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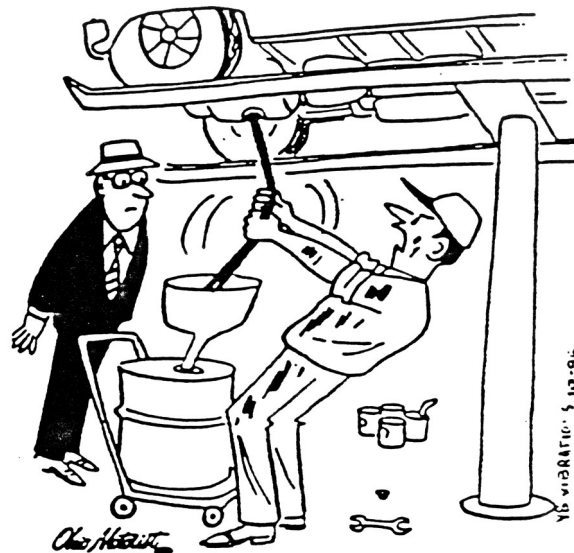
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"How long has it been since your last oil change?"

President's Message

By Bruce Williams

Fellow V-8-ers,

Yep... we're now in the heart of a St. Louis summer. It's 98-103 degrees every day this week, with stifling humidity and very hazy conditions. The thought of driving a car without A/C doesn't appeal much to me right now. To add to the fun, our primary A/C unit on the house just failed. So for the cost of about two flathead engine rebuilds, we will be back in business. Next week is supposed to be a lot cooler, with highs in the 80's. So I plan on taking some rides to ease the sting of our recent homeowners' headache.



Thanks to George filling in for me at the August meeting. It sounds like the turnout was big, and that everyone had an excellent time... as always. If you haven't been to a meeting in a while, please join us for some good friendship and good food. The up-coming meeting is hosted by Lee and Laura McDurmont, and it too will be a lot of fun. Laura always finds ways to add extra energy and fun to our get-togethers, so please plan to be there. The specifics for the meeting are elsewhere in this newsletter.

Lastly, a quick update on my progress on the Mercury... the chassis is 98% complete and any day now, I'll be rolling it down the hill to the other garage, to make room for the body so that I can get started on the bodywork. Theresa joined me the other day to share in one of the most special things that a couple can do together... bleed the brakes. I'm not sure that marriage counselors routinely recommend that task as a path to greater communications and trust; maybe they ought to. My upholstery guy is about 50-60% complete, and the work so far looks great. The dash and all mouldings are all painted, and I think the interior colors and textures are going to look really nice together. Stay cool and we'll see you soon.

Bruce

Take a look at the 2023 Calendar in this issue. There are a few spots left at the end of the year. Is it time for you to host a future 2023 meeting?

Lee and Laura McDurmont promise us a great time on September 17th at The 1356 Public House. They have a private room reserved for us at 1pm **Please RSVP**

We were all sorry to hear of Charlie Henerey's passing recently. Charlie and Betty were active members and enjoyable people.

There are some of you that we haven't seen for a while. Please make a point to attend one of our up coming meetings. We would love to see you again.

Please mark your calendars for Oct 22. Judy and Jerry Potthoff will be hosting our October meet at their house. The Potthoff's will be providing all refreshments!!! What could be easier.

NO EXCUSES PLEASE

Blast From The Past !!



Charles "Charlie" Henerey



Charles Henerey Obituary

81, Fortified with the Sacraments of Holy Mother Church, on Sunday July 30, 2023. Beloved husband of the late Elizabeth "Betty" Henerey (nee Meyer), dear father to Richard (Bridgette) Henerey, Lisa (John) Schulte, and Brian (Anna) Henerey. Doting grandpa of seven. Dear brother of the late Mary (Jim) Gloeckner and Michael Henerey.

Services: Funeral Mass Tuesday, August 8th at 10 a.m. at Ste. Genevieve du Bois Catholic Church. Visitation from 9 - 10 a.m. in the Church. Interment at Resurrection Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations in Charlie's memory to The Alzheimer's Foundation of America, 322 8th Avenue, 16th Floor, New York, NY 10001, would be appreciated.

August Meeting Candids

Photos by Peggy Crawford



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	6 7 21	Kirkwood Driving Tour Model "T" Swap Meet Museum of Transportation (All Ford Show)	9:30 AM 6:00 AM 10:00 AM	Williams
June	10 25	Kirkwood Route 66 Festival Ice Cream Social	All Day 1:00 PM	Williams
July	16	Northeast Corner of Lockwood and Sappington	1:00 PM	Diehl
August	19	Lunch at Pio's ***Saturday***	1:00 PM	Ball and Carroll
September	17	1356 Public House	1:00 PM	McDurmont
October	22	643 E. Monroe, Kirkwood	1:00 PM	Potthoff
November	19		1:00 PM	
December	17		1:00 PM	

