

Don't forget to bring a Toy for Tots to December Meeting!



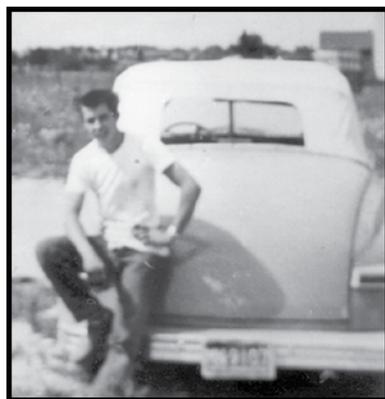
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Feature Vehicle: 1946 Mercury Sportsman+ owned by Bill Large



Bill and his Sportsman at Meadowbrook in August, 2008.

As a student at East Detroit High School in 1957, Bill owned his first Mercury. It was a 48 Mercury Convertible painted '55 Chevy turquoise green with a rolled and pleated interior, a bored out Oldsmobile V8, a floor shift '37 LaSalle transmission, skirts, and a white top. The car was fast on Woodward and the drag strips. The car allowed Bill to learn about cars the hard way at a very early age!



51 years earlier: Bill with his '48 Merc in 1957!

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Yesterday's Roadster's Reborn: A Visit to American Speed

On October 18 about 50 Club Members and friends visited American Speed Company in Plymouth, Michigan. We were hosted by Company President Mark Trostle, and members of his management team. What an amazing place!



Club Members watch Mark Trostle give a slide presentation about the Company & its products.

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Jim Crawford Featured in Publication

A screenshot of a magazine article titled 'INCAT INSIDE' from October 2008. The article is about Jim Crawford, an INCAT Designer, and his work with classic Ford and Mercury vehicles. It includes a photo of Jim with a white 1970 Ford XL Sportroof and a photo of him receiving a donation of toys for the Toys for Tots program. The article also mentions that the FMRCA supports the U.S. Marines Toys for Tots program and that Jim is a member of the Ford and Mercury Restorers Club of America (FMRCA).

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INCAT INSIDE

INCAT People

Cars, kids and lots of heart

What do classic Ford and Mercury vehicles, needy kids and the United States Marines have in common? A lot, according to **Jim Crawford**, an INCAT Designer in the metro Detroit area.

Jim is a member of Dearborn, Michigan-based Ford and Mercury Restorers Club of America (FMRCA), a hobby organization whose purpose is to foster and promote the acquisition, preservation and use of all Ford vehicles, 25 years of age and older. The club was founded in 1969 and Jim, the owner of a 1970 Ford XL Sportroof, has been a member since 1987.

In the early 1990s, one of the club members, Bob Haas, heard about the United States Marine Corps' program "Toys for Tots." Toys for Tots began in 1947 when Major Bill Hendricks, USMC and a group of Marine Reservists in Los Angeles collected and distributed 5,000 toys to needy children. The FMRCA took up the cause locally, and has collected thousands of toys for the program over nearly 15 years.

This year, the FMRCA made an additional donation to Toys for Tots, Jim noted. "One of our members learned of a shipment of undamaged toys that could not be sold because of smeared labels," he said. "He and another member secured the donation and loaded the toys - 800 in all - into a 24-foot car hauler and donated them to the Marines for Toys for Tots."

At the December 2007 meeting of the club, guests included two former Marines who had fought at the battle of Iwo Jima during WWII. They were accompanied by active-duty Marines in dress uniform who collected the 2007 toy donations. This year, the FMRCA will again support Toys for Tots. Members will bring their donations to the December meeting and again representatives of

Each year, the FMRCA supports the U.S. Marines Toys for Tots program. Here, two U.S. Marines accept the 2007 donation at the regular December meeting of the club.

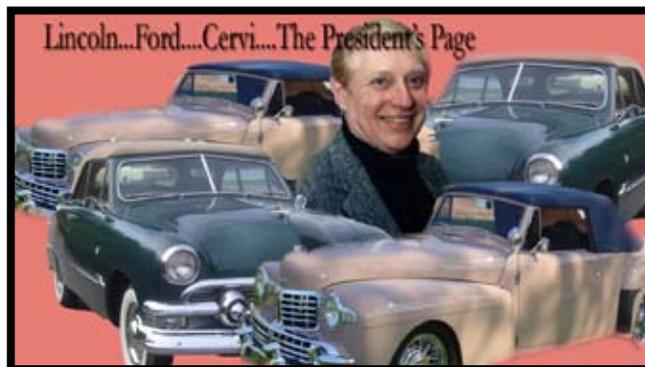
more about INCAT People >

Club Member Jim Crawford was recently featured in his company's publication "INCAT INSIDE."

