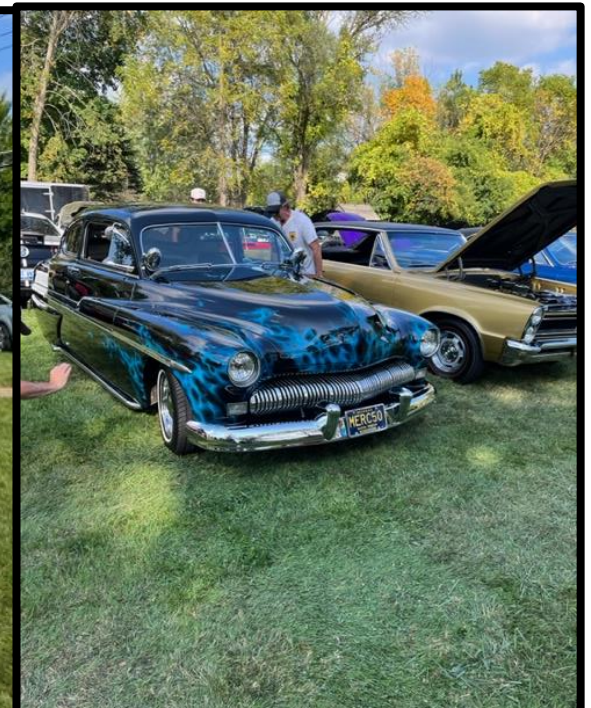




## Oval Auto End of Summer Backyard In The Park Car Show

Oval Auto has done it again. For the fourth year in a row, they have put on a spectacular backyard car show. Jeff Schembri, and his family have hosted their End of the Summer Backyard in the Park Car show. "Cont. on page 4"





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**NO MESSAGE FROM THE  
BOARD THIS MONTH**

**BOARD MEETING ONLY HAD  
THREE MEMBERS ATTEND  
NO MEETING**

### **Minutes from the FMRCOA Club meeting 10/04/2023**

**Called to order@7:00pm**

**Welcomed new members Jeff & Dylan York, They own a 1977 Galaxie**

**A 1948 F1 pickup. John Magnusson, rejoined the club with his 1963 Mercury Monterey.**

**Also honored Rod Kurowski with his 50-year membership badge.**

**Larry Wollohon talked about the Color Tour that was on 10/8**

**Elections are to begin but no members stepped up to be nominated. The board cannot do that and run at the same time. If you want a club someone needs to step up.**

**Discussed if the club would rather gather on Friday or Saturday for Woodward Dream cruise. And for those setting up tents to all meet at the same time.**

**Show and Tell:  
Mark Sapiens brought in Ricky Rudd memorabilia.**

**Car talk: Jeff is looking for a 168-tooth plate for the Pontiac.**

**Mark Lambert raced at Milan and won three 1/4 mile heats. Then at Lapeer, won at the 1/8 mile.**

**Larry Wolohon was invited to the concourse Det American Prewar, only 150 cars invited.**

**50/50 1st JohnTret 2. John Magmason, 3. Bob Nicole, 4th Michael Bowman.  
Terry sent Magoo a get-well card.**

**Dylan York offered to help work on cars, if you need him call 313-330-8927**



This year was fantastic with over 115 vehicles being displayed. Jeff and his family also hand out amazing trophies with the help of Grandpa Charlie of course. This year Mike Geiger with his 50 Mercury took Best in Show. Oval Auto has been a sponsor for the Ford Mercury Restorers Club for the last few years now. Our club really appreciates Jeff and his team at Oval Auto for their continued support to our club. Oval Auto specializes in Ford, Mercury and Lincoln vehicles. If you need any type of auto repair stop by Oval Auto at 28735 Plymouth Rd. in Livonia, Michigan. Here are a few of the cars at the Backyard in the Park Car Show.





