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Feature Vehicle: 1936 Ford Roadster owned by Larry Pyzik



"I'm a new member of FMRCOA. Upon my retirement from the Detroit Water Department in 1995, my wife Melody and I moved from Wolverine Lake, MI, to sunny central Florida. But growing up in Detroit (Redford High School Class of '65), I've always been a car/bike guy," Larry Pyzik explained.

"This '36 Roadster is my current ride. It has a Fairlane fiberglass body, and was built as a traditional styled hot rod. The hood, grille, headlights and trim are original, as is the



The SBC looks good under the hood!

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Charley Rivers Takes Swap Meet Helm by Steve Rohde



Charley at home with Dearborn '11 fliers.

"I'm looking forward to leading the FMRCOA's swap Meet this year," commented Charley Rivers as we spoke about the event at his home. "I'll need lots of help to really make this an outstanding meet particularly in the parking and gate areas," he continued.

But running a swap meet for our club is not new to Charley.

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The 59th Detroit Autorama-2011 Story & Photos by: Vahan Nazarian



Keith Crane's 1940 Ford.

This year's Autorama came at the end of February, and bad weather was again no stranger. I spent all day Friday

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Editor's Message



This month we thank new member Larry Pyzik for the Feature Vehicle article about his beautiful '36 Ford Roadster. We also thank Van Nazarian for his article and photos about last month's Autorama in Detroit. Debra Levasseur, Van, and I were there on Friday morning and took many photos and video. Besides Van's photos, we thank Debra for some of her photos that are also on page 16. Stay tuned for the video!

We also thank Hank Dawson for the article about the restoration of his '55 Ford, and Brian Saylor and Lou Ironside for their book reviews. (Lou's review is part of his Roving Reporter article).

We had a Board Meeting on March 9, and the minutes of that meeting are included.

We also thank our team of Staff Contributors for their materials and Denise Rohde for the President's Page banner.



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We need more Feature Vehicles!

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.

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Our 42nd anniversary and still going strong!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Frank Fundaro (Rose)

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1936 Ford 2dr Humpback

Jerry Orcutt

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1964 Ford XL Convertible

Gerald Wino (Stacey)

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1936 Ford 2dr Humpback

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1964 Mercury Comet Stationwagon

1966 Ford Mustang Convertible

NEW MEMBER:
CONFIDENT, WELL
PREPARED, ENTHUSIASTIC,
GEMMED UP,
ACTIVE ...



Our Swap Meet continues to roll on. Charlie Rivers will be our 2011 Swap Meet Chairman. Charlie brings to us years of experience as he held that position several years ago (see page 1). It took a little arm twisting to get him out of retirement, but he has agreed to do it. Thank you Charlie!

Our March meeting was smaller than usual, but we attribute that to our snow birds not returning to roost yet. I myself had taken a vacation to Florida to visit my son Nick. After spending almost 3 weeks down there with every day 80 degrees or above I now understand why so many of our members go to the warm climate each year during winter. Could be habit forming!

I may sound like a broken record, but we do need you to sign up for our Swap Meet/Car Show. Brian Saylor got 70+ members to sign up at our March meeting, but we are nowhere near our number of volunteers needed to have a successful meet. The more workers we get the easier it is on everybody. More workers, less hours each member has to put in. We ask for two hours each, which should be a drop in the bucket for you.... the worker you relieve only has to do one shift. We all know what it's like to do a double shift when the next person fails to show. Two hours is a very small price when you consider what you receive from the club each year...food, garage tours, newsletters, etc. All we ask for is a little help.

Start thinking about bringing some of those vehicles out to our April meeting...hopefully the Spring weather will be here.... just that it would be nice enough to allow us to dust off our vehicles and kick off the season. Let's be optimistic....

As always, our Board is here to serve. Should you have any questions, just ask, e-mail, or call. We are all listed in our roster.

Art Cervi, President

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.

Then contact one of the following people:

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Vic Hollingshead at 248.474.4356

These folks will ensure that the membership at large knows of the death.



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!*

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 9	Cruisin' Michigan
July 16-17	FMRCOA Swap Meet and Car Show
July	Club Picnic TBA
July 23	Telegraph Cruise
August 3	Club Meeting
August	Dearborn Homecoming TBA
August 20	Woodward Dream Cruise
Sept. 3-4	Overnighter (see Hank Dawson)
Sept. 7	Club Meeting
Sept. 9-12	Frankenmuth Auto Fest
Sept.	Crosspointe Car Show (P. Lyon)
Oct. 5	Club Meeting
Oct.	Color Tour - TBA
Nov. 2	Club Meeting
Dec. 7	Club Meeting
Dec. 10	Christmas Walk-Greenfield Village



YOUR CAR!

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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March 2011 FMRCOA Meeting Minutes March 2, 2011

As usual our meeting began with the Pledge and the singing of the national anthem. Our leader was suffering with a sore throat, but a couple of other bozo virtuosos took over (not to mention any names) and we made it through OK. Among the 101 members present were three guests, Mike Duff, Jerry Orcutt, and Jerry Wino.

Bob passed out a 35 year member badge to "Toots" and a forty year badge to Paul Coleman, along with several other badges. Speaking of the badges, one of our newer members mentioned to me that it would be helpful if more people remembered to wear theirs. It makes it easier to learn names. The minutes for the February meeting came up missing as did the meeting, but the lack of minutes was approved. You guys are easy! The Treasurer's report was given by Steve and approved. Members were reminded that the reports will be displayed on the front table for your examination at each meeting.

Larry Wolohan, our Car Show Chairman, reported on the status of the ongoing plans for our "Mercury Remembered" car show. He has a good list of helpers onboard, and plans are on schedule. If you know of one of the less common Mercurys in the area bring it to the attention of one of the car show people or to Phil Lyon. As you know there were Marauders, Montclairs, Comets, Cyclones, Cougars, Capris, Mountaineers, Milans; you get the picture. Not only do we want one of each year produced, but lots of varieties would be cool. Stan Miller mentioned a very rare one but it is out of state. Keep us posted.

Brian Saylor has the work roster ready for sign up. The sheets will be brought to the meetings so that you may keep up with the needs and updates. Charlie Rivers will be our new swap meet chairman, and will need a dedicated staff of helpers. Please see Charlie.

Several members reported on the poor health of some of our members. Cards have been sent on behalf of the club. Prayers would be appreciated.

Terry Worful brought in a guest speaker representing Don Duff Rebuilding. They specialize in alternators, generators, starters, and carburetors.

Hank Dawson is busy getting the plans in order for the Labor Day overnigher. The date is set for September 3 & 4. It promises to be a good time as it has been in the past, so

consider it.

We had our usual car talk session, show and tell, and a 50-50 followed by adjournment.

Phil Lyon, Secretary

Meet the New Members by Terry Worful



Gerald Wino

I'm Gerald Wino and I was born on May 3, 1958 in Detroit, MI. My wife is Stacey and I'm a skilled trade worker at Ford.

My first car was a 1958 Chevrolet Delray. I started collecting cars with a Model A in 1973. My other hobby is R/C aircraft.

I work on my own cars.



Jerry Orcutt

I'm Jerry Orcutt and I was born on Dec 12, 1941. My wife is Janet and we were married in October of 1968. I am retired.

My first car was a 1951 Ford, and I started collecting cars in 1960 with a 1956 Ford Vicky. My wife and I love swing dancing.

I do not work on my own cars and joined the FMRCOA to help find parts.



Frank Fundaro

My name is Frank Fundaro and I was born on November 19, 1938 in Dearborn, MI. My wife is Rose and we were married on August 2, 1966. I am retired.

My first car was a 1950 Ford convertible and I started collecting cars in 1970, with a 1936 Ford 5 window coupe. My other hobbies are baseball, bowling, and boating.

If I could own any other car other than a Ford it would be a 1964

Corvette Sting Ray. I like its style and because it is fiberglass it won't rust.

I do work on my own cars. I joined the FMRCOA to get a chance to hang around with other car guys.

AUTORAMA, *cont. from page 1*

at Cobo Hall, walking the exhibit floors, and photographing almost everything on display.

I started with the "Autorama Extreme" cars, in the lower level. "Rat-Rods" to most. Here is creativity in the raw, and I'm always impressed with the talent on-a-budget! As I began walking, it seemed that this year there were fewer cars, and it



Singlefinger's Speed Shop display (l) & Phil's '29 Roadster (r). also seemed that way when I reached the main floor exhibits. Perhaps it was the way the displays were arranged. Regardless, there was plenty to look at, and marvel about. As always, a few of the cars in this section would have been right-at-home on the main floor. I got a close-up and personal look at Keith Crane's gorgeous 1940 Ford white coupe. This is one car that could have been "upstairs". (Did I mention I have a long-term love affair for 1940 Ford coupes?)

Singlefinger's Speed Shop display was a real attention-getter. Just across from the speed shop display was Phil Lyon's 29 Ford roadster. Very nicely done. A few aisles away was the outstanding display by the CowTown Cruisers, a working garage area. There's real talent here! More than just building motors... The interesting thing about the rat-rods is the seemingly low priority on "finish", while ingenuity and creativity places high. I don't believe any of the rat-rod builders listened when someone said, "It can't be done". Take Bob Adam's, '58 Caddie powered '32 Ford roadster rat-rod, for example... look close, it's fiberglass, including the rust holes! The Ford "Bond Bread" delivery truck was a unique vehicle from the 50s. And of course, the Motor City Flathead Test Car, powered by Mark Kirby's all-aluminum flathead V8 was there.



Studebaker bus (l) & chopped top tow truck (r).

A rare appearance... the blue 50s Studebaker bus. Yes, I did a double-take, when I saw the chopped top "tow-truck". "Tow-Mater" immediately came to mind. I could just see this thing outside a little one-horse town on Route 66. However, I think the driver would need special training for operating this rig.

Speaking of rigs, (now I'm moving upstairs to the main floor)... the JEGS rig, could it have been any bigger? And, I understand, they have more than one of these! There were a couple more big-rigs, besides the Meguiar's trailer, and Ford Racing's Peterbuilt tractor, commanding prominent space on the exhibit floor. A black beauty, 1987 Peterbuilt, with its running lights on, from Flaming River, and a dull grey-finished K-Whopper from Spade Made... which reminded me of the vehicles in the Dark Angel TV program.

The main floor had the customary collection of vehicles, with spectacular display tricks not found among the rat rods. Lights, chrome, bright colors and mirrors all vying for your attention. A wide range of vehicles populated the exhibit floor, and the smaller-scale Imperial was very nice, except the instrument cluster was too big for this size car. A little sweetheart almost overlooked was the black 60s Valiant, powered by a new Chrysler Hemi, built by Pratt 'n' Miller. The original Ford Big-Foot was there, but appeared overshadowed by the Bars Leak monster truck! Vintage classics were also on hand, including Larry Miller's 1957 Ford Retractable hardtop, the "Skyliner" of which Ford produced 20,766 units priced at \$2,942. Production ceased in 1959, with 12,915 units sold. Closer to the main entrance, was an unusual inline Buick eight powered single-seat roadster, that steered by the REAR wheels. That's right, the differential was up front! Nicely executed and cute as a "bug". Along the far wall was a full-size rendition of "Rosie's Diner", open for business!

The first Autorama I experienced at Cobo Hall was in 1957. Back then it seemed like a casual gathering of car buffs. No Hollywood-type displays, why we even walked right in thru the loading docks to get up close to the cars. Things do change however, and today it's a big production, with many volunteers from local car clubs making it all come together. I don't have attendance numbers, but this is one of the more popular car shows in the country. I had heard that during the 50th Autorama, Murray's Discount Auto Parts did 1.8 million in parts & accessory sales during the show's three-day run. With plans for a newer and bigger Cobo Hall, there is no telling how big this show will get.

To view all 450 images, please visit: <http://www.seehere.com/carshots/autorama2011>

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1936 FORD ROADSTER, *cont. from page 1*

heavily modified frame. It has a Fatman IFS, 350 Chevy crate motor with “old school” finned valve covers air cleaner (sorry guys), a THM350 transmission, Granada rear, power steering, brakes, a tilt steering wheel, and A/C,” Larry continued. Larry made the interior panels and used a Dodge minivan seat that was upholstered in leather by Bruno Brunick of Dakota Truck and Trim in Florida. He also scratch built the custom canvas top (2” chop).



A striking red interior contrasts with the black body!

The car itself was originally built by Larry’s good friend and mentor, Len Monigold, and completed in 1998. Upon Len’s passing the car went to his son who sold it to Larry in 2008.

Larry had made only cosmetic and creature comfort modifications to the car and only put about 800 miles on it in a little over two years. Then, in 2009, it was chosen as the Florida State Safety Pick at the NSRA Nationals in Louisville, KY. Larry and his son, Jason, drove it down from Wixom, then back to Woodward for some serious cruisin’ adding 1,500 miles to the odometer in two weeks! “This car is my keeper and not for sale,” Larry exclaimed.

Larry and his wife, Melody, have been married for 42 years. They have 2 sons Matt (Howell) and Jason (Ortonville) who both work in auto related fields and 5 grandchildren.

“We visit Michigan a couple of times a year usually for two or three weeks in the summer and again around Christmas. We still have a lot of friends, and family in the Detroit area so we stay in touch as much as possible,” Larry remarked.

When asked about our club, Larry commented, “I’ve know about FMRCOA for years, but decided to join after being invited to ‘tag along’ to Gilmore by my brother-in-law, Mike McLennan.”

Welcome Larry!

EDITOR, *cont. from page 2.*

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. As webmaster and would welcome feedback!

Steve Rohde, Editor



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March Show & Tell

Cole Grandy ran the Show & Tell and brought in some Cub Scout Pinewood Derby Cars. He mentioned that during his son's years as a Cub Scout, the pinewood Derby always happened to fall during major car events such as, in 1998, the 50th Anniversary of Hot Rod magazine. So that year they built an Eddie Hulse car which was on the first cover in 1948. Similarly, in 1999, the 50th anniversary of Bonneville, they did the Pierson Bros. '34 coupe. Then in 2000, the 50th anniversary of the Grand National Roadster Show, they did Bill Niekamp's '29 Roadster; in 2001, the 40th anniversary of the LA Roadster show, they did Bob McGee's '32 Roadster which is the emblem of the LA Roadster club; and in 2002, the 50th anniversary of Autorama, they did Frank Mack's '27 track Roadster. Cole also brought his personal pinewood derby car from when he was a kid.



Cole's Pinewood Derby Cars with the literature about the actual cars (l). Cole describing a car as he leads Show & Tell (r).

Cole displayed other items including Indy engine (push rod) pictures, engineering photos, a Mercury post card, and Color chips for a 1970 Mercury.



1940's die cast Tootsie toys.

Hank Dawson brought in '40 Tootsie Toys, a 292 oil pump, and Mike's Ross Model

Nick Zakarian brought a Mercury diesel emblem (for the diesel Mercury that wasn't!), a Ford Classic cab badge, and a 25th Ford anniversary book from Clymer publications.



Note Mercury Diesel emblem on top!

Larry Wolohon came with '41, '46 & '47 Mercury advertisements.

Greg Sanchez displayed 1967 Doug Thorley Header Catalog (vintage drag cars).



1941 (l) and 1946 (r) Mercury advertisements.



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Please mail your dues in or pay at a meeting!

CHARLEY RIVERS TO LEAD SWAP MEET, *cont. from page 1.*

He showed me a pile of detailed tables that he generated with vendors' names and spots for the 10+ years that he ran the swap meet ending in the late nineties. Charley, who retired from Industrial Metal Fabricators as the company's Chief Engineer, then showed me a drawing of the swap field layout that he himself had drawn. "We always displayed this diagram in the information room so people could easily find particular vendors," Charley remarked.

Charley, who has been a club member for about 26 years, is **really** an automotive enthusiast (car guy!). I truly learned that as we spoke. "At one time I had 225 cars at my Hillsdale place. But now I only have 46," he explained. Charley has focused mainly on collecting Mercury and Lincoln cars over his 60+ years at the hobby.



Two of Charley's beautiful Mercs: a 1955 Montclair(l) and a 1947 (r).

Upon asking him what his favorite cars were, Charlie indicated that he really liked the '57 Lincolns and Mercs. Another of his favorites is a '55 Mercury Montclair that sits in a pole barn next to his house. This car has full power and A/C (first year for this). "I backed a truck into this car a number of years ago," Charlie explained. What's truly amazing is that he then let the car sit in a pole barn for three years. During that time he took bodyshop and welding classes, and subsequently restored the damaged side to "better than original" condition in terms of fit!

Besides Lincolns and Mercs, Charlie once had a '63 Ford with a 390 cubic inch police interceptor engine, and a '65 Bonneville Brougham with a HO 421 tripower engine that he fondly recalls.

Charlie was born in Chicago and moved to this area as a child. He has been married to his wife, Evelyn, for 40 years and has three children that live locally.

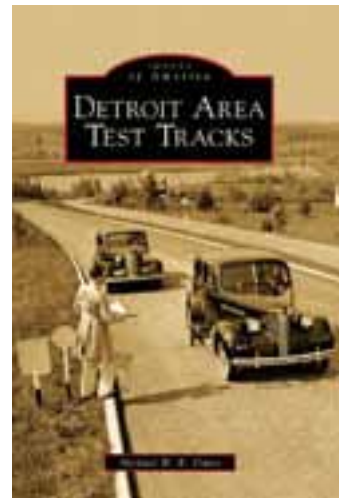
As Swap Meet Chair, Charlie attended our recent Board Meeting and really impressed many members of the board with his focus on expanding our event through more advertising, and his superb attention to detail! We all need to support Charlie and Dearborn '11!

Book Review: **"Detroit Area Test Tracks"** by **Brian K. Saylor**

This is a great book! It is part of what's called the "Images of America" series of books from Arcadia Publishing. Mike Davis, TheDetroitBureau senior editor has obtained images mostly the National Automotive Historical Collection (NAHC) at the Detroit Public library, and put together this 128 page book.

The book includes the history from foundations and evolution of the test tracks at Chelsea (Chrysler), Dearborn (Ford), Romeo (Ford), Milford (GM), and Utica (Packard). There are some great photos of the early days at each proving ground. Some crash testing photos along with some brand comparison photos show the eras of vehicle development. The book also includes some photos of the proving grounds being used for military vehicles.

My wife Angie got the book without my knowledge and gave it to me. It's an awesome book!



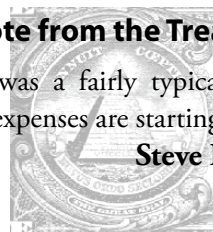
Sign Up for the Overnighter!

Hank Dawson will be taking deposits for an overnight car cruise during Labor Day weekend at our April Meeting. Please call him at 810.231.3184 for more information

A Note from the Treasurer

This month was a fairly typical one. Swap meet advertising expenses are starting to come in.

Steve Rohde, Treasurer



Brian's Tip: *Spring Start Up*

by
Brian Kuta

It is getting to be that time again, finally, when we all start pulling our precious iron out of storage to get it ready for some serious crusing. Maybe you were one of those few people that runs their engine once a month, allowing it to get up to heat, charge the battery, lubricate the valve stems, rods, main bearings, water pump, A/C, heater fan, alternator, and all that other good stuff to keep it in good working order. Many others just shut their cars off when their cars are put into storage, and never run it again until spring fever attacks the ole brain. If you are one of the latter, then I certainly hope you kept your ride in heated storage, or at least pulled the battery out for the freezing winter months.

Assuming you changed the oil and filter before storage, then took it for a good hot ride to allow that good quality fresh oil to splash and lubricate the internals, let's talk about firing that puppy up now. Engine lubrication is at best very marginal at one point, the cold start. After an engine has sat overnight, much less three or more months, only a thin oil film remains on the moving parts, and the rest of the oil has returned to the pan. It is crucial to avoid racing that engine immediately after start up. Allow the engine to run at a fair idle for at least a minute without putting the transmission in gear. Focus on your oil pressure gauge to make sure it reaches maximum pressure in about five seconds. If longer time is required, and if the gauge is electric, you may want your mechanic to check your oil pressure with a mechanical gauge (engine cold). Again, if that oil pressure does not rise within five seconds, you could be looking at a worn out or faulty oil pump, or the pickup screen is clogged. By now you have pulled the trans dipstick to make sure all is OK there, and that was after you checked coolant prior to starting the engine.

Now to some of the more incidental things that can ruin your first day out on the road. After 25,000 miles or two years you should check out your front wheel bearings. If you clean and repack the bearings, make sure to invest in new grease seals and cotter pins. Usually the differential fluid lubricates the bearings on the rear axles, but you need to check your owner's manual to make sure. Since stopping is rather important, at least to this guy, those drum brakes may require cleaning the backing plates and moving parts, because they tend to bind and prevent the shoes from moving away from the drums, creating brake drag. Master cylinder free travel should be checked to assure it is adequate to prevent brake application through pressure caused by temperature rise and expansion of the fluid, but it should not create excessive pedal travel. Disc brake pads should be inspected for thickness, and the edges

should be chamfered (rounded). If the pad is floating free on the brake piston, a special adhesive available at brake shops should be applied to prevent dragging of the pads. Brake drag can be difficult to feel while driving, since it is consistent, but a rough measure of whether or not it's occurring can be gained during an on the road check. After driving on a highway or freeway for some 20 miles, find a safe area and do your best to coast to a stop using gears for braking. Feel the brake discs and drums for heat (very carefully). They should be no warmer than the wheels or hubs.

Lastly, my pet peeve. As many adults have testified, beware of rubber items. Any day you are driving and notice a vehicle off on the side of the road, consider that 99.44/100% of the time it will be a rubber part. How old are your tires? How old are your belts? How old are your hoses, especially that intake bypass hose? That's about it for this spring warm up chat, and may all of your driving be fun and trouble free.

1955 Ford Recovery: *Part II*

by
Hank Dawson



Hank's 1955 Ford at our October meeting.

Did you see a waterfall blue 1955 Ford 2-door at the October meeting? Well, the vehicle was there in all its glory. Like all restorations, you never know what you are going to get involved in! This 55 Ford was a real challenge, as I could see when it arrived from North Carolina. These are all the pluses for the car that helped me get it to the state you saw it at the October meeting.

- Solid floors front and rear
- Solid trunk floor and wheel wells
- Solid crossmember and braces
- New interior and carpet completed
- New headliner
- All glass good with no cracks

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Minutes of FMRCOA Board Meeting March 9, 2011

The meeting started at 6:30 PM. All members of the Board were present as well as Charley Rivers, the 2011 Swap Meet Chair.

A major portion of the meeting was dedicated to the swap meet including:

- Bringing in a special car from Pennsylvania for part of the show. (More information is needed about the total costs/benefits).
- Signs, port-a-jons, dumpster, food and ice cream vendors, advertising, etc.
- Increased advertising is needed for the "Mercury Remembered"
- 8000 Dearborn '11 flyers will be printed
- A new windshield sticker will be printed in white or yellow, for better contrast
- Number of windshield stickers will be one for each vendor with additional stickers can be requested by the vendor. 500 to be printed (Tim responsible).
- Art is working with the food vendors to establish for 2011.
- Brian is handling the work roster sign-ups. 64 signed up on first available sign-up day.
- Tim brought up the need for some extra traffic control signs.

Overnighter discussion: (Hank Dawson coordinator)

- Hank indicated that there is a new batch of signups for the overnigher.
- 29 people signed up total
- The hotel is in Chesaning. (The Bonnymill Inn)
- Board voted to pay for:
 - Riverboat ride for the member only (approx \$250)
 - Hospitality Room Pizza Party (approx \$200)
 - Dinner (approx \$600-700)
- \$20 deposit for each room is required by end of the April general meeting.
- \$100 for incidentals (drinks, paper supplies, etc.)

Phil's Church car show is Sept 18th.

Phil Lyon / Art Cervi / Steve Rohde: to investigate a garage tour to the Detroit Historical Society / Piquette Ford plant in Detroit.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.

Brian Saylor/Steve Rohde

1955 FORD, *cont. from page 10.*

Now the work begins. I tackled the brakes first. To my surprise new wheel cylinders had been installed and all new brake lines. But the shoes were shot! John Price helped me out with this rebuild. Thank you John!

While I had the wheels off, all wheel well metal was cleaned and coated with a new paint finish. Next was a carburetor rebuild. Kar-go took care of this for me. I installed new wires, plugs, and a coil. The engine compartment cleaned up well and looks pretty decent for an old car from a barn.

In parallel with the above effort, I ordered some new parts: tail light housings, door handles, inside and side view mirrors, and a fuel tank. The rest of the chrome was decent enough for now, except for a side piece of stainless on the 'A' pillar. Bob Haas helped me out with that one. Thank you Bob!

At our swap met I was lucky enough to find the paint chip colors for '55. The car was half Waterfall Blue, so we decided to have the whole car Waterfall Blue. The car is now named the "Waterfall Blue Cruiser."

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1955 FORD, *cont. from page 11.*

The transmission supposedly was rebuilt--no issues yet! I installed a new muffler and am ready to have a good driver. I want to get it pin-striped in the spring.

It took me all last summer to complete. Now we want to cruise and have fun as long as we can, and that started on its first day out at the local car show. People were all over the little Ford and, to my surprise, it took a trophy at the show!

Thanks to everyone for help when I needed it. The club is the best ... Smooth cruisin' ... One stop at a time.



A front view of Hank's "Waterfall Blue Cruiser."

Postcards from the Past by Lou Ironside

In honor of our featured cars this summer at the FMRCOA swap meet and car show, this month's postcard is from Peterson Motors, in Cherokee / Storm Lake, Iowa. This was the official Ford dealer postcard for the 1942 Mercury. The card is based on the photograph used at dealer introduction and in the press release. The vehicle shown is equipped with



1942 Mercury Postcard



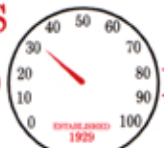

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black wall tires with no radio antenna showing-- so would be pretty close to the base price for that model. If you look closely you will notice that the side windows have swing out vent windows at the rear. The intention of the dealer postcard was to get buyers into the showroom to look at, and hopefully purchase, a new car. With the very short model year, there weren't too many cars to sell so undoubtedly not too many of these cards were ever mailed. If you want to check with the dealer to see if they happen to have a few left over new 1942 Mercurys, the phone number is: 1233 for Storm Lake, and 809 for Cherokee.

The FMRCOA Roving Reporter: In Michigan Again+

The past month has been pretty quiet on the swap meet scene, with only one small meet to report on. The 30th annual SAAC-MCR meet was held on March 6th at Gorno Ford in Woodhaven. Although never a large meet, it is always well attended, generally has a good selection of Mustang parts, and occasionally a few non-Mustang parts. Every year the selection of "early" Mustang parts gets slimmer, with an increased presence of the 1979 and up parts. Of course, the 1979 Mustangs are now 32 years old which makes them older than my 1932 Ford was, when I bought it in 1961! Hard to believe!

Since the swap meet scene had little to report on, I would like to mention a book which might be of interest to some of our members. The book is: *The Original Hot Rodder*, a biography of Bill Waddill from Flint, Mi. The book was written by his daughter Kathy Waddill Ridley, and is fascinating reading. Although there are a lot of family photos and history, it all intertwines with the birth of hot rodding in the Michigan area. Some of the photos in the book were furnished by FMRCOA member Harry McAuliffe including some of the 1953 AutoRama. There are 250 pages, and every one has photos that bring back memories of the early days of speed shops, hot rods, and racing. Did you know that in 1958 there were 34 clubs which were members of the Michigan Hot Rod Association? That is just one of the things I learned from reading the book. The book was obviously a "labor of love" by a daughter for her father, but in spite of there being a lot of family history, there is a tale that runs from Flint to Bonneville, to the Bahamas, and plenty of stops in between. If you are interested, books can be obtained from some on-line book dealers or from Kathy herself at: krandart@comcast.net. This is a great addition to any bookshelf.

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- 2008 Ford F150 2 wheel drive crew cab, King ranch. 40,000 miles, loaded. Charlie Rivers. 248-446-1534.
- '79 T-Bird 28,000 miles FL. Ken Toth. 734-516-5255.
- (2) 1939-54 tractor hat box rim's – rare (2) 13.6 X 28 tractor turf tire's. Don Olson. 586-752-7919.
- Air conditioning '68 Mustang. Complete. \$900. Scott Vorrath. 734-770-8519.
- '79-'82 Mercury col-pk fuel tank. Dave Wallace.
- 1967 289 with C4 trans. Complete. \$500. 390 GT short block with S code intake. \$400. 1969 351 Windsor 4v complete original. \$750. 1967 289 from '67 Mustang, complete. \$250. Nick Zakarian. 313-468-3687.
- 1987 Dodge Shelby CSX: 5spd turbo, intercooler, original paint, rust free. \$2300/trade. Jeff Martoia. 734-812-9255.
- 460 150.00 C6-200.00 2. roller 5.0 mtrs. Don Steinhagen. 313-561-1251.
- 4 black Ronel wheels with lugnuts & locks. 4 lug 87 to 93 Mustang. Gary Holmstrom. 313-277-3475.
- 1964 Galaxie grill and trunk chrome and 1956 Ford miscellaneous parts. Jerry Orcutt. 734-675-4729.
- 3:25 Ford nine inch ring and pinion gear set \$50. 3:25 Ford nine inch complete center section for 28 spline axles (out of '76 T-Bird) \$125. Brian Kuta. 734-753-3788 or mbhouse@charter.net.


Wanted

- A six volt marine air horn for installation into my 1949 M-47. Jim Cramton. 780-478-0872.
- Used oil (waste oil). Bring to the meetings. John Miller. 586-756-4279 or 313-891-2640.
- Color chip charts for Ford, Lincoln, Mercury for 50's & 60's cars/trucks. Also, WW II memorabilia. Also, Great Lakes maritime items. Mark Deconinck. 586-405-7206.
- '49-'50 Ford taillight buckets. Buckets only '49-'51 Mercury front & rear armrests. Lynn Goodwin. 248-684-0984.
- '55 Mercury Montclair 2dht drip rail moldings. John Durrant. 810-599-7400.
- Vintage car magazine 50's, 60's & 70's hot rod. Car craft, motor trend, also, foreign car magazines. Greg Sanchez. 313-382-4420.
- 1963 Ford 221 ci v/8 with 2 spd auto trans out of a Fairlane car. Was running when parted out. Dean Styles. 734-626-4052.
- '87 Ranger 2300 engine \$150. '87 2300 rebuilt \$250. '65 260 engine \$150. '66 289 engine \$250. '68 302 engine \$250. '85 302 roller eng \$350. '93 4.0 V6 engine, 4wd 5 speed \$350.


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• 351C – 4V cylinder heads. Either cast iron or aluminum. Rod Kurowski. 517-467-2404.

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- 1966 Mercury shop manual \$40. 1973-74 manual set \$40. 1969 Cougar car manual \$15. 1954 car radio and speaker (plays) \$100. 1955 radio, needs TLC \$20. 1955 tail light housings and lens to be used as is or re-chrome (pair wires also) \$50. 1955 rear bumper to be re-chromed \$55. Hank Dawson. 810-231-3184.
- 1967 Corvette engines. 427-435hp. Mike Kanalos. 734-284-0003.
- 1967-1968 Mustang Cougar. 289 2v c4 Trans complete carb to pan \$500.00.
- C-6 trans 302351W 351c complete with convertor/flywheel \$125.00. 1970 Torino parts car. Call with wants. Nick Zakarian. 313-468-3687.
- 1979 Ford Thunderbird 2dr. 302 eng. 28,000 miles \$8,500 O.B.O. Ken Toth. 734-595-7390, cell: 734-516-5255.
- 1949 Ford V8 crank-fresh grind \$75.00. Gene Johnson 734-261-8334.
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Wanted

- Looking for a used rotisserie. Ray Sullivan. 231.326.2211.
- Used oil (waste oil). Bring to the meetings. John Miller 586-756-4279 or 313-891-2640.
- 1966 Mercury Cylone drip pails (chrome). Michael Venuto. 586-693-5004.
- 8BA starter 6 or 12v. Mallory dural point dist for 8BA. John Stasiewicz 586-286-3265.
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- Power steering parts for 1964 Galaxie. Cliff Picklesimer. 734-425-3029.
- Vintage 1960's and early 1970's sports car graphic, car & driver foreign car magazines. Greg Sanchez. 313-382-4420.
- Parking lights for 1952-1953 Mercury. Al Majewski. 313-618-7989 or email: docajmis@yahoo.com.
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