



FMRCOA 2024 SWAP MEET/CAR SHOW/CAR CORRAL

FORD MERCURY RESTORERS CLUB OF AMERICA



SWAP MEET,

\$5.00
Admission
Fee

CAR SHOW/CORRAL

Over 80
Vendors

"ONE DAY ONLY"

SATURDAY – MAY 18th, 2024

"Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds"

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- All Outside Spaces are 15'x30' On Grass
- Friday Setup For Vendors
- 24-Hour Security
- \$5.00 Daily Admission
- 16 and Under are Free

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- \$15.00 per Vehicle - Includes 1 Adult Admission
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- For Car Show information call:
Mike Kainya (734)-260-9053
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Location

Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds
5055 Ann Arbor-Saline Rd.
Ann Arbor

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miles. Parking is free. Enter at
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Sorry, No refunds after July 1st 2023

Vendors may NOT sell Food or Beverages

Hello members, I'd like to start off this first newsletter for 2024 with things that are important to our club. The most important event to our club is our swap meet. This is our flyer for this year. The board has decided we will have a car show with a featured vehicle like we have done in the past. As you can see, we have dropped the entry fee back down to \$5.00 hopefully to generate more interest. We will soon have sign-up sheets for volunteers to work the swap meet at our meetings. The board will be working on trying to have at least one event, garage tour etc. to go to every month. These changes will get us back to basics with our club and why we join the club to develop and maintain among its members the spirit of good fellowship, and fair play, through sponsored activities and family participation.

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Attention All Members

When you hear of a member/spouse's death, please get all the information such as the funeral home and address, viewing times and dates, and the service time and date.

CONTACT: Jim Crawford

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We will ensure that the membership at large knows of the death.

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to post your photos and comments.

Network fellow club members and invite your friends to share on Facebook.



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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

- Jerry Worful talked to Mickey York from Cruzin Media and they will give us the same deal we had as last year. Full page ad for 1/2 price. March and April issues, we give him a free booth space.
- Need to find out at the number of t-shirts to order. Based on how many club members want one.
- Will have swap sign up sheets at the next meeting.
- Need window stickers for vendors. Order blue oval FMRCOA stickers, Terry will check to see if she has some still.
- Still need a food vendor, Terry is working on that. We need to encourage show & tell.

Terry Worful

NO CLUB MEETING FOR JANUARY

For our first garage tour of 2024 we went to Bill Milliken's garage open house on [January 6th](#). Bill had a speaker speaking about the Ford GT in 2015 and 2016 on the engineering & racing at the LeMans race. Here are a few pictures of that event along with all the different vehicles stored in the garage.



Swap Meet Report – Lou Ironside

In 1963 I went to the Jackson swap meet for the first time, and now 61 years later I went to the Jackson swap meet for the last time. When the meet was put on by the local car club it had some “up’s and down’s”, but the focus was car parts. This year it was put on by a privateer and car parts were scarce to almost non-existent. My guess, maybe 1/5th of the tables had a car part or two, but most of the tables were toys, model kits, and new or used tools. There were actually more 1932 Ford parts there than Model A parts which is really unusual ! This is probably the first swap meet I have ever gone to that I saw absolutely nothing that interested me enough to even think about buying it. I did see a couple FMRC members, and flyers for the May swap meet were there being handed out. I don’t mind a two hour drive to a swap meet, but when there is nothing worth buying the drive seems a waste of time. There were also a lot of unhappy vendors as they had to park across the street, and said no one seemed to be buying. The parking for the spectators was limited, and people were “creatively” parking most anywhere. Oh well, guess I have saved money to spend at the next swap meet. Next month a report on the Script A’s swap meet in Saginaw, and the Kalamazoo Car Club swap meet.



“Don’t blame me. I was cleaning his cage and he flew up the pipe.”

**MY PARENTS
SPANKED
ME AS A CHILD**
AS A RESULT, I NOW SUFFER
FROM A PSYCHOLOGICAL
CONDITION KNOWN AS
“RESPECT FOR OTHERS”

**DOES ANYBODY
ELSE REMEMBER
HEARING,
“KEEP CRYING
AND I’LL GIVE
YOU SOMETHING
TO CRY ABOUT.”
IN THEIR
CHILDHOOD?**

Brian Kuta / Breathe In Breathe Out

I must talk about something near and dear to my heart which includes commercial, personal, hotrods, classics and specialty vehicles. Yes, they all breath air, not quite like us but, nonetheless, they do breathe. We know engines, transmissions, rear ends, power steering pumps and some other things have vents on them. When the fluids heat up and expand, they push out air through the breather, then as they cool down, they suck in air through the breather. We know air contains moisture, and we know moisture can cause a multiplicity of unwanted issues so, ponder that for a while. As the engine oil, trans fluid etcetera cool down, air with moisture in it is being sucked in through the breathers. Now we have water in our engine, trans, brake lines and more so, knowing that is not a good thing, here is what can be happening.

In the engine we know water does not lubricate anything. As water replaces the oil the engine uses, the dipstick can give you a false reading with the water, the byproduct of an internal combustion engine, replacing the necessary oil to correctly lubricate. As water accumulates in the oil, the oil turns from its common gold color to grey, then finally to black to tell you it is super saturated and is way past due for a change. The transmission is certainly not designed to operate with water, or the manufacturers would put that in them instead of transmission fluid so, it needs to be changed at the suggested intervals. Rear ends, often overlooked, need to have their recommended lubrication changed, and if you have Traction-Loc, Posi-Traction or Sure-Grip, don't forget the modifier needed for it to work correctly. Brakes, one of my favorite things to have working correctly at all times, very often get overlooked. Just remember, when they don't start, that's something. When they don't stop, that is something else!

