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**Feature Vehicle:**  
**1959 Mercury Park Lane 4 Door Hardtop**  
owned by  
**Robert Calhoun**



“This car is truly a ‘barn find,’” stated Rob Calhoun as we chatted at a recent club meeting. “The car was in a garage in Livonia, MI for 45 years without having been moved! It was six years old when it was parked,” he continued. Rob is the second owner of this Mercury. The original owner passed away and his wife wanted to use the garage so the car had to go. “The owner’s son told me that the car had been in the attached garage all his life and that the garage doors hadn’t been opened since the sixties! The garage was full wall to



Note the huge interior and the “space age” dash!

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**FMRCOA Visits the**  
**Legendary Dick Kughn Collection**  
Story & Photos by: Vahan Nazarian



Club Members “inspect” the cars!.

One of the most creative classic car collectors in our area is Richard Kughn, and his charming wife, Linda. Dick has been on the scene for many years, making quite a name for himself with his many endeavors, but recognized by most of us for his passion for cars, automobilia, and his outstanding

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**Bill Ford Speaks at Washtenaw County**  
**Economic Club**  
by  
**Steve Rohde**



Steve Rohde with William Clay Ford Jr. and Saline Mayor Gretchen Driskell at a Washtenaw Economic Club luncheon on October 17. Photo courtesy of Washtenaw Community College.

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**Editor's Message**



This month we thank Rob Calhoun for the Feature Vehicle material about his true "barn find" 1959 Mercury. We thank Van Nazarian for his article about the Kughn tour, Vic Hollingshead for his piece on LED lighting, and Bill Gipperich for his article on upgrading Model A brakes. We look forward to the sequel! We also thank Old Cars Weekly (OCW) for their permission to reprint their "Winter Storage Checklist" article.

Finally, we thank our team of Staff Contributors for their articles and photographs, and Denise Rohde for the President's Page banner.

We are again very low on Feature Vehicle material. Please help here! If you want to report on an event that you attended or an award that you received or a personal "happening," please let me know. 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

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article—including a Feature Vehicle story!

**Consider the 15<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.fmrcoa.org) where you can read these newsletters in color and see more event pictures, and videos. As webmaster I would welcome feedback!

**Steve Rohde, Editor**

# The Rotunda Times



October 2011

*Our 42<sup>nd</sup> anniversary and still going strong!*

Our October meeting went quite well with our guest speaker, Ed Syrocki. His talk about ethanol and the adverse effects it has on our old vehicles was quite interesting. Our fellow members got right into it asking all sorts of questions which he answered very well. Great guest!

Nominations for the Board were presented and it looks like we will have a full slate as we have members running for every position. As I remember, we have 14 people running for 7 positions from president to one-year board member. This is an important election and I ask you to please exercise your right to vote and do so accordingly.

Right after the meeting I was told by several members that the process of naming the election committee was in violation of the by-laws. We have now had a Board meeting (page 11) and this has been rectified, and a new committee was appointed. The new team members will select their own chairperson and the voting will proceed.

An apology is in order for the Adrian Swap Meet/Color Tour. If you were one of the attendees you don't have to be told how miserable the weather was. By 11:00 a.m. nearly every vendor was gone and we all looked like drowned rats. Needless to say, the tour was cancelled. Unfortunately mistakes do happen as a wrong phone number was given out for a contact (Bob Haas). Plus the fact that we did not know who would be going since there was no sign-up sheet -- we did not know who to call. Our apologies to those who showed up and saw no one there.

It's not too soon to start thinking about Toys for Tots at our December meeting. It's not that far away, so start looking for toys. Our club has always done a great job of contributing to a great cause. Thank you U.S.M.C. for all the work you do.

**Remember to vote....as we say each year for the swap meet and car show....it's your duty.**

**Art Cervi, President**

## A Note from the Treasurer

October was another typical month. I think that we are finally done with our 2011 Swap Meet!

By the time you read this newsletter you should have received the FMRCOA Board of Directors' expenses "full disclosure" letter as mentioned on page 11 of this newsletter in the October 17 Board's meeting minutes. If you have any questions about the content of that letter, please don't hesitate to contact me.

**Steve Rohde, Treasurer**

## Attention All Members

When you hear of a member/spouse's death, please get all the information such as the funeral home and address, viewing times and dates, and the service time and date.

