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**EARLY FORD V-8
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ON THE ROAD

ST. LOUIS R.G. #124

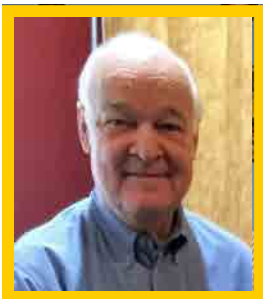
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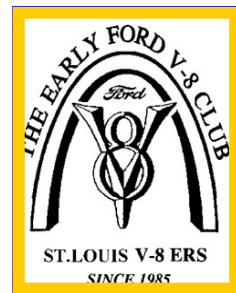


Original 37 Sedan. All steel safety roof. Engine is like new. Minor door alignment problem. Reasonable offers accepted.



President's Message

By George Ball



From the President's secret underground cave....

Are any of you interested, willing to hold a gathering, a lunch in a public park in West County or across the river say along Highway 94? Some picnic tables may be available or we can bring our own, with of course safe distancing and wearing masks when not eating. Perhaps 4 members at a park table?

I would welcome your thoughts on the advisability of doing this in the next few weeks as beautiful fall weather arrives. Thanks for thinking about it and sending along your thoughts, opinions.

George

For you who need to know everything:

The liquid inside young coconuts
can be used as a substitute for
Blood Plasma.

No piece of paper can be folded
in half more than seven (7) times.
Oh, go ahead...**I'll wait.**

Donkeys kill more people
Annually than plane crashes or
shark attacks.

You burn more calories sleeping
than you do watching television.

The first product to have a bar
code
was Wrigley's gum.

The King of Hearts
is the only King
WITHOUT A MOUSTACHE

American Airlines saved
\$40,000
in 1987 by eliminating one (1)
olive from each salad served in
first-class.

Apples, not caffeine, are more
efficient at
waking you up in the morning.

Walt Disney was afraid
OF MICE!

A duck's quack doesn't echo,
and no one knows why.

Please continue praying for Mary Rogers.

**R.I.P.
Larry Carroll
Dave Smith**

Members: Please check up on each other and your neighbors. Stay safe and practice social distancing. You in the garage and your wife inside the house reading a good book.

Please Help!! Your Editor needs stories/articles for our Newsletter! I know things are slow right now, so its a great time to think back and recall some of those great old car experiences and put them on paper!!

2020 MEETING HOSTS

(AS OF 3/19/20)

MARCH 21 at 1 pm.....Jan & Dave Conrad
APRIL 19 at 1 pm.....Lee & Laura M. Dumont
MAY.....Dorothy Mary Rogers
SPRING TOUR (Optional).....Open
JUNE.....E. & Theresa Williams
JULY.....Open
AUGUST.....Howard & Peggy Crawford
SEPTEMBER.....Doug & Joni White
OCTOBER.....Carmen Viviano
FALL TOUR (Optional).....Open
NOVEMBER.....Open
DECEMBER 13 at 1 pm.....Russell & Gayle Roark

POSTPONED!!!

Larry Carroll

September 30, 1935 ~ August 18, 2020 (age 84)

Lawrence "Larry" Neville Carroll of Wentzville, Missouri passed away Tuesday morning, August 18, 2020, at the age of 84 after a long struggle with Parkinson's Disease.

Born September 30, 1935 in Washburn, MO to Guy Edward Carroll and Frances Katherine Skelton Carroll. He is survived by his wife of 64 years Maxine Mae Herman Carroll, his sons Matthew Guy Carroll (spouse Beckie) of Wentzville, MO, James Lawrence Carroll (spouse Tracy) of Troy, MO and his daughter Sandra Carroll Sharer (spouse Scott) of Rincon, GA, grandchildren Casey Carroll (spouse Shelley), Kellie Carroll, Andrew Carroll (spouse Gretta), Alec Carroll (spouse Sarah), Austin Carroll (spouse Xian), Baylie Carroll, Clayton Carroll, Paige Carroll, Jackson Carroll and great grandchildren Elise, Fiona, Ruth Ann, Clara, James, Josephine, Harrison, Charlotte and Isabelle. Deceased brothers are Garland Carroll, Ralph Carroll, sister Bonita Carroll Poe, son Michael Truman Carroll and granddaughter McKenna Maxine Carroll. He was a member of the United Methodist Church of Wentzville.

Larry was honorably discharged with the rank of Staff Sergeant after 5 years of enlisted service with the Air National Guard. His aptitude of mechanical abilities included a wide span including Pratt & Whitney test engines in West Palm Beach Florida, performing experimental testing of jet and rocket engine components for Pratt & Whitney followed by installation and checkout of Atlas Missile and related aerospace ground equipment at sites across the country from 1959 through 1962 (at the beginning of the Soviet/Cuban threat), followed by a 8 years with McDonnell Douglas rising to the level of assistant Foreman at MAC in Final Assembly, Department 177.

Larry was an avid Indy 500 and Daytona 500 fan. He was a member of the St. Louis V8 Car Club and prized his classics -- a '40 Ford, a '64 Mustang and a '50 Olds. He was an Oklahoma Sooner football fan, loved the St. Louis Blues and his grandchildren's sporting events. His casual relaxation included boating on the Mississippi River and Mark Twain Lake, crossword puzzles and playing cards and dominoes with friends and family.





