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**Feature Vehicle:
1964 Ford Falcon Sprint Convertible
owned by
Jerry Jablonski**



“After selling my 1962 Thunderbird convertible, I wanted a smaller convertible. Having had three Mustangs with different body styles previously, I didn't want another Mustang and I liked the body style of the Sprint,” commented Jerry Jablonski as we talked about his beautiful Sprint. Then, at our 2005 swap meet (Dearborn '05), Jerry overheard a conversation next to Charlie Rivers' swap space about a Sprint that was for sale. “So I ran over to them and asked about that Sprint. It turned out that the Sprint was owned by fellow FMRCOA club



Note the A/C in the beautiful interior!

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**FMRCOA Overnighter: A Great Event
by
Roxanne Fontana**



Welcome sign in front of the Bavarian Inn in Frankenmuth.

The 2011 FMRCOA Overnighter was held Labor Day Weekend in Chesaning, Michigan. Thirty-four club members and guests shared a fun-filled outing. Once again, the club played tag with the weather and we got lucky.

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**Club Participates in Woodward Dream Cruise
by
Steve Rohde**



Brian Saylor and his mother, Phyllis, cruise down Woodward in Brian's 1937 Ford 1 1/2 ton truck.

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Editor's Message



This month we thank Jerry Jablonski for the Feature Vehicle material about his beautiful 1964 Ford Falcon Sprint. We also thank Roxanne Fontana for her article about the Overnighter, and Sara Nickerson for photos. What a super event thanks to Hank & Janet Dawson! Van Nazarian's article about the Orphan Car Show is a prelude to this year's show that will be covered in the Rotunda Times in the near future. Thanks Van! We also thank our Show & Tell guru, Bill Timoszyk, for his piece on the Old Car Festival at Greenfield Village recently.

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!

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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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September 2011
Our 42nd anniversary and still going strong!

I know that some of you will be going to Carlisle and Hershey and will miss the next meeting. One of the things you will miss is our guest speaker, Ed Syrocki of EMS Classics, who will be talking about the pitfalls of ethanol. In talking to Ed he has informed me that a film crew has come to his business and taped a featurette, and after editing will be made available to car clubs and other organizations.

At our September meeting we were able to get in quite a car talk session as our actual agenda was rather light. It always seems that way around this time of year as we transition to closing the books on last year's meet and move forward to 2012.

Please keep in mind that October is nominations month for our officers/board. Many of you have asked why we need two months of nominations when by doing only one month we could move things up a bit. If we had nominations in October only, the voting would be in November and the slate would be announced in December. So ask the person who you would like to nominate for their permission to do so (especially if they will not be at the October meeting) and the position they would like to run for. This would save a lot of time from trying to convince them to run at a meeting. By getting prior permission for the nomination to a chosen office **all nominations will be done at our October meeting and we will proceed to an election in November.**

If the weatherman cooperates it would be nice to have a good showing of club cars at our October meeting, sort of a big Hoorah before the snow flies and Old Man Winter rears his ugly head.

Art Cervi, President



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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Attention All Members

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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!*

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|-----------------|--|
| Sept. 24 | Dick Kughn Car Collection Tour |
| Oct. 5 | Club Meeting |
| Oct. | Color Tour - TBA |
| Nov. 2 | Club Meeting |
| Dec. 7 | Club Meeting |
| Dec. 10 | Christmas Walk-Greenfield Village |

KUGHN TOUR SET FOR SEPTEMBER 24

Jim Dalian has arranged a tour of the Kughn collection on September 24 at 10 AM. This is an amazing collection of cars! We will meet at 37100 Plymouth rd. Livonia, Mi 48150 and will tour 3 or 4 buildings.

For more information, please call Jim at 734.878.6215 or email him at jcdalian@gmail.com.

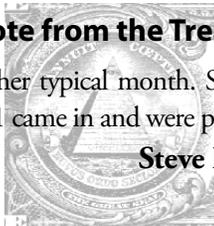
A BIG THANK YOU FROM SARA NICKERSON!

