



FORD LINES

• Old Theatre! • Some great pics of Fall events and activities!

November, 2019 / Blessed Thanksgiving!
THANKFUL TO GOD FOR OUR CLUB FAMILY!

Notes from our Prez.

Just Southwest of Tulsa

Chief Eaton, president

I never would have thought that about a month after the passing of our club member Ken Lollman that we would hear of the untimely passing of Ken's wife, Karel. Our condolences go out to the Lollman family in the loss of Karel. [Benevolent chair Gail Sinclair offers this at presstime: The funeral service will be at Hayhurst Funeral Home, 1660 S. Elm, Broken Arrow on Monday, November 4, at 11:00 a.m. Visitation will be Sunday from 2-8 p.m. The family will be at the visitation 6-8 p.m.]



October was a busy and otherwise fun month. We started out with the Talimina Drive overnight which was a lot of fun.

We also had a great time at our tire kicking at John Neas. John has many interesting things to see and stories to hear. The Halloween party at Layton and Debi Dozier's was cancelled due to the wet and cool

weather and I would like to thank them for their work and effort in preparing for the party.

If you haven't already done so, please sign up for the November 9th Tire Kicking in Miami, Okla., at the Coleman Theatre. At last count we had about 25 club members already signed up.

Anyone wanting a picture of their car in the calendar for 2020 needs to get it set to Jayne Trimble ASAP! [Gary Arnett is offering his services.]

In closing, I would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and remember the Lollman family in your thoughts and prayers.

—Chief

Monthly General Meeting

Saturday, October 26, 2019

Attending: Chief Eaton, Sam and Donna Simpson, Bill Johnson, Gary and Charlene Arnett, Donovan and Donna Smith, Wayne Wilson, Gene and Glenda Neal, Rusty Snell, Don and Janell Diehl, Richard and Eunice Stiger, Hank Snow, Jerry Whitt, Layton and Debi Dozier, Tom and Jayne Trimble, Forrest Underwood, Gary Strobe, Bob and Peggy Boren, Jim and Gail Sinclair, Janet Spaulding, Norman Hawk, Joyce Bell, Jim McCartney and Rick Rogers. \$25 pot winners: Gail Sinclair, Janell Diehl, Donovan Smith.



GARY ARNETT PHOTO

Club members John and Sally Neas also were our hosts at an impressive Tire Kick this past month. [Story/pics inside].

ALSO
INSIDE:
The first in
a series of
features
about the
region's
Old Movie
Theatres.

... and a
feature on
our own
Phil Jud-
kins —
The Pipe
Organ
Man.



Tire Kicks

BY JIM MCCARTNEY

Our October 12th Tire Kicking was an exciting morning at John and Sally Neas's place where about 9:15 a.m. John and his workers started a dragster that was a Dunn & Reath car also called RainBo Car because of the paint, the way it was back in its time. The start was a loud, but pretty sound to us race car enthusiasts. Sally, John's wife, helped put their secretary in the drivers seat of this car. They talked to me about it and she says she wants to race sometime. These two ladies were neat and interesting about what they do there.



There is a Corvette and a couple of Chevrolets in a collection. He also has a 1932 Ford Highboy Roadster. He told us about those cars.

John gave us ear plugs for our ears and we had coffee, donuts, fruit and orange juice to enjoy at our Tire Kicking with friends and whoever John had there for this event.

This was a special event and we do not have the change to see things like this often.

We thank you John and Sally for this Tire Kicking and a good day and it was really neat for me.

Ones in attendance were John and Sally Neas, Sam and Donna Simpson, Chief Eaton, Ralph and Jane Johnson, Jim, John and Rusty Snell, Gary and Charlene Arnett, Tom Collin, Jim Sinclair, Norman Hawk, John Berryhill, Donovan and Donna Smith, Stu Youngquist, Tom and Jayne Trimble, Janet Spaulding, Randy Spaulding and Joyce Bell and Jim McCartney.

Board Meeting Sept.10

The September 10th meeting of the Early Ford V-8 Club of America was called to order by President Chief Eaton at 7 p.m.

Board members present were Chief Eaton, Ralph Johnson, Bob Boren, Stu Youngquist, Gary Arnett, Janet Spaulding and Donovan Smith. Committee or members present were Jim McCartney, Gary Strode, Don and Janell Diehl, Charlene Arnett, Donna Smith, Peggy Boren, Gail Sinclair, Rick Rogers and Sam and Donna Simpson.

