



THE FRANKLIN LINE
HHFC MIDWEST REGION REPORTS
SPRING, 2014

Greetings Franklin Friends!

It was great to see such a large turnout at the Spring Meet, the weather was perfect and the tour routes brought us through some of the most beautiful country roads one can imagine.

Thanks to Bill and Jeff for all their hard work.

The collections of automobiles we toured had me blurry eyed by the time we even arrived at the Gilmore to look around the Franklin Collection.

This was my first time attending the Air-Cooled Gathering and Phil did a top notch job putting on this event.

At the business meeting one of the items that got finished was the By-Laws for our Midwest Region. I am so glad we now have them and thanks so much for all the input to get this detail completed.

I also would like to thank Hazel Wade for becoming our Editor of the Franklin Line.

We have members who have stepped forward and I am glad to say we have meets planned through 2016, thanks to all. (See list in this

issue).

I look forward to seeing all of you again in Plano, IL. We are still looking for your stories about you and your Franklin and how you acquired this love for such a great automobile.

Dean Dorholt

Aura Vincit

Upcoming Midwest Meets

Fall 2014, Plano, IL, Sept 17-20 Host — Lee and Nancy Nelson. Lee reports we will visit the Farnsworth House, several private car collections, a natural gas pumpint station, Autometer Products Inc. and tour on beautiful roads. He invited all to come. Make reservations early.

Spring 2015, Rochester, MN, Host— Eric and Sue Swenson, Dean and Cinda Dorholt

Fall 2015, Clinton, MO , Host—Dennis and Linda Redford

Spring 2016, Lincoln, NE, Host— John and Jason Newby

Secretary/Treasurer Report, 2014 Spring

Joan Hasslen

A) Called to Order: Dean Dorholt, President. **Thank you** to Bill Eby and Jeff Hasslen for hosting a great and successful meet.

B.)Secretary's Report: **1)** 120 Midwest Region members in 2014. **2)** New members - 2013: Bouvard Hosticka, VA; Craig Johnson, MN; Marshall Larson, MN; Greg Lundeen & Rita Larson, MN; Lee & Sara Schopmeir, NY. **3)** New members - 2014: Jeff Lane, TN; John Moss, NE; Jason Newby, NE; Doug Rohde & Jane Hurst, WI; Tom & Joan St. Martin, MN; Randy & Dee Turner, KS **4)** A letter from Mary Rose Hufnagel was read regarding health issues that regrettably keep John and her from attending the meets.

C) Treasurer's Report: **1)** Current balance is \$844.68. Expenses since last report: \$30 for computer mailing label program; \$436.76 for printing/ mailing 2014 Region Directory. **2)** Thanks to Dean & Cinda for printing the last two

Lines at their expense. Thanks to Bill Eby for being temporary editor. **3)** 53 members agreed to accept *The Line* by e-mail which helps keep dues low. **4)** Apology extended to Loretta Fusco. It was omitted in the MW Directory that she is the HHFC Merchandise Mgr.

D) Old /New Business: **1)** Hazel Wade will be our new Editor of *The Franklin Line*. Thank you, Hazel! **2)** We are still asking Region members to write their personal stories regarding how they acquired their first Franklin, experiences they've had with these great cars, etc. Send your story (short or long) to Hazel for printing in *The Line*. **3)** Midwest By-Laws: a) Sinclair Powell proposed we add Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota and South Dakota to the official list of Midwest Region states. Motion passed pending approval by the HHFC Board of Directors. b) A draft of Midwest Region By-Laws was printed in the fall, 2013 *Franklin Line*. At this meeting, changes

were approved for the following sections: **1C, 3C, 5D** and **7A**. For details on these changes, see the amended and approved Midwest Region By-Laws printed in this *Franklin Line* issue.

E) Midwest Region News: **1)** Roy Nelson is working on the history of our Region and reports he has been in touch with older members and found source material back to issue one of *The Franklin Line* and/or ACN. **2)** Upcoming Meets: printed elsewhere in this issue of *The Franklin Line*.

