



The Woodward Dream Cruise 2023

I was going to do a featured story on the Woodward Dream Cruise and the Crusin'Hines club picnic but as you know the Crusin'Hines event was canceled do the monsoon we had days before the event. Here are a few pictures of the Woodward Dream cruise from our location.

This was the second year that we had our spot at the Emmanuel Bethel Church in Royal Oak. We had a pretty good turnout with the vehicles this year we had 17 people sign up for this event. We had a great spot-on Woodward and got to see plenty of unusual vehicles as you can tell, thanks to Jerry and Terry Worful for setting up tents and securing our location.



This is where our club picnic was supposed to be. Hopefully next year will be better. Your VIP passes Will be good for next year.

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**MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD
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**BOARD MEETING MINUTES
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Minutes from the FMRCOA Club meeting [08/02/2023](#)

Called to order @7:15

Jim introduced Don Nicholson to talk about the Hines Cruise. VIP passes are \$10 for the Outer Drive entrance, \$5 to enter of Newburgh. There will be no entering at Ann Arbor trail. All vehicles must be 25 years or older & no motorcycles regardless of age. We have the Nankin Mills pavilion again this year with the Detroit Road Knights. Who will provide food. We will provide beverages. We need to know who will be eating soon. Woodward Dream Cruise we will be at Normandy and Woodward again this year. Club has coolers for sale @\$10. Free Hagerty Blue book and lanyard's. Mark Sapiens brought in NASCAR brochures. Cole Grandy had an antique BBQ for show and tell. 50/50 winner's 1st Don Nicholson, 2nd Debbie Arnt and 3rd John Tret.

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We had a great turn out for our August meeting.
Here are just a few pictures from our meeting.





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Ford Motor Company's history of hiring workers with disabilities dates back to founder Henry Ford and the company's early years.

To mark the 30th anniversary of the Americans With Disabilities Act, we're looking back at Ford Motor Company's long history of hiring workers with disabilities dating back to company founder Henry Ford. Ford became one of the first companies to hire people with disabilities, and in the 1910s, it was said that no one applying for work at Ford was rejected due to their physical condition, according to a 1998 edition of "The Ford Legend."

By 1916, Ford employed more than 900 people with disabilities. That number would greatly increase following World War I, as Ford Motor Company began hiring disabled veterans returning from the battlefield in 1919. Less than a decade later, the company employed an estimated 13,000 people with disabilities.

Ford also adapted the workplace to meet the needs of its employees with disabilities, including providing specially modified equipment for those who had lost limbs. Similarly, blind or visually impaired employees were tasked with sorting or assembling parts by feel.

These efforts were applauded by Helen Keller, a pioneer and champion for the disabled, who wrote to Ford in 1929. In 1944, Keller gave the speech as Henry Ford was honored by the American Foundation for the Blind (Henry Ford II accepted the award in New York City, as Henry Ford was unable to travel).

"Truly the service of Ford Motor Company to the blind is unique in the annals of (the) handicapped community," Keller said, according to "The Ford Legend." "What a dream it was when your grandfather first gave voice to an enlightened attitude towards physically impaired persons who could work, and let the blind enter his great plants not out of charity but because of their productive abilities."

Swap Meet Report – Lou Ironside

Two swap meets to report on this month, and both were really good ones. The first was on Wednesday August 16th at the Kirkwood Church on South Saginaw St. in Grand Blanc, MI. This meet is put on in conjunction with the “Back to the Bricks” weeklong events. Although not a large meet by any means, it is always loaded with some great surprises. I have attended this meet for many years and every year I find some hidden gems to drag home; and this year was no exception. On August 19th while many people were driving up and down Woodward Ave., some friends and I attended the Hot Rod Deluxe swap meet and car show at the Gilmore Museum complex in Hickory Corner, MI. Again, the swap meet wasn’t huge, but the old-time hot rod parts were in abundance. Again, I found some really good deals on both Model A and 1932 Ford parts and could easily have spent a lot more ! The car show was fantastic with nothing but hot rods, customs, and a few late model muscle cars. I don’t think I have ever seen so many nice 1932 to 1934 Fords in one place ever. Although I always enjoyed Woodward (I cruised it constantly in the 1960’s), but now a days it isn’t the same, and how could I possibly not attend a swap meet full of old car parts ? Next month the Monroe Swap meet and the Model A Days swap meet. Lou

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1977 Ford Maverick

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Complaints about the Maverick were so rampant Ford ceased production after making only 350 of them, leading to theories these may be the rarest Ford police cars ever. Such a Maverick sounds like this was not one of Ford's better ideas.

