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Feature Vehicle: 1935 Ford Pickup Truck owned by Phil Lyon



“I’m proud to write about my newly acquired 1935 Ford pickup truck as a feature vehicle for the Rotunda Times, but I can’t take any of the credit for its restoration. I need to relate some of the history,” commented Phil Lyon as we chatted. Indeed, earlier this year our club lost one of its long time members, Sam Kallionen, Dick Monroe’s good friend of many years and next door neighbor. Sam passed away after a serious extended illness.

Sam had always wanted an early truck, so about five or six



A really sharp updated interior and instrumentation.

FMRCOA Members Enjoy Holiday Nights



The Holiday Nights at Greenfield Village was a special night for over 60 club members and guests to gather and enjoy the sights, sounds and tastes of a bygone era. Here we see a cold Bill Timoszyk and his friend Carole at the event on December 11.

Toys for Tots Drive Successful



Above: Sergeant Sean Smith “guards” the over 200 toys that FMRCOA members brought to our meeting. In addition, several members gave cash and checks to the foundation as did the FMRCOA.

Right: The “Commander’s Award” certificate that was presented to our club.



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Editor's Message



It's incredible that another year has gone by! This completes my sixth year as Rotunda Times Editor and it's getting to be more and more fun to put this newsletter together thanks to your help. Thank you all!

As I edited the December newsletter, I, like Roxanne Fontana in her article on page 9, reflected on the many activities of the FMRCOA over the past year and the people in the club: the dinner dance, the meetings, the garage tours, Dearborn '10, the Woodward Cruise, and the bus trip to the Gilmore Museum to mention a few. It's great to put a newsletter together when there's so much to report on!

More and more club members are providing me with materials and I really appreciate that. In fact, this month we thank Nancy and Larry Deck for an article on a club member cruise to Haab's restaurant in Ypsilanti that Larry organized. And this article included an original artistic sketch by Nancy!

Bill Gipperich is the new FMRCOA Historian who is



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providing us with interesting articles about the club and Ford. Bill's a great expositor as those of you who remember some of his "Feature Member" articles can attest to. This month we thank him for an article on the Ford Proving Grounds.

Every month, like clockwork, I get emails from Brian Kuta and Louis Ironside with their monthly articles. We all appreciate these!

New member Van Nazarian has also contributed several very interesting

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December 2010

Our 41st anniversary and still going strong!

Welcome to Tim Pusilo and Hank Dawson as your elected Board members for 2011!

Art Cairo and Mike Fontana are leaving but promise to continue to promote the Ford and Mercury Restorers Club of America.

Our outing for December was Holiday Nights at Greenfield Village, and our January function will be our Annual Dinner Dance (January 15th) at St. Mary's Cultural Center. Cost will be \$75.00 a couple.

Once again I ask that if you are putting together a table of 10 for the dinner dance, please use one name for the table with the names of those who will be at that table. Most couples send in separate checks and that is fine, we just need to know where to seat you.

I know I sound like a broken record when asking for suggestions for places for the club to visit....garage tours...etc. We have nearly 400 members and most have more than one vehicle, so one possibility is your own place....especially if you have buddies in your area where we can put together a multiple stop tour....give it some thought.

As our year ends I would like to thank all of you who contributed so much toward FMRCOA's continued success in 2010. I would love to list all of you (it would take a full page), but you know who you are, and you have my undying gratitude. Besides, I learned a long time ago that you can list everyone you can think of, and sure enough you'll miss one or two, and that's embarrassing.

May you have the happiest of Holidays. Happy New Year, and I look forward to working with the 2011 Board.....aiming for continued success for the Ford Mercury Restorers Club of America.

Art Cervi, President

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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1948 Mercury 4dr. Sedan

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1953 Mercury Monterey 4dr



Sergeant Sean Smith presents United States Marine Corps Commander's Award to the FMRCOA at the December Meeting for our support of the Toys for Tots Program. Also shown are Art Cervi, Linda Rankin (Livonia Toys for Tots Coordinator), and Steve Rohde.





