

# The Rotunda Times



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**Feature Vehicle:**  
**1979 Lincoln Town Coupe**  
*owned by*  
**Wally Wigand**



When leaving the Motor Muster on Saturday June 2012, I saw a car parked at the exit gate with a For Sale Sign on it. You can't advertise a car for sale inside the motor muster grounds so one of the volunteers for the muster must have parked it there. It looked pretty neat. I decided to check it out if it was still on display Sunday when I was leaving.

Sunday afternoon as I left, there it was so I drove over and got the information from the For Sale Sign in the window. On Monday I called the phone number on the For Sale Sign. The car was a 1979 Lincoln Town Coupe, with fewer than 16K miles on the car. It was also a one owner car and everything was

original. The Lincoln owner had documents to prove it. I called the owner back and made an appointment to see and drive it. I drove the Lincoln and it rode like a dream. I drove my wife over to see, and drive the car. We both liked the car so I negotiated the price with the owner and we had a deal.

I picked up the car a week later and now I had a problem, and that was, I had no place to store my 1979 Lincoln. I first had to sell a 1959 Mark 4 convertible that I was working on, that, Jim Crawford made me buy (LOL)! The 1959 was bought by a guy from Gaylord Michigan.



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# President's Message

July 2014

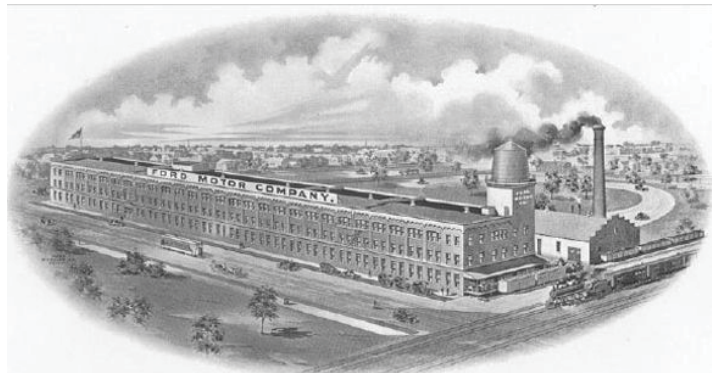
July's meeting is past. Members are interacting more and from my view point the club members seem to be enjoying the monthly meeting. We had a great July Cruse and a redo of our summer mini swap meet and car show. There were many members circulating around looking and talking, members were enjoying friends and common interests. Wally had suggested a drawing for members that brought their cars to the show. So I passed out tickets for Cars and Name Tags. We had two \$5.00 winners and we all enjoyed the anticipation of the drawing.

As members take advantage of Cruses, Tours, Garage Crawls, The Rotunda Times, and Monthly Meetings with a dinner to boot, what is the responsibility of all the members? The club asks of its self "the members" to give a minimum of two hours a year at the swap meet to support our Ford and Mercury Restorers Club of America.

The Board has been financially responsible with the clubs funds, and each Board member (by choice) has put in many hours for the Club. Individual members have taken on responsibilities to direct a function at our swap meet. Now it is time for all members to do their share for our Club. All members need to support the Club with time and their effort for this year's Swap Meet. A task shared by many is enjoyable and not a burden. Many members have talked about the clubs future sharing ideas and thoughts. It is good we are looking to the future but today is the present lets fulfill today also.

Now that we have the Swap Meet behind us, please forward comments, thoughts, suggestions that may have been passed on to you during the Swap Meet. These are valuable insights as we begin to plan for next year. We on the Board will begin planning for next year now.

Next month will be our picnic during the Hines Cruse and then our September meeting will be our 2nd model car show of the year. Hank will have complete information coming soon. The last show was enjoyed by all. We will keep business short and allow maximum Car Show time. Larry is looking into a tour of the Piquette Plant in Sept or Oct, <http://fordpiquetteavenueplant.org/> . More information coming soon.



If you have an idea get with Larry and help him make it happen. Whether you go to the Brick or the Woodward Cruse drive careful.

If you have not voiced your opinion about the Dinner Dance get a form from me fill it at the next meeting or forever hold your peace.

