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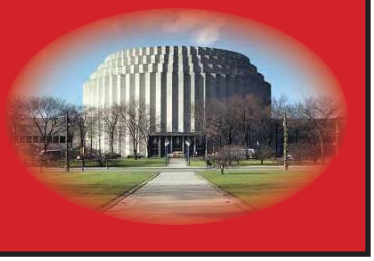

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Thank You to the Kiwanis, fine job with the food!

We all owe a **"THANK YOU"** to these folks for their hard work at the 2015 Swap Meet and Car Show. My Thanks to them and all who passed out flyers and helped in any way.

OUR CLUB IS ONLY AS SUCCESSFUL AS THE PARTICIPATION OF ALL THE MEMBERS.

-Tim

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President's Message

JULY 2015

July was a busy month. We made plans and carried them out to have a successful Swap MEET.

I would like to THANK EVERYONE that helped FMRCOA this year, not just the Swap Meet but in every task that presents its self in FMRCOA "THANK YOU"!

The Board will be meeting to assess to the things done right and wrong that we control and we will discuss them at a meeting with the members. This year's Swap Meet was successful but we need to strive for greater success and reward for the club.

September will be car hood ornaments and Moto meters on display. Bring a hood ornament and a good story and present it to the club. Winners will receive a small gift for the best.

August will bring the Hines Park Dream Cruse. We will be at the same pavilion across for Nankin Mills. We will have food and drinks for members and families as well as Boogie Brian playing 50's 60's music. Come early enjoy a cruse in the park, lunch and members. We will have a sign-up sheet at the next meeting. This cruse is unique (only classics and antiques) no tourists!

WE need members for a number of helpful jobs, consider volunteering. When we all get involved we meet new people share experiences, we grow as a club.

Enjoy the summer, be safe, and enjoy your car, with your family and friends!

-TIM

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AUGUST CALENDAR OF EVENTS

8-1 RED BARN SHOW GILMORE MUSEUM

8-1 COLUMBUS CAR SHOW • LANSING

8-1 LECONCOURS DE LIVINGSTON • PICKNEY

8-1 MOTOR CITY HEAT • WIXOM

8-2 TRAFFIC JAM CAR SHOW • TROY

8-4 FMRCOA AUGUST CLUB MEETNG

8-8 CORVETTES AMERICA • CLARKSTON

8-8 HEAVENLY CRUZ CAR SHOW • BRIGHTON

8-8 DOWNTOWN UTICA CAR SHOW

8-8 LINCOLN MOTOR CAR MEET AT GILMORE

8-8/9 CLASSIC CAR SHOW • OAK PARK

8-9 MIDNIGHT MADNESS CAR SHOW • MACOMB

8-11 BACK TO THE BRICKS • FLINT

8-14/15/16 NASCAR TRUCKS AND SPRINT CUP RACES MIS SPEEDWAY BROOKLYN

8-15 WOODWARD DREAM CRUISE

8-15 ARCA –CRA LATE MODEL 125 LAP RACE FLAT ROCK SPEEDWAY

8-16 CRUZIN' FLAT ROCK

8-16 MUSTANG MEMORIES • DEARBORN

8-16 MICHIGAN CLASSIC CAR SHOW • HAZEL PARK

8-22 WARREN CHARITY CAR SHOW. FREEDOM HILL • WARREN

8-22 RIDE FOR THE RED SHIELD {SALVATION ARMY} • PLYMOUTH

8-23 CRUZIN' HINES HINES PARK CRUISE

8-23 FMRCOA CLUB PICNIC DURING HINES PARK CRUISE

8-25 THRU 8-29 CHELSEA FAIRGROUNDS 78TH ANNUAL FAIR WITH DEMOLITION DERBIES AND TRACTOR PULLS

YOUR CAR!

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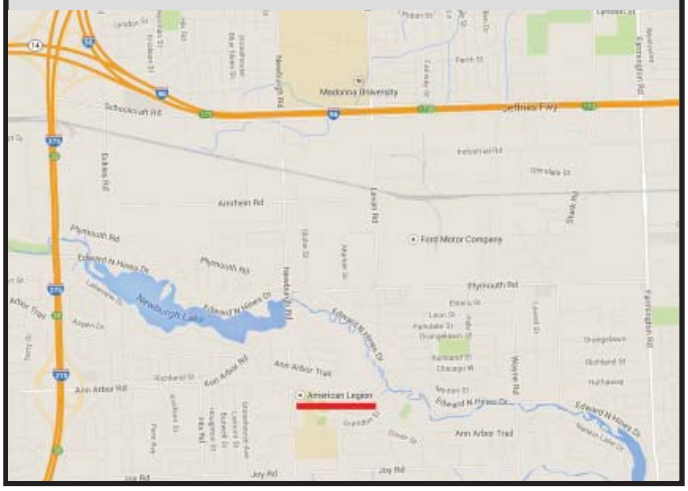
Meetings are on the first Tuesday of each month and begin at 6:30pm with a snack.

