



THE FRANKLIN LINE

HHFC MIDWEST REGION NEWSLETTER

FALL 2018

Greetings Franklin Friends,

I hope everyone had a great touring season this past year and your cars were running in tiptop shape.

We just finished our Meet in Pipestone, MN. It was one great meet and I'm sure all that were there had a super time. We visited the Pipestone National Monument, a firetruck factory, a very neat windmill collection, and more tractors than anybody could ever think possible.

Sunday morning we woke up to three inches of snow on the cars. It was a very nerve racking drive for the first thirty miles in the Olympic, but the four Franklins forged right on through. Thanks to Jason Newby and Angie Muller for putting on a GREAT Meet!

In this issue, Roy Nelson continues his history of our Region. Thanks Roy! I am looking forward to the rest of the story.

Spring of 2019 we adjusted the meet dates to May 24 thru May 26. We are going to West Virginia, with Geri and Bill Eby hosting, what I'm sure will be an outstanding meet.

Fall of 2019 Barb and Tom Chandler will be hosting in the Northeast corner of Iowa in some very beautiful country along the Mississippi.

Spring of 2020 will bring us back to the Air Cooled Gathering.

We are working on something very special for the Fall 2020 meet that will take us to some amazing places in our Region.

It sure is nice to have some meets planned for the future I always look forward to seeing all my Franklin friends.

If anyone has ideas for a meet please let me know, we have been to a lot of places and it has probably been a long time since we were in your back yard.

Don't forget we have our very own Midwest Franklin Club shirts available from an embroiderer in Minnesota, they have our artwork and they have picked out some very nice shirts for us to choose from. Info is included in this issue of the line on how to work direct with the company, Bagyo. I hear several of you are already showing off your new apparel.

That's all for now. Feel free to contact me, Joan or Jeff if you are interested in hosting a meet in your area, PLEASE help us keep this great Region active and strong.

Thanks, and have a Happy and Safe Holiday Season

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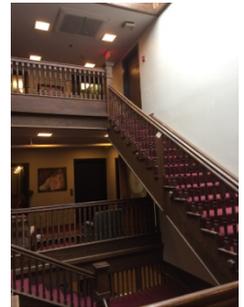
Franklin Fall Meet in Pipestone, MN

By Angie Muller and Jason Newby

Thank you to all who attended and helped prepare for a successful Midwest Region 2018 Fall Meet in Pipestone, MN, October 10-13, 2018. A special thank you to John and Jean McCallum for not only allowing us to see their car collection and their home but for also arranging the Saturday tours. Also, a special thank you to Stan and Kate Stutheit for suggesting the Thursday morning tour and John Moss for arranging several tours on the spur of the moment.

Wednesday

The Franklin Fall Meet started with a bang Wednesday night when it was snowing as the group got to Pipestone, MN. Everyone who had arrived met in the lounge and it was decided to eat next door at the **Pizza Ranch** while waiting for the rest of group to get there. While picking up more food, John Moss started a conversation with Joe the manager of Pizza Ranch. Joe told John that there was an old brothel above the Pizza Ranch that at one time had been connected to the **Calumet Hotel** where we were staying. John will not reveal how this conversation came to be, but he was able to talk Joe into allowing us to tour the brothel the next day with the only requirement being that it had to be during the daylight. Then Joe came in to tell us about how the brothel was haunted and at night the sound of spurs could be heard walking across the floor and how even the County Deputies would not go up there anymore. We found out that the Paranormal Weekend in Pipestone was happening at the same time as our meet. This made it even more exciting as ghost stories of the Calumet were talked about. The hotel is 130 years old and has had two fires during those years. In one of those fires, Charlie, the person in Room 308, was killed and he haunts the hotel to this day. Barb Ohnert, who was in room 307 swears she heard noises through the night coming from room 308.



