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 $\mathsf{A}$  fellow that introduced himself to me, John Ruth, who also has a '41 Coupe, helped me find a lot of trim pieces. I found some parts like the bumper @ the FMRCOA swap meet in 2012. Autumn Riggle of Brothers found a lot of parts, such as side arills, inner fenders, hood, bumper brackets, driver side fender & the chin which is the piece under the center grill. All these parts were either NOS or in very good condition. I found a nice center grille on eBay. I found the grill guard & passenger front fender from the want ad on the Early Ford V-8 website. Bob Gilstorff donated the center hood strip. This was on his '41 convertible from a while ago. One good sign was after Bill had removed all the damaged parts on the front, he attempted to start the engine & it started right up. Bill had to pull the cowl forward as it had been pushed back from the crash. I had new wiring put in the engine compartment with the suggestion of Bill Jagenaw. Also, while the front parts were off, Bill

# Feature Vehicle: The '41 Rises Again by Larry Wolohon



The engine after refinishing & repainting

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The '41 in primer ready for Black paint @ Brothers, note that the fenders have been removed. This is the correct method to paint an auto like this.



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#### FAREWELL FROM THE EDITOR

When I got involved with this club over 8 years ago I had no idea what I was getting myself in to. I thought I was just at the meetings to take notes. Well in those 8 years I became a secretary and board member for 2 years and a newsletter editor. Wow! Who knew? The best part was meeting all of you. Sadly this is my last newsletter and I want wish you and your club the best of luck. Have FUN with your club. After all, that's what it's all about.

Beth Marschner



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## President's Message

**Greetings to all.** The March meeting was well attended the weather and temperature were not as brutal allowing more of us to get out. The snow piles are receding and spring is approaching.

For car guys, that means that before long our cars will be coming out to start another season of cruising. For us as FMRCOA members our swap meet is on the horizon as well. Hank has a listing of the swap meets and cruises and we are asking members to sign up to pass out flyers to vendors and patrons. The flyers are present at the meeting take what you need and pass them out were ever you can. As before the club will be advertising in many ways but word of mouth, person to person is crucial, please all members do your part.

The new 2014 T shirts were presented and well accepted thanks to Jeff Gniewek and Bob Topping for their work the shirts. Jeff and Russ should have shirts ready for sale April at the meeting for \$10. Club sweat shirts and hats will be coming soon.

Hank will be handling the swap meet sign up and he began setting out the worker sign-up sheets. If you have a job, time, preference sign-up early so you get your choice. The Club traditionally asks for each of us to volunteer for two hours at the swap meet but if you can volunteer for another shift- GREAT. When all job slots are filled, it adds to the success of the swap meet. The swap meet is another opportunity to interact and get to know fellow members. Personally each year I have met new members and got to know members better by working with them at the swap meet. I have seen members at their best, rolling up their sleeves and making things happen by pitching in. I have seen so many members in

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their way, at their job working for the success of the Club. So PLEASE volunteer, get involved.

For those who were not at the March meeting Larry had a special guest speaker Gene Dickinson who spoke about climate control. This proved to be really interesting. Anything to do with warmth or cooling, keeping dry or shaded. The topic covered the complex to simple from the great idea to the "oh brother". He has published a book "Automotive Climate Controls 116 years of Progress". For those who missed the presentation or for auto book collectors Genes book would be a good buy.

Keep April 12th open for Motor City Solutions and Vicary Museum.

The Model Car show was a success and another evening has been scheduled for this theme in September. Hank will have timely information for the event in the near future.

The Board has discussed the Club supporting the Varsity Show in May, but also making the event special for our members. If anyone has some suggestions pass them along to Larry. Anyone interested in working with Larry on the entertainment, garage crawl committee let him know. Larry and Wally could use a little help.

Have a good month; keep warm and safe-see Ya'll in April

Tim





#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 2nd

Club meeting

April 12<sup>th</sup> Motor City Solutions

See Hanks's flyer for this club event on page 7

April 20th



May 7<sup>th</sup>

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:

## 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 2014 FMRCOA MEETING MINTUES March 5, 2014



65 members at the meeting

After Pledge, President Tim opened with talk of an upcoming car themed TV show.

We had 2 guests- Gene Dickinson and Kurt Johansan of Sturgis owning a 1967 Falcon.

V.P. Hank went through the Swap Meet sign- up sheets.

Jeff Gniewek presented both designs for Dearborn 2014 Public and Worker T-shirts.

Next, February club minutes and Treasurer's Report were read and approved.

Director Bob G. addressed the membership when using any Club Advertiser please let them know you are an active FMRCOA Member. He specifically requested this at Varsity Ford our

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The Board

Club Swap Meet Sponsor. Several points were discussed about Parts Discount, X plans, and who to notify at Varsity of purchases. Bob G. needs to know of Varsity car purchases to maintain a good working relationship with them. PLEASE make an effort to attend the Varsity Car Show in May. The Club will do something special for our members who attend.

Director Jim reports Web site up and running.

Director Larry detailed Stahl Museum tour as well as April's outing will be Motor City Solutions with an additional stop by nearby "Bill Vicarys" Private Henry Ford Family Museum.

