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Like New Condition....Passenger Door Stuck!!

President's Message

By Bruce Williams



Fellow V8 enthusiasts,

It was a great February meeting, on a delightful, sunny and relatively warm day. Thanks to Jan and Dave Conrad for hosting, and thanks to the larger than expected group who showed up. It was wonderful to see Pat Bauer and Jim Gosnell, and I think we set the hook on a new member, Rick McKee. Rick is a friend of Russell Roark from the Thunderbird club, and he also has a '46 Mercury convertible that I'm anxious to check out. Be sure to give him a big welcome when you meet him. In the meeting, I shared that I had recently watched an old Mickey Rooney movie (Drive a Crooked Road) from 1954 that featured a souped up '40 4-door and a '53 Ranch Wagon. That led folks to share other old movies that feature Ford's in prominent roles (The Long, Long Trailer, Tobacco Road). It was suggested that we survey the group and publish a list, so send me your nominations for good movies that have Fords featured. I'll pull together a list for the next newsletter. The March meeting is booked... Howard and Peggy Crawford are hosting on March 19th at the Wildwood Pub & Grill. Be sure to RSVP, and we'll all see you there for fun and food.

We're filling up our calendar with some fun events, so make sure your cars are roadworthy as they come out of winter hibernation. I hope to see you all soon.

**Regards,
Bruce**

Editor's Page

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

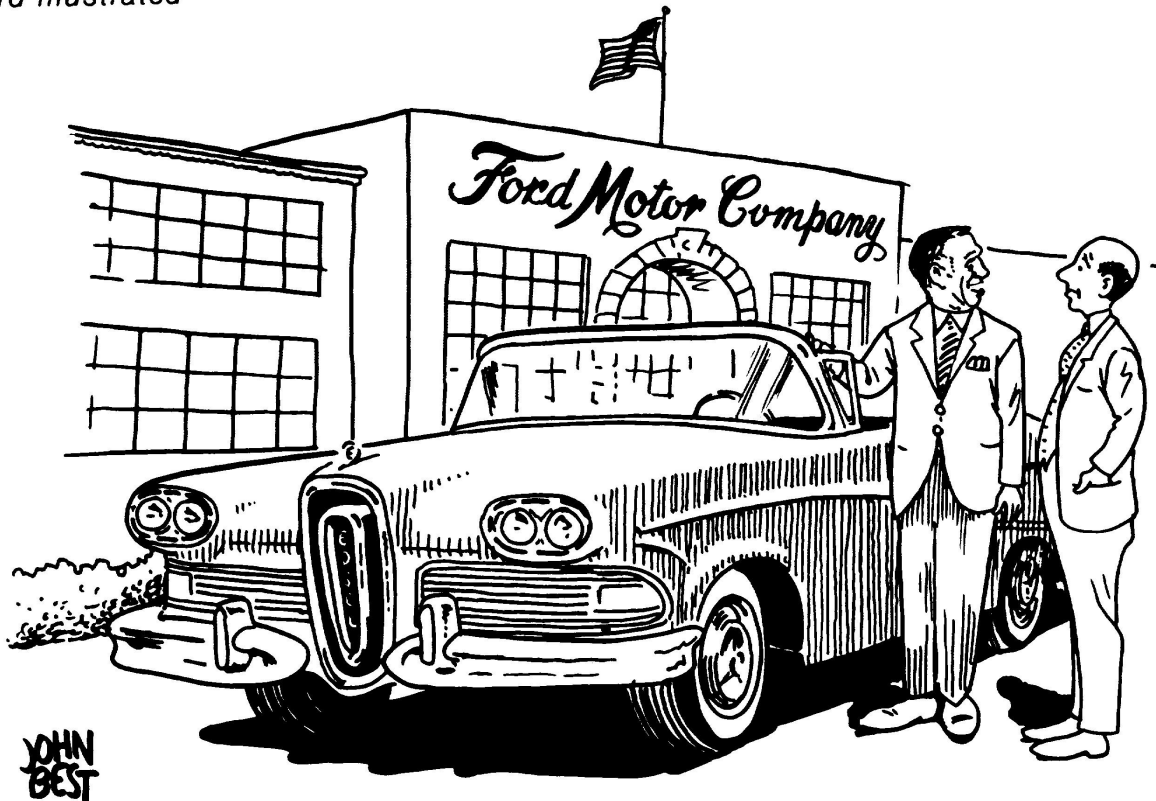
A special thanks to Jan and Dave Conrad for hosting our February meeting. (Details on Pages 8 & 9)

The Crawfords have stepped up to host our March meeting at the Wildwood Pub and Grill. (Details can be found on Page 4)

Our April meeting is firmed up. Russell and Gayle Roark have saved us all a room at the Pizza Ranch. (Details on Page 5)

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.

Ford Illustrated



"If I had known it would be such a 'dud' I would have named it the Harry Bennett."

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. Or text to:

314-307-8839.

