



JUNE, 2019

Picnic June 8th!

1st Annual Car Show marks 25th Anniversary of Faith Baptist in Sapulpa

Notes from our Prez.

Just Southwest of Tulsa

Chief Eaton, president

I hope everyone was able to survive the month of May's rain, floods and tornadoes. June is going to be a very eventful month for our club and any other Ford enthusiasts.

- First we have our Tire Kicking and Spring Picnic at Joe and Paula Baughn's home on Grand Lake on June 8th.
- Second, we have the National Drive Your V-8 Day on June 15th. We will meet at El Rancho Grande Restaurant.
- Third, is the Mid-America Ford Meet June 12th thru 16th, at the Marriott on 71st Street.
- Fourth, is our General Meeting on June 22nd at Union Street Cafe and also there is a car show at Harlan Ford in Okmulgee on Highway 75 that same day.
- Fifth and final, is the Bixby Green Corn Festival Parade on June 29th, at 9:00 a.m. at the Bixby High School parking lot. Please call Joan Denney for more information.

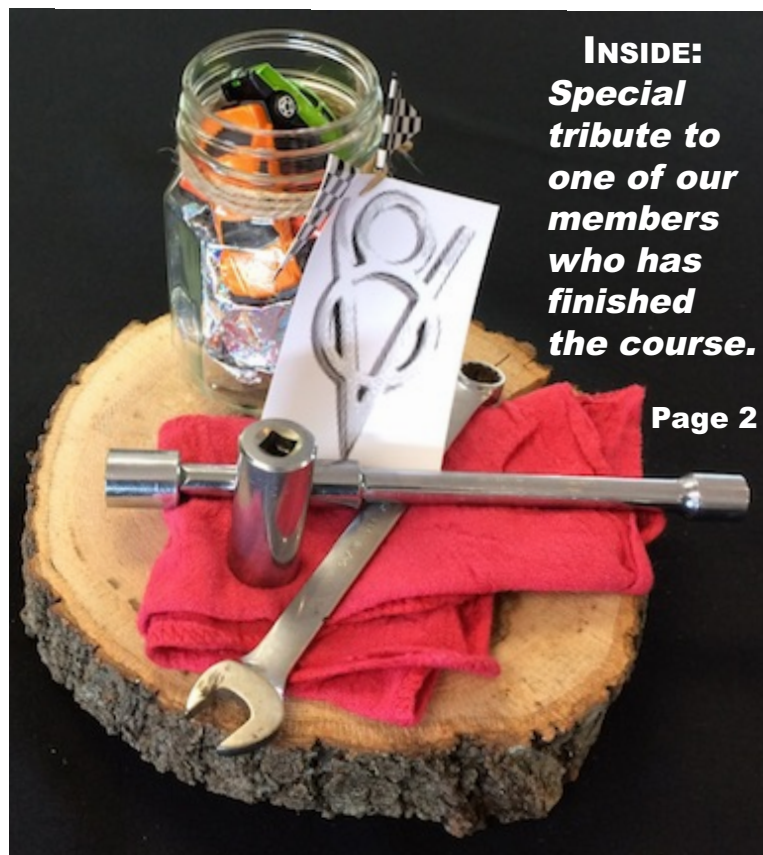
I hope to see as many of our club members as possible at these events. My thanks go out to everyone who made our General Meetings so well attended.

Last of all, I want to send our condolences out to the Dale Whited family. Dale was a true friend and club member to all.

See you soon, Chief



President Chief Eaton and Faith Pastor William Hatfield at 1st Annual Early V8 Ford Club Car Show.



INSIDE:
Special tribute to one of our members who has finished the course.

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... and this tells the story of historic 'original' 40 Ford.

Member Dale Whited completes journey, February 24, 1930 – May 7, 2019

Born February 24, 1930 in Eaton, Colorado, Dale was the only child of Edgar and Beulah (Farley) Whited. Sadly, when Dale was only two years old, his father passed away. This meant that Dale would end up spending a lot of time with his mother's family including aunts, uncles and cousins.

Dale passed away on Tuesday, May 7, 2019, in Broken Arrow following an almost two year battle with lung cancer. He was 89.

