



THE FRANKLIN LINE

HHFC MIDWEST REGION NEWSLETTER

Spring 2024

Greetings my Franklin friends,

Our Spring meet brought us back to Hickory Corners in conjunction with the Air-Cooled Gathering. Lisa and Roger did a great job with the tour routes and attractions. The first day was a little far and the city of Lansing would have been a fright driving our 1907 Model G so we went modern, a good thing for us as we would have been caught in a downpour at the end of the day. The REO Museum and Michigan History Museum were well worth the trip. On the way home we had the traditional ice cream stop at MOO-ville.

The second day we drove our car to a really nice collection just a short 17 miles from the hotel, we left about 15 minutes early from the hotel and just as we got there the rest of the cars started showing up