The secretary report was submitted and accepted by a motion from Stu Youngquist and seconded by Ralph Johnson.

Treasurer's Report was read and discussed by the board. A motion by Ralph Johnson with a second by Bob Boren to approve the report. The motion was approved.

The tire kick for September the 14th at Terry Walters, Pryor. Meet at East Gate Shopping Center at 8:30 a.m. For more information call Jim McCartney at 918-693-1335 or 918-369-1745.

Gary Strode made a motion to purchase a brick for Ken Lollman, seconded by Ralph Johnson. Discussed if a brick for Mel Reynolds was purchased. There has been one purchased for Betty Reynolds.

Those making the Talimena Drive trip will meet to leave from the Sonic Drive-In located in Bixby at 9:00 a.m. at Highway 67 and Memorial Drive.

A few members are meeting at 8:30 a.m. at the Golden Coral, for breakfast located at 71st and Mingo on September 21st to try out having our monthly meetings there.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m. by Chief Eaton.

— Donovan Smith

Member Forum:

Just Ask Layton



BY LAYTON DOZIER

This month we are going to talk about vapor lock. This seems to be a common problem with our old Fords so let's take a look at it. I am no authority on this subject but spent some time looking through Dad's collection of V8 Times and learned a few things. Please let me know if you have anything to add.

First, what is vapor lock? It is when excess heat in the fuel pump and engine compartment causes the fuel to boil and turn into a vapor. The fuel pump cannot push vapor and loses pressure; thus, starving the carburetor from fuel. It commonly happens when the engine is hot and shut off, and the cooling system stops working and temperature under the hood rises. If you try to start it back up while still hot, vapor lock can occur.

Some of the most common causes are modern gasoline formulas, especially ethanol, a weak fuel pump that is not providing proper fuel pressure and volume to the carburetor, leaks in the fuel system due to loose fuel pump mounting screws, leaking or cracked fuel supply lines, or a worn fuel pump push rod that does not provide a full stroke of the pump (we have discussed this before). Also, make sure your gas cap is vented; cars after 1936 need a vent in the gas cap.

So what are some of the ways to prevent it in the first place or get yourself back on the road? Well if it does happen usually letting the engine cool for half an hour or so or pouring cold water on the fuel pump - fuel line and carburetor will allow it to start, or you can try one of the following methods to cool it faster. Ralph Johnson suggests traveling with grapefruit, just slice one in half and work it over the fuel pump like you are making juice and this will cool the pump. Also, I read where you can partially slice potatoes and slip them over the fuel line, clip wooden clothes pins on the fuel line to dissipate heat, wrap the fuel line with aluminum foil, add a quart of oil or Marvel Mystery oil to a full tank of gas, an electric fuel pump in line with the mechanical one.

It seems a good strong fuel supply with fuel lines away from heat sources as much as possible and good quality gasoline are keys to preventing this problem.

Gary Arnett has some questions about setting up a new reproduction fuel sending unit he got from Bob Drake. First question is how deep is the tank, 7" or 8"? There are two levels on top of the tank and the instructions are not clear which part to measure. The other problem he is having is the float rod they sent has to be modified but it seems to be the wrong diameter rod and after you bend it as instructed, it will not fit the sending unit. He has tried to make another rod with smaller diameter but not sure if it will work either. He had to put in 4 gallons of gas before the gauge moved. Gary, I would say you are doing good if you got the needle to move at all! If anyone has any ideas to help Gary out, contact him or me or if you have a new question, send me an email at lcdoz@hotmail.com or call me at 407-314-0498

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

Curtains up at Coleman Beautiful

Club member Janet Spaulding has been researching the old Tulsa movie theaters for the series of articles we're planning for FordLines. From the morgues of the Tulsa World to the Internet, she has found lots including that of member Phil Judkins' involvement in the restoration of the Circle Theatre pipe organ.

"Phil knew all about the fancy downtown theaters—the Orpheus, the Rialto, and the Ritz," Spaulding notes. "He has very interesting building descriptions and stories."

Judkins also was involved in the restoration of the theater organ at the Coleman Theatre in Miami, Okla. Ralph Johnson has put together the road trip there.

Janet has found this about the Coleman:

On Route 66, the famed and preserved Coleman Theatre Beautiful is big draw for tourists from all over the world.

Every year visitors flock to the historic vaudeville theatre to experience the Spanish Colonial Mission-style exterior and the Louis XV interior. They marvel at the use of gargoyles, dolphins, cherubs and faces throughout the facility. And, of course, the "Mighty Wurlitzer" pipe organ.