I'd like to thank FMRCOA members for being so supportive and caring while I've undergone the treatments, etc. for breast cancer. I **really** appreciate it! Special thanks go to my husband Ron, and Mike and Roxanne Fontana (for securing the only pink Ford club t-shirt!), and to Bob Guetshow and Phil Lyon for all the hugs!

A Note from the Treasurer

This was another typical month. Some final bills from Dearborn '11 came in and were paid.

Steve Rohde, Treasurer



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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September 2011 FMRCOA Meeting Minutes September 7, 2011



Members seem to be enjoying the meeting!.

The meeting was called to order by our president Art Cervi, followed by the pledge of allegiance and the Star Spangled Banner led by Dick Monroe. The club purpose was also stated. This is important since we have had quite a few visitors and new members recently. There were some somber faces as we discussed the 10th anniversary of the events of 9/11 and the memorials that are being built on the 9/11 site. The new tower will be built to a height of 1776 feet. The guests of the evening were Michael Krol of Sterling Heights who came from there to help us out with our car show. Dave Saam from Archbold, Ohio is joining our ranks. Charles Chapman, from Taylor has an interesting vehicle. It is a 1944 Ford army truck. Tim Hauer from Plymouth has a 1931 Model A 2 door deluxe.

The badges were passed out and last month's minutes were approved. In Treasurer Steve's absence an overview of the Treasurer's report was read by Art and the report was approved.

Hank Dawson spoke about the very successful overnigher. A good time was had by all who attended. The cruise to Frankenmouth, the chicken dinner, even the endless shopping was all fun. This is a great event for us to continue as it gives the ladies a chance to become more involved in the activities of the club.

Art stated that the board would like to have most of the basic planning for next year's swap meet in place by February. Mike's Clothing Store now has a two table display, but he reports rising prices for hats and embroidery. He thanked all the set up and cleanup helpers for the picnic.

Remember that October is election month if you would like to

run for a position or would like to nominate someone.

There was some interesting car talk, the 50-50 drawing and Show and Tell. Of course our meeting was concluded with Art's joke.

Phil Lyon, Secretary.

WOODWARD CRUISE, cont. from page 1.

Over 20 FMRCOA members attended the 17th annual Woodward Dream Cruise on August 20. Because of construction at Royal Oak Ford, we were scattered along Woodward. Several club members were at 13 Mile and Woodward where Bob Guetschow arranged some parking.



Rows os Model A's & Cobras in downtown Birmingham!

This year, my 15th at the Cruise, I was parked with the Studebakers in downtown Birmingham on Old Woodward. About a block up from me were a fleet of Model A's, a long row of Cobras, and many other Ford and non-Ford classics.



Above: Nick Zakarian's 1964 Mercury. Below: Steve Rohde & his 1951 Studebaker.



Nick Zakarian was parked a few hundred feet up the road with his majestic 1964 Mercury Marauder and his 1969 Mercury

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1964 SPRINT, *cont. from page 1*

members Albert and Mary Sawallich in Howell, MI. I told them I was interested,” Jerry continued. In fact, Jerry had seen the car several years earlier when he and Charlie visited Howell.

The Sawallichs had owned the car for about 20 years and it had not started in years. Albert had always wanted to put a 4bbl, dual exhausts, and rally wheels on it. Jerry went to see the car a few days later and purchased it. The owners had got it running by then.

The Sprint, sporting a 260 V8 with factory chrome, and a 2 speed automatic transmission, was in great condition but had the original interior. So Jerry had a new interior and top installed, and added power brakes. Then, over a five year period, Jerry installed a period cruise (throttle) control that released with brake apply, and an original A/C unit. Charlie Rivers helped Jerry obtain and install these systems. And, yes, now it also has a 4bbl, dual exhausts, and rally wheels on it!



Note factory chrome and 4BBL carb!

Jerry drives his Sprint often to club meetings, car shows, and cruise nights.