Then contact one of the following people:

Jim Crawford at 313.724.9117 or [jcrawfol@myway.com](mailto:jcrawfol@myway.com)

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Vic Hollingshead at 248.474.4356

These folks will ensure that the membership at large knows of the death.



## 2011 FMRCOA Meetings & Events Calendar

Below is the *tentative* table of meetings and events for 2011. 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!*

<b>Nov. 2</b>	<b>Club Meeting</b>
<b>Dec. 7</b>	<b>Club Meeting</b>
<b>Dec. 10</b>	<b>Christmas Walk-Greenfield Village</b>

### The FMRCOA Membership Advantage!!!!

Your Board officers and Editors take extra effort to bring you FREE Classifieds and Schedule of Events found within your monthly newsletter. Take advantage of these benefits your membership provides. Post your schedule where you can refer to it easily. Submit your ads at a meeting or mail to Phil Lyon, our ad editor. For more information on becoming a member go to <http://www.fmrcoa.org/> or write to:

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**Dues are \$25 before & \$30.00 after DEC 31**

**Please mail your dues in or pay at a meeting!**



### Toys for Tots Scheduled for December Meeting

The Marines together with Linda Rankin will be at our December meeting on December 7. Please bring new unwrapped toys. Linda has informed me that this year toys for 10-12 year olds are particularly needed. These include the inexpensive remote control cars, footballs and basketballs for the boys. For the girls hair brush sets, hair dryers, bath sets, and arts and crafts sets would be great. Also, checks made out to Toys for Tots and gift cards are appropriate. If you have any questions, please contact Steve Rohde.



## YOUR CAR!

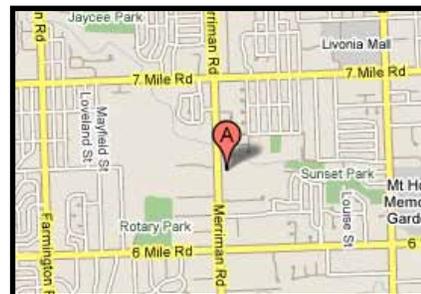
The Rotunda Times would like to feature your old car or truck in an upcoming issue. We are interested in how you came about finding your vehicle of choice, and what you have done to enhance its beauty, and / or mechanical condition. Simply mail or e-mail us your article accompanied with a photo to:

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## Monthly Club Meeting Location

Our monthly club meetings are at **St Mary's Cultural Center at 18100 Merriman Rd** in Livonia between 6 and 7 Mile Roads. This is the beautiful facility where we have held the last several dinner dances. Moreover, it has a extremely large parking lot enabling club cars to be easily parked together (and the food is -great!).

**Meetings are on the first Wednesday of each month and begin at 6:30 PM with a snack.** And do bring a friend!



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## October 2011 FMRCOA Meeting Minutes October 5, 2011



Members seem to be enjoying this meeting!. (When was it?)

The gavel dropped at 7:45. All the patriotic formalities were taken care of and Art stated the club purpose. Guests were introduced. Leroy Weinmann has an 84 Mustang GT and Jerry Seckelbrought his 1930 Model A coupe to the parking lot. He also owns a 63 Fairlane. There are now 369 members in the club, 109 of whom attended the meeting. Both Art and Bob updated us on some of our members who are having problems with health. Tom Melhose has moved to an assisted living facility, Gene Johnson is in the hospital, Larry Miller is resting at home., Ray Mickiewicz is having knee surgery, and Jeff Gniewek is in the hospital with some serious complications. Al Maynard has passed away. A number of us are getting older! September minutes were approved and the Treasurer's report was read by Hank in Steve's absence and approved.

Bob Haas proposed the suggestion that the Board consider lowering the price of the swap spaces next year. Some planning has already commenced. Bob thinks the price reduction might draw more vendors if we advertise it well.

### *ELECTION Nominations were as follows:*

- President: Art Cervi and Bob Guetschow both accepted.
- Vice president: Brian Saylor and Tim Pusilo both accepted.
- Treasurer: Steve Rohde and Dale Levasseur both accepted.
- Pat Stanecki declined a nomination.
- Secretary: Phil Lyon and Beth Marschner both accepted.
- 2-year Director: Hank Dawson, Mike Fontana and Mark Koehler all accepted.
- 1 year Director: Cole Grandy, Jim Crawford, and Rob

Martoia all accepted.

Art closed the nomination session.

