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Feature Vehicle: 1937 Ford 5 Window Coupe Street Rod owned by Mark Koehler



“I was not in the market for a car. But every time I went to Florida for the Turkey Rod Run, I would get the bug to have a Street Rod,” remarked Mark Koehler as we discussed his beautiful '37 rod last summer at an Ypsilanti Thursday cruise night.

About ten years earlier Mark was in a Best Western Hotel in Florida having a couple of cocktails when he saw his friend Bob from South Carolina, who was selling the '37 coupe.



They didn't have interiors like this in 1937!

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November 1 Garage Crawl: “Family” and Fun by Roxanne Fontana

November 1 brought a beautiful Saturday fit for an FMRCOA garage crawl. Jack Krompatic opened his home to host the first stop of the day. There was a chill in the morning air and Club Members enjoyed donuts, coffee and cider. It was a great way to start the day.



Club Members and their cars with Alex Attard .

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Club Supports TOYS FOR TOTS



Marines from the Toys for Tots Program at Meeting (r to l): Staff Sgt. Sean Smith, Chief Warrant Officer Ed Fore, Vietnam Vet. Andy Anderson, Iwo Jima Vet. Steve Szopo, and Coordinator Phil Smith and his daughter Sarah.

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Editor's Message



Well, another year has come and gone! I hope you have enjoyed reading the Rotunda Times as much as I have creating it with your help! In that regard, thanks this month go to Mark Koehler for the Feature Vehicle material; and to our team of Staff Contributors for providing articles for this newsletter.

This month we've also revised the front page banner, and Denise Rohde has provided another graphic for the President's Page. I hope you like these!

Please **do** keep materials/leads coming. We are again running low on Feature Vehicles. And with a larger newsletter, we need more material!

Just give me a call (734.717.5444), email me, or put something in the mailbox. Typically, it really doesn't take more than a 10-15 minute conversation to get great "stuff" for an article.

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The President's Page

Happy Holidays! Merry Christmas! Happy New Year!
First of all, we have a date for the '09 Swap Meet.....
July 18 & 19 at the Wayne County Fairgrounds. After much
checking weather-wise for the months of June, July and
August, the results were negligible as to the odds of one being
any better than the other based on a ten-year span.

Thank you one and all for your generosity to "Toys for Tots
Night". Once again you outdid yourselves. We just had one
glitch and that will be rectified next year.

Hopefully we will see a good many of you at the January
Dinner Dance. You should all have your invitations by now.
If you haven't done so, please get those responses back to us
with a yes or no. As in the past, if you have a group that wants
to sit together, agree on one name for the table (a ten-top)
and of course, your own name. If there are or than ten, start
another table using a different name for the table.

On behalf of the Board I wish you all a Happy New Year and
pray that 2009 will bring new hope and joy for our state of
Michigan.....we need it!

Art Cervi, President



**Early postcard sent from our
President to a young man in
Garden City.**

The message reads:

Hi—
Thanks a lot for writing!
I sure do like to get
letters from all my pals.
Hope you will keep watching
your pal,
Bozo.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

James Ferguson

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1966 Lincoln 4-door Convertible

1962 Ford Galaxie Convertible

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1969 Mustang Mach 1

Meet the New Members by Terry Worful



Jeff Martoia



Hi, I'm Jeff Martoia and was born on July 26, 1966. Yep I'm a youngster! I was born in Garden City, MI and am a flight attendant.

My first car was a 1972 VW Squareback. I started collecting cars in 1988 with a 1967 Pontiac LeMans. My other hobby is collecting bikes.

If I could own any other car other than a Ford, it would be a Plymouth Volare Roadrunner. It was my big brother's first car, and it has a lot of good memories for me. I do my own work on my cars.

I joined the FMRCOA because I LOVE CARS!

Robert Hunt

My name is Robert Hunt and was born Oct 2, 1954. My occupation is carburetor builder (Kar-go Carburetor Inc.). My first car was a 1965 Ford Falcon.

I started collecting cars in 1990 with a 1965 Ford Mustang. As for hobbies, I play drums and go fishing. Only Fords in my house!

I work on my own cars and joined the FMRCOA because I love cars, people and getting information.

Tom Gehringer

My name is Tom Gehringer and I was born on July 11, 1943 in Dearborn. I'm self employed: "Tom's Lawn Service and Garden center."

My first car was a 1947 Dodge. I started Collecting cars in 2007 with my 1934 BB pick up truck. I also collect diecast cars and trucks. Nothing else for me: Fords All the way!

I do most of the work on my own cars and joined the FMRCOA because Pat Stanecki invited me to!



YOUR CAR!