This year Ford, Mercury, Restorers Club of America had a small color tour event. Larry Wolohon and his wife Maureen put this last-minute cruise together. In attendance were Nancy and Larry Deck, Terry, and Jerry Worful, Darrell Harding, and John and Joan Tret (not pictured) my wife Deniece and myself. We went to the Blakes Cider Mill in South Lyon, as you can see, everybody is enjoying their cider and hot donuts



FMRCOA would like to congratulate Rod Kurowski for receiving his 50 year membership badge. Rod continues to support the club with his postings of Ford memorabilia and history on our Ford in Mercury Restorers Club Facebook page. Thank you to Russ Roberts for presenting Rod with his badge. As Dale sits in the background, wondering how many years he has.

## Hershey Swap Meet – 2023

Maybe you have seen the fellow at the airport with the sign “The End is Near”? Well, this year it wasn’t a sign, it was the wooden coin that the Hershey Region puts the dates for future Hershey AACA fall meets! For a while there have been rumors that Herco (the company that owns Hershey Entertainment) wasn’t going to renew the contract to allow the AACA meet to be held there. So, according to the coin the fall meet in 2025 will be the last one at that venue...or possibly the last meet altogether...who knows? According to some people, the Hershey Region is looking into other places to hold the meet but finding that big an area is really going to be a challenge. Several racetracks were mentioned, but most of those have grass parking lots which brings back memories of the mud and slime in the middle 1970’s. This year the meet was down again with many empty vendor spaces, and probably one-half the cars in the car corral as in years past. Also, many commercial vendors that use to show up no longer attend. In spite of this, I found virtually every item I had on my list for the latest Model A project, and I sold fantastic at our booth. The people who did attend were obviously in a buying mood. I only saw one or two foreign individuals, where in the past there were hundreds from Germany, Mexico, England and Japan, this is probably the result of the economy. Another factor which is hurting the attendance is the total gouging by the parking and food vendors. A bottle of water was \$4.25, a small 12 oz. Coke was \$8.00, and a small burger, fries and bottle of water was \$14.95. Our group is fortunate that with the vendor space parking in the motor home we have our own food, and in spite of the rent for the vendor space we save on the day rate to park across the road. This was my 56<sup>th</sup> time venturing to the fall AACA in Hershey. Every one of them was a unique experience, some like this year were perfect weather, but I have seen mud and I have seen rain and even snow. Would I trade the experience...never! I hope that the Hershey Region of AACA is successful in finding a place and even if smaller, the tradition of Hershey can continue on as it has for over 65 years.

Lou Ironside

## How Henry Ford Helped Give Rise to Country Music



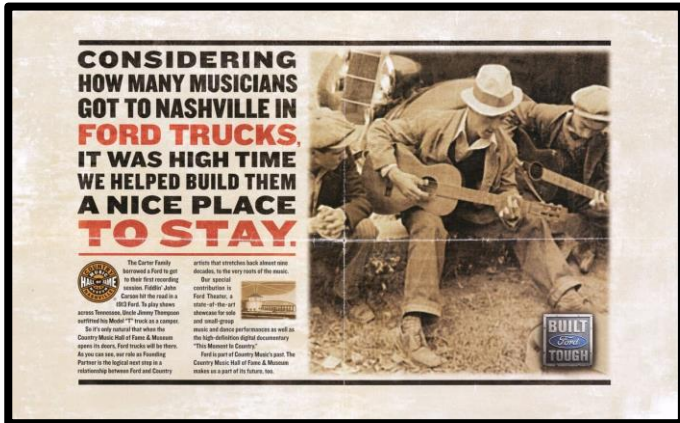
Henry Ford and wife Clara Ford dance in this undated photo. His interest in country music originated in the 1880s with his love of dance and fiddle music. Watching some of [country music's biggest artists perform at the reveal event for the new 2024 Ford F-150](#) this week may have served as a reminder of the company's long relationship with country music, which dates back to the Blue Oval's early years. Researchers and historians have said a link can be found between the rise of early recorded country music and Ford's marketing of automobiles that were affordable for the average worker. That resulted in many artists driving Ford vehicles to travel from gig to gig. Henry Ford's interest in country music originated in the 1880s with his love of dance and fiddle music, which was rooted in his affinity for the working class and his belief that folk dance and music represented the moral fiber of America. He was also known to use his Stradivarius violin to belt out country fiddle tunes rather than staid classics.