The article also reflected very highly on the FMRCA.

Good going Jim!

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Thanks Folks, what a month! The garage crawls were GREAT! All the guys at American Speed were so gracious in opening their doors to us. If you weren't there don't fret...we've been asked to come back and see more of their operations, including the manufacturing side of the business.

Jack Krompatic and Alex Attard's outings were super – plus we got a tease of a bonus with a “quick” tour of Bob Machacek's vehicles. We're going to set up a longer tour at his two places at a later date.

The 2009 Dinner Dance is in the planning stage and should be around the 17th of January...we will confirm real soon, so keep the date open. By popular demand we will be going back to St. Mary's Cultural Center in Livonia once again. Should you have any ideas for entertainment please give me a personal call and we can discuss it. We try to surprise the rest of the members on that night, so let's keep it on the QT.

Here's hoping that you all have a Happy Thanksgiving. I know things look bleak now for Michigan, but let us hope that the New Year will be brighter for us all. Also hoping that our “toys” are nicely put in storage for the winter, just waiting for an early spring.

Remember that we now start our meetings at 7:30 p.m. – Daylight Savings Time is gone for another season.....

Art Cervi, President



Gene Johnson stands next to Bruce Woolsey, President of Bob's Speedometer, Inc. during a recent visit to their shop.

We welcome Bob's as our newest advertiser!

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1928 Ford Pickup

1928 Ford Roadster

1953 Ford 4-door

1958 Ford Edsel 4-door hardtop

Mike Stevenson (Joan)

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Dennis Gibbish (Janet)

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1927 Ford Roadster

Tom Gehringer (Linda)

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1934 Ford BB Truck

Meet the New Members by Terry Worful



Dennis Gibbish



My name is Dennis (Gib) Gibbish and my wife is Janet. I was born In Gross Pointe, and I am a sign painter and pin stripper. I'm trying to retire but it is not working. My first car was a 54 Chevy.

I started collecting cars in 1956, with a 1950 Olds coupe and a 1950 Ford Crestline.

My other hobbies are art and gardening.

If I could have any other car other than a Ford, it would be a Packard because my family worked there. I would also like to own Buicks and Cadillacs -- I just love the vintage Detroit luxury cars!

I sometimes work on my own cars and joined FMRCOA because my family worked at Ford as well.

Chet Doughman



I'm Dr. Chet Doughman and my wife is JoAnn. I was born on August 2, 1946 in Detroit and I am a retired Dr. of Optometry. I now work at the Automotive Museum of America.

My first car was a 1948 Crosley.

I started collecting cars when I was 15 years old, with a 1926 Chevy. I also collect license plates.

If I could have any other car other than a Ford they would be a 1902

Rambler Roadster and a 1911 Hudson Torpedo.

I do my own work on my cars and joined the FMRCOA to keep myself off the streets!

My name is Mike Stevenson and my wife is Joan. I was born on February 7, 1944 in Detroit and will be working in the skilled trades for three more weeks.

My first car was a 1964 Volkswagen "Bug."

I started collecting cars in 1990 with a 1955 Lincoln Capri.

I also like fly fishing.

If I could own any car other than a Ford it would be 1970 Dodge Challenger RT with a 383 Magnum because I had one before.

I don't work on my cars myself anymore and joined the FMRCOA to keep my brother company.



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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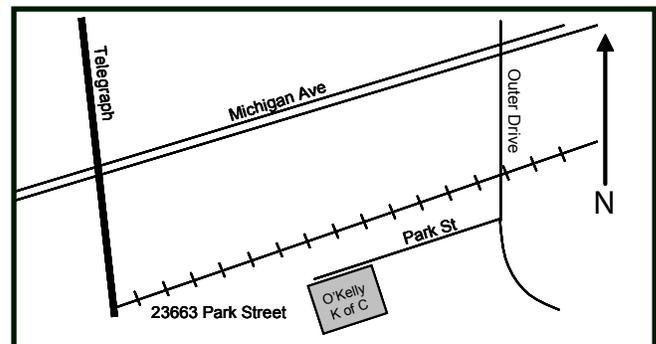
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Club Meetings

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 fairly typical one. Dues are starting to come in.