*See Ya: Tim*



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**AUGUST 16TH**



**AUGUST 24TH  
CLUB PICNIC**



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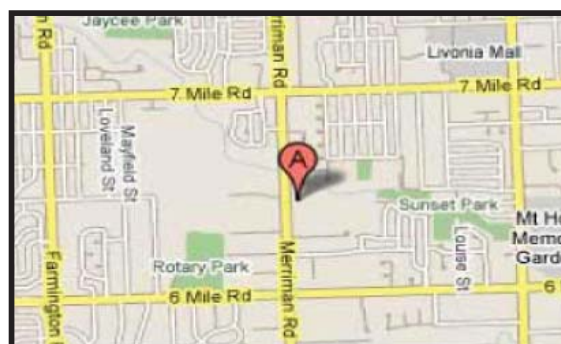
**YOUR CAR!**

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 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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### July 2014 FMRCOA MEETING MINUTES July 2, 2014

- Perfect weather allowed for a nice mini car/swap meet in the parking lot prior to the Hall's dinner.
- The meeting started at 7:49pm. There were 61 members in attendance. This total includes our guest Ronald Brock of Canton who joined the club. Ronald has a '65 F-100 and a '52 Monterey.
- President Tim urged members to sign up for our Dearborn 2014 Car Show/ Swap Meet.
- Bill Timoszyk reviewed the gathering of members at the HFMGFV Motor Muster.
- Stan read the Treasurer's Report followed by Mark reading June Club Meeting Minutes.
- Director Bob found out our long time New Jersey member John Mayo passed away last summer. Bob reported the current membership is at 263 with a deadline of July 10th for outstanding renewals before the club roster is printed. Bob passed out name badges and outlined new nametag policies.
- The June 7th Car Cruise was deemed successful and event photos are up on the website. Thanks to VP Hank and Director Larry and those who participated.
- Tim held two drawings and awarded a small token to those who remembered to wear their nametags and also to those who drove their classics to this month's meeting.
- Jerry Ostalecki shared details about the upcoming Mustang Memories Event. Then, Joe Newland gave members attending the Concours d'Elegance in Plymouth an opportunity to park their classics on the lawn day of show.
- Director Larry assessed a positive response to setting up a FMRCOA tour of the Model T Plant on Piquette Avenue.
- Jeff Gniewik has sold half of the t shirt inventory and is searching for a reasonably priced hat vendor.
- Car talk was mostly centered on upcoming July car shows. Terri Worful is looking into a Bar Night at a car themed bar on Telegraph.
- Tim urged members to get out Dearborn 2014 fliers. He touched on the Hines Park Club picnic where the single entry problem was discussed. Please fill out and return Dinner Dance surveys to Tim.
- Show and Tell Jeff Gniewik brought in a Trophy Plate won at the recent Motor Muster.
- 50/50 Adjourned 9:05 PM.

### July 2014 FMRCOA BOARD MEETING MINUTES June 26, 2014

- A quorum of Board Members present: Tim, Hank Stan, Bob, Larry, and Mark with Jim absent.
- The meeting began with Pres. Tim and Treasurer Stan coordinating money issues pertaining to running Dearborn 2014 such as petty cash and start up expenses.
- Tim addressed our final push to distribute fliers at various events leading up to our July Swap Meet.
- Trash bin rental and Security guard for Dearborn 2014 were confirmed. More workers needed to run the Dearborn 2014. Only 59 of 259 members have signed up to do the 2 hour shift. REALLY!
- A FMRCOA member requested to run a silent auction at the information booth during the Swap Meet. No objections were expressed.
- VP Hank reviewed the successful June Club Car Cruise. Pictures of the Cruise are up on the website.
- Hank also took a member's request for the Club to purchase a large FMRCOA Club Logo Decal to be put on member's van to advertise our club. 5-0 vote against purchase was taken. Then, a clarification vote was taken to allow this member to purchase decal and display it themselves. Vote 4-1 against. The Club Logo is Club property and reserved for Club events only. Individual members can not use the Club Logo without permission.
- \$605 was Board approved {5-0} to pay for Dash Plaques and Dearborn 2014 Car Show Trophies.
- Upcoming Club events: July Dearborn 2014. August Hines Park Cruise which is also Club Picnic- the Club will provide meal -tentatively Chicken and Potato Salad and Drinks.
- Director Bob clarified issues about nametags. Out of State members do not receive name badges since they do not usually attend Club events. Bob revised new members must attend an initial meeting and then a second meeting where they must request from Bob a nametag be purchased. This will save time, effort, and money for the Club. One and Done members will not be issued a name badge.
- Membership stands at 259 and deadline for outstanding renewals this year is the July Club meeting.
- Bob asked about the newsletter transition period as we are going to e-mail. Bob also is starting work on the Membership Roster for this year.
- Final Swap Meet business was to emphasize that only Clean-up Crew members attend the late Sunday dinner. Everyone who works a regular shift already gets food vendor voucher tickets and a shirt.
- Lastly, Pres. Tim needs the Dinner Dance Questionnaire form filled out and returned to compile the membership's views.
- Vote Summary: #1. Purchase decal 5-0 against #2. Allow individual member to buy and use Club Logo decal on personal vehicle 4-1 against #3. \$605 expense for Car Show Trophies/ Dash Plaques 5-0 for purchase.

