



APRIL, 2019

**Swap Meet Edition!**

# FORD LINES

Our cars and pickups at Southwest Tulsa Historical Society meeting last month!

*. . . from the Prez.*

## Just Southwest of Tulsa

Chief Eaton, president

Well, our busy month of April has finally arrived and in 16 days our Swap Meet layout starts. I had a call this week from a gentleman from out of state who had seen our Swap Meet information on-line and wanted to know since it was being put on by the Early Ford V-8 Club if that meant you could only sell Ford parts. I assured him that he could bring and sell any make of parts so he said he would definitely be here.

We had a good turnout of 11 old Fords and two Chevrolets for our meeting with the Southwest Tulsa Historical Society on March 17th. Mike Denney gave a very informative presentation about our club and history concerning the Ford Motor Company. I appreciate everyone who attended this meeting and made it so successful.

Our March general meeting on the 23rd also was a great turnout of members. Once again, I appreciate everyone who made this possible.

Don't forget Jim McCartney has another great Tire Kicking set up for April 13th. Please try to attend.

Until next month, stay safe and well and hope to see everyone at the Swap Meet!

—Chief Eaton

### BREAKFAST MEETING:

Those in attendance at the Saturday March 23, 2019 Breakfast Meeting were: Sam and Donna Simpson, Ralph and Jane Johnson, Jerry and Deronda Admire, Wayne Wilson, Bill Johnson, Chief Eaton, Gene and Glenda Neal, Hank Snow, Monty and Ann Buechline, Donovan and Donna Smity, Tom Carlin, Stu Youngquist, Rusty Snell, Jim Snell, Don and Janell Diehl, Jeff and Jane Gibson, Mike Denney, Ross Harris, Jim Thomas, Wes Conley, Susie Mays, John Neas, Tom Sawyer, Joyce Bell, Jim McCartney, Bob Krah, Norman Hawk, Rick Rogers, Rick and Marisa Claybaugh and Randy Spaulding.

The \$25 pot winners were: Marisa Claybaugh, Joanna Cooper and Ann Buechline.

## Sam recalls chance meeting; club's start

Almost as old as the club itself, the Early Ford V-8 Tulsa Swap Meet taking center stage in a couple of weeks at the Creek County Fairgrounds between Sapulpa and Kellyville on Route 66, is its 47th annual.

Members can read most of what follows in the front of  
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Sam Simpson ready for 47th Annual Swap Meet, sports new hat given him by President Chief Eaton at recent breakfast meeting.

# It's time for 47th Annual Tulsa Swap Meet . . . Welcome everyone!

In just a few days, April 19-20, the 47th Annual Swap Meet will take over the Creek County Fairgrounds on Route 66 between Sapulpa and Kellyville.

The annual and growing event is hosted and operated by the Early V8 Ford Club of Tulsa, one of the most active car clubs anywhere. The members (with or without a collection of old Fords) have monthly events, tire kicks, road trips, car shows and a monthly breakfast meeting. But the Swap Meet is the big event each year and every member participates at some level.

People selling or seeking automotive parts and collectibles come from all over the area and other states — Kansas, Missouri, Arkansas and Texas.

**TULSA SWAP MEET**  
**APRIL 19th-20th, 2019**  
 Creek County Fairgrounds  
 (At Hwy 33 & Rt 66, 5 mi west of Sapulpa on Rt 66)  
 Swap Meet Hours: Fri-Sat, 7am-6pm  
 All merchandise 80% auto and/or bike related  
**ADMISSION & PARKING ARE FREE TO THE PUBLIC!**  
 Crankshaft Diner crew will again be preparing burgers, dogs & other goodies as well as breakfast featuring biscuits & sausage gravy.  
 For reservations: Kat Conrad, 918-625-5464  
 Sponsored by: The Early Ford V8 Club of Tulsa, OK  
 Visit us at [www.tulsaearlyfordv8.com](http://www.tulsaearlyfordv8.com)

Advertisements (like the one here) have been placed in newspapers and magazines and posted on bulletin boards across a four-state area.

The event is one of the highlights at the Creek County Fairgrounds as well — known for its full calendar of livestock shows,

rodeo and annual county fair.

Early set-up for the Swap Meet actually begins on Thursday, April 18 just after 2 p.m. Security will be provided for vendor. Otherwise, Swap Meet hours are Friday and Saturday — 7 a.m. until 6 p.m. There is no Sunday Swap Meet but vendors may stay over Saturday night.

