

**Hilltop Message** 

Welcome to 2023, and Happy New Year from the Hilltop. It is my privilege to once again be your Club President for the coming year. As we move into a New Year, I am hopeful that we will see renewed participation in the activities of our Club and our wonderful hobby. The events of the past couple of years have been tough but I feel we have turned the page on that and should be confident to return to what was normal.

2022 came to a close with a very nice Christmas Party/ Installation that was held at the Riverview Events Center in Bixby. It was well attended, and everyone had a good time, and much wonderful food. And we once again donated gifts for the Cherokee Indian children. Thank you all. We also closed out the year with the December Breakfast Mtg. held on Christmas Eve Morning. It was a COLD morning, but we had 8 hardy members (and 3 guests) who ventured out. We enjoyed the time reminiscing about old times and old cars.

Make yourself a "to do" list of the things your car needs and spend some quality time this winter getting it ready for all the fun activities that lie ahead in the spring. There are many activities, Tire Kicks, Tours, and other neat things already in the planning stages. And, we will again be operating the Crankshaft Café at this year's Swap Meet in April, so mark your calendars now. Aprille Krah and Joan Denney will need everybody's help.

Keep those Old Fords out on the road on nice days this winter!

## Christmas Party & Installation Lunch – December 4, 2022

We had close to fifty V8-ers and guests gather on December 4 at the Rivercrest Event Center in Bixby. Christmas music filled the air, and gifts to the Cherokee Angel Tree were donated as attendees entered the room.

It was great to see some members who we hadn't seen in quite awhile – Ed & Anita Brummett, Donovan & Donna Smith, Harvey Shell...and good to see Virginia Neel!

Ralph Johnson and Gary Strode prepared and provided the roasted and smoked turkeys (don't get near Ralph when he's using that electric knife!) and hams provided by Debi Dozier & Aprille Krah. There was a plethora of sides, salads, veggies and condiments brought by the attendees. The dessert table had lots of sugar friendly treats to top off the meal (if there was any room afterwards!).

President Layton Dozier awarded plaques to outgoing board members Joan Denney and Aprille Krah and thanked them for their dedication. The 2023 Board was announced: President Gary Strode, Vice President Randy Spaulding, Treasurer Teresa Snell, Secretary Phil burns, Parliamentarian Rusty Snell, and Director Layton Dozier.

He then recognized those who have earned membership pins: Norman Hawk – 50 years, and Jerry Whitt – 40 years (not present).

Thoughts and prayers requested for those not with us today due to medical issues – Susie Mays, Jim McCartney, Jim Sinclair, Christy Spaulding & Jerry Whitt.

Gail Sinclair (not present) had sent gift bags to thank her calling committee for their work and calls and texts keeping members up to date on what's happening: Eunice Stiger, Donna Smith, Charlene Arnett, Joan Denney, Gary Strode, Mary Ellen Means and Christy Spaulding.

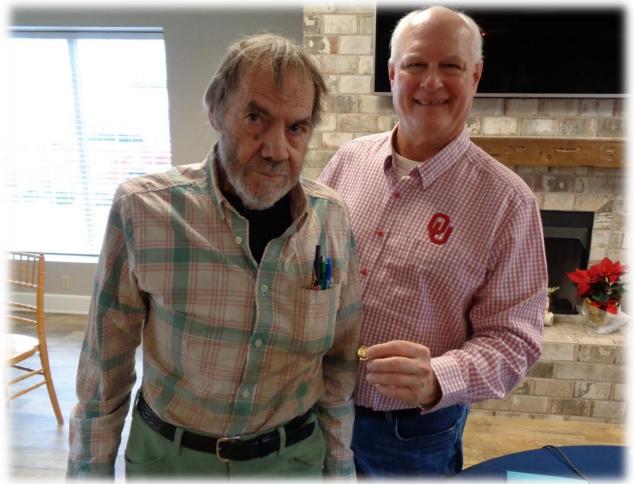
Joan Denney then presented Layton with a restaurant gift certificate from the Board and membership to express their thanks for his leadership!

The poinsettias used for decoration were given to whoever had the lucky post-it under their seat! So 10 lucky members left with a prize.

It was a great afternoon!



Donna & Donovan Smith



Layton awards Norm Hawk his 50 year membership pin



Just say no, Ralph!



Donations to Cherokee Angel Tree accepted by Tiffani Eaton



Buffet line led by the dapper Gary Arnett!









## TIRE KICK ON JANUARY 14, 2023

We will be traveling to Brown's Performance, 18657 S. 4190 Road in Claremore. James Brown has a performance shop, multiple buildings, several car projects in progress, and lots of things to see! Donuts and coffee will be served.