### **BRIAN'S TIP**

### **Oil Talk**

I guess I just feel the need to talk about engine oil a little bit here, probably because I am witness to way too many misconceptions about the slick stuff we can't do without. I've briefly spoke of it before, but maybe this will give you another way to think about what we need it to do for us.

Oil lubricates and absorbs water, water being the by-product of our internal combustion engines. Maybe you never really thought about it, but for sure we've all noticed water dripping from a tailpipe when an engine is running in a driveway. It's not the dirt that really turns the oil dark, it's the water being absorbed by the oil. When it's getting grey in color it's really time to pay attention, and when it's black it's super saturated with water and no longer doing a worthwhile job of lubricating your engine. No, oil doesn't wear out, but as the engine burns some oil up, and they all do, some is replaced with the water from the combustion process and the dipstick could show it doesn't need any oil at all.

Personally I believe in the thinner oils recommended today. Most engine wear is on a cold start up, so the thinner the oil is the quicker it gets to lubricating everything that needs to be lubricated to avoid premature wear. My '98 F-150 now has 272,000+ miles on it, and I've always used the manufacturers recommended 5W-20 Motorcraft synthetic blend and change the filter every other time in 5,000 mile increments. In my racecar I use 10W-30 Mobil 1 synthetic, and my shift points are 7,500 RPM. I change that oil once in the middle of the season, and new oil and a filter before storing it if I am not taking it apart. By changing the oil before and running the engine before storage, you splash all that new fresh oil all over the engine's innards to preserve it without water in the oil, thus also getting rid of condensation issues that will surely occur if you don't change it before storage, not to mention the rust that will occur internally if you don't change it before storage.

Way too many enthusiast just park their specialty cars for the winter, then change the oil in the spring when it comes out of the garage. That means the oil in the engine

has miles on it, thus there is water in that oil. As the car sits the heavier water will eventually go to the bottom of the pan and the oil will float on that water. Ever hear anyone talk about some cheapass oil pan on whatever vehicle they own because it rusted out? Hey, you don't think it's because the water in the pan is rotting it out, do you?

One other thing that I am not fond of is using heavier oil because the engine is aging. If take care of correctly we all know that an engine, even an old style engine, will last a very long time. By using heavier oils, like 20W-50, just imagine the unbelievable strain put on distributor shafts, cams and distributor gears, especially during cold start ups. Also imagine how slow that heavy oil takes to get around to all the internals while they are suffering from needless wear waiting to get their share of the lubricant.

Lastly, at least for now, I want to mention caring for your flat tappet cams, lifters, tappets and valve stems that could be wearing out as you read my article. If you rebuild your engine you really need to think about a roller cam and rocker set up just because shelf oils are not what they need to be for flat tappet engine survival. Yes, a flat tappet engine build is less expensive than a roller build, so maybe instead of 1.5 rockers 1.4's would be a wiser choice, especially if performance is not critical to you. A flat tappet engine should be broken in with break in oil that has the much needed additives, and with lighter valve springs if possible. Break-In oils have the ZDDP (zinc dialkyldthiophosphates) that's needed for a successful break in, and because the engine's cam and lifters are largely lubricated by oil splash, the engine needs to be held between 2,000 to 3,000 RPM to insure adequate lubrication is happening. Goofing around and not getting the engine started real soon, like as immediately as possible, will cause much wear from the cranking, popping, and all the other screw-ups associated with starting up a new engine, so make sure you have that timing as close as you can get it before attempting that initial start up. Hey, make sure you have fans blowing at the engine, garage doors wide open and the correct fire extinguishers handy. Lastly, again-again-again for all you flat tappet engine owners, consider using Shell's Rotella T diesel oil in your engine, as it still has the ZDDP necessary to keep your engine living a long and happy life.