Henry Ford was known to playorganize fiddling contests around the country. Photo courtesy of The Henry Ford Museum of American Innovation. Henry Ford was known to play fiddle music on his violin and went on to organize fiddling contests around the country. Photo courtesy of The Henry fiddle music on his violin and went on to Ford Museum of American Innovation. Ford was promoting country music nationally as early as the 1920s, when organizing fiddling contests – including the Henry Ford Gold Cup – around the country. (The winner of one contest, in his 70s, subsequently went on to launch a successful fiddling career based on that success.)



He even had dance instructors brought in to teach country dance to friends and employees. Ford also sought to record (on paper) the music and dance steps of country music of the 1920s, which had traditionally gone unwritten.



Ford was so ingrained in early country music that the artist credited with recording the first country song ever, “Little Old Long Cabin in the Lane” by Fiddlin’ John Carson, was pictured with his daughter in front of a Ford Model A. He and another foundational country artist were known to use their early Fords to travel for shows. Carson traveled to shows in a 1913 Ford, while Uncle Jimmy Thompson outfitted his Model T as a camper for life on the road.

Early country music artists drove their Ford vehicles to travel from show to show, as mentioned in this 2001 Ford Trucks advertisement. Early country music artists drove their Ford vehicles to travel from show to show, as mentioned in this 2001 Ford Trucks advertisement. Henry Ford even hosted a half-hour radio program called “Early American Dance Music” in the 1940s. The show, which featured dance instructor Benjamin Lovett calling dances played by the Ford Early American Orchestra, was broadcast from the company’s recording studio located in the Engineering Laboratory. Ford made a \$4 million donation to the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum in 2001 for the creation of Ford Theater, a 200-plus-seat performing arts center. Ford made a \$4 million donation to the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum in 2001 for the creation of Ford Theater, a 200-plus-seat performing arts center. When it came time to relocate the shrine for all of the genre’s greatest artists, Ford Motor Company donated \$4 million and partnered with the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum in 2001 to create Ford Theater, a 200-plus-seat performing arts center within the new facility. The theater opened with a private concert for F-Series owners.

**“I don’t think it’s an accident that Ford trucks have a great appeal to country music fans and vice versa. Country music played a big part in shaping Henry Ford’s spirit and Ford Motor Company is a reflection of that spirit.”** – then-Ford Division Truck/SUV Group Marketing Manager Al Giombetti