The Rotunda Times would like to feature your old car or truck in an upcoming issue. We are interested in how you came about finding your vehicle of choice, and what you have done to enhance its beauty, and / or mechanical condition. Simply mail or e-mail us your article accompanied with a photo to:

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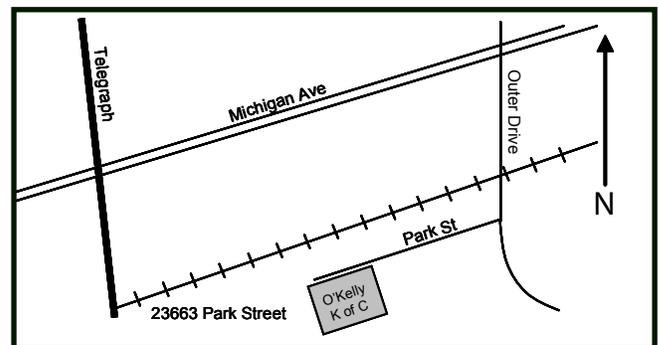
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Club Meetings

The FMRC meets the first Wednesday of each month at the Knights of Columbus Patrick O'Kelley Hall in Dearborn (313.278.5600). Refreshments are served after the meeting!

Come and bring a friend!



A Note from the Treasurer

This month was another typical one. A significant number of Members have paid their 2009 dues. We really appreciate your promptness!

I wish you all a happy holiday season!

Steve Rohde, Treasurer

FEATURE VEHICLE *cont. from page 1*

“The more I looked at that car the more I had to have it,” he continued. Mark had been looking at the car for the two previous years. Indeed, his stepfather, Bob Negstad, had restored a 1940 Ford Deluxe Coupe in the early 1980’s -- and Mark really liked the 1940 models. “But the more I looked at the ‘37 Ford, the more it grew on me,” Mark said. And so he finally bought the car in November of 1998.

Mark’s ‘37 Ford has a Mustang II front suspension with disc brakes, a 9 in. Ford rear axle, and a 350 Chevy engine with an automatic transmission. It also has amenities such as an AM-FM cassette/10 disc CD sound system, power windows, tilt steering column, banjo steering wheel, vintage HVAC system, power doors, and American Racing Torque Thrust wheels. The color is PPG Vanilla Shake clear coat/base coat.

The car was in perfect condition and Mark considers himself just “the keeper of this car.”



Yes, a Chevy 350 under the hood!

Mark primarily drives the car to car shows and has put less than 8,000 miles on it since he drove it back from Charleston, South Carolina. “It’s a real nice cruiser for a HOT ROD power cruise,” commented Mark.

Mark was born in 1951 and raised in Dearborn. He graduated from Dearborn High in 1969 not knowing what he would do for a career.

However, his stepfather had had an exciting position at Ford Motor as an engineer. Bob Negstad worked on such notable vehicles as the 1962 Mustang 1 prototype (2 seater), then went to England (1964) and stuffed the 427 in the AC Cobra (a Ford & Shelby effort), and then went on to the Ford GT 40 program in 1965.

In 1979 Ford started the SVO group. Bob was a suspension

engineer responsible for the 1984 SVO Mustang. He also worked on the PPG Pace car program (starting with the Mercury LN7 1983), and subsequently the Thunderbird, Lincoln Mark IV, and 87 Mustang. All of these cars can be seen at the Roush Automotive Museum including Bob’s 1940 Mandarin Maroon Ford Deluxe Coupe, 1931 Model A, and 427 AC (Roush Powered) Cobra.

In addition Bob introduced Mark to notables such as Bill Stroppe, Michael Kranefuss, Lynn St.James, Jackie Stewart, Bob Bondurant, and Jack Roush.

With such a stepfather, “I thought that Ford might be a good direction,” Mark commented. So he joined Ford and retired in 2006 from Ford Parts and Service after 30 years and a “great ride!”

In July of 2005 Mark and his wife Sue were at Varsity Ford looking at the brand new redesigned ‘05 Mustang when Sue noticed a 2005 50th Anniversary Cashmere Thunderbird.

“We had been wanting a T-Bird since we returned from a vacation in Arizona in July of ‘03. But nobody needs a drop top when the temp is 115 degrees in the shade,” commented Mark. “When I was growing up my stepfather had a 1955 Thunderbird and I just had to have the last of the two seaters. So we purchased the car and joined the Water Wonderland Thunderbird Club in the spring of 2006.” In December 2007 Mark became the President of that Club.

“That’s when my new friend Bob Guetschow called me to discuss an all Ford Car Show and the rest is history. Now I can’t wait for the first Wednesday of the month. Your club is fantastic -- with such a rich history and members from all kinds of backgrounds. Keep up the great job, and see if we can make another 40 years,” Mark concluded. And it’s great having you in our Club too Mark!



Looks nice from the rear too!



