



## *Dinner Dance Edition*



Wally Gibson and Joe Lagracey Ensemble



Jim & Barb Wandrie

Another successful event is now in the history books. I want to personally thank all those that attended. The men and women all looked FABULOUS ...We had 53 members attend, not like back in the day when the number was closer to 120 ...? A great time was had by all. I did not hear one complaint, a few said it was one of the best that they had ever attended.

I thought the Chicken Marsala was very tasty and the Roast Beef was fork tender. The Desert Bar was ... You know ... too many calories. But hey, whose counting, we can dance away the night to the Wally Gibson and Joe Lagracey Ensemble.

Bob's presentation was short and to the point and then we moved on to the gift cards. The three lucky winners of the \$50.00 gift cards were Al Orloff, Al Majewski, and Brian Kuta. !!! Congratulations !!!

Thank you Dan Marschner for photographing the



Al & Sharilynn Majewski



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## PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Over the past few weeks I have worked with a fact finding committee that has been involved in researching and collecting information on locating a new facility for our annual swap meet. The committee investigated five fairground locations in southeast Michigan in relationship to our present location in Belleville. We find out the cost of all locations is consistently lower by thousands of dollars, and three of these fairgrounds are far more suited for our swap meet. The real rub is, of course, the adjustment that relocation brings. It will generally take up to two years or more to get re-established. We now have signed a commitment with the Chelsea Community Fairgrounds and we are saving many thousands of dollars. While Chelsea is 30 miles west of Belleville the fairgrounds is far superior a facility. The dates for this year's swap meet is July 27th and 28th. We must all come together and work harder to get the word out.

Well the Dinner Dance was another success story again this year. I heard no complaints and lots of positive comments about the food and music. Our thanks go out to Mark Koehler for his hard work on this event.

We have a tour scheduled on March 2nd to the Ed Meurer's collection in Farmington Hills. We find that a lot of members have never seen this beautiful collection of cars. We will serve Pizza and refreshments. I hope to see a lot of you there. See events section for more details.

At a recent board meeting we thrashed out what action, if any, to take against members who get involved in promoting dirty politics in a election process, as we have experienced recently, or any other behavior that can be deemed inappropriate. The board decided by a close vote not to take action against the "bad actor" during our recent election. In a form of compromise we agreed to put safeguards into our constitution to deal with members who for

whatever reasons are disruptive or damaging to the club or its members.

On a final note I want to pass on this story. A few weeks ago I was passing by Oval Repair and I stopped in to see our fellow member and newsletter advertiser Jeff Schembri. I said "hey Jeff if you renew your dues today I'll waive the late fee". He wrote me a check for \$50.00 to cover the dues and also a donation to the club. What a guy. If any of you guys need some work on your car don't forget Jeff.

Till next time  
Bob Guetschow, President

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### Welcome New Members



**Jennifer Moss**  
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- 1957 Mercury Turnpike Cruiser

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### *In Memoriam* *Nicole Kuta* 1978 - 2013



Brian Kuta one of our very active members, son Justin's wife Nicole passed away on January 30, 2013 at age 34. Please keep Brian and his family in your thoughts and prayers at this very difficult time.

# Rotunda Times



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 6<sup>th</sup> Club meeting

February 14<sup>th</sup>  
Valentine's Day



March 2<sup>nd</sup>

Ed Muerer car collection  
11:00am  
24000 Reseaerch Drive  
(10 Mile/Haggerty area)

March 6<sup>th</sup> Club meeting

61<sup>st</sup> Annual Meguiar's  
**Autorama**

March 8<sup>th</sup> – March 10<sup>th</sup>

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Dues are \$25 before and \$30 after December 31<sup>st</sup>.  
Please mail your dues in or pay at a meeting!

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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## JANUARY 2013 FMRCOA MEETING MINTUES January 9, 2013

With 63 members in attendance, Bob started the meeting at 7:30pm.

Bob reported to the club that club member, Pat Beattie had recently suffered a massive heart attack. Luckily he was near a hospital and is doing okay. He seems to think he might be ready for the dinner dance later this month.

The club recited the pledge of allegiance.

Our guest at the meeting was Fred Bertini.