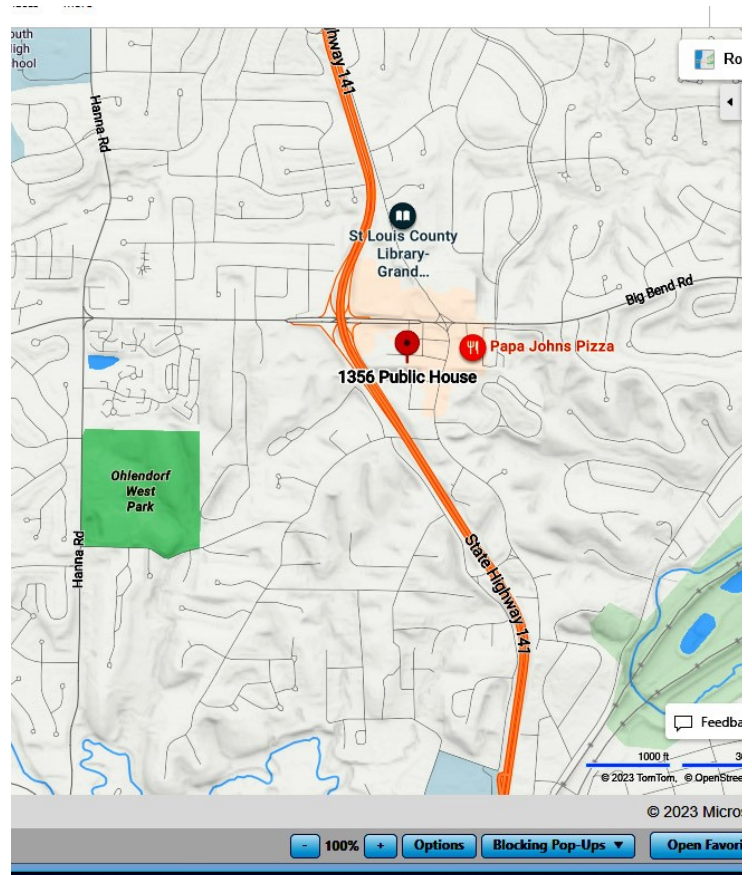
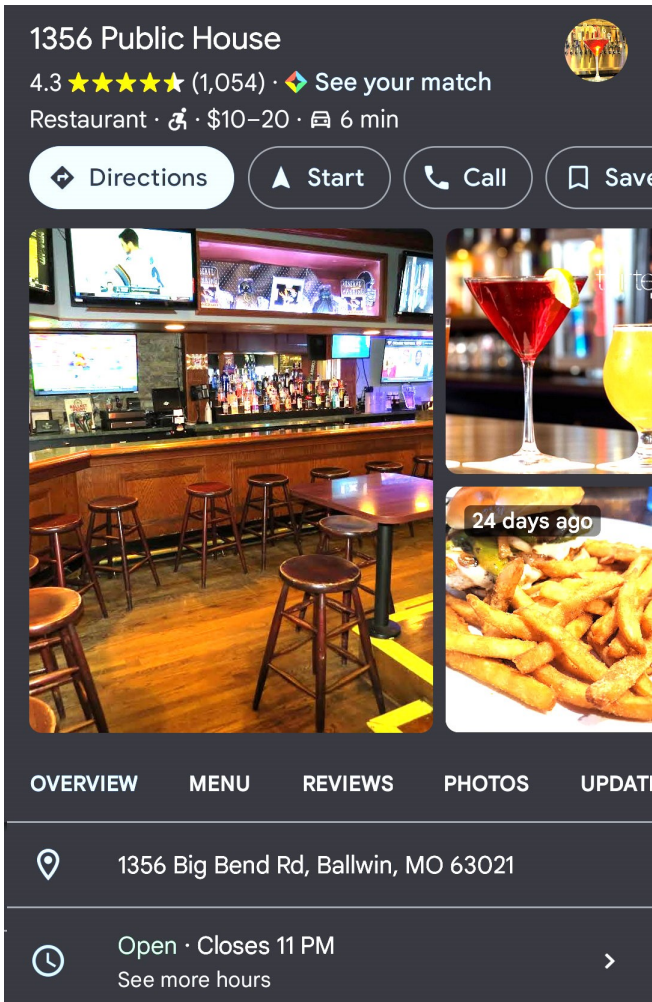
September 17th Meeting

Hosted By Lee and Laura McDurmont

Rsvp to Lee / Laura
314.623.8843 or 8821
Laura.mcdurmont@gmail.com

Reservations confirmed at 1pm
Sept 17

1356 Big Bend Rd, Ballwin,
MO 63021



Old Fords & Friendships Forged

Members of the St. Louis Early Ford V8 Club breathe ongoing life into an iconic part of American motoring history



Dave Kerperien and his son, Drew, in front of their 1951 Ford Mercury Coup. Drew is the youngest member of the St. Louis Early Ford V8 Club. | photos by Zachary Clingenpeel

In David and Mary Diehl's Glendale backyard on a recent sunny afternoon, guests surveyed old Ford cars parked in the driveway, lounged on the back patio, ate burgers and brats, and enjoyed each other's company.

