



## The Wednesday Crew at Three Brothers Restaurant

For about the last 30 to 35 years maybe even longer a guy by the name of John Price started this get together. The Ford and Mercury Restorers club members have met at Three Brothers restaurant on Joy road in Canton every [Wednesday](#) around 9 o'clock. This little get together has the members sitting down and discussing future events, local events, casinos and sometimes even politics if we can stay out of trouble with each other. The crew at Three brothers has been putting up with this club for a very long time. Here are some pictures from past and present groups at Three brothers over the years. Some members are no longer with us and are surly missed. We would like to thank Chris and all his family. Sylvia and all the waitresses that put up with us every single [Wednesday](#). So, if you are free on Wednesday morning, we'll pull up another table for you. thank you.



Sylvia



Phylis who was our original waitress



Kathleen, Carolyn  
and Lisa not shown

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**MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD  
WILL BE REPORTED LATER  
THIS MONTH**

**BOARD MEETING WILL TAKE  
PLACE BEFORE CLUB  
MEETING**

**Minutes from the FMRCOA Club meeting 09/06/2023**

**Called to order @6:49**

**Weather for the Dream Cruise was beautiful. Several members took advantage of the canopies that we set up. We discussed for next year Terry suggested those bringing canopies set a time to meet so we as a club can be together. We also discussed meeting on Friday instead of cruise day on sat. A decision still needs to be made on this. There was a small gathering for Stan by his niece. Jim Crawford & Greg Covey attended. They found out that Stan's dad worked on the atom bomb during WWII. Greg Covey bought Stans 1970 LTD which is for sale at GR Auto Gallery. UAW car show was canceled because of the strike but was later put back on. FMRCOA did the Walton Woods nursing home show again this year. Seems we are paying too much for insurance, Dale will check on other companies. We had 2 guests Jeff & Dylan York. They are working on a 67 Galaxie 500 with the help of John Tret. Larry Deck brought in a WWII tire groover that nobody could identify. Larry Wolohan mentioned the car show at GM & the orphan car show. Meeting adjured at 8:15.**

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Pictures from Three Brothers Restaurant through the years.





The Risen Christ Lutheran Church at the corner of McClumpha and Ann Arbor Rd for the past few years has put on a great free car show. Pastor Rennie and his daughter Esther provide the entertainment with their arrangement of all the old classic songs. They also provide at no cost a great lunch with all the trimmings and desert. If you leave, there hungry it's your own fault. This year our club members won trophies for the classics they drove. Nancy and Larry Deck won the Best Kids Award with their 1966 Mustang Convertible with matching golf cart. For the last few years, they have brought the golf cart and gave the kids a ride around the parking lot. Club members Cy and Joan Boudreau won with their 1949 Ford Convertible and Mike and Sharon Kania won with their 1963 Ford Galaxie 500. Also attending the show were members Darrel Harding with his 1940 Ford convertible, Frank Fundora with his 1935 Ford, Greg Covey with his 1967 Mercury Parklane convertible and myself with my 1966 Ford Fairlane convertible.



## Swap Meet Report – Lou Ironside

Three swap meets to report on this month, and two great ones out of three is a really good number. First, the Monroe Swap Meet put on by Nick Avina at the Monroe County Fairgrounds. I don't know what magic Nick has, but that meet continues to grow and grow. This fall was the largest I have ever seen there, and although the early Ford parts were definitely in short supply, everyone in our group found some parts to drag home. Lots of free parking, and a very reasonable \$6. Admission. This is one meet I definitely keep on my calendar.

The next meet was the NSRA Nationals North in Kalamazoo. This at one time was really great meet, but it has gone downhill in the last few years. I would guess the swap meet was 1/3 the size of ten years ago, there were a few good parts to be bought, but really down from years past. Last year the vehicle count was around 1400, this year I was told it was 1070, and ten years ago it was in the 2400 range ! The Frankenmuth meet is often given as the reason for the decline, but personally I feel it is the costs involved. At Frankenmuth you don't need to be a member of a club, the costs are quite reasonable and even though there is no significant swap meet, it draws in 2000+ cars. Swap spaces at NSRA are small and expensive, the indoor spaces for commercial vendors have gone "through the roof" price wise, and now where in the past there were several rooms filled, now it is just a handful. And this year there were no outdoor commercial vendors where in the past there were several. If you are an NSRA member and register your car it is reasonable to get in, but the admission at the gate is quite expensive and I am sure keeps some people away. My personal opinion is they need to make some changes, or the Nationals North will cease to exist.



### Swap meet report continued.

The third swap meet was at Model A Day's at the Model A Museum in the Gilmore Red Barns complex. This year the swap meet was the largest ever, and basically nothing but Model A Ford parts. Obviously, this isn't a swap meet for everyone, but for those people that work on and drive a Model A Ford it is a treasure trove of parts. I have had a swap space there for many years, and always sell well, and this year was no exception. I found a few things I needed for the latest project and put a few dollars in my pocket for the big Hershey swap meet...which I will report on next month.