A big thanks to our guest speaker for the meeting. Ed Syrocki from EMS Classic Cars spoke from a vast wealth of knowledge of the effects of the alcohol additions to the fuel we are using in our everyday cars as well as our hobby cars. It was an interesting topic, but just a little scary!

After some quick car talk, the show and tell, and the 50-50 we heard Art's joke and adjourned.

**Phil Lyon, Secretary**

## Club Members Participate in 2011 Orphan Car Show by Steve Rohde

Although it started out with light rain, the sun soon came out and the Orphan Car Show in Ypsilanti, MI on September 25 was a splendid event. Numerous FMRCOA members were there to view the show and several had cars on display. Dick Anderson brought his beautiful 1951 Kaiser Fraser, Art Cervi his 1950 Desoto, Greg Petrovich his 1958 Isetta, and I brought my 1951 Studebaker. Several hundred cars and trucks were on display and the featured vehicles were orphan trucks.

Van Nazarian, who wrote an article about the Orphan Car Show venue that appeared in last month's *Rotunda Times*, took photographs and I recorded video. Stay tuned!



Club members and guests enjoy the weather and cars at the 2011 Orphan Car Show on September 25.

**MORE PHOTOS ON PAGE 16.**

## 1959 MERCURY, *cont. from page 1*

wall and floor to ceiling,” Rob explained and continued, “The original owner worked for Ford Motor Co. at the Dearborn test track. In 1966 he was transferred to the Romeo test track and purchased a 1966 Mustang to get better gas mileage on his commute. That was the end of the road for the BIG M!”

Rob purchased the big Merc in July of 2010. It was all original, dirty, and the rear window had imploded in 1970. In fact, the original owner told Rob that he had been looking for a rear window for the last year. “When I said I would buy the car if I can find a window, the owner called and said that one just appeared on eBay! I clicked ‘Buy It Now’ for \$235 -- what a deal! But it was on the west coast of Oregon: \$250 to ship -- ouch!” Rob explained. It was shipped by Shipgreyhound in the belly of the bus and Rob picked the window up in Detroit in perfect condition. When Rob got the window home he noticed a faded Shell gas station decal that read: “50 Years Shell 1962 World’s Fair Seattle, Washington.” It had a space needle and monorail on it.

The brake drums and master cylinder were frozen so the first thing Rob did after he purchased the car was free them up. Next, he pulled the spark plugs and removed the valve covers. “I oiled all moving parts down with Marvel Mystery Oil using a squirt can to get into the cylinders. Then I let the engine “marinate” for a few weeks,” Rob remarked.



**The trunk probably has more room in it than some new SUVs!**

The carburetor had a nest in it so Rob took it to Rotunda Times advertiser, Car-Go Carburetors to rebuild. Then, over the next ten weeks working only on weekends, he cleaned the gas tank, replaced the fuel lines, rebuilt the master cylinder, and replaced the brakes, brake lines, and wheel cylinders. He also replaced the plugs and wires, points, battery, belts, radiator, had new tires installed, and installed the rear window. By October 2010 the big Merc was ready to turn over! Rob’s

wife, Kathy, and “cruising” buddies Rich, Norm, and Charlie helped him restore the car.

Rob typically drives his Mercury a couple of nights a week. He takes it to 50’s McDonalds, Blue Sky and Emerald Square, cruising nights, and car Shows on the weekends.

Rob’s first “cool” car was a 71 Olds Cutlass. “I got the car bug in me in the seventies and had my share of great classics, bringing cars up from Arkansas where my roots are. But, after having kids, the cars had to go. Now that my kids are grown, I’m back in the car hobby,” Rob commented. The ’59 is his first Mercury.

Rob is a local 687 Carpenter and loves to barter as it’s a great way to keep labor costs down. He has traded his services for many car related services.

When asked about our club, Rob replied, “I really enjoy going to the club meetings. It’s a great place to gain and share knowledge. The meeting room is full of it! I just joined this year and haven’t missed a meal – I mean a meeting yet!”

## Brighten Up Your Lights by Vic Hollingshead



Brighten up your 6-volt tail and brake lights. Install LED lights! You can now get LED conversion kits custom made to fit your 30’s, 40’s, or 50’s cars!

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Also, if you want to experiment with LEDs, the Electronics Goldmine ( <http://www.goldmine-elec.com/> ) has very reasonably priced high intensity LEDs for sale (like 10 for \$1!).