2009 FMRC Meetings & Events Calendar

Below is the *tentative* table of meetings and events for 2008. New information will be posted each month as events and dates are “firmed” up. **Bold font represents club sponsored activities.** *Also, if you have an idea for a Club event, please let a Board Member know!*

January 7	Club Meeting
January 17	Dinner Dance
February 4	Club Meeting
February	Garage Tour TBA
March 4	Club Meeting
March 6-8	Autorama
March	Garage Tour TBA
April 1	Club Meeting
April	Garage Tour TBA
May 6	Club Meeting
May 2	ACS Relay for Life Car Show
May 25	Memorial Day Parade
June 3	Club Meeting
June 7	Carnival of Cars
June 7	Wilson Barn Show
June 20-21	Motor Muster
June TBA	Downriver Cruise
July 1	Club Meeting
July 18-19	FMRCOA Swap Meet and Car Show
July	Club Picnic TBA
July	Telegraph Cruise TBA
August 5	Club Meeting
August	Dearborn Homecoming TBA
August 15	Woodward Dream Cruise
Sept.	Overnighter TBA
Sept. 2	Club Meeting
Sept. 4-6	Frankenmuth Auto Fest
Oct. 7	Club Meeting
Oct.	Color Tour - TBA
Nov. 4	Club Meeting
Dec. 2	Club Meeting

**Mark your calendars:
2009 FMRCOA Dinner Dance
Scheduled for January 17, 2009.**

FMRCOA Florida Snowbird Dinner Scheduled



The 2009 dinner will be held at a **new location** on Friday, February 20, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. in conjunction with the Winter Autofest in Zephyrhills, Florida. The name of the restaurant is Lupton's Buffet located at 5130 Gall Blvd. (US 301), just south of State Route 54. A private room will be available for those attending. For additional information, please call Bob Haas at 248-719-0952 (cell).

Designing an Icon: Creativity and the American Automobile Exhibit at Wayne State Gallery*



DESIGNING AN ICON consists of some 100 sketches and renderings from the top-secret studios of GM, Ford, and Chrysler during the Musclecar Era (1960s-1970s). Some will be immediately recognizable as relating to production cars of the era, but many depict advanced concepts that never made it into production. The sketches are beautiful in themselves and represent mediums and techniques that are no longer used in the computer-dominated design field today. The exhibition will run from **Nov 21, 2008 through Jan 16, 2009** at the Elaine L. Jacob Gallery at 480 W. Hancock St. For more information call 313.993.7813 or go to http://art.wayne.edu/jacob_gallery.php.

* Thanks go to Don Olson for providing this information!



December 2008 FMRCOA Meeting Minutes December 3, 2008

The meeting was started by Art Cervi at 7:30. He introduced the representatives of the Marine Corps and the Toys for Tots collection program. Chief Warrant Officer Ed Fore addressed the meeting and explained the history of Toys for Tots (see pages 1 and 13).



Marine Chief Warrant Officer Ed Fore speaks to 148 FMRCOA Members about Toys for Tots.

Doug Osborn shared the facts of the loss of his father-in-law, Chuck Ziegenbein. Working in the garage, he accidentally knocked a car off its supports and it fell on him, crushing him to death. This was certainly a tragic accident that should remind us all to be careful even when we're in familiar territory such as our garages. Our condolences go out to the family.

Only one guest was introduced, Jeff Martoia. Jeff's brother is a Club Member and Jeff will be too, along with his 1966 Dodge Coronet. Welcome, Jeff.

Bob passed out name tags and since we had 148 in attendance, he was able to place quite a few. The minutes from the last Meeting were submitted and approved as written. Steve Rohde presented the Treasurer's Report and was quick to note we were in a better financial position than the Big 3! We are still solvent. A quick comparison with prior year's balances at the same time shows our balance is about average for this time of year. Hopefully, next year's swap meet will do well.

Bob Guetschow announced that Holiday Nights at Greenfield Village is a sell out but he had 4 cancellations. They were

available on a first come, first serve basis.

January 17, 2009 is the club dinner dance. This year's event will be held at the same place as last year, St. Mary's Cultural Center on Merriman in Livonia. The cost is still \$65.00.

Art reminded everyone of the State Fair Swap Meet and that, although there is a charge to park, the fee supports the State and not the people running the Swap Meet.

Terry Worful reported that our membership is now up to 358; and 221 members have renewed. Membership rosters were available for pick up. We couldn't help but notice Terry's new, colorful hairdo. Looks like she's ready for the holidays!

Several of our members have had recent hospitalizations: John Price, Jim Crawford, Hank Dawson and Pat Beatty. We wish them a speedy and complete recovery.

Mike Fontana's personal Santa Claus brought him a new winter jacket with our club name and logo embroidered on the back. This is a good quality, attractive varsity style, leather sleeved jacket and is available for Club Members to purchase on their own from Canton Embroidery. Canton Embroidery has other style jackets and merchandise available, or you can supply your own. Pricing and contact details are available from Mike. The 5-gallon plastic buckets are still available for \$3 each with all proceeds to go to charity.

The newsletter continues to arrive late in some areas. Steve is investigating a redesign of the back page where the address is imprinted and advised the newsletter is available on-line if you don't want it mailed www.fmrcoa.org.

The car talk this month was interesting, but the most lively discussion centered around an old 8 track player: what cars it was on, what years, standard or optional, etc. The amount of knowledge coming forth was amazing. If they ever come out with an automotive version of Trivial Pursuit, we know who will win!

There was also a discussion about some scams that are constantly being refined by the crooks among us. Buyers and sellers online should be cautious. Also, using special scanners, criminals may be able to copy the codes sent by wireless transmitting devices such as garage door openers and key fobs. Finally, members were cautioned to watch their hotel room passes as they may be encoded with personal information. It's always better to be safe than sorry.

