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I am in need of newsletter materials. Feature car articles and photos, car articles, photos of recent car related road trips from a cruise, swap meet or vacation. Please bring them to a meeting, email me or send it to me via the US mail.

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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Well, the swap meet has now come and gone and I am relieved that it is behind us.

As predicted, the move cost us at both the swap sales and at the gate. I would say to the tune of 25% overall. In fairness though, we had heavy rains Saturday afternoon which cleared the parking lot. So the one item we all fear came to pass. The rain. All things considered we are well in the green. I want to thank all of you that participated and in particular the committee heads that put the extra effort in.

Roger Hodyka and his crew for layout and setup of the swap field. Greg Petrovich and Jack Vongerichten for having the signs made up and set out. We had good feedback on the direction signs. Rob Martoia and crew for the car corral. Greg Covey and Jac Becroft and crew for the car show. Ron Nickerson and crew for field clean up. Stan Miller and crew for treasury & information, Gerald Murphy for saving us money on the security guard position and helping me on the vendor gate. We are planning adjustments to the overall show to iron out the wrinkles and get back to the levels we are used to. As swap meet chairman, I know now what has to be done to get our vendor space levels back to the norm we have experienced before our move.

We note the passing of long time member Don McCredie, On July 20th. See memorial elsewhere in this newsletter. We also note the passing of former member Patrick Will on July 28th. Patrick did not renew his membership in 2013 due to his illness.

Don't forget that at our September meeting on September 4th, Bob Kreipke will be speaking to us on the early Ford V8. Rod

Kurowski invited Mr. Kreipke in for his informative and interesting presentation.

Til next time
Bob Guetschow



Welcome New Members

John Strewe

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- 1969 Mercury Cougar XR7

Joe Asuchak

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- 1947 Mercury Coupe

Rick Hammer (Ann)

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- 1965 Ford Custom





CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 7th Club meeting

August 17th



Sunday, August 25th



and Annual Club Picnic

contact Bob Guetschow to reserve
your spot on the pavilion

September 4th Club Meeting

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Dues are \$25 before and \$30 after December 31st.
Please mail your dues in or pay at a meeting!

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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JULY 2013 FMRCOA MEETING MINTUES Wednesday, July 10, 2013



74 Members were at our July meeting

Bob started the meeting at 7:40 and the 74 members in attendance recited the pledge.

Welcome guests Allen Hill, a Packard historian, Timothy Logan and Pete Nicols who has a '63 Falcon.

Congratulations go to Don Staisil and Charles Warren who received their 25 year membership badges from Bob.

Stan read the treasurer's report which was approved with no questions or objections.

Bob updated the membership on the status of the swap meet and car show. Everything is moving forward, still selling spaces, etc.

Beth read the minutes for the June meeting. The minutes were approved as read with no questions or objections.

Pete Van Vrouwerff reports that his wife suffered a stroke in late June. Our thoughts are with Pete and his family. It is with great sadness we announce the passing of Tom Prosser. Tom had been a club member for 32 years.

Bob reports we have 290 members.

Roger is still looking for club related materials from our older members.

On June 30th the club met at Bakers for a club event. It was hot but it was nice under the shade tree that was secured early. About 11-12 members brought

their cars. Bob Haas suggested that Bob have a club banner available for these type of events to advertise our club. The rest of the members in attendance agreed.

There was still a need for helpers at the swap meet. Contact Tim and sign up!

Jeff Martoia showed us the work shirt. Blue work shirts with staff on the arm will be free to members who work a shift at the swap meet. Gray and white shirts with a new design are also available for \$12.

Make sure you bring your work card with you when reporting for your shift otherwise you will have to pay \$5 admission.

Greg Covey reports that he has 14 cars pre-registered for the car show. Hoping for more the day of the show.

Roger worked real hard on the field set up. He had UPS print out the layout for your convenience.

Rob Martoia reports on the car corral . It is in a grassy area near the car show. Should be better than the gravel we had at our old location.

Bob and the members continued the discussion of the swap meet. Want to be sure everyone has all the details.

The meeting continued with car talk and show and tell. The 50/50 raffle ended the meeting.



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FATE: Duesenberg was the best carmaker of its day—but it was probably also the worst run. The Duesenberg brothers were notoriously bad administrators. Chronic mismanagement, combined with the stock market crash of 1929, pushed the ailing company permanently into the red. It collapsed in 1937.



STARS AND THEIR CARS



William Powell admires Gary Coopers Duesy

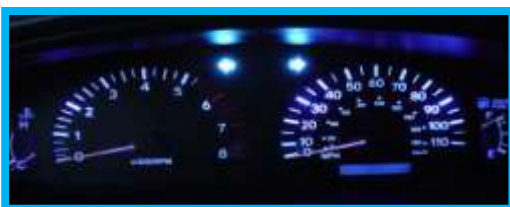


Brian's Tidbit: LED Dash Lights

Submitted by Brian Kuta

Don't get too enthralled about converting your dashboard lights over to LED's (light emitting diodes) replacing your factory incandescent bulbs. The reason for my statement is your need to consider that besides being considerable brighter, they remain bright because they do not dim via your dimmer switch, meaning they will either be 'bright on' or 'dark off' all of the time.

