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Feature Vehicle:

## 1966 Mercury Monterey Convertible: The Car I Bought Twice

owned by  
Mark Trzeciak



1966 Mercury Monterey Convertible

For years this car was stored in my aunt's garage for a friend of hers from church. It had sat there and I admired it every time I went to visit. I had asked her about the car, and the owner, and she said it was a friend's from church, and said he lost his storage and needed a place to keep it for a bit. I thought nothing of this, it is a typical story for an older person to offer their garage they are not using (I use my neighbors now).

One summer day, while I was on vacation, my aunt called me and asked me if I wanted that car, I immediately said yes, and she went on to tell me, it had to be gone by the end of that weekend. This was impossible for me, as I was in Colorado. I figured she would be bluffing, and much to my surprise, when I returned later that week, the car was gone. She told me she paid some tow truck driver \$50 to take it. Again, if you knew my aunt, this would not surprise you.

Years go by, and my aunt dies at the ripe old age of 95, and I am helping my dad settle her estate which included selling her house to the factory behind her house in SW Detroit. I had met some of the workers there, and was especially friendly with the head maintenance man, Chris. We struck up a conversation one day, and he asked me if I still had that 70 ½ Falcon (I have since sold that) and I said yes, I went on to mention that Monterey



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As some of you know, at the October meeting I announced that I was stepping down as editor of the Rotunda Times. This decision was difficult as I have enjoyed taking on "The Newsletter Challenge". I honestly couldn't have done this job for the last 2 years without the help of my FANTASTIC supporters. Lou Ironside, Brian Kuta, Bill Timoszyk, Bob Guetschow, Mark Sapienz, Rod Kurowski and many others have **faithfully** sent me material for the newsletter every month. **THANK YOU....THANK YOU..THANK YOU.** I also want to thank Bill Coombe for his HUGE license plate collection. He provided us with show and tell every month for a year. I

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should have renamed the column "Bill's Show and Tell". I have agreed to stay on through February to help in the transition to whoever is taking my place. Keep sending in your ideas, articles, photos, stories.

*I would like to wish you and your family a safe, happy and healthy holiday season.*



Editor, Beth Marschner

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## PRESIDENT'S PAGE

We are now entering into the Holiday Season and on behalf of the club I hope that all of you had a very Happy Thanksgiving and we wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We are very sorry to announce the cancellation of the Holiday Nights event at Greenfield Village on December 14<sup>th</sup>. Event chairman Bob Assenmacher reports that we will have to get started earlier next year due to the allocated tickets being sold out earlier every year, and there were no tickets available. Thanks Bob for your efforts on the event.

The updated by-laws have now been approved by the members at the Special election during the general meeting on November 6<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to the constitution committee of Tim Pusilo, Curt and Laurel Gottlieb, and Jim Shumaker.

We note the passing of member Tom Proudlock on November 4<sup>th</sup>. See the memoriam to him elsewhere in this newsletter. Evelyn Rivers also passed on November 22<sup>nd</sup>. Evelyn was the wife of long time member Charlie Rivers; and former member Jim Ogden also passed away on November 22<sup>nd</sup>. Jim was a member from 1971 to 1985. Jim was born on March 26, 1914 and he was 4 months short of 100 years old. Our condolences go out to the families of the dearly departed.

The Officers Installation dinner or what is commonly called the Dinner Dance will be held again, at the St. Mary's Cultural Hall, on January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Invitations will be sent out about the first of the year. So make your plans if you intend to attend.

We have preliminarily set the Swap Meet dates for next year's event as July 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at the Chelsea Community Fairgrounds. These dates are subject to a contract to be signed with the Fairgrounds Mgr. Say your prayers to the weather God so we don't get killed again by the weather. We are going to have to get cracking on the Swap Meet to ensure we are fully prepared to take advantage of the good weather we are going to have in 2014. We will need to crank it up a notch on being prepared

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and to get our flyers out to the public. We also call on you members to step up this next year and help with the planning and chairing one of our monthly events. The club is only as good as the members involvement.

I am giving you all a heads up that we are going to have to do some belt tightening this next year to offset our deflated Swap Meet income this year. The board is looking for ways to cut costs of the newsletter, meetings, and events. The club subsidizes about \$8.50 a month for each member to receive a hard copy of the newsletter. I ask all of you to let us know that you will accept your newsletter electronically in order to cut the costs of mailing. Unfortunately a dues increase is on the horizon for next year to cover this shortfall. Many clubs are doing this already.

I apologize for the gloomy content of my message, but as your President I like to tell it like it is. Your board will take the necessary steps to maintain the clubs solvency.