Dale received his education in a one-room school house and would even have his aunt as a teacher for a couple of those years. It was in the rural communities of Durango and Akron where Dale learned early on the value of hard work out on the family farm.

At the age of 17, Dale joined the United States Army. He was stationed first in Camphill, Colorado where he served as a ski instructor and also was involved in a rationing experiment. Later, he was stationed in San Francisco and began learning data processing. This would prove to be beneficial as upon his honorable discharge he found employment with Shell Oil as a programmer.

It was in the mid 1950s while bowling with a Shell team that Dale met a young woman and co-worker named Stephanie Jane Allen. Not only were the pins colliding that night, but two lives would forever be changed for the better after that meeting. The two would begin dating and ultimately joined together as one on June 6, 1956 in a Denver, Colorado wedding ceremony. To this union, three children were welcomed through the years, son — Stephen and daughters Kelly and Tracy.

A career with Shell would have the Whited family living in Colorado, Texas, Connecticut and ultimately, Tulsa, Oklahoma where Dale became the facilities manager. He retired in 1984 before the age of 60 at which time his hobby of working on cars moved front and center.

A member of the Early Ford V-8 Club of Tulsa, it was working on cars and sharing that passion with others that brought Dale joy. This passion also helped his relationship with Stephanie as he pretty well stayed out in the barn until she called him in for lunch or dinner!

The couple enjoyed spending time together and logged many miles and hours together in their motor home through the years. It would be in that motor home that they visited every state in the United States and many provinces in Canada. They also found opportunity to travel abroad and thoroughly enjoyed making those memories.

A man who has been described as stern, stoic, serious, linear, mechanical and a hard worker, Dale was one who held fast to his opinions and was a "do it now" individual. He was strong, yet a great father and a "Poppo." He wanted the best for his children and grandchildren, and he passed down to his family the lessons of hard work and also how to be "thrifty."

He was preceded in death by his wife, Stephanie, in 2015; a great-grandson, Jonah Hoos; and his parents.



R.I.P.
our friend.



Dale Whited's Gathering to celebrate his life — by Gary Arnett

Dale Whited was a long-time Early Ford V8 member; with wife Stephanie at least 30 years in the club. His two daughters Kelly and Tracy Displayed their two Ford Falcons that Dale had restored for them to enjoy. His son Stephen has his green Cadillac that Dale restored and his grandson Mike Foster has his Ford pickup. Mike became a member of our club and attended meetings as time permitted. Several great displays were set up to showcase highlights of his Dale's life. Beautiful table arrangements and fabulous buffet.

Member Forum:

Just Ask Layton



Well, it was a quiet month without many questions, but I do have an update on my ongoing saga with the nonfunctioning fuel gauge. Last month I told you about a discussion I had with Rick Claybaugh about running a direct wire from the ground side of the battery to the ground screw on the fuel sending unit to ensure a

complete ground with no interruptions. Well, I tried it and unfortunately nothing changed at all! When the ignition switch is turned on, the needle starts to rise until just above the "E" and fluctuates a bit and falls back to the "E." And as soon as I start to drive the car, it quits working altogether and does not work at all until I shut the car off and turn the ignition on again. Not sure where to go from here but will keep trying. If anyone has any ideas, let me know.

I went for a drive not long ago through Owasso and out to the Port of Catoosa in the '40 Convertible. The car was running really well and then I went down a long and steep hill from Stone Canyon down to the port road. I coasted down and got to the bottom of the hill at the stop sign, but my car was no longer running! I had to push it off the road to assess the problem. Turned out, it was really flooded after that long downhill ride. I was there for about half an hour before it finally started. Does anyone have an idea why a downhill ride would flood the carburetor? Is this normal for flat-heads or is something sticking open and letting too much gas into the carb? Let me know if anyone has an idea because Debi and I have signed up for the Talimena Drive this fall and if we flood every time we go down a big hill, this could make for a really long trip!

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



Layton and Debi Dozier enjoy photos taken at the 2019 Swap Meet, a popular album given the club.