While its easy to find pictures of police outfitted Mavericks from all years, particularly in military use, Ford only offered them as such for one year.



James Bond's Muscle Car From 'On Her Majesty's Secret Service' Is Up for Auction *By* [RACHEL CORMACK](#)

The cherry-red rarity could reach \$200,000 at Bonhams's annual Bond Street sale.

From a [1962 Rolls-Royce Silver Cloud II](#) to his iconic [Aston Martin DB5](#), [James Bond](#) is best known for his impossibly elegant British rides. But that doesn't mean 007 didn't occasionally deviate from the script. For the sixth film in the franchise, everybody's favorite MI6 agent starred alongside a seductively powerful [1969 Mercury Cougar XR-7 convertible](#), and it's just been listed for auction.

The all-American muscle car made its screen debut in the 1969 classic *On Her Majesty's Secret Service*. This Bond flick is somewhat of an anomaly in the series. It's the only one to feature Australian actor George Lazenby as 007 and is considered by some a more realistic adaptation of Ian Fleming's 1963 novel. Serial playboy Bond actually gets married, and it's his new wife that introduces him to the jaw-dropping four-wheeler.

Contessa Teresa "Tracy" di Vincenzo, who was played by the ineffable Diana Rigg, famously helps her new hubby escape Blofeld's bullies in a nail-biting car chase. The cougar ruthlessly claws its way through the ice thanks to a 335 hp Cobra Jet 428 V8 engine that gives it the ability to zoom from zero to 60 in 5.6 seconds.

Following the film, the vintage [Mercury](#) went on to become a classic in high demand. For the past several decades, it's appeared as a show car and museum fixture and is particularly coveted among collectors.

While it doesn't have all the plentiful gadgets of Bond's [beloved DB5](#), the beast still sports an array of special touches from the film, including a ski rack, two pairs of wooden skis and hood pins, you know, to make you feel like you're in her majesty's secret service. Not to mention the model is also in immaculate condition.

Of course, you'll likely have to shell out six figures for the rarity. The 1969 Mercury Cougar XR7 is expected to fetch between \$130,000 and \$200,000 at Bonhams's annual [Bond Street sale](#). Taking place December 16, the auction also includes [a 1967 Ferrari 330 GTC](#) (estimate: \$620,000-\$760,000), a [1967 Aston Martin DB6 Vantage Volante](#) (estimate: \$720,000-\$850,000), and a [1953 Bentley Continental](#) (estimate: \$720,000-\$920,000).

Brian's Tips / Trashin

This article has nothing to do with the preservation of cars, but it certainly does have a lot to do with the preservation of this country with the weather we've been having lately it seems that snow is gone for good and eventually the "Snart" (combo word of snow/ dirt) will be gone soon. Maybe it's just decent people that really think, THINK being the keyword here, so many men and women have died for this country. We can keep track of the numbers of how many have died for this country, but we don't keep records of how many have lost arms, legs, fingers, toes, and brains. The number of wounded by far outnumber the deaths and the ratio is a whole lot more than you would expect, a number that I myself do not remember because it's hard to fathom.

With the snow vanishing we get to see how many people just don't give a damn about this country because we get to see all the litter that the snow keeps covered for so long. The word disrespectfully comes to mind, disrespectful people that just cannot wait until they get home to properly dispose of their trash that must be thrown out of their vehicle window. These people apparently want to show the world they don't give a damn about this country, much less the people in it, and the way much less about the people that gave their lives and limbs to preserve what so many disrespect. Why do so many do this disrespectful act. Is it the thinkers, nonthinkers or just regular between people that do this? They want to keep the inside of their vehicle clean so they trash the planet that we live on, the planet that we must leave behind for the generations to follow. There's a lot to be said about leadership by example and looking around lately. I can't help but notice that there are not many who can lead anything, so I sincerely hope these people will never become parents .