Thursday

Thursday morning, the group gathered in the lounge for the driver's meeting before heading to Renner, SD to see the **Heiman Fire Trucks**. There were 5 Franklins, 1 Hudson and 1 Chevy pickup on this cold but beautiful morning. The group was split in two for the tour. It is



amazing the machines that are

needed to cut and bend metal. After that tour, the group gathered at **Safari Bar & Grill** to enjoy good food and company before heading to **Dell Rapids, SD** to see the falls. After the falls they headed back to Pipestone to walk through the old brothel above the Pizza Ranch before splitting up to enjoy dinner in small groups. To go along with the Paranormal weekend, Joan Hasslen told us about a dream she had where she got up to go to the restroom and when she came back there was a ghost at the foot of the bed that was saying Psalms 23 over and over. The ghost then told her to join in and say it too, so she did since she decided any ghost quoting the bible could not be a bad ghost.

Friday

Friday morning, a group of 6 Franklins and 1 Chevy pickup gathered at the **Pipestone National Monument** for a guided tour. The guide, Natalie, was an excellent source of information on the land, rocks and history of the Monument. She told the group that this was the only active monument that not only allows rock to be removed from the premises but also bears the responsibility to ensure that the Native American religion and culture is maintained. This is because of a treaty signed back in the 1800s that stated the Native Americans could use the quarries to



mine for Pipestone rock that is used in their ritual pipes. After a wonderful lunch at **Lange's Café** in Pipestone, the group then went to the **County Museum** to find out more information on the history of Pipestone before getting a tour of the old **Masonic Lodge** building. Then it was off to the **Pipestone Water tower** that is made completely of concrete. **John McCallum**, from Pipestone, was kind enough to share his collection of cars that included a Franklin, a Studebaker pickup, a Packard and two Hudsons. The ladies also got a tour of the McCallum house that included a beautiful greenhouse that stays around 50 degrees all winter. The group again split into smaller groups to enjoy dinner before meeting up in the lounge area to enjoy some social interaction.

Saturday

Saturday morning everyone gathered in the lounge area to go over the driver details. The first stop on the schedule was the **Rodman Windmill Farm** that included a replica of a Dutch windmill as well as a Spanish windmill. There were windmills from all over the world and some were patented back in the 1800s. There were wood and metal windmills, three legged, four legged and even a couple single legs. There was one that had 2 heads that could pull 600 gals of water a minute for irrigation purposes. Amazingly, there was one that the owner could sit in the gear box and have the cover put back on – it was that huge. Lunch on Saturday was at the **Tally Ho Koffee House** in Edgerton, MN. After eating, the group went over to the **Van Ruler's farm** to look at their tractor collection. The Van Ruler Bros have 300 tractors, a shop wall full of toy tractors as well as a basement full of 1/8 scale size tractor toys. This was an interesting tour for those who enjoy tractors. The banquet was held at the **Calumet** and the food was excellent. The night ended in the lounge where more social interaction was had before bringing the meet to a close.

Sunday

Sunday morning, the group woke up to several inches of snow which made the drive home a little more difficult than it needed to be. Luckily, the snow only happened during the travel days and the meet days were pleasant if not a little cool.

There were Six Franklin cars as well as two other cars and a total of 25 people joined in for the meet.

Cars:

- 1926 11A Coupe
- 1929 135 Sedan
- 1931 153 Sedan
- 1932 163 Club Sedan
- 1933 18A Olympic Sedan
- 1933 18B Olympic Sedan
- 1954 Hudson Hornet Convertible
- 1955 2nd Series Chevrolet Pickup

- John and Jean McCallum
- John Moss
- Tom Rasmussen
- Jeff and Joan Hasslen
- Dean and Cinda Dorholt
- Eric and Sue Swenson
- John and Jean McCallum
- Stan and Kate Stutheit



Our Host and Hostess!

Attendees:

- Bill Fields, KY
- Dennis and Linda Radford, MO
- Gary and Barbara Ohnstad, SD
- Jason Newby and Angie Muller, NE
- John and Jean McCallum, MN
- Phil and Pam Weisenbarger, OH
- Stan and Kate Stutheit, NE
- Tom Rasmussen, MN

- Dean and Cinda Dorholt, MN
- Eric and Sue Swenson, MN
- Greg Drufke, IN
- Jeff and Joan Hasslen, MN
- John Moss, NE
- Roy Nelson, IL
- Tom and Ann Kleinschmidt, IL



Franklins all in a row – Pipestone Water Tower!

BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES – OCTOBER 13, 2018

Fall Meet, Pipestone, MN

A) Call to Order: President Dean Dorholt began the meeting with thanks to our hosts Jason Newby and Angie Muller. All in attendance expressed appreciation with applause and whistles.

B) Recognition: Attending a Midwest Meet for the first time: Angie Muller. “My first time AND host!”
Brought their Franklin to the Meet: Dean & Cinda Dorholt, Jeff & Joan Hasslen, John & Jean McCallum, John Moss (driven by Jason Newby & Angie Muller), Tom Rasmussen, Eric & Sue Swenson. **DROVE their Franklin to the meet:** Dean and Cinda, Jeff and Joan, John and Jean, Tom, Eric and Sue. Angie commented that she and Jason (who live in Syracuse, NE) drove the '24 from her Dad's place in Pipestone. **DROVE their Franklin the furthest to attend:** Tom Rasmussen – 212+ miles. **Traveled the furthest to attend:** Phil and Pam Weisenbarger – 1800 miles; Bill Fields - 1142 miles by plane. Then he rode with Tom Rasmussen in his 1931.

C) Host Report, Jason Newby and Angie Muller: Jason thanked everyone for coming. “It was a good meet because you all came. John McCallum deserves credit for his help. It was a better meet because of him.” (John arranged windmill tour and tractor collection stop.) Jason also expressed appreciation to John Moss for the “brothel tour” and John McCallum and John Moss for the tour of the Masonic Lodge. Angie added that Terry Rodman (windmill Tour) has serious health issues. “It was totally amazing he would spend time with us.” After attendees sign thank you cards, Angie will send to all who hosted the tours. (Secretary adds: There were 6 Franklins and 25 participants from 8 states - IL, IN, KY, MN, MO, NE, OH, & SD. See the complete Meet report in this issue of *The Line*.)

D) Secretary's Report: We currently have **128 Region members** - more than we've had in several years! Our newest members are: Konnie Kuiper, Highland, IN, with a 1926 Sedan; Lee and Junie Webb, Bakersfield, CA with a 1905, 1906, 1915, 1927, two '29s, and a 1931; Paul Jacobs, Libertyville,

IL, with a 1931 Deluxe Sedan. Mr. Kuiper and Mr. Jacobs are also new HHFC members.

E) Treasurer: As of Oct. 2, our balance is **\$ 1,246.22**. Dues are still \$5.00. Region renewal notices will be sent in November via post or email. This next year we publish an Addendum to the 2018 Directory. When you send your dues, please indicate any changes to your directory information.

F) Old business: Dean mentioned that Cinda is now the *Franklin Line* editor. (Applause)

G) New Business: **1)** There is a new email for sending pictures or stories to Cinda for *The Line*: midwestfranklin@gmail.com. **2)** Mentioned (in jest) that we need a new “recognition” category: “Which Franklin towed another Franklin the furthest?” For this meet, that would be Hasslen's '32 towing Swenson's '33 the last 5 miles into Pipestone.

H) Midwest Region Reports: **1) Regional Director, Jeff Hasslen:** a) The Club is doing well. Rather than cut services and/or find ways to cut expenses, the board approved increasing the HHFC dues to \$40. b) Jeff will report to the board that this was a successful meet. **2) Region History, Roy Nelson:** a) He will have another historical segment for the next *Franklin Line*. b) Asked that the letter from 1957 be reprinted in this next issue if there is room. c) Dean complimented Roy on his last newsletter article. (Applause) **3) Editor, Franklin Line, Cinda Dorholt:** Send her any new information, history, adventures, stories about your car. Dean added that lots of people took pictures during this meet. Send them to Cinda - midwestfranklin@gmail.com

I) Other Business: **1) Franklin Collection, Phil Weisenbarger:** The Collection has had a year of transition. We sold a yellow Dietrich Speedster, and the Pirate on loan from the Marshall family was sold to Ted Davis. We have one car coming – Knowlton's '28 Sport Touring. At the Air Cooled Gathering, a meeting was attended by Jeff, Phil, Chris Shires, Bob Kern and Bill Parfet. Yes, we still have and will get

the gate for Saturday of Father's Day weekend but not Father's Day Sunday. We'll get income from another Sunday TBD.