Don's Nifty Fifties Garage

Wow, what a couple of busy and weather-soaked weeks! Every time I began work on the June edition of FordLines, the power would go down again. We got by with some help from our friends. Lynn and Debbie Holly found us a generator, and the electricity and wi-fi fanally returned, Here a week later, we're getting the newsletter to press.

We were on a book tour up in Central Missouri promoting my latest book, "Viola: Song's My Moma Taught Me . . ." and was headed back through the Ozarks (camped out on Tablerock Lake) when we got calls from home telling us to stay away a little longer. "We have flooding, and massive tornadoes in the forecast," was the message. Oddly enough, Jefferson City had a violent twister and on the anniversary of the horrific Joplin Tornado, one touched down at Carl's Junction.

We decided to head on back. Passing over Spring River on U.S. 412, we began to see all the water and realized the severity of what had happened further west. We got back to Sapulpa Saturday afternoon and unpacked the camper. Shortly after midnight Janell's oldest called. I could not figure out why our home phone was ringing in the camper . . . and how I could be hearing sirens in Broken Arrow. Janell was just as confused as Jason began to get more firm. "Mom, wake up," he shouted. "You're not in the Ozarks, you're in Sapulpa. There's a tornado on the ground at Kellyville and it's headed straight for you."

We didn't have a good plan, but Janell grabbed a quilt to throw over us (as if that would help) and we followed Sadie to my office where she had found refuge under my big wooden newspaper desk (which by the way, had been through a tornado or two), The AC vent in the hallway was being sucked up and down and adding to the shaking and rumbling train-like noises outside.

The electricity went off. All got quiet and we went back to bed, waking next morning with rest of Sapulpa to see how much damage was don. Although a utility pole with transformer scored a direct hit on my vintage LoneStar boat project and trees were down and damaged, we still feel fortunate. The house, garage and my old Fords were pretty much unscathed.

The 30th Anniversary of the Route 66 Blowout in Historic Downtown Sapulpa on Saturday was a huge success in more ways than one a week after one of two EF1 tornadoes ravished the historic district . . . and that on the heels of torrential rains. "It's been a rough couple of weeks," Main Street posted on its web site, "and thanks to Police, Fire, Electric, and the many, many volunteers of this great town, we were still able to hold this wonderful event . . . !"

Several of our Early Ford V8 Club members brought their cars. As it turned out, it was a great show with some unique features, and showed the resolve of the Sapulpa community. We're not sure how many vehicles were displayed or who won what, but in our walk through the event we ran into Brean Crosby Fowler capturing it all on her Canon. Those pics and results are posted on the Main Street website.



At Route 66 Blowout

What's this? A 1956 Ford Edsel station wagon.



Gary Strode and daughter Kat Conrad, center.

Attendance at Monthly Breakfast

Sam and Donna Simpson, Chief Eaton, Gary and Charlene Arnett, Bill Johnson, Donovan and Donna Smith, Monty and Ann Buechline, Stu Youngquist, Wayne Wilson, Jeff and Jane Gibson, Susie Mays, Richard and Eunice Stiger, Jim and Gail Sinclair, Ken and Karel Lollman, Jerry Whitt, Layton and Debi Dozier, Janet Spaulding, Jerry and Deronda Admire, Joyce Bell, Jim McCartney, Rick Rogers, Rusty Snell, Norman Hawk, Forrest Underwood and several more who missed sign up sheet. Be sure and sign in each month so we can have record. Also we want to know if you drove club car to breakfast as did Jerry Whitt this time in his 1949 Tudor!

Winners of the \$25 drawing at the May meeting were: Gary Arnett, Jerry Admire and Forrest Underwood.

Swap Meet Gift Card Winners:

In addition, Fearless 2019 Swap Meet leader Ralph awarded gift cards in a special drawing for our women who helped make the event happen. Those lucky ladies were: Jane Johnson, Joanna Cooper, Helen Freeman, Kat Conrad, Donna Simpson and Eunice Stiger..

CARD OF THANKS:

Dear Ford Club Members:

I was touched by the thoughtfulness when I received notice that the Tulsa Ford Club had made a donation to the Early Ford Foundation Museum in Indiana to honor my parnets, Vivan and Roy Kidd, with a commemorative brick. They so enjoyed their time of service to the club. I know they were appreciated and now dearly missed.