The Coleman Theatre Beautiful guestbook reads like a geography text book with the number of different countries represented. And visitors have done their homework. They all want to hear the organ.

It was built in 1928 and delivered for installation on Feb. 21, 1929. It sold for \$35,000 in 1929 and is the only Wurlitzer organ built in 1928 that is in its original home.

The theatre itself was built by George L. Coleman Sr., in less than a year at a cost of \$600,000. At the time, Miami was the third largest city in Oklahoma to have a



theatre with a refrigeration system for stable temperatures all year.

The Coleman opened on April 18, 1929, to a full house of 1,600. Admission ticket price was one dollar. Although the theatre transitioned from a vaudeville theatre to a movie house over the years, it has never been "dark." Among the many stars who have performed on its stage — Will Rogers, Tom Mix, Sally Rand, Bing Crosby, Jim Thorpe, the magician Harry Blackstone and Moscelyn Larkin.

Its current mission: Provide quality arts and educational programming, while maintaining and promoting the historic significance of the theater. Programming ranges from ballets and operas to country and western acts to jazz and dance bands. Plus, we show silent movies with the "Mighty Wurlitzer" providing the music and sound effects.

'... And now for our feature presentation!'

There is a wonderful "2005 Tulsa Nostalgic Calendar" connected to our Early Ford V8 Club in more ways than one. It features the history and pictures of Tulsa's "Old Movie Theatres." This month as our 'Regional Group' takes an actual road trip (not to Tulsa) but further up the Mother Road to Mami and the famed Coleman Theatre, FordLines will begin a nostalgic trip to the Tulsa Theatres. Plans are to feature some of the main ones shown in the calendar.

So what's the "Old Ford" tie? Maybe just an intrigue and common interest on the part of our members. Stay tuned. By the way, we also are publishing an article about our club member Phil Judkins who receives a credit and special thanks on the back for his contributions not only to the calendar but for his pipe organ expertise — an integral part of early movie theatres. Meanwhile, Janell copied the following intro:

It was the 1920s. The Great War was over. Hard times and the Depression were a decade away. The singular feats of Babe Ruth and Charles Lindbergh in 1927 gave way to the Stock Market crash in October 1929. Entertainment for the most part was in the home. Games, reading and conversation were high on that list. Radio, that brought the likes of Will Rogers into the home, was in its infancy.

Outside the home the lavish movie palaces were entertainment meccas for live vaudeville and silent movies, both accompanied by incomparable pipe organs.

As the decade progressed and the talkies came of age there was a proliferation of downtown movie houses. And Tulsa had a mighty fine group of them. Eleven different ones were located between Archer and Second on Main Street, but the four most talked about were the Ritz, the Majestic and the Orpheum clustered at 4th and Main and the Rialto only a block away just west of 3rd and Main.

The Pipe Organ Man

BY DON DIEHL,
Sapulpa News&Views

Area resident Phil Judkins is one of the most interesting people you will ever meet — basically because he has such varied interests. He likes to see things of yesteryear restored and preserved, passed on and kept in use. That is true of old cars and other modes of transportation.

And he really has a thing about pipe organs. What? Yeah, pipe organs like they have in churches and old theaters. In fact, Judkins has sold them, installed them, built them, maintained them and even plays them.

Judkins, 87, is recognized far and wide as an authority on pipe organs. If you are looking for one, he can probably tell you where to find it. As a matter of fact, he currently is looking for another old theater that could become home to an old organ he knows about. He has an organ in his home along with a couple of restored Model A Fords. (He and wife Laura also are members of the Tulsa Early Ford V8 Club).

Old movie theaters like the Coleman at



Phil Judkins at the pipe organ keyboard at Tulsa's First Methodist Church.

PHOTOS BY DON DIEHL

Judkins suspects people also come to experience the organ music — postludes, liturgical and hymns. It fills the whole auditorium with worshipful music. "There is something sacred about a pipe organ," he said. "It creates a very majestic sound . . . you can literally feel the music."

Judkins is not the church organist but he can and does play. He had taken piano lessons as a child, but it was after working on, installing and rebuilding organs that he came to master one.

How did all that come about? Something happened to Judkins when he was four years old. His brother Harlan, nine years older, took him to the Ritz, an atmospheric theater in downtown Tulsa to hear Milton Slosser play solos and singalongs for 15 minutes before the start of the film.

"I just never got over that," Judkins said with eyes welling.