Til next time  
Bob Guetschow, President



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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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



**December 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Merry Christmas**



**January 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Happy New Year**

January 8<sup>th</sup> Club meeting  
Please note that this is 1 week later than our usual meeting due to the holiday

January 25<sup>th</sup> Dinner Dance

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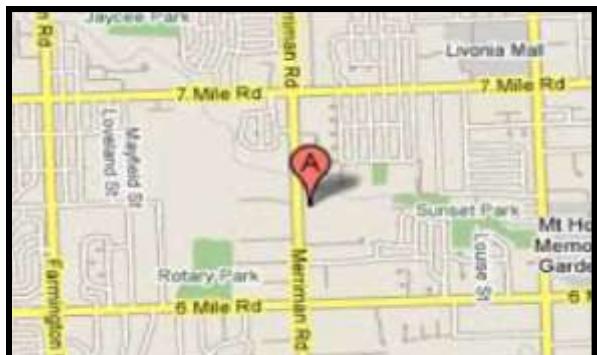
Dues are \$25 before and \$30 after December 31<sup>st</sup>.  
Please mail your dues in or pay at a meeting!

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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## NOVEMBER 2013 FMRCOA MEETING MINTUES November 6, 2013

*Sorry no photos*

*"Photographer" was absent*

Meeting started at 7:39pm. We had a full crowd with 90 members in attendance. We all recited the pledge.

Guest Mary Bugeia, Joe Bugeia's wife was in attendance. Welcome.

No badges were passed out for new members.

The minutes from October meeting were read and approved with one correction. I failed to mention that Larry Wolohon had been nominated and accepted the 1 year director nomination.

Stan read the treasurers report. The report was accepted as read with no questions or objections.

Terry reports we have 1 new member bringing our new total to 296. She has about 58 renewals so far. She also reminds you to pick up your new 2013 membership roster.

Jim was a little late getting the website updated as he was out of town but it is now updated.

It was reported that Jeff Martoia, who has been handling our club wear can no longer volunteer for the job. If anyone is interested in taking this job over, please let the board know.

Linda Dicks took the floor to open it up for the final nominations for the 2014 Board. She introduced her committee and proceeded as follows:

President – Art Cervi was nominated but was not present to accept or decline so Linda was going to

call him.

Vice President – No new nominees were added  
Secretary –

Laurel Gottlieb was nominated and accepted  
Mark Sapienz was nominated and accepted  
Doug Osborne was nominated but not present to accept or decline so Linda was going to call him.

Treasurer – No new nominees were added

1 Year Director –

Jerry Worful was nominated and accepted

2 Year Director –

Pete Morris was nominated but not present to accept or decline so Linda was going to call him.

Linda closed the nominations. Please notify Linda directly if there are any address changes to ensure proper mailing.

Tim took the floor to review the bylaw changes. He introduced his bylaws committee which consisted of Laurel Gottlieb, Curt Gotlieb and Jim Shumaker. They have been working on this for about 1 ½ years. He shared a little history on how the changes were made. A copy of the proposed bylaws were handed out to the members in attendance and he went over all areas with changes and the members were allowed to vote on the changes. The results will be sent out via email.

Bob reminded the members to bring a new unwrapped gift for the annual toys for tots drive to the next membership meeting on December 4<sup>th</sup>.

There was no show and tell items, we squeezed in the 50/50 raffle and the meeting ended at 10:00pm.



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that had been stored in the garage, knowing he had seen it. I told him the aforementioned story, and he started laughing, and says "that's not what happened, she gave me the car", again I was not surprised by this in the least bit. I told him that she always spoke highly of him, and that is she wanted him to have the car, he should have had the car, but I went on to tell him if he ever wanted to sell it, I was interested. He asked me how much? I said \$2000.00, he thought about it for a bit and replied, I will sell it to you, but not for



\$2000.00. I was thinking, here we go, he is going to want crazy money, and he responds, give me a grand and its yours. I agreed, and went to get it from his house.

Now, I own the car (or so I think), and am filing for a lost title, or replacement title. I have my friend (State Cop) run the numbers, and guess what? It comes up stolen! Come to find out the nice man from church, boosted the car, and stashed it in my aunt's garage, then went on to die, then she dies, and I have no title, and am in possession of a stolen car that I spend a grand on.

My friend (State Cop) entered a grey zone, and found out who the car belonged to, and gave me the name of her (an old lady from Detroit). I explained to her the details and she was pissed! Not at me, but at the DPD for not dealing with this, as it had happened like 10-15 years prior. She said she wanted to see the car, and it actually was hers if she wanted it, and there was nothing I could do about it. But after some sweet talking, and negotiating I purchased the title from her for \$800 (Talked down from \$1000.00). Effectively, I paid for the car twice!

After that headache, I took the car to my house and completed most of the body work, and hung

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some new ¼ panels on the back half, and got it ready for paint, 4 years in the making. I then took it to my work, Plymouth Canton Schools and my friend Jim O'Connor had some able bodied students lay some paint on it, and it turned out great. Then I got a custom leather interior, and here we are.



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## RT visits The Pacific Northwest: LeMay America's Car Museum

by

Bill Timoszyk

This month we tell of our visit to Tacoma, Washington's Lemay America's Car Museum. It was opened in 2012, built as a joint effort of the late Harold Lemays family, The City of Tacoma, and several corporate and individual sponsorships.