April Meeting Information

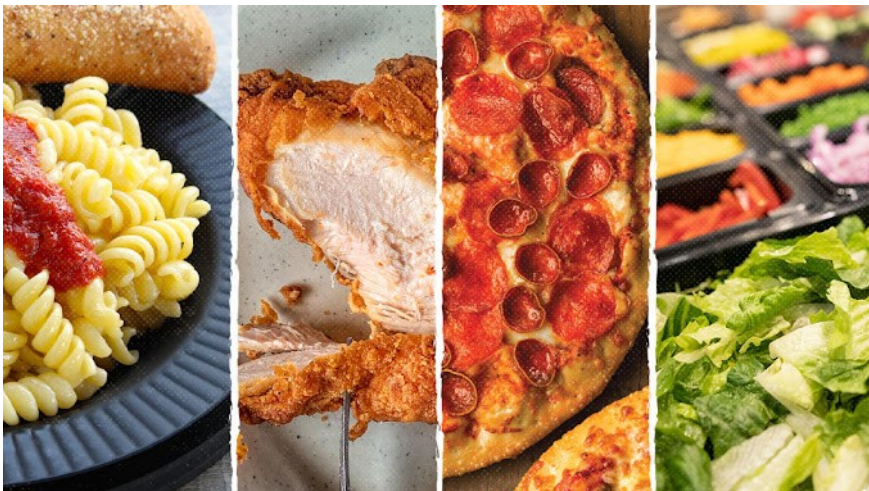
Hosts: Gayle & Russell Roark

SATURDAY (NOT SUNDAY) APRIL 15TH AT 1PM

Pizza Ranch
1225 Wentzville Parkway
Wentzville, MO. 63385

RSVP by April 10th
Raroark@att.net OR 636-398-5089

WE HAVE A ROOM RESERVED!



2023 Calendar of Events R.G. 124

Month	Date	Event	Time	Hosts
January	15	Cancelled	1:00 PM	Cancelled
Feburary	18	Maggie Obrien's	1:00 PM	Conrads
March	19	Wildwood Pub & Grill	1:00 PM	Crawfords
April	15	Pizza Ranch	1:00 PM	Roarks
May	21	Museum of Transportation	1:00 PM	
June	18	Ice Cream Social	1:00 PM	Williams
July	16		1:00 PM	Diehl
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



Alice Huyler Ramsey (November 11, 1886 –September 10, 1983).

The first woman to drive across the United States from coast to coast in 1909.

Only 152 miles out of the total 3600-mile trip were made on paved road.

March Meeting Notes

By Gayle Roark

Photos by Peggy Crawford

V8 meeting minutes, 2/18/2023

Bruce Williams started the meeting congratulating Lee McDermont on a successful presidency, with a gift.



The Cape Girardeau swap meet is this coming weekend (Feb 18, tomorrow).

Our March 19th meeting will be at the Wildwood pub and grill hosted by the Crawfords.

We are also thankful to Dave and Jan Conrad who hosted this month's meeting.

May 21 will be the all Ford show at the Museum of Transportation, and we will count that as our May meeting.

Bruce asked who would be going to the Dearborn meet this year (June 11-17) – Potthoff's, Diehl's, Williams', and Don Rogers plan to go.

Bruce handed out our rosters, but there is also a copy on the web site with password protection.

Bruce plans to have a driving tour sometime in the summer, going to train stations in the Kirkwood area along with a mid century "Lustron" house (prefabricated house), and possibly a meal. He also mentioned the Ford Heritage Vault web site (<https://fordheritagevault.com/>), which is a great site for old Ford archive photos which can be printed.

Someone suggested the St Louis Car Museum as a good tour destination. There is also a Route 66 Cars and Guitars event in Kirkwood we could go to on June 10.

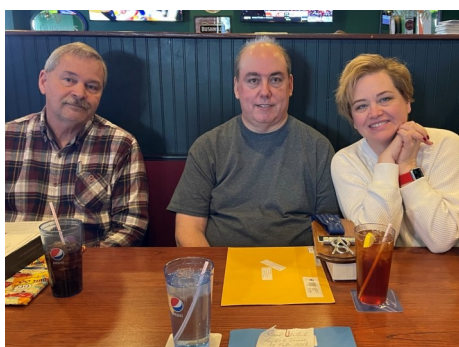
We asked for a list of old car related movies, and a couple of titles were mentioned – Drive a Crooked Road, and the Long Long Trailer.

We had a guest, Rick McKee, and could perhaps do a garage tour to Rick's house sometime. He lives near the Daniel Boone home.

We adjourned with cupcakes.

Attendees:

Lee and Laura McDurmont, Dave and Jan Conrad, Pat Bauer, Jim Gosnell, Rick McKee, Charlie Walters, Mike and Diane Huber, George Ball, Maxine Carroll, Howard and Peggy Crawford, David Diehl



Future Events:

SATURDAY, March 4th – Breakfast

636-398-5089 or raroark@att.net



Upcoming Events:

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

March

Birthdays & Anniversaries

12 Williams Anniversary (1988)

17 Dave Decker

18 Debbie Schmid

27 Schmid Anniversary (1976)



Don Rogers, Editor

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