David D. Smith

December 10, 1932 - August 31, 2020

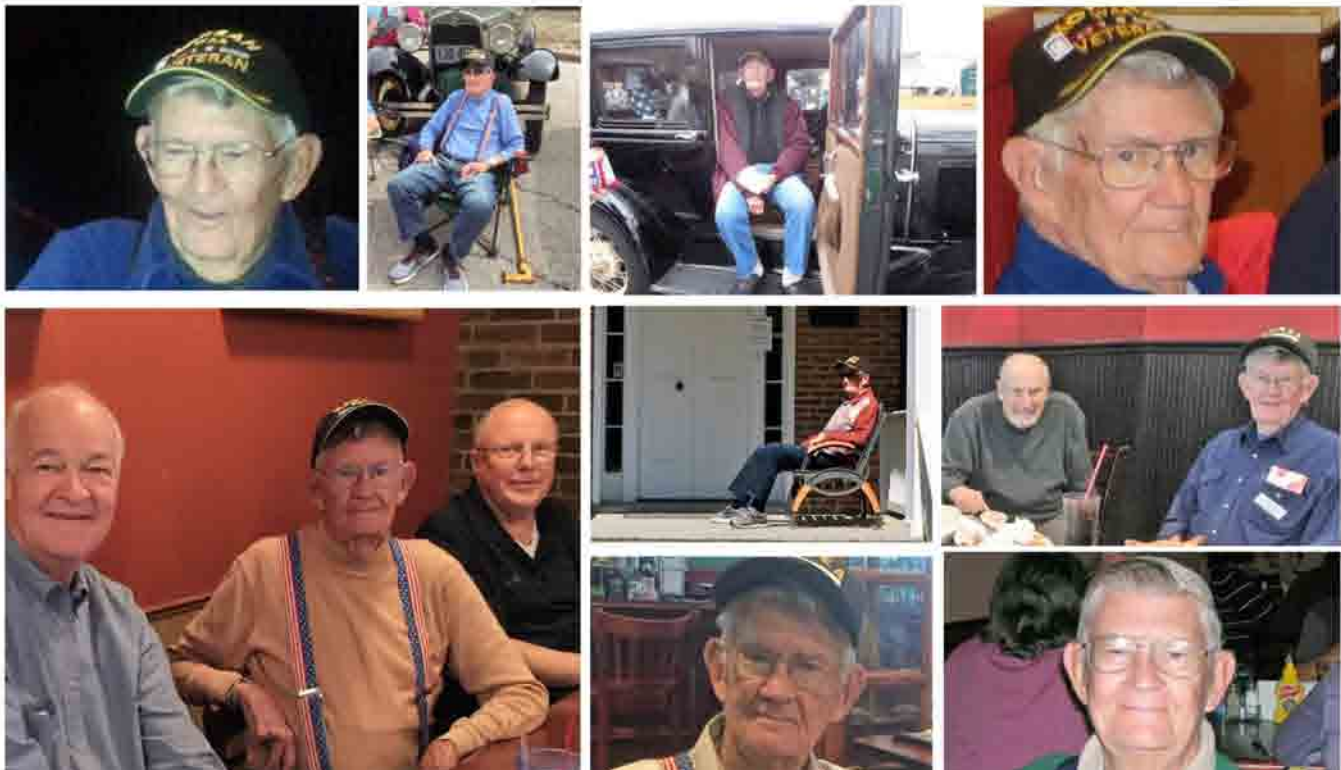
DAVID D. SMITH, age 87, born December 10, 1932. Passed away on Monday, August 31, 2020.

David was predeceased by his parents, three sisters, son Gary and grandson Jerry Flynn. Born in Kansas City, he came to St. Louis in 1966 to work for McDonnell-Douglas as a Spacecraft Electronics Engineer on Apollo 9, 10, 11, 12 and Gemini projects. Later he worked 20 years in audio-visual repair for the Hazelwood School District. Just before he was set to deploy to Korea, orders changed; and he was assigned stateside during the Korean War at Dugway Proving Ground where testing of chemical and biological weapons were taking place. He served as a cook, also worked in the motor pool, and kept the theater running.

David loved his family, his dogs, old cars, and club functions—especially when food and friends were involved. He loved being the official greeter at his car club activities and was never at a loss for words. He could always be depended on to figure out how something worked and how to fix it – old cars, electronics, or just about anything. Up to his last breath, he was even trying to fix himself.

He is survived by his wife Louise, of 56 years of marriage, sons Steven and Larry (Glenda), daughters Pamela (Ken) Kuschwara, Angela Lee, many grandchildren and great-grandchildren – including one boy who just turned one-year-old. David was greatly loved, will be greatly missed and never forgotten.

Just like after reciting the pledge of allegiance at his car club meetings, in Dave's own words, "PLAY BALL!"



Ford in St. Louis



Five People riding in a Ford automobile at 18th St. and Locust St., ca. 1918.
Missouri Historical Society Collections.

