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**EARLY FORD V-8  
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**ON THE ROAD**

**ST. LOUIS R.G. #124**

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"I certainly hope it doesn't take me as long to pay the bill as it did for you to get the part."

# President's Message

By Lee McDurmont



The National Museum of Transportation ([tnmot.org](http://tnmot.org)) in Kirkwood Missouri was the site of the Early Ford show at the Museum on Sunday May 22nd. It was a great day with amazing weather (a high of 65 degrees) and lots of amazing cars. The three area clubs, Model T Ford Club of Greater St. Louis, Missouri Valley Region Model "A" Restorer's Club, and our Early Ford V8 Club - St. Louis Regional Group #124 were in attendance. With locomotives and other vehicles nearby it was great to mingle with the other clubs and the public. We even made new friends and picked up a new member, Dave Kerperien. That is his '51 Mercury Coupe on the right. Thanks to all the members who showed up, especially those with their vehicles.

We have multiple events coming up June.

June 1 - 5- 2022 Eastern National Meet in Franklin TN

June 11 - <https://www.kirkwoodmo.org/recreation/route-66-cars-and-guitars-festival>

June 18 - National Drive Your V-8 Day

June 26 - June Mtg Ice-cream Social

We need volunteers to host one of the meetings for the rest of the calendar year. Please consider hosting. Let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Last month I also requested a simple biography about you and your vehicle(s). Please send them to either Don or myself. Don't forget to include a picture.

Respectfully,

Lee

We are still looking for volunteers to host future 2022 meetings. Bruce and Theresa have stepped up again and have agreed to host our June meeting. Their annual Ice Cream Social is a wonderful event and shouldn't be missed. They are hoping to have a great turnout for this event.

**Welcome New Members.....Dan and Tosha Kerperien!!!!**

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

**Another Event:**

**2022 Kicks on 66 Ultra Car Show & Cruise**

**September 10, 2022** On The Hill Golf Course & Lounge, Edwardsville, IL  
On Historic Route 66

**To Register Your Car** [www.kickson66.org](http://www.kickson66.org) We welcome vehicles of all kinds!  
Vehicle registration and public admission is free!

**Apparently HOT  
RODDERS!!!!  
Are getting older  
too!!**



# Museum of Transportation Highlights

These four cars represented our *RG #124 Club*: Conrad's, George's, Williams', and Huber's.

Also there but with their Model A and that club were Gina and Larry Shepard.

In addition, a “new” car in our category showed up, a beautiful, slammed/lowered '51 Mercury two-door, white or cream. (Forgot to take a photo — perhaps someone else in our group captured it on film.). Two applications were handed out, to the Merc owner and another couple, I believe. I saw an application ad \$20 membership fee being handed to Theresa but not sure which couple.

Larry and Gina spent a good deal of time with us, which was great. Pressure was put on Larry to lead us on a tour as he did in the “old days” — former days of yore! — so who knows.....

Larry and Mike also fixed my hood issue. It no longer raises up when I goes over the first rough patch or crack. Made it home with it in its proper position. Issue solved! Thanks, Guys! And thanks to Lee for going over aspects, features, issues with my '47 Coupe that he is seeing and has experienced in the total restoration of his '46 Coupe. Very helpful!

Overall, a great 4 or 5 hours at the **Museum of Transportation!** Saw the *Model T Club* put together a “T” from parts on the ground to a running, moving vehicle...in just over 6 minutes, if my memory is correct. This display is an annual tradition by that club.

See you and hopefully other members at the *Annual Ice Cream Social* at Theresa's and Bruce's on Sunday, June 26th!

***George Ball....Reporter at Large!!***

**Hitching a ride!!!**

**Mike Huber style!!**



# Our Travels Again ! By Diane Huber

## We found more St Louis history

We traveled the Great River Road into Grafton the other day. On the way back we had to stop at this little antique store just north of Alton in Godfrey. It had limited hours and was actually open this time as we passed by. We enjoy looking at advertising signs and memorabilia of any kind. I happened to come across a milk bottle with the words St. Louis Dairy on it. The price was right for my collection of old bottles and glassware. Of course, I had to look up the history of the Dairy when I got home.

The St. Louis Dairy company started in 1892, they made milk and ice cream products. The building was located on Chestnut and Pine Street down from Union Station at 18th and Market. The pictures show a large clock, which was quite an icon at the time. In 1952 the company became Sealtest, and the name on the clock changed as well. Their products were sold to mom and pop grocery stores at the time, and eventually these stores became a thing of the past. In 1985 Schnucks bought the dairy and changed the name on the clock again. Many people going to Union Station probably could remember that old clock when they traveled Downtown to work or meeting family and friends. The building was demolished in 1992.



## St. Louis Dairy & Meeting of the Waters Fountain May 11 1940 - 18th and Market St.



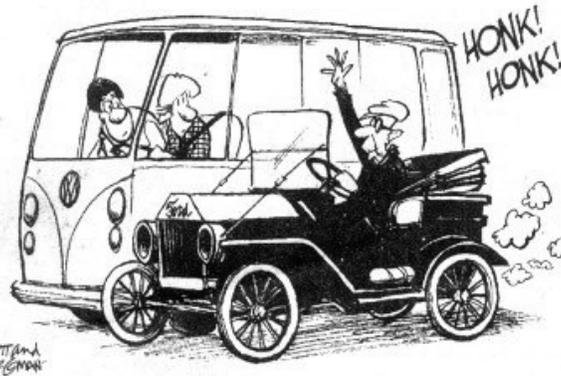
I just had to include this tidbit of information. I thought the picture of Downtown in the era with the old cars was interesting. Swedish sculptor Carl Milles designed the fountain depicting the “marriage” between the Missouri and the Mississippi. Its nude figures caused a bit of

# Our Travels Again ! (con't)

a controversy when the plans were announced. The fountain and Aloe Plaza replaced the flophouses, saloons and brothels that awaited travelers as they left the station. Old picture of Downtown showed the traffic and several of these hotels. The before and after pictures show a bygone time and place and how St. Louis has changed their landscape.



Zits Jerry Scott & Jim Borgman



# ***V8 Club Annual Ice Cream Social***

Sunday June 26th  
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!

## Future Events:

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

**Cancelled This Month!!!!!!!!!!**

636-398-5089 or raroark@att.net



**This Month's Meeting....Ice Cream Social**

**Sunday June 26th**

**..Host Bruce and Theresa Williams**

## June

### Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 2 Swoboda Anniversary (2012)
- 10 Lisa Klein
- 12 Brauer Anniversary (1971)
- 12 Schott Anniversary (1965)
- 18 Shepard Anniversary (2015)
- 25 Dave Kerperien
- 26 Sharon Hagan
- 27 Judy Walters
- 28 Joni White



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