

FORD LINES

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AT A GLANCE

TIRE KICK

No tirekick this month.

HAPPY
Independence
★ Day ★

GENERAL MEETING

General meetings are held on the 4th Saturday of every month. Meetings are at Union Street Cafe at 48th and Union. Breakfast is at 8:00am followed by the meeting at 9:00am.

UPCOMING EVENTS

7/4 - INDEPENDENCE DAY

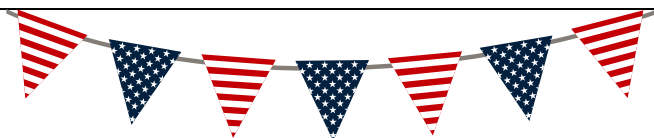
THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

Jul 3, 1945

Ford passenger car production resumes.

July 4: Independence Day

July 20, 1969: The Apollo 11 mission achieves the first moon landing, with Neil Armstrong taking the first steps on the lunar surface according to the History Channel.

Presidential Message:

The month of June was another active month for the V-8 Club. If you missed the Tire Kicking at the Gateway Classic Car consignment sales you missed a fantastic tour. I want to thank our Tire Kicking members for this great tour.

The AAA Rt 66 Road Fest at the fairgrounds was another exciting opportunity for our club members to display their cars. We weren't able to enter our police car this year as it is still under reconstruction. Mike and Joan Denny entered their Mercury Cougar. Layton and Debi Dozier entered their car and Layton won Best in Class for 1940. Congratulations Layton & Debi!

Charlene and I missed the June general meeting / breakfast. We attended my Porum High School all School Reunion. Porum is such a small school that the reunion is like a family reunion. My 96 year old Aunt Juanita won an award for being in the earliest graduating class there. She graduated in 1946. I have many fond memories of riding in my Aunt Juanita and Uncle Bill's 1951 green Ford Tudor sedan. He bought it new and they drove it for many years. All my classmates are getting so old that they made us wear name tags so we can remember who we are or used to be. 😊

July is here so keep cool and come out for the club events.



Gary Arnett



JUNE PHOTOS



1951 Ford Victoria
Beautiful Flathead V-8 and 3 speed manual transmission
with overdrive. \$18,000.00

This car belonged to former 50 year member Sam
Simpson. For more information contact
Sam's son Jeff Simpson 918-640-1885

Springfield National Meet <<<

Rick and Marisa Claybaugh participated in the National Meet held in Springfield, Illinois on June 21 - 27th. This year's theme was "Family Reunion," and that's exactly what it felt like – a gathering of individuals who share a passion for Flathead V-8s. They reconnected with five couples from the Oklahoma City Group, marking a commendable turnout for Oklahoma.

They arrived on Saturday afternoon and assisted the Northern Illinois Regional Group with the meet setup. On Sunday, early check-in took place, with approximately 65% of attendees arriving ahead of schedule. Monday was filled with tours of the Lincoln Museum and historic homes in the area, alongside opportunities to wash and polish cars, get them safety inspected, and prepare for the concourse.

Wednesday was the highlight, known as concourse day, featuring 79 vehicles on display. Despite the heat, many people enjoyed viewing the cars. On Thursday, they took part in a driving tour along historic Route 66, covering around 125 miles round trip, including a journey on the original brick road. The day also featured a picnic at Springfield Lake in their boathouse, along with the award banquets. Marisa's '51 Ford Convertible earned a Dearborn Emeritus award—congratulations to Marisa!

I highly encourage the local group to join the next national meet. You'll have the chance to meet many wonderful people who quickly become like family.





Concourse



Each month, I shall unveil three questions, and the first brave soul to send the correct answer to fordlines07@gmail.com will be bestowed with a scrumptious candy bar. (To preserve the enchantment—let us refrain from consulting Google or invoking Siri!) Each question will commence with the tantalizing prize awaiting the victor, and as the challenge intensifies, so too shall the bounty of candy!

The answers to this month's inquiries shall appear in the next edition of our newsletter.

June Questions:

1. In 1937, what are the two choices of engines for the V8? **85 horsepower V-8 or 60 horsepower V-8 - NO Winner**
2. What are the names of Donald Duck's nephews? **Huey, Dewey & Louie - Winner Ralph Johnson**
3. What did Tulsa used to be called? **Tulsey Town - Ralph Johnson**

July Questions:

1. How many different models of 1938 Fords were produced?
2. Who invented the first fireworks?
3. How many years did it take to build the totem pole in Foyil, OK?



Rick Claybaugh 7/2

Jim Strode 7/4

Gene Neal 7/10

Deborah Pilgrim 7/16

Roger Johnson 7/27

Olivia Taylor 7/27

HAPPY
Anniversary

Ray & Deborah Pilgrim 7/28

What? How Much? How many?

In 1938, Ford produced 410,048 vehicles, which was a significant drop, more than half of their previous output. An interesting feature of that year was the absence of Slantback bodies. Additionally, Henry Ford was notably resistant to adopting modern technologies such as hydraulic brakes. The most affordable models were priced at \$595, while the DeLuxe Convertible Sedan was available for \$900.

This price range highlighted Ford's commitment to offering both economical and more luxurious options to cater to different customer segments. Despite the challenges, Ford continued to innovate within its limitations. The company focused on enhancing the efficiency and reliability of its vehicles, maintaining a reputation for durability and practical design.

Meanwhile, the automotive industry was on the brink of transformative changes. As other manufacturers began to embrace advancements like independent suspensions and more powerful engines, Ford's steadfast adherence to his principles was both an asset and a hindrance. The era was a testament to Ford's influence, as his decisions shaped the market and consumer expectations, even as the world edged closer to the technological leaps of the 1940s.

2025 AAA Route 66 Roadfest

Only three members were present at the 2025 AAA Route 66 Roadfest this year. Layton Dozier with his 1940 Ford DeLuxe Convertible to represent the Tulsa Early Ford Club, Mike Denney with his 1968 Cougar with the Cougar Club as well as Ron Edwards and his 1947 Ford COE Camper with the Vintage Camper Club. Also present was Tom McCartney with his 1959 Ford Retractable with a strong family presence in support! Event attendance seemed really good this year with lots of opportunities to tell people about our club and our cars. Layton's car was lucky enough to win a "Best in Class" award for cars 1940 and earlier.

Next year is the actual 100th Anniversary of Route 66 and the last year of this celebration. Hopefully next year our club can have a strong representation for the big finale! Registration will start in February and the show is limited by space so let's plan to get signed up early next year!



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