

Fords Unlimited 2019



Awards Banquet

Our annual Awards Banquet, that was held on February 2nd, was blessed with springtime weather for a change. Again this year, the event was held at the Dorsett Syberg's, our 6th year there. As in the past, their food and service was outstanding and the evening went well. The threat of severe weather two weeks before caused us to reschedule the event. As it turned out, the forecasters were wrong again but we just couldn't take the chance. We did have entertainment planned but we were not able to reschedule him for our new date.

Other than a malfunctioning microphone, the night went off without a hitch.

The banquet is held to thank our outgoing board of directors for all of their work, introduce our new board of directors, and of course, announce the winners of our points race from the previous year. Bart McNail was honored with a Certificate of Appreciation for his continuing work for our club that does not go unnoticed. The banquet is a great way to kick off our new year with good friends and family. This year, instead of the usual individual attendance prizes, we gave away 10 \$25 QT gas cards. This was in addition to the \$50 grand attendance prize. We also had a 50-50 drawing with all of the proceeds given back to the winners. Donna Layton crafted and donated a "Route 66 Basket" with the proceeds going to The BackStoppers.

Although there was no business discussed that night, our MC, Syl Biermann gave some history of past banquets and made our members and guests aware of our charity donations from the past year. The BackStoppers, the USO, and Toys for Tots were our main benefactors. Quite impressive. Our special guests that night were Kerry Childers from Dave Sinclair Ford and Kevin Hall from Bommarito Ford. It's great to see our sponsors be part of this important night for our club.

This was the 24th year of the points race which was started to encourage our members to be active with our club and to reward those who are. The points race is mostly a "just for fun" thing but it is a great way to honor those who are so much a part of our club. For our newer members, this is a good time to start your competition in the points race as this night was our first activity to attain points.

There is so much work to pull this off each year and it takes so many people to do so. Special thanks go out to the "Voice of Fords Unlimited", Syl Biermann for all of his work as our MC and to our board of directors and others who put in so many hours behind the scenes in making the night a success. We thank them for all of their work. It was truly a great night.



Upon entering, members were greeted with some of our hard working crew that included from left: Paula Goodrich, Jim Biermann, Dennis McBee, Bart McNail, John Walling, and Jerry Grimmer.



The buffet offered salad, green beans, rolls, mashed potatoes and gravy, rolls, roast beef and fried chicken. This was preceded with many appetizers. Never a disappointment at Syberg's.



From left: Syl did his usual masterful job as MC. We had another good crowd this year with 95 in attendance. The night would not be complete without our annual club cake



Above. Our 2018 board of directors was introduced and thanked for all of their hard work. They include from left: Jerry Grimmer, Paula Goodrich, Jim Biermann, Dan Kelly, and Dennis McBee.

Below: Our 2019 board of directors was introduced. They include from left: John Walling, Jerry Grimmer, Paula Goodrich, Dan Kelly, and Dennis McBee.





Our 6th-10th place winners included from left: Craig Brayton (10th), Donna Layton (8th), Mike Lechwar (9th), Steve Hendricks (7th), and Bill Bauer (6th).



Our 2nd-5th place winners included from left: Jake Turnipseed (2nd), Jim Richardson (5th), Debbie McBee (4th), and Bart McNail (3rd).



1st place winner for 2018 was Bob Layton.



Bart McNail received a Certificate of Appreciation for his contributions to our club.



Our grand attendance winner was Carolyn Sutorius who donated her winnings to Kids with Cancer.



Left: Donna Layton donated this Route 66 basket to benefit The BackStoppers which was won by Mary Cole. It made a profit of \$151.

Above. Our 50-50 winners included from left, Ramona Bonness, Mitchell Anderson, and Barb Giese. Ramona donated her winnings to The BackStoppers and Barb Giese donated her winnings to the USO. Thank you!