

# The Rotunda Times



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## Feature Cars August 2015

Every July the Product Development Center at Ford holds an employee and retiree car show. Last year the head of the show Dave Glickman expanded the theme to include every year of Mustang. The show was so well received that this year was to include every year of Mercury and Lincoln. The search started almost a year before the show. Dave contacted me asking for FMRCOA members that had cars he needed. I helped him by giving him information on cars that he was searching for. Dave contacted many of our members and arranged for them to be in the show. This show is unique in that unseen Ford Motor Cars and Ford family cars turn up on display. The day of the show came and the misfortune that FMRCOA has had fell on the PDC show, RAIN. Many owners brought their vehicles out in spite of the rain. Many of our members were there can you pick them out.

So from the classic of the past to the newest to be a classic there were representation of all. Thanks to Dave for including so many of our members and for promoting our swap meet and car show to all those that attended the PDC show.

*Additional Feature cars on pages 7 & 8*





# President's Message

## **AUGUST 2015 - CHANGE**

It seems that if you like change or you do not, FMRCOA is confronted with change in our changing hobby. Looking at Ford Motor and all the changes that have happen in the company's 100 plus years.

Henry's idea of a mass produced black car only lasted so long before revisions to his Tin Lizzy brought about the Model-A, the V-8, Hydraulic brakes. Just like the 6 volt system gave way to the 12 volt system which now is being reinvented and may bring about a 48 volt system. Bringing about these changes took thought, planning and work to bring about positive change. If members have suggestions please present your ideas but understand we need members with ideas and a willingness to work to make them happen, there is no work force in the wings waiting to spring in to action to develop and implement an idea.

I hope everyone has enjoyed the summer outside cook outs. It seems that we have had more members bringing their cars and sitting and enjoying conversation because of these cook-outs. Next summer I think time outside will be expanded with shorter inside meetings.

September will be Hood Ornament and Moto-meter evening. Bring in yours with the facts and the stories and share them with the members. If you have an idea for a theme night let me know, theme nights are more enjoyable than listening to me. These theme nights are enjoyable and if someone would like to do theme nights and preserve Hank's passion, the Club is about FUN, let me know. This would only be 3 or 4 meetings a year, think about it.

Well as we approach the end of summer keep in mind all those articles from Brian so you can get your vehicle ready for storage.

**SAFE CRUISING**  
**-TIM**



### **NEW MEMBERS!!**

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# SEPTEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

9-1 • FMRCOA CLUB MEETING

9-6 • SHELBY SAAC 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SHOW  
AND GO CAR SHOW - DEARBORN

