

CLUB OFFICERS

PRESIDENT:

Bruce Williams

VICE PRESIDENT:

Russell Roark

TREASURER:

Theresa Williams

RECORDING SECRETARY:

Gayle Roark

CORRESPONDING

SECRETARY:

Howard Crawford

NEWSLETTER EDITOR:

Don Rogers

BOARD MEMBERS:

Bonnie Abler

2022-2024

Peggy Crawford

2022-2024

George Ball

2024-2026

David Diehl

2024-2026

Don Taylor

2024-2026



**EARLY FORD V-8
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Stream Lining 1930's Style

President's Message

By Bruce Williams

The November meeting is in the rearview mirror, and as always, it was a great time. Theresa and I hosted at the Bandana's BBQ restaurant in Sunset Hills, and we had a good turnout and a lot of fun, good food, and old Ford stories to share. We also worked thru the list of officers and directors for 2024. As has been our custom in the last several years as our membership has declined a bit, we've only had one candidate for each position. So we have dispensed with the formal voting, and by acclamation (and a bit of arm twisting), the 2024 officers and directors are as follows:



Bruce Williams- President

Russell Roark- Vice President

Theresa Williams- Treasurer

Gayle Roark- Recording Secretary

Howard Crawford- Corresponding Secretary

Don Rogers- Newsletter Editor

Bonnie Abler- Director (ends 2024)

Peggy Crawford- Director (ends 2024)

George Ball- Director (ends 2026)

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Please congratulate your officers and directors, and support them with your active participation and ideas for fun in the coming year. And don't be shy about volunteering to serve next time, or to host a meeting as we put together the '24 calendar of events.

On a health note, Howard Crawford has been under the weather and as I type this, is awaiting surgery to remove his gallbladder. It's akin to swapping out a fuel pump or a condenser...temporarily not roadworthy, but a minor fix will restore full functionality. Please wish Howard a speedy recovery, and keep him and Peggy in your prayers for a healthy holiday season.

Finally, please be sure to join the group at the Christmas party at the Roark's on December 10th. More details are included elsewhere in this newsletter.

Merry Christmas!

Editor's Page

The November Meeting at Bandanas was a great success. Thanks to the Williams for setting it up. There are some of you that we haven't seen for a while. Please make a point to attend the final event of the year, the Christmas Party at the Roarks. We would love to see you again.

The Roarks have once again agreed to host our Christmas Party. Their spacious heated garage with built in kitchen is an ideal place for this event. See more details elsewhere in the newsletter

We extend our best wishes to Howard for a speedy recovery. He is home from the hospital and would love to hear from you.

Enclosed is our annual dues form, Please bring your filled out form and \$20 to the Roark's. If you can't make the party please mail in your check right away. I'm sure that you want to be in the Roster.



November Meeting Minutes

Nov 19, 2023 by Gayle Roark

Photos by Gayle Roark

Today Bruce Williams called upon members to volunteer for offices. We received a thank you note from Ray Aumann's wife. He had a 32 Ford, and passed away. A donation from the club was sent to the Department of Conservation in his honor.

The December meeting will be at the Roark's December 10. The club will furnish meat, and everyone can bring a side dish.

Bruce looked for names for officers, and we also need three directors. One has been vacant for a year, and two will be coming vacant. George Ball, David Diehl, and Don Taylor volunteered to be directors.

For 2024 Officers, Bruce Williams has been president for a total of five years on three occasions, and has agreed to be president one more time next year. Russell Roark continues as vice president. Gayle Roark will continue as recording secretary. Theresa Williams is treasurer. Howard Crawford will continue as Corresponding Secretary. Don Rogers will continue as newsletter editor.

Bruce talked about their vacation to Muscle Shoals Alabama. There is a dam there across the Tennessee River known as Wilson Dam, and it was once offered for sale to Henry Ford soon after WWI. A book called "Electric City" explores the story of Ford's interest in the dam, and his plans to create a giant manufacturing complex to be called "the Dearborn of the south". Ford's plans never materialized, but the dam became part of the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA).

Russell talked about visiting Al and Barb Hartnagel at **The Boulevard** in St. Charles (near I370 and Truman Road).

Bruce handed out some license plate tops and Ford Ovals that were made by John Walters for the V8 meet we hosted in 1996. After this we all had cupcake desserts and adjourned.

Attendees: Hubers, Roarks, Williams, George Ball, Maxine Carroll, David Diehl, Claudette White, Charlie Walters, Taylors, Kerperiens .