(Courtesy of Downriver Motorsport Wiring)



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Our featured advertiser this month is Classic Auto showplace in Troy, Michigan. David Clack is the owner and has been in business since 1984. David takes cars in on consignment and tries to market them at this beautiful showroom located behind Macy's at Oakland mall. Please give David a call if you can use his services.

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In Memoriam
Don McCredie
 July 26, 1939 - July 20, 2013

It is our solemn duty to announce the passing of long time member Don McCredie. Don was a member for 42 years and will be missed by all members who knew him. Don is survived by wife Helen, daughters Krista, Jennifer and Kimberly and five grandchildren. The club sent a donation to the American Cancer Society.



The History of the Apron,
Submitted by Brian Kuta

- ❖ The principal use of Grandma's apron was to protect the dress underneath because she only had a few and because it was easier to wash aprons than dresses and aprons required less material. But along with that, it served as a potholder for removing hot pans from the oven.
- ❖ It was wonderful for drying children's tears, and on occasion was even used for cleaning out dirty arms.
- ❖ From the chicken coop, the apron was used for carrying eggs, fussy chicks, and sometimes half-hatched eggs to be finished in the warming even.

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by
Lou Ironside

This month we have a postcard which was mailed in 1967 to Connecticut from Florida, which I found in a Michigan antique shop...there must be an interesting story there!! Anyway, it is a view



Clearwater Beach, Florida in 1967

of Clearwater Beach in Florida, and parked front and center is a 1961 Ford Galaxy four door hardtop the same colors as the one my mother had when I learned to drive. Since then I have always had a "soft-spot" for 1961 Fords, and at times wish I had another. There is also a 1953 Ford parked across the street and a 1957 Ford station wagon further down the road. In the photo there are quite a few cars, but not too many people are visible on the beach. They must all be under the umbrellas or in a restaurant.



The Roving Reporter:

Sort of a slow month for swap meets, one big one out of state and a couple small local ones. First, Iola, Wisconsin. This meet advertises 4,400 swap spaces, and I would guess that 95% were occupied. Although a long drive, it is a well-run swap meet that is worth attending; even if you only go once. There was an abundance of pre-war (WW II that is) parts and cars for sale. The

prices were more reasonable than Hershey, for similar items. The free parking is closer than the pay-to-park at Hershey, although for around \$10. You could park on someone's lawn right across from the entrance. Iola being a VERY small town, the closest motels are a 30 minute drive, but with virtually no congestion an easy drive. One thing I found very useful was that the Boy Scouts would haul parts for you for a small donation. This, came in very handy when I bought a complete set of seats for my sisters 41 Chevy Suburban about as far away from the van as you could get. That young fellow worked his tail off, and got a nice tip for himself after delivering the parts.

The other two swap meets both were on the same day, one at the old Packard Proving Ground, and the other at the Armada Flea Market. The one at Armada was pretty "light" on vendors, although one fellow I know got a couple good deals on some NOS parts. The other meet at the Packard Proving Ground was better attended and a friend who was selling that day said he did quite well.

In the next issue I will give my annual report on our FMRC swap meet which is only two days away as I write this. I am hoping for good weather, good crowds, and a much lighter truck when I go home!

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The History of the Apron, Continued from page 7

- ❖ When company came, those aprons were ideal hiding places for shy kids.
- ❖ And when the weather was cold, Grandma wrapped it around her arms.
- ❖ Those big old aprons wiped many a perspiring brow, bent over the hot wood stove. Chips and kindling wood were brought into the kitchen in that apron.
- ❖ From the garden, it carried all sorts of vegetables. After the peas had been shelled, it carried out the hulls.
- ❖ In the autumn, the apron was used to bring in apples that had fallen from the trees. When unexpected company drove up the road, it was surprising how much furniture that old apron could dust in a matter of seconds.
- ❖ When dinner was ready, Grandma walked out onto the porch, waved her apron, and the men folk knew it was time to come in from the fields to dinner.
- ❖ It will be a long time before someone invents something that will replace that 'old-time apron' that served so any purposes.

REMEMBER:

Grandma used to set her hot baked apple pies on the window sill to cool. Her granddaughters get theirs on the window sill to thaw.

The Govt. would go crazy now trying to figure out how many germs were on that apron.

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Front Logo



Bill Coombe shared more of his extensive foreign license plate collection.

Linda Nickerson brought in this clever Model A wrench "bug".



Mark also shared with the membership a Ford Racing banner (not pictured) that was given to the cub by Jon Clor from Ford Racing.



STARS AND THEIR CARS



Bing Crosby giving rides around the studio lot in his 1939 Olds coupe convertible



JULY CLASSIFIEDS



- PRE MOVING SALE. September 8th & 9th. Flathead and small block Ford engines and parts; manual and automatic flathead transmissions; C4, AOD, T5 transmissions; 40's chassis and driveline parts; 8" and 9" Ford axles; 1940 sheet metal; lots of Flacon parts. I suggest calling ahead to make sure I actually managed to find everything. Lou Williams. 18115 Middlebelt, Livonia. 734-522-2548.
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