**Lambert’s LED conversion kits for old Fords.**



## OCW's Winter Storage Checklist: Tips to keep your car healthy this winter\*

It's tough to say "good night" to your vintage car or truck after a summer full of good memories, but in harsh climates, it's necessary. Following are some tips the *Old Cars Weekly* staff employs to help preserve our collector vehicles for that long winter nap:

- Before storing the vehicle, drive it and make a list of repairs it might need in spring. This will help take the guess work out of the first spring drive and allow you time to hunt the parts over winter. Also keep a list of everything you did to prepare it for storage.
- Change fluids - brake fluid, coolant, engine oil, transmission fluid, differential fluid - and repair fluid leaks before storage to prevent moisture from entering mechanical components. This will also prevent leaking fluids from damaging items and the area around the vehicle. Verify the coolant is protected from freezing in your area's coldest temperatures.
- Whether you subscribe to the "full fuel tank" or "empty fuel tank" philosophy, it's wise to add Sea Foam, Sta-bil or another fuel stabilizer to keep gasoline from going bad.
- Wash the vehicle thoroughly, top and bottom, inside and out. Dirt and leaves hold moisture to the metal and cause corrosion. Food or other debris inside the vehicle will attract vermin. Allow the vehicle to completely dry before parking it. Also consider waxing the paint to add corrosion protection.
- Place animal repellents in the passenger compartment, trunk and engine compartment. Some people suggest fresh dryer sheets, fresh Irish Spring soap shavings, mouse poison and mothballs. Regardless of the repellent of choice, make sure it is removed in spring. Check the vehicle periodically to make sure critters haven't made a home inside it.
- Place a sheet of plastic or other barrier beneath the vehicle. This will catch leaking fluids and also prevent moisture from the ground collecting on the bottom of the stored vehicle, which can lead to rust.
- Remove the battery so you don't have to worry about an acid leak damaging the battery tray and surrounding metal. Place the battery on a trickle charger. If possible, don't store the battery on concrete.
- Cover the rear tips of the exhaust to prevent mice and other critters from crawling inside. Leftover screened material on the end of the tips secured by clamps or rubber bands will allow the exhaust to safely function if you forget to remove them in spring.
- Place the vehicle on jack stands to prevent flat spots from developing on the tires. By placing the jacks under the suspension, the shocks and springs are prevented from getting

hung up in an extended position. With the vehicle elevated, turn the wheels 180 degrees over the course of the winter to keep gears and axles lubricated.

- Keep the windows rolled up to prevent dust and animals from entering the vehicle. Keep convertible tops up to prevent wrinkling and shrinkage. Some convertible owners suggest leaving the top unlatched to prevent it from becoming too stretched and dry rotting.

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## Brian's Tip: *Ignition Timing – Part II*

by  
Brian Kuta

With your vacuum advance line still disconnected for the previous step talked about in my column last month, and initial spark advance still set at zero (solely for the purpose of being able to use the degree scale), idle the engine while you disconnect and reconnect the vacuum line to a source of manifold vacuum. Manifold vacuum will have “suction” at idle. The line to which your vacuum advance normally is connected may not have suction at idle. Regardless, make sure you properly mark the normal vacuum connection so you can go back to normal when these procedures are all completed.

When the vacuum advance line is disconnected, your timing should be where you set it, zero degrees. When you connect it to manifold vacuum, timing should jump to the full potential of your vacuum advance unit. That will be at least 10 degrees. Most timing scales are only 10 to 16 degrees in length, so the timing mark may jump well ahead of your scale. If so, you at least know the vacuum advance is working.



Aftermarket vacuum-advance units are adjusted with an Allen wrench. Turn clockwise to slow the rate of advance; turn counter-clockwise to speed up the rate of advance.

If you have a pinging issue at light throttle, a replacement unit or modification of the unit you have should solve the problem. Now you can reset the initial timing to the desired setting, and reconnect the vacuum advance line to the original vacuum source.



## Upgrading My Model A Brakes to Self-Energizing F1/F100 Brakes

by  
Bill Gipperich

I recently decided to install self-energizing F1 brakes on my LAV8 hot rod. I had found a very good article written by Ron Ceridono published in American Rodder Magazine some time ago: <http://www.flatheadv8.org/f1brakes1.htm>.