Steve Rohde, Treasurer

FEATURE VEHICLE *cont. from page 1*

The '48 Mercury provided daily transportation to high school and then to Wayne State University (with a welded spider gears locked rear end) as Bill earned his BSME in 1963. Bill continued his interest in cars as he worked at Chevrolet Engineering for the next 35 years retiring in 1998.

The next car Bill built was a 1934 Ford 5 window coupe in 1967 powered by a Cadillac V8, and then by a 454 Chevy. The 34 really flew turning a 10.85 sec ET at 128 MPH at Milan; and it was driven to and from the strip!



Bill's '34 Ford at Milan Dragway in 1985.

To calm things down a little, Bill built a '33 Chevrolet Street Rod in 1991 with a complete 1985 Corvette drivetrain, independent front suspension, 3 inch chopped top (a 4 door), and custom paint/interior. The Chevy has been on the road since 1991 and has 30,000 miles on it now.



'33 Chevy street rod in 2000.

In 1994, he bought a 1948 Mercury convertible with the intention of making a Street Rod to be like the '48 Mercury he had in 1957. The car was so nice and original Bill did not have the heart to cut it up, so a complete 4 year frame off restoration was done. This car is used frequently for shows, and to drive around and has 9,000 miles on it since it was finished in 1998.

When Bill retired from GM in 1998, he decided to look for another Mercury to use to create a Street Rod like he had in 1957. He found a '47 Mercury convertible in good condition and collected all the parts to finish the project. However, before he got started on the 47, he saw

a 1946 Mercury Sportsman in a museum and knew he could not be without one of his own!

After doing a considerable amount of research on the 46 Mercury Sportsman, Bill found out that only 205 Mercury Sportsmans were produced while the Ford version had about 3500 made. After a search to buy a 46 Mercury Sportsman to restore, it became clear that he would have to make the car from parts. A Ford Sportsman of the time frame that the Mercury models were being made (about 6 months in 1946) was located and used to create the Mercury. There are now 5 restored Mercury Sportsmans with one being an actual factory car and the other 4 made from parts. The Sportsman Shop in Washington State was given the job to restore the body sheet metal, install all new wood, paint the body shell, and put it on a Mercury wheelbase frame.

After 5 years, the car was shipped to Bill's home workshop for completion in July of 2007. The car was completed



Bill's current project: another '47 Merc!

by Bill with the help of friends and local professionals in time for the V8 Club of America's Grand National Meet in Dearborn in July of 2008. The car was also shown this year at the Meadow Brook Concours d'Elegance and at Hershey.

With the Sportsman completed, Bill has pulled the original '47 Mercury Convertible into his home workshop with a plan to recreate the first Mercury he had in 1957 as a modern Street Rod. The car will have a chopped convertible top that operates up and down with hydraulic power, 502 Chevy, '55 Chevy turquoise green paint, skirts, white top, and other features from the 1957-- if Bill could just remember what they were! The '47 Mercury Street Rod should be done in 2012,



2008 FMRC Meetings & Events Calendar

Below is the *tentative* table of meetings & 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!*

Dec. 3	Club Meeting
Dec. 13	Holiday Nights -Greenfield Village

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



**Saturday December 13
6:30-10 PM**

Members free!

**Additional tickets: \$14.50 adults
\$12.75 children 5-12
Children under 5 free**

**Register/order tickets by check payable to
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**Toys for Tots at December 3 Meeting:
Please Bring a Toy!**



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).

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Steve,

My hat is off to J&P Auto Electric, one of our advertisers, for the fantastic customer service provided by them.

Over two years had elapsed from the time when J&P rebuilt my generator and starter motor and when I got my car on the road this summer. I then discovered a low output condition with my charging system and turned to them for assistance.

