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Dinner Dance Edition



Bob & Diane Assenmacher

It was another cold winter evening for the 2014 Dinner Dance. Walking in, there was an enticing display of deserts and a table of cheeses, fruits and meatballs. The Jamie Coe band was setting up and the wait





The Jamie Coe Band

staff was working thru the room serving special hors d'oeuvres. Members were seated and enjoying conversation, food and drinks.

The band played soft music thru dinner. We were served a delicious meal. It was started with a salad with a raspberry vinaigrette dressing. The main course was Steak with grilled mushrooms and onions, breaded chicken breast with brazed potatoes and green beans, a delicious meal.

After dinner our host Bob Guetschow took to the mike and presented the 2013 Generator Award. This year's winner is Roger Hodyka. Notable for all his work with the new swap meet location, field



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My apologies to Lou Ironside who sent me a great DIA postcard last month, twice actually, and I still managed to insert the wrong photo. UGH! Please see actual postcard from last month elsewhere in the newsletter. Still looking for articles and feature cars for the newsletter.

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of all Ford vehicles, 25 years of age and older.

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President's Message

Happy New Year to all!

The Cold weather and cold and flu season is in full swing. We had a light attendance to show for it. The Board reported the progress of our first Board meeting. The board will act as Swap Meet Chair and divide responsibilities to cover the needs and allow the Board to follow the progress.

Roger Hodyka has completed a revised field lay out and will share it with the Board and members in the near future. Roger Hodyka and Greg Petrovich will handle advanced sales and sign up for swap spaces. Jerry Worful and Wally Wigand will handle Friday spot sales at the Field. Jerry Worful also volunteered for Saturday sales. We need a volunteer to work with Jerry Saturday. Rob Martoia will continue handling the Car Coral. Hank will handle the volunteer workers sign-up sheets. Jim Crawford will chair the Information Booth.

Hank suggested determining the most vital swap meets and placing volunteers to cover these meets to speak to vendors and pass out flyers. A few members have already volunteered and more are needed. I will be seeking a food vendor that can provide good food for both breakfast and lunch.

We are looking for a News Letter Editor, someone that is computer savvy. There is a little writing, proofing and then formatting the incoming articles and pictures and forwarding the material to the printer. Please consider this position and let me know.

The Board has begun to look at any possible, particle cost saving. We have started with the newsletter and results will be shared with the club or goal is to save funds for member activities and club enrichment. The goal is not to have a overflowing bank balance.



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The Club would like to say Thank You to Bob Guetschow for his service as President and Swap Meet Chair the last 2 years. Thank you to Beth Marschner for her service as Secretary and News Letter Editor. Thank You to Rob Martoia for his service as Director. Mark Koehler for his service as Director. Thank you to Terry Worful for her service as Director as well. Thank you to all that gave your time and energy.

THANK YOU ALL

The By-Laws and Roberts Rules of Order will be the Boards guide and we will follow them. We have a good start to a successful year. With the help of the members 2014 will be a fun and successful year for the Ford Mercury Restorers Club of America.



No new members for January 2014







Calendar Of Events

February 5th

Club meeting

Don't Forget...... Model Car Show Diecast modes, Kit Cars, Etc. All Makes & Models Welcome (Bring them to share at the February meeting)

March 5th

Club meeting

March 7th – 9th Detroit Autorama March 20th Village Ford Swap Meet

CLUB EVENT

Stahl's Museum

March 15th Contact Larry Wolohon at 734-454-4816 or larrywolohon@comcast.net

April 2nd

Club Meeting

The FMRCOA Membership Advantage!!!!

Y our 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 :

FMRCOA Membership Secretary 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!

I 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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JANUARY 2014 FMRCOA MEETING MINTUES January 8, 2014



Very low attendance at the January meeting

President Tim began meeting at 7:45 with 38 Members in Attendance.

December Club Meeting Minutes read with one correction 295 ballots were sent not 294 in 2013 Club Board Elections.

Treasurer Stan reported for the Month of December 2013 and also a FMRCOA 2013 Yearly Report.

V.P. Hank announced a 2014 Model Car Show to be held at February Club Meeting and recruited Cole Grandy and Jerry Worful to assist in the event.

Director Jim gave Web site update and had overwhelming response from members to NOT give Club Roster information out to Vendors .

Director Larry announced outing to Stahl Museum and Bill Vicary's Private Henry Ford Collection with dates and times to be determined shortly. Also Larry shared he had lined up an Author Gene Dickerson to guest speak in February covering 100 years Automotive Climate Control Systems.



Pete Nichol Jr. receives his name badge

New member Pete Nichols Jr. accepted his name badge.

