



## 2012 Fall Color Tour

submitted by  
Rod Kurowski

photographs courtesy of  
Debra LeVasseur



2012 Fall Color Tour



Although the day was cloudy and very overcast, we had an excellent turn out for the color tour. It started in Saline with doughnuts, coffee and juice. We had 29 club members and their spouse's show up. Three club members brought their antique cars. It was a self guided driving tour. Proceeded to view the old soy bean facility which is now Boysville in Macon, on to Tecumseh to visit a water mill plant, thru Hidden Lake Gardens for fall colors. Had a wonderful visit with Phil and Jackie Hubbard in Onsted to view his personal collection. Very hospitable time with hot cider. On to Brooklyn to review the old Ford plastic plant



also powered by water. Sadly it is closed and up for sale. Finally to the Ye Olde Carriage House in Spring Arbor to review the private Ganton collection. It was guided and narrated by Lloyd Ganton. He has a very impressive collection of original cars that were made in Jackson, MI. Of the 25 name plates made in





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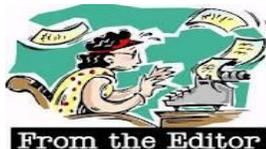
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Thank you to everyone who submitted their articles and pictures this month. If you don't see your material this month, please look in future issues of the newsletter.

I want to wish everyone and their families a Happy Thanksgiving.

Interim Editor, Beth Marschner

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# Rotunda Times



## PRESIDENT'S PAGE

This year has gone by so quickly and with the leaves now on the ground we are looking toward November when our cars go into hibernation until Spring.

We have had a very good year starting with the Dinner Dance in January and with all the varying events throughout the year. Our latest event was the color tour on October 20th. This tour focused on several of the old water powered Ford Plants. The main features were the Phil and Jackie Hubbard's auto museum in Onsted which focused on mostly GM cars and tow trucks. We also toured the Lloyd Ganton museum in Spring Arbor. This was a knockout museum featuring made in Jackson cars, pedal cars, and a large Coca Cola collection. Both of these museums were great and our hosts were very cordial and informative. We ended up at the Country Buffet in Jackson. We had about 30 members and guests and everyone appeared to have a great time. We heartily thank member Rod Kurowski for setting up the event. Rod has a more in depth overview of the tour elsewhere in this issue of the Times.

Bob and Diane Assenmacher are setting up the "Holiday Nites" event in Greenfield Village on December 7th. Call Bob or Diane at 810-227-0926 for more information.

At the November 7<sup>th</sup> meeting we will conduct the second half of our election nomination process. Leo Chouinard will be handling the nominations and he is the election committee chairman. Bob Assenmacher, Pat Beattie, Jim Wandrie, and Linda Dicks fill out the rest of the committee. If it is in your interests to serve on the board get your name in nomination at the next meeting.

Just when you think you have seen it all up pops something that makes you scratch your head in disbelief. If you go to your computer and click in to vintagemotorsusa.org and go to the home page and scroll down you will find that the Vintage motors club may be involving itself in the election process of the FMRCOA. I would say that this has probably never happened before in the annals of the old car hobby. The pictures say it all. One questions where some of our member's loyalties lie.

Til Next Time,  
Bob Guetschow, President

### Welcome New Members



Ehren Golicz (Tina)  
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- 1970 Ford Torino



Robert Munson (Penny)  
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- 1957 Ford Thunderbird

### This Month in Ford History: October

- |                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| October 1 1908  | Ford Model T introduced                     |
| October 2 1939  | Lincoln Continental debuts in North America |
| October 6 1938  | Mercury cars introduced in North America    |
| October 20 1927 | Henry Ford hand stamps first Model A engine |
| October 22 1945 | Lincoln-Mercury Division established        |

# Rotunda Times



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 7<sup>th</sup> Club meeting



Club Elections will be held in November  
Ballots will be mailed to your home



November 22<sup>nd</sup>

December 5<sup>th</sup> Club meeting

Bring in a new, unwrapped gift to the meeting for our annual Toys for Tots drive.



December 7<sup>th</sup>  
"Holiday Nights"

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 email us your article accompanied with a photo to:

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Our monthly club meetings are held 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 had the last several dinner dances. Moreover, it has an 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 6:30pm with a snack.** And do bring a friend!



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## OCTOBER 2012 FMRCOA MEETING MINTUES October 3, 2012



93 members were at October's meeting

Bob got the meeting started and recited the pledge.

Congratulations to Jerry Jablonski who received his 30 year membership badge.

Terry was on hand to pass out the new club roster. Please be sure to see her for your copy.

Minutes were read and approved with no questions or objections.

Bob mentioned that he contacted Don Nicholson regarding reserving the Nankin Mills Pavilion. Don got the okay from the county to organize another cruise next year so the spot is ours for 2013.

Treasurers report was read by Dale. Mark Sapienz questioned the picnic costs which were answered. No other questions or comments. The report was



Jerry Jablonski receives his 30 year membership badge

approved as read.