Jerry, who has been a club member for 30 years, owned *Jerry's Horseless Carriage Auto Repair* in Redford for 18 years before he retired. He has a daughter, Charlotte, who lives in Arizona, and two sons who inherited his automotive gene! One son, Jerry, owns *Cars, Trucks, and More* in Howell (<http://www.ctmas.com/>), and the other, Michael, is a service manager in a high end auto repair facility in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

When asked about his views on our club, Jerry concluded with, “It’s great! I look forward to every meeting and have missed only a few meetings in 30 years!”



In Memoriam

Jerry Trzaskos
1938-2011



Club member Jerry Trzaskos passed away July 1, 2011 at the age of 73. He is survived by his loving companion and “Hunny Bunny” Diane; daughter Lorrie (Corky) Trzaskos-Mamayek; the apples of his eye his granddaughters Chae and Bailee Mamayek; his two brothers David and Richard Trzaskos; sister, Carole Culver; and his ex-wife and friend Fran Carmichael. As a former president of Stylecraft printing, Jerry was an avid pilot, with the love of the sky, water, and mountains. Known by many as Mr. “T,” and a proud member of the Tri Five Chevy Club as well as the FMRCOA for almost 15 years, his passion and fondest past time was spent with his car club family restoring, showing and cruising his classic cars. Donations in Jerry’s memory should go to:

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Boys & Their New Toys

Brian Saylor Has Another Econoline!

Yes, it’s true! Brian has added another Ford Econoline to his collection. This time it’s a 1963 5-Window PU with a 170 cubic inch engine. The body has no rust and it has the original paint. However, the mechanicals need to be redone. Ah, nothing like another project!



Brian’s new toy: a 1963 Ford Econoline 5-Window Pickup

September is Orphan Month – Orphan Car Show, that is... Story and Photos by: Vahan Nazarian



1935 Terraplane: What a gorgeous ride!

The Orphan Car Show, once found at Riverside Park in Ypsilanti, the first week-end in June, continually faced a car show's greatest adversary... RAIN. Knowing that Mother Nature cannot be beat, the Orphan Show directors moved the show to September. Still displayed at Riverside Park, now on the calendar for September 25th, the Orphan Car Show shines bigger than ever.

For those of you who are not sure why the show is called the "Orphan" car show, you need only to look at the cars invited to participate. The manufacturers of these cars (for the most part) no longer exist.

Venue plays as much a part in the success of a car show as the vehicles on display. When not faced with rain, Riverside Park is one of the nicest areas in Michigan to host a car show. The Orphan cars smile at the opportunity to strut their stuff on the park's field.

So, when it comes time for the Orphan show, the serious automotive history nuts flock to Riverside Park, a short distance from the Hudson Dealership, Miller Motors, and the Ypsilanti Automotive Heritage Museum, which incidentally gets better each year.

The Walter P. Chrysler Museum is a sponsor of the show, and usually has a rare piece of Chrysler automotive history displayed under the big tent. Look for it when your at the show. Another interesting feature of this show is a private display of Nash and American Motors memorabilia, also found under the big tent.

Yes, Ford Motor Company has contributed an orphan or two. the Zephyr, Edsel, and now the Mercury will make the field.

When you think back at the many hundreds of automobile

manufactures that were once around, the Orphan Car Show has an unlimited potential for display vehicles. Some cars that have been seen at the show include; a Denzel, a Powell Sport Wagon, the Davis cars, a Diana, Crosleys & King Midgets, Kaisers, Frazers, and Henry-J's, Hupmobiles, an Ann Arbor, the American Simplex, Dort, A Flint, a Durant, Whippet, Wills St Claire, American Bantam, Studebaker, Packard, Stanley Steamer, Baker & Detroit Electric, Checker, Kissel,

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Brian's Tip: *Ignition Timing – Part I*

by
Brian Kuta

Having previously discussed how the camshaft timing (valves/pushrods/lifters/rocker) relates to everything hanging off the crankshaft (rods/bearings/pins/pistons); this month we will focus on spark advance. Spark advance can be broken down into two parts: the mechanical advance and the vacuum advance. In this article I am going to talk about the mechanical advance. Before we start, however, I can not stress the importance of having a good timing light. There are many of them out there, and they all pretty much work, but the newer ones really work great. The newer ones have batteries in the hand held part, which then means you only have one wire to place on whichever spark plug wire you are checking, and the LED (light emitting diode) style are really nice and bright.