November Meeting Photos

by Gayle Roark



December 17th Christmas Party

Hosted By Gayle and Russell Roark



**Roark's garage located at 4286 Hueffmeier Road,
Wentzville, MO, on December 10th @ 1:00 pm.**

**The Roark's will provide the main entrée and ask
attendees to bring a side dish of their choosing
“potluck”.**

Please RSVP by December 7th.

Russell

314-578-3275 (Russell)

314-520-5245 (Gayle)



2024 Calendar of Events R.G. 124

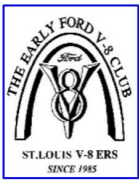
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January	15		1:00 PM	
Feburary	18		1:00 PM	
March	17		1:00 PM	
April	21		1:00 PM	
May	19		1:00 PM	
June	16		1:00 PM	
July	21		1:00 PM	
August	18		1:00 PM	
September	15		1:00 PM	
October	20		1:00 PM	
November	17		1:00 PM	
December	15		1:00 PM	

Bruce's Mercury Update

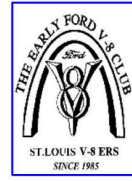
Saturday, November 25th was a big milestone in the restoration of my '46 Mercury... it was "body drop day". The body was removed from the frame on August 9, 2022, so in about 15 months, I restored the chassis and finished body and paint work on the body shell. Much work remains on fenders, hood, etc., but by late Spring '24, those pieces will be finished and painted for installation.

I had a crew of installers to do the heavy lifting... Dave & Drew Kerperien, Dave's friend Brett (another old Ford enthusiast), Lee McDermont, my friend Steve Meyer, my son Joe, and Theresa. With a crew of six lifters and Theresa pushing the chassis under the body, the whole process was completed in under 5 minutes. Now some additional assembly work can move forward during the winter months. Thanks again to a great group of folks who were there when needed!





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Early Ford V-8 Club of America
Membership Info UPDATE for 2024 Roster



Name: _____ Spouse: _____

Newsletter Delivery Method: U.S. Mail () Email ()

I have changes from prior year roster - Yes/No _____

If you answered YES, please note the changes below.

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP Code _____

Phone #: _____ - _____ Cell Yes/No Spouse Phone #: _____ - _____ Cell Yes/No

Email Address: _____ Other Email Address: _____

Birthdays (**Month & Day ONLY**): _____ Yours: ____/____ Spouse ____/____

Wedding Ann. (**Mo./Day/Year**): ____/____/____

Member's EARLY FORD V-8 Collector-Vehicle Information:

Year: _____ Make: _____ Body Type: _____ Model: _____ Veh. Code: _____

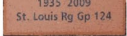
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*** PLEASE ATTACH \$20 DUES CHECK TO THIS FORM**

- **Memorial Bricks** — 
- **Please indicate below if you or your spouse would like a Memorial Brick when the time comes. Otherwise a donation will be made to a charity of your choice.**

Name _____ **Yes** _____ **No** _____

Name _____ **Yes** _____ **No** _____



You're invited to Join

Mail In Membership Application Form



Early Ford V-8 Club of America



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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

New Membership *Check Box as Required* Renewal Membership

MEMBER NAME _____ Regional Group: _____

JOINT NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

TELEPHONE _____ COUNTRY _____

CAR(S) OWNED

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>MAKE</u>	<u>TRIM</u>	<u>ENGINE</u>	<u>BODY STYLE</u>
Sample: 1940	FORD	DELUXE	V-8	TUDOR SEDAN
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

PLEASE SEND FORM & PAYMENT TO:
THE EARLY FORD V-8 CLUB OF AMERICA
 c/o Cornerstone Registration, Ltd.
 P.O. Box 1715 Toll Free (866) 427-7583 (in USA)
 Maple Grove, MN 55311 (763) 420-7829 / FAX (763) 420-7849
 Email: registration@cornerstonereg.com

Credit Card: VISA MASTERCARD (circle one)
 CARD # _____ - _____ - _____
 EXPIRATION DATE: _____
 SIGNATURE: _____

ALL FUNDS ARE US \$
 ** ALL NON-USA AND NON-CANADIAN PAYMENTS MUST BE MADE VIA MASTERCARD or VISA
 (Prices Effective April 1, 2023)

United States

Annual-Surface Mail
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Rest of the World **

Annual-Surface Mail
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Canada

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 Regular Membership \$175, Joint Membership \$185

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 Your Email Address: _____

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How did you find out about us? _____

