



# Fords Unlimited Car Club

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## 2023 Dues



Everyone's dues are due by December 31st. Please fill out the form below and mail in or drop off at our membership meetings. **Remember, your dues will not be accepted without this renewal form.** Dues are \$25. Second member in the same household is \$10. This form is for renewals only. Members who joined after October 1st of this year are paid through 2023.

### FORDS UNLIMITED MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

(Please note that this form is for renewals only, not for new members)

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This form must be used with your dues payment. Your dues will not be accepted without this form. Deadline is December 31st. Members who joined after October 1st, your dues are already paid.

**Mail to P.O. Box 1282, O'Fallon, MO 63366 or drop off at a membership meeting**

# Knights of Columbus Car Show



On a beautiful early October day, our club attended the K of C car show held at the Immaculate Conception Church in Columbia Illinois. Being in a rural area, seeing farm tractors is not an odd occurrence but when was the last time you saw a half-track at a car show.

This article could not have been possible without the help of our members. Dennis McBee supplied the information listed below and the photos were taken by Dennis, Paula Goodrich and Rich Garavaglia. Thanks.

"Eight of our club members met at the parking lot of Des Peres hospital off Dougherty Ferry Road between 8:00 am and 8:30 am. A security guard for the hospital rolled up and I explained that we would only be in the lot another 10 minutes or so. He said he didn't want to run us off because he wanted to see the cars! So he stepped out of his car and wandered around to all the cars. He said they were really nice and wished his son's could see these cars.

Nine of us left promptly at 8:30 for Columbia, Illinois and arrived about 8:55 am at Immaculate Conception Church. I must say the weather was really nice, but it was a chilly 42 degrees in the morning but everyone was shedding jackets and flannel shirts or sweatshirts by 10:30 am. What a magnificent day it was there. It's usually cloudy, or overcast with some light rain but not today.

I counted 152 cars & trucks along with 3 tractors but they announced that they had close to 200 cars. I'm not really sure where the rest of the cars were, but I never found them. Anyway, we did meet several members already at the show and a couple more showed up before registration closed.

Members that attended this club event car show were as follows: Syl Biermann - Display, Bill Bauer - 2nd place, Tim Chandler & Andy Doetzel - 2nd place, Bill Haner (New Club Member), Steve Hendricks - 1st place, Jim Hild - 3rd place, Rich Garavaglia - 1st place & son Ryan 2nd place, Paula Goodrich - 2nd place, Terry Koch - 2nd place, Dennis & Deb McBee - 1st place, Rick Miller - 2nd place, Stever Schneider - 1st place, John Saxton, Gary Warneke - 2nd place. It should be noted that Fords Unlimited car club came in 1st place for club participation. Paula Goodrich, as our only Board member, accepted the award for the club.

Once again, our club cars have done very well at this show and I hope that we will continue to attend this event."



Ryan



## Knights of Columbus Car Show



# Club Finances

There are many jobs required for the Board of Directors members to accomplish. One of those jobs is to keep the club financially sound.

Here are some facts. In 2020, our car show was cancelled due to COVID and we lost our major source of income. On a good year, we would profit up to \$10,000 from our show. In 2021, we only had 220 entries at our show that generated a large loss of revenue plus a partial loss from one of our major sponsors. This year, our attendance dropped to 165 entries plus we lost even more from that same sponsor. What this all boils down to is a total loss of club funding of over \$20,000 over the past three years.

It doesn't take much to figure out that things have to change. This year we made changes in our car show by cutting down the number of classes and printing our ballots, flyers, and other needed forms ourselves. Even with frugal spending on our show plaques, we are at the point that our individual sponsor fees do not cover the cost of our class plaques. Each year our show expenses have increased. Now the county requires that we pay the park ranger, which is another several hundred dollars in expense. We also have cut back on our charitable donations and will continue to do the remainder of the year and into next year, depending on the success of our 2023 car show.

Changes are coming for next year. All of our of donations will go either to The BackStoppers fund or put into our charitable fund to be used for limited individual donations. Some of those donations will be smaller than they had been in the past.

We will no longer fund the fall color tour as we have done in the past. Members will be on their own on their dinner and admission costs. Although we don't have a figure as of yet, we know that the banquet cost will go up like every-

thing else has. Syberg's has not quoted a price yet but that hopefully moderate increase will be passed on to the individual members. We should know that cost by December.

As of January 1st, we will no longer mail our newsletter. We had grandfathered our members in the past. For those who come to the membership meetings, a limited amount of newsletters will be available. For those who will pick up a newsletter at our meetings, our "Club Events" box will now list all events to include any event that would occur before the meeting on the following month. That way you won't miss any club events. There will be a few members with hardships and that will be addressed. If you have an email address, the members now receiving the mailed version will now get it by email.

When we first started our newsletter in 1987, we had it printed for free at the old Ford Plant. Back then, a postage stamp cost was 22 cents, costing the club \$2.64 per year, per member. Now, the printing and mailing of the newsletter costs over \$27.00 per year, per member, over 10 times that amount. Even with inflation, that's a major increase in cost. We lose money on each member who has a newsletter mailed to them as their dues do not cover the cost of the printing and mailing. If you are receiving a mailed newsletter you are taking money, which is used to benefit other members, away from the club. In fairness to other club members and to help keep this club financially solvent we need to discontinue mailing newsletters. If you have not provided the club with your email address, now is the time to do so, or to create one. Otherwise, you will need to make arrangements to pick your newsletter up at a meeting.