Old neon timing light (l) vs. new Flaming River self-powered one (r).

Connect the timing light to your #1 plug wire. Temporarily disconnect the vacuum line from the vacuum advance unit and plug the vacuum port. While watching the timing marks on the engine's vibration damper, increase engine speed slowly. As the RPM increases, you should see the timing mark begin to move up the scale. That tells you that the mechanical advance system is working. If you know the specifications for your particular engine (mfg. service manual), you can check to see if your distributor meets those specifications.

To check for proper mechanical advance, set the initial timing temporarily to zero. This serves no purpose other than to allow use of the full length of the engine's timing scale on the damper. Have your assistant increase engine RPM to desired levels mentioned in your specifications while you check the timing. If your shop manual calls for seven degrees advance at 1,500 RPM, you should now see seven degrees on your scale.

It is important when reading specs to make sure that they apply to timing read at the crankshaft timing marks. The distributor turns at half of the crankshaft speed so, if your specs indicate 7 degrees at 1,500 RPM at the crankshaft, that would translate to 3.5 degrees if the distributor were out of the engine, being tested on a distributor tuning machine. Remember to keep those timing light wires away from the fan, pulleys and belts.

You should always wear safety glasses, and do not put yourself in line of a fan blade that may fly off the fan hub, especially if you have replaced your OEM fan with a flex fan.

ORPHANS, *cont. from page 7.*

Franklin, Graham-Paige, Willis, Hudson, Stutz, Stoddard-Dayton, DeSoto, Essex, Terraplane, and on and on...

Besides having a static display of vehicles, the show has the vehicles "pass-in-review" where they drive around the park. Some, like the Stoddard-Dayton, pass belching black smoke and the exhaust sounds are not muffled. Truly a sight to behold!

Cars are usually displayed by marque, in a chronological order, so if you have a favorite it should not be hard to find on the field. You might even find a Deussen, Auburn or a Cord gracing the display field.

The show has become well-known to collectors, and draw cars from all over the USA.

Preparing for this show is a year-long effort, and Jack Miller & company do an outstanding job. While in the area, don't forget to visit the Ypsi Auto Heritage Museum a short walk up Cross St., and the Firehouse Museum across the street from the park. To view a collection of photos from the show, please visit: <http://www.seehere.com/carshots/orphancarshow2009>

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WOODWARD CRUISE, *cont. from page 5.*

Cougar. I personally like this location because it's quiet, has a lot of foot traffic, and is only about half a block from Woodward proper. (It's close to Shayne Park where we were several years ago.)

As usual, hundreds of thousands of people and thousands of cars lined Woodward. And, of course, there was rain! This time it came in the late afternoon together with very strong winds. I was going west on I696 when the storm hit and thought that my Studebaker Champion would be blown across the highway (I know it's not Ford "stable"!).



License plate on a 1947 Packard at the Woodward Dream Cruise. Don't you love it!

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OVERNIGHTER, cont. from page 1.

Dennis and Pam Wyant were our hosts for the weekend at The Bonnymill Inn and Eatery, a quaint and charming hotel and restaurant. The Wyants recently purchased this former grain elevator converted to a hotel and are renovating it to restore its original splendor. We were treated to comfortable, antique laden rooms; a rambling veranda complete with rocking chairs, live music; and fine food in their "Eatery."

Dodging raindrops and getting wet on the way there, we arrived on a hot, humid, gray Saturday to begin our adventure. Hank and Janet Dawson, our club hosts, had special corsages for the ladies, information packets (with shopping coupons!) and the weekend trophies on display. Some members chose to drive their regular vehicles while others braved the weather and drove their club cars. As we lined the cars up outside the Bonnymill Inn veranda, some of the locals joined us with their classic vehicles.