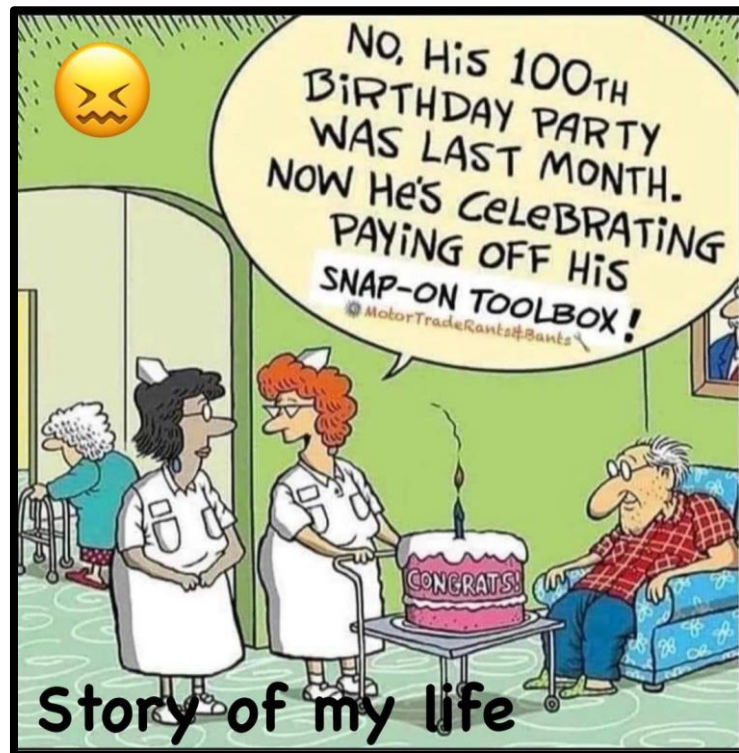
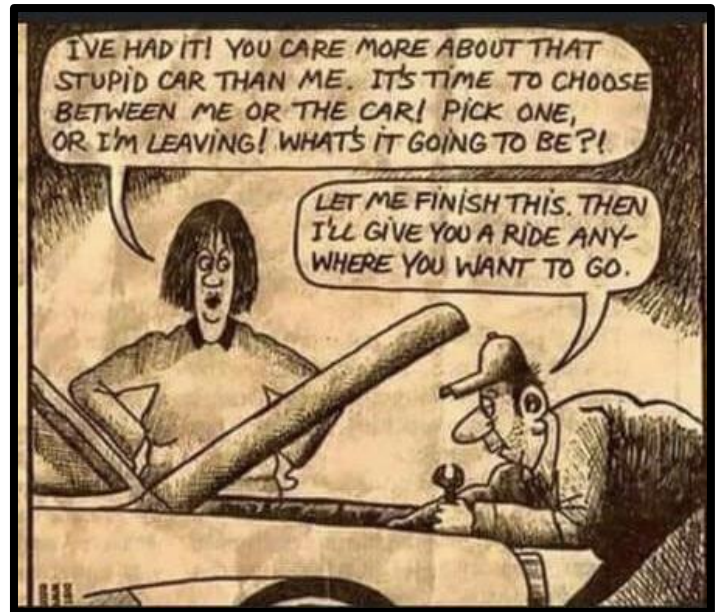
One of those Hall of famers, Alan Jackson, partnered with Ford in the late 1990s, years after working as a salesperson at a Ford dealership in Georgia. Jackson’s family was well-acquainted with Ford, as his father was a Ford retiree after having worked 25 years at the Ford assembly plant in Atlanta. When Ford turned 100 in 2003, country music star Toby Keith, a third-generation F-Series owner turned brand spokesperson whose concerts Ford sponsored, was one of the headlining acts during an elaborate centennial celebration at World Headquarters. Ford continued that tradition more recently, as big-name country music artists played at [F-150 Fest in Detroit where the new 2024 Ford F-150 was revealed.](#)



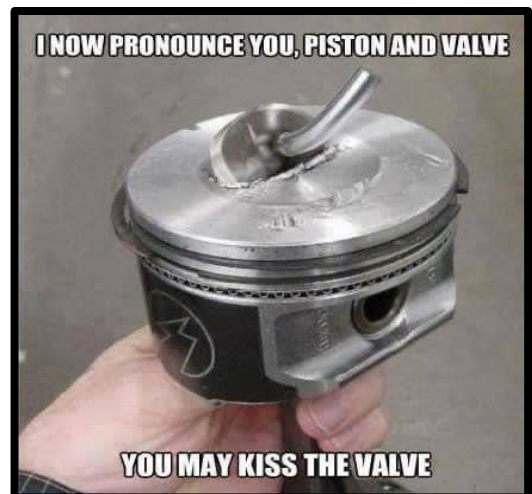
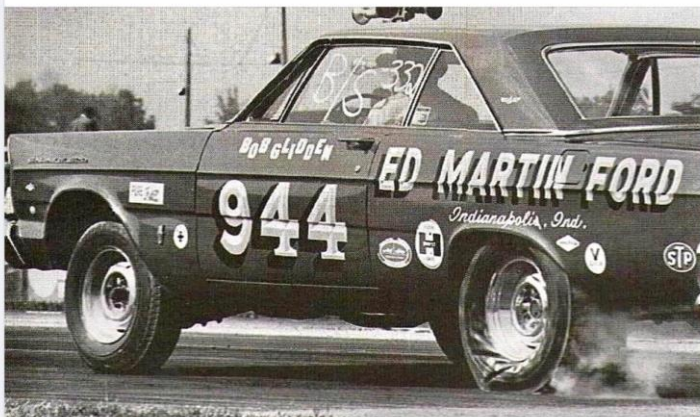
## BRIAN'S TIP OIL SLICKS