F) The Franklin Collection: **1)** Phil Weisenbarger (Chair) thanked the Region for supporting The Collection; board members of The Collection will be seeking donations as the endowment does not fully sustain the museum. **2)** Marv Gage and Sandy Bennett: a campaign to raise \$250,000 begins next year; 4 cars were donated - 1 sold, others hopefully sell between now and Nov. 2016; donor names are added to the plaque in the Franklin building.

G) HHFC Board Representative: **1)** Jeff Hasslen: Midwest Executive Committee needs help to keep the Region strong and growing. We need ideas and people to host. Meets can be casual with emphasis on friends and driving our Franklins. **2)** Jeff stated the goal of The Collection was to remain small, educate visitors to the unique features of the Franklin and recruit new members - and that goal is being realized. Jeff said new members John Moss and Marshall Larson both bought Franklins after visiting The Collection. Jeff asked Region members to promote The Franklin Collection and spread the word.

H) Further Comments/Discussion: **1)** John Moss spoke to the fact that he stopped at the Gilmore and the uniqueness of the Franklins sparked his imagination. He bought a Series 14 and a 10C. John thanked specific people for their assistance, inspiration and encouragement. He praised our Club and said "the people make the difference". **2)** Pat Hogan: "We are called a Franklin Family." **3)** Sinclair Powell: This April he attended the SAE conference in Detroit. Christine Gray and her 1909 Touring were invited to represent the Franklin's engineering features. **4)** Christine Gray spoke about her experiences during that 3 day event.

I) Announcements/Recognition - Just for fun: **1)** 8 people attended a Midwest Region Meet for the first time: Rolf & Janice Anderson, John Moss, Bob & Darla Metro, Jason Newby, Jim & Deb Reid. **2)** Marv & Jeannette Gage traveled the farthest - over 750 miles from NC. **3)** 18 members brought a Franklin to this Region Meet plus 2 were on the show field from The Collection as part of the Air-Cooled Gathering.



Midwest Meet in Hastings, Michigan Bill Eby

Fathers day weekend found 69 Franklin club folks and friends attending the Midwest Region's meet in Hastings Michigan. Everyone was excited about the big turnout, and those in the know said that it was the best attended Midwest meet in memory. Although Midwest meets typically have 3 days of touring, on this meet our normal routine was forgone in favor of two days of tours and sights and then hooking up with the Air-Cooled Gathering sponsored by the Franklin club at the Gilmore Car Museum. Here is a list of folks that attended some or all of the Midwest meet, and the air cooled vehicles that they brought with them:

Rolf Anderson, Janice Anderson – 1914 4M Touring
Sandy Bennett, Betty Bennett – 1932 16A Convertible Coupe
Roy Bernick, Colleen Bernick – 1918 9A 4 Passenger Roadster

Dean Dorholt, Cinda Dorholt – 1907 Model G Touring
Greg Druflke, Dan Druflke
Scott Dwyer

Bill Eby, Wendell Eby – 1919 9B Touring
Gary Edwards, Evelyn Edwards, Katelyn Lance - 1930 14S Sedan
Bill Field - 1921 Cleveland "Single" with a whopping 3.5 hp.
1941 BMW, R12, 750cc.

