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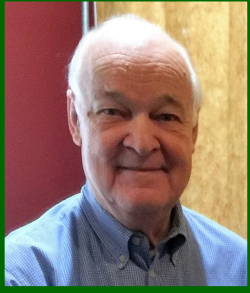
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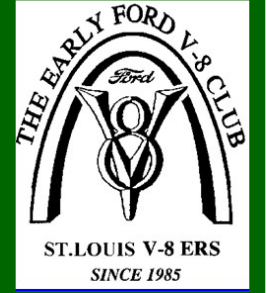


Ford versus 18 Wheeler!!



President's Message

By George Ball



We had a fine turnout for the August Meeting, the best since February 2020...after which the pandemic restricted all activities. As Bonnie Abler's Minutes report, SIXTEEN members showed up at our favorite place, *Wildwood Pub & Grill*. We had the large party room all to ourselves and there were very few other patrons in the restaurant area. And hopefully, probably, Peggy Crawford has provided Don with some photos from that gathering for this issue.

I reported on the special plans for the September 19th activity to be hosted by new members, Chris and Kim Smith, at *The Place*, a unique auto storage facility in Chesterfield Valley, just west of Spirit Airport. Some details are included below, along with Chris' more complete report in this issue.

And two couples volunteered to host upcoming meetings: the October 17th meeting to be hosted by the McDurmonts and the November 21st meeting by the Taylors. The December 19th meeting, the Christmas Party traditionally, is open — hosts are welcome to step forward to sponsor it. The January 2022 Installation Dinner is open also, but will probably be held again at *Wildwood Pub & Grill* and probably on the third Sunday, January 16, 2022.

And it is not too early to begin thinking about the election of officers and directors for 2022!

NOW..... More on the upcoming activity at *The Place* on **September 19th**.... Chris Smith has provided an article and details on the plans in this newsletter as you will read or have already read. Here is some background information.... A 2015 Post-Dispatch article introduced this facility and described it as "Luxury condos-for cars" and a "man-cave garage project". Probably several thousand square feet so if you are concerned about COVID, there is plenty of room in which to spread out. As Chris suggests, and I and we all probably agree, bring your mask so you feel comfortable being with, hopefully, upwards of 20 members in attendance. Chris, Kim and their beautiful 9-year-old twin daughters, Laura and Lucille, will provide a variety of sandwiches and light snacks. And speaking of Laura and Lucille, I read in the June Newsletter an article written by Chris that indicated they are "car gals" and love their Dad's, their family's '36 Phaeton.

All right, V-8ers! Hope to see you at **THE PLACE** on September 19th! Or as many of you who can make it. A special day and experience, for sure!

George

Don't Forget This months meeting at The Place

Chris Smith has a great meeting planned for us this month on September 19th. He has invited the club to see his "Man Cave" down in Chesterfield Valley next to the airport. Chris is a member of "The Place", a shared upscale garage and work place. Besides his cars, there will be other neat vehicles to oogle at.

Chris will be providing sandwiches and light snacks.

Please R.S.V.P. Chris at chris.smith@husch.com



Something to do Before or After the Meeting at The Place!!!!

HCCM ANNUAL SWAP MEET & ANTIQUE CAR SHOW

The 2021 Swap Meet and Car Show is set for Sunday, September 19th, 2021. Location is Chesterfield Mall at the old Sears parking lot...same as last time. Things are rapidly improving. Last year our Club was unable to have any events due to pandemic restrictions. Unfortunately we had to cancel this year's Easter

show. This was done at the request of our cooperate sponsor,AAA. This particular event will require lots of Club members to participate for it to be successful. Helpers will also be needed on Saturday for lot set up.