Local resident Gary McConnell brought his 1931 Ford Experimental Farm Truck -- a unique truck as only 6 were made. He and his father found it on an abandoned dairy farm while bird hunting. They got it for \$50 and his 12 gauge shotgun. Ford Motor Company once offered his father a new Lincoln in trade, but his father wisely decided he must have a special vehicle and decided not to accept the offer. Gary has participated in the Greenfield Village "Pass and Review" in the past and, hopefully, we will see him there again.

Greg Barnett, another local resident, was just driving by in his 1966 Dodge Coronet with a 426 Hemi. Excited to find a Ford car show, he ran home to bring back his beautiful 1963-1/2 Mercury Maurader with a 406 tri-power. Both Gary and Greg are interested in joining the FMRCOA and we look forward to seeing them at our meetings and club functions.

Saturday night's festivities began with a gathering in the hospitality room for food and fun. Hank explained the weekend's events while we enjoyed pizza and dishes members brought to share. Roy Stull surprised us all with home movies of early FMRCOA activities. The films were from the late 60's and the "new" cars in the film are the "classics" of today. It was fun trying to name those young, skinny people with all that dark hair!

Hank and Janet went all out for us, with door prizes, a 50/50 raffle, and a trivia game. Dennis Wyant won the 50/50 and Jeff, Sandy, Adam, and Jason Gniewek took home the prize for the trivia game. A car show wouldn't be a car show without awards, and the three judges, Janet Dawson, Deborah Rohde and I, were asked to choose the winners. It was a tough task as all the club cars are special, but Vic and Helen Hollingshead and their 1949 Ford were chosen for First Place. The "Car We Most Wanted to Be Seen In" (a/k/a Ladies' Choice) was a

tougher mission. We were at a standstill for the winner until Roy Stull said he had air conditioning. His 1969 Mustang was an instant win!

Sunday morning we gathered in the parking lot to caravan to Frankenmuth and when Hank says he's leaving at 9:30, he means it! Hank and Janet led the way with their 1954 Ford Convertible, followed by John and Shirley Miller's 1950 Ford, Phil Lyon's 1935 Ford Pick Up (with Dick Monroe!), Larry and Maureen Wolohon's 1948 Ford, Roy Stull and Ellie Wingfield's 1969 Mustang, Steve and Deborah Rohde's 1942 Chevrolet, Vic and Helen Hollingshead's 1949 Ford, Mike and Roxanne Fontana's 1946 Ford, Jeff and Sandy's Gniewek's 1969 Mustang, and Bob Guetschow and Anna Fedirko's 1972 Lincoln. Club members Tony and Cheri Skomra, Charley and Evelyn Rivers, Tim and Bonnie Pusilo, Ron and Sara Nickerson, Rod and Kathy Kurowski, and Cole and Sue Grandy followed in their regular vehicles.

The Bavarian Inn had their "Welcome FMRCOA" sign out to greet us and we were off to enjoy a day in Frankenmuth. While the ladies were shopping, some of the boys went exploring on their own. They found a wine tasting shop where Phil made quite an impression on Andrea, and then made their way to the local brewery where they just had to test the product. Along with the walking, shopping, and laughing, we were treated to a stern driven paddle wheel boat ride aboard the "Bavarian Belle." We worked up quite an appetite and enjoyed our all you can eat chicken dinner before heading back to the Inn. We were a pretty sight -- five decades of automotive style -- the 30's through the 70's -- turning heads all the way.

The weekend was a great opportunity for fun and friendship and Monday morning came too soon. As we were packing and preparing to head out, a couple of our club cars were being tempermental about starting. While everyone came to their rescue, Phil left his truck running. Evidently, Phil's truck doesn't like long goodbyes. The '35 must have been tired of waiting because it rolled out the parking lot, across the street and stopped when it rolled into a slight dip! Jeff Gniewek was moving pretty fast to try and catch the truck, but thank goodness, the light poles, cars, people and buildings got out of the way and nothing was harmed.

The 2011 Overnighter was a great success filled with friendship, fun and memories. It was a good "getaway." The Overnighter event disappeared for a while, but based on this year's success, it would be nice to make this an annual event. Thank you to Hank and Janet Dawson for making this weekend such a hit, filled with stories to be told and re-told! Steve Rohde has put a video of the event on YouTube: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sKc329CMK54>.

