

FORD LINES



December, 2019

Merry Christmas!

Plans, Parties, Parades!

Notes from our Prez.

Just Southwest of Tulsa

Chief Eaton, president

It doesn't seem possible that 2019 is almost over. I feel this year has been very productive with well attended general meetings and some very interesting tire kicks (also well attended.)

We had a really great tire kicking in November in Miami at the Coleman Theatre. What a great piece of history that has been beautifully preserved.

Our club has elected three new directors for 2020. They are Jerry Admire, Gail Sinclair and Jim Sinclair. Your new officers for 2020 will be president, Jerry Admire; vice president: Gary Arnett; treasurer: Gail Sinclair; secretary, Donovan Smity; and parliamentarian, Jim Sinclair. I feel these individuals will be a great asset in keeping the Tulsa Early Ford Club growing in a positive direction.

Please don't forget the upcoming Christmas parades as well as our club Christmas Party on the 15th of December.

I would like to close by thanking all club members for their support these past two years by attending our general meetings and tire kickings and all the help with putting on the swap meet.

Hope to see everyone at the Christmas Party (see back page) and would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas. —Chief



Coleman's Ghost?

By Gary Arnett, club photographer

The guide had finished the back stage tour when Janet Spaulding asked him a few more questions about the theater.

She, Charlene and I were about the only ones still back stage with only a couple lights left on. The tour guide answered Janet's questions, then he said he had another "true story" to tell us:

"It was a dark stormy night," he paused and said, "it really was a stormy night." He was alone backstage making sure everything was closed down before he left. In the dim light behind the stage curtains he heard someone back stage with him. He could make out the image of a tall, slim man strolling toward him. The man was looking upward moving his head from side to side.

The guide recalled that he hollered, "Sir! You can't be back here we are closing." The figure ignored him several times and just kept looking up in amazement.

The figure came closer and closer totally ignoring the guide. The figure started talking to the guide and said, "I love this theater. I just love this theater and I am never going to leave."

"The figure turned around and slowly started back across the dark back stage in the direction from which he had just come," our guide told us.

The guide knew that he had a flashlight just a few steps away. He quickly retrieved his flashlight, which only took a few seconds. He turned the flashlight on and shined it toward where the tall slim figure went, but there was no one there."

Others have encountered a tall, slim man in the theater too. A group of people stopped by the theater to see about a tour. They said that the glass doors were locked so they decided to knock and see if someone would come and let them in. They had knocked several times when a tall, slim man stepped into the lobby and told them that the theater was closed. [Continued on page 3]



Tire Kicks

Nov. Tire Kick was Road Trip to Coleman

BY JIM MCCARTNEY

The Early Ford V-8 Club, Regional Group #39 traveled to Miami, Oklahoma on route 66 for the November Tire Kick to visit the Coleman Theatre. (See photos on pages 4-5).

On Nov. 9, thirty-eight members of the club ventured out to travel on the old highway to tour this fabulous theatre built in 1929 for vaudeville acts traveling across these United States. There were five vintage autos driven from Catoosa River Park to Miami; which, included Janet and Jim Ayers, 1951 red Ford Convertible; Jim Sinclair, 1940 Ford Coupe; Dave Jensen in a 1934 Ford Coupe; Ralph Johnson, 1949 Ford F-1 pickup; and a foreign 1951 Tudor auto driven by Layton Dozier. All others rode in those rough-riding LMV's, which included Chief and Peggy Eaton, Rick Rogers, Janet Spaulding, Don and Janell Diehl, Jim Sinclair, Sam and Donna Simpson, Donovan and Donna Smith, Gary and Charlene Arnett, Wayne and Linda Wilson, Jane Johnson, Roger and Jeannie Johnson, (new members), Layton Dozier, Jim McCartney, Joyce Bell, Rusty, Teresa, Jimmy and Johnny Snell, Randy and Christy Spaulding, Jim and Janet Ayers, Dave Jensen and several mothers, grandmother and misc. relatives.