The short version of this story is that they worked with me right from my first phone call. Ken, the general manager personally checked all of my components on the test stand twice and while finding nothing to be wrong, he did make minor adjustments and component changes and suggested what turned out to be the final solution, a smaller diameter pulley. I changed the pulley and his suggestion proved to be the correct one.

I recommend J&P Auto Electric to our membership and their friends. Please publish this letter for all to read.

Sincerely,

Bill Gipperich

The Rotunda Times



November 2008 FMRCOA Meeting Minutes November 5, 2008

Art began the meeting at 7:30 sharp. After some confusion, this will be the summer and winter meeting time from here on out. As usual, the Club purpose was stated by Art.



Looks like these guys never ate before!

Guests were introduced. Tom Gherringer has a 1934 Ford and a Model BB. Roxanne Fontana and Mike McLennan were welcomed as new members, and several badges were handed out.

We also welcomed our new Recording Secretary, Beth Marschner. She will help the half deaf old guy get all the necessary details from the meeting into the minutes. A big thanks from Phil!

Steve's Treasurer's report was read and accepted by the Club. Last month's meeting minutes were also accepted.

There was some discussion about changes in cost for the meeting hall. There are about 30 members who do not stay for the food. That will be further negotiated.

Terry reported that the membership now stands at a total of 353.

Condolences were offered to Mike on the loss of his dad, former member of long standing, Al Fontana (see page 9).

Thanks to Mike for setting up the nice garage crawl to Jack Krompatic's and Alex Attard's place. There was a third stop planned, and a few attended -- but there will

be another tour in the offing.

Mike didn't think he had enough to do, so he is going to be selling five gallon buckets for three bucks a pop. The proceeds will go toward the charity of our choice.

Jim Crawford asked that all new members forward him their E-mail address.

Those of you who have signed up for Holiday Nights remember the date: December 13th. Another important date to remember is the 17th of January. This will be our annual dinner dance at the St. Mary Cultural Center near 6 Mile and Merriman in Livonia.

Our TOYS for TOTS collection will take place at our next meeting, so remember to bring in a toy or toys (not wrapped). You will get a ticket for your chance at a prize. There was a nice article in INCAT Magazine about the Club's efforts for TOYS for TOTS (see page 1).

We are continuing our efforts to get the Rotunda Times to everyone at the same time. They are all mailed simultaneously.

There was some car talk, a good Show and Tell, a drawing, and a joke by our resident clown.

Phil Lyon, Secretary

Looks like Phil is deep in thought sitting next to Beth Marschner, our new Recording Secretary.



Roxanne Fontana gets her Member's badge at the November Meeting. Welcome Rox!

AMERICAN SPEED *cont. from page 1*

American Speed Company was founded by Mark in 2006, and offers everything from personalized components to complete vehicle project execution.

Mark himself has more than 30 years of design expertise and has been involved in design projects with automotive OEMs around the world on an astonishingly wide variety of products, including the Chevrolet SSR, the ASC McLaren Mustang/Capri, the Buick GNX, and numerous concept cars.

A car enthusiast at heart, 13 year old Mark worked with his father to build his first car, a Ford Model A Coupe, and has built more than ten cars since that time. His current project is a 1940 Ford convertible.

Mark has gathered a leadership team of hot rodding enthusiasts who add more than 40 years of design, engineering, and program management experience to the Company. The team includes designers, fabricators, business managers and project managers, who offer customers the professionalism acquired through years of OE experience.

Club Members were extremely impressed as we heard about the details of , viewed, and sat in American Speed's Speed33 – a modern version of a '33 Ford roadster. The Speed33 is equipped with structural components that are tied to high-quality body panel stampings that stay true, and features a number of firsts in the industry including the



A Speed33 ready to ship to a customer!

first modern, fully-integrated convertible top in a '33; the first full substructure design for maximum body rigidity; the first integrated windshield stanchion and windshield



A modern top mechanism is a feature of the Speed33.

frame; and the first body design to compensate for both fenderless and full-fendered treatment.

While it honors tradition, the Speed33 is also equipped with subtle improvements throughout that lead to ease of build, use and driving experience such as power side windows,

a contemporary OEM-spec convertible top assembly that stows completely away under a hard tonneau when not in use, and a roomy passenger compartment that is 4 inches wider and 5 inches longer than a '32, and sports doors that are stretched 4 inches over stock.