Director Bob Guetschow sent out Dinner Dance invitations. He answered questions including yes to open bar and suggested suit jacket- slacks as appropriate attire.

Bob will meet with Varsity Ford to hopefully renew Swap Meet Sponsorship.

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Concern was raised about getting newsletter caught up to date.

Linda gave 2013 Board Election vote review as per Member request from December meeting. Summary -295 ballots sent out 214 votes received with 2 ballots returned not deliverable and 1 vote return late. Zero e-mail voting. Results -Tim 201 Stan 192. Hank 146 to Terri 64. Mark 126 to Laurel 84. Jim 189 Larry 104 to Jerry 64 Dale 41. Bob G. 110 to Cole 104. Linda gave ballots to Stan as per bylaws -treasurer retains ballots.

Tim sadly shared passing of Clara Mooradian.

New Business, Tim requested members to sign up for Swap Meet. Specifically for 2 on Friday and 2 on Saturday to assign Vendor swap spaces.

Tim next addressed moving Newsletter to E-mail format and eventually phasing out mailed hardcopy.

Cole Grandy suggested to only updating 2013 Club Roster this year instead of printing new 2014 Club Roster.

Tim asked 2 volunteers to assist Director Larry on the Events Committee. Wally stepped up.

Jeff Gniewek and Russ Roberts will take charge of Club Apparel/Merchandise.

Bob G. addressed club to express his position as to Swap Meet.

Board took suggestions as to theme vehicle for Dearborn 2014 ranging from Commercial to 1954 Ford. Then, Bob G. came up with Open Car Show theme which Cole Grandy' idea for Going Topless Car Show was overwhelmingly approved by members and Board.

Show and Tell followed by 50/50. Meeting Adjourned at 9:09pm



Dinner Dance

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layout, etc. "Congratulations" Roger and Thank You. Bob thanked all those who had put forth that extra effort in 2013, Thank You to all.

All the board members were asked forward and Bob thanked the 2013 board members



and presented the new 2014 Board of Directors. Bob had few а words to the members and he turned the mike over to the 2014 President

Roger & Sandy Hodyka

Tim Pusilo. Tim thanked Bob for his services to the club, President, swap meet chairman, and for securing the sponsorship of Varsity Ford. Tim then thanked the members for their support attending the dinner dance, invited members to enjoy the desert buffet and the dance floor.

The Jamie Coe band included a new female vocalist this year. She brought a totally fresh sound and the music was varied and great. There were many couples on the dance floor throughout the evening enjoying dancing to the live music.

All attendees had a pleasant evening. The party broke up just before midnight and the 2014 banquet came to an end and all that was left was the story for the Rotunda Times.

Thank You to all the attending members and their guests. Pass along your good times to other members.

Lastly, thank you to our host Bob Guetschow great Dinner Dance.

Submitted by Tim Pusilo







BOARD MEETING MINTUES January 6, 2014

All Board members in attendance

President Tim Pusilo opened with a personal conduct review at meetings No profanity, name calling, or sexual innuendo. Always try to address fellow members by name. Treasurer Stan Miller passed out a 2013 yearly financial report. First order of business was to address Bob G. request to have Club credit card to more efficiently conduct club business as Swap Meet Chairman. The President and Treasurer were determined to be the only club members allowed to sign for checks and also oversee credit card expenditures as per club Bylaws. Bob G. stepped down as Swap Meet Chairman. Next Discussion turned to positioning outdoor vendors nearer to buildings to encourage customers to patronize indoor vendors. Next, Tim inquired about creating a membership anniversary list to more readily keep track of members anniversary dates and facilitate anniversary badges management. The Rotunda Times newsletter was reviewed in order to cut one of our clubs largest yearly expenses { \$10,515.68 in 2013}. Paper, Size, Printing, Mailing and shift to E-mail were topics. E-mailing most newsletters by the end of 2014 will be a significant cost savings. Larry Wolohan will Chair the Garage Crawl this year and has set up return to the Vicary Museum this spring. Hank Dawson got Board approval to hold a Model Car Show at upcoming meeting with a \$90 budget. Dearborn 2014 Swap Meet Car Show theme vehicle to be chosen after January meeting by Board. Check was sent to Chelsea to pay for Swap Meet Weekend. Bob G. will meet with Varsity Ford to renew Sponsorship. Hank Dawson will start Swap Meet sign up sheets. The Food Vendor will be Changed. The Board will order 10,000 flyers for members to pass out to advertise our Dearborn 2014 Swap Meet. Club's Post Office Box key is held by Terri Worful -Membership Chair . Lastly Dinner Dance was discussed Invitations sent out by Bob G. Costs and Meals choices Desserts Bar Band

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In Memoríam



Ernest "Míke" Ríemenschneider August 25, 1939 -January 21, 2014

We note the passing of former member Mike Riemenschneider on January 21, 2014. Mike was a member from 2003 to 2011. Mike is best remembered for his expertise in automotive carburetors. Mike is survived by wife Nancy, three children Julie, Martin, & James, and five grandchildren.