An atmospheric theater is a type of movie palace design popular in the late 1920s. Atmospheric theaters were designed and decorated to evoke the feeling of a particular time and place for patrons, through the use of projectors, architectural elements and ornamentation that evoked a sense of being outdoors. This was intended to make the patron a more active participant in the setting.

The most successful promoter of the style was John Eberson. He credited the Hoblitzelle Majestic Theatre (Houston, 1923) as the first. Before the end of the 1920s he designed around 100 atmospheric theaters in the U.S. and a few other countries, personally selecting the furnishings and art objects.

Miami, Okla., and Circle Theatre in Tulsa are beneficiaries of Judkins' expertise. He located, helped re-install, and does some of the playing of the pipe organ programs and monthly showing of silent movies at Circle Theatre. [He played the entrance music this past month at the second Saturday 11 a.m. showing — another packed house. It seats 250].

Judkins is on call, and also an important resource for the pipe organ at the Coleman and other historic theaters around the state. He is a member of the national Theatre Organ Club.

Judkins, who was an insurance adjuster until a company change at age 59 led him to early retirement. That's when he landed the job of his dreams as a representative for Wicks Pipe Organ Co. He has since had "hands-on" care for most all of the church pipe organs in the Tulsa area, including First Presbyterian Church at Sapulpa.

But his main task these days is that of taking care of Oklahoma's largest church pipe organ — the one at the historic First Methodist Church in downtown Tulsa. The massive organ with its 7,000 pipes, computerized electronics, four levels of keys, and constant upgrades (i.e. playback feature) keeps Judkins' fingers nimble. His treks to the church daily.

"First United Methodist Church of Tulsa seeks to bring people into life-transforming relationships with Christ," reads its website mission statement, but





Tire-kicking dragsters & vets

PHOTOS BY GARY ARNETT



Vintage



Route 66
Flywheelers
Gas Engine
and
Tractor Show



Photos by Gary Arnett





The road trip in October to the Vintage Route 66 Fly-wheelers Gas Engine and Tractor Show at the Rogers Point Park on the banks of the Verdigris was one of surreal autumn highlights for our club. Gary Arnett captured the event in pictures of antique farm equipment including an early "dump truck", and Rusty Snell's flathead Ford six-cylinder truck engine conversion in an 8N Ford tractor. Photos also show a Ford Jubilee with extra seating and of course our own V8'ers on display on [Route] Hwy. 66.



V8'ers on the Talimena Road

We believe most of our readers can identify the crew who drove the Fall Foilage hunt. One of the unique experiences was a failed fuel pump on one of the Old Fords and how everyone pulled together to finish the journey.



*Photos by
Ralph Johnson
(the fearless
leader and trip
coordinator)
and by Peggy
Eaton.*



November Recipes

German Apple Cake

Here's a recipe for the holidays — from Debi Dozier

2 c. sugar 2 c. flour
 4 c. sliced apples
 2 eggs 1 c. oil
 2 tsp. cinnamon
 1/2 tsp. salt
 1 tsp. baking soda
 1 tsp. vanilla
 2 c. chopped nuts (optional)

Grease and flour 9 x 13 pan. Sift together flour, sugar, baking soda, salt, and cinnamon. Stir in apples and nuts. Beat egg, oil, and vanilla. Add to dry ingredients. Stir, just to combine thoroughly. Don't use mixer! Bake at 350 for 45-60 minutes.

Pumpkin Pie Crunch

from Eunice Stiger

1 (16 oz.) can pumpkin pie filling
 1 (12 oz.) can evaporated milk
 3 eggs
 1 1/2 C. sugar
 4 tsp. pumpkin pie spice
 1/2 tsp. salt
 1 pkg. Duncan Hines Moist Deluxe cake mix (dry)
 1 C. chopped pecans
 1 c. butter or margarine
 Whipped topping

Preheat oven to 350*. Grease bottom of 9x12 inch pan. Combine pumpkin, evaporated milk, eggs, sugar, pumpkin pie spice and salt in large bowl. Pour into pan. Sprinkle dry cake mix evenly over pumpkin mixture; top with pecans. Drizzle with melted butter. Bake 50 to 60 minutes or until golden brown. Serve with whipped topping. Refrigerate leftovers.

Member Benevolent Report

from GAIL SINCLAIR, Oct. 2019

As this month's newsletter goes to press, we have learned of the passing of Karel Lollman on Tuesday evening, October 29, 2019. Gail Sinclair and the calling committee will notify club members when they receive the details of the funeral arrangements.