2011 FMRCOA Meetings & Events Calendar

Below is the *tentative* table of meetings and events for 2011. New information will be posted each month as events and dates are “firmed” up. **Bold font represents club sponsored activities.** *Also, if you have an idea for a Club event, please let a Board Member know!*

January 5	Club Meeting
January 15	Dinner Dance
February 2	Club Meeting
February	Garage Tour TBA
February 25-27	Autorama
March 2	Club Meeting
March	Garage Tour TBA
April 6	Club Meeting
April	Garage Tour TBA
May 4	Club Meeting
May	Garage Tour TBA
May 23	Memorial Day Parade
June 1	Club Meeting
June 12	Wilson Barn Show
June 18-19	Motor Muster
June 25	Downriver Cruise
July 6	Club Meeting
July 16-17	FMRCOA Swap Meet and Car Show
July	Club Picnic TBA
July	Telegraph Cruise TBA
August 3	Club Meeting
August	Dearborn Homecoming TBA
August 20	Woodward Dream Cruise
Sept.	Overnighter TBA
Sept. 7	Club Meeting
Sept. 9-12	Frankenmuth Auto Fest
Oct. 5	Club Meeting
Oct.	Color Tour - TBA
Nov. 2	Club Meeting
Dec. 7	Club Meeting
Dec. 10	Christmas Walk-Greenfield Village



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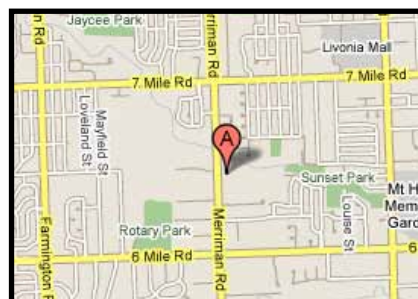
The Rotunda Times would like to feature your old car or truck in an upcoming issue. We are interested in how you came about finding your vehicle of choice, and what you have done to enhance its beauty, and / or mechanical condition. Simply mail or e-mail us your article accompanied with a photo to:

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Monthly Club Meeting Location

Our monthly club meetings are at **St Mary's Cultural Center at 18100 Merriman Rd** in Livonia between 6 and 7 Mile Roads. This is the beautiful facility where we have held the last several dinner dances. Moreover, it has a extremely large parking lot enabling club cars to be easily parked together (and the food is -great!).

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



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December 2010 FMRCOA Meeting Minutes December 1, 2010

One hundred and fifty six members and guests shared a meal with lots of good food before the meeting. Art called the meeting to order right on time. He asked Marine Sergeant Sean Smith to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.



156 members attended the December meeting.

After the anthem our attention shifted as the Treasurer's report was given and approved, and the November minutes were approved.

There was a huge pile of gifts for Toys for Tots again this year as well as a few cash gifts. Later in the meeting Pete Morris suggested that we also donate the club's half of the 50-50 drawing to this worthwhile program which we did. In appreciation of our support the Sergeant officially thanked the members and presented us with a couple of nice certificates. Anyone who brought a gift was entered into a drawing for two nice prizes.

Pat Kaluzny thanked the four candidates who were running for the open positions and his staff on the election committee, and then announced the winners. New members of the Board of Directors are Tim Pusilo and Hank Dawson. Congratulations guys! Art genuinely thanked Art Cairo and Mike Fontana for their great contributions to the success of the club.

Plans for the annual dinner dance (January 15) are in high gear and plans for our swap meet (July 16-17) are in second gear.

Bob passed out some badges and Terry announced that we now have 390 members. If you have not already done so, please remember to pay your 2011 dues.

The meeting proceeded on to car talk, Show and Tell, and the 50/50 drawing. That's all folks!

Phil Lyon, Secretary

Meeting Photos



A lot of hungry people waiting for food before the meeting!



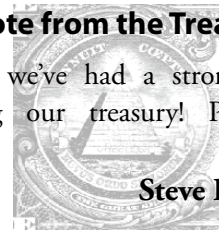
Veteran Dick Monroe with Sergeant Sean Smith.

Phil Lyon explains the Harman & Collins dual point distributor for flathead Ford V8 engines during Show and Tell.. A video with Phil's excellent presentation is on YouTube (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cMjYHMjM2k8>).



A Note from the Treasurer

This month we've had a strong influx of dues replenishing our treasury! Please keep them coming.