Ehren Golicz

New member Ehren Golicz received his new membership badge. Congratulations to Rod Kurowski who received his 30 year membership badge.



Rod Kurowski

Beth read the minutes from the December meeting. There were no questions and no objections.

Stan Miller, club treasurer, had Dale's assistance preparing the treasurer's report which was read to the membership. No questions. All approved report as read with 1 opposed.

Terry reports that we have 340 members. Renewals are coming in slowly. Terry has not deducted those who did not renew which she will do during January.

Jim Crawford was able to make it in to the meeting after his surgery last month. He reports that the website is updated. Anything you want to see on the website?? See Jim.

Bob was in touch with Bill Gipperich who officially stepped down as club historian. Roger Hodyka later accepted the position. Thanks Roger.

Bob Assenmacher reports that the holiday nights held in December was good and all had a nice time.

Bob reminds us that the election is behind us and he hopes we can have positive behavior and a positive

attitude in 2013.

Hank asked to have the floor. Bob agreed. Hank shared some auto news. Hank had a suggestion to have the club and board work as a team. He brought up the status of the bylaws which Tim reports on later. Hank also had some concerns on the election process and requested a motion to have Wally recount the votes. The motion was not carried.

Bob went on to congratulate Wally and his committee for a job well done on the election.

Dinner dance invitations are out. Date has been set for January 26<sup>th</sup>. Please RSVP to Mark Koehler by January 12<sup>th</sup>. Mark reports that the music is set. He has asked the band to be sure to keep volume down per the request of members. The menu will be similar to last year. Replies are slow but currently have about 30-40 members confirmed.

Laurel spoke up and mentioned that she recalls that at the 2012 February meeting there was a vote to have a new venue for the Dinner Dance in 2013. She questioned why the dance was still at St. Mary's this year and why we had to have same menu. Neither Mark nor Bob remembered having a vote to move the dance but mentioned that they have a good relationship with St. Mary's and felt that having the dinner dance there again would continue this good relationship.

Jeff has T-shirts for sale for \$5.00. Jeff is looking into the cost of jackets per the request of the members. He wants some input from the membership on the look, style, etc. that they were looking for. Wally suggested that Jeff bring the vendor to a meeting and show the members some samples of what is available. Jeff agreed to set the meeting up.

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## Dinner Dance 2013

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event. We should add you to the Staff as the official Photographer. What do you think? Thank You to Keith and Jason Rowe and the Staff of the St. Mary Cultural & Banquet Center. You pull out all the stops to take care of us and we all appreciate the effort.

Thanks again to all in attendance. See you at the February meeting. If you enjoyed the Dinner Dance please tell me, if you have any complaints see Bob ...

*Submitted by Mark Koehler*



Bob has a few announcements



Al Orloff wins a \$50 gift card



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## Meeting Minutes,

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Bob reports on the status of some of the club positions:

- Need an events committee chairman. Get 2-3 people to help coordinate monthly events. Bill Coombe volunteered. Jack Von Gerichten

said he could help after April.

- Tim agreed to do the work rosters but the club still needs a parking lot chairman. No volunteers were noted.
- Beth agreed to continue on as the newsletter editor.
- Club historian position is open. Roger Hodyka volunteered.
- The possibility of a car show chairman? Bob asked the members if they are in favor of moving the car show to a different day. Someone suggested skipping it altogether. The board is still looking at other ideas. More discussion on this topic will be done at upcoming meetings.

Tim and his committee have initiated the by-law changes. They will be changed and presented to the membership for approval, per the bylaws. Some discussion was brought up about financial bonding and it was agreed by the membership not to bond the treasurer.

Hank proposed that a budget be set for 2013.

The board is looking into the possibility of a new location for the 2013 swap meet. The Wayne County Fairgrounds has been a difficult venue and maybe it's time for a change. More to follow on this topic.

The night ended with the traditional car talk, show and tell and 50/50. Bob adjourned the meeting at 9pm.

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This month we welcome Hank's Auto Restoration as our new advertiser. I checked out his card and it says it all.

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## Holiday Nights

By

Bob Assenmacher

Members of the Ford and Mercury Restorers club and their families spent a wonderful evening in Greenfield Village attending holiday nights on Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. For many of the women, some of their favorite stops began at the Village store and then into the Village at the Liberty Craftworks store where one could purchase tin, glass and pottery made in Greenfield village as well as various souvenirs from the evening.