Admission and parking is free to the public. Seekers and lookers will find all kinds of things inside and outside — everything from carburetors and fenders to up-and-running classic cars and pickups; from ball joints for a 1940 Ford or 1937 Chevy to collections of Hot Rod Magazines, automotive paint; tools, novelties and stuff for the ladies or mancaves.

All merchandise must be 80

percent auto and/or bike related. The Crankshaft Diner crew will again be preparing burgers, dogs and other goodies this year, as well as breakfast featuring biscuits and sausage gravy. No food or drink may be sold or given away other than that authorized or provided by the Early Ford V-8 Club of Tulsa.

Again this year, the club will provide a Complimentary Beans and Cornbread Dinner to early vendor arrivals on Thursday April 18th between 5 and 7 p.m.

For reservations contact: Kat Conrad, P.O. Box 2151, Owasso, OK 74055 or call her at: 918-625-5464. Chairman and hard-working coordinator Ralph Johnson can be reached at 918-361-7700.

## Sam recalls . . .

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 their 2019 Membership Directory, but on the eve of the Swap Meet, FordLines thought it good to offer what was recalled by founding member Sam Simpson during a sit down (or two) at recent club breakfasts. It is safe to say Sam has been a steadfast fixture of the club he helped to organize and at every Swap Meet since.

The history of Regional Group #39 records it being officially organized in the Spring of 1971, but the idea was born a couple of years earlier — 50 years ago. It happened about this way:

Sam had taken his wife Donna to the hospital for a medical procedure. The couple, who will celebrate 62nd wedding anniversary this July, owned a 1940 Ford convertible. As Sam was returning home “coming down Yale,” he spied a Ford just like his, with the top down and sporting a bag of golf clubs. He turned around to get a closer look.

“I decided to follow him home,” Simpson said. Occupants were driver Jimmy Johnson and his wife. Sam’s brother had helped form an early Ford club and suggested

that Sam consider doing the same in Tulsa. He suggested such to Johnson, and as the “old saying goes, the rest is history.

Sam was not driving his Ford at the time, but told Johnson that with two old Fords they had good reason to start a club.

The Tulsa Regional Group was formed in much the same way as any car club.

“A group of guys with a common interest in the preservation, restoration and enjoyment of Flathead Fords,” so goes the history in the directory, met at Bill Seacrest’s shop (Seacrest Pipe Coating, home of several nicely-restored 1932 Fords) to discuss how to solicit membership, etc.

Founding members besides Simpson and Johnson, were Bob Anderson, Carl Goines, Will Myers and Bill Tomblinson. Today, Simpson is the last man standing and remains active. He and Donna seldom miss an activity, setting a trend for members new and old. There have been 10 members who have received their 40-year pins and 11 who have received their 30-year pins for membership. The current club membership stands at nearly 170.

And how did the Swap Meet get started? One of the



Gary Strodes new cap similar to a swap meet cap.

first major activities the club engaged in was hosting a booth in the Felix Graves Swap Meet at Persimmon Hollow (Tulsa) in 1971. In 1972, the Club held its first standalone Swap Meet in the animal stalls at the Tulsa State Fairgrounds.

The early swap meets were financially assisted by the Club member’s wives selling crafts to help make ends meet. After a couple of years’ experience, the Swap Meet was moved to a larger area on the north side of

the Fairgrounds, where it resided for 30 years before being moved to its current location at the Creek County Fairgrounds.

Monies made from the Swap Meets have allowed the Club to advance affordable activities and to make donations to area charitable organizations including the Sapulpa Historical Museum, Clarehouse, the Early Ford V-8 Foundation, and help with tornado relief at places like Piedmont, Okla. and Joplin, Mo.





Roy Heim, above and at far right, Southwest Tulsa Historical Society, introduced club member Mike Denney, center.

## An 'historic' meeting for sure

The Early V-8 Ford Club membership responding to an invitation from Southwest Tulsa Historical Society showed up in good number on Sunday, March 17. It was a beautiful day, and we had a good showing of cars and folks from our club.

After some confusion about which church the meeting was at, we eased on down the road to the right place. Ralph supplied us with St. Patrick's day green donuts for energy!

The Southwest Tulsa Historical Society was started by Roy Heim and his wife Sherry in 1992. The Society is devoted to seeking and saving every bit of memorabilia and historical records on Tulsa's Westside as possible. Roy is a re-

tired Tulsa police officer, and has many interesting stories of his own!