Show and tell, a very generous raffle, the usual joke by Art, and the Meeting was brought to a close.

Phil Lyon, Secretary

(with lots of assistance from Roxanne Fontana)

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GARAGE CRAWL *cont. from page 1*

As members arrived, they admired Jack's collection of toys, slot machines, model cars, pinball machines and all sorts of guy things on display. As more people arrived, the house was getting crowded and Paul Coleman quipped, "How many people can you stuff in Jack's kitchen?" I don't really know, but it was cozy!

Jack had prepared for the crowd by lining up his "children" (cars to you and me) for display. His "children" were well-behaved as they sat along side the club cars. The '51 Ford Business Coupe, the '41 Ford Coupe, and the "Baby" Lincoln were gracious hosts as Jack's backyard began to fill with club cars. As members wandered around the yard and barn getting to know Jack's "family," the Wizard sat quietly next to the Cushman Eagle while the Schwinn's watched from the side. Jack can be proud of his "children" and the Club Members were very impressed.

As a last minute add, Bob Guetschow announced at Jack's that we had an opportunity to tour Bob Machacek's private car collection near our next stop. Some of the Club Members took advantage of this opportunity and squeezed in a quick visit before going to Alex Attard's. Those who went to Bob's agreed it was worth the trip.

From Jack's house, we moved to Alex Attard's home. From the front, Alex's house is a traditional, well-kept home, but step to the backyard and you've entered a wonderland. Alex, a former body shop owner, has spent the last 20+ years using his unique talents and imagination building a very special world.

Almost every foot of Alex's yard holds something he has created. Dick Monroe found the "African Queen" docked next to a river with an alligator. Go upstairs in the work garage and you'll step onto the deck of a pirate ship, complete with a ship's wheel and treasure chests. Continue to work your way through the garage and you'll find something of interest in every corner including an original 1930's Auburn convertible tucked way in the back.

Outside you'll pass dinosaur skeletons, a Dodge Brothers truck, and a row of old, rusted car bodies parked along the far fence that serve as "lawn art." Everywhere you looked there was something to catch your eye. Continue on and you entered Alex's personal cowboy town. It has a bank, a general store, a post office, a jail, horses, a saloon – everything you'd expect to see in an old-time western town.

Clint Eastwood was hanging out on the sidewalk and the saloon seemed to be the most popular place. Art Cervi was right at home tending bar with the barkeep as he set 'em up.

Several of the guys were trying to get into the poker game and some of them were being mighty friendly with the ladies working there.

There was a train, a gold mine, a church, and a careless blacksmith with a singed hand in the livery. Some of the Members seemed a bit nervous around the sheriff in the jail, and I don't think you'd want to use the Chinese laundry. Going to town on a Saturday can make you work up a powerful hunger and it was time to eat. Lunch was served in the middle of town, and the crowd lined up for pizza, soft drinks, and water.

How does something like this get started? Alex told Terry Worful that, when he first bought the house, it had a chicken coop. He liked it and moved it to the back of the yard where it became the stable. He thought it looked good there, built another building, and it took off from there.

The day was another successful outing for the Club. Thank you to Jack Krompatic for sharing his home and very special family. Thank you to Bob Machacek for the last minute add of his car collection, and a special thank you to the magic of Alex Attard – a most unique and talented individual!



It was a great day! For more photos, go to www.fmrcoa.org.

In Memoriam

Charles Ziegenbein February 7, 1925 - October 19, 2008

Club Member Charles J Ziegenbein died on November 21, 2008 at age 69 from an unfortunate accident while working on his 1934 Ford. Chuck, who had been a Member of our Club since 1973, lived in Forester, Michigan after moving there from Detroit.

Chuck was born in Detroit, on June 6, 1939 to Charles and Grace Ziegenbein. He married Nancy (Boss) on April 11, 1964.

Chuck was employed by the Detroit Fire Department, where he retired in 1998 as Chief of Fire Communication after 42 years of service.

Chuck is survived by his wife Nancy, daughter Carol (FMRCOA Board Member Doug), and grandsons Charles and Christian Osborn of Royal Oak.

Besides the FMRCOA, Chuck was active in the Sanilac County Historical Museum. During Foresters' Sesquicentennial, he was instrumental in developing and displaying a photographic history of the township.

Chuck enjoyed his antique cars, researching the history of Forester, and spending the winters in Zephyrhills, FL with his fellow antique car buffs.

Honoring his request, Chuck was cremated and a memorial mass was held at on Saturday, November 29, 2008 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Port Sanilac, MI.

Memorials can be made to the Sanilac County Historical Museum.



CZ Saftey Series: Selection & Care of a Jack*

The first piece of equipment most of us will buy for lifting our vehicle will be a jack. Jacks come in a variety of shapes and sizes ranging from simple 'scissor' jacks to hydraulic trolley jacks.

Hydraulic jacks are far easier and safer to use than mechanical screw type jacks. For the home mechanic, hydraulic jacks come in two guises: bottle jacks and trolley jacks.