DO BRING A FRIEND!



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July 2015

FMRCOA MEETING MINUTES

July 7, 2015

- The Rain passed and we grilled in the lot again.
- After the Pledge, President Tim again urged members to sign up for a shift at our Dearborn 2015 event and to distribute some fliers in these last few weeks prior to the Big Show.
- Tim informed members about a new Joe Gibbs product gas additive to stave off the bad effects of alcohol gas. Several gas stations were referenced where they sell regular ethonal- free gas.
- Director Bob T. was selling Dearborn 2015 tshirts.
- Feature Vehicle articles are needed. Sharing your FOMOCO stories is the purpose of the newsletter.
- See Tim if interested in joining the Club Food Committee or risk meals be discontinued.
- Swap Meet details were gone over and VP Jim brought in 2015 Car Show Trophies for viewing.
- Newsletter was out and Web updated.
- Treasurer Stan gave his report.
- Director Bob G. remembered founding member Jim Scott.
- Bob Assenmacher brought in a photo of his car taken by Jim Scott as he was not only the man who ran the ad forming the FMRCOA but was its unofficial photographer.
- Bob G. called Boogie Brian for Sunday.
- Director Don brought in his trailer for donated parts to sell at Dearborn 2015.
- More Swap Meet talk was followed by Car Talk.
- Bob Assenmacher began with Book Talk referencing our recent Guest Speaker/author Henry Dominguez.
- Bob Haas was asked about his youtube video about restoring his Daughter's 1979 Capri.
- A Club tour of Ypsilanti museums and private car collection was floated to the members, but not one member raised his hand in interest.
- Carburetor repair and remaining Carburetor repair shops were discussed.
- Show and Tell was an old 1959 Wyandotte 4th of July parade flag sporting just 49 Stars.
- 50/50.
- Adjourn 8:35pm

COLE GRANDY'S INDIAN MOTORCYCLE

MEETING PICTURES

CLASSIC CAR BROUGHT TO MEETING

GRILLING

SOME OF THE ITEMS FOR SALE IN THE PARKING LOT

EATING

BOARD TABLE DURING MEETING

THE INTERESTED MEMBERSHIP AT THE JULY MEETING

July 2015

FMRCOA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

June 23, 2015

- All Board members present.
- We started off the meeting with finalizing the last diecast car needed for Dearborn 2015 Trophies.
- Club member Gerald Murphy volunteered to be security at this years Chelsea event with the Club purchasing his Camping pass for the weekend. Mr. Murphy has done security for us several times.
- Stan and Tim discussed insurance liabilities and coverage for the FMRCOA.
- Bob G. was tasked with contacting Boogie Brian for confirmation about DJ gig during our car show on Sunday.
- Jim Crawford will run Car Show.
- Stan requested help to confirm ads are run in papers and magazines that we have paid for.
- Only one member expressed interest in the Club meeting food committee.
- Membership needs to step up and participate or risk the meeting meal being discontinued.
- Don and Bob will bring trailer to July meeting to collect unwanted scrap parts to sell for Club during next months swap meet.
- Last year, Hank Dawson put on model car and sign show activities at the fall meetings. This fall we will hold a Hood Ornament/ Motor Meter contest plus take membership ideas for an additional meeting activity.
- Monthly Club Tours ideas are welcome by the board too.
- Bob T. brought up an idea to hang Dearborn 2015 event t-shirts at several locations about the Chelsea Fairground to promote t-shirt sales. He confirmed prices to add to these displays.
- Bob G. is working on membership roster.
- Jim received Eagle One product for our car show grab bags. Any donations are welcome by Jim.

SHOW & TELL

This a diecast car promoting the Dearborn 2015 Show. “a rejected trophy car”

SHOW & TELL CONT.

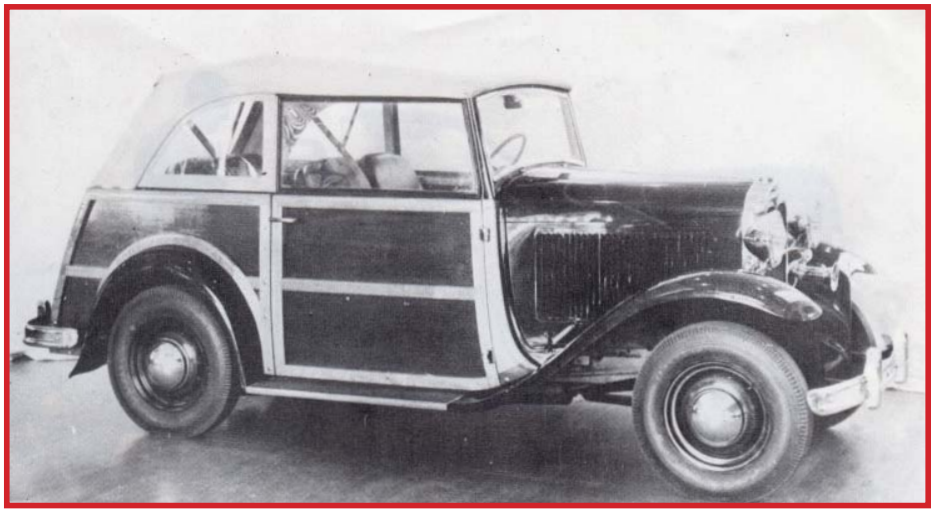
A 49 star flag from 1959 wyandotte july 4th parade the 49 star flag was used only in 1959 between time Alaska joined the US and the Hawaii in 1960. there were 2 patterns for the stars #1 7 down and 7 across the 7x7 pattern or the #2 patern as seen in the photo of the 4 star then 3 star pattern repeated 7 times = 49. Although only used for a short official period of time these flags can still be produced today and the value therefore is quite minimal.