**- BRIAN KUTA**

## ***POSTCARDS FROM THE PAST***

by  
**Lou Ironside**

This month instead of a postcard, I am showing a photo I have had in my collection for many years. I bought it at antique store, so have now information on how or what happened. We can make a pretty good guess that this 39 Mercury convertible was the victim of either a tree or telephone pole. There seems to be nothing in the background to indicate what happened, but from the damage



we would hope that no one was in the driver seat when the incident occurred! Although the photo is quite small, the car does not appear to be very old when the photo was taken. Notice if you can how high the front and rear ends are, indicating a really heavy blow to the center section. We can be pretty sure this car did not make it to the restoration shop.

## ***ROVING REPORTER***

This month I ventured to Wisconsin and the annual Iola Old Car Festival. This meet which is sponsored by the Old Cars Weekly publication has been going on for over 40 years. What started out as a small meet has grown to over 4000 vendor spaces, and LOTS of people! I have attended this meet “off and on” since the early 1970’s and every year always come away with a few needed items. Yes, it is a long drive, most motels are 30 miles away, but compared to Hershey it is a bargain. Parking is free, but there is an admission fee. The food is one-third the prices at Hershey, and the lines are shorter. Plus, there are no toll roads if you take the northern route through the U.P. There are plenty of shuttles to the parking areas, the Boy Scouts will haul your heavy items in a cart for a small fee, and everyone is friendly. The mix of parts at the meet is good with everything from early teens to the later vehicles. The car corral is huge, and the car show is even larger. Not a meet for everyone, but certainly one that is enjoyable. Next month, the report on the FMRC meet and the Red Barns meet in Kalamazoo.



## *Hines Park Cruise 2014:*



This is the new entrance to the Hines Park Cruise, August 24th 2014. You will enter Hines Park from West bound Ford Road. The staging area for the cruisers will be between the Ford Road entrance and Outer Drive. Then passing the staging area you will be free to drive the distance to our pavilion across from the Nankin Mill at pavilion #1 Nankin Mills.

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1. What year was the 5.0 L not offered in the Mustang?  
A. 1994 B. 1995 C. 1996 D. 1997
2. Cobra R were only made in what 2 colors?  
A. Blue and Red B. White and Blue C. Red and White  
D. Black and White
3. What was the code name for the Yellow 1973 Mustang in the original Gone in 60 Seconds movie?  
A. Angel B. Bullitt C. Grace D. Eleanor
4. What was the most expensive option for the 1965 Mustang?  
A. AC B. Radio C. Pony Interior D. Wire Rims
5. Carroll Shelby said the 1965 Mustang was made for Who?  
A. Teenagers B. Secretaries C. Pilots D. Middle Aged Men
6. The Mustang used in the movie Bullitt starring Steve McQueen was a?  
A. 1968 Fastback B. 1967 Coupe C. 1969 Mach 1  
D. 1967 Fastback
7. What year did FOMOCO not offer the V-8 in the Mustang?  
A. 1979 B. 1981 C. 1999 D. 1974
8. In what year did Ford produce the Special Bullitt Edition Mustang?  
A. 1999 B. 2001 C. 2003 D. 2005
9. At which Special Event did Ford release the 1979 Mustang?  
A. World Fair B. Chicago Auto Show C. The Daytona 500  
D. The Indy 500
10. What year did Mustang first get Fuel Injection?  
A. 1983 B. 1984 C. 1985 D. 1986
11. When did the Convertible make its return to the Mustang line up?  
A. 1981 B. 1983 C. 1985 D. 1986
12. 5.0 Liter was what displacement?  
A. 302 B. 460 C. 390 D. 409
13. How many Television shows an Moies have featured a Mustang in them?  
A. 3000+ B. 5000+ C. 7000+ D. 9000+
14. What year did Ford Marketing claim "The Boss is Back!"?  
A. 1978 B. 1980 C. 1982 D. 1984
15. In which two years did the Mustang received the Motor Trends Car of the Year?  
A. 1973 and 1984 B. 1981 and 1996 C. 1977 and 2001  
D. 1974 and 1994

Answer's Key: 1-C 2-C 3-D 4-A 5-B 6-A 7-D 8-B 9-D 10-D 11-B 12-A 13-A 14-C 15-D

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