If you ever have a chance to safely walk a freeway, pay attention and notice that you cannot go even a few inches without trash being virtually everywhere. Even after their respective country has gone down it's clean up, the smaller junk is still there and will never get cleaned up. Even notice are people that can't even clean up after themselves at our monthly dinners? Even notice how much is left behind after car show, ever notice how much cleanup is needed after our FMRC swap meet. I know anybody that reads this will put themselves in the "not me category" but clearly, I am sure everyone has littered at one time or another and may be still continue with this foul habits of improperly getting rid of their junk and trash. Come on everybody it does not take hardly any effort to clean up after yourself, so why not just do it

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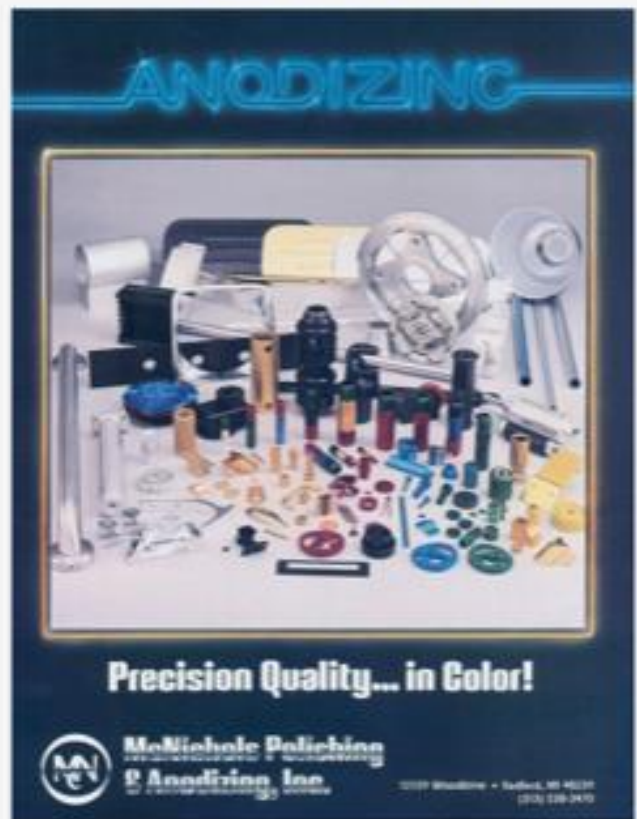
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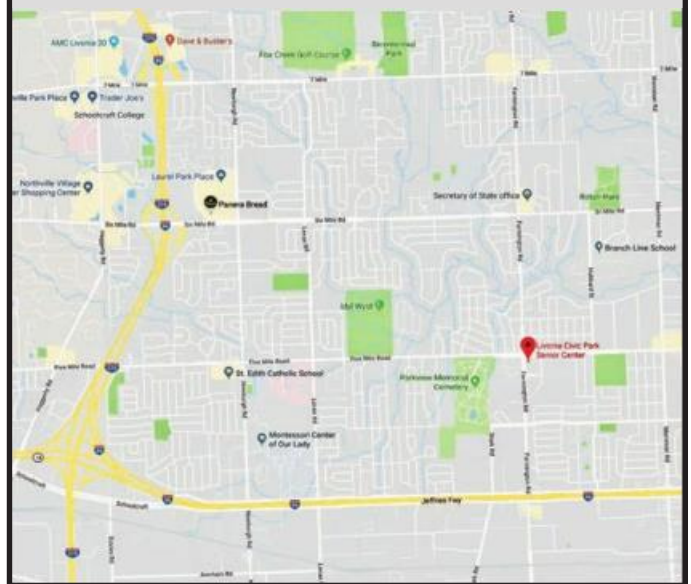
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