Thank you so much for this special gift of remembrance and love,
Julie Strauss



Drive your V-8 Day!

Saturday, June 15, 11AM - 2:30PM

El Rancho Grande Restaurant

1629 E. 11th St, Tulsa

Bring your lawn games, lawn chairs and sunscreen! See you there!!

Down the street to see 'Buck Atom', Route 66's latest attraction

Our photographer Gary Arnett captured this 21-foot space cowboy fiberglass statue in his camera lense when members drove down the street to Buck Atom's Cosmic Curios shop at 11th and Peoria. It was installed on May 10 after a long journey from Illinois. Shop owner Mary Beth Babcock told 'Tulsa's own' Channel 6 that she wanted to give Route 66 another roadside attraction and thought the retro statue would be perfect. The launch party for the American Giant was Saturday, May 11 at 1347 E. 11th St. Guest speakers included Lt. Gov. Matt Pinnell, Tulsa Mayor G.T. Bynum, and author Michael Wallis.

Tire Kicking *with Jim McCartney*

We had a good, fun morning at the Faith Baptist Church May 11th Tire Kicking. It was cloudy and cool. Ones driving and showing special cars were Jim and Gail Sinclair, 46 Ford Club Coupe; Richard Stiger, 50 Ford 2 door; Don and Janell Diehl, 50 Ford Coupe; Bobby Boren, 39 Ford 2 door; George Fugate, 54 Ford Club Coupe; Chief Eaton, 40 Ford 2 door; Peggy Eaton, 65 Chevrolet Pick-up; Rick Claybaugh and Randy Spaulding, 39 Ford 4 door; Ralph Johnson 49 F-1 Ford Pick up; Hank Snow, 42 GPW Ford Jeep; Rusty Snell and Jimmy Snell, 52 F-600 Ford Truck; Joyce Bell and Jim McCartney, 2002 40th Anniversary Pontiac Grand Prix. Ones without cars were Ken Ayers, Gary and Charlene Arnett and Wayne Wilson. (Individuals with other car clubs and individuals also took some of the trophies and attention. But most were Henry Ford products).

We also had donuts and coffee and a talent show put on by our own ladies. It was a BLAST!! Don Diehl was the M.C. over the mic and he did door prizes, car winners and all that stuff. What a good day!

June Tire Kicking will be our Spring Picnic. See that handbill elsewhere in this news letter.

Several of our members, along with their cars, went to the Sapulpa Route 66 Blow-Out and parked their cars at the old Waite Phillips Service Station across from the Sapulpa Historical Museum, on June 1st.

Come to these events and have fun, eat and be merry!

Call me for questions, Jim McCartney

Invitation to fun

Please join us in representing our club on Saturday morning, June 29, in the Bixby Green Corn Festival Parade.

The Green Corn Festival has been sponsored by the Bixby Optimist Club for the past 45 years and it runs from Thursday, June 27 through Saturday, June 29. Held in downtown Bixby, it is a true "community celebration" dating back to the area's agricultural heritage, reports Joan Denney.

Line up is at 8:45 am at the Bixby 9th Grade Center, 301 S. Riverview Dr., just north of the football stadium. Turn east on Stadium Drive from Memorial and then left on Riverview.

The parade starts at 10 a.m. and will be over by 11.

Please let Joan know if you would like to participate, and what car you will be driving!

(918) 366-2034 or email bandstandgal@gmail.com



2019 EARLY FORD V-8 SPRING PICNIC

SATURDAY, JUNE 8TH

Meet about NOON - EAT at 1:00 P.M.

At the Lake home of JOE and PAULA BAUGHN

Joe cell #918-812-2019 Paula cell #918-852-7574

* 3 WAYS TO DRIVE TO THE PICNIC *

#1) A "Scenic Tour Drive" led by Rick Claybaugh will leave at 10 A.M. from Eastgate Shopping Center - (South/West corner Memorial & Admiral). Let Rick know if you are joining his "drive". 918-637-9773.