Postcards from the Past (Correction from last month)

The last issue had the correct story on the DIA, and below is the CORRECT postcard.



Detroit Institute of Arts in about 1915 - 1918



Postcards from the Past by

Lou Ironside

Something a little different this month, an old photo instead of a postcard. Hopefully this photo will show up well ! The photo was taken



1934 Ford Tudor Sedan

by me in the late 1960's near Mentor, Ohio. It shows a 1934 Ford tudor sedan on a couple posts advertising Herbs Auto Wrecking. At that time the car was: in fairly decent condition, the hood was open showing the lack of engine, it was painted a bright orange, and I was informed "not for sale". The yard did contain quite a few old cars especially Fords of the 30's and 40's. I bought a couple 1932 Ford parts quite reasonably. The big question is: Why didn't I buy more!



The Roving Reporter:

Well, the swap meet has officially started and I am ready ! The swap meet at the Gibraltar Trade Center was as one friend stated, "The same old same old". There were virtually no early Ford parts, but if you were looking for chrome valve covers or used race car parts you were at the right place. The good part is seeing friends that have been in hibernation since the last swap meet and catching up on news. The bad part is being forced to buy a two day pass to circumvent the Gibraltar requirement that you can't charge more than \$5. entrance per day. I didn't see too many FMRC members, but Nick Z. had plenty of 1960's FoMoCo parts in his space so those individuals who aren't "stuck in the 1930"s" had a chance of finding some nice items. Did I buy anything...yes, an overpriced Coke, and some sandpaper from Lonnie.

The following weekend was the 44th annual swap meet in Jackson Michigan. I have attended almost every one of these meets, and although small, it usually has some Model A and early Ford parts to be found. This year there were a few empty table, and although a lot of old car parts, the Ford parts were in short supply. Again, visiting with fellow car hobbyists after the long dry spell since the last swap meet helps make this swap meet worthwhile. The admission is reasonable, the food is reasonably, the building is well lighted, and the aisles are wide. So along with finding a couple items for the latest project I had an enjoyable time.....what more could you ask for!





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Brian's Mini-Tip: Fire Extinguishers

by Brian Kuta

I am just totally positive that all of our club members, car guys/gals, have an excellent and well rated fire extinguisher in their vehicles. I also hope it's well shaken up and charged so it works if ever needed, and that it's kept in a very handy spot where it can be quickly grabbed for use. Seconds in a fire can mean the difference between disaster and whew, and here are a couple of thoughts just in case you do have a fire, especially those of you that have not changed fuel line hoses in way too many years.

Chances are that the fire would be under the hood because there is fuel, heat and spark under all hoods. Sometimes you can spot the smoke coming out from the edges of the hood so, by remembering that the hood can be hotter than hell, grabbing something to prevent yourself from being severely burned when you grab the the hood is something to put to memory. Many times the fire won't really get to blazing because the hood is closed, but once you open it up it the fire will instantly turn into a blazing fire pit because with the hood open oxygen is provided, and also with the hood open it provides a chimney effect causing a dangerously major issue. If it happens, and I know many of you have already experienced under the hood fires, be it in your own car or someone else's car, just barely pop the hood to avoid that rush of oxygen getting to the fire and causing that chimney effect, then discharge the extinguisher into that smaller opening to avoid it getting out of control.











BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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were topics. Stan Miller will buy Adult Refreshments. Finally, the Board voted to charge Board members to bring Spouses or Date. Summary of Board votes 1. move Newsletter to Email during 2014 2. Approved Model Car Show 3. Board members shall pay ½ couple cost to bring spouse/date to Dinner Dance. Meeting ended negative 14 degrees outside driving home on ice.



JANUARY SHOW AND TELL



Larry Wolohon and Mark Sapienz brought in show and tell items.































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- 428 cu motor. Pinto parts. '34-'34 Ford pickup parts. 517-282-4738. Roger Hodyka.
- 1963 1/2 Ford Falcon Sprint Hardtop Coupe V-8, 4 speed, OR 1964 / 1965 Comet Cyclone 4 speed 734-421-2076. Bill Timoszyk.

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