Water is heavier than any of the petroleum or synthetic lubricants we use so, when the vehicles sits around the water makes its way to the lowest level it can get to, namely your oil pan, brake lines and anything else that is neglected. As your brake pads and linings wear the fluid in the reservoir goes down but, some is replaced with water through the inhaling of the breather. On very cold winter days/nights, what do you think can happen to that water in those lines. In the hot summer, during repeated stops and goes, that water in the lines wants to steam up, then the steam compresses and that will not stop the vehicle. Drive the vehicle all summer and parking it for the winter to change the oil in the spring may not be the best well thought out plan either. While the car sits, the water in the bottom of the oil pan wants to begin the rotting process, not to mention the lifters etc. sitting all winter with water coating them to form our mutual enemy, rust. Perhaps changing the oil before parking the vehicle is better, because then the engine would be coated with nice fresh oil to preserve and protect those pricey engine parts that we don't want to be \$\$\$ troubled with.

As usual on any topic, there is much more to talk about here but, I feel this is very important and I just had to bring it up again.

Calendar of Events for 2024

February 2nd – 3rd , 2024

KAARC Winter Auto Swap Meet - 2:00pm -6:00pm on Friday, 8:00am – 6:00pm on Saturday. \$8.00 per person or \$12.00 for 2 days. Kalamazoo Expo Center 2900 Lake St. Kalamazoo, Mi. 49046

February 17 th, 2024

Private tour for our club with the Vintage club at [Ye Ole Carriage Shop](#) in Spring Arbor, MI at 10am. February 17th. They suggest a donation of \$5 / person, not required. But they will have the heat on, so.....

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March 17 th, 2024

52nd annual East Side A's swap meet. March 17, 2024, from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. At Russ Milne Ford 24777 Hall Rd. corner of Gratiot Ave. Macomb, MI information contact Bill Callahan (586) 206-6653

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

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- Greg Covey 248-568-1190 : 1970 Ford LTD four-door sedan. This car has 54487 original miles, white exterior with a black vinyl top and red interior. It has been updated with new water pump, all hoses and belts have been replaced. For pictures and more info, the car is listed with GR Auto gallery. Listed at \$10,900.00.
- Dave Tillman – 313-580-4807
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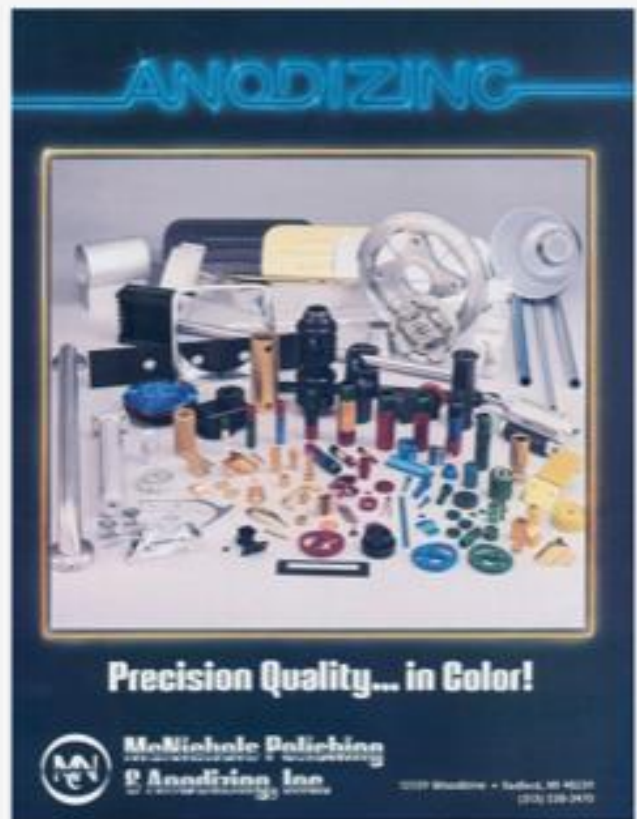
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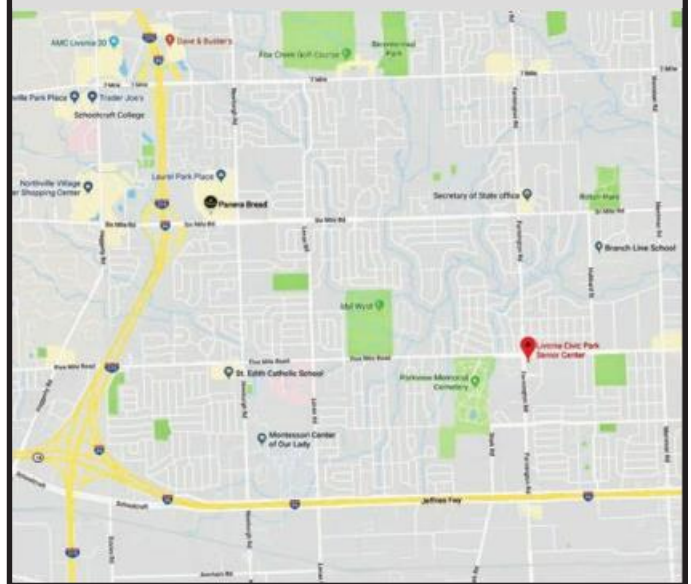
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Meeting Location pending during pandemic
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Livonia Senior Center
15218 Farmington Road • Livonia, MI
Between I-96 Service Drive & 5 Mile Road

Meetings are on the first Wednesday of each
month and begins at 6:30pm with a snack.
do bring a friend!



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