Bill Timoszyk spoke of Motor Muster at Greenfield Village. Another member announced Eyes on Design will be 1964 World's Fair themed featuring 1964 cars.

Guest Speaker Gene Dickinson {retired Ford Product Designer as well as former FMRCOA circa 2004} was given the microphone. He authored the book- Automotive Climate Controls 116 years of Progress gave us an outstanding slide show presentation followed by answering a few questions.

Show and Tell. 50/50. Dearborn 2014 Flyers were available for members to begin passing out. Lastly, another Model /Diecast Car Show will be held at our Club's September Meeting.

Adjourned; 9:09PM.



#### The '41 Rises Again

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suggested that I have the engine & engine compartment refreshed, cleaning it up, repainting it & have new head nuts put on to look better. The exhaust manifolds were cleaned & painted with high temp paint. My wife, Maureen, also suggested that while so much of the '41 was being repainted, we ought to consider repainting the rest to match the front. The rear fenders & trunk lid were removed, sanded, primed & repainted, like the other parts that we got for the front. This is the proper procedure to repaint a car like this. This is also the reason that some people that I

know of haven't repainted their old Fords with fenders like this. Some more welting had to be obtained to match the welting that I obtained for the front. Before the crash, the convertible top wasn't going up or down very well. I mentioned this to Bill. Bill looked at it & found that the electrical motors that actuated the convertible mechanism were broke from the brackets that are part of the motor housing. Screw jacks actuate the top mechanism. Therefore when electrical energy was applied, the motors just spun. Autumn found a hydraulic set from Hydro Electric that operates on 6 V. Bill & his crew installed this set & the convertible top works much better. I also had Brass Works fabricate radiator that matched the original with the opening in the lower center so that the car could be hand cranked. For me this is just to have the radiator look correct. I wouldn't want to hand crank that engine although some people have said that it wouldn't be that hard to crank the type A flathead that is in my '41.



One the front fenders painted black

As Bill & his crew of Brothers were getting the '41 finished, Bill & Autumn asked my wife & about displaying it @ Autorama. We agreed & below is a picture that my friend, Al Oslapis, took of me & the '41 @ Autorama, March 2013.

After Autorama, Bill delivered the '41 home, the '41 has been to Motor Muster, Early Ford V-8 club activities & several car shows last spring, summer & fall. Now it's in my garage, sheltered & out of the winter weather with a battery tender awaiting spring.



The '41 & me @ Autorama



#### ADVERTISER FAREWELL

We say farewell to Van-Tel auto body and owner Alex T. Test. With the passing of Alex, Van-Tel Auto is closing its doors. Alex, owner of the business since 1975, and his passing will leave the classic car hobby a large void.







CLUB MEMBERS......this is an event you will not want to miss.....There are only one of two companies in the industry like this and they have earned ISO9001 certification & they are Q1 2002 certified also. This company performs everything you want to know and learn about restoring a classic vehicle. The descriptions of this company range from INNORVATIVE, VIBRANT-DETAIL & ENGINEERING MANAGEMENT VERIFICATION AND EVALUATIONS. Unparalleled, you will learn more about attentive detail you never even knew existed. Added to our tour visit, will be a pizza luncheon. Please join in and have once again FUN together as a #1 car club. Sign up at March meeting to guarantee a spot on this tour event. Also, \$3.00 well help us cover this event.....thank you....



VICE FIESIGETT

**Event Facilitator** 

#### Editor Note:



I couldn't help but notice that this has been the 3<sup>rd</sup> month in a row that the club hasn't had any new members. Hope to see some new names soon.







#### Postcards from the Past

by Lou Ironside

This month another postcard from the late 1940's early 1950's series from Greenfield Village. This series was printed on a cardstock that resembles



Late 40's early 50's - Greenfield Village

a linen texture. These cards were sold in the gift shop for ten cents each or three for twenty-five cents....at least that is what they were going for when I was in elementary school. The postcard shown here is a street scene in the village with some of the buildings in the background. What is interesting is that the subject of the card is a 1908 Buick! You would have thought they would have used a Model "T"!



#### The Roving Reporter:

Hard to believe.....there are no swap meets to report on this month! I did attend one meet which was advertised in Cruis' News, and even had a ½ page display ad. We arrived and the building was vacant. Several other people arrived, including one with a load of parts, but obviously it wasn't going to "happen". The next day I called the number in the ad and was told they cancelled it because of poor vendor response. At least it wasn't a long drive. On the way home we stopped at Roadside Attractions on M-24 south of Lapeer. This antique shop has

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many car related items along with railroad and other interesting stuff. Needless to say, I found a few collectibles there which followed me home. If you are ever in the area, it is a worthwhile stop. Next month report on the 44th annual East Side A's swap meet...and hopefully some others.











#### In Memoriam



Betty Ann Toth February 29, 1936 - February 23, 2014

We note the passing of Betty Ann Toth, wife of fellow club member, Kenneth Toth. Betty is survived by husband Kenneth and children Larry and the late Kenneth.