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"Roving" Show & Tell at the Old Car Festival" by Bill Timoszyk

Pictured here are 3 interesting fords seen at the recent Greenfield Village "Old Car Festival" on September 11, 2011:



This is a 1896 Ford Quadracycle replica (prior to appearing in Pass in Review). The original gasoline-powered Quadracycle was completed on June 4, 1896 in a tiny workshop behind Henry Ford's home on 58 Bagley Avenue. After more than two years of experimentation, Ford, at the age of thirty-two, had completed his first experimental automobile. It was called the "Quadricycle," because it ran on four bicycle tires.



1914 Ford Model T exhibited by the Grandy family.



1940 Ford Deluxe coupe from Tennessee in the parking lot.

Ford Cars & Guys at the GM Car Show

On July 27 GM held its annual car show at the GM Technical Center in Warren, MI. Over 850 cars participated. There were many beautiful Fords, and several FMRCOA members there too!



1971 Lincoln Continental (l) & 1947 Ford (r).



FMRCOA members at the GM show: clockwise from top right Judy Hilber with her 1950 Ford pickup, Steve Rohde with his 1966 GTO, Lou Ironside with his 1965 Buick, and Cole Grandy in front of a '50's Thunderbird.



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September Show & Tell: A Home Run! by Bill Timoszyk

September was truly a Detroit style home run as to the quantity and quality of items brought by the members!

Mark Zagar brought two old original advertising photos of the original Ford Rotunda at the 1934 Worlds Fair in Chicago. He also brought in an original set of the 1934 Ford Rotunda shaped souvenir salt & pepper shakers in their original mailing box. These are rare.



Ford Rotunda items from 1934 Chicago World's Fair: Photo (l) and Salt & Pepper Shakers (r).

Hank Dawson displayed a 50's Ford crest printer block, and a Ford oval key chain.

Scott Vorath came with an old original Pro-Stock kit to convert a Ford 427 engine from center oiler to side oiler, and headlight alignment tool(s) for 1969 Mustangs.

Hal Stambaugh brought a silver colored "black box" for turning back older speedometers on used cars,.



"Black Box" used to turn back older speedometers.

Hal also brought in four chrome "whitewalls" that fit on the old 40-50's wheels. There was some discussion about these regarding their mounting, and that there were some on a 1950 Ford in the parking lot. I looked at these on that 50 Ford when I was leaving, and they are considerably different as they were much more concave, and seemed to have a smaller circumference than the displayed set.



Chrome "whitewalls" for 40-50's wheels?

Dave Saam displayed a most unique kids' tricycle from the late 40's. The "Flycycle" had a wing and a pedal powered propeller!



The unique "Flycycle"!

Bill Coombe showed somewhat current license plates from Poland and Luxemburg.

Larry Wolohon brought a hardbound book by Beverly Rae Kimes entitled "The Cars that Henry Built."

Jeff Gniewek displayed his beautiful red 1967 Vespa scooter at the recent Concourse De'Elegance held at The Inn at St. Johns Plymouth, MI. He was lucky enough to obtain the official banner for the Motorscooters and Moped's Class that hung in the display area.

We thank everyone who took the time and effort to bring these items in.

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Postcards from the Past by Lou Ironside

A couple months back I showed a very plain 1955 Ford station wagon. This month I have one from the opposite end of the market. We have here, a 1954 Mercury Monterey station wagon with the wood trim. The color is pale green, and we can see all three seats in red vinyl (or maybe real leather in a Mercury?).



1954 Mercury Monterey.

The car, along with the wood trim, has whitewall tires, full wheel covers, the new standard OHV engine, and ball-joint suspension; and is probably loaded with other options! 1954 was a big change in the Ford and Mercury vehicles, and this one would be at the top of my list of cars to buy back in 1954. Of course I was only eight years old.....so I didn't get to pedal my bike to the dealer, plunk down some cash, and drive one home!

A Birthday Girl!

Samantha Marschner, daughter of Beth Marschner, turned 8 recently. Here we see her getting her "birthday pedicure"! Happy birthday Samantha!