During our tour, Mark previewed an all-new reproduction 1933 grille shell for the antique and street rod markets that they had just developed. This grill is an exact copy that was digitized from a perfect N.O.S. 1933 grille. In this regard, the author was particularly impressed by American Speed's use of computer tools – including CAD and CAE - to execute its designs.



1933 grill prototype at different stamping stages.

American Speed also has exceptional interior and convertible top trimming expertise, and can apply that expertise to your projects!

Thanks here go to Ed Goff for arranging this tour, and to Mark Trostle and his team for hosting us. For more information, please see <http://www.americanspeedcompany.com/mainmenu.html> .

In Memoriam

Al Fontana
February 7, 1925 - October 19, 2008

Our dear Club Member Al Fontana died peacefully in his sleep on October 19, 2008, at age 83. Al joined the Club in 1992. Not only was he a Member, but also his son, Board Member Mike, daughter-in-law, Roxanne, and great-grandson, Dominic, are Members – a family tradition!

Al Fontana was born in Detroit where he grew up and joined Ford Motor Company in 1941. His stint at Ford was cut short by the war and he joined the Army in 1942.

Al was in the 5th Army, and landed in south Italy in 1943. After seeing considerable action, he was hit by mortar and, together with about 1500 fellow GI's, was taken prisoner and put in Camp Stalag IIb.



Al always had a good sense of humor, and I recall him reflecting on this experience as we sat together at the Barn Car Show in 2005 and talked: "The bread in the German POW camp was so hard that I lost three fillings trying to eat it!"

Ultimately Al was liberated by an American tank division and shipped back to the US where he received a Purple Heart.

Al returned to work as a machinist at Ford in 1945 and retired in 1983. He married Lucille, his "bride" of 63 years, in 1946.

Besides Lucille, Al is survived by his children Mike (Roxanne), George (Dawn), Rosemary May and Vince (Tammy), his seven grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

It was always gratifying for me to see the love and respect that his family had for him—even in his declining years.

Al's first car was a 1931 Model A Cabriolet and his last car was a 1946 Ford that he restored about 10 years ago. Mike Fontana drove the 1946 to Al's military funeral where it was in a procession with 12 other antique cars brought in by Club Members paying tribute.

We will all miss Al.

Editors note: Al was our first Feature Member in June of 2005. More information about him can be found in that newsletter: http://www.fmrcoa.org/newsletter/2005/June%20FMRCOA%20Newsletter_Screen.pdf

Last Cruise

Losing Mike's father, Al Fontana, bit-by-bit over the past few years to illness has been a tough ride, but now we know he is at peace. Thank you to everyone for your concern, support, and prayers during Al's illness, and thank you to the people who took the time to visit with the family at the funeral home. We had a wonderful turnout of Club cars for Al's last cruise and we know Al had a laugh when his '46 needed a jump before the procession to the cemetery. We'll miss you, Dad, but you'll always be with us in our hearts.

The Family of Al Fontana

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November Show & Tell: Trick or Treat by Bill Timoszyk

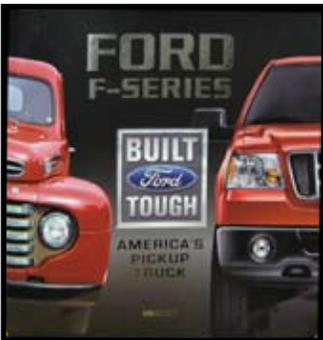
Our November show and tell was a real Trick and/or Treat evening!

Phil Lyon: 1966 Ford wagon brochure and the Club owned 1946 “Ford Mechanical Training Course” for Ford dealers.



Training course & brochure brought in by Phil Lyon.

Members Bozgen and Mulligan: Copy of the new book “Ford F Series”.



New Ford truck book.

Cole Grandy: The neatest circa 1961 toys -- a “Rolling Acres” barn / silo and a red Tonka redi-mix truck, And..... a photo of him playing with them on Christmas morning 1961. Neat pieces. Cole also brought in an old table top head bust of Henry Ford.

The bust was created by

Irving R. Bacon, who was hired by Henry Ford in 1915 and was known as the “court painter”.



