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# Feature Vehicle: 1968 Ford Country Squire owned by Tim Cleary



Tim's 1968 Country Sauire

After many years of searching, Tim Cleary found his dream '68 Ford Country Squire in Cincinnati, Ohio. Tim, President of the American Station Wagon Owners Association, found this '68 Squire for sale in Cincinnati, Ohio. He drove it home from Cincinnati and it made it no problem after sitting for 12 years. The wagon came with a stash of 15 New Old Stock wood moldings and die cast grill, and complete luggage rack, door handles, and new bumpers.



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### Flathead Information

submitted by Brian Kuta

I was reading my latest edition of Hot Rod magazine, and came across an article that was redone because of errors in the original article. It's the January 2013 edition with Vic Edelbrock's roadster on the front cover, along with a great article about a Flathead Ford Intake Shootout. To give credit where it is due, this article was written by Thom-Taylor for Hot Rod magazine, and I am sharina information that I think could be of interest to our club members that have four cylinder Flathead Ford engines.

The three stud water necks started with the Model B engines in '32, not '33. This is a common mistake and raises he issue of the A, B and C designations found on banger heads of various years. This article goes on to mention we need to bear with them as we creep up on the explanation.

All Model A ('28-'31) Ford part numbers start with the suffix 'A'. For '32, part

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Thank you everyone for your materials. I love getting new stuff. Pictures are great. Articles are great! Any new ideas for a new feature? Need help with a project? See my "help wanted" section later in this issue. What do you think?

Editor, Beth Marschner



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## **PRESIDENT'S PAGE**

We are going to do the auction again this year at the Suburban Collection Show Place in Novi. This year's auction will be held on April 27th and April 28th and Wally Wigand is handling filling the work slots again this year. Wally has many work slots open and he wants you to call him and volunteer at 734-522-6477. For those of you that are new or haven't done this before we work with Classic Car Auto Auction pushing cars to be placed on the auction block. When you volunteer, you will receive a parking pass, admission pass, bidders paddle, lunch and a Tshirt. I also have arranged with Tom Davis of Classic Car Auto Auction that they will send us a \$500.00 donation in appreciation for our help.

As Art Cervi would say I am "Still talking swap meet". At our new location in Chelsea we find that due to the layout of the fairgrounds we will be needing less work volunteers. The rule of thumb is every member is expected to pull a minimum of a two hour shift during the three day period that the swap meet and car show is going on. Tim Pusilo is setting up the work roster and he would like you to contact him at 313-278-1325 for an assignment. He will also be assigning volunteers at our monthly meetings. So please, contact him and climb aboard. With the weather warming up, the car cruises and car shows will be heating up as well. Again, I call for all of you to get out there and see that everyone you encounter, gets a flyer!

Our relationship with the Wayne County Fairgrounds is now fully dissolved with Roger Hodyka and Greg Petrovich removing our club trailer and transporting it to the Chelsea Community Fairgrounds. Manager, Greg Jones, is graciously allowing us to store our trailer there until we need it during the swap meet.

I am working with Rod Kurowski in arranging with speakers for our meetings over the next few months and hopefully through the end of the year. We are striving to make our meetings more informative.

Til next time, Bob Guetschow, President







#### **Welcome New Members**

#### **Ed Kemp (Vicki)**

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1976 Thunderbird



#### Jim Kosior (Colleen)

Dearborn, MI 48128 (313) 320-7204 jjkosior48128@gmail.com







Think you know your auto history?

Pop Quiz: America's love affair with the automobile goes back more than a century.

Arrange these classic American automakers by age, oldest to youngest.

1. Ford

2. Chevrolet

3. Oldsmobile

4. Packard

5. Chrysler

6. Duesenberg

Answers on page 7



#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 3rd

Club meeting



April 22<sup>nd</sup>

Earth Day



April 27th & 28th

May 1st

Club meeting

## The FMRCOA Membership Advantage!!!!

Your Board officers and editor 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 Beth Marschner, our ad editor. For more information on becoming a member go to FMRCOA.org or write to:

## P.O. Box 2938 Dearborn, MI 48123

Dues are \$25 before and \$30 after December 31st.

Please mail your dues in or pay at a meeting!

he 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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## MARCH 2013 FMRCOA MEETING MINTUES March 6, 2013



About 65 members at our March meeting

Bob started us off promptly at 7:30pm and the traditional pledge was done.

We would like to welcome our guest speaker, John Clor from Ford Racing and George DeLorean, brother of the late John DeLorean, founder of the DeLorean Motor Company.

Newsletter is delayed again. Working on getting it out in a more timely manner.

Minutes from February were read, approved and accepted with no questions or objections.

A member suggested that those who receive an email copy of the newsletter, not get a hard copy. Bob said he was aware of this idea and there needed to be more discussion on the topic. More to follow.

Stan read the treasurers report. No questions and no objections. The report was approved as read.

Jim Crawford was on hand to report on the website. He apologized for his absence at the last meeting but he has updated the website with the latest information and he will post the newsletter when it becomes available.