Steve Rohde, Treasurer

1935 PICKUP TRUCK, *cont. from page 1*

years ago, he and Dick searched the ads in *Cars and Parts* and found an ad for the prospective vehicle just north of Toronto, Canada. The dollar difference between Canadian and U.S. funds made it an attractive deal, and they found the truck to be in much better condition than the way it was described. The former owner was a sixty plus retired school teacher and had parked the truck in a single car garage. The vehicle was purchased and towed back to Michigan. A near mishap was averted when a rattle was investigated and found to be due to a very loose ball on the trailer hitch.

Because of Sam's failing health, Dick did most all of the restoration of the running gear, including the installation of a late model ('53) Mercury engine. This engine has all the bells and whistles, being topped with a pair of Stromberg 97 carburetors on an Edelbrock manifold with Offy heads. It has a mildly lumpy Iskenderian cam pushing adjustable Johnson lifters. The engine springs to life at the slightest touch of the 12 volt electrical system. All these goodies are monitored by a set of modern Classic Instruments Gages.



A pair of Stromberg 97s always look good!

The classic spoke wheels were straightened, necessary welding done, painted and shod with new Coker wide white wall radial tires. These were mounted on the hubs with a new set of '39 hydraulic brakes to bring the truck to a stop.

"I needed another car like I need a hole in the head, but I couldn't help myself. As we all know this old car thing is NOT a hobby. It is definitely an incurable disease," Phil explained and continued, "Thanks again to Sam, whom we will all miss, and also to Dick who handled all the mechanical restoration. The truck will be driven like a truck, not like a garage queen."

Phil has been a member of the FMRCOA for about 26 years, and has been on the Board of Directors of the Club as Secretary for 15 years.

Phil taught biology and the other sciences in junior high, and

high school in the Livonia school system for 30 years retiring in 1989. He has three daughters, two living in Livonia, and one in Kansas, and six grandchildren.

Phil's first car was a '31 Model A roadster in 1946. "I've ruined and restored a number of cars over the years including cutting up a '32 Ford roadster and putting an Olds engine in it in 1951," he lightheartedly explained.

"I enjoy being active in the FMRCOA. It's a great club with many interesting and talented people in it," Phil concluded.

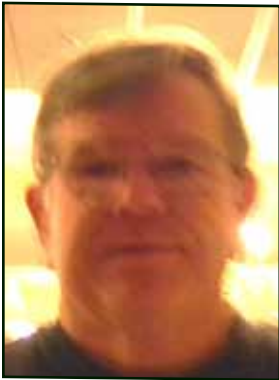
CZ Safety Series: Tips for Safer Winter Driving*

According to a recent Ford online poll of employees, the top winter concern is the driving habits of others. Below are some tips offered by a Ford technical driving expert that should help drivers maneuver more safely during the challenging winter weather.

- Make sure all lights, windows and mirrors are clear before driving.
- Adjust seat, mirrors and headrest.
- Verify that seat belts for all occupants are fastened.
- Slow down. In snow and wet conditions there is much less tire grip.
- Adjust your speed to allow maximum space around your vehicle at all times.
- Plan lane changes to be smooth, very progressive and slower in poor conditions.
- Scan more to locate other drivers in your vicinity.
- Look down the road – 2-3 cars ahead of you – and check to your left and right, including blind spots.
- Frequently check your rearview mirror, particularly when slowing down for traffic lights or other reasons. The driver behind you may not be able to stop safely.
- When stopping at a light behind vehicles, leave room to steer off the road if you see someone coming too fast from behind.
- If you have ABS and need to stop in an emergency, plant your foot on the brake as hard as possible and do not let up. You still will be able to steer because the wheels will not lock up.
- Avoid emergency steering maneuvers in snowy or icy conditions.
- Plan better and anticipate situations.
- If you are uncomfortable driving in certain conditions or have seriously reduced vision, stop in a safe area and wait or consider canceling the trip.

**Editor's Note: Provided by Art Cairo courtesy of Ford Motor Company. As both my son and I got stuck in our first snow storm this year and we do have many new club members, I decided to include this article again.*

Meet the New Members by Terry Worful



Bruce McBee

Buick 4 door HT station wagon.

I do some work on my own cars and I joined FMRCOA because my friend is a member.

Hi I'm Bruce McBee. I was born Aug 19, 1946. in Trenton, MI and am a retired pipe fitter.

I married my wife Susan on July 24, 2010 -- newly weds!