After listening to Danny Dillon, assistant manager and his associate tell about the theater everyone was allowed to go on stage, behind the stage, visit the dressing rooms, the balcony, and check out all of the interesting artifacts of the facility while listening to Wurlitzer organ music. Once everyone had walked through and looked at every facet of the facility an excellent lunch was served. When lunch was finished we were welcome to go back and view anything we missed and everyone traveled home at their leisure; except for one couple, that opted to go to Branson.

Those not making this trip missed an extraordinary and interesting visit to the past and present.

November General Meeting

November 23, 2019 Breakfast Meeting attendees were: Sam and Donna Simpson, Chief Eaton, Ralph Johnson, Willis Smith, Bill Johnson, Gary and Charlene Arnett, Wayne Wilson, Don and Janell Diehl, Stu Youngquist, Tom Carlin, Bobby Boren, Donovan and Donna Smith, Wes Conley, Monty and Ann Buechline, John Snell, Rusty and Teresa Snell, Jimmy Snell, Jerry Whitt, Terry and Kat Sandford, Joyce Bell, Rick Rogers, Jim McCartney, Janet Spaulding, Jerry and Deronda Admire and Tom and Jayne Trimble. (And several others who failed to sign the sheet).

The \$25 Pot Winners were: Mary Ellen Means, Norm Hawk, and Kat Sandford! Peanut Brittle winner — Jimmy Snell.

Member Forum:

Just Ask Layton



BY LAYTON DOZIER

I had a pretty good auto mechanic experience this month and thought I would share it with you. I started experiencing some front end wobble and extreme front tire wear. Tom Tremble suggested that I talk to Alan Lemmons about it since he has much experience with older cars.

I made an appointment to drop the car off, but when I got there he wanted to do a quick inspection and we found a few issues right away. I started to call for a ride and he ask me if I had anything planned that afternoon. I said I didn't so he suggested I stay and work on it with him! Wow, I never had a mechanic offer to let me help and learn about what they were going to do. Not only that but he took me to lunch!

As we talked that afternoon, I found out that his dad used to race with my uncle back in the early sixties at Tulsa Speedway and he also knows quite a few of our Ford club members as well, mostly through racing.

It was a fun afternoon, and I learned a few things, and my car drives much better now!

Also, this month I would like to talk about polarizing a generator. I'm sure most of you already know the importance of it and how to do it, but its easy to forget and can cause some problems when not done, ask me how I know!

So why do we need to polarize a generator anyway? Well in simple terms, for your cars charging system to work properly and keep the battery charged while we drive, the generator and regulator need to be charging in the same direction; working together and not against each other. If they are working against each other, your car will quickly run down the battery until your ignition system will no longer work and leave you stranded.

So when do we need to polarize the charging system?

- When the battery is removed or replaced.
- when the generator has been serviced or removed.
- When the regulator has been serviced or replaced.

How do we polarizes our Ford V8's with a 6V positive ground system you ask? With a fully charged battery with all the cables and wires connected to the battery, generator, and voltage regulator and the vehicle is not running, disconnect the field wire at the regulator. It should be marked with an "F" on the regulator (if not the generator also should have an "F" and you can follow the wire up to the regulator). If you have enough slack in the field wire to reach the battery terminal on the regulator (may need a small jumper wire), just swipe or touch the battery terminal quickly until you see a spark, that's it! just reconnect the field wire and you are polarized and your charging system is working in harmony once again.

If you have answers to any of these or ones of your own, send an email tolcdoz@hotmail.com or call 407-314-0498.