This a picture of Bob Assenmacher’s Car taken by Jim Scott who was the man who ran the ad to form the FMRCOA in 1969 as well as the club’s unofficial first photographer.

POSTCARDS FROM THE PAST

by

Lou Ironside



It is billed as the last Model "A" ever built, and after over 40 years of being out of sight in a private collection, it is now on display at the Model "A" Ford Museum in the Gilmore complex at Red Barns. In 1947 there was a new Model "A" chassis in the Ford engineering lab, and a custom body was built for it using parts from virtually every year ford up to that time. The body and fenders are 1930 Ford, as is the chassis. The bumpers are from a 1941 Ford, the wheels from a 1940, and the hood is custom made to fit between the 1930 Grill shell and the highly modified Model "A" cowl which has a 1941 dashboard. This "odd-ball" Ford was given to Henry Ford II and used at his hunting lodge in upstate New York. Sometime in the mid 1950's it was sold into private hands and has since been hidden in a Ford collection in Tennessee ever since. The Model "A" Ford Museum has made special arrangements to have this car on display for a couple months at the museum. Where, also on display is Model "A" Ford # 1 which was originally given to Thomas Edison. On September 19th is the annual Model "A" Day at the museum, and it is one of those probably "never to happen again" opportunities to see not only the first Model "A"…but the last as well, and oh yes, several hundred restored cars that will show up to celebrate the Model "A".

ROVING REPORTER

Only one swap meet to report on this month: the Old Cars magazine swap meet in Iola, Wisconsin. Although a fairly long drive, I have been attending this meet on and off for nearly 40 years. There are three of us that make the trek through the Upper Peninsula of Michigan and into central Wisconsin, and it is a peaceful scenic drive. The swap meet is advertised as 4,400 spaces, but this year I would estimate that nearly 400 of them were empty. Also, on Thursday the crowds were fairly light however on Friday the crown was much bigger. It seems many of the vendors leave on Friday evening as there were plenty of signs telling us to "buy now, will be gone tomorrow". There were plenty of old Ford parts at the meet, but sheet metal was few and far between. Also, there were fewer project cars for sale on the grounds. If you wanted wheels for a Model "A" it seemed that every vendor had at least two! One thing you can count on at Iola is hot humid weather…. and this year did not disappoint us….it was HOT! If you like swap meets, you should put Iola on your "bucket list" and go at least once.

BRIAN'S TIP
OIL SLICKS

In my last article I did forget to mention that engine oil also cools engine parts. When the correct oil is flowing properly throughout the engine, it does the job of maintaining an even operating temperature, along with the coolant, in the engine. Oil is the life blood of our engines, and besides the tasks it performs that I've mentioned before, it also stops those horrible grinding noises of metal to metal. Oil also suspends silicon oxide and acid during the engine's operation, and also keeps to a minimum the exposure of internal parts to oxygen, thus preventing oxidation at high temperatures.

I am sure most everybody has their own idea of what the labels on new oil means, but to make sure I'll mention a couple facts here. In my '98 F-150, the one you see at the meetings with 187,000+ on it's odometer, I've kept it pure stock, and have only ran the recommended oil FoMoCo suggests. The Motorcraft synthetic blend viscosity recommended is 5W-30, so let us talk about that for a moment to make sure we're all on the same page. The number before the 'W' is the equivalent cold viscosity of a single stage oil, so it will behave like a single grade '5' weight oil when the engine is cold, but won't provide the necessary lubrication needed when the engine is hot because it remains '5' weight. The number after the 'W' is the equivalent hot viscosity of a single grade '30' oil, and therefore behaves like a single grade '30' weight oil when the engine is hot. Now you can see the benefits of multi grade oil, because if you put 5 weight in the engine it will start great, but will be way too thin to provide adequate lubrication once the engine gets up to heat. Using a straight 30 weight oil would make the engine harder to start, putting a strain on starters and other parts and not allowing oil to quickly get to the moving parts that need lubrication upon starting, but would be adequate once the engine is up to temperature.

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