Automotive bottle jacks are designed to lift vertically in a straight line and have relatively little sideways (lateral) stability. Hence, bottle jacks then can be inherently unstable when used on a vehicle and so should only be used for very short periods (e.g. when changing a wheel) and never when access is required under the vehicle even for positioning axle stands.

Trolley jacks then are the safest choice for lifting your vehicle but even these have limitations so here's a few tips for choosing and using the right trolley jack.

Lifting capacity is all-important. Any jack should have its lifting capacity clearly described on either its original packaging or, more preferably, on the jack itself. Always buy a jack whose marked capacity at least equals the vehicle's gross vehicle weight.

There are a few other factors to consider too. The wheels of your trolley jack should be solid steel construction with no plastic or rubber. The front wheels of the jack should be fixed to a solid axle running across the width of the jack. The rear wheels should be of heavy-duty castor variety, fixed to strong steel brackets welded to the body of the jack itself.

Take a good look at the thickness of the steel used in the construction of the jacks chassis and lifting arm; on a good, strong heavy duty jack, it will be at least 3-5mm thick. The jack handle itself (often supplied in two pieces that bolt together), should at least reach to waist height in the fully upright position.



Examine too the 'saddle' that actually comes into contact with the vehicle being lifted. It should be of a good thickness of steel (3-5mm) and at least 75mm diameter. Some also have rubber pads fitted to prevent scoring or scuffing of the vehicle.

Always store the jack in the fully lowered position since this retracts the lifting piston and prevents it become corroded, damaged or heavily soiled. If the piston surface is anything less than perfect, the seals within will almost certainly become worn or damaged and this can lead to dangerous fluid leaks and even catastrophic failure. When you are buying or using a jack, always inspect the extending piston when the jack is fully raised to just to make sure it is in tip-top condition. Any signs of a fluid leak means the jack should not be used under any circumstances. Go and buy a new jack!

Store the jack indoors and, if in an unheated garage or shed, spray it thoroughly with AC90, WD40 or similar to prevent rusting. Lubricate the jack periodically in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. Typically this involves applying grease to any lubrication nipples and light oil (3 in 1 or similar) to the wheels and linkages.

Store the jack on a level surface, as it would be if it were in use. Don't be tempted to store it on its side or inverted since this can lead to air becoming trapped in the hydraulic circuit within. Before actually using the jack, loosen off the lifting valve with the jack handle and pump it a few times to work the hydraulic oil through the mechanism.

Properly stored, maintained and used a good quality trolley jack will last many years so look after it and it will look after you.

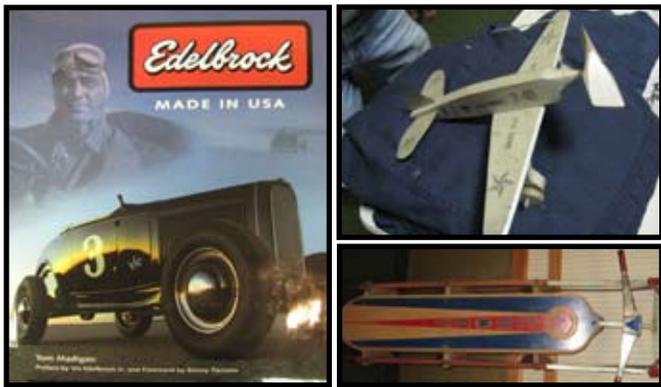
* *This is the first in a series of articles related to safety in memory of Chuck Ziegenbein. The material in this article has been adapted from http://www.difflock.com/buyersguide/tools/jacking_lifting_1.shtml with permission of the publishers.*

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November Show & Tell: Many Goodies by Bill Timoszyk

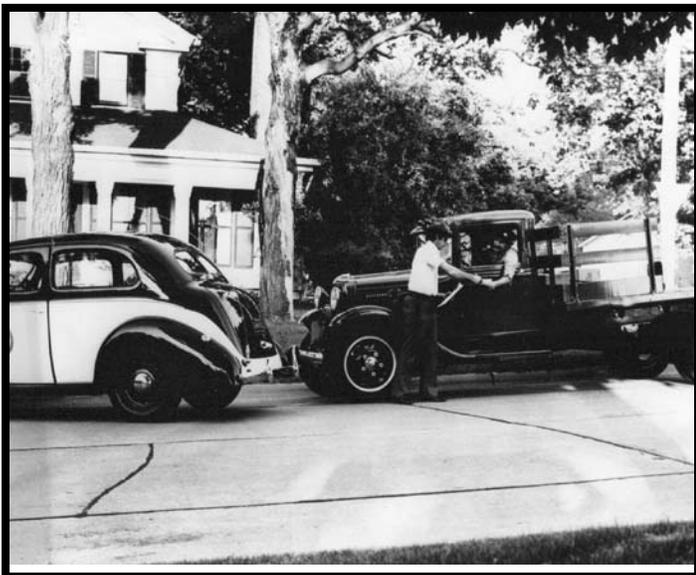
The December meeting provided us with a sack full of goodies.

