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# Merry Christmas



# Florissant Veterans Day Parade



**O**n a beautiful warm fall November morning, eight of our members gathered for the Florissant Veteran's Day parade. The nice weather brought out many participants and our club was proud to be part of this event. As always, lunch followed with a stop at Mattingly's . We thank Dan Kelly for setting up this event and all of our members and family were able to participate.

# Arnold Veterans Day Parade



**W**hat a difference a week makes as our Arnold Veteran's Day parade had clouds, wind, and lots of cold. The parade was somewhat smaller this year but our club did our part with seven cars and trucks. Following the event we were treated to a nice lunch with a program to follow. We thank Syl Biermann for setting up our club and all of our members who supported it.

## Odds & Ends

**A**t our pre-Veteran's Day meeting, Lynette Lewis, a veteran herself, bought dinner for all of the Veterans in attendance. She also thanked the members for their support for her charity cruise. Thanks you Lynette

Club member Kerry Childers noted that Sinclair Lincoln of St. Peters is holding a food drive up to **December 3rd** at their location. They are in need of items such as Mac n Cheese, Raviolis, Canned Meats, Peanut Butter, Cereal, Canned Fruit, Soup/Chili, Rice/Pasta, Pasta Sauce, Hamburger Helper, Spaghettios, Boxed Meals, Toothpaste and Tooth Brushes, Shampoo, Baby Shampoo, and Baby Lotion. Please help if you can.

This newsletter is the last newsletter to be mailed. Starting in January all newsletters will be emailed or can be picked up at a meeting.

Our activities chairman Dennis McBee is already working on next year's club events. As of now, there are no confirmed dates but that will



be upgraded when that information is available. One new show will be the Manchester all car show that will be held in August.

We have decided that members who win the 50-50 at our membership meetings should keep their winnings. Giving back is always a great thing but if everyone gives back, we may as well just pass the hat. If you are in a giving mood, please donate your winnings to one of the many available charities. Our 50-50 pot for November was probably one of our largest as it totaled \$130 which means our member Kerry Childers took home \$65.



## Club Events

**December 14th**

Membership Meeting at JJ's of St. Charles  
7pm but come early if you plan to dine

**January 14th**

Award Banquet-6pm at Dorsett Syberg's'

**Remember-No membership meeting  
In January**

## Awards Banquet

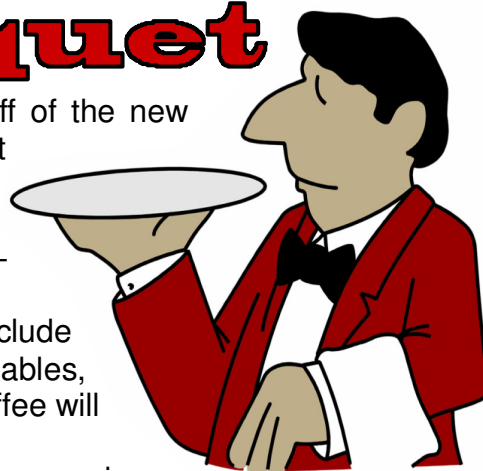
**T**he celebration of our successful 2022 year and the kickoff of the new year for our club will be held on Saturday, January 14th at the Syberg's located on Dorsett, just east of Hwy. 270. This is the same location as last year. That evening we will award the winners of our Points Race and introduce your new board of directors for 2023.

The menu will be similar to previous years which will include tossed salad, fried chicken, roast beef, mashed potatoes, vegetables, bread, butter and dessert. We will also supply a cake. Tea and coffee will be served and there will be a cash bar available.

The club's total cost is over \$35 per adult including attendance prizes, appetizers, cake and so on but we will pick up most of the cost of the evening. The charge for members is **\$12** and **\$15** for adult non-members. Kids 4 years to 15 years will cost \$5. Kids 3 years old and under are free. Doors will open at 6 pm and dinner will be served just after 7 pm.

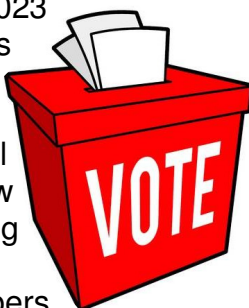
We will need a confirmed head count by the first week in January. A confirmation will be in a form of a check for the cost of your party. **You must be paid in advance to attend.**

Please contact Paula Goodrich if you plan to attend. Paula's phone number is 636-625-1064.



# Election Results Sinclair Food Drive

**T**he election for our 2023 board of directors was held at our November meeting. For the first time in several years, we had a real election as in the previous few years, we had no more running than needed.



The three winning members that night were Dan Kelly, Kenny Simms, and John Walling. The newest member is Kenny but this is not the first time that he has been on the board of directors as he served in 2011 and 2012. He will find that it is a completely different world now then it was a decade ago. What was amazing is that we had 48 voting members at the meeting which is a good sign for the future of our club. Except for Dan Kelly, the voting was very close as Dan won by a landslide.

Our outgoing board member is Jerry Grimmer. Jerry stepped up for our club when he was thrust into the job when Syl Biermann had to drop out. Jerry served our club from 2019 until present. He is one of the best ambassadors for our club and always made us look professional. When the inevitable problems and stresses arrived, Jerry was always there to cool things down and keep things on an even keel. Jerry says that he will still be an active part of our club and will be always willing to be part of our success. Thanks Jerry.

Our new board of directors will be introduced at our awards banquet in January.



**C**lub member and Sinclair employee Kerry Childers was promoting donations for the Holiday Food Drive at the St. Peters Lincoln dealership. Our club able to drop off \$150 worth of needed items. There is still time to donate as they are accepting items through December 3rd. The donations benefit the St. Charles County Salvation Army. We were there as the newly remodeled showroom was just opening.