He introduced Mike Denney, who shared with the group what our Early Ford

duction, and just what a flathead engine is! It was an interesting talk, and at the end, he shared a bit of personal history. Mike told about his life change from Tulsa to Los Angeles, a bit about his career (from drummer to director),

and then we wrapped up and moved outside to see all of the cars including Sam and Donna Simpson's 1951 Ford Victoria; both Richard and Eunice Stiger brought cars, as did Mike and Joan Denny, Gary and Charlene Arnett, Jerry Whitt, Bob Krah, Jeff and Jane Gibson, Chief Eaton, Ralph and Jane Johnson (pickup shown below), Jim Sinclair and Jerry Baird.



V-8 Club is all about, and a bit of our own history. Then he launched into one of his favorite topics: "the history of Ford," not only Henry and Edsel, but Model T-s, pro-

*Thanks to Joan Denney and Gary Arnett for compiling this report.*



Jerry Baird, left, taking it easy at the Carbondale Church of Christ parking lot. All eyes on the flathead, right.

## Member Forum:

# Just Ask Layton



This month begins with an update on my newly installed ceramic sealed bearing water pumps on the 40 Convertible. The new water pumps were rebuilt by George "Skip" Haney in Florida (he advertises in the V8 Times) and so far so good! The exposed internal parts looked to be high quality, and they are quiet and no oil spray to clean up so I am very happy!

Good news and bad news on my ongoing fuel gauge research. I was able to get the fuel gauge to work somewhat, but the bad news is the gauge needle does not match the scale. What I mean by that is when the tank is full, the needle goes up to just above the "E" mark and as fuel is used up, the needle drops until it is almost not visible but it is working. I found two more reproduction sending units, one vintage ford sending unit and another 1940 fuel gauge so I decided to test the other gauge and sending units on my car. The outcome was the same as the one in the dash. The needle is also a little erratic when I'm driving the car. I don't know if the ohm output from the sending units do not match the old gauges or what, but in my research I found this problem plagues many people with old cars of all types. If anyone has managed to get a gas gauge to work correctly with available parts, please let us know!

Next up is a question from Gary Arnett. Gary asks: Layton I think I need a new fuel pump. I am running the 1946-48 with a glass settling bowl. Have you heard of suppliers that provide quality pumps and ones that should be avoided because they are defective? Car idles good, but I have to pull the choke on driving down the street and especially to accelerate. Occasionally get popping through carburetor on acceleration.

When I disconnect line from pump to carb after engine has been running, I have no residual gas left on the line. Any thoughts on this? Well Gary, I'm no expert on fuel pumps so I did a little internet research and one comment kept coming up about similar symptoms to yours as well as vapor locking (which I think you have had vapor locking issues before) was a worn fuel pump pushrod that was no longer long enough to provide a full stroke to operate the fuel pump completely. Could that explain having to help it along with the choke while driving? Also the shortened or worn fuel pump rod would not keep the fuel supply line full enough when hot to prevent vapor lock. One of the Internet "experts" commented that he bought two fuel pumps without fixing his problem until an old-timer mechanic told him about the fuel push rod.

If anyone can help Gary with some good advice, please let us know so we can share it with the club and get Gary's car running good again.

If you have answers to any of these questions or a new question of your own, send me an email at [lcdoz@hotmail.com](mailto:lcdoz@hotmail.com) or call me at 407-314-0498.

## Mark Calendar:

October 5 & 6, 2019

## Act now to secure Road Trip to Robbers Cave/Talimena Drive

This is to notify all members of a fall trip to Robbers Cave/Talimena Drive. The trip would involve leaving at 8:30 AM the morning of October 5th, driving our V-8 Fords. We would travel to Robbers Cave State Park and have a picnic lunch and spend some time there. We would then travel on to the Queen Wilhelmina State Park Lodge to spend the night and have dinner at the lodge. The next morning we will have breakfast at the lodge and travel in the direction of Sallisaw and have lunch somewhere along the way.

What the club needs is for all those wanting to make the trip to contact Ralph Johnson and then by April 12 make your reservations at 1-800-264-2477 or email to [HYPERLINK "mailto:queenwilhelmina@arkansas.com"](mailto:HYPERLINKmailto:queenwilhelmina@arkansas.com) queenwilhelmina@arkansas.com

Tell them you are with the Early Ford V-8 Club and would like to make reservations for the 5th of October. Provide them with the Event ID# 60375459.

Cost will be \$85 plus tax for one night. Looking forward to making the trip and hope everyone is in attendance.

