

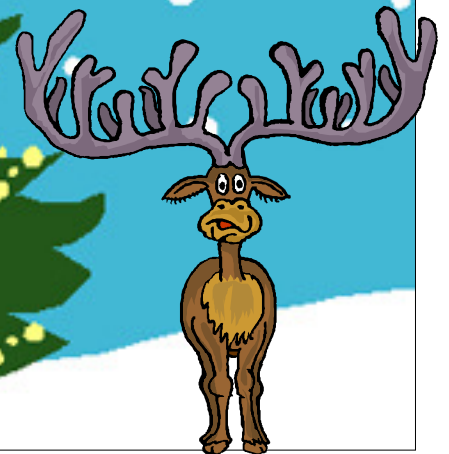
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25th Anniversary Celebration

On November 5th, members and family of our club celebrated our 25th anniversary by a field trip to the historic Cahokia Mounds and finished with dinner at Ravanelli's in Collinsville. After meeting at Visitation Academy in West County, our group tripped, with some detours, to Illinois. Upon leaving the Show-Me state, we encountered more detours that had our group passing through "beautiful downtown Washington Park Illinois". Group leader, Syl Biermann, led us past such "exotic" places as "Cheeks", "Blondie's", and "Dolly's Playhouse". After we passed through the land of Pit Bulls we arrived the significantly historic site known as Cahokia Mounds.

Upon arrival, we viewed a short film and then toured the museum which is a truly a great display.

The day proved to be one of the last of the beautiful fall days and our group (those with good knees and cardio vascular systems) made the best of it with a trip up "Monks Mound" for the long trip up to the top.

If anything, we know how to do food right. This was our second trip to Ravanelli's this year and they did not disappoint. Many old albums, photos and other memorabilia were on hand to be viewed and the day ended on a great note.

We thank Syl Biermann and Bill Giese for their work on our celebration party.



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Awards Banquet



Our celebration of our successful 2011 year and the kickoff of the new year for our club will be held on Saturday, January 21st at the Oakland Park/Airport Holiday Inn. That evening we will award the winners of our Points race and introduce your new board of directors for 2012.

The menu will include soup, tossed salad, fried chicken, roast beef, mashed potatoes, vegetable due jour, biscuits, butter and cookie and brownie trays, We will also supply a cake. Tea and coffee will be served and there will be a cash bar available.

The club's cost is around \$30 per adult but we will pick up well over half of the cost of the dinner. The charge for adults is \$12. Kids 4 years to 10 years will cost \$5. Kids 3 years old

and under are free. Doors will open at 6 pm and dinner will be served after 7 pm.

There will be attendance prizes for all, a grand attendance prize, and a 50-50 drawing with all of the proceeds going back to the attendees.

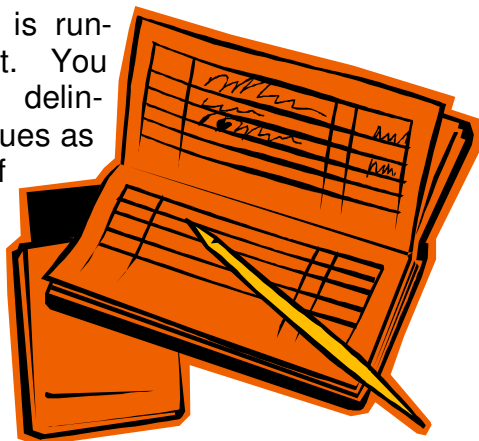
We will need a confirmed head count by the first week in January. A confirmation will be in a form of a check for the cost of your party.

We will print the address and map in the January newsletter.

Please sign up at any meeting or contact Jim Biermann at 314-608-3103 if you plan to attend.

Dues

Your time is running out. You will be delinquent on you dues as of the 31st of this month. If you want to remain a member and stay on the roster and newsletter



mailing list, please get your membership dues paid. The dues are \$20 per member and \$10 for a second member living at the same address. There will be only one newsletter per household for multiple memberships.

If possible, please try not to pay both your dues and banquet cost on the same check as both are handled separately.

Please make your check out to "Fords Unlimited" and mail to Fords Unlimited, 14 Flagstone Lane, St. Peters, Missouri 63376-1528. Thanks.

Inclement Weather

Although it seems like we were just going to car show and cruises, it's now time to be aware of the possibility of bad weather influencing our club meetings.



If you are unsure if a membership meeting has been cancelled, call Spazio's (314-576-0488) as they will be notified if we cancel. As rescheduling is somewhat difficult, we do try to hold the meetings if at all possible but we are aware that many of our faithful members have to come a long way. You can also check our website under latest news.