Coleman's Ghost

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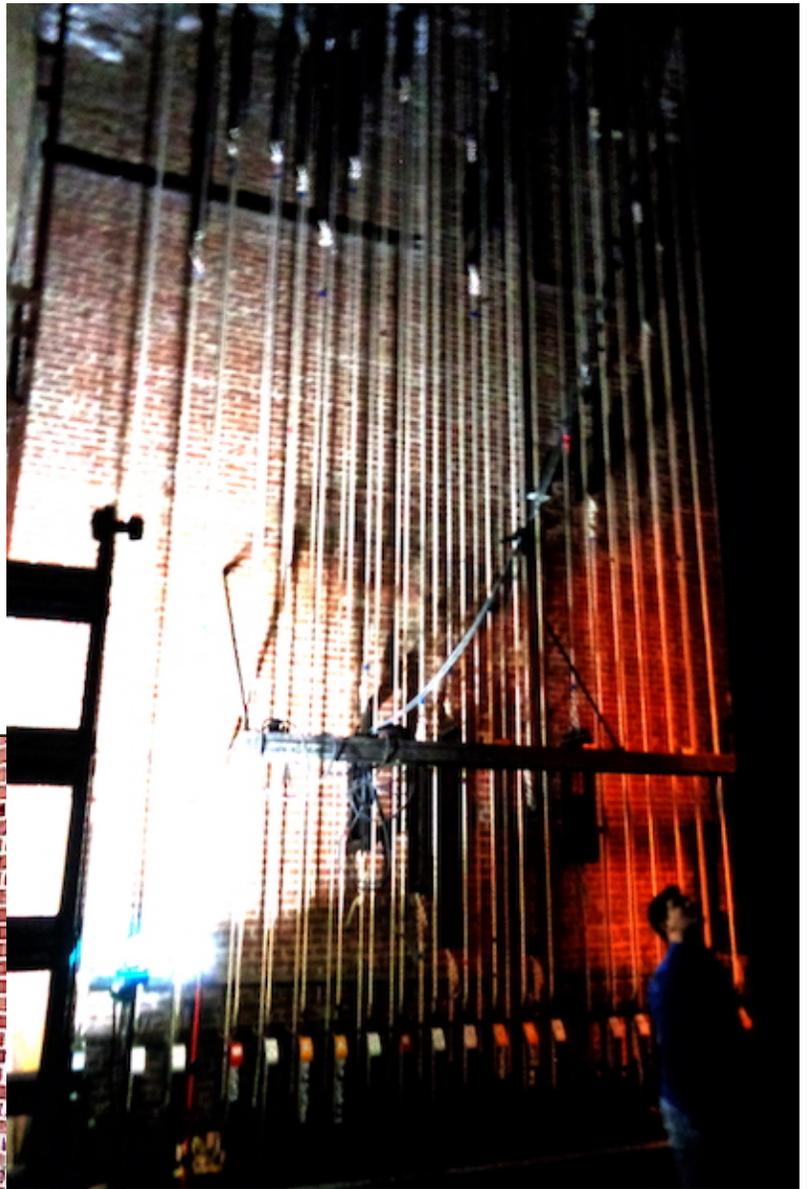
They could see him through the glass doors as he stood there in the lobby. They tried to persuade him to allow them to come and several times they were told to go away the theater was closed. They finally gave up and left.

Some of them returned a few days later and found the theater open for business. They related their first attempt to tour the theater and how they were turned away by the tall, slim man.

They were informed that at the time of their first attempt to tour the Coleman theater was locked and that absolutely no one was in the building.

[We assume the ghost sightings would be Mr. Coleman who was never that far away from his beloved theater.]

At right, behind stage, there appears a ghostly figure and we wonder. Wait a minute. I think it's one of the Snell twins. And that guy below? Not Mr. Coleman either. It's just Rick Rogers appearing rather caged in the alley.



One of our tour guides at the Coleman has worked there as an usher since his teens. Ushers would get dressed in their uniforms on the second floor, then come down the grand staircase to assist the customers. As they descended the staircase they would give the nude lady statue a little pat on her backside for good luck.

Tire Kick/Road Trip to The Coleman . . .

A wealthy lead and zinc mining magnate in Northeast Oklahoma, George L. Coleman, Sr. loved movies and vaudeville. He decided that Miami needed a true movie palace. So, he built the Coleman Theatre Beautiful at a cost of \$600,000, which opened in April of 1929. It is now insured for more than \$6 million and, thanks to the generosity of the Coleman heirs, belongs to the City of Miami and its citizens. The Coleman Theatre, after restoration and renovation, has become the center of cultural activities in Miami and the heart of downtown rejuvenation. It is active and open to the public to this day and is the living legacy of Coleman.



The tour begins. [Top right].

The Chandelier.

The signage.

Club vehicles out front.