Bob reports on some upcoming events for the club including the possibility of a bus tour. Bob

turned the microphone to Bill Coombe for more club events. Bill mentioned he has set up a tour of the Edsel Ford House on Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 1pm. It is located in Grosse Pointe Shores between 8 mile and 9 mile. Many members had some other ideas for events and Bill said he would look into those suggestions.

Rod Kurowski spoke to the club about the possibility of coordinating a Diamond Jack boat tour starting at Bishop Park and down to the Down River plant. Many showed an interest. This event would be in September. Cost is \$1800 to rent the Diamond Jack boat and could run \$20 per person. More to follow.

Roger Hodyka, our new club historian was finally able to meet up with Bill Gipperich and got all of his historical material. Roger is looking for old newsletters or old flyers that you might have. Anything you find, reach out to Roger.

The club visited Ed Muerer's collection on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. The club enjoyed the collection and dined on pizza, soft drinks and salad. Ray Klopfenstein and his wife Emily traveled all the way from Bowling Green for the event.

Tim is meeting with the bylaw committee on Thursday. Should have them typed and ready for review very soon. A special meeting of the membership will be scheduled to address the changes.

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### 1968 Ford Country Squire

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## Flathead Information,

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numbers start with a 'B' for four cylinder cars and '18' for V-8's. When the '33 models came out, V-8 models received a '40' prefix while four cylinders retained the 'B'. Four cylinder engine production continued on a limited basis until WWII.

If there was a design change on a Model A part, it was assigned a 'B', and if another change occurred, then a 'C', and so on and so forth. This was done for easy identification by the factory and , later, by mechanics. In

the case of the Model A head, the initial design had an 'A' cast into it. When high compression 'Police Heads' (some called them Denver Heads) were released in the late 30's, they were cast with a 'B'. For Model B's, Ford changed the head again to the three stud version, so it received the raised 'C'. This causes confusion in saying Model C heads can be identified by the three stud pumps.

Remember, there actually were no Model C cars or engines designed by Ford. This was only a description popularized by the public and, no doubt, perpetuated by the raised 'C' found on all four cylinder Fords produced after the Model A.







#### FEATURED ADVERTISER

I his month our Featured Advertiser is Concours Parts and Accessories. Concourse has been in business since 1986 and owner Larry Edenson has been in the parts business since 1957. Brian Jacquish is the general manager and he suggests that if you need any questions answered you also can contact him by email at concoursparts@hotmail.com, and check out their website at concoursparts.com. Please check out their business card for the parts they specialize in.





I am restoring a 1954 Mercury wagon that will be used for touring. It will be driven around 2500 miles per year. I understand that the 256 C.I. engine that would have been original for this car had some problems and because it did not have a motor or transmission when I bought it I have decided to install a 1956 Mercury 312 and automatic from a parts car. I also will be using the '56 parts to upgrade the brakes. I am hoping this will make a nice touring car. Any tips and or adivice for this project would be welcome. Please give me a call or email with any tips, information and or parts 765-747-5001 or pvsv1967@gmail.com.

P.S. I have a couple of other projects going at this time so I estimate 2 to 3 more years to complete. I have enclosed a couple of pictures you can use if you want to and I will send some more as the project moves on.

Thanks, Paul Voyles



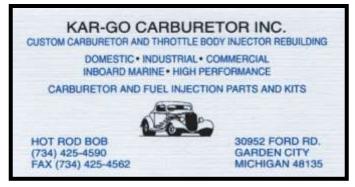


#### **Answers to American Automakers**

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- 3. Oldsmobile (1897)
- 4. Packard (1899)
  - 1. Ford (1903)
- 2. Chevrolet (1911)
- 6. Duesenberg (1913)
  - 5. Chrysler (1925)

Courtesty of Reminisce Magazine Submitted by Brian Kuta









#### Postcards from the Past

by Lou Ironside

This month we have one of the oldest automotive postcards in my collection. It was mailed in December of 1913 from Detroit to a lady in Lexington, MI. The message is simply:



1907 Detroit

Dear Auntie, Here is a picture of Jim and Grace. Yours truly and wishing you all the joys of the season. The License plate is a 1913 Michigan plate #38614, and after checking with several experts, and consulting reference books, it is thought the car is a 1907 Detroit which was built by the Detroit Auto Vehicle Co. with factories in Detroit and Romeo, Ml. Hard to see, but the headlights have been removed in this photo, as owners often kept them in the garage and only put them on if venturing out at night. I sure would like to find this car hidden away in a barn, and add it to my collection!







## The Roving Reporter:

This past month has been lacking on swap meets, and this "swap meet junkie" could hardly wait for the 43rd annual East Side A's meet on March 17th. There were over 160 swap tables sold, with nearly 75 vendors. With the exception of one vendor with automotive detailing supplies, and another with automotive body shop supplies, the rest was good old car parts....no Avon, lampshades, or

birdhouses to be seen! The attendance was virtually the same as last year possibly due to it being St. Patricks day. But, of those who attended, many stayed until well after 1:00 pm. Most of the vendors reported brisk sales, some better than average for a smaller meet, and some with sales less than hoped for. But, that is the fickle buying public at a swap meet with the still soft Michigan economy. April is another slow month for local swap meets, but once May hits, there will be plenty to report on.