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article—including a Feature Vehicle story!

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 videos. As webmaster I would welcome feedback!

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The Roving Reporter: A Slow Month

Another slow month for swap meets, but there were several really good cruises which sort of made up for it. This year the Cruzin' the Park was another good swap meet. There were probably 100 vendors, and a good crowd of spectators. The lay-out of the grounds is awkward, and you have to be careful not to miss any vendors. Everyone in our group found a few items, and I would call it a successful meet. In my book, it is worth attending. Of course, with Woodward, Back to the Bricks in Flint, and the Harper cruise on my list of "must do," I had a good month in spite of the lack of swap meets. There were a couple I could have gone to, but it seems the swap meets in Ohio have more Chevy parts than Ford, so I let them pass by without me.

There are still some good meets worth attending this fall including: The fall Hoosier meet in Indianapolis; Carlisle, PA; of course Hershey; the fall Adrian, MI meet; NSRA in Kalamazoo; Bowling Green, OH.; and probably a few others I have forgotten. So, there is still time to get out there and buy some parts for the winter project! Until next time...keep the economy rolling...go to a swap meet and spend!

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- Starter, Ford V8 fits 289-302. NOS. \$50. Ambrose Biondo. 586-216-5234.
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- 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.
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- 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 Chapman. 313-292-8634.
- 1963 Dodge M37 military pick up flathead six 4X4. Larry Waligora. 734-397-2299.
- Classic car storage. Heated, alarmed. Van Born/Telegraph area. \$100/month. Special FMRCOA members only. \$75/month. Ray Mickiewicz. 313-410-6005.
- Columbia 2-speed overdrive rear axel Ford/Mercury complete kit (used) with all components and instructions. \$2,500. Don McCredie. 248-563-8048.
- 1956 Ford Sunliner convertible, beautiful, not cheap. 5 used P215/75R15 WSW radial tires. Don Olson. 586-752-7919.
- 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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- 1955 Ford Custom-New paint, brakes, interior, mirrors, wires, coil, battery. 223cid, Ford A-matic, WW-full wheel covers. Taking offers. Y-block oil pump, \$20. Chrome emblem & bezel, \$45. Valley oil cover, \$20. 1954 radio, \$150. 1966 Mercury manual, \$45. 1969 Cougar manual, \$20. 1980 Omni manual, \$20. 1980 GM price and model, \$10. Hank Dawson. 810-231-3184.
- Car body dolly. Made from 1955 frame with trailer hitch welded to front. Use this to take your body to paint shop while you work on frame. \$300. Bob Haas. 248-719-0952.
- 1956 thru 1964 Ford parts N.O.S. and excellent used. 1953 Kaiser "Dragon", 4dr. sedan #3. \$12,500. Howard Voigt. 734-944-6930.
- 1964 Ford Galaxie XL 500, 2 door hardtop, 289, P/S, P/B, automatic, floor shift console, buckets, all stainless and chrome straight, clean, straight bumpers need to be chromed, needs rockers, quarters & trunk floor – would be ideal for making low rider or pro street where the floor would be cut out anyway. Asking \$1400 – all offers considered. Cole Grandy. 810-735-1671.
- 1984 Dodge Rampage – (The little pickup based on the Omni). Has all the Shelby parts from the GLH – asking \$1,200. Cole Grandy. 810-735-1671.
- 1937 Ford Coupe with all sheet metal & frame – would make a good stock car clone or Rat Rod – asking \$1,400. Cole Grandy. 810-735-1671.

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- 1970 Mustang/Cougar "Boss" 302 engine; complete or bare engine assembly. Howard Voigt. 734-944-6930.
- 1968 Ford Mustang hood and a tear drop hood scoop. Brian Baker. 248-960-3796.
- Passenger seat 1951 Ford panel truck. John Miller. 586-756-4279.
- Michigan motorcycle license plate. 1932-1934 dropped I beam axle, Ford – Not after market. 1971 Maverick Grapper parts – also sales literature. Cole Grandy. 810-735-1671.



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