Barn toys & a Henry Ford head bust.

Mark Sapienz brought in a 1977 poster of actress Farah Fawcett that was a promo giveaway when you took a new Ford for a test drive. A real treat!

Bob Haas showed a real old wood working tool that was a trick to figure out. Nobody could. It was a hinge gouge,



used to route out wood for recessed door hinges.

Farah still looks good!

Other tools: Roger Hodyka brought in a large puller and Harry McAullife an early Ford king pin reamer.

Next month please remember to bring a toy for the Toys for Tots.

A Visit to Stonegate Farm by Don Olson

On November 2 I toured the Stonegate Farm which is west and a little south of Lapeer, and is owned by Diane Flis-Schneider. Diane’s former husband was employed with the Ford Motor Company and was in charge of Lincoln Mercury dealers. Their barn is in the “Dream Garage” book that came out about one year ago. There are actually 3 barns plus a Train Caboose.

I have never seen as many of the rare Orchard, Vinyard and Grove tractors in one place in my life! However, the Neon sign collection is probably the highlight of the Farm.



Now that’s a garage!

Diane said she would love to have the Ford and Mercury Restorers Club come to visit the collection. There are also many cars, trucks, barber shop, kitchen, gas stations, gas pumps and tons of neat memorabilia. Sounds like we should go there soon!

The FMRCOA Roving Reporter in Hershey



As you probably know by now, the weather at Hershey this year was “picture perfect”....something that doesn't happen too often. In spite of the great weather, there was a noticeable decrease in people both as buyers and sellers. There were a lot of empty spots in the swap area, and there was less traffic when leaving the meet. The usual traffic jams and gridlock just weren't there. Even the motel we stayed at had rooms available most of the meet week. Personally, I feel that the economy and the “aging” of our hobby is beginning to show.

There were the usual high prices on lots of items, but many great deals were to be found. In our group of four, we filled the van, the small trailer we brought, and had to ask a friend with a bigger trailer to take home some of the larger items. The real surprise was that on Friday we were still finding items that in years past would have been gone on day one! How often do you find NOS 1932 Ford woodie wagon door latches on the dollar table.... especially on Friday afternoon. I did!

Of course the highlight of the week is the fantastic car show on Saturday. We sat and watched the cars roll by on their way to the show field and it is a thrill to watch the steam cars and brass cars in motion. There was a big cheer from our group when FMRCOA member Bill Large drove by in his 1946 Mercury Sportsman. By the way, a great photo of Bill with his outstanding Mercury is in the latest issue of *Cars & Parts* magazine in an article on the EFV8 meet last summer and on page 1 of this newsletter.

In late October several of us attended the Springfield Ohio swap meet. Again, the weather was nice and, although the meet is not as big as the spring meet, there were still over 900 swap spaces and about 400 cars in the for sale lot. Everyone in our group managed to spend a few dollars and, with a load of treasures, we headed home to wait for the next swap meet.

The first Sunday in November is the date of the Bowling Green Ohio Swap Meet which is put on by a local car club. This was the 41st year for the swap meet, and it is a nice little meet. With only about 100 vendors, there is always a good turnout and lots of “old car” parts. We took a small load of parts to sell, and did very well

considering the size of the meet. One of the best deals of the day is the homemade food the ladies sell. To give you an idea, the ¼ slabs of homemade pies were sold out by 8:00 A.M. Nothing better for breakfast in my opinion!

Next month we wrap up the swap season with a report on Super Ford in Columbus, Ohio.

New Lincoln Motor Car Museum Announced*

During the recent Lincoln car meet in the New Hampshire White Mountains, the Lincoln Motor Car Foundation made a dramatic announcement... the long anticipated Lincoln Motor Car Museum will be built on the campus of the Gilmore Car Museum in Hickory Corners, Mich.

The Foundation, working closely with the Gilmore Car Museum and Ford Motor Company, is reviewing architectural plans for an all new, dedicated building. The Foundation's public capital campaign is well underway in anticipation of building a 20,000 square foot building in two 10,000 square foot phases. Construction of the first

phase is expected to begin in 2010.



Elevation of proposed museum.