My first car was a '59 Ford 4 door HT, and I started collecting cars in 1990 with a 1973 Cougar convertible XR7. I have other hobbies but I'm not telling!

If I could own any other car other than a Ford, it would be a 1957



Gary Majewski

because it is just a cool car!

I do work on my own cars and I joined FMRCOA because of Gary Martin from NAPA.

My name is Gary Majewski (My-ef-ski) and I was born on March 18, 1971 in Southfield, MI. I married Stacey on May 19, 2000 and am a self employed contractor.

My very first car was a Corvette. I started collecting cars when I was sixteen with that Corvette, a Mustang, and a Thunderbird. Nothing like starting out big!

My other hobbies are golf & hockey I would love to own a Lamborghini



Al Majewski

I work on my own cars and I joined the FMRCOA on the recommendation of a friend.

I'm Al Majewski (My-ef-ski), Gary's father. I was born on Feb 9, 1939 in Detroit, MI and am retired. I married Sharilyn on June 27, 1969. My first car was a 1953 Ford and I started collecting cars 30 years ago with a 1965 T-Bird. Cars are my only hobby!

If I could own any other car other than a Ford, it would be a Chrysler because I love their style and engineering.

In Memoriam

Ed Tallarek
June 22, 1934 - June 18, 2010

Club member Ed Tallarek died on June 18, 2010. Ed, who was a FMRCOA Club Member for 30 years, was born on June 22, 1934 in Detroit, Michigan. He was the beloved husband of the late Glenda Mae, dearest father of Glen (Melony) Tallarek and June (Daniel) Teisan, and wonderful grandfather of Grace, Benjamin and Eliza Mae. Ed was also the loving brother of Elsbeth Braun and the late Eric Morgan.

Ed was a gentle, generous, faithful man and shared his selfless love with everyone he met. I remember sitting with Ed at many FMRCOA events. He was such a kind, nice man and really enjoyed those activities! He will be sorely missed by those of us he leaves behind.



Ed sits proudly with his 1932 Ford 3 Window Coupe.



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December Show & Tell: Cool Stuff by Bill Timoszyk

The December Show and Tell had some cool items for the cool season.

The earliest Ford item was a sales receipt for a 1916 Model T Ford from Bill Bella's collection. Bill also brought in a group of cool 1949 Ford items including a nice '49 Ford promo model car, and some aftermarket '49 items including a NOS chrome/blue plastic accessory hood ornament, and a NOS pair of rear "fender fins."



Clockwise from top: 1916 Model T sales receipt, '49 Ford hood ornament, fender fin, and promo model.

Mark Sapienz brought two war atlases from WWII, and the infamous 1956 Ford issue that has a sales pitch recording built into it by Rosemary Clooney and Mitch Miller. Play it on your HI-FI!

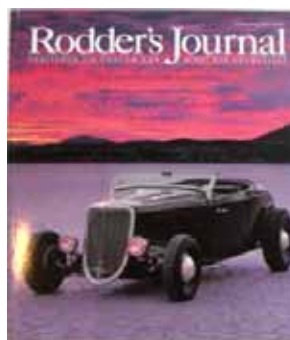


Christmas postcard record advertising the new 1956 Ford by Rosemary Clooney and Mitch Miller. Note hole in center! You can hear this play on YouTube: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6AVZWY8T3JE>

Larry Wolohon displayed an ad showing that Ford's 1947 model was changed slightly from the 1946 model. In this ad the 1947 was depicted as there's "a FINER Ford in your Future."

Greg Sanchez showed a 1954 Ford Engine/Transmission options booklet, and a 1964 Auto Universal Catalog showing all 1964 production cars emphasizing the Henry Ford Centennial 1863-1963.

Cole Grandy brought some collectible postcards from the Model T days, *The Rodders Journal Book #49*, and, *Deuce*, a book depicting the best 75 1932 Ford hot Rods of all time. He also brought some neat FMRCOA nostalgia pieces from the 1970's: one of the club's first cloth patches, and an early license plate topper. These toppers were made by long time member Jim Ogden.



1970's FMRCOA patch & license plate topper.

Rodders Journal Book #49.

Tom Eriksen showed two neat current 1/24 scale die cast toys: a 1929 Ford Hot Rod Coupe and a stock 1957 Ford Courier.