J) Future Midwest Meets: **1) Spring 2019** – We travel beyond our Region boundaries to Warrenton, Virginia, May 23 thru May 25. Bill and Geri Eby will host. Bill sent an email: "We'll travel really nice back roads; perhaps see a classic car restoration business, a car collection, a historic Virginia destination." Information will be posted on the website. Dean added - be sure to make your reservation early. **2) Fall 2019** – Area of Elkader, Iowa, October 3 thru October 5. Tom and Barb Chandler will host. They want to keep it in their beautiful town – lots to see. Tom is working on lodging. Dean added that it's river country - hilly, windy and a beautiful area. **3) Spring Meet, 2020** – Gilmore Museum, Hickory Corners, MI. It's tradition that we go to the Franklin Collection every 3 years, attend the Air Cooled Gathering and tour the area.

4) We're looking into a few options for Fall 2020 and 2021.

K) Additional Announcements: **1) Jason Newby and Angie Muller** will be married the weekend of May 17th, 2019. Congratulations to them! **2) Linda Radford** announced that they have a 1931 Sport Salon they are not able to finish restoring. She asked for suggestions as to what to do with it. It was decided she should talk to Jeff or Phil after the meeting.

L) Meeting adjourned: Thanks again to Jason and Angie for a wonderful meet. The cool temperatures and a few snowflakes now and then did not spoil the fun.

Joan Hasslen, Region Secretary

WELCOME New Members Fall 2018 – will be included in 2019 Addendum

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2018 TREK Tidbits

Attendance – 257 (29 were new Trekkers)

of Franklins - 64

Long Distance Award - Bill and Geri Eby drove 425 miles to the Trek in their 1928 Victoria Brougham

Trekkers' Choice (Car you would most like to take home) – Rand Patterson and Carolyn Greshemer, newly restored 1914 Roadster