9-12 • MOTOR CITY CORVETTE SHOW DEARBORN

9-12/13 • HENRY FORD OLD CAR FESTIVAL GREENFIELD VILLAGE

9-13 • FRANKENMUTH AUTO FEST

9-13 • MICHIGAN CLASSIC CAR SHOW HAZEL PARK RACEWAY

9-13 • MUSCLE CAR SHOW SWAP MEET GILMORE MUSEUM

9-19 • TURN THE PARK TEAL OVARIAN CANCER CAR SHOW  
ROCHESTER HILLS

9-19 • GLASS CITY 200 TOLEDO SPEEDWAY

9-19 • MODEL A DAY GILMORE MUSEUM

9-20 • ORPHAN CAR SHOW RIVERSIDE PARK YPSILANTI

9-20 • ST LOUIS CENTER CAR SHOW CHELSEA

9-20 • SOMEWHERE IN TIME CAR SHOW  
ELIZABETH PARK • TRENTON

9-26/27 • NOSTALGIC DRAGS AND CAR SHOW MILAN DRAGWAY

9-27 • USMA CAR SHOW SWAP MEET GIBRALTAR TRADE CENTER

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**TIM PUSILO**

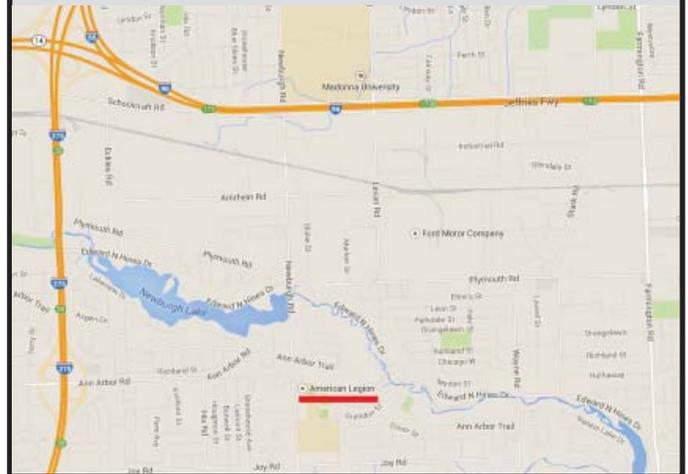
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Our monthly club meetings are held at  
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This is a great facility where we had our last dinner dance.  
It has large parking lot (to the south) enabling club cars  
to easily park together.

Meetings are on the first Tuesday of each  
month and begin at 6:30pm with a snack.

**DO BRING A FRIEND!**



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**August 2015**  
**FMRCOA MEETING MINUTES**  
**August 4, 2015**

- We had a Guest Milly from Sterling Place Retirement Home inviting members to her facility's car show.
- There were 59 members and all seven Board members present as we started out the meeting with Treasurers Stan report on Dearborn 2015. Stan gave both a Dearborn 2015 financial report followed by the monthly Treasurers Report. Many Questions and discussion followed. Facts, Figures, Newspaper ads, moving Venue location, Membership participation or lack of, Toy Show, Car Show, plus several other points were raised.
- Club monthly meals were discussed with only two members volunteering to help on the food committee.
- VP Jim had extra car show Goody bags which were passed out to members who worked a shift at Dearborn 2015. It appears the regular meeting attendees worked and were able to get a thank you bag.
- Sec. Mark asked for comment on the change to 3 hours shifts to combat falling volunteer rate among club members. Bill Timoszyk brought up several good points in response about the club aging and declining participation.
- Tim had a sign up sheet passed around for our Annual Club Picnic to be held in conjunction with the Hines Park Cruise.
- Dir. Bob G. had several anniversary badges to hand out.
- Dir. Bob T was selling leftover Dearborn 2015 tshirts.
- Dir. Don and Bob T idea to sell scrap parts at the swap meet netted the club over \$400 with some sheet metal left to sell.
- During Car talk Bob Haas helped in the sale of the late member Hank Dawson's car. A 1954 Ford car raffle and several car shows were brought to members attention. VP Jim gave a revue of the car show where 59 cars attend and 49 signed up for judging. He thanked Paul for his efforts in making the trophies. Hopefully, the quality of trophies spurn more interest in next year event.
- 50/50
- Show and Tell was a brochure of St John car show which Larry Wolohon showed his 1941 Ford.
- Also, there was a table of freebies brought in by a member to thin his hoarding but gobbled up by other member toward their hoards.
- Jerry Worful donated his \$20 in 50/50 winnings back to the club for covering monthly meal expenses.
- After the meeting, most everyone helped in policing up the meeting hall for another event. Thanks.