Pictured with the donated items are from left are Paula Goodrich, Jerry Grimmer, and Kerry Childers.

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.



Now that winter has arrived, 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.

# Quilts of Honor Presentation

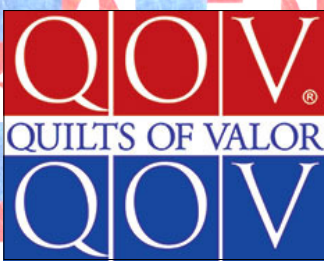
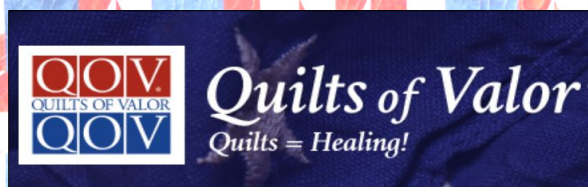
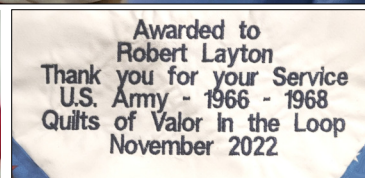
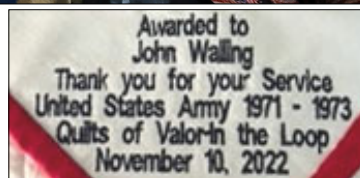
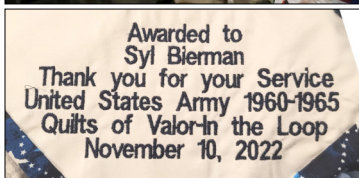
Photos by Jim Goodrich and Donna Layton

**B**eing the week of Veteran's Day, a special presentation was held at our November meeting. Veterans Sly Biermann, John Walling, and Bob Layton were presented a quilt honoring their service to our country.

What made the evening complete is that each veteran had family members present. Each quilt was personalized with each member's military dates of service and branch of the military.

The *Quilts of Valor Foundation* was founded in 2003. Their mission is to cover all combat service members and veterans touched by war with comforting and healing. Since 2003, they have awarded over 298,000 quilts. The quilts were truly a surprise.

Thanks to Judy Kelly and Ann McIntyre, with the help of Dan Kelly, for making all of this happen. Very much appreciated.



**D**ues are due by the end of this month. We don't want to lose you but unpaid members will be dropped in January. If you joined after October 1st, you have already paid for next year. Your dues will not be accepted without the form below. This done to keep our records updated. Remember, starting in January, newsletters will be emailed only. 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.

## **Fords Unlimited Car Club Membership Application**

Dues are \$25 and \$10 for an additional member living at the same address. Please make your check out to Fords Unlimited Car Club. **You must have an email address to receive our newsletter.** Please print your email address very carefully as you may not receive a newsletter if we can't read your email address. Our dues are due by the 31st of December. Thanks.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Second member Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Sponsor (for new members) \_\_\_\_\_

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Vehicle Year \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_ Color \_\_\_\_\_

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Email address **(please print carefully)** \_\_\_\_\_

Second member's email address (if different) \_\_\_\_\_

Check appropriate box.      New Member ☐      Renewal ☐

Amount paid \_\_\_\_\_

New members joining October through December are joining for the following year and will be on the roster for the remainder of the current year.

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The photo of the Falcon above is exactly like the one that my father bought in 1960. He wanted to buy a new car in the late 50's but said that he refused to buy one of those "tail finned, gas guzzling boats". He was a very practical man and a car was only a means of transportation.

He had heard that the "big 3" were going to introduce compact cars in 1960 so he bided his time. Being a MOPAR guy, he first went to see the Plymouth Valiant. Being a very conservative kind of guy, he found the slant 6 to be something to be troublesome. (later on he admitted that the car was just too ugly). So, then he went to the local Chevy dealer to look at the Corvair. That flat 4 seemed to

him to be even more in question than the slant 6. He really didn't like Fords but out of desperation, he headed to the Ford dealership. There he found that the Falcon had the standard style 6 cylinder engine that he was more accustomed to. The base price for a 1960 Falcon 4-door sedan was \$1,974 without any options. Well, that was exactly what we had, not even a radio. He really liked the car but complained about having some "front end" issues. But still, he liked it so much, he bought a new 2-door Falcon in 1964 and it had one option, the chrome trim to protect it from door dings. The advertisement above says that it was a 6 passenger vehicle but that would have been a tight fit. It's first long outing was a trip to Florida, before the days of interstate highways. Having no air conditioning, we would drive from 10 pm until the sun came out in the morning to avoid the summer heat. It was a 2 1/2 day drive to Miami back then.



When I turned 17, I was allowed to drive the car if I paid for my own part time insurance. But my father's rules were so restrictive, I only carried the insurance for 6 months. However, that's how I became a Ford guy. Not that I really liked the Falcon but when I was around all of my buddies, I took nothing but harassment as they were all GM guys. Remember "fix or repair daily"? So I became defensive and just for spite, my first car was a 1958 Ford Fairlane which I mildly customized.

How things have changed. Your basic compact car now comes fully loaded. Not sure that my father would have improved but I'd bet the house that our Focus gets better gas mileage than the old Falcon did. It's an all new world.

**S**till time for some Christmas shopping. For those needing to order club apparel should contact Judy Kelly at 314-443-1016 or Quilter0@aol.com or Nancy Grimmer at nancy.grimmer@yahoo.com



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