## Swap Meet List:

Members can sell items at the club's booth at the Swap Meet. A form with instructions is published as an insert in this edition of FORD LINES on which a member can describe what they are selling, list the asking price and lowest price bid that will be accepted. Be sure to give your name and phone number on the form so Ralph or those operating the booth can reach you.

## Slices and Slabs:

### SWEET AND SPICY CANDIED PECANS

(Bon Appetit) from Joan Denny

Yield: Makes 1 ½ cups

Nonstick vegetable oil spray

- 3 tbsp light corn syrup
- 1 ½ tbsp sugar
- ¾ tsp salt
- ¼ tsp (generous) freshly ground black pepper
- 1/8 tsp cayenne pepper
- 1 ½ cups pecan pieces

Heat oven to 325 degrees. Spray baking sheet with nonstick spray. Combine corn syrup and next 4 ingredients in large bowl. Stir to blend. Add pecans; stir gently to coat. Transfer to baking sheet.

Place large piece of foil on work surface. Bake pecans 5 minutes. Using fork, stir pecans to coat with the melted spice mixture. Continue baking until pecans are golden and coating bubbles, about 10 minutes. Transfer to foil. Working quickly, separate nuts with fork. Cool. (store in airtight container).





**ONE NEVER KNOWS** what can be found at a Swap Meet. Member and collector Hank Snow found this treasure — a K.R. Wilson Ford distributor tester. He did some show and tell at the monthly breakfast meeting of the Early Ford V-8 Club of Tulsa recently. In the Ford Model T and Model A years, K.R. Wilson was the biggest tool supplier for specific Ford tools. Starting in an old barn in Buffalo, New York, where he repaired Ford vehicles, Wilson gained fame for his low-priced and easy to use tools.

## Real News

### **You have heard of Fake News? Here's the Real Wallace Henry recovering**

As many of you know, on Friday March 22nd Wallace Henry fell and broke his hip. He had surgery on Saturday the 23rd and did very well. He will be recovering at St. John's rehab in Broken Arrow.

We wish Wallace the very best and **SPEEDY RECOVERY!!**

### **Drink Donations Needed**

Members are being asked to think about donating soda pop and water to the Swap Meet cause as they find bargains when shopping. Members can let workers know when and what they are bringing. The phone numbers and other ways you can help are listed on page 8 of this edition of FordLines.

## Tire Kickin' 4/13

We are going to Fuller Auto and Gas Museum owned by Mike Fuller in Inola. He has cars, gas pumps, globes, toys, cookie jars and all sorts of primitives. We were there several years ago, but new things have been added and buildings change. The cars are different kinds and all different years. Mike can tell you about the history, where each came from on all things there. We are going to have coffee, donuts and whatever.

We will meet at Admiral and Memorial, southwest corner behind the QT Station on Saturday, April 13, and leave at 8:30 so we can be in Inola at 9 a.m. It will be a good drive for all of us and something to see. Get up, get your cars out and have some fun.

We will leave Admiral and Memorial, go East until we get to 193rd East Ave. (also called County Line Road). Stop in parking lot on southeast corner to gather up with each other. We head east on Highway 412, until we get almost to Inola. There is a Sinclair Convenience Store on the southeast corner. The Museum has one bathroom, so this could also be a potty stop. We will head southeast to Inola to the Museum.

It is at 1st and Broadway in Inola. If you go through the stop light you have gone too far. The stop light is the next corner past the Museum. Mike does not charge admittance but does have a donation jar if you like. This is a neat place to see and if you want, we can donate to help with the upkeep and whatever.

Call me if you have questions, Jim McCartney 918-693-1335.

## Board Meeting

### **Minutes of the February 12, 2019 Tulsa Early Ford V-8 Club**

The board meeting was called to order by President Chief Eaton. Board members present were Chief Eaton, Ralph Johnson, Janet Spaulding and Bob Boren. Club members present were Mary Ellen Means, Jim McCartney, Rick Rogers, Donna and Sam Simpson, Jerry Whitt, Peggy Boren, Don and Janell Diehl, and Gary Strode.

The January minutes were passed out and approved.

The treasurer report was passed out and approved.

Committee Reports:

**Benevolence:** Roy Kidd passed away and flowers were sent.

**Membership:** Membership dues are coming in for 2019.

**Tire Kicks:** Jim is working on monthly tire kicks and was pleased with the turn out for the Heart of Route 66 Museum event at Sapulpa.