Lou Ironside

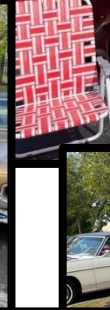
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### A few pictures from the Old Car Festival and the Concorde De Elegance





## Pictures from the Walton Woods at 12 Oaks Retirement Community





## **Brian's Tips / 'Brake, don't Break'**

Oh yeah, here I go again about brakes, because stopping seems kind of important to me. My dad once said to me, which I remember to this day, "when they don't start that's something, but when they don't stop, that's something else!" Brake fluid is hydroscopic, which means it absorbs moisture. As the brake fluid in your car absorbs moisture it lowers the boiling point, which can cause 'killer' issues. When you are repeatedly stopping on those fun summer cruises, eventually the over due to be changed fluid can begin to boil because of excessive moisture in it, which then causes compressible steam that won't perform the hydraulic work fluid is intended to do, and the vehicle won't stop. In the wintertime that fluid with too much moisture in it can freeze up, and again the car won't stop. I am sure all of us have seen cruise cars that come out of the barn only a couple times a year bang into the car in front of them, or hit a pole, or go up and over a curb, or hit a person because the car didn't stop. Besides what I just mentioned, that fluid that has not been changed will lower the vehicles' ability to function by causing corrosion in the calipers, wheel cylinders, master cylinder and brake lines, which can and does cause brake lines to rust from the inside out, and not from the outside in as most owners think. This glycol-based hydraulic brake fluid should be changed every couple of years to ensure your braking system continues to function as it was designed to function. On an everyday driver it's always a good idea to flush out and change the fluid anytime the brakes are done, but people that own specialty cars have the tendency to believe nothing wears out because, so few miles are put on their vehicles. DOT 3 and DOT 4 synthetic fluid can be used to replace the brake fluid of a car that requires the regular DOT 3 or DOT 4, and will work on disc and drum brakes, but I prefer to stick with the manufacturers recommended fluid because we know that will work for sure. For your information here, while I'm on a roll, DOT 5 is very different because it is silicone based and should never be used to replace your DOT 3 or DOT 4 fluid. Besides that, the DOT 5 will not work with antilock brakes. I've been told that DOT 5 can provide corrosion protection for vehicles in storage for long periods of time, but I don't see why I would bother with that anyways. Lastly, remember, that fluid doesn't last forever, even in the can that's being stored in, so keep the cap closed very tightly and don't be afraid to spend a few \$\$\$'s to buy good fresh brake fluid.

Brian Kuta

# Calendar of Events for 2023

**October 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Atria Park of Ann Arbor 1901 Plymouth Rd.  
Ann Arbor Tuesday from 2:30pm - 4:00pm**

**We will keep this page open for all upcoming events. If you have any information  
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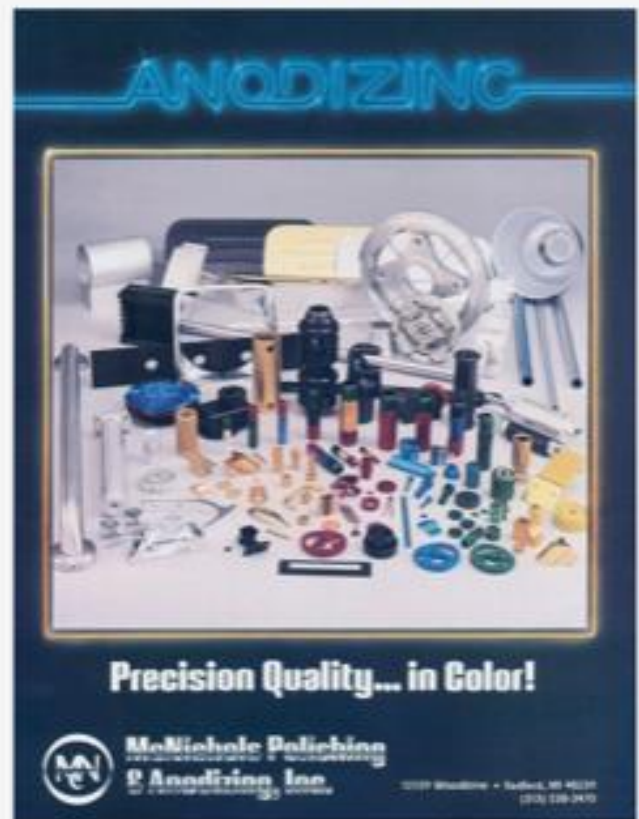
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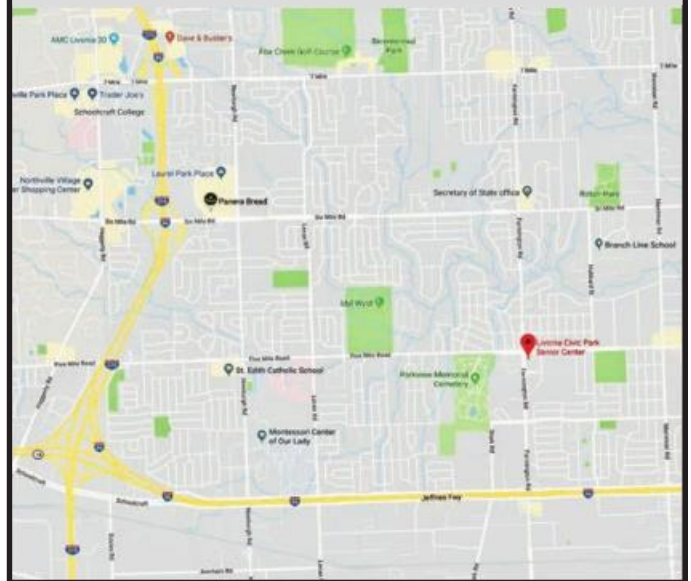
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