Alan Finkenbinder, Liane Finkenbinder – 1929 13S Sport Sedan

Jim Reed, Debbie Reed
Randy Fusco, Loretta Fusco – 1932 16A Airman Coupe
Marv Gage, Jeannette Gage
Christine Gray, Glen Gray, Trang Tran – 1909 Model G Touring

Katlin Gray, Vincent Gray
Jeff Hasslen, Joan Hasslen, Eric Hasslen – 1915 8M Touring
Brendan Hogan, Pat Hogan
Bouvard Hostica – 1910 Model G Touring
Chuck Johnson

Keith Kilmer, Janet Kilmer - 1928 12B 7 Passenger Sedan
Tom Kleinschmidt, Ann Kleinschmidt
Jeff Lane – 1948 Tatra T-87

Greg Lundeen, Ben Lundeen – 1930 147 Salon Special
Bob Metro, Darla Metro – 1923 10B Sedan
John Moss – 1924 10C Two door Brougham
Lee Nelson, Nancy Nelson, Roy Nelson
Jason Newby

Rand Patterson, Carolyn Greshemer - 1912 1M Touring
Sinclair Powell, Suzanne Powell
Christine Pykiet, James Prinster, Jacob Prinster
Glen Pykiet, Janice Pykiet – 1926 11A Sedan
Dennis Radford, Linda Radford

Lee Schopmeier, Sara Schopmeier – 1927 11B Sedan
Rod Summer

Jim Wade, Hazel Wade
Phil Weisenbarger, Pam Weisenbarger

In addition to the folks above, the following Franklin Club members came on Saturday to join us at the Gilmore Car Museum for the Air Cooled Gathering: Matthew Hammond, Walter Schmidt, Bruce Feuerstein, and Gary Greenwood

Midwest Meet in Hastings, Michigan (Cont'd)

(who brought a Corvair Camper and Truck.) Our host motel was the brand new Hastings, Michigan Holiday Inn Express. Although on the edge of Hastings, there was a nice coffee shop, a restaurant, and a carryout pizza parlor just across the street. So everyone settled in Wednesday evening to reacquaint themselves with Franklin friends and snack on M&M's. Thursday found us driving to the edge of Lake Michigan as we toured almost 66 miles to Holland for a luncheon cruise on the Holland Princess. The weather was not entirely cooperative. The day dawned cold and foggy and once we were on the way it changed to merely cold and overcast. On the way to Holland the group made a stop at the private car collection of Al & Carol Scholten. We appreciated the hospitality Al showed us and the interesting collection in his car barns. Then it was on to the Holland Princess.

The Princess took the group on a 2 hour tour of Lake Macatawa, and to the edge of Lake Michigan. The shore was peppered with the mansions of the rich and famous, and a few commercial places including the largest pickle factory in the world. The return trip Thursday had a little less wandering around the Michigan countryside, better weather, and included a stop at another car collection. The collection of Jim Cordes included several FWD trucks that Jim collected over his lifetime including while he was a FWD dealer. Jim and his family were friendly and full of stories about their cars and trucks. So Thursday was a long day both in terms of miles driven and interesting sights.

Friday found us a little closer to Hastings. The first stop was historic Charlton Park. Barry county started with a collection of historic artifacts assembled by Irving Charlton and has constructed a historic village of buildings moved from around the county. Our docents were cheery and knowledgeable. We only had an hour at Charlton Park, but could have easily spent all morning there wandering through all the buildings. The next stop was the private collection of the Off Brothers. The Off Brothers collection is stunning. If you are interested in jaw-dropping cars, with the occasional fun mashup, this is the place for you. Lunch was at the Gull Lake Country Club with a tasty buffet and a terrific view of the lake. After lunch a short hop took us to Bill and Barbara Parfet's. The Parfet collection is just off the grounds of the Gilmore Car museum, and they had another top notch collection for us to peruse, including a couple of gorgeous wooden boats. Next, since the exit from Parfet's was via the Gilmore museum property, most folks took the opportunity to hang out at the Franklin Collection or noodle around the other Gilmore buildings. A couple folks also took the opportunity to snap a photo of their Franklin in front of the Hamlin/Franklin museum building. Saturday was a lazy day for the Franklinites, as we took a short, 22 mile, tour to the Gilmore and enjoyed the great weather at the Air Cooled gathering. There seemed to be a fine turnout of Franklins and other aircooled cars, trucks and even a motorhome. As the cliché goes, a fine time was had by all. After returning to the Holiday Inn Express, everyone enjoyed a fine meal catered by the Seasonal Grill. And then before we all knew it, it was time to say our goodbyes.