**SHOW AND TELL TABLE LOADED WITH FREEBIES**  
**ONE MEMBER THINNING HIS HOARD ADDING**  
**TO OTHER MEMBERS HOARD**

**MEETING PICTURES**



**CAR SHOW GOODY BAG HANDED OUT TO MEMBERS**  
**WHO WORKED A SHIFT AT DEARBORN 2015**



**CAR SHOW GOODY BAGS**

**TIM HANDING OUT ANNIVERSARY BADGES TO**  
**MEMBERS WITH 30 35 40 45 YEARS IN THE CLUB**



**August 2015  
FMRCOA BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
July 30, 2015**

- All Board members present plus Swap Meet's Jack von Gerichten.
- Treasurer Stan gave preliminary results on Dearborn 2015 with more official numbers to be announced at the August club meeting.
- Membership worker participation continued to decline again this year.
- The board discussed a new location for Dearborn 2016. Jack gave his assessment of the vendors and their comments about the Swap Meet. A questionnaire was proposed to get feedback from our loyal vendors. Stan had not gotten results from the Toy Show yet. Stan had the front gate personal inquire to our visitors how they heard of Dearborn 2015. The input results showed car show fliers and Cruise news mostly. We will use the information to correct future advertising. Many minor operating points were brought up as to Dearborn 2015.
- Tim moved on to the Hines Park Cruise featuring the FMRCOA's annual picnic on August 23rd. Boogie Brian, Food, and sign up sheet were finalized.
- Food purchase for August Meeting will be done by Tim.
- Due to low worker participation we had several dozen yellow shirts leftover and just a few Show white shirts. Dir. Bob T. will sell them to members at the club meetings.
- VP Jim estimated the Car Show brought in 59 entries. Leftover Goody bags were to be given out at the next club meeting to the members who worked a shift at Dearborn 2015. The Board talked about revision of the Fliers for Dearborn 2016. Dir. Bob T. said he could work on a redesign of the fliers. The idea of separate car show and vendor fliers was brought up.
- Bob G requested of Tim a few minutes at the August meeting to pass out anniversary name badges.
- Tim will announce the Hood Ornament and Motor Meter show will be at our September Club Meeting.

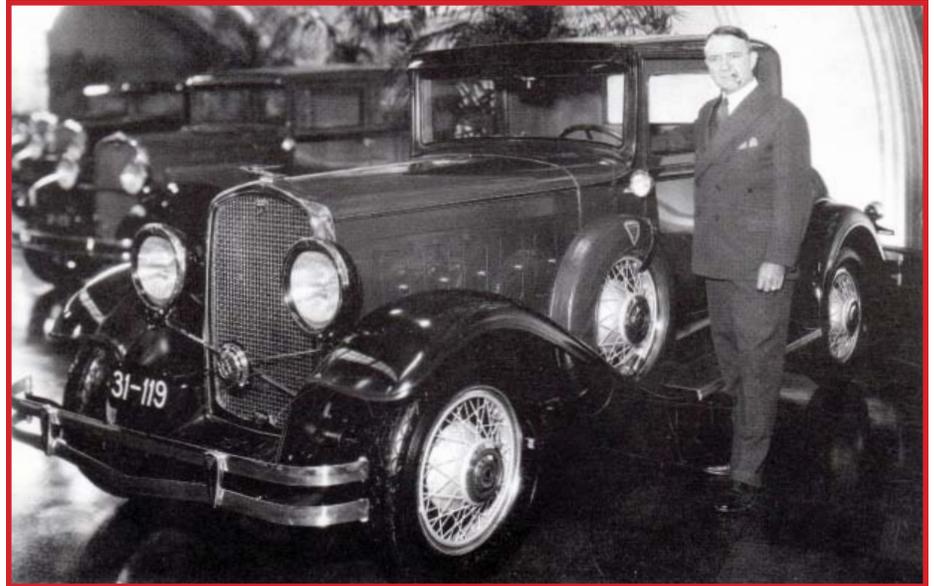


## **POSTCARDS FROM THE PAST**

by

**Lou Ironside**

We all pretty much know the story of Barney Oldfield the bicycle racer who Henry Ford hired to drive the racer 999 on the ice of Lake St. Clair. As he became famous he also turned in to a marketing giant lending his name to many different items. In 1931 he was promoting Hudson and their new line of cars. This card shows Barney with his trademark cigar clenched in his teeth standing in front of a new Hudson. I have seen advertising with his photo for gasoline, motor oils, shoes, and of course cigars!



## **ROVING REPORTER**

Only one swap meet to report on this month; although I have managed to attend several smaller local shows. Due to family obligations I was unable to attend the FMRC show for the first time since it was held at Ford Field back in the 70's. I have heard some good reports, and only one unfavorable comment. Sounds like things went well and I look forward to hearing more on the meet.