## **Meeting Minutes**

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The swap meet/car show flyers are now available to hand out. Bob reminds the members to personally talk to vendors and be sure to mention the change of venue. ADVERTISE – ADVERTISE!

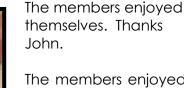
Tim is in charge of the work roster. He feels that things should be easier with the new

venue. He reminds team captains to turn in their worker needs.

Our guest speaker for the evening was John Clor from Ford Racing. He was there to report on what is going on with Ford Racing.



John Clor from Ford Racing

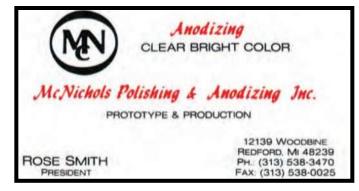


The members enjoyed some car talk, a great car story by George DeLorean, Bill and Mark shared their show and tell items, we drew the 50/50 raffle winners and Bob ended the meeting at 9:34pm.



George DeLorean at our March meeting







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## MARCH SHOW AND TELL

Bill Coombe shared more of his hard to get license plates (see article in the next column) and Mark brought in these Ford engine kits.











Photos are courtesy of David Roussey Visit our website for more great pictures!



## License plates from other countries

by Bill Coombe

These tags are very hard to get. Once a car has a plate, that number stays with the car until it goes to the junk yard. Very seldom do they have a general issue. In some countries you do not want to get caught with their plates; even taking





plates out of some countries could get you into trouble. Your mid-eastern countries are the worst to deal with. Some of your South American countries A few states like Rhode Island, too. Connecticut and Massachusetts can also give you problem. Over the past few years, the countries are now putting slogans and designs on their plate. Australian plates have had slogans for a number of years. Some of their slogans match our plates like "Sunshine State" and "Nations Capitol".









#### MARCH CLASSIFIEDS

#### FOR SALE

- (2) Late model 302 Ford engines. One is stock and essentially new. One is modified, with TFS alum. heads, low mileage. (1) '49 Mercury flathead engine. I have no background on it, but it turns free, \$400. (1) '52/'53 Mercury engine. Ran well when removed many years ago, \$1200. Both are complete with manifolds, flywheels, clutches and accessories. (1) '40 Ford flathead engine. Pistons are seized but the bottom end looks decent. Includes flywheel and clutch. (2) C4 transmisions. One rebuilt, no convertor or convertor housing, the other is complete, used but operating well when (1) early flathead removed. \$125 each. automatic transmission. Lou Williams. 734-522-2548.
- Flathead speed equipment. Heads & intakes.
   Splitting up collection. Harry McAuliffe. 313-534-5974.
- 2 captain chairs off 150 van. Tan in color. Excellent condition. \$60. Jim Robb. 313-291-3147.
- 1964 ½ Mustang tires (5). Wraped/new. 695-14
   T4 \$45 each or all 5 for \$190. Grant Beard.
- 248-305-8031.
- 1939 Ford & Mercury radio. 1950 & 1951 Ford radio. Bill Timoszyk. 734-421-2076.
- 1962 & 1964 Ford wagon for parts. 1959 Buick 4 door for parts. Trades also. Tom von Meyer. 586-776-6116.
- 1983 Ford Bronco 302. Not running rusty. All or parts. 1979 Dodge Magnum GT 360. Runs good. Needs work. \$1,500 only 783 made. 1973 Buick Riviera 455-auto. Not running. All or parts. David Brockette. 586-615-4403.
- 1956 Mercury 2 door hardtop parts, front bumper, windshield SS trim, rear window SS trim, all SS trim including the hood lip, the back window and many small parts in good condition. Paul Voyles at 765-747-5001 or pvsv1967@gmail.com.

#### **WANTED**

- Used oil (waste oil). Bring to the meetings. John Miller. 586-756-4279 or 313-891-2640.
- Looking for names, addresses and/or phone numbers of garages in the Howell/Brighton area who work on the old car. My '54 Ford Skyliner's body and interior are good but just need

- someone to go to for the occasional mechanical work as needed. Bruce Covert. brucecovert@hotmail.com or 517-518-8781.
- 1965 Galaxie LTD parts. AM/FM radio. Galaxie 500 and 352 logos (RF fender). Window crank and left rear arm rest w/ashtray. George Dutton. 248-915-8404.
- Old newsletters and swap meet flyers for our historian collection. Roger Hodyka. 519-282-4738.
- 1932 Ford radio. Bill Timoszyk. 734-421-2076.
- Rodders Journal #1 through #8. Rod & Custom little books and Hop Up magazines. Cole Grandy. 810-735-1671.
- 1954 Mercury Monterey station wagon parts. Wood trim for patterns, rear bumper in good condition, trim ring for the front fender area, interior handle for the tailgate, I also need several small parts that are common to any '54 Mercury. Paul Voyles. 765-747-5001 or pvsv1967@gmail.com.













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