Once inside the gates we had the opportunity to ride the Herschell-Spillman carousel, the chugging model T's and the horse-drawn hay wagons. Most of us probably just strolled leisurely thru the streets enjoying the sights and sounds of Christmas long ago.

One of the featured stops at Holiday Nights was the Logan County Courthouse where all were entertained by Neil Woodward, Michigan's Troubadour. Neil got the guests singing Christmas carols by candlelight; this was a welcome stop as one could warm themselves by the fireplace as Neil entertained. Another favorite with the crowd was in the Sounds of America gallery where the renowned Picks and Sticks dulcimer group performed. This group played various requests from the audience and all enjoyed the performance.

Edison Homestead, Susquehanna House, Wright Brothers Home and the Henry Ford birthplace were holiday decorated for the time period of the building. In the respective kitchens, holiday baking and cooking were in preparation.

One even ran into Santa and his reindeer at the Robert Frost home. Santa seemed to know the names of the boys and girls in the audience as he said "hello" to them by name (I wonder how he did that?).

The activities building held a wonderful railroad display with model trains provided by the Glancy Modular Group and the Detroit Historical museum; this was a new exhibit to the Village for Holiday nights. Another wonderful display was in the Village Pavilion where one could view a Christmas village with lighted houses; this exhibit was very popular with children, both young and old.

The Liberty Craftworks area had demonstrations by the potters, tin shop presenters, glass blowers and printing press operators. All were fascinating to watch and gave one some idea as to the work and

skill involved in creating these beautiful objects of art.

Each building either had story teller, musical entertainment of some sort or cooking demonstrations. As we strolled thru the Village we were met by chimney sweepers, the fife and drum corps., singers and costumed presenters in the Village strolling through wishing all a very Merry Christmas and a happy holiday. The holiday nights were culminated by fireworks; the evening was truly magical and put everyone in the Christmas spirit.

Bob and Diane Assenmacher




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by  
Lou Ironside

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the Cunard Line which advertised: Sunshine Cruises to the West Indies and South America. This card from the late 1940's to early 1950's shows the floating market at Willemstad, Curacao, N.A. What is interesting, is the fact that there are at least eight woodie wagons on the street next to the boats of the floating market. The makes are difficult to tell, but if you ever wondered where the woodie wagons ended up, now we know where at least eight of them went.

## The Roving Reporter:

The swap meet season has officially started, and the next few months will be filled with places to go and money to be spent. The first official swap meet of the year was at the Gibraltar Trade Center, and was as expected: not much to "write home about". If you were looking for shiny new chrome parts, or items for a race car, then you might have found something. As always, there were very few real swap meet vendors so the person looking for restoration parts was at a disadvantage. Inside Nick had a great display of used FoMoCo parts, and a few vendors outside had some items. However, probably 85% of the items for sale were new. As I have always said, this is a trade show, not a swap meet. I, like most everyone else, go on the odd chance there will be something I want there, and to visit with friends we haven't seen since the fall.

The next weekend was the 47th annual Jackson Swap meet, and although small, is always a good place to find early Ford parts. This year I only saw two empty tables, and the hall was packed with spectators. I saw

several FMRC members either selling or visiting while I was there. This swap has been on my agenda since 1965, and as always I found a few needed, and in a couple cases un-needed, items to carry home. This meet is one of the few meets that has survived the ups and downs over the years and is now nearing their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Not too many local meets can make that claim.

Next month we will review: Saginaw swap meet, the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary Kalamazoo swap meet, and a meet in southern Ohio. Until then stay warm and keep the economy moving... attend a swap meet!

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Some members stopped for a quick pose....



Bill Timoszyk and his friend Camille




Diane Assenmacher and Marv Kuta



Cynthia & Dave Pempeit

Others talked amongst each and had a nice time





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Beth Marschner,  
 Linda & Grant Beard



Joanne Rodriguez, Bill Bella  
 & Lou Stanford



Judy Stanford, Marion  
 Morris & Joanne Rodriguez





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- 1959 Buick 4dr hardtop for parts. Tom Von Meyer 586-776-6116.
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