On the day of show, helpers will be needed as early as 05:00 AM with full Judging crew in place by noon. Remember if you work at the Swap Meet, that counts as 1/2 of your Christmas Dinner Party admission fee. More information to come ASAP – Joe Yochim

The Place

September 19, 2021 Meeting – 1 p.m.
600 Spirit Valley East Dr., Chesterfield, Mo 63005

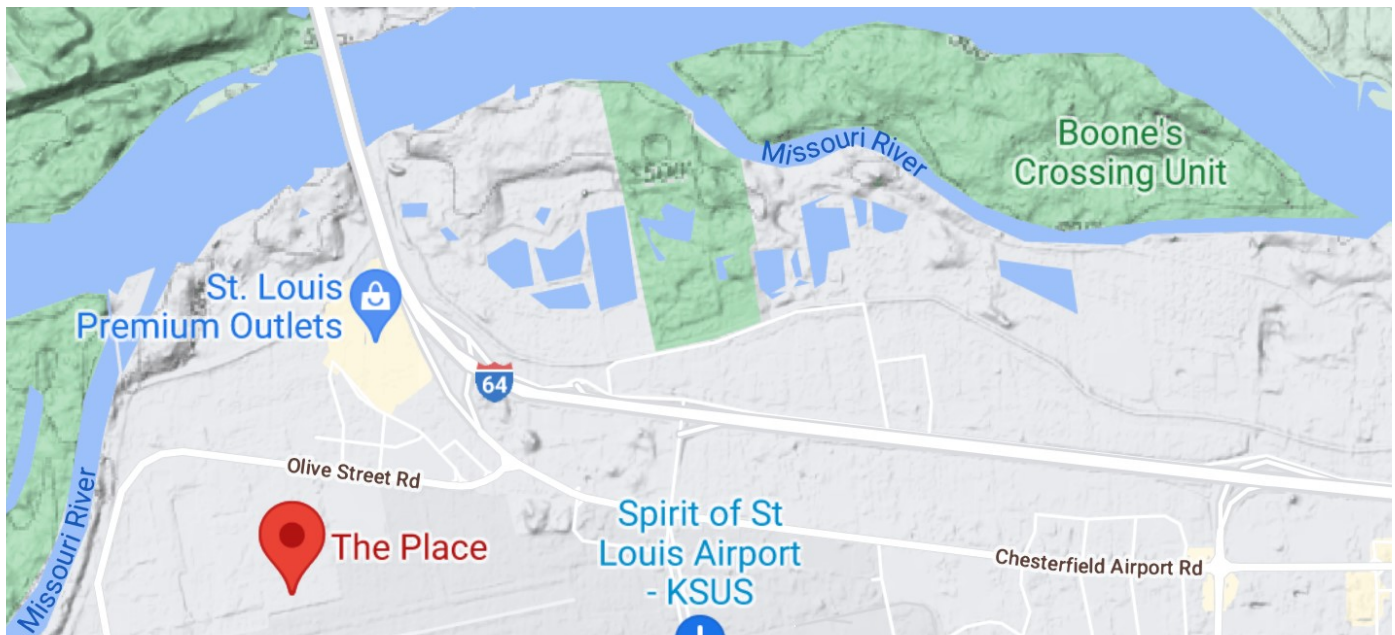


We are looking forward to hosting the Club on September 19 at our warehouse/garage (in progress) at **The Place** in Chesterfield. If you went to Rombach Farms in years past, it is immediately across the street and backs up to Spirit of St. Louis Airport in Chesterfield.

From the West, take Chesterfield Airport Road to Olive (near St. Louis Premium Outlets). Turn left on Olive, at the lights (your only option), and head past the outlet mall. Shortly after passing the outlet mall development, you will see an industrial park on the left, immediately across from the former Rombach Farms. Turn left here. There are actually two entrances and the road forms a loop, so either one works.

[Make left turn on to **Spirit Valley Drive** (immediately across the street from the former Rombach Farms. Note, Google image is before more recent development. There is now a large building at the turn. If you make the first left after you see Rombach farms, you should be fine.)

Follow Spirit Valley to the end, and you will see a warehouse ahead. There is limited parking next to the club house (which is a short walk to our units). There is also street parking. I will also plan to have the gates open with limited parking inside next to our units.



As I said, the warehouse is a work in progress, but it makes for a good opportunity to see what we are thinking. The clubhouse, next-door, has restrooms. I believe the current policy still recommends masks in that space, so I would bring one. Our space is well ventilated, and we will plan to have the large bay doors open assuming the weather cooperates.

We will provide a variety of sandwiches and light snacks. If you plan to attend, please let me know so that I can get a rough count. You can email me at chris.smith@husch.com

August 15th Club Meeting

(Minutes by Bonnie Abler, Photos by Peggie Crawford)

Attendees:

Bonnie Abler, George Ball, Howard and Peggy Crawford, Lee and Laura McDurmont, Don Rogers, John and Debbie Schmidt, Don and Rosie Taylor, Don Toeniskoetter, Charlie Walters, Claudette White, Bruce and Theresa Williams

George Ball reported that members are continuing to attend the Saturday breakfasts but the Wednesday lunches have been cancelled due to low attendance.