Cole Grandy brought several goodies -- truly something for everyone: a WWII Mohawk P-40 wooden airplane made from wood to conserve metal, a circa 1960's Garton sled for those Hines Park hills, a 1958 J.C. Whitney catalog, and a recent "big book" about the history of Edelbrock Speed Equipment Co. The book was a real sweetie, just chock full of old race car and historic photos.



Clockwise from left: Edelbrock book, P-40 wooden airplane, and Garton sled.

Phil Lyon came with a Lincoln V-12 factory repair and owners manual, and a undated photo of the 30's Fords owned by Rick Jones and the late Gary Jean (below).



Pat Mulligan brought a 1/18 scale metal 2010 Mustang GT convertible in Sunset Gold

A Member also brought 41 and 51 Ford model cars



Model Cars: 2010 Mustang above & 1951 Ford below.



Paul Conforto displayed an original Ford Motor Company 8 track tape that instructed the owner on how to use the in-dash 8 track tape player.

Gary Radtke showed a series of photos on a state of the art Ponsse tree removal machine.

And Tom Mehlhose did his normal "Bozo's for the Boss"



More Bozo "stuff" from Tom Mehlhose!

Please, when you bring things in for Show & Tell, please sign in so we know who brought what. Thanks and happy Holidays.

Brian Kuta's 2008 Racing Report Card

by
Brian Kuta

I may have gotten off to a rather late start this 2008 season, because it took longer to get the new rotating assembly correct and running competitively. My 1972 Ford Maverick Grabber runs a Ford powered 302 based block that is 348 cid, a roller C-4, and a Ford nine inch with 4:30 Locker gears.

This season I put just a few passes short of 200 on the ole hot rod. Other than tire wear, I am very happy to once again say I just don't know if I could accomplish this without the help from certain people (see below), and if ever you need the services



Brian in his '72 Maverick.

of any of these people, I can personally tell you they are to be trusted to do right by you! Oh, before I forget, as some of you may want to know, my car ran a best 1/8 mile of 6:55 @ 104, and a best 1/4 mile of 10:38 @ 130.

Again, as in many past years, my car ran flawlessly with no issues all season. I ran 30 races this season and, after the Eaton Day test and tune at Milan, the races were at: Mid Michigan Motorplex, Ugly Dragway, Northern Michigan Dragway, Dragway 42, and Summit Raceway Park (Norwalk). The results of the 30 races was: 4 Wins, 1 Runner-Up, 1 Semi, 3 1/4's and I made the 1/8th's, 1/16th's and round money in many of the remainder races.

My car is very much a team effort, and I first have to especially thank my sons Mike and Mark for the help they give me, along with my other two sons, Clint and Justin. Besides the family help, I have to again extend many thanks to Bob Hunt, the owner of Kar-Go Carburetor Inc. (734.425.4590), for taking care of all the carburetor needs; and Louis Jeffery, the owner of Accurate Transmission Inc. (734.699.9042), for my 'bulletproof' drivetrain. Maddox RV Inc. (734.287.6067), owned by Kim Maddox, once again made sure I had no issues with my motorhome or trailer. My son Mark Kuta, the owner of Cougar Construction Midwest Inc. (CCMI 248.446.1099), provides me much physical and financial help, and I thank him for his help.

The FMRCOA Roving Reporter at the Super Ford Show in Columbus



I have not attended the Super Ford Show in Columbus, Ohio in the last fifteen years or so. However, this year, since I am working on two different Mustang restorations, I thought I would go. A couple friends and I loaded into the van, plugged in the Garmin, and headed south. When we arrived at the Expo Center, the cars were lined up on the freeway exit, but it was a short wait to get onto the grounds. The parking was \$5 and entrance to the show was \$8.

There were four large buildings and they were packed with vendors and parts. Absent were the people selling the cheapo chrome valve covers...these were real vendors with real parts. If you are looking for early Ford parts, you would be out of luck, as 90% of the vendors had parts from the 1960's and up. Since there were quite a few Mustang suppliers set up, it was easy to shop for the best deal...and there were plenty to be had.

There is also a large indoor car corral with quite a few really nice cars. We spent five hours to cover the show and were impressed with the quantity and quality of the parts.

As with most swap meets, the food was high priced and of average quality, but an afternoon stop at Big Boy took care of the hunger problem. We were blessed with sunny weather and low 40 degree temperatures -- so there were even a few outside vendors. If you are working on a 1960's and up Ford product (especially Mustangs), this is a worthwhile meet to attend.

Of course no trip home from Columbus would be complete without a stop at Coons Candies on US 23. Great homemade candy to eat while driving!

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Consider the 15th of the month as a deadline for getting announcements or other materials to me for that month's newsletter.

Finally, don't forget to visit our website www.fmrcoa.org where you can read these newsletters in color and see more event pictures, and now videos. Thanks for your support!