I already had a set of F1 brakes (backing plates, hubs, drums, shoes) that needed to be cleaned up and painted. So I dug out the above article and began to restore my parts and purchase the necessary bearings and seals as identified in the article. I thought I would share my experience with you in case you were contemplating doing this too.

I purchased the inner bearings and cups from Applied Industrial in Sterling Heights. (Any bearing supply house near you should be able to help you.) The seals I bought are National brand PN 450461 by Federal Mogul and led to my first problem not covered in the article. (It is possible other brands may not create this problem.) I found that on the side of the seal that goes in toward the bearing the opening is not larger than the diameter of the bearing inner race. It will bottom on the face of the inner race before it is completely seated in the bottom of the hub bore as shown in the figure. To remedy this I had to remove the excess metal on a lathe, see modified picture. Although I don't know if there would be the same problem with other manufacturers, be alert to check before you install them. Better yet, check at the store before you buy them!



Left: Original seal. Right: Modified seal.

The second item I found that I didn't think of first is that you will also need to purchase the right and left side front brake hoses. You cannot use the original Ford passenger car hoses because the threaded size at the wheel cylinder is not the same. This isn't a big issue, but don't forget to order them. Some of you more experienced (read older) types might know that up front!

One last comment where my experience differed from the how to steps in the article: I did not have to remove any material

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## KUGHN COLLECTION, *cont. from page 1.*

collection of classics.

Dick had served as President and COO of Taubman Company, working there from 1955-1983, and has been Chairman, CEO and President of Kughn Enterprises since 1979.



**FMRCOA Members admire the magnificent Kughn collection.**

Dick previously owned Lionel trains from 1986, when it returned from Mexico, until 1995, when he sold it to Martin Davis, Greg Feldman and Neil Young. In 1974 Dick purchased property in NW Detroit destined to become the home of Carail, ultimately claiming 45,000 sq. feet, housing his growing collection of toy trains, automobiles, pedal cars,



**Left: Remarkable train in the collection. Right: Pierce-Arrow Wheel.**

artwork and automobilia. Carails in NW Detroit has since closed but re-manifested itself in several buildings in Livonia. Three of which we were fortunate enough to be invited to tour. FMRCOA Member, Jim Dalian had met Richard Kughn at a car show in Naples, FL where Dick has a residence, and car talk between the two led to the FMRCOA visit to Dick's collection on September 24th. Thanks Jim!



**Jim Dalian, and Art & Nick Cervi interact with Debbi Hayes.**

We started our tour in Dick's most recent acquisition, the building on Plymouth Rd. Interestingly enough, Bricklin US headquarters was next door, many years ago.

We were cheerfully greeted by Debbi Hayes and Bob Ferrand, Dick Kughn's car collection, "caretakers." Upon entry into the collection, one was immediately impressed by the orderly display of automobiles on the epoxy coated floor. The cleanliness of the facility had many wishing their garage, was half-as-clean!



**1941 Studebaker was a "showstopper"!**

After we had our coffee and doughnuts, conversation and visual delights, devouring the workmanship and artistic detail present in these old classics, we departed for the Carail's building, still in Livonia. Here we had more classic beauties to digest. Cars, and other treasures, displayed throughout the building. Our last stop was across the street to yet another building, filled with mostly GM cars of exceptional merit.

Unfortunately, Dick and Linda were unable to make it for our tour, as they most graciously like to meet and talk with their guests. And you can talk cars with them, as they are a wealth of information about the treasures they collect. We should all be thankful that there are collectors like Dick and Linda in our area, with the passion to preserve automotive history and let others enjoy it.



**Refreshments were served during the tour.**

**MORE PHOTOS ON PAGE 16.**

## **BILL FORD** *cont. from page 1.*

On October 17, 2011 I attended the Washtenaw Economic Club Luncheon at Washtenaw Community College (WCC) sponsored by the Saline Area Chamber of Commerce.

William Clay Ford Jr., Executive Chairman of Ford Motor Company, gave a very positive talk about the automotive industry and Ford, in particular. He discussed a wide range of topics including green manufacturing, the Detroit Lions, new technology, and education. Bill complemented WCC, and the Ford 500 Sedan that WCC, at Ford's request, modified. The resulting vehicle, the Ford 500 GTR, uses a 590 HP Ford engine!

