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Feature Article THE NEW FORD FOR 1940!

by Bill Timoszyk



The 1940 Ford is the featured car for the FMRC Dearborn 2016 Car Show and Swap Meet. And the 1940 is a good one to be so honored. I am sure that many current members either own or have owned a 40 Ford through the years. Countless others have stories about the 40 Ford their parents, relatives, neighbors or friends once owned.

F ord V-8 cars have been in demand for rebuilding (original or otherwise) for decades. The 1940 is one of 2 years (the other being 1932), that a total metal reproduction body is being produced today on a consistent basis. That alone speaks tons for its desirability.

Introduced on Sept 29, 1939, Ford designer Bob Gregorie dressed up the 39 Ford design with new grille, hood, and stainless trim that was an immediate hit with the public. Some body styles were reconfigured; 4 door convertibles were out, 2 door, 5 passenger convertibles were in. The coupe line was expanded to include an "Opera Coupe" version. This had the addition of jump seats in the rear compartment. Engine & Drivetrain were basically unchanged from 39, with the exception of the shifting apparatus. It was now column mounted. For the economy minded, the 60 HP engine was available in any Standard except station wagons. Otherwise 85 HP ruled. The 1940 Ford had several "Firsts" for the Ford line, some obvious, some not. Most of us are aware of the sealed beam headlights, vent windows, column shift, dual dashboard ashtrays, and so on. Lest we forget the "Slide Rule" speedometer, and the disc wheels, yes disc wheels. 1940 was the 1st year Ford produced a car with a solid steel wheels, not a wood, wire, or an artillery type wheel.

1940 was the first year Ford assembled Ford's own wood station wagon bodies. In prior years Ford manufactured the wood components at their Iron Mountain factory, and shipped them to the Budd Company for assembly. The Ford boys had some better ideas, changed the rear doors to front hinged (non-suicide) and built a better body, cheaper and faster. Lucky for us Ford lovers, Ford built 11,000 woodies, versus Chevrolet's 985.

One thing about 1940 Fords; When a 40 Deluxe pulls up in front of you, you know exactly what it is, and what a beautiful piece of rolling history it is. It was a very good year.





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JUNE 2016 HAPPY SUMMER!!!



Barbecue is on, FMRCOA will be cooking outside for the next few months (except if it rains) so drive your car and bring your appetite and enjoy. Seeing we are all out in the parking lot, if a member cares to sell items feel free.

The 2016 Swap Meet is falling into place, only a few small matters to work out and by then it will be July 16th. We are waiting for products from Eagle as we have in the past. I have tried their wax and detailer and was very pleased with the performance. The detailer worked better than my longtime favorite. We had a reorder of flyers and they will be at the next meeting. Please pass them out, there are still important events coming up.

From all the reports coming back, cruses and swap meets are being well attended, up, over the last few years so please, whenever and wherever let's keep talking up our swap meet and passing out flyers for it.

 $T_{\rm O}$ everyone that has been writing, working, planning or supporting the efforts of fellow members

I want to say "THANK YOU" very much.

Keep in mind the Hines Cruse coming in August.

Enjoy the summer and keep an eye out for a young family person to IMPRINT!!!!!

-TIM



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1930 Ford 2-Door Sedan 1936 Ford 4-Door Touring Sedan 1966 Ford Mustang GT



^{*}Based on 10/2015 Total New Vehicle MTD Sales per Great Lakes Retail All Dealers Report.



JULY 5^{TH} FMRCOA CLUB MEETING **8TH ROLLING SCULPTURE CAR SHOW** ANN ARBOR 9TH COVETTES AT THE SUMMIT CANTON **9TH WAYNE ROAD CRUISE** 11TH THE 16TH ANNUAL AUTISM CAR SHOW GARDEN CITY MIDDLE SCHOOL 15TH FMRCOA BELLEVILLE FRIDAY NIGHT CRUISE 16TH FMRCOA DEARBORN 2016 23RD OPC CLASSIC/MUSCLE CAR SHOW ROCHESTER 23RD MIDLAND CLASSIC CAR SHOW/ AUCTION 23RD JAMMIN AT THE JUNCTION ROSEVILLE 23RD EASY RODDER 39TH ANNUAL CAR SHOW PACKARD PROVING GROUNDS 25TH PONTIAC WATERFORD ELKS CAR SHOW 28TH - 31ST CONCOURSE DE ELEGANCE PLYMOUTH **30TH GILMOE MUSEUM MOPAR SWAP MEET** 30^{TH} R E OLDS MUSEUM CAPITAL CAR SHOW LANSING **30TH RM AUCTION PLYMOUTH 30TH THE 17TH ANNUAL RODDERS BY** THE BAY • LAKE ST CLAIR



he 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 **AMERICAN LEGION POST 32**

9318 Newburgh Rd. • Livonia, MI 48150 Between Plymouth and Joy Roads

This is a great facility where we had our last dinner dance. It has large parking lot (to the south) enabling club cars to easily park together.