Young Trekkers' Choice – Jim Bockin, 1929 Sedan

Service Award – Lee Webb

2019 Trek Chairs - Amon family, White family and Matt Goist

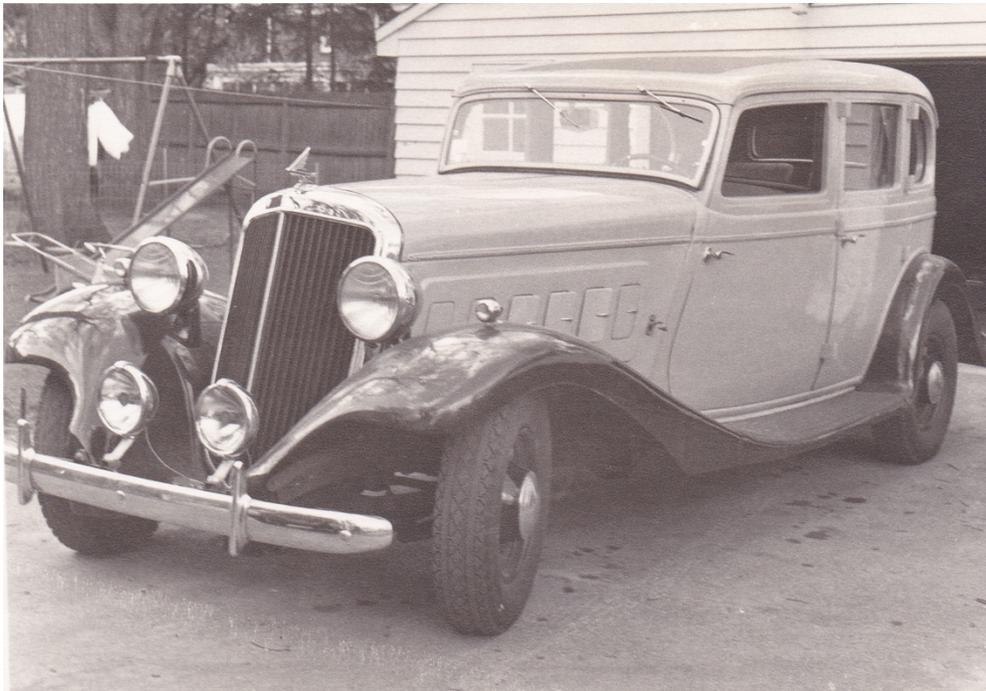
2019 Trek dates – July 27 – Aug. 3

(See ACN for complete report)

FROM OUR REGION HISTORIAN

Roy Nelson

The history of the Midwest Region continues into 1958 when the very first meet was held on Labor Day weekend in Galesburg, Il. There had been 3 or 4 restaurant meetings held the previous winter in Chicago, but this was the first gathering when owners were encouraged to bring out their Franklins. The meetings at Harding's Grill generated a lot of enthusiasm, and it was decided to form a local chapter of the HHFC. The original boundaries basically included the areas around Chicago and St. Louis, since the majority of Franklin owners lived there or in areas in between. Max Crask of St. Louis, Clifford Boram of Chicago, and Athol Odell of Galesburg spearheaded the development of the new Midwest Region. Athol, the Club jeweler, organized that first event in his hometown at a picturesque city park called Lincoln Park. Franklins that attended were: Athol's totally original 1916 S.9-A demi-sedan (California top), which he dubbed "Sweet Sixteen". Harold Finley drove his gray 1925 S.10-C sedan dubbed "Frankie", and Milton Asher came in a beautifully restored tan 1933 V-12 sedan. A couple of years later Bill Harrah discovered the car and bought it with a generous offer that Milt couldn't refuse. My brother and I rode with Harold and his son Bobby to a half-way point where we met up with Milt. Then Lee and I rode the rest of the way in the back seat of that luxurious V-12. Clifford Boram (almost a founding member of HHFC) showed up in his mother's Simca station wagon. Everyone was surprised because Cliff had recently been discharged from the Army, and nobody knew he was out. He brought with him several key chains that he had made up; they were blue and green chips of plastic with a raised silhouette of a standing Franklin lion. Business was brisk-he sold them for 50 cents each! Lee bought a green one (his favorite color), and to this day, almost 60 years later, it hangs on a hook over the kitchen stove with the key for our 1922 S.9-B. To round out the afternoon, the Franklinites migrated over to Athol's home. It was a real treat to see his collection of 8 or 9 Franklins. The crown jewel was a 1930 Speedster convertible. Only 3 were ever built; one was given to Charles Lindbergh, and this one was sold right in Galesburg to 2 spinster sisters who drove it for many years. It is now in the collection of Adolf (deceased) and Beverly Gerst of Burlington, Ia. Athol's son Arthur and wife Sandra live in the same home, and they still have 2 of the Franklins. Athol had bought a vacant lot on either side of the house because he didn't want troublesome neighbors complaining about his garages full of cars. But he was grumbling about his high real estate taxes! So that is how our group started. There will be more history in the next Franklin Line.



Milt Asher's V-12 which attended the '58 meet

104 Oak Street
Maywood, Illinois
May 6, 1957

Midwest members of the H H Franklin Club:

A second meeting of HHFC members from this area is being scheduled for May 17th., at Harding's Presidential Grill, 109 West Madison St., in Chicago, and the purpose once again will be to consider the formation of a local chapter of the HHFC.

The first such meeting, held March 22nd., was not well attended. In all, twelve persons came, and only half of these were members. With such a small turnout, no plans for the formal organization of a chapter could justifiably be made. Some of those who failed to attend, did contact us and indicated that certain personal affairs had come up which made their attendance impossible. It was in the hope that these members would be able to attend at another time, that this second meeting has been arranged. But unless we show a better turnout than twelve souls, it is very doubtful whether a local chapter of the HHFC can be set up.