Bill went on to state that Michigan is headed toward becoming a new location for advanced manufacturing. He commented, *"People seem to think that manufacturing and the automotive sector are a dinosaur industry. But that's changing, and we're now less like the Flintstones and becoming much more like the Jetsons!"*



Lou Stanford & Steve at event.

After giving his presentation, Ford fielded numerous questions on a wide range of subjects. When asked about what new technologies and automotive features we can look forward to, he discussed "connected cars" in which cars can communicate with each other, and with the road infrastructure that they are on. In this manner traffic congestion can be reduced. He also mentioned that about 30% of the fuel used in city driving is sometimes used to search for parking spots! If a car "knows" where a parking spot is, that fuel can be reduced.

There were several hundred people attending the luncheon including Lou Stanford whom I chatted with briefly. Bill's talk and Q&A were very positively received!



The Ford 500GTR, a Ford sedan modified by WCC with a 590 HP engine!

## **BRAKES** *cont. from page 8.*

from the king pin area to make clearance for the wheel cylinders as mentioned in the article. This may be because of the design of my replacement cylinders (Raybestos made in China) has a slightly different hose mounting boss angle.

Since Ron's original article was written several years ago and



Bill's Model A: *Bet it'll stop quicker!*

manufacturers make changes, and suppliers have come and gone; what I experienced may be due to conditions that were not present at the time when Ron wrote his piece.

As of this writing I am still installing the parts so I cannot comment on the final performance verdict but I'll write a follow up to this later.



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## Minutes of FMRCOA Board Meeting October 3, 2011

The meeting began at 6:37 pm. Present were Art Cervi, Hank Dawson, Bob Guetschow, Tim Pusilo, Steve Rohde, and Brian Saylor.

Art Cervi:

- 2012 Swap Meet
  - Date: (decision pending details)
  - Continue invitation to Mark Kirby and his Flathead group
  - Flyers should be done by 1/1/12 and ready to hand out
  - Charlie Rivers will continue as Swap Meet Chairman
  - Car Show Chairpersons: Mike and Roxanne Fontana
  - Feature car: Possible ideas: Trucks, Thunderbirds, Military
  - Location: Up for possible change. Researching alternatives
- Dinner Dance: January 21 at St. Mary's Cultural Center.
- Color Tour?
  - Bob Haas will announce color tour from Adrian Swap Meet. Oct 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Ed Surocki will present at our October Meeting

Hank Dawson:

- Covered financial report from Overnighter last Sept.
  - Cancelled rooms will get refunds / Hotel didn't charge club for unused room.
  - Total cost to the club for the overnighter \$1319.50
- Proposed alternative speakers and other features during monthly meetings.
  - Extended discussions of projects
  - Commercial Speakers

Tim Pusilo:

- Fielded question about upcoming elections
  - Difference of Director standings
  - Nominations protocol to be followed per the by-laws Article 6, Section II

Bob Guetschow:

- Bob asked if Dick Monroe received a reprimand letter. Art had already sent the letter previously.

**Brian Saylor**



## Minutes of FMRCOA Board Meeting October 17, 2011

Meeting Commenced: 6:37pm. All Board Members present.

Art Cervi:

- According to by-laws, the Election Committee should be appointed by the BoD (Board of Directors) Article VIII, Section 2. Nominees would be considered from the volunteers from the last general meeting (10/5/11).
  - BoD Nominees: (alphabetical) Bob Assenmacher, Pat Beattie, Leo Chouinard, Bill Gipperich, Pete Morris, Joe Newland, Jim Wandrie
  - Board vote selected: (alphabetical) Bob Assenmacher, Pat Beattie, Leo Chouinard, Bill Gipperich, Joe Newland
  - Art C. will notify the appointed committee. That committee will assign a chairperson.

Hank Dawson:

- Brought up the cost of the membership roster: approximately \$1500
  - Hank proposed the membership roster to be printed every other year and then print an addendum on the odd years with the new members of that year only. It would be printed in the same format as the regular roster.
  - The BoD decided after discussion to bring this proposal to the general membership at the November '11 meeting. A vote will be taken at the December '11 general meeting.
- Cancellations from the Overnighter will be refunded to the members that could not attend. Names were given to the Treasurer to send reimbursement checks.