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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JUNE 2016 FMRCOA MEETING MINUTES June 7, 2016

- After the mini Swap meet held in the lot, we had 85 present including Toot's Daughter Debbie and a guest canine Jacolby.
- President Tim allowed Debbie to speak and she asked for help putting a value on Toot's 1929 & 1933 Pickups. Also Toot's had a large collection of model airplanes. Roger Hodyka spoke with her.
- Tim asked everyone to get the fliers passed out. We also had Friday Night Cruise fliers too.
- The membership were urged to attend Varsity Ford Jackson Cruise in support of our Dearborn 2016 Sponsor. Also, our American Legion meeting hall starts their Thursday night parking lot shows.
- Mark and Stan gave reports.
- QPS Printing closed but merged to a new printer in Depot Town. Some newsletters were not received by the club meeting even though they were mailed out a week early.
- The Club's Trailer needed a new set of tires for the move from Chelsea to Belleville.
- Car Talk started with question about leaded gas. Next members requested a separate parking area at Dearborn 2016 Car Show for members who drive their Classics to show just like in the past. A Show of hands meant the FMRCOA will have a good turn out for the Motor Muster. A member related his Detroit Grand Prix experience. Stabil 360 and E85 gas were brought up. And Epson Salt to extend car battery life as seen on You Tube rounded out discussion.
- Bill Timoszyk had a 1936 Junk Peddlers Plate and Ford Philco Speakers for Show and Tell. 50/50 Adjourn 8:45 for a one hour meeting.



JUNE FMRCOA MEETING





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50/50 CLOTHING DONATED BY HANK DAWSON'S WIDOW BROUGHT IN BY BOB HAAS



JUNE 2016 FMRCOA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

- Held at President Tim's home with all Board members present.
- VP Jim gave Treasurer Stan receipts for Car Show Trophy / Plaques purchases.
- President Tim went through a final checklist for Dearborn 2016 and all is in order.
- Reimbursement for 2 Camping spots and overnight Security was dealt with for Jack and Gerry.
- QPS Printer was our newsletter printer has merged with another Company near Depot Town. Our Editor Karen will continue Edit the Rotundra Times unless a Club member wishes to volunteer to do it.
- Treasurer Stan made a point that admission should be \$7 if paid in Canadian currency at Dearborn 2016.
- T shirts for Dearborn 2016 were done and available for sale at June Club meeting. Board set pricing again at Members \$10 to \$12 larger sizes and General Public \$15 to 17.
- Dearborn 2016 hours are 7 am until 6 pm.
- Hines Park Cruise and annual Club picnic details were discussed including other Ford Clubs and Food.
- The Membership will be Asked to Post local Craigslist Ads as additional advertising for Dearborn 2016.
- Vintage Motors USA invited FMRCOA members to their parking area at the Wilson Barn Show.
- Club membership stands at 210 presently slightly down from last years 236.
- Lastly, Secretary Mark asked for Bylaws clarification as to Board term limits. The new Bylaws took effect in 2015. All present Board members are considered to be in their first term and are eligible for a second term. President, Secretary and 2 Directors positions are up this year.

Hemplian Patrick "Pat" O'Hara



Patrick "Pat" Joseph O'Hara of Chepstow passed away on Monday, May 30th, 2016 at South Bruce Grey Health Centre, Walkerton. He was 75

Beloved husband of Rosemary (nee Ziolokowski). Loving father of Michael (Dawn) of Dearborn

Heights, MI and Theresa of Walkerton. Cherished grandfather of Lawrence, Rebekah, Thomas, Steven, Paige, Grace and Claire. Remembered by his aunts Grace Giesler, Helen Schmidt and Vera Schmidt.

Pat was predeceased by his grandson Joseph Peter; brothers Joseph and Daniel (Judy) and parents Earl and Nettie (nee Schmidt) O'Hara.



MOTOR MUSTER PICTURES

by Lou Ironside

Only two swap meets to report on this month, and like many of the swap meets, these are slowly heading downhill. First the Midland Antiques Market. This originally was just an automotive swap meet, then the antiques came in, and slowly the automotive portion became less and less. This year I would have to say they lost about one-third of the vendors that were there last year. Most of the parts were late model, and early Ford stuff was virtually nonexistent. Basically I go to this meet because the wife likes the antiques portion, if it wasn't for that, I would cross this one off my list. The second meet was the Cars are the Stars meet in Utica. Many years ago this was the Carnival of Cars, and one of the premier meets in Michigan. When that meet died off, several groups tried to resurrect the meet, but had to use a different name since the club with put on the Carnival of Cars still owned the "rights" to the name. No matter what they have done, or tried to do, they just can't get this meet going. The swap meet was small, the vendors were scattered around in no particular order, however, there were actually a few older Ford parts, so I guess you could say all was not lost on