Among the proposals for size and shape of the region was the suggestion that it include the two metropolitan centers, Chicago and St. Louis, with the extended area in between. Such a region would include a majority of the members in the entire midwest area. The presence of member, Max Crask, from the St. Louis area did much to encourage the adoption of such regional boundaries. Those of you who live between the two cities, in such places as Galesburg, Bloomington, and Peoria, will find yourselves in the center of the new region if it does come into being. Thus, your participation, especially in the first formative meetings, is of critical importance. A tour toward the more southerly part of Illinois seems possible as our first major project. The participation of you downstate members, then, is particularly encouraged. IF YOU WANT THE ADVANTAGES OF A LOCAL REGION, YOU WILL HAVE TO TAKE PART IN IT!

Please let us see you on May 17th. Send in your reservation now. If you have an interested friend or relative bring them along. The time is 6:00 P.M., cost of meal 2.55 (including gratuity.)

Sincerely,

Clifford W. Boram

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CWB/gt

FRANKLIN NEWSLETTER

Response to the first issue of the Franklin Newsletter was gratifying beyond all expectations. Your editor frankly did not realize the work involved when this project was begun and your letters have been a most welcome reward. Your suggestions for improving the Newsletter were all carefully considered and the new page size is one of the results of your suggestions.

In keeping with a policy of more prompt news coverage, may we request that you send the following information to this office:

- 1) Regional news
- 2) Want ads
- 3) Informal articles
- 4) "How to do it, where to get it" information

In this issue we had planned a continuation of the "series identification" articles, but lack of space forces us to move the Series 12 article to Issue #3. Your editor will attempt to complete these series articles from Series 11 thru 19 (1925-1934). We are in need of information of this nature prior to 1925 (Series 10 & earlier). Anyone feeling he has such detail information is urged to send it to this office and we will attempt to present it so that eventually all years (1902-34) will be covered.

We were extremely happy to receive a letter from Howard Franklin, nephew of H.H. Franklin, offering to write a column "I remember when" for each issue. I am sure that you will join me in eagerly awaiting Howard Franklin's column.

Finally, at the end of this letter you will find a questionnaire. May we urge you to fill it out promptly and mail it to this office. The results will be tabulated and presented in Issue #3. Do this now.