#2) Driving to Langley, Okla. via Route 66. From Tulsa follow I-44 East to Catoosa. Take Route 66 North through Claremore to Foyil. Head East on Hwy 28A towards Adair. Follow 28A/28 all the way into Langley. (Directions from Langley to their house = below item #4).

#3) Driving to Langley via the turnpike. From Tulsa follow I-44 Will Rogers Turnpike East toward Joplin. Take the Adair/South Grand Lake Exit Hwy 28. Turn left after getting off the turnpike. Go East toward Adair. Follow Hwy 28 all the way to Langley. (Directions from Langley to their house = below item #4).

#4) At the 28/82 junction turn right go about $\frac{3}{4}$ miles. Turn left on Hwy 28 toward Disney & Pensacola Dam. The GRDA ECO Center will be on the left. About $\frac{1}{4}$ mile turn right on Main Street toward Langley. Go straight ahead to STOP sign at River Road. Turn left on River Road and follow it about 3 blocks to Vinita St. Go left 1 block - "our house is the white one on the corner with large deck. The house number is 230 with our name plate on the front of the house".

230 Wildman Blvd.

The Club will provide the meat, buns, condiments and drinks.

Please bring your favorite Spring Picnic DESSERT and LAWN CHAIRS.

P.S. If the weather appears questionable, please call Joe and Paula for picnic confirmation.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
JUNE THE EARLY FORD V-8 CLUB OF AMERICA TULSA REGIONAL GROUP						1 ANNIVERSARY: Jerry and Sandra Whitt
2 NOTICE! With you or without you, FordLines is going to Press on 27th. Absolute deadline for all copy is June 26.	3 ANNIVERSARY: Wallace and Lillie Mae Henry	4	5 BIRTHDAY: Connie Bramlett ANNIVERSARY: Jim and Christy Thomas	6 BIRTHDAY: Hayden Bramlett LEAKE AUCTION D-DAY 1944	7 BIRTHDAYS: Jerry Baird; Jane Johnson LEAKE AUCTION	8  PICNIC! LEAKE AUCTION TIRE KICK
9 BIRTHDAY: Ralph Johnson ANNIVERSARY: Phil and Jill Burns LEAKE AUCTION	10 ANNIVERSARY: John and Sally Neas	11  BIRTHDAY: Randy Spaulding BOARD MEETING 7PM	12 ANNIVERSARY: Jimmy and Janet Ayers	13	14 BIRTHDAY: Tom Sawyer FLAG DAY	15  Drive your old Ford Day! ANNIVERSARY: Rick and Marisa Claybaugh
16 FATHER'S DAY	17 ANNIV: Jerry and De-ronda Admire BIRTHDAY: Gary Arnett	18 BIRTHDAY: Stuart Youngquist	19 BIRTHDAY: Marisa Claybaugh	20	21 SUMMER BEGINS	22  GENERAL MEETING
23 <hr/> 30	24	25	26 FORDLINES Newsletter COPY DEADLINE	27 BIXBY GREEN CORN FESTIVAL	28	29 Bixby Green Corn Parade BIRTHDAY: Jill Burns



Vintage Hats for the Ladies!

Our Early Ford car club was glad to find some treasures at the Sapulpa Historical Museum that became door prizes and giveaways at May Tire Kick and car show at Faith Baptist Church on Hwy 117. Among the things, some vintage ladies' hats — like 1920s-50s as displayed in these photos



Charlene models her hat and purse.

So what do we expect women to do with these? Here's some ideas:

1. Give them to your granddaughters to play "dress up." Great fun.

2. Wear them yourselves. We gave away five with [un]matching purses.

3. Save them for next Christmas' "Dirty Santa" gifts.

4. Use them for story-telling. I swear a couple of them look like the one that Bonnie Barker (of Bonnie and Clyde fame) wore and had her picture taken with as she struck a pose with that 1934 Ford.

5. And that could be a fifth thing to do — enter a Bonnie Barker lookalike contest!



Bonnie and Clyde with hats of yesteryear after stealing Ford!



Gail Sinclair and Joyce Bell show off their vintage hats.



GARY ARNETT PHOTOS

And the purse could also work for "whopping" the husband!

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