If you are unsure of a board meeting, check with any board member.



Car Show

As most of you know by now, St. Louis County has announced that they will be shutting down approximately 25 County parks. Unfortunately, McDonnell Park is one of them. At this point, this has not been finalized and we are on hold on the status of our 2012 car show. We are hoping that this still may not happen. Meanwhile, we are looking into other facilities. We will keep you informed.



Board Meeting

Due to the unavailability of our room at Sybergs, our December board meeting has been moved to Fortels Pizza Den located at 624 New North Ballas Road in Creve Couer. That's just off of Hwy. 270 to Olive Street. New Ballas is to the right. There is parking behind the restaurant and across the street. We will be back at Sybergs in January.

January Meeting

Just a reminder. There will not be a membership meeting in January. That meeting will be replaced by the Awards Banquet. We will be back to regular meetings at Spazio's in February.

Odds and Ends

The missing club banner has been found. It was located in the trunk of a members car that had been in the shop all summer.



The "Cars & Parts" section has been dropped for this month. We will start fresh in January.

We will be setting up the 2012 club events on the first two board meetings of the year. If you have any suggestions, we will need them by then. Please realize that all of the requests may

not work with the normally scheduled events that we participate in each year.

The winner of the November 50-50 was Terry Koch who donated his profit to the toy drive.

New Members

This month we welcome five new members. We have a new long distance member. Jason Peters resides in Kansas City Missouri and is the proud owner of a 1969 Galaxie 500. Jason came to us through our website.

Donna Bauer has also joined our club. Donna's hubby and member, Bill Bauer is her sponsor. Donna drives a very nice black Fox bodied Mustang drop top.

Also joining is kind of a blast from our past. John Penberthy, son-in-law of one of our club's founders, Dot Ketchum, has joined our club. Definitely appropriate for our 25th anniversary. John owns a 1966 Mustang and was sponsored by Dot.

Although a honorary member for the past couple of years, Sharon Apollo has joined our club. Her sponsor is Ken Farrar.

Another family member joining is Jake Korf, son of DeWayne Korf. Jake drives a 2003 Mustang Cobra and sponsored by DeWayne.

We welcome our new members.

Points

As we always do, we will announce our 2011 Points winners at our Awards Banquet in January. For our newer members, we will start anew for 2012 in January. To attain points, you just need to be active with your club. We will post a list of the points rules and awards in our January newsletter.

Cindy's Back

We are happy to announce that our club secretary and our general "doer of all things" for our club is back after undergoing knee replacement surgery. Now our days of wandering aimlessly are over. Welcome back Cindy!!!



Toys for Tots

We have received an extension from the Marines that will enable us to collect toys and donations up to our membership meeting this month.



Anyone having any toy or cash donations should bring them to the membership meeting this month or contact Bob Layton or Jim Biermann to make arrangements. Unfortunately, the economy is effecting donations as we are way behind at this point.

Board Elections

We had our board of directors election at our November meeting. We had three members running for the two open positions. Members running included Bill Giese, Jack Greiwe and Bob Layton. The winners were Bill Giese and Bob Layton. The thank Jack for offering his time.



How About This BBQ Setup?

This was sent to me via the email. It's pretty cool and required lots of work but I'm not really sure what I think of it. Considering the limited about of 1956 Ford convertibles available, some may think that this a waste for what could have been a real nice show car but it is neat never-the-less.



Groundbreaking at new Mid-America Raceway

Info provided by Bart McNail

The official groundbreaking for the new Mid America Raceway was held on October 22nd at the new site just south of Montgomery City, MO. Several hundred racers were on hand to show their support of the new track as NHRA West Central Division Director Rob Park was on hand along with government dignitaries to participate



in the ceremony. "Sixty years after Wally Parks' vision came to be with the formation of NHRA, its good to see that spirit alive and well with this new track" said Park.

The track is set to be just south of Montgomery City, MO just off of I-70 between exit 170 and 175. Construction will be underway shortly with scheduled completion targeted for mid 2012.

Our monthly membership meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month except January at Spazio's, 12031 Lackland Road, Maryland Heights, MO. Phone number is 314-576-0488. Please call Spazio's to check on weather related meeting cancellations.

Our board of directors meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month at Sybergs which is located at the NE corner of Highway 270 and Dorsett Road. Check with any board member on weather related cancellations.

All meetings start at 7 pm.

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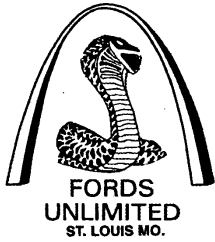
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