The Lincoln “story” is at the heart of the Lincoln Motor Car Foundation, which was established in

1999 by members of various Lincoln clubs and retired Ford Motor Company executives. The purpose of this public, nonprofit foundation is to preserve, interpret and disseminate the living heritage of Lincoln automotive products. It has already established an extensive archive in Hershey, Penn.

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Postcards from the Past by Lou Ironside

This month we have an un-mailed postcard showing a “birds eye view” of the Ford Highland Park plant on Woodward Avenue. A close up inspection shows Woodward as a two lane road, and you will notice that all the buildings around the factory have mysteriously disappeared! Although this might be a retouched photograph, it is more than likely a detailed artist rendition of the plant.



Ford Highland Park plant pre WWII.

Since this plant was opened around 1913, we can date the postcard from after that period, and probably before WWII as, by then, the plant was used more for storage, and Woodward was several lanes in either direction. My father often told me of how, on shopping trips, they would stop by the plant on their way home and look in the front windows to watch the power generators, one of which is now on display in the Henry Ford Museum. I can only imagine what it was like for a young person to watch the slowly turning generators with their polished brass and shiny black paint. The one in the museum is pretty awesome by itself...can you imagine several in a row all running!

EDITOR *cont. from page 2.*

minute conversation to get great “stuff” for an article.

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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.
- 1939 Ford transmission. Don Olson. 586-752-7919.
- 1962 full size Mercury rear end low threes ratio. Lynn Goodwin. 248-684-0984.

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For Sale

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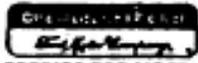
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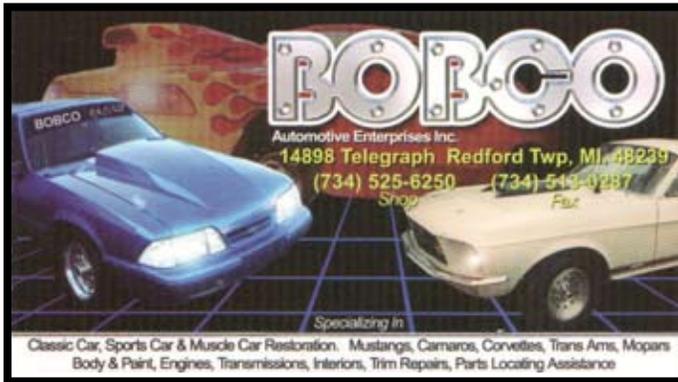
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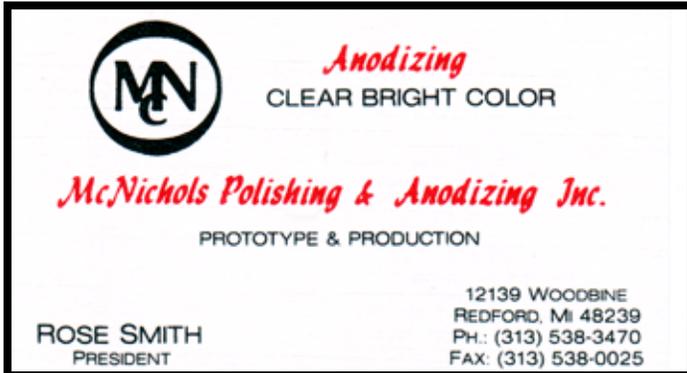
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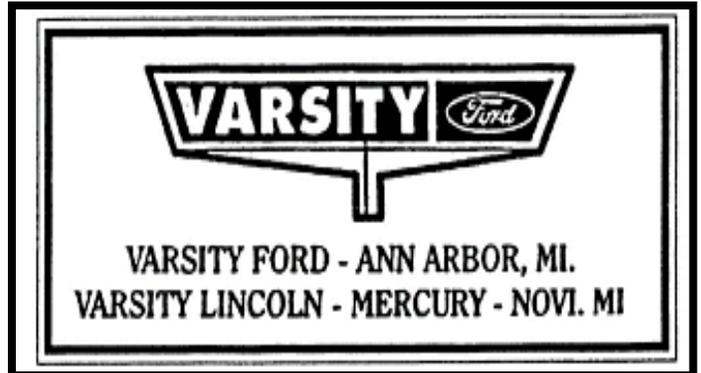
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