



Brian's Report Card for 2013 by Brian Kuta



This year's season of racing was no doubt my year from that hot place down below, namely hell! I raced in 35 races, which includes a couple that were rained out, and made 215 passes this year. I raced at: Mid Michigan Motorplex, Ubyly Dragway, Northern Michigan Dragway, Norwalk Raceway Park, Dragway 42, U. S. 131 Motorsports Park and Bristol Dragway (yup, in Bristol, TN). My best eighth mile pass was: 6:385 ET @ 107.9 MPH. My best quarter mile pass was: 10:071 ET @ 133.8 MPH. My elapsed time improvement over 1012 was because a Jim Terrian massaged my CNC ported heads a little, and it did help. Financially it was a fair season, with me being in the money 15 times out of the 35 races. One semi, seven quarters, five eighths, and a couple other finishes helped in that department however, here come the 'excuses'.

It took my son Mike to find my sputtering problem, and that was a cut wire grounding out from the distributor to the intake manifold under the carburetor return springs. When down jetting my 950 CFM carburetor, because I was at a higher altitude track, I forgot to reinstall the rear jet extensions, so when you hit the gas the fuel in the rear bowl sloshes away from the jets, uncovering them from fuel and allowing the engine get a good gulp of air. That took me a bit to figure out, because I just knew there was nothing wrong with my carburetor, but when I put my hands on it anything can happen. Another sad story was the race tire dealer that installed one slick at 87" around and the other at 88-3/4" around. Well, with a locked rear end I almost stuffed the ole hotrod into the wall, but I thought I had just gotten

out of the groove, so it took me a couple of passes to figure that one out too. Then there was the rocker arm that broke, and with the car running on seven cylinders it still ran a 7:01 in the eighth, which equates to an 11:02 pass on the quarter. Fortunately I



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We have a low inventory of stories and material for the newsletters in 2014. If you have a story or article you would like to share, please forward it along to me at emar916@gmail.com. I will still be doing the January and February newsletter unless a replacement is found sooner.

Editor, Beth Marschner

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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

I hope all of you out there had a very merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Well, this message is my swan song for my presidency with the club. I said when I was elected for 2013 I would only stay for two years and then step down. My two years is up and I have stepped down as of December 31, 2013. I have been president four times for a total of eleven years...more than any other member since the club started in 1968. So the bottom line here is enough is enough. Thank you to all of you that have supported me.

When we moved to Chelsea last year I made a commitment for three years to promote and handle the swap meeting vendors and assign their spaces to them. Since 2003 with the exception of 2010 and 2011, I have been reimbursed for my gas expenditures in promoting the swap meet at car shows, car cruises and swap meets. In 2010 and 2011 when promotion work was not done, the swap meet receipts went down a total of 30%. When I resumed the promotion work in 2013, the receipts came back about 10%. So it appears on the surface that the promotion work helps the club income.

The new president wanted to cut out this expenditure so consequently I will not be doing this swap meet in the future. I accepted the responsibility to work hard to see we had a fair profit. I have now relieved myself of this responsibility because I will not underwrite the gas expenditure for the club. I feel that now that responsibility can be passed on to the new president. I served as swap meet chairman for a total of 3 times for seventeen years. Again, enough is enough. I still will have about five smaller jobs that I will continue to do.

You all will have four new officers on the board. Hank Dawson-Vice President, Mark Sapienz-

Secretary, Jim Crawford and Larry Wolohon as 1 year directors. Please give these guys your respect and cooperation, they are fired up to serve.

We note the passing of former club member Clara Mooradian on December 21st. She was member from 1994 to 2012. She didn't renew in 2013 due to health problems. See her memoriam elsewhere in this newsletter.