St. Louis's Automobile Row

by [Andrew Wanko](#) | Public Historian

To say that the automobile changed St. Louis and the world is certainly an understatement. But it changed the city in more ways than just making it easier to get around. St. Louis was an early center of car manufacturing, and the city developed a notable economy around the sale, service, and marketing of automobiles.

By 1930, at least 29 different car companies had existed in St. Louis, but the early auto market was young, competitive, and unpredictable. The cost of car production was not well understood, and the amount of startup money needed was a businessman's guessing game.

Many aspiring auto manufacturers closed soon after opening. Only 8 of those 29 early car manufacturers in St. Louis appear to have survived more than two years. The most well-known among them include Moon Motors, Victor Motor Car, and Dorris Motors.

As one of the city's most successful car manufacturers, George Preston Dorris pushed himself to make the best cars available. His first company, St. Louis Motor Carriage, introduced the first single-cylinder car ever built. The Police Department later used the St. Louis model as its official 1904 World's Fair patrol car.



Image of A brick warehouse building with signs reading Dorris Motor Car Company Plant No. 3 and Commercial Vehicles 1919

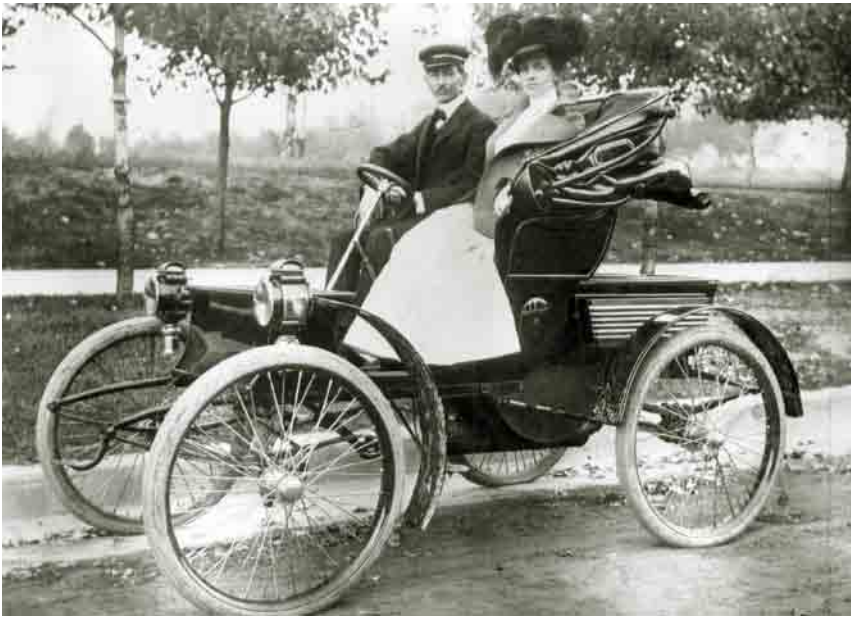


Image of A man and woman seated in the 1901 St. Louis model built by the St. Louis Motor Carriage Car Company, ca. 1901. Missouri Historical Society Collections .

At a time when the famous Ford Model T cost a few hundred dollars, Dorris’s luxurious handmade cars ran into the thousands. Dorris also added a touch of class to his company by personally delivering cars to his customers. The few Dorris automobiles that have survived today symbolize part of St. Louis’s rich transportation history.

In 1908, St. Louis issued new ordinances keeping all automotive buildings in the city’s central corridor west of downtown. “Automobile Row” began forming along Locust Street, as garages, repair shops, parts stores, gas stations, and dealerships lined up between 18th Street and Grand Avenue. At least half of all St. Louis auto dealers operated on this 17-block strip.

The nation’s biggest automotive names popped up on Locust alongside local car manufacturers. Ford, Packard, Cadillac, Buick, and Nash all had showrooms there. Buildings constructed specifically for automobiles began taking on their own style, with overhead doors for car to move through, open showroom floors, and enormous plate glass windows to show off cars.

Today many of the buildings in Automobile Row see new life as restaurants, offices, and lofts.

Packard Missouri Motor Co. showroom at 2201 Locust St., ca. 1916. Missouri Historical Society Collections.



Future Events:

FIRST SATURDAY OF THE M – Breakfast at 8 AM at Village Café, 6127 Ronald Reagan Dr., Lake St. Louis, MO 63367. Just off Hwy 64 at Hwy N across the street from Walmart. 636-561-0235

EVERY WEDNESDAY – The ROMEOs meet at **Culvers 4351 State Hwy K, O’Fallon, MO 63368** at 11:00 AM

EVERY THURSDAY – The ROFers meet at Lion’s Choice 17294 Chesterfield Airport Rd., Chesterfield, MO 63005 at 11:00 AM

SEPTEMBER

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 2 Carroll Anniversary (1956)
- 4 Barbara Decker
- 7 Marty Canada
- 8 Larry Shepard
- 10 Christy Schulte (Brown)
- 19 Conrad Anniversary (2007)
- 24 Tom Drennan
- 26 Aumann Anniversary (1964)
- 27 Dick Davis



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