The one big swap meet I was able to attend this month was the Red Barns Spectacular at the Gilmore Museum in Hickory Corners, MI. There were over 450 swap spaces and 950 show cars according to the announcement later in the day. There was a wide variety of parts, but as most meets seem to be now: very few old Ford parts. I did

buy out one vendor as he gave me a price on everything in the space, and since most were Model "A", I opened my wallet! Some will go to the Model "A" swap meet in September, some to Hershey, and some to another Model "A" project that is on the back burner right now.

And speaking of Model "A's", the Model "A" swap meet is September 19th at the new Model "A" Museum at the Gilmore complex. There will be nearly 300 Model "A" Fords at the show, along with many vendors of Ford parts from 1928 to 1931. If you own a Model "A" it will be a great show to attend. Next month a report on the NSRA meet in Kalamazoo in September.

### *Additional Feature Cars*

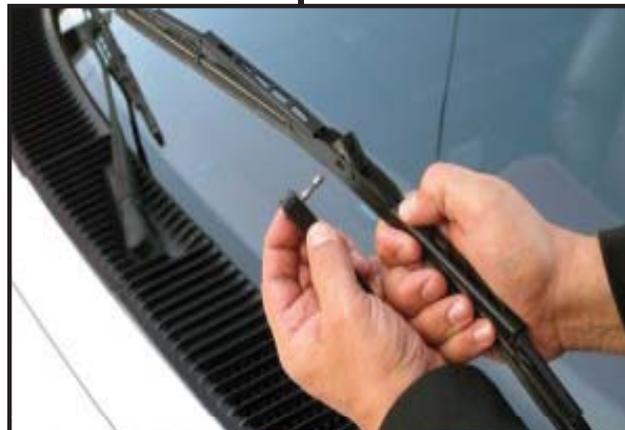


## **BRIAN'S TIP PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE**

Let's think rubber stuff failures, and if you ask most women will agree that some rubber stuff is not to be trusted. When you see some poor slob at the side of the road in trouble, 95% of the time it's something rubber that failed. Those broken cars had a belt, hose or tire most likely fail, and it's probably from lack of preventive maintenance. Older cars have several belts, whereas the more modern vehicles have one belt that drives the alternator, fan, power steering, water pump and air conditioning. Look for anything frayed, worn, cracked or glazed, and remember that most manufacturers suggest replacing belts somewhere between 30,000-50,000 miles. Doubtful that specialty cars will go that far, so I suggest changing all belts and hoses every five or six years. For cars that have that blasted intake bypass hose, that should be changed every three to four years to avoid side of the freeway hardships/embarrassments. While on the subject of rubber stuff, let's not forget wiper blades. Wiper blades begin the deterioration process immediately upon

installation because exposure to heat, cold, dust, pollen, rain, and of course the sun. We've all had, or knew someone that had, the wiper rubber come off the metal and scratch the windshield all to hell, or just through neglect the rubber got so hard that those wiper blades botched up the windshield. Wiper blades should be replaced about twice a year for best performance, and this includes the often overlooked rear wiper blade found on many vehicles. Because it's happened to me, I strongly suggest making sure that rear blade arm mechanism is working freely, and I also suggest removing it so you can use some anti

seize on the splines so it can be removed without having to use a Dremmel, or other tool, to cut it off after the salt has bonded it to the splines because it needed to be changed because it's not working freely anymore.



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Mark Sapienz 734-676-5379

Silver Framed Ford Motor Company poster "Mustang Turns Twenty" from showroom at Southgate Ford {1984} \$50. Chrome Framed Mustang Thirty Year poster \$20.

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Jerry Worful 313-271-2017

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John Miller bring in used waist oil to club meeting.

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2001 Ford Focus Hubcaps

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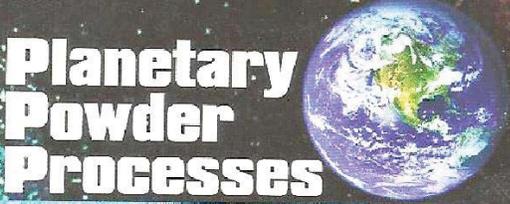
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