Flathead motor Guru Phil Lyon educated us on a very RARE Harman & Collins distributor for the 1940's flatheads (page 5).

Maybe Santa will bring you some nice show and tell item for next month. Happy holidays!

The FMRCOA Membership Advantage!!!!

Your Board officers and Editors take extra effort to bring you FREE Classifieds and Schedule of Events found within your monthly newsletter. Take advantage of these benefits your membership provides. Post your schedule where you can refer to it easily. Submit your ads at a meeting or mail to Phil Lyon, our ad editor. For more information on becoming a member go to <http://www.fmrcoa.org/> or write to:

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Please mail your dues in or pay at a meeting!

2010 in Reflection by Roxanne Fontana

The end of 2010 is around the corner and soon we will all be hip-deep in holiday celebrations. Hopefully, the holidays will find us all happy and healthy. We've had a busy year that gave us great memories.

We can't forget club-sponsored events like our trip to the Stahl Foundation in April, the R&M Auction, the Wilson Barn, the Club Swap Meet and Car Show, our Picnic, the Gilmore Museum and the Greenfield Village Holiday Nights. Don't forget our guest speaker and car show judge, Mary Geo Stephenson, daughter of Richard Caleal, designer of the 1949 Ford. Add in the cruises, Woodward, Telegraph, Downriver, Gratiot, and the local churches, Dairy Queens and burger joints and you've got one busy schedule!

The very best part of this year has been the club members. Every individual, every character (and we have a lot of them!) add to the mix to give us a unique, remarkable group. Thanks to Tom Mehlhose there can't be much BOZO paraphernalia left in Michigan; you never want to be behind Roger Hodyka in the buffet line; and keep your eyes open for the camera lenses of Vahan Nazarian and Debra Levasseur. Most importantly, when it comes to cars, we have a wealth of knowledge and skill that the members are more than willing to share.

If you need your trim polished, call Jerry Worful. Are you interested in engine rebuilding -- call John Price. Do you need parts for your Merc -- contact Charlie Rivers. If you can't remember how that trim fits, Ed Meurer probably has a car in his collection that can help. If you have a car problem or need some car history, someone in the club will have the answer.

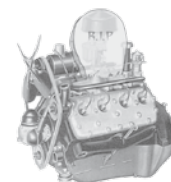
At our December meeting, an obscure, off-the-wall question was presented during car talk, and it was no surprise that several members had the answer. I overheard a club member sitting in front of me say to his friend, "That's what I like about this club. If you've got a question, somebody will have the answer. They just have that knowledge in their heads."

There is no one, single individual that can say they are FMRCOA. We have mechanics, painters, engineers, businessmen, retirees, and line workers who add their piece to the puzzle. What they share is the same passion for cars -- old, new and odd. The Club continues to grow and we've all made many new friends. The cars are now stored away and the snowbirds are packing to head south. Let's see 2011 bring another great year with lots of great stories yet to be told.

Happy Holidays!

PHOTOS ON PAGE 16.

Silent Engines 2010 by Bob Guetschow



In 2010 three club members passed away:

On January 16 we lost **Edward Murphy**. Ed was born on January 13, 1931 and was a FMRCOA member since 1998.

On June 18 we lost 30 year club member **Edward Tallarek** who was born on June 22, 1934 (see obituary on page 7).

On August 8 we had the untimely death of **Jeffrey Chapp** who was born on April 16, 1965 and had been a club member for 15 years. (Please see the August 2010 issue of the Rotunda Times http://www.fmrcoa.org/newsletter/2010/FMRCOA%20Aug%2010_Screen.pdf.)

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articles as has newly elected Board Member Hank Dawson.

And our club is rich in photographers and artists! Thanks here go to Debra Levasseur; Van Nazarian; my sister Denise Rohde, who does the banners each month; and newly returned member Michael Westhoff. We typically end up with fantastic photographs of our activities thanks to them!

We also thank our other staff contributors including Bill Timoszyk who does our Show & Tell and provides other photographs (including the one on the cover page), Phil Lyon for the minutes, Terry Worful for the new members' column, Roxanne Fontana for her wonderful account of events, and Art for his message each month.

Bob Guetschow, our Display Ad Editor has done a remarkable job of procuring advertisements for the newsletter. These help offset our production costs.