The meal.



George L. Coleman, Sr. was one of Miami's most prominent businessmen. He also was instrumental in the building of the Miami Baptist Hospital and Hotel Miami as well as a modern school system.

Coleman moved to Miami in 1895 where he and his brother Alfred were partners in a water well drilling firm. While drilling for water, the company discovered very large lead and zinc ore deposits. Their first strike came in the Picher and Commerce area in 1905. They first thought it could be gold. It might as well have been. The world was arming for world wars. The Colemans made millions and millions of dollars. In 1922, the brothers purchased 51 percent interest in the Plains Motor Company, maker of the "Plains Truck," formerly known as the "Holmes Truck." In about 1925, they rebranded the operation as "Coleman Motors Company" in Littleton, Colorado. In 1930, George took over as president when his older brother Alfred died, and continued in that role until his own death in 1945. Coleman Company continued to produce heavy trucks and other specialized equipment until 1987.



It was in 1928 that Coleman purchased the site for construction of his legacy, the Coleman Theatre. The theatre opened in April 1929 to a sold out house of more than 1,500.

From the outside to the inside, each thing has a unique story.



Photos by
Gary
Arnett
and
Don Diehl



Karel Ann Lollman passes

Karel Ann Lollman was born Sept. 21, 1939 in Smithville, Mo. She died Oct. 29, 2019 in Tulsa. Her funeral services were Nov. 4, 2019 at the Hayhurst Funeral Home Chapel in Broken Arrow. Interment was at Park Grove Cemetery there. Husband and long time member Ken died Sept. 5.



V-8 JUICE . . . from the editor

Well, if you haven't figured it out yet, this edition of Ford Lines is heavy on our exciting tire kick, aka road trip down Route 66 to Miami and the famed Coleman Theatre Beautiful.

Hope you enjoy and are encouraged to commit to go on these kinds of adventures being planned for 2020.

Meanwhile, one of the best things about going to the hospital for hernia surgery (besides getting repaired, of course) is that members' pray for you . . . and I was thrilled with the planter! Thanks to each of you and especially the 'benevolent' Gail Sinclair.

By the way, as we go to press, photog Gary Arnett is being fitted for new 3-wire pacemaker. — Don



Did rowdy tire kick bring police?

We have some clarification from club member and host of our October Tire Kick, John Neas. Lacie, Sally, and I enjoyed the club's tire kick at my hobby shop on October 12th. Thank you, Club. Most people in the club, however, may not know that the group was so rowdy the police arrived in the aftermath. (See photo). While the car was running it set off the glass breakage alarm. I could not hear the alarm going off nor the phone call from the alarm company, so the police were called. The young attractive police lady was probably glad she met a friendly group and she posed with Lacie for several photos.



2020 DUES ARE DUE!

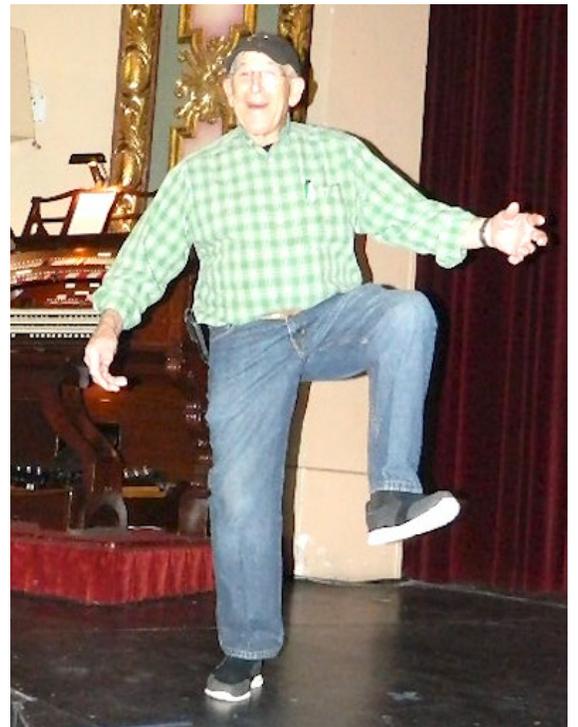


President Chief Eaton and wife Peggy check out the chandelier at the Coleman.