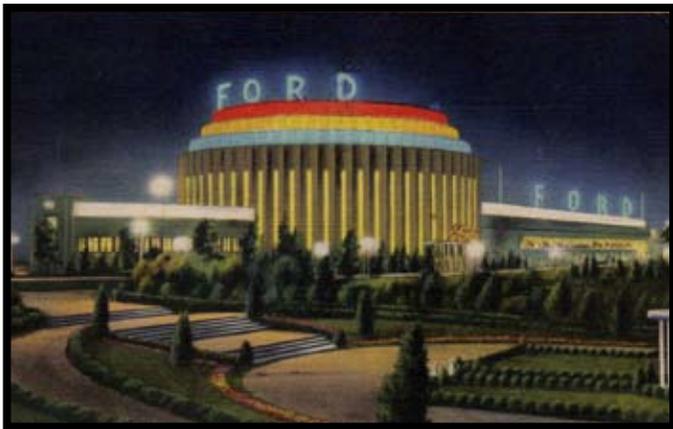
Have a Happy New Year!

Steve Rohde, Editor

Postcards from the Past by Lou Ironside

This month in Postcards from the Past, I am going to deviate slightly and slip in a postcard which is non-Ford. The two post cards this month are from a set sold at the Chicago Worlds Fair in 1934.

The first is the Ford exposition building at night. This very colorful card was mailed on July 11, 1934 from a young man who had just started working at the fair (although he did not mention where) to his girl friend in Mullet Lake, MI. He



1934 Chicago World's Fair buildings: Top - Ford Exposition Building. Bottom - GM Building.



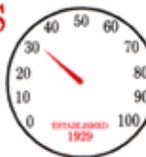
mentions that he is happy to have the job, even if it means being away his girlfriend for a while.

The second card is the General Motors Building at night, also at the Worlds Fair in 1934. Notice that the makers of the postcard inserted the Goodyear blimp into the night sky to fill in what would otherwise be just a dark area. It is an interesting contrast between the two buildings, and I am sure that the visitors in 1934 were in awe of the wonders these building held.

Too bad we can not travel back in time to visit these exhibits; I am sure we would be impressed too!

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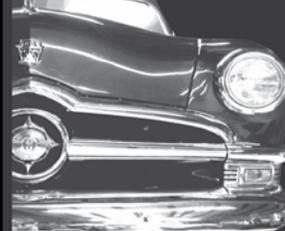
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TOYS FOR TOTS *cont. from page 1.*

FMRCOA Members again rallied to strongly support the U.S. Marine Corps Toys for Tots Program.

At the Meeting Marine Chief Warrant Officer Ed Fore, made a presentation about the Program.

The program started in 1946 when a Marine's wife made a Raggedy Ann doll and asked her husband to find a deserving child for Christmas. When he couldn't find an organization to collect and share the toys with children, Toys for Tots was born.

In spite of the bad economic conditions, the Detroit Metropolitan Area has always been in the top 3 areas for toy collections losing out to the much larger metropolitan areas of Chicago and New York. In 2006, Detroit was No. 1, 2007 we placed third, and so far in 2008, Detroit is running second thanks to the generosity of people like our FMRCOA Members. At tonight's meeting, over 100 toys were collected and to show our appreciation, anyone who donated a toy was entered into a special raffle to win Sears gift certificates. Thanks to all.

Now in its 61st year, Toys for Tots provides joy and a message of hope to economically disadvantaged children through the gift of a new toy during the Christmas holiday season. Many of the gifts provided, such as books, games and sports equipment, make a significant contribution to the educational, social and recreational development of these children. In 2007, Marines distributed gifts to 7.5 million children in over 600 communities nationwide. The Marine Toys for Tots Foundation relies on individual donations from the American public as well as support from corporate sponsors.

For more information, visit www.toysfortots.org.

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- 6 volt police siren works fine. \$25. Mike Riemenschneider. 734-459-1348.
- 1950 Ford Custom 2 dr. Must be seen. Also 1949 Ford pickup, 1978 GMC motor home. Paul Conforto. 313-801-8131.
- For 1949/51 Ford/ Mercury convertible: pair of rear ¼ window frames and glass, RH door window frame and glass, RH door vent window frame, all in excellent condition. Bill Large. 586-677-4790.
- Three Ford 14" steel wheels. \$5 each. Pat Kaluzny. 734-340-2693.
- 1928 Chrysler 4 dr, 6 cyl . Looks and runs good, older restoration. \$15,000 OBO. Pete. 519-738-4516.
- 391 Ford truck engine complete rebuild never run since rebuild. \$950 OBO. John Miller .586-756-4279 or 313-891-2640.
- Electrical parts off 1941 Ford pickup, gas tank and filler neck. 65/66 Galaxie NOS power steering box. John Staciewicz. 586-286-3265.
- 3 speed manual transmission fits Y block V8. Gerry Radke. 248-634-3408.
- 6 volt Unity spotlights 2 roof mount 1 extra light assembly all for \$35. Gary Holmstrom. 313-277-3475.
- 289 Ford 4 bbl intake manifold 1966 vintage \$80. 1966 Mustang full wheel cover \$15. Bob Milligan. 734-674-8483.
- Weather -Tech window awnings for 2005 Mountaineer Explorer. \$40. Ron Kierszkowski. 734-789-9254.
- Inside car storage (old Ford factory) Milford \$300 / season. 140 W Summit / Milford. Mike. 248-887-0917.
- For 1951 Ford: License plate light unit no glass \$10, NOS rear ash tray \$25. For 1951 Chevy: rear arm rests \$75, hood ornament \$20. For 1954 Ford: clock chrome good \$20, tail light lens, new, \$25 front bumper guards, nice, \$150. 1956 Ford front bumper guards \$95. Hank Dawson. 810-231-3184.