The photo of the main entrance (and 1st floor) is actually the top floor of a 4 story parking structure.

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## Postcards from the Past

by  
Lou Ironside

This month we have another card from the early days of the Henry Ford Museum gift shop. This card, which is of the "linen style" cardstock, was sold in the late



Reconstructed Ford Workshop

1940's to mid 1950's, and possibly even later depending on the stock on hand. The photo is of the reconstructed workshop in which Henry built his first car. The original building was at # 58 Bagley Street in Detroit behind the place where Henry and Clara lived. We all know the story of how Henry had to chop down the wall to get his creation out in to the street for its first nighttime drive. When you visit the Greenfield Village you can see firsthand the carefully reconstructed building with the door back to its original width. When you look inside that shop with its primitive tools and workspace it only makes you wonder what he could have done with modern tools in a modern workshop like most of us have today?



## The Roving Reporter:

This year's swap meet season is over, and it has had its ups and downs, but in my personal opinion it has still been a good one. We have seen some meets go up in size, and others have gotten smaller...and in a few cases disappear completely. There seemed to be a lot of rain on the weekends this year, and those weekends always seemed to be the ones with swap meets on them! Not to sound like a "broken record", but we need to support those meets which are important to

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us, and do everything we can to keep them alive and well. This of course includes our own FMRC swap meet in July. The move hurt us a little, and the rain hurt us a lot, but with strong support we can rebound next summer and make our meet again one of the best in Michigan! Until then we have some good meets in Michigan to attend: Jackson in January, Kalamazoo in February, the East Side A's meet in March, Fowlerville in April, Bearing Burners in May and others throughout the summer. As you attend those meets, encourage vendors and spectators to visit Chelsea in July for our FMRC swap meet. If each of us does a little....it will help us a lot! Have a nice holiday season, and look forward to the beginning of a new year.



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## RT visits The Pacific Northwest

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outside roof and is quite impressive (This is where all publicity photos are taken). Vehicle identification and some history is on the signage for most cars. Upon exiting the 1st floor on the side downward ramps, the aesthetics change to a very bland white walls with minimal if any signage and history on vehicles, and this carries through the rest of the 3 floors. The downward



walk ramps display many import brands of cars and motorcycles (of which there are many) and have some historic and creatively constructed photo collages as backdrops.

The Hershey, Pennsylvania AACA Fall show is the place to see things you don't see anywhere else. This year, parked within sight of my space was this 1931 Ford "Deluxe" pickup. A joint marketing idea between Henry Ford and General Electric, that never caught on. Briggs ceased production of the bodies at 293. Stainless grab/load bars, with stainless rear hinges and hasps patterned after the thick metal stainless hardware on the new GE "roundtop" refrigerators.

Today, when I occasionally drive down this gravel road in Sumpter Township, MI., past a certain dilapidated farmhouse, I think of the one I left behind for \$250 way back when. At the time I marveled at someone's ability to custom craft such a nice "flower car" for the trade, and too bad it was brush painted white. Not the only one that got away!

Submitted by Bill Timoszyk



*In Memoriam  
Tom Proudlock  
May 19, 1942 - November 4, 2013*

We are sad to announce the passing of Tom Proudlock. Tom was a member since 2008. He was 71 years old. Tom is survived by wife Karen, two sons Robert and Ryan and five Grandchildren.



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## NOVEMBER SHOW AND TELL

Bill Coombe shares more of his license plate collection and my apologies to the member who brought the other item. I didn't note the persons name or what it was.



### Brian's Mini-Tip: The Hornies

by Brian Kuta

Did you know that most horns are in the key of F sharp? Did you ever have your twin horned car horns make some namby-pansy squeaks when you press the horn button? Then you unhook one to find out which one is the problem to find one works great, so you do the other to find it works great too? Sometimes the two of them draw more current than the vehicle's system can provide, one horn at a time being alright, but both together being just too much. This is not an uncommon problem that can sometimes be corrected by adjusting the horns. Horns usually have an external adjusting screw that can be turned slightly in or out until the horns work properly. A small turn, a quarter turn at a time, is all that should be necessary, and a horn can be damaged by turning the screw in too far. Having someone hold the horn button down while you make the adjustments to hear the sound change seems to work best, and it's no doubt the best of all ways to annoy your neighbors too.

(portion of this article taken  
from the Mustang Monthly)



### Election Results for the 2013 By-Laws Revision

*Revised BY-Laws	Passed
*Article VI Section 2 2 Year elected term	Passed
*Proposal 1	Passed
*Proposal 2	Passed
*Proposal 3	Passed
*Proposal 4	Passed

### Election Results for the 2014 Board of Directors

(Announced at the December 4<sup>th</sup> membership meeting)

President	Tim Pusilo
Vice President	Hank Dawson
Secretary	Mark Sapienz
Treasurer	Stan Miller
1 Year Director	Jim Crawford
1 Year Director	Larry Wolohon
2 Year Director	Bob Guetschow

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