We also thank our Recording Secretary, Beth Marscher, for compiling the advertisements and new member lists each month.

This month we thank Phil Lyon for the Feature Vehicle material about his newly acquired pickup truck.

If you want to report on an event that you attended, please let me know. Just give me a call (734.717.5444), email me, or put something in the mailbox. Typically, it really doesn't take more than a 10-15 minute conversation to get great "stuff" for an article.

Consider the 15th of the month as a deadline for getting announcements or other materials to me for that month's newsletter.

Finally, don't forget to visit our website www.fmrcoa.org where you can read these newsletters in color and see more event pictures, and videos. In fact, we just put up a video of Phil Lyon describing the Harman & Collins dual point Ford flathead distributor.

Have a GREAT holiday season!

Steve Rohde, Editor

FMRCOA Members Step Back in Time at Haab's Restaurant by Nancy & Larry Deck

Members and friends enjoyed chicken in the rough, shoestring potatoes, honey and fresh hot buttered rolls all for 50 cents at Haab's Restaurant in Ypsilanti. On the third Monday in October, Haab's Restaurant steps back in time to celebrate its original menu, circa 1934. From 11 a.m. to 9 pm. Manager/owner "Mike" serves three items from the original menu at 1934 prices. He eagerly welcomed the FMRCOA members in their old cars with road side parking in front of the restaurant, first class hospitality, and delicious food.

This October presented members with a perfect day. It was bright sunshine and colorful trees along the route that greeted members as they cruised to Haab's for lunch.

Ed Goff in his '51 Ford followed Larry Deck, who coordinated the fun event.

Following a delicious lunch, Larry Deck in his '54 Ford pick-up lead the group back through winding country roads in Ann Arbor passing Three Cedars Farm (a fall stop for cider and donuts).

If you are interested in joining the group next year contact Larry Deck. You can enjoy a great ride, see the fall colors, and get a wonderful meal at old time prices.



Larry & Nancy Deck in their 1959 Ford pickup on the trip.

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Left: Graphic done by Nancy Deck . Right: On the way to Ypsilanti. Cars (in order) driven by Ed Goff, Larry Deck, Phil Lundy, Larry Miller, Greg Petrovich, and Dick Anderson.

Ford Motor Company and the Michigan Proving Grounds: *Part I*

by
Bill Gipperich, FMRCOA Historian

I found a booklet at work (I work at the Ford Proving Grounds in Romeo) that was put together on the occasion of the track's 40th Anniversary in 1996. I thought you all would like to see how this facility came to be and how some of the roads were constructed and the kinds of different vehicles that have been tested. So here is the first excerpt from this booklet:

"In 1928 a gentlemen by the name of Edward F. Fisher, of Fisher Body fame, bought several small farms in the Romeo area, totaling 2500 acres, and began Hi-Point Farm. Over the next quarter century Hi-Point Farm would grow to become recognized as one of the world's greatest Hereford cattle farms. Soon after Fisher purchased the property and unbeknownst to his spouse, he began construction of a new house. The home, on a hill overlooking overlooking Fisher Lake, was later to become known as the Fisher Mansion. The mansion was mostly Gothic in design, with pointing arches and flying buttresses. It consisted of 269 rooms, including an indoor swimming pool.



The Fisher Mansion at Hi-Point Farm.

The grounds, surrounding the mansion held long walks to a circular veranda overlooking the lake, an open air theater, a fountain surrounded by biblical characters, an outdoor swimming pool, and a portico with a huge table depicting legendary sports figures. Separating the grounds from the surrounding land were heavy walls with picturesque towers and buttresses. Upon completion of the mansion, Fisher showed it to his spouse. Mrs. Fisher absolutely refused to move out of the city to the wilderness. So, without it ever being lived in, the mansion was sold to a wrecking company and demolished. In 1955 the fabulous Hi-Point Farm, one of the highest points in Michigan, with its beautiful rolling hills, rich tillable land, natural lakes, and beautiful orchards had been purchased by Ford Motor Company for a multimillion dollar proving ground. Ford acquired 4000 acres, most coming from the acquisition of Hi-point Farm. On April 1, 1955, the transformation of farm land into one of the most advanced proving grounds in the world began."