Wanted

- Rear brake drums 40/48 Ford/Merc. John Miller. 586-756-4279 or 313891-2640.
- Two bucket seats for 1971 Ford Torino GT. Larry Sznry. 734-751-8415 or lsznry@sbcglobal.net.
- 46/48 Ford running boards NOS mint. Leo Chouniard. 248-437-0947.
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- 1956 Ford pickup fiberglass hood , NOS passenger side running board. Bill Stanley. 248-652-2020.
- 1965/66 power steering gear box NOS Galaxie. John Staciewicz. 586-286-3265.
- Heated and secure winter storage, Call Linda at Redford transmission. 313-537-7110.
- Ford early 60's 8" open rear end drum to drum 3.73 ratio. \$65. Gary Holmstrom. 313-277-3475.
- 49/51 Mercury rear end 3.90 ratio no brakes or drums \$30. 49/51 mercury rear end 4.27 ratio drum to drum. \$50. 49/50 Mercury Od transmission complete with wire harness and cable. \$150. Gary Sharkas. 734-525-3652.
- 1970 Ford XL sports roof new 466 cu. in. auto trans Magnum 500 wheels. \$16,000 OBO. Jim Crawford. 313-724-9117.
- 1969 Mercury Montego MX convertible good running and driving condition \$8,500 Cliff Pickleseimer 734-425-3029
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- 52/53 Merc engine \$750. Built flathead \$1,500. Rebuilt 302 \$700. Don Steinhagen. 313-561-1251.
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- 1939 Ford brake drums. Dick Moote. 248-349-4254
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- Aluminum truck cap for 1965 Ford short bed . Size hasn't changed at least up to 2000 maybe newer. Roger Hodyka. 517-282-4738.
- Auto Restorer magazines: 12/04; 1,5,6,7,8,11,12 /05; 1,3,5,6,7,8,12/06; 1,2,4,6,8,10 /07; 3,4,5,6 /08. Tony Skomra. 248-887-9759.
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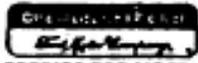


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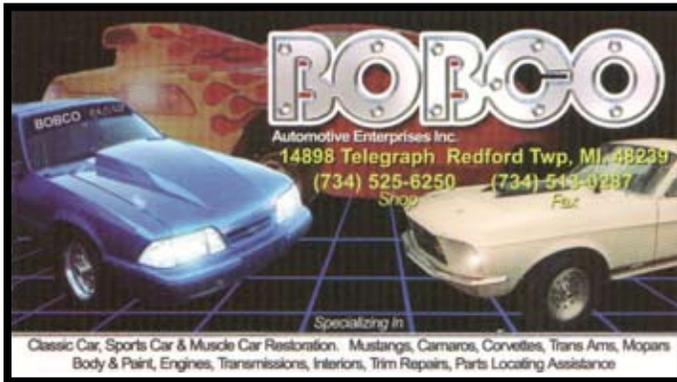
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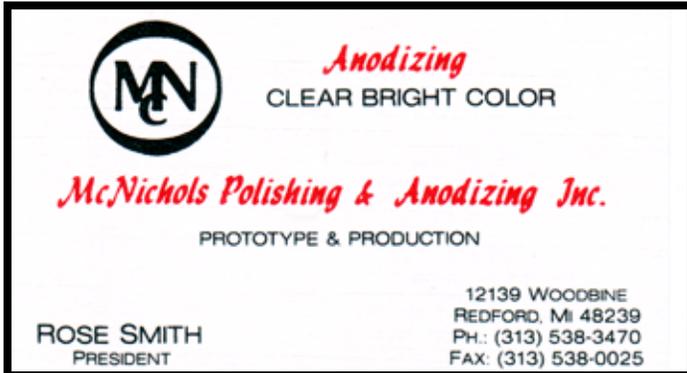
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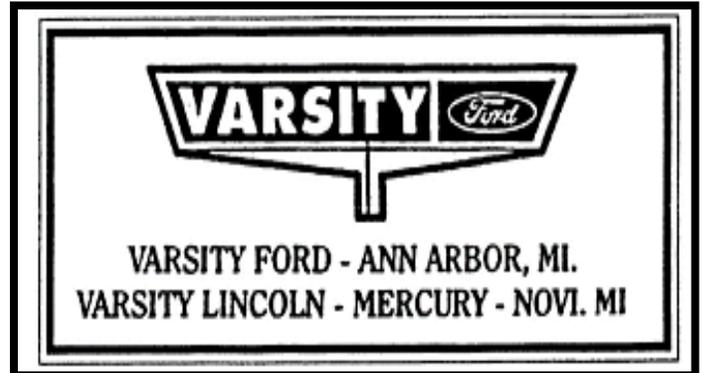


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