REGIONAL NEWS

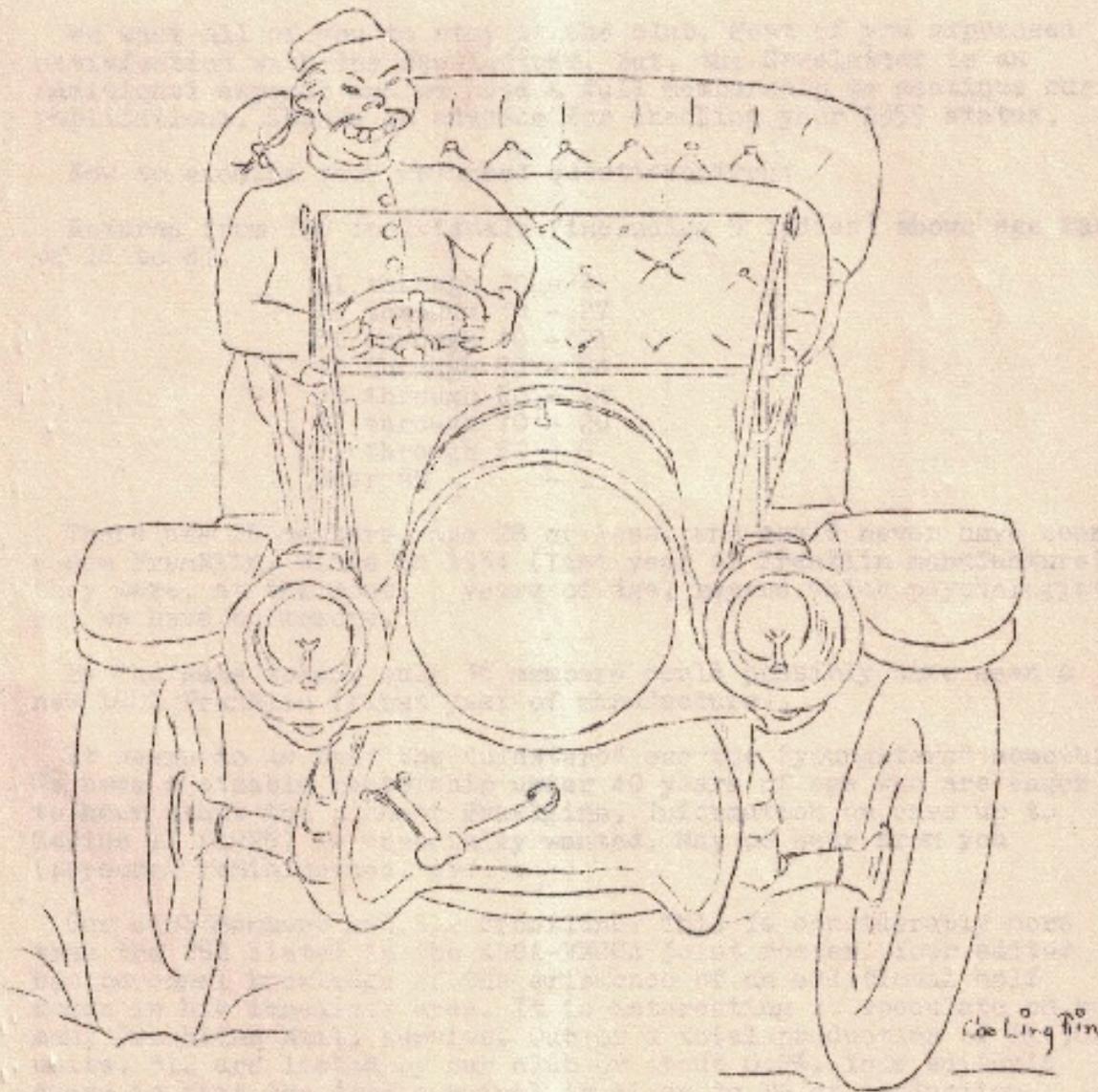
Midwest Region HHFC - Spring meeting - June 20,21 (Sat.&Sun.) is the date of the Spring Meet of the Midwest Region. It is to be held at the home of Clifford Boram, 104 Oak St., Maywood, Illinois. Hotel accommodations are available and an interesting program is being worked out, including a trip to member Ed Landmichl's to see "two barns full of Franklin parts as well as 3 swell Franklins". Members from outside the region are urged to attend; send a card to Cliff for further details.

Susquehanna Region: Dornside Meet - Country ham was on the menu for this annual regional event attended by 19 members and wives. No Franklins present, but 3 Volkswagens were noted in the parking area. New Officers for 1959 were elected: President - Dr. Edgar Dilks, Vice-President - Don Kitchin, Secretary-Treasurer - Earl Becker, Directors-William Mackey, Cabin John Smith, Lowell Hitchner. Regional activities were planned (see Coming Events).

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R E G I O N A L N E W S

Susquehanna Region: Correspondent, Earl Becker

The Tulip Run was held at Palmyra, Pa. on 3 May 1959. The turnout was good considering the Winchester Apple Blossom Festival was on. We had some folks who drove from Winchester to Palmyra and some from as far as Cumberland, Maryland. The event was held on a bright and beautiful day. All had a fine lunch at the Dutch Diner and the usual bull session and meeting after lunch, followed by a trip to the Hershey Tulip Gardens.

At the business meeting it was suggested that the Chapter's overnight run be combined with the Ocean City Shore Run, a banquet to be held Saturday evening just for members of the Franklin Club. It is suggested that all members of the Susquehanna Chapter or other members of the Franklin Club who wish to join this particular group drop a card to John Tyson, Royersford, Pa..

Other business conducted was the discussion and approval of future meetings being held at various points throughout the Chapter so that all may take part in activities, thus avoiding long trips for the same people many times. We also planned to have Wild Bill Thompson and his group in Maryland set up a Fall Meeting for the Chapter in the Baltimore area.