Terry has mailed out the renewal forms. She will also be available during meetings if you want to renew. Terry reports the club membership is up to 331 plus 1

new member signed up during the meeting. No questions from the membership.

Jim was finally able to get his computer back up and running. He will have the website updated as soon as possible.

Beth reminds everyone that she still needs materials

for the newsletter. You can email them, send them to me by mail or hand it to her during a meeting.

Nicole Blaszyk from Wayne State marketing and promotions was on hand to promote a classic car show. The event was being held on Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup> from 9a.m. to 1p.m. prior to the football game.

Sadly the cold weather on September 23<sup>rd</sup> brought only a mere 12 cars and 25 guests to the Baker's museum. Overall, the attendance was low.

Hank Dawson requested "floor time". Hank was there to speak in support of Angie & Brian Saylor who he introduced to the membership. Brian's application for 2012 had been recently denied and Brian took a moment to read the denial letter he had received. Brian had fallen off the rolls and per the bylaws it was agreed to deny his application but was encouraged to re-apply for 2013. Mike Fontana and Bill Timoszyk both weighed in on the conversation which lead to a membership vote. It was approved to accept Brian's application for 2012.

Rod Kurowski spoke about his village industries color tour set for October 20<sup>th</sup>. Tour maps were available at the meeting. The trip is about 200 miles. Please sign up at the meeting so he has an idea of how many are going.

John Menning's auction was being held on the 6<sup>th</sup> of October at 9181 Cedar Lake Rd. in Pinckney. Over 51 cars are in this auction that starts at 10am.

Bob Haas reminded members of Ron Mayo's estate sale at 8 Mile and Marshall in South Lyon. He reports that there are still many parts available.

It's club election time. During the meetings in October and November the club will nominate their potential candidates and the final election

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An advertisement for OVAL REPAIR AUTO SERVICE CENTER. The ad features a blue oval logo with the text "OVAL REPAIR" in large white letters, and "Specializing in Ford, Lincoln &amp; Mercury" below it. Above the logo are two checkered racing flags. The name "Jeff Schembri" is at the top left. At the bottom, it lists the phone number (734) 422-6825, fax number (734) 422-4922, and address 28735 Plymouth Rd. • Livonia, MI 48150. There is also a Facebook icon in the bottom right corner.

## 2012 Fall Color Tour

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Jackson he has 17 in his collection along with other special interest cars. An extensive collection of pedal cars, metal toys, motorcycles, bicycles. He has over two hundred original automotive signs on the walls. In addition he has a original 1900's Coke Cola soda parlor with hundreds of coke items. He also specializes in things made in Jackson, MI which includes Spartan horns of all types, Spartan radios from the 20's thru the 50's which are all in working order. His wife also has a complete 1950's kitchen on site with all the appliances of that era. There was just not enough time in the 1 1/2 hour we were there to take in everything.



We rounded the day off with a late lunch at the Old Country Buffet in Jackson. By then, the sun broke through the clouds and everyone departed home.



For more great pictures click here [Fall Color Tour](#)

or visit:

[www.designzbydebra.com/fnrcoa-color-tour--meeting](http://www.designzbydebra.com/fnrcoa-color-tour--meeting)

## FEATURED ADVERTISER

This month our Featured Advertiser is Brothers Custom Automotive. Bill Jagenow and Autumn Riggle are partnered up as joint operators of Brothers Custom. Bill is a club member. They have been in business for approximately seven years and they do it all from simple repairs to complete restorations. Call Bill or Autumn for your needs.



## Brian's Tip: Fuel Levels



Don't you just wish your ailing engine could talk so it could tell you it's problems? It's like the frustration you feel when taking care of a baby that is wailing away, but is not hungry and doesn't need a change of diaper. Many carbureted cars have plastic fuel bowl floats that can cause hard starting in hot weather. I've even had brass floats fail to become 'water logged' causing the same problem. This has happened to me not only on cars, but generators and mowers too. When the float gets saturated and sinks it causes the fuel level to raise. Now you turn your engine off and the fuel percolates into the engine causing a flooded condition, thus hard starting. Also, when engines are stored the fuel eventually evaporates through the vents, then the residue, gum and varnish are left to block small orifices and metering passages. Water in the fuel can cause issues too, and much of that can be prevented by storing the car where the temperature remains more constant, and with a full tank of fuel. If you store your vehicle with a tank low on fuel, many of the volatiles in the fuel escape out the vent as the fuel expands during the warm daylight hours, then the damp moisture laden air is pulled in as the fuel contracts with the cooler night air being pulled in through those same vents.



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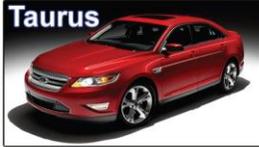
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## Postcards from the Past

by  
Lou Ironside

This month we have a postcard from the earlier days of car production. This is a birds-eye view of the Oakland Motor Car Co. in Pontiac, MI. In the mid-1920's G.M. bought Oakland, and later merged it with Pontiac. By 1928 Oakland was gone as a car, so the name lives on



Oakland Motor Car Company  
Pontiac, MI

as a memory only. This card was mailed on July 15, 1922 in Pontiac by a grandmother to her granddaughter in Smiths Creek, MI. She mentions that they are visiting Uncle Fred, and having a great time. She will write again when she gets to Grand Rapids....I wonder how long a trip from Pontiac to Grand Rapids took in 1922? Bet it was an all day trip with a couple stops to patch a flat tire or two. I love the old cars, but sure am glad I don't have to depend on them as daily transportation.