#1) Gene & Glenda Neal's daughter Gina, is still dealing with her cancer here in Tulsa and is having a very rough time. When told she was in our prayers she said "but Mom they don't even know me".

#2) Jeff Gibson's report was given by Jerry Whitt who said Jeff is fighting MDS and since he cannot be around people, when he has some energy he is rebuilding his car's brakes!

#3) Claudia Underwood is battling Lung cancer diagnosed & confirmed at M.D.Anderson on 9/20. On 10/4 = 1st. Infusion which was a bad round. On 10/18 = 2nd infusion and she did much better. She returns to M.D. Anderson on 10/30 with her sister Kitty who is here from Australia.

#4) Lillie Mae Henry fell early Tuesday morning 10/22nd. She went to the doctor on Wednesday the 23rd to be "checked" and discovered she broke the tibia at the knee. She was In the hospital for 3 days and now in rehab for 6 - 8 weeks at Senior Suites in Broken Arrow.

#5) Karel Lollman - following Ken's death on 9/5, was looking forward to Granddaughter Julie's wedding on 10/19. On 10/11 she fell in their B/A business warehouse, hitting her head on the cement and fracturing her hip. Still in the hospital on the 19th, we did see the wedding live on her iPad. On 10/22 she was transferred to University Village/Rehab. Sometime overnight Karel had a major stroke, and the MRI diagnosed a brain blood clot. Family members are currently keeping Forrest Underwood and i posted. Karel passed on 10/29/19.

#6) Learned during the calling committee calls, that Jim & Christy Thomas' son and family lost their home in the recent Dallas tornado, and the Family is O.K.

#7) Learned at our breakfast/meeting Helen Freeman's sister passed away, and the funeral was Friday. Our sincere sympathy goes to Helen.

CARD OF THANKS

To the Early Ford V-8 Club:

Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers received during my latest hernia surgery problem. That makes repair of 4 hernias in one year. These 2 were simpler than the others and I have healed much quicker than the other surgery. Thanks for the cards and prayers alo — Lillie Mae Henry

By the way, Gail made an agreement with me. "If I would stay out of the hospital a year, she would send flowers to me anyway". I am trying real hard to stay out of the hospital. ha-ha

More pics on page 10



ON THE ROAD AGAIN . . . A good number of V8'ers in search of fall colors at Queen Wilhelmina Lodge.



V-8 JUICE . . . from the editor

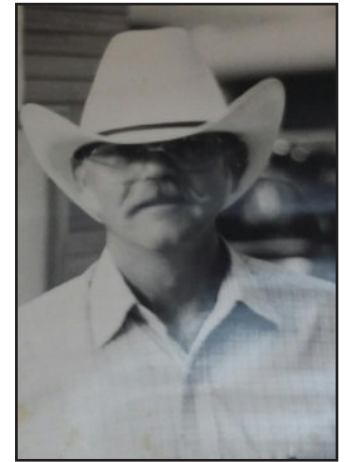
Saving my column for last is never a good idea. I run out of energy and time to really think it over. I was really hustling last week before winter attacked to secure the front of my FIFTIES GARAGE. Still needs some caulking and hinges. That and those will have to wait a few weeks. I had hernia surgery on Tuesday of this week and can't lift more than two pounds. You can thank Janell for getting FordLines to the press. Should be in the mail by Friday. She's also my nurse. I am overwhelmed with how many of you let me know you were praying for my surgery and recovery! You are like family! THANKS and LOVE. We've tried to do spell checks and some editing, but you must know I am on drugs (prescribed of course). BTW, I lost count of number of pages but I believe there are 12 here! — It's A Done Deal — Don



Mystery member

GUESS WHO?

No, it's not Dwight Yochem. It's SAM SIMPSON. And yes we did have some correct guesses. We think Donna told!



FOR SALE: 1949 Ford 2-door, fully restored, 6 cyl with overdrive drive. Runs and drives great. Needs nothing. This is a wonderful "get in and drive" car ready for road trip to Coleman Theatre! Former neighbor of member Hank Snow inherited from his uncle . . . ready to deal. David White 918-859-4499.

This editor has just recovered a mint-condition 1950 V8 Flathead with 61,000 actual miles you may want to inquire about. Runs great, Janell and I were excited with the great compression too! Watch for next month's "Market Place" page in FordLines. You are welcome to buy and sell through the club newsletter. Send via email.