Steve Rohde:

- Steve brought up the negative comments of reimbursements and money spent by the BoD. This has been a discussion that has been from a few members spreading rumors.
  - Steve's proposal: to present full disclosure, BoD to send a summarized table of reimbursements and expenditures for each of the BoD over the past 2yrs. Includes past BoDs no longer standing.
    - **Vote:** 4 yes, 2 no, 1 abstain; (Proposal passes to be published)
  - Bob G. proposed that the statement be published after the election.
    - **Vote:** 3 before, 2 after, 2 abstain; (Bob's proposal denied, statement to be published before election)

Brian Saylor:

- Brought up the issue that Elizabeth Marchner was nominated for board position of Secretary by Bob G.
  - Issue is that she has been paid for administrative services for the past 4 years. This will have to stop if she is elected as Secretary per the club by-laws; Article VI, Section 4: Monetary Compensation.
  - BoD agreed

Meeting adjourned: 9:24pm.

**Brian Saylor**

## Postcards from the Past by Lou Ironside

It is the rare Michigan family that didn't visit the Sleeping Bear Sand Dunes in Glen Haven, MI. at least once. This postcard from the early 1960's shows the "Dunesmobile" which gave a ride around the sand dunes for a small fee. These trucks replaced the 1955 & 1956 red and white Oldsmobile convertibles, as they offered larger seating capacity...which equates to bigger profits!



"Dunesmobile" at Sleeping Bear Sand Dunes circa 1960.

If you study the postcard carefully, you will notice the bed is extra long with seating for nine people. The roof of the cab has been cut away, and there is a low rail around the seating area. In the color postcard you can notice that all the seats are different colors and trim patterns. Obviously there was no interest in color coordination on these vehicles. The right hand side of the bed has an opening in it to access the seats. Also noticeable is the fact the wheel covers from the previously used Oldsmobiles are now on the truck. I always looked forward to the ride in the Oldsmobile convertibles, and remember how disappointed I was one summer to discover they were now using trucks. It was then I gave up my career ambition to be a Dunesmobile driver, and pursue another occupation!

## The Roving Reporter: Hershey!

This has been a busy month with my "crew" and I attending four different swap meets in three different states. First was the Hoosier Swap meet at the Marion County Fairgrounds just outside Indianapolis, IN. The meet was noticeably smaller this year with fewer vendors and fewer buyers. Although we found a few nice items, we were a little disappointed overall. From Indy we headed up the road to the NSRA swap meet in Kalamazoo, MI. There was a new layout this year, and the

swap meet was in my opinion bigger than previous years. We sold at that meet, and did a very good business on both Friday and Saturday. I have always sold well at this meet, and found some nice items...this year was no exception.

The next week we attended the antique festival in Midland, MI. and as expected the automotive swap meet and car corral were smaller than the spring meet. Although I didn't find any needed items for my Model A project, my wife found plenty

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The following week a friend and I drove to the Ididit Car Show, and to use a quote by our ex-governor..."I was blown away" by the volume of cars attending. I had figured a couple hundred cars...was I off! We saw registration numbers as low as #17, and as high as #1900. I am sure the damp weather kept a lot of cars away, but it was a fantastic show. If you have never attended...

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Finally, **HERSHEY!** This was my 44<sup>th</sup> year attending Hershey and although every one has been memorable...this one was fantastic. The weather was perfect, there were plenty of parts to be found, and it seemed like the sun and moon must have been in perfect harmony as everything went as planned. Everyone in our group found



The Roving Reporter at Hershey.

much needed items, the prices were down on many items... especially Model A parts, and we got to see friends that we only see at Hershey. We came home with lighter wallets, sore feet, but the talk in the van on the way home was about next years Hershey meet. It is only 11 months away!

## Classified

October 2011

### For Sale

- 292 from SS Mercury, \$300. '97 AOD E transmission. \$250. John Durrant. 810-599-7400.
- '77 Cadillac Eldorado 24,000 miles, like new! \$9,500. John Miller. 586-756-4279.
- 1932 Ford rumble seat cushions, side panels and brackets. \$500. Steve Wolski. 586-876-0040.
- 1955 Ford club sedan. New paint, 460 cu. in. rebuilt, disk brakes, new interior, not restored, redone for fun!! \$19,950. Tom Von Meyer. 586-776-6116 or 810-765-4515.
- 1956 Ford Convertible. Don Olson. 586-752-7919.
- "Briz" license plate frame. \$75. Gary Sharkas. 734-525-3652.
- 1978 Mustang, V6, air, hardtop. \$2,200. Steve Wolsh. 734-284-6772.
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## Wanted