We will meet near the Hard Rock Casino in Catoosa at 8:30 and travel old Route 66 through Claremore to James' shop. Mike Denney will lead us and we will also provide written directions that morning.

We are going to meet at Oklahoma Joe's parking lot, 19361 Robson Rd. in Catoosa. This is on the east side of N. 193<sup>rd</sup> E. Avenue, south of Walgreen's and just west of Ross Dress for Less. These are all east of the Hard Rock Casino.

If you have any questions on the day of the Tire Kick, please call Mike (805) 886-0075 or Joan (858) 245-4730.

Hope to see you there!

## CALENDARS

2023 calendars will be ready to be picked up at the January 28 breakfast meeting. If you paid your dues, you get one free! if you want to buy extras, they are \$8.00 each. You can pay at the breakfast meeting. Please update your 2022 roster to reflect the following (we are not publishing a 2023 roster):

## Address Change:

Rick & Marisa Claybaugh 23437 E. 132<sup>nd</sup> St. S. Coweta, OK 74429

## New Member:

Yvonne Wagoner 716 W. Briarwood Circle Broken Arrow, OK 74011 Cell: 918-370-0771 Email: ydwagoner@cox.net

In our February newsletter, we will include a list of all cumulative updates to the roster after we see who has renewed and who has not.

## SAVE THE DATES!

April 20-23, 2023 – 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Texas Tour, hosted by The Lone Star RG #6 in Denton, TX

May 18-21, 2023 – 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Fling – OKC! THE FUN PLACE TO BE IN '23! Hosted by the Oklahoma City RG #64

June 3 & 4, 2023 – Spring Road Trip & Tour (organized by Ralph Johnson)

June 11-17, 2023 – 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Grand National Meet in Dearborn, MI

More info to follow on all these (and check your V8 Times magazine)

# In Loving Memory

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THE SAPULPA HERALD

## Opinaries

## Norman Eugene Asher

#### October 10, 1947 - November 20, 2022

Born to Irvin and Thelma (Swaney) Asher, Norman gradu-

ated from Charles Page High School in Sand Springs. He served in the U.S. Army in the 1st Calvary Division with most of his time in the Vietnam arena.

On returning to the states, he received an Aeronautical Engineering degree from Oklahoma State University.

A week after his return to Oklahoma, he was introduced by a friend to Pat Hager which led to a date being planned for them by said friend. They dated for a year and fell in love and on the 1-year anniversary of that first date they were married January 18, 1970.

Adventures together with Pat included weekend excursion exploring the areas around where they lived during his employment with Schlumberger Well Services. Camping, traveling, motorcycle trips, etc.

South Tulsa Baptist, Volunteered with Meals on Wheels, the V- with his Lord Jesus Christ,



8 Ford club. He enjoyed helping others out, golfing, photography, traveling, and many other hobbies. Family was very

important to him.

Upon retirement from Staghorn Energy as Corporate Pilot it was time for another adventure, as he could never sit still and do nothing. So the Meadow Blackberry Farm You-pick was created.

He loved teaching and seeing all of kids grow up over the years they came to pick berries on the farm each summer.

Norman is preceded in death by his parents and brother Harold Asher.

He is survived by his wife Pat Asher who misses him fiercely, by brothers David (and Elieen) Asher, Stanley (and Johna) Asher, and sister Tricia (and Gary) Bottoms. Many nieces and nephews loved him as he loved them, too.

A strong Christian since childhood, a result of his father's He has served as a Sunday school teacher and Deacon at witness and wisdom, Norman's new residence is in Heaven

# Ruth Burch (wife of Bob Burch) passed away on December 27, 2022.

## **REMINDER:**

Your 2023 dues are due! \$20 single and \$30 per couple! Thank you!

### For Sale:

I am selling my shop equipment and tools including engine stand, cherry picker, air lift, floor jack, jack stands, gear wrench sets, micrometers, torque wrench, hand tools tool boards and many assorted hand tools. Also selling die cast car collection, cars are new; most have original box.

Call me (918)-481-6611 Jerry Admire

## Ford Lines

### P.O. Box 4109 Tulsa, OK 74159

President: Gary Strode Vice President: Randy Spaulding Treasurer: Teresa Snell Secretary: Phil Burns Parliamentarian: Rusty Snell Director: Layton Dozier

Photographer: **Gary Arnett** V8 Time National Reporter: **Jerry Whitt** 

#### **Committees:**



Benevolence: **Gail Sinclair** Membership: **Rick Rogers** Tours & Parades: **Ralph Johnson** Tire Kick: **Open** Parties & Picnics: **Joan Denney & Aprille Krah** 

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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