We may have to face the fact that our car show may never be as large as it was during our glory years. The board of directors will continue to monitor our expenses and adjust as needed. It's a bitter pill to swallow, but a necessity.



## Salute to the Troops



**O**n a beautiful fall day in October, members and family of our club attended the Salute to the Troops car cruise to benefit veteran's causes. The cruise was held at VFW Post 5077 in O'Fallon, Missouri and was hosted by club member, Lynette Lewis.



Always a supporter of this event, our club turned out in force as we had 23 cars and trucks and 26 members in attendance. We may have even recruited six new members. Our club also donated a check from our club treasury to Lynette to help support the cruise.



What a great way to finish up our car show and cruise season. We thank all of our members who helped support this worthy cause.





## Fall Color Tour

Our last outing of the year was our fall color tour that was held on October 30th. As the weather has been our enemy for most of the year, it was fitting that we had rain to finish our season. As always, we take the scenic route to view the most color but the rain really did dampen the colors somewhat but it was still a nice tour.

With the foul weather, we really didn't know what to expect for a turnout. Wow, we were amazed, as we had 43 members and 25 cars and trucks. Normally we have lots of late model Mustangs and many classic cars but this year we had mostly trucks and "family trucksters".

Our tour took us to Washington Missouri to tour the Iron Spike Model Train Museum. The place is amazing with so many trains and so much detail. It is truly a labor of love. Even if you were not into model trains, you had to be impressed. We were told that they have been open for about 6 years and feel that they are only half finished with their displays.

We then headed down the road to Miller's Restaurant for lunch. Considering that we had 41 members dining, the folks at Miller's did a great job.

Most people have no idea what it takes to make something like this happen. Starting with setting up the route and then running the route to make sure that it will work. Then trying to find a restaurant that can handle 40 plus people which is a challenge in itself. Our events chairman, Dennis McBee does all of the leg work along with his trusty companion, Debbie. We thank Dennis for doing this thankless job and doing it so well. Thanks guys.

Photos are on the following page.



## Fall Color Tour



## Club Apparel

**W**ith winter coming on, we have a variety of jackets, sweatshirts, and club shirts for sale. If you are looking for a gift for Christmas, we can fill that order too. For those needing to order club apparel, you should contact Judy Kelly at 314-443-1016 or Quilter0@aol.com. or Nancy Grimmer at nancy.grimmer@yahoo.com



We have been having a few problems with the emailing of the newsletter. If you do not receive your newsletter just after the 1st of the month, please contact us at fordsunlimited.com We have no way of knowing it you don't tell us.

Mark you calendars. Although we do not have any details yet on our banquet, we do have a date confirmed. The banquet will be held on January 14th, 2023 at Syberg's on Dorsett. You will have to pay in advance to reserve your spot.



Our event chairman, Dennis McBee is already busy working on events for the upcoming year. For February, we will be going to the Space Museum in Bonne Terre. For March, we will be doing the chicken dinner in Villa Ridge and possibly a trip to Fast Lane Classic Cars in April plus a cruise for the Mustang's birthday on April 16th.

tentative as we do not have positive dates on these events yet. Stay tuned.

We will be dropping our classified ads next month. If you want to run an ad starting in January, please let us know.

You may have noticed that we did not list the points leaders this month. This to keep the winners a surprise until our awards banquet.

We will hold our BOD elections this month. Members running for the three open positions are Jerry Grimmer, Dan Kelly, Kenny Simms, and John Walling. Results will be publisher in December.



**As winter weather will soon be approaching, we have to be prepared. JJ's will be notified if a meeting is cancelled. If other events are in question, please contact any BOD member.**

## Club Events

**November 9th**

Membership Meeting & BOD elections.  
Held at JJ's of St. Charles-7 pm

Our monthly membership meetings are held at the JJ's of St. Charles, located at 1215 S. Duchesne, St. Charles, Missouri weather permitting. Meetings are held each month except January. Their phone number is 636-946-3500.



Meetings start at 7 pm. Come early if you plan to eat.

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## Parts For Sale

**For Sale.** Raxiom Dual Halo Projection Headlights. Fits '99-'04 V6 & GT Mustangs. Like new. \$125 636-352-9188 Jim Goodrich.

**For Sale.** 1966 Mustang 5 blade fan \$40  
1994 Ford & Mustang complete shop manual set \$60.  
Steve Dennis 314-703-3179 or  
[stevedstang6995@yahoo.com](mailto:stevedstang6995@yahoo.com)

**For Sale.** 351 W longblock, new set of std pistons, and ring set..\$250.Pair of GT40P heads, bare...\$100  
Contact Gary 636-575-3376.

**For Sale.** Four (4) tires mounted on 14" wheels with a 5 bolt pattern (from a 1967 Cougar). These four tires are Firestone & General. Also, One(1) Douglas M+S P215/70 R14 (NO wheel for this tire). All 5 tires have approximately 1/4" tread depth. Possible uses is another Ford product or possibly a trailer. All the above is \$30.00 CASH! Call RUSS @ 314-487-5629

**For Sale.** Antique hubcaps to sell. 502.649.0242 Dec.  
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