- Used oil (waste oil). Bring to the meetings. John Miller. 586-756-4279 or 313-891-2640.
- Clear model A Ford title wanted. Any body style. Dean Styles. 734-626-4052.
- 1970 Ford XL-XL letters for front of hood. Tom Eriksen. 586-759-6058.
- 1965 Ford Galaxie 500 right front fender and deck lid. (Trunk). George Dutton. 248-915-8404.
- Holley parts carb 600 cfm4v emissions. \$10. Holley 600 cfm 4v core less choke cap, \$25. Holley 750 cfm 4v complete manual choke. \$35. Edelbrock SP2P low riser RV 4V manifold. \$60. Mike Riemenschneider. 734-459-1348.

## Classified

September 2011

### For Sale

- Starter, Ford V8 fits 289-302. NOS. \$50. Ambrose Biondo. 586-216-5234.
- For Rent. Car stowage area. Dry shed with dirt floor. South Lyon area. Good for that parts car that you want moved. \$25/month. \$250/year. Bob Haas. 248-719-0952.
- Pair of Ford Motorcraft shocks (new) 13" long 5" travel. \$30 pair. Bob Haas. 248-719-0952.
- Complete Jaguar rear swing axle rear end assembly. \$450. Harry McAuliffe. 313-534-5974.
- 1963 Mercury 4 door Breezway motor smokes. \$2350. 1966 Dodge Dart was v8 4 speed with parts car. \$2250. Trades. Tom VonMeyer. 810-765-4515.
- 1979 Mercury Capri front clip, interior class, trans, steering column, many more parts. Good pricing. Brian Lange. 586-779-5470.
- 100 NOS fuel pumps all makes. \$500 for all. 3 speed truck with E brake out of F-3. \$100. Hal Stambaugh. 419-237-2884 or 419-583-7892.
- 100's of vintage toys. Vintage bikes and trikes. Call for information. Dave Saam. 419-343-6019.
- 1967 Lincoln Continental convertible for sale. 106K miles, good condition. Burgundy with burgundy interior. \$12K or best. Mark Trzeciak. 313-618-1049.
- 1970 ½ Falcon 29K miles. 250 cid magnum 500 (15" wheels w/cobra caps). If interested, call Mark Trzeciak. 313-618-1049.
- 1945 Ford flat head "4 cyl" engine military. Chuck



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- 1936 Ford humpback 2 door not original engine but has flathead engine plus miscellaneous parts. Lance Warden. 313-561-7584.

- Ford 1933-1948 NOS and used parts. Call with needs. Reasonably priced. Bob Guetschow. 248-328-9113.

- Selling off the following cars: 1. 1970 Lincoln Mark III, runs. 2. 1970 Lincoln Mark III for parts or could be sold with car #1, runs. 3. 1976 Lincoln sedan. Texas car. Nice body and chrome. 4. 1978 Lincoln Mark V, 55K, runs good. 5. 1978 Ford F-150 Super cab pickup, 50K, original owner. 6. 1979 Lincoln collector's series town car. Excellent runner and driver. 7. 1979 Lincoln Mark V Bill Blass, 57K, rusty. For parts or ambitious restoration. Beautiful interior. Spare never down. 8. 1986 Mercury Grand Marquis 2-dr., 50K, not running. Cars priced reasonable, \$1,000 up. Call for full descriptions and prices. Bob Guetschow. 248-328-9113.

- Parts cabinet, all metal. 62"X38"24", 161 drawers. \$75. Ford brand bed liner, 8' from 2001 pickup. \$25. 2001 Ford Explorer sport-trac bed cover, new. \$50. '70-'71 Torino GT hood, no rust. \$150. 1985 Mustang GT roller 302 engine. \$500. 1975 Lincoln continental doors and bumpers, no rust, will separate. \$150. '73-'79 Ford pickup hood, no rust. \$50. '75-'92 Ford van hood, no rust. \$35. Roger Hodyka. 517-282-4738.

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## Wanted

- AMC Gremlin and Javelin parts will buy whole collection. Russ Roberts. 313-820-5247.

- 1928-29 Ford pickup rear fenders. 1932-34 Ford pickup steering wheel. Roger Hodyka. 517-282-4738.

- 1970 Ford XL conv. Need front (hood), and side badges that say XL. Tom Eriksen. 586-759-6058.

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