In my last article I did forget to mention that engine oil also cools engine parts. When the correct oil is flowing properly throughout the engine, it does the job of maintaining an even operating temperature, along with the coolant, in the engine. Oil is the life blood of our engines, and besides the tasks it performs that I've mentioned before, it also stops those horrible grinding noises of metal to metal. Oil also suspends silicon oxide and acid during the engine's operation, and also keeps to a minimum the exposure of internal parts to oxygen, thus preventing oxidation at high temperatures.

I am sure most everybody has their own idea of what the labels on new oil means, but to make sure I'll mention a couple facts here. In my '98 F-150, the one you see at the meetings with 187,000+ on it's odometer, I've kept it pure stock, and have only ran the recommended oil FoMoCo suggests. The Motorcraft synthetic blend viscosity recommended is 5W-30, so let us talk about that for a moment to make sure we're all on the same page. The number before the 'W' is the equivalent cold viscosity of a single stage oil, so it will behave like a single grade '5' weight oil when the engine is cold, but won't provide the necessary lubrication needed when the engine is hot because it remains '5' weight. The number after the 'W' is the equivalent hot viscosity of a single grade '30' oil, and therefore behaves like a single grade '30' weight oil when the engine is hot. Now you can see the benefits of multi grade oil, because if you put 5 weight in the engine it will start great, but will be way too thin to provide adequate lubrication once the engine gets up to heat. Using a straight 30 weight oil would make the engine harder to start, putting a strain on starters and other parts and not allowing oil to quickly get to the moving parts that need lubrication upon starting, but would be adequate once the engine is up to temperature.



That does indeed say Bob Glidden on the door, and yes, it's that Bob Glidden . . .



# Calendar of Events for 2023

**LET'S HOPE NEXT YEAR WE CAN FILL THIS PAGE WITH EVENTS**

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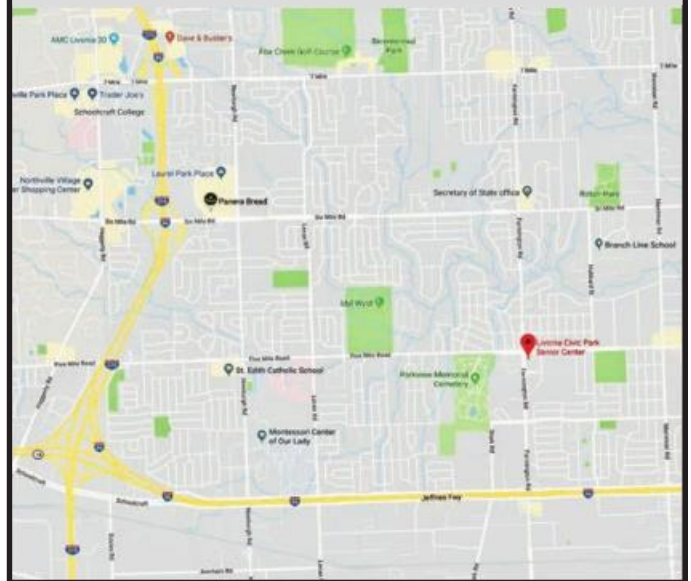
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