Alex T. Test June 2, 1941 - February 24, 2014

We mark the passing of fellow club member and newsletter advertiser Alex T. Test. Alex was a member for 15 years, from 1975 to 1978 and from 2003 to 2013. Alex didn't renew his membership for 2014 due to his illness. Alex is survived by wife Donna, children Tom, Debbie, Diane and Brian. He also is survived by step children Dave and Dana and eight grand children and one great grandchild. He will be missed.



### Meeting Number

## BOARD MEETING MINTUES February 26, 2014

- All Board Members present plus Jeff Gniewek and Bob Topping.
- Jeff and Bob presented t-shirt designs for Dearborn 2014. Public and Workers shirts were finalized. Shirts cost \$10 for Club members and \$15 to general public. Worker shirts will be given out to workers at Chelsea Swap Meet.
- The annual Cruise News ads for Dearborn 2014 was renewed and a vote was taken to approve the cost of \$1395 series of ads same as last years.
- Time is up for Beth's tenure as Newsletter Editor. A
  Club member interested in saving the Club from
  paying the printer for this service please
  volunteer.
- President Tim set a goal to have a monthly club outing/event. VP Hank and Director Larry have done an outstanding job of setting up several tours. The Board discussed a slew of activities details to be presented at our monthly club meetings. Priority among these outings is this May's Varsity Ford Car Show. PLEASE - All

- FMRCOA members should come out to support our Club's Swap Meet Sponsor.
- Bob G. requested the Board get an updated renewal list from Membership Secretary Terry Worful to call and address non renewals concerns. Bob G will continue to mail cards on behalf of the Club. Bob G. reported that we have lost several Newsletter Advertisers. Bob G. suggested a budget be set by the Board to obtain new Advertisers.
- VP Hank's Model Car Show was deemed a success despite bad weather affecting attendance so we decided to have another Model Car Show at our September Club Meeting.
- The Board decided at our June Club Meeting to hold in the parking lot a mini swap meet.
   Treasurer Stan suggested that we encourage FMRCOA members to bring out their classics and make it a mini swap meet and car show in June.
- VP Hank has a sign up board for Dearborn 2014 to be displayed at club meeting with a need for Gate Monitor position still available.
- Pres. Tim requested the Board Members create a list of duties, tasks, dates, times, etc. to be passed on to future Board Members to facilitate smooth transitions from year to year.
- The Thunderbird Club asked to join us at the Hines Park Cruise.
- A Club Member wanted to have a DJ on Saturday at Chelsea Show. Bob G. pointed out that Boogie Brian is normally double booked on Saturdays as well as costs an additional \$375 if available. The Board voted to retain Boogie Brian for the Dearborn 2014 Car Show on Sunday only and to book him for the Hines Park Cruise our annual club picnic.

Adjourn 8 PM. 12 degrees outside.

Summary of Votes: 1. Renew Cruise News Ads {6-0}

2. Book Boogie Brian for two dates {6-0}.



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#### MARCH SHOW AND TELL







Dearborn 2014 Member Shirts



#### ATTENTION: MEMBERS THAT OWN 54 FORD".

As many of you know, there is a 1954 Ford club that is dedicated only to 1954 Fords. It is the '54 Ford Club of America.

Every other year, this club holds their national convention.

I hosted the convention in 2004. And, this year in August, my wife, Lorraine, and I, along with co-hosts Hank and Janet Dawson, will be hosting this year's convention.

It will take place on August 13<sup>th</sup>-August 17<sup>th</sup>. The famous Woodward Dream Cruise is on August 16<sup>th</sup>. The location of the convention hotel will be in Novi, Michigan, 42700 11-mile rd at the Marriott Courtyard, a short drive to Woodward and other places that you may visit in the area.

Watch for additional information on this event in the future newsletters, or you can visit the 1954 Ford Club of America website at www.1954ford.com.

If you own a 1954 Ford, make your plans for this event now!

Bob Haas





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- Generic portable 5000 watt gasoline generator. 120/240 volt. Brand new. \$350. 734-674-1258. John Borovsky.
- 1954 Ford radio. Plays with speaker. 2-1984 26" 10 speed bicycles.
- Looking for AMX and Javelin parts and cars. 313-820-5241.
- 1/32 scale die cast Fords. 1924-1937 (except 1928-1930 & 1935). \$6.00 each or 2 for \$10.00. Also 2-1955 T-Birds, 1964 Galaxie Police car and 1969 Mustang GT Fastback. 586-759-6058 or 586-872-3957. Tom Eriksen.



- Used oil (waste oil). Bring to the meetings. John Miller. 586-756-4279 or 313-891-2640.
- Seat track for '41 Ford 2 door sedan.
- Looking for '69-'70 Boss 302 engine parts. 313-231-9292. Ehren Golicz.
- 1971 1973 429 CI Mustang RH 4 LH

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- exhaust manifold. 517-467-2404. Rod Kurowski.
- '68 Ford Galaxie/Mercury full size 390 fan shroud. c8ae-8146-aa. 734-837-1871. Rob Martoia.
- 5.0L or 4.6L V8 fuel injection. Must have all wiring and computer. 734-674-8483. Bob Milligan.















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