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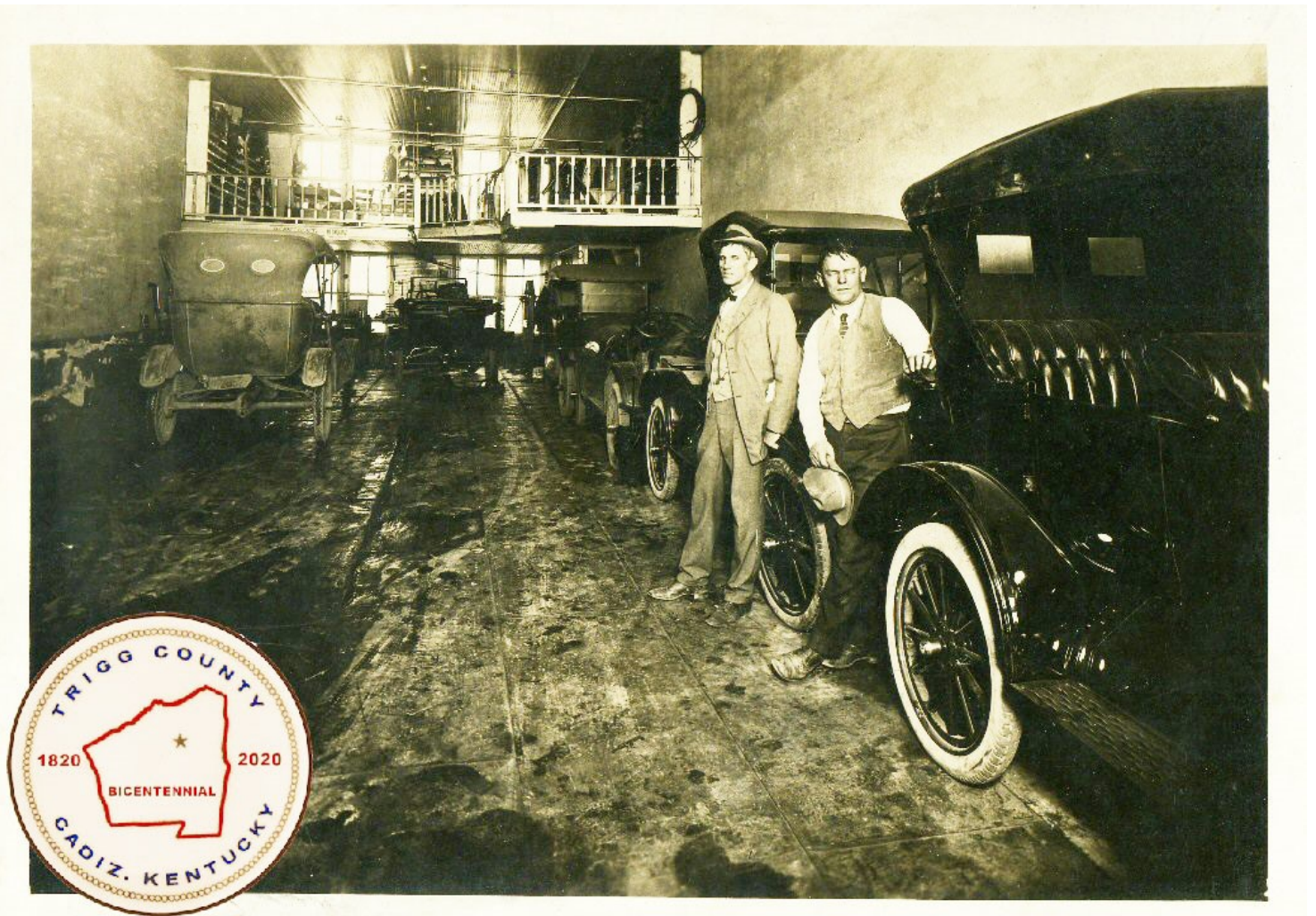
Blast From The Past !!

Ford Dealer Cadiz. KY (1926)

By Jim Gosnell

Hello Don, Attached is a photo of the Ford dealership here in Cadiz, KY. I think I read it was in 1926. Also the article in the local newspaper. Notice the floor in the showroom, I don't think that would pass muster today. The building still stands and is home to an antique shop today.

Jim



Future Events:

SATURDAY, Cancelled for the season

Breakfast 636-398-5089 or
raroark@att.net



Upcoming Events:

December 10th Roark's

November

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 2 Gayle Roark
- 3 Roark Anniversary (1983)
- 4 Bill Klein
- 10 Theresa Williams
- 10 Lemen Anniversary (1966)
- 14 Taylor Anniversary (1957)
- 18 George Ball
- 20 Betty Harper
- 26 George Harper
- 28 Don Rogers
- 31 Maxine Carroll



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