for sure.



## Future Events:

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4th** – Breakfast

636-398-5089 or raroark@att.net



## Upcoming Events:

**February Meeting : Miss Sheri's Cafeteria**

**March Meeting : Wildwood Pub & Grill**

## Other 2023 events

(see Sign Up Calendar)

2023 Grand National Meet will be held in Dearborn, MI

June 11th thru 17th



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## February

### Birthdays & Anniversaries

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



St. Louis R.G. Web Site

<https://stlv8club.org/>