**Swap Meet:** Ralph is arranging for the golf carts. All is going well in preparation.

**New Business:** Discussed a couple of trips for the club as a group and maybe an over night trip to Talimena Drive or some other area of the state.

**Old Business:** Don Diehl discussed a couple of additional possible places to advertise the swap meet.

The meeting was adjourned.

— Donovan L. Smith, secretary

## Card of Thanks

Thank you so much for sending the beautiful red, white and blue flower arrangement for my Dad's service. My parents, Roy & Vivian Kidd, truly appreciated all the love and friendships from the Ford V-8 Family.

— Sincerely, Julie Strauss





Janell and Don Diehl, left, say “and don’t forget the May 11 Car Show.” About 20 have pre-registered and secured a free dash plaque. Meanwhile, Bob Boren, right, received a 1939 Ford hat pin from Jim McCartney.

## Breakfast Faces!



Smiles for photographer Gary Arnett reveals another happy crowd at the March Breakfast Meeting. At right, several members who don't get to attend all the time are pictured. Below left, is another good representative photo.



Terry Sandford, Kat Conrad, Jayne Trimble and Janet Spauldin have “table talk” and breakfast at the big March general meeting turnout at Union Street Station in West Tulsa.





SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 APRIL FOOLS' DAY	2	3 HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Helen Freeman	4	5 HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Eddie Michels	6 HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: Don and Janell Diehl <small>Event times &amp; places are subject to change. Please check the monthly newsletter. <a href="http://tulsaearlyfordv8.com">tulsaearlyfordv8.com</a></small>
7 HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: Richard and Eunice Stiger HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: Wes and Shirley Conley	8 HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Shirley Conley  Mr. Swap Meet	9  BOARD MEETING 7PM	10	11	12 HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Don Diehl Claudia Underwood	13  HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Betty Fritz TIRE KICK
14 PALM SUNDAY	15 TAX DAY	16  SWAP MEET LAYOUT	17  SWAP MEET LAYOUT/ BREAKFAST	18  SWAP MEET VENDORS ARRIVAL HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Pat Snow	19  SWAP MEET GOOD FRIDAY	20  SWAP MEET PASSOVER
21 EASTER SUNDAY	22 OKLAHOMA DAY	23	24 ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS' DAY	25 TAKE DAUGHTERS/ SONS TO WORK DAY	26 HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Jayne Trimble ARBOR DAY	27  GENERAL MEETING
28	29	30 HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Donavan Smith				
<h1>APRIL</h1> <p>THE EARLY FORD V-8 CLUB OF AMERICA TULSA REGIONAL GROUP</p>						

# Schedule for Swap Meet/V-8 Club 2019 Fund Raiser

**Tuesday 4/16** 9:00 A.M. meeting & grounds layout — Men's job (they go out to lunch)

**Wednesday 4/17** 7:30/8:00 A.M. famous Waffle breakfast with strawberries, whip cream, bacon, sausage, drinks.  
9:00 A.M. final grounds layout — Guys again  
10:00 A.M. CAFE SUPPLIES ARRIVE/SET UP — LADIES  
12:00 Noon — workers lunch (sandwiches on site)

**Thursday 4/18** 9:00 A.M. complete the facility setup -- all areas  
12:00 Noon - workers lunch (pizza on site)  
12:00 Noon the Vendors start to arrive  
5:00 P.M. BEANS & CORNBREAD DINNER — LADIES (for this we need BEANS, regular & jalapeno CORNBREAD, BROWNIES and COOKIES)

**Friday 4/19 and Saturday 4/20** THE CRANKSHAFT CAFE IS NOW OPEN!  
7:00 A.M. - 10:00 A.M. BISCUITS & SAUSAGE GRAVY BREAKFAST  
11:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. LUNCH — LADIES and GUYS (for this we need DESSERTS such as pies and cakes)  
WORKERS NEEDED: cashiers, chefs, food "prep", dessert "prep", dessert sales.

**Sunday 4/21** Clean up and Closeout.  
**WE SINCERELY HOPE YOU WILL COME OUT AND JOIN US. WE REALLY DO HAVE A LOT OF FUN!!!!**  
**PLEASE LET ONE OF US KNOW IF and WHEN YOU CAN HELP!**  
Donna Simpson 918-855-3968, Mary Ellen Means 918-694-7421 and  
Gail Sinclair 918-369-5018

**One more note to members: We need beans and cornbread for the vendors' Thursday night dinner. Last year we ran short of beans.— Ralph.**

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