Shannon Olson is the new editor for the V-8 Times and lives in the St. Louis area. She has been added to the mailing list.

Upcoming Meetings:

September 19

Mark your calendar for an opportunity to see a “Man Cave”, a shared upscale garage and work place in the Chesterfield Valley. This will be an exciting meeting hosted by new members, Chris and Kim Smith. A map and directions will be included in the next newsletter.

October 17

The McDurmonts offered to host the October meeting. Location to be determined.



November 21

The Taylors offered to host the November 21 meeting, possibly at Eckert's. Don is looking into a possible tour of a museum of horse drawn farm machinery following the meeting.



December

The December Holiday Party is still available for hosting.

January

The January Installation Meeting is still available for hosting.

Don Rogers thanked those who have submitted articles for the newsletter. If anyone has anything they would like included in the newsletter, please forward to Don.



Time Travels - Yes They Are Still Around

By Diane Huber

The Billion Bubble Beverage



The Vess Beverage Company was founded by Vess Jones in 1916 in St. Louis, Missouri. Vess specialized in cola and fruit-flavored sodas that were sold primarily in the Midwest.

The formula for the popular orange-flavored soda “Whistle” was developed for the Vess Beverage Company by a Vess salesman named Charles Leiper Grigg in 1920. Grigg went on to invent 7Up and start The 7Up Company in 1929. Some of the flavors of Vess soda were Cola, Cream, Grape, Blueberry, Fruit Punch, Strawberry and Blue Raspberry.



Vess Beverage was bought by the Toronto-based Cott Beverages, Inc. in 1994. They still manufacture Vess soda and today it is available in 27 different flavors.

Chuck A Burger Drive-In Restaurant



In the '60s, there were eight Chuck-A-Burger Drive-In Restaurants. Now, just north of Overland, the only remaining location at 9025 St. Charles Rock Road is one of a kind.

“We have a niche,” said owner Ron Stille. “We’re the only drive-in, curb-service restaurant. It’s not a gimmick – it’s real curb service.” It’s so old-school that if you go at the right time you can still catch an array of vintage cars in the parking lot.

When this last-standing Chuck-A-Burger opened in 1957, Stille’s father was the manager. He sold the business to his son in 1995. But Stille doesn’t rely on history. “You only have one chance to impress someone,” he said. Their car hops are friendly, and one of them has been there for over 20 years.

Mike and I probably visit once a month, and depending on the time of day there could be 10 or 15 cars on the curb side. The dine-in is closed for now, but that doesn’t stop their business. What people seem to know is that Chuck-A-Burger is worth the visit. Good burgers and fries and about the best onion rings around. They have great shakes, and their original 1957 chili recipe has won cookoff awards.



Route 66 Car Show

Sept 11, Edwardsville, IL.

So far we have no entries identified as Early V8 Ford Club but would like to get that rectified. Entrant registration is FREE. Pre-register on our website www.KicksOn66.org

Venue & Schedule

On the Hill Golf Course & Lounge, American Legion Post #199

[58 South State Route 157](#)

[Edwardsville, IL, 62025](#)

Saturday September 11, 2021

11:00 am – 2:00 pm

Check-in and set-up will open at 7:30 am on Saturday morning

Morning of show entries will be accepted but arranging the show field is really helped when we have mostly pre-registered entries.

Jeff Kennedy

Show Field Chair

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NOT MY DOG.....EVER!!!

Future Events:

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

See You Sept 4th !!!!



This Months meeting... September 19th
The Place in Chesterfield Valley at **1 pm.**

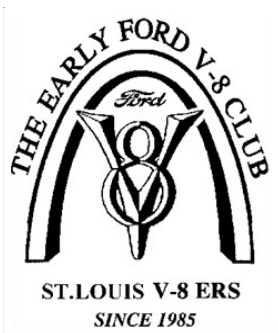
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November Meeting...Nov 21 Hosted by Don & Rosie Taylor

September

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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- 8 Larry Shepard
- 10 Christy Schulte (Brown)
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