The Spring Midwest Meet went off without drama. The touring instructions were (almost) glitch free. There were no breakdowns (as should be expected). The food was all tasty. The collections we visited were delicious. The socializing was happy and animated. We hope to see you all so as to do it again in Plano in September.

BY-LAWS OF THE H.H. FRANKLIN CLUB MIDWEST REGION

1. ORGANIZATION of the Midwest Region: A. The Region is a duly recognized region of the H.H. Franklin Club. B. The Midwest By-Laws exist within the By-Laws of the H.H. Franklin Club and any conflicts within the By-Laws will defer to the parent Club By-Laws and/or the Board of Directors' decisions. C. The Midwest Region consists of, and is for the benefit of, dues paying members that reside in the states of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota and Wisconsin. Dues paying members of other states are welcome to join. **2. PURPOSE** of Midwest Region: A. Promote the sport and hobby of owning, touring, and enjoying Franklin automobiles; educate others about the history of these fine air-cooled automobiles. B. To encourage family participation in such recreation. C. To promote club fraternity of H.H. Franklin Club members that live in the Midwest regional boundaries by sponsoring two regional meets each year. **3. OFFICERS:** A. All officers are elected by a majority of the members present at any meeting held concurrently with a regional meet. B. The Midwest Region will consist of four officers: President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, and Representative to the H.H. Franklin Club Board of Directors. C. Officers' terms are 3 years and fully eligible for re-election. D. Editor of *The Franklin Line* (the Midwest Region newsletter) is a volunteer position and not an officer. **4. OFFICERS' RESPONSIBILITY:** A. **PRESIDENT:** The President will preside over all meetings and will act as an ambassador to any functions or activities held by the Midwest Region. The President will coordinate Midwest Region meet scheduling. The President will assure all regional offices are filled and regional responsibilities are performed. B. **VICE PRESIDENT:** The Vice President will assist the President as necessary and preside over meetings if the President is unable to attend. The Vice President will not automatically succeed the President but may be elected to that office. C. **SECRETARY/TREASURER:** The Secretary/Treasurer will be responsible for the minutes for all meetings. They will be responsible for all monies received and disbursed by the Midwest Region, and make periodic reports of the Region's financial status. They will be responsible for maintaining the roster of Regional membership and collect dues from members. They will submit by January 31

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By-Laws of the H.H. Franklin Club Midwest Region (Cont'd)

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functions. B. Members should consider supporting the Region by volunteering for Regional offices and as meet sponsors to keep the Region operating soundly. C. Members must operate vehicles in such a manner that it will not cause embarrassment to the H.H. Franklin Club, the Midwest Region, its officers and members. D. Membership dues will be determined by members and paid annually. **6. MEETS/MEETINGS:** A. Midwest meets will generally be three days in length, Thursday through Saturday. One meet will occur in the spring, and one in the fall. B. Each meet will be planned by a volunteer meet sponsor, and the content, date, duration, and amenities will be within the discretion of the meet sponsor. Meets may include some portion of touring; sightseeing; cultural, historical, and/or educational destinations; and socializing. C. The Region will make every attempt to have meets occur within the geographical boundaries of the Midwest Region. D. Meetings of the Midwest Region will occur during Midwest meets. E. Voting on issues at Midwest Region meetings will be by majority vote of members attending. F. Insurance coverage for Midwest meets is provided under the umbrella of the H.H. Franklin Club. **7. CHANGES TO THE BY-LAWS:** A. By-Laws may be changed at a Regional meeting with a minimum of 10 day notice. Changes may be enacted by majority vote of members in attendance at the meeting.

Proposed: Fall, 2013, in *The Franklin Line*.
Passed, June 14, 2014, Midwest Region Meet
Joan Hasslen, Secretary/Treasurer