PLATE FROM THE PAST

I had planned on using this in the May issue due to Memorial Day, but somehow forgot. So, with 4th of July approaching, will use this plate to remember our veterans. The plate in the photo was my maternal grandparents, and was typical of what you found on an automobile during and after WWII and then into the Korean War era. There are three blue stars which indicate their two sons: Charles and Donald Barnett,



and my father William Ironside (who was their son-in-law). The gold star is for their son Louis Barnett who was shot down over France in 1944 while flying a P-51 Mustang. We must never forget the veterans who gave so much for our country... THANK YOU for your service !

BRIAN S TIP Overheating Chat Line

I think I would like to talk about engines overheating in this issue. The reason I want to talk about it is so I can think out loud, and hopefully get some responses from the readers of this newsletter. My email address is readily available in the Rotunda Times, and I am not kidding about asking for your opinions. I am now going to list some of the things that will make an engine overheat, and if I miss anything shoot me a note.

Cooling system inadequate / core plugs bashed into the block by uncaring rebuilders / water pump impeller incorrect / water pump impeller rusted away / wrong pulley on water pump / wrong pulley on crankshaft / head gaskets on incorrectly / block bored out too much / no fan shroud / fan not half way into the shroud as it should be / fan clutch gone away / incorrect fan / timing set too high / engine running too lean / torque converter stall too high / exhaust restricted / radiator hoses collapsing or deteriorating / coolant passages plugged / thermostat stuck closed or partially closed / and now it's your turn to add to this list

One car is a '69 Cougar XR7 convertible, an original 351W that is now a 395W. The car has aluminum heads that help cooling, a C-4 with a 3,500 stall converter, and a 4:11 traction-lock rear gear with a Gear Vendors overdrive. The car is fine when moving, but traffic just wants to send that heat gauge to the moon.

The other car is a '70 Cougar Eliminator, a 428FE that is now a 435FE. This car has aluminum heads that help cooling, the top loader four speed is on the garage floor because we replaced it with a TKO 600 five speed. The rear gear is also a 4:11 traction lock, and this car does the same thing, it's good when moving, but wants to overheat when in traffic.





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FMRCOA P.O. Box 2938 • Dearborn, MI 48123

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Just search Ford and Mercury Restorers Club of America to post your photos and comments. Network fellow club members and invite your friends to share on Facebook.

HEARING MY CORVETTE WHILE ON GUARD DUTY by Loren Moore

In 1961 or '62 a friend of mine had a small portable tape recorder. He called me up one evening and said, "Let me record your Corvette from inside the car, blasting down the road in all four gears." I said, "Okay, lets do it tonight." I had a '60 Corvette, fuel injection 290 hp, four speed and had cutouts put on the exhaust pipes. I took the removable hardtop off so we could really hear it.

One of my favorite roads with hardly any traffic at the time was the Southfield service drive going north from Michigan Ave. to Hubbard Dr. in Dearborn. I floored it winding through all four gears. My friend would even put the microphone outside the car. I hit a 120 mph, we played it back and it was a good recording. The fastest I ever had the car was 140 mph. Once was enough for me, scared me. Barely touched the steering wheel and it wanted to wander.

Go forward to Christmas '65. I am in Vietnam. I got a little package from my friend Norman who recorded my car. I had mentioned in a letter home that a lot of guys had four track reel to reel tape players they ordered from the P.X. We were at Kontum Advisers Camp, only a hundred of us there at any given time. We were 15 miles from the Cambodian border and the Ho Chi Min Trail. Supposely 10,000 North Vietnamese troops came down that trail a month. We could see it being bombed and we had tracer fire overhead every night. Thirty Viet Cong were killed outside our wire one night. Everyone took their turn pulling guard duty, three nights a week, four hours at a time.

The little Christmas package from Norman was the tape recording of my Corvette blasting down Southfield service drive. There was one kid there that was car crazy. I told him about the tape. He said let me hear it on my player. He played it and went crazy over it! He said, "Let me have this for a few days, I love the sound of that." I said, "Okay."

One night I was walking guard duty from Midnight to 4 a.m. I am just starting to walk my post and all of a sudden I hear my Corvette blasting through our compound! That kid knew I was out there on guard and turned up that four track stereo tape player full blast and I swear it sounded like my Corvette was right there going through all four gears! I talked to him the next day. I said, "That really sounded great!" He said, I knew you were out there and would enjoy it! It was great and a weird place to hear it, but I did enjoy it!

The International Ford Retractable Club is having its 45th National Convention in Frankenmuth, MI July 19-22, 2016.

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