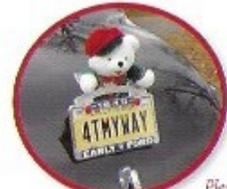
Broken Arrow Parade Dec 7

Those V-8er's that were in the Jenks Christmas Parade were Rusty, Teresa, Jimmy and Johnny Snell, '52 Ford F-6; Willis Smith, '40 Mercury Coupe; Bob and Aprille Krah; '36 Ford 5-window coupe; Mike and Joan Denney '39 Ford Convertible Coupe; Wayne Blackmon and Ralph Johnson, '49 F-1 Pickup. Everyone enjoyed the old V-8's, but lets get more of our V-8's out at the next parade in Broken Arrow.

The Broken Arrow Civitan Christmas Parade is December 7th. We will meet east of Main Street on College Street between 9:15 and 9:30. There is a donut shop a block or two away. After the parade we will meet at Shiloh's for lunch. — Ralph Johnson



Rowdy Ralph kicking up his heels on stage at the Coleman.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1  Ross & Susan Harria, Anv.	2	3 Event times & places subject to change. Please check the monthly newsletter. tulsaeartyfordv8.com	4	5	6 Rusty Snell - BD	7 BA Christmas Parade PEARL HARBOR DAY
8	9 Sharon Sawyer - BD <i>Wow, Look at how many were married on this date!</i>	10  BOARD MEETING 7PM	11	12 Janet Spaulding - BD 	13	14  Tulsa Christmas Parade TIRE KICK
15  CHRISTMAS PARTY	16 Gary & Charlene Arnett William & Lynda Brown Ralph & Jane Johnson Ed & Marilyn Krah	17 	18	19 Janet Ayers - BD	20	21 Stephen Campbell - BD Carl & Dorothy Hunter, Anv. FIRST DAY OF WINTER
22 Ed & Anita Brummett, Anv. Ross Harris - BD HANUKKAH BEGINS	23	24 Mike Denney - BD	25 BD — Jimmy & Johnny Snell CHRISTMAS DAY	26	27 Hayden & Connie Bramlett, Anv.	28  GENERAL MEETING
29 Dorothy Hunter - BD	30 Tom & Sharon Sawyer, Anv. Jim Sinclair - BD	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE 	DECEMBER THE EARLY FORD V-8 CLUB OF AMERICA TULSA REGIONAL GROUP			

Please Note: final date & time for the Christmas Party will be announced in the monthly Newsletter.



Tulsa Early Ford V-8 Club

2019 CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sunday, December 15th
TULSA CREEK INDIAN COMMUNITY CENTER
8611 S. Union, Tulsa



DINNER AT 2 P.M.

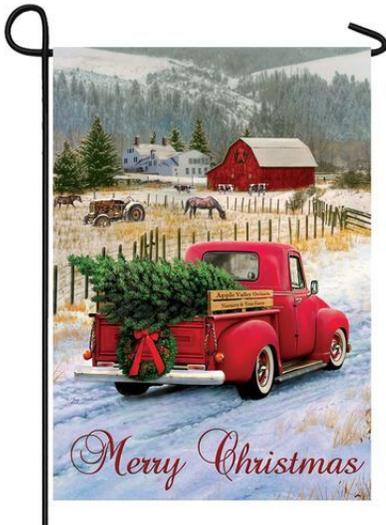
Club will provide turkey, ham, condiments, rolls and drinks.

Please bring your favorite holiday side dish such as: dressing, gravy, vegetables, potato, salad and dessert.

Do help Santa fill his sleigh for the "Children on the CHEROKEE NATION ANGEL TREE"

by bringing an unwrapped toy.

Come and enjoy an afternoon of food, fun and fellowship!!



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**Picked
Pic
from
Last
Month:**



ROAD "RED'DY" — Jim and Janet Ayrs (51 Ford convertible) and Ralph and Jane Johnson (49 Ford F-1), pose for possible Calendar shot at Catoosa River Park en route to Coleman Theatre.