John Tyson is arranging a meet for Susquehanna Region: " Our Franklin Club is having a bang up meeting June 27 in Souderton, located on Rt. 113 leading from Phoenixville to Souderton. Free banquet will be held at 6 P.M. (2 to a car). You should arrive by 12:00 noon. We have a lot of surprises for you. This will be a mixed group for the afternoon, but we will hold out meeting shortly after dinner. Each store will feature specials for us. Wear old costume. Be sure to send us a card for reservations by June 20. Reasonable hotel accommodations if needed."

Midwest Region News: Correspondent, Milton W. Asher

The mid-winter meeting of the Midwest Region of the H.H. Franklin Club was held at Klas' Restaurant in Chicago on January 21, 1959. There was a fine attendance and we had members from three states. There were also guests from the Classic Car Club and the International Association of Modelers. Honored member, E.G. Cannonball Baker drove up from Indianapolis, Indiana for our meeting. After an enjoyable dinner and social hour the business meeting was called to order by the president, Harold Finley, who welcomed everyone. A discussion followed concerning plans for the next meeting to be held in June and Clifford Boram gave details and pertinent information relative to this get-together which will be held at his home in Maywood, Illinois the weekend of June 20-21.

Our honored member, Mr. Baker, talked for awhile about his interesting and colorful career as an automobile racer and ended by stating the Franklin was the best of all the cars he had driven.

An election of new president and secretary was held with Al Walker of Oconomowoc, Wisconsin becoming the new president and Milton Asher being re-elected secretary. It was moved and seconded that E.G. Cannonball Baker be made honorary president of the Midwest Region of the H.H. Franklin Club. The remainder of the evening was spent viewing movies and slides of Franklin Treks and various other car meets.

A WORD FROM OUR MEMBERS

"What did you enjoy at the meet?" our Franklin Line editor asked me. Well, where do I begin – there were many things to appreciate! I enjoyed seeing our newly engaged hosts, Jason and Angie, so happy together; the anticipation of maybe seeing a friendly ghost since the Calumet was a haunted hotel; the rooms tour, initiated by Cinda, and the gasps and laughter as each room was compared and critiqued; John and Jean's wonderful hospitality as they opened their house and car collection for us; the fun of gathering in the bar to share stories and laughter. And I certainly enjoyed the memorable Pipestone Monument – the quartzite cliffs, the rushing waterfall and the tradition, talent and dedication of the Native Americans who demonstrate their craft at the visitors' center. And I must mention how fun it is to see members driving in their Franklins and offering rides to other Region members. And hopefully we all enjoy the wonderful friendships that develop through the years because of our Franklins. Thanks for asking, Cinda. Let's hope others will share their thoughts in future issues after other Region meets.

-Joan Hasslen

While I enjoyed the entire meet, I really liked the Pipestone National Monument and watching the artisans work. I'd never been there before. I also enjoyed a conversation I had with Ben Johnston and wife at the old train depot. He is an Ojibewa elder and president of the Keepers of Sacred Tradition of Pipemakers. Finally, I liked spending time in the bar at the end of the day enjoying conversation and a nightcap with all the Franklin folks.

-Tom Rasmussen

I enjoyed the entire meet but most of all - the people. I enjoyed the people.

-Dean Dorholt

I enjoyed window shopping with Sue. We discovered just about everything in Pipestone cost \$29. I enjoyed the chicken and mashed potatoes at Pizza Ranch so I won't need to visit another for some time! I learned something too, I learned Jeff likes peanut M&Ms I thought he liked plain. Best of all, I love-love-loved the people!

-Cinda Dorholt

Region Renewal forms were sent this month via email or post.

Please return to Joan Hasslen by Dec. 31.

Note: HHFC By-laws require all Region members be members of the National Club.



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MIDWEST REGION MEETS IN 2019

Spring – Warrenton VA – May 23 thru May 25

Fall – Elkader IA – October 3 thru October 5

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Photos courtesy of multiple region members:



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