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Postcards from the Past by Lou Ironside

This month our postcard returns us to the *1933 Century of Progress* in Chicago with an exhibit that had close ties to Ford. Harvey Firestone was a close friend of Henry Ford, and his company supplied many rubber parts along with tires to the Ford plants.



Firestone Exhibit at the 1933 Century of Progress.

The Firestone Company was an exhibiter that first year of the *Century of Progress*, while Ford Motor Co. did not exhibit until 1934. As I recall, the exhibit inside included a display of the entire process of making a tire. They also made several small rubber toys which could be purchased as souvenirs.

In the lower left corner is one of the "trams" which moved visitors around the fair. Now look slightly to the right and notice the man walking. Since he and the tram are nearly side by side either he is 12 feet tall, or the tram is 3 feet tall! It seems the artist got his perspective wrong...and no one caught it before printing.

Brian's Tip: *In the Groove* by Brian Kuta

Another issue that has kept many hearts up in throats is Alternator belts being continually thrown off. It is very annoying, and I have known people that have taken their vehicles to dealers and service garages to no avail. Sometimes it is the pulley alignment, but if things have been put back to the way they came from the factory, consider looking at the thickness of the belt itself.

Now that a lot of our specialty cars are getting older, the manufacturers of many items have the tendency to consolidate things like alternator belts. To eliminate the need for having way too many different styles for different applications on hand, especially since many items do not move like they used to over their counters, that belt may be wrong for your

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application. Besides mistakes in books, which is something we have all seen at one time or another, consider how the belt needs to fit into the pulley groove.



Make sure that those belts fit right!

If someone hands you a 7/16" belt, and the true requirement was a 3/8" belt, that belt will not seat into the pulley groove correctly, and it will always be jumping off for you. Basically, the top part, or outside of the belt, should just about be flat even with the outer edges of the pulley itself.

The FMRCOA Roving Reporter: End of the Year

The month of November pretty much wraps up the swap meet season, and now the wait until January and the swap meet season starts up again.

In the middle of November is the "Cars and Parts" winter swap meet in Springfield, Ohio. Although the *Cars and Parts* magazine is no more, the swap meet was sold to a private individual many years ago, and the name lives on.

This year we were again lucky to have bright sun, warm temperatures in the low 50's, and 1200 vendor spaces. On the down side there were virtually NO Ford parts to be found! It would seem as if it was a 1955 to 1957 Chevrolet meet only. I have had better luck buying Ford parts at a strictly Chevrolet meet. Oh well, I enjoyed the time with friends at the meet, and walking around in the nice weather. Hopefully the spring meet will bring the Ford vendors out of hibernation.

Pretty much the last swap meet of the year is Super Ford in Columbus, Ohio. Again, a big meet: four buildings; a nice inside car corral; a few outside vendors; and, of course, lots of Ford parts. This year I bought quite a few Model A items, and a friend bought some speed equipment for his street rod project. There were some "old" Ford parts in the mix, but the meet is really geared towards the 1960's and up vehicles. Since we both bought a few nice items, had a nice drive both ways and decent weather, I would call it a success.

Now we have a six week wait until the next swap meet.....I am going to have withdrawal problems! Oh well, I can always shop e-Bay if I can't last until then!

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- 2004 Ford lightning pick-up. 400 hp, silver, 92,000 miles. 1964 Dodge Dart. 124,000 miles. \$4,200. Dennis Gibbish. 734-453-4422.
- 28BA crankshafts. Both standard. \$25 each. Bob Griffith. 248-349-1107.
- 1957 Mercury 2dr station wagon. H30 Lincoln engine. Art Cervi. 248-553-8897.
- Complete F-100 front axle assembly. Complete '34 Ford pick-up rear axle assembly with spring and mechanical brakes. Harry McAuliffe. 313-534-5974.
- '48-'51 Mercury front spindles. A arms and springs. Lynn Goodwin. 248-684-0984.
- Flat head parts, heads, water pump misc. John Stankewich. 248-661-4571.
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- Large wood burning stove for pole barn. Joe Hutchison. 313-893-1880.
- 1951 Ford skirt G.C. 1951 trunk metal for lock. 1951 rear ashtray. Hank Dawson. 810-231-3184.
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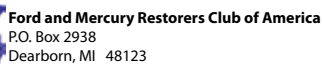
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