Smiles and laughter filled the air as people told stories and cracked jokes. Among the cars in the driveway were a 1935 Ford Standard Five Window Coupe, a 1946 Ford Tudor Sedan, a 1947 Ford Deluxe Coupe, a 1949 Ford Custom Deluxe, a 1951 Ford Mercury Coupe, a 1952 Ford F1 pickup truck and more.

These monthly gatherings are a place where members of the St. Louis Early Ford V8 Club come together to socialize and share their love of Ford automobiles. Members take turns hosting each meeting, either their homes or a restaurant. Dating back to 1985, the club is the St. Louis regional chapter, stemming from the national Early Ford V8 Club of America.

David Diehl has been a club member for about a year and a half. His favorite aspect of the club is enjoying the friendliness between the diverse set of members who appreciate, and share knowledge of classic American automobiles.

"In my mind, the most important thing we do is to give an iconic part of American motoring history ongoing life," David Diehl said. "As well as provide a voice to tell its story and preserve its artifacts."



Don Taylor sits behind the wheel of his 1949 Ford Custom Deluxe during the St. Louis Early Ford V8 Club's monthly meeting in July. Taylor purchased the vehicle to have a classic "driving car" that he could use regularly. | photo by Zachary Clingenpeel

Bruce Williams of Kirkwood, current president of the St. Louis Early Ford V8 Club, first fell in love with cars because of his older brother. Williams was 8 years old when his brother bought himself an old Ford, with which Williams was infatuated.

When Williams was 12, his brother bought him an old Ford for when he became of driving age, and Williams has been hooked ever since. He's been a St. Louis Early Ford V8 Club member since its inception, and is also a member of other car clubs in the area including the Model T and Model A clubs. But Williams said the St. Louis Early Ford V8 Club is different.

"All the other clubs I'm in are about old guys complaining about cars not running right," Williams said with a laugh. "But this club is more of a social group, with a common theme of cars and camaraderie. We've all known each other for many, many years."

Don Rogers, one of the founders and first president of the St. Louis Early Ford V8 Club, is the editor for the club's monthly newsletter. With around 40 members, he said the club is in the midst of passing the baton to younger people and those who are new car enthusiasts.

Rogers and Williams share concerns about a decrease in membership. Some long time members of 25 or 35 years have passed on.

"When you lose a member it's very, very sad because we've known these people for a long time," said Rogers, of Wildwood. "Unfortunately, we're getting into that age group where there's a lot of deaths and issues that people have. But there's a lot of memories."

Although car club membership is typically limited to men, the St. Louis Early Ford V8 Club includes the members' spouses. Women also hold leadership roles within the club.

Martha E. "Marty" Canada served as club president in 2011. Theresa Williams is the club's current treasurer, Gayle Roark is the recording secretary, and Bonnie Abler and Peggy Crawford are 2022-2024 board members.



Mike Huber pops open the hood on his original 1950 Ford Two Door. Huber has kept his vehicle with all of its original parts. | photo by Zachary Clingenpee

Two of the wives in the club, Rosie Taylor and Maxine Carroll, said their favorite part of the close-knit community is in the friendships made. Both said members have gone through a lot with each other — births, deaths, grandchildren, weddings, health crises and more.

“We have to really give credit to the women,” said Rogers, who’s wife died in 2021. “Guys talk about things — women talk about and develop relationships.”

The St. Louis Early Ford V8 Club boasts many events including an ice cream social and the Ford Car Show at the National Museum of Transportation, showcasing cars from the St. Louis Early Ford V8 Club and other car clubs.

“In our club, we have an array of people who go after point judging, people who like to drive their cars and those who just like to hang out with car people,” Williams said. “We’re a nice cross section, and we all get along. The new members are wonderful and don’t get excluded — we’re not cliquy. We’ve grown up and in fact, grown old together.”

The club is open to anyone interested in old Fords. Membership is \$20 a year. For more information about upcoming events or becoming a member, visit stlv8club.org.

Sim Khanuja, a 2023 graduate of Kirkwood High School, is a summer intern with the Webster-Kirkwood Times.



The Good Old 30's



Future Events:

SATURDAY, September 2nd – Breakfast

636-398-5089 or raroark@att.net



Upcoming Events:

September 17th McDurmont's

October 22nd Potthoff's

September

Birthdays & Anniversaries

4 Barbara Decker

8 Larry Shepard

13 Kerperien (Anniversary **(2008)**)

14 Anene Hauschultz

24 Judith Potthoff

10 Christy Schulte (Brown)

19 Conrad Anniversary (**2007**)

24 Tom Drennan

26 Aumann Anniversary (**1964**)

30 Hauschultz Anniversary



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