Janet Spaulding has our trivia contest for us this month — a salvage yard. Can you guess where? And how many of the old vehicle brands and years of manufacture can you identify? [Kind of looks like remnants of last year's Swap Meet!]

Roadtrip to The Coleman Nov. 9

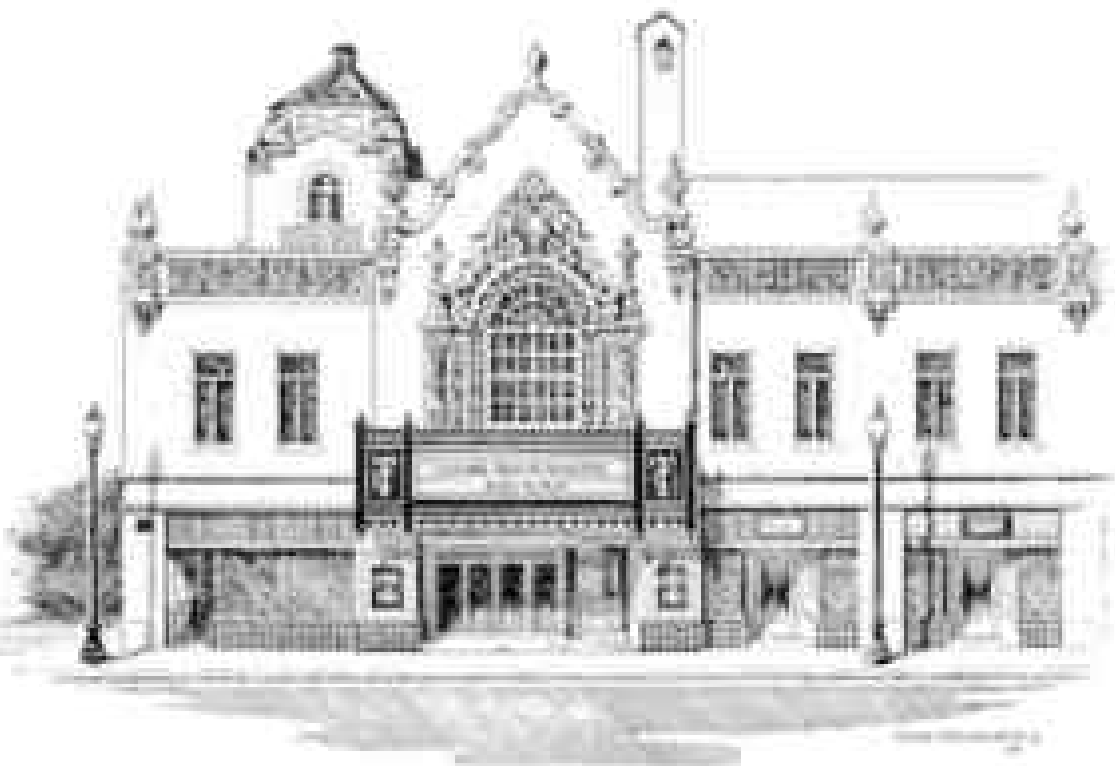
We will be leaving the Rogers Point Park at Highway 66 and the Verdigris River, Ca-toosa, OK to travel to the Coleman Theatre in Miami, OK.

We will be taking a tour of the theatre and having lunch on the stage. There is a \$10 (CASH ONLY) per person charge for the lunch.

We will be taking pictures of our old cars in front of the Coleman, so we encourage everyone to drive their old cars.

Ralph Johnson's cousin, Roger Johnson, will be driving Ralph's truck and pulling his trailer for a just in case.

Any questions, call Ralph at 918-631-7700.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
NOVEMBER <small>THE EARLY FORD V-8 CLUB OF AMERICA - TULSA REGIONAL GROUP</small>						
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3 DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS	4	5 ELECTION DAY	6	7 HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Joe Baughn Bobby Boren	8 ANNIVERSARY: George & Barbara Fugate	9 HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Wallace Henry TIRE KICK
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October Breakfast Meeting . . .



The Tulsa Regional Group Early Ford V/8 Club has to be one of the busiest anywhere as evidenced in this month's 12-page newsletter. And yes that's a "shiner" for Jim Sinclair — no fightin' — just the remnant of a cataract procedure he worked into a busy month. One has to keep the eyes in good shape to read oil and temp gauges . . . and instrument panels.

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**Picked
Pic from
October:**

Uhh, well no it's not a Ford, but pretty neat to see this 1962 Chevrolet Biscayne at the monthly tire kick.