## The Roving Reporter:

Three swap meets to report on this month, one in Michigan and two out of state. First, the swap meet for the NSRA street rod Nationals North in Kalamazoo, MI. The weather was perfect, and the swap meet was bigger than last year, and in my estimation, a bigger crowd. Several of us sold in the swap meet and did very well. This meet always amazes me in that the swap spaces are small and expensive, and the admission to the show/swap is something like \$14 a person per day! Yet, it continues to grow....makes you wonder doesn't it?

The second swap meet was the annual Hoosier Meet in Indianapolis, IN. This meet has gone down in size considerably over the past decade, but still has a fair

share of early Ford parts available. This year they didn't open the public parking and entry gates on Thursday as in years past, so it was basically a "vendors only" that day. However, many (including us) found that it was really easy to go in the vendor gate for early shopping. On Friday many of the vendors start leaving in early afternoon, and by Saturday it is a "ghost-town". It is too bad this meet has fallen down...it used to be one of the best in the mid-west.

Finally...Hershey. This year it was COLD in the mornings and evenings, but fairly decent in the mid-day. The wind was brisk, and that along with the overcast made the meet less enjoyable than years past....But; it is Hershey, and that alone is worth the minor inconvenience. I would guess the vendor count to be pretty close to last year with maybe 85% of the spaces filled. There were many more NOS early Ford parts for sale, and considering years past, the prices seem to have come down slightly. The four of us filled the van and trailer with Ford parts and on the way home started making plans for next year. This was my 42<sup>nd</sup> year at Hershey, and everyone has been a great experience. At Hershey I have seen; snow, rain, and mud, 100 degree days, and most everything in between but never once have I said enough is enough!



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## Meeting Minutes

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ballot will be sent out sometime in November. Leo Chouinard agreed to head the nominations committee again this year. His committee has yet to be decided at this time. Current club treasurer, Dale LeVasseur has decided to step down as treasurer in 2013. All other current board member did agree to stay on. Leo proceeded with the October nominations.

### 2yr. Director

This position is not up for renewal at this time

### 1yr. Director

Rob Martoia is running for 1yr. Director  
Jim Crawford is running for 1yr. Director

### Secretary

Beth Marschner is running for Secretary

### Treasurer

Stan Miller was nominated and he accepted

### Vice President

Tim Pusilo is running for Vice President  
Hank Dawson was nominated and he accepted

### President

Bob Guetschow is running for President  
Dale LeVasseur was nominated and he accepted

You still may nominate someone at the November meeting. Leo will finalize his election committee by the November meeting.

There was some car talk. A member asked about the bylaws committee. Bob reports that it is going well. They just haven't had time to go over it all.

We had the 50/50 raffle.

The meeting adjourned at 9:04pm



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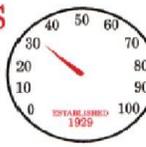
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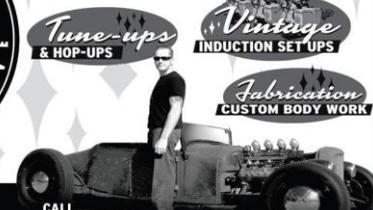


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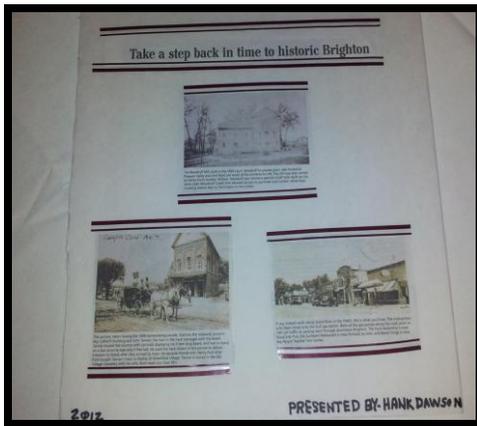
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Hank shared his "Take a step back in time to Historic Brighton" clippings.

As we have several interesting photos from this fantastic meet, we will spread them out over the upcoming months.



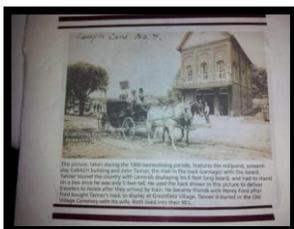
Hank shares his show & tell



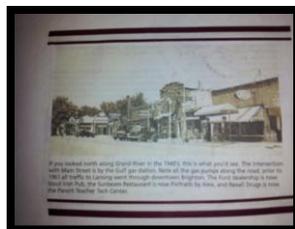
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