Bob Guetschow
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 8th Club meeting

January 25th Dinner Dance



February 5th Club meeting

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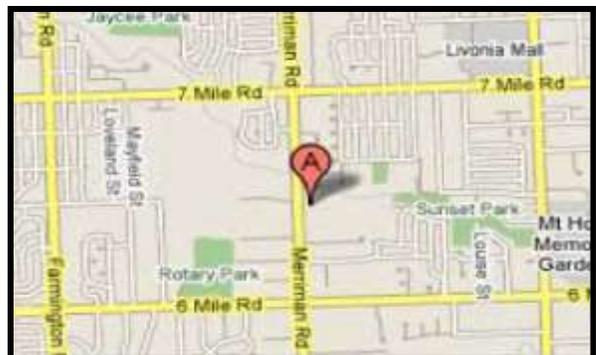
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The Rotunda Times would like to feature your old car or truck in an upcoming issue. We are interested in how you came about finding your vehicle of choice, and what you have done to enhance its beauty, and/or mechanical condition. Simply mail or email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

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Our monthly club meetings are held 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 had the last several dinner dances. Moreover, it has an 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 6:30pm with a snack. And do bring a friend!



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DECEMBER 2013 FMRCOA MEETING MINTUES December 4, 2013



About 89 members at the December meeting

Bob started the meeting at 7:30pm. Immediately after we recited the pledge, we welcomed Kathy Rankin from Toys for Tots and Lance Corporal Kevin Webb, Lance Corporal Tim Evans and Lance Corporal Victor Hamlet to our meeting for our annual Toys for Tots drive. Also at the meeting was Joe Newland,



Lance Corporals Kevin Webb, Tim Evans & Victor Hamlet from the Marines

Paul Coleman, Scott Dodge and Don Nicholson. Welcome back to Pat Beattie who has been recovering for the last year.

Bob presented Chuck Niehaus and Carl Chase

both received their 30 year membership badge and Norm Greig received his 35 year badge. Congratulations guys.

Tim passed a hat around to the members for donations for Toys for Tots. The club matches what the members contribute. \$253.00 was collected and a total donation to Toys for Tots from the club was \$506.00.

Minutes were read for November and were accepted with one correction. I failed to mention there was indeed show and tell at the November meeting. No questions or objections.

Stan read the treasurers report which was approved with no objections or questions.

Terry reports that we still have 296 members with no recent new members. About 101 renewals so far. Renew your membership before 1/31/14 or a late fee will be applied.



Welcome back Pat Beattie



Chuck Niehaus (left) and Carl Chase (right) both receive their 30 year membership badge



Jim reports that the website is up and running smoothly and updated.

Roger Hodyka, as club historian is still looking for old club material.

The job of apparel coordinator is still open. Bob mentioned he had a couple of candidates but nothing is confirmed. If anyone is interested, please let a board member know.

It was announced that Tom Proudlock, a previous member of 6 years passed away on 11/4/13.

Additionally, Charlie River's wife, Evelyn passed away on 11/22/13. She was 88 years old.

Bob Assenmacher reports that sadly the plans for the Holiday nights outing has been cancelled. Tickets sold out so fast, he was unable to get the tickets. He has plans to get names of those

interested in October so that he get tickets earlier next year. Thanks Bob for your efforts.

Bylaws have passed as presented at the November meeting. They will be posted in the new roster and possibly on the web.

The officer installation dinner, commonly known as the annual dinner dance is set for Saturday, January 25, 2014 at the St. Mary's Cultural Center. Save the date.



Norm Greig receives his 35 year membership badge

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Meeting Minutes

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Swap meet for 2014 is set for 7/19 – 7/20 in Chelsea. Waiting to confirm the contract before printing out flyers but we are going to move fast to get the word out as soon as possible.

Beth will continue as the editor of the newsletter for another 60 days. Our printer at QPS agreed to help after until a replacement is found at an additional cost.

The Board has decided to increase the dues beginning in 2014-2015 club year. \$30.00 for members opting for email newsletter and \$35 for those wanting a hard copy newsletter.

Rob Martoia agreed to chair the car coral again this year and Roger agreed to do the field set up as well.

The annual transition dinner has yet to be determined. This is where the old board and new board get together for dinner to transition into the new year.

Don Nicholson, the promoter for the Hines cruise was on hand to discuss this ever growing event and the troubles members encountered at this year's cruise. Don is aware of the problems and is looking to make changes. Our members had some great suggestions



Don Nicholson

for Don has well. We also secured our spot with Don for 2014.

Bill Coombe presented more of his license plates for show and tell, 50/50 raffle winners were drawn, Bob had a few parting words as this was his last meeting as President.

The floor was then turned over to Linda who, after thanking her committee, announced the election results as follows:

214 ballots were returned and 294 ballots were mailed. A member did request more details on the election results which Linda said she would have at the January meeting.

- President – Tim Pusilo
- Vice President – Hank Dawson
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- Treasurer – Stan Miller
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- 2 Year Director – Bob Guetschow



Brian's Mini-Tip: Dual Master Cylinder Swap

Many owners of the early '65-'66 Mustangs like to swap in the later model '67-'68 dual style master cylinder. It's really a good idea, in the interest of safety to do this, and pre-bent lines are available for this swap from Classic Tube. Remember that disc brake master cylinders lack the check valve needed for drum brakes, so if you are doing this swap you need to make sure you get the correct master cylinder for front drum brakes.



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had a spare rocker arm, but that took some doing to figure out and fix too. Oh, let me tell you about the pushrod that decided to bend up on me, but I had another one of those in the ole spare parts box too. Ah yes, then there was the blown out tube in my right rear slick that stopped my progress for another day. While these hotrod issues were giving me fits and impeding my marching on to victories, my motorhome's charging system was causing issues too. That was eventually resolved by replacing the battery isolator, then the coach converter. Lastly, and I almost forgot, I can't forget the fat wire that goes from my alternator to the battery in the trunk burning up and filling the car with electrical smoke because it came out of it's holder and grounded out onto a header tube botching up the alternator and almost burning up the whole car. Downriver Motorsports Wiring fused a new wire at both ends so that won't ever happen again. I wonder how many time a person can say 'that won't ever happen again'?!?!?!?

I intend to make a change to the hotrod for the 2014 season, namely bigger rear tires and probably some suspension changes. It may be hard to believe that with 28" x 9" soft rubber slicks on a car that it can spin the tires, especially when the race tracks use a special compound to help the cars stick to the track, but it does spin the tires way, way too often and it's just got to stop. The people that help me in my efforts really deserve mention, and I truly believe they are the best in their respective businesses. I must also give special thanks to my son Mike who helps me physically, and who also has a tendency to challenge my thoughts, which is a good thing that keeps me in focus. I know many of my

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by
Lou Ironside

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you look closely, you will notice a few very "square" cars parked on Woodward Ave. Also notice that the additions on either side of the museum have not been added. This postcard is one of a series of Detroit put out by the Detroit Publishing Co. The postcard division lasted from 1899 to 1932 when they closed the doors for good. What is especially important to me is the fact my grandfather William Ironside Sr. took this photo with his 10" x 10" glass plate camera as he worked for DPC until they closed up. He was not only a photographer for DPC, but engraver of the printing plates as well.



On January 26th is the 32nd annual Model A club swap meet in Saginaw. Last year there were some spaces selling candles and other craft items, let's hope this year is back to more car parts! On February 1st and 2nd is the big Kalamazoo swap meet. This is their 51st swap meet and with the expanded buildings it should be a another good one. Later in February there are two Mustang swap meets...one at Gorno Ford and the other at Village Ford. If you own a Mustang, these are "must attend" meets. In March on the 23rd is the 44th annual East Side A's swap meet at Milne Ford on M-59 and I-94. And as we hit April, the outdoor meets start to take over. When you attend these meets be sure to take flyers for our FMRC swap in July, talk up our meet, pass out flyers, and encourage people to attend our meet!!



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The Roving Reporter:

Well, it is that time of the year again....swap meet season! I always look forward to the winter indoor swap meets as they break up the boredom of snow shoveling! We are lucky that there are several good meets right in our own backyard so to speak. January 19th is the 48th annual VMCCA meet in Jackson. Not big, but lots of old car parts.

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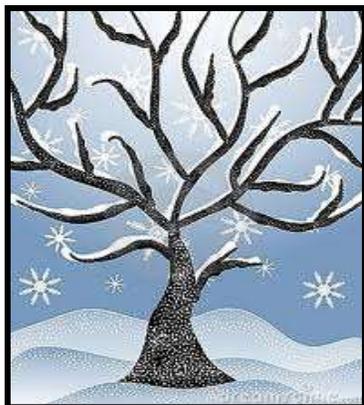
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We note the passing of former member Clara Mooradian on December 21, 2013. Clara was a member from 1994 to 2012 and did not renew her membership for 2013 due to health considerations. Clara is survived by husband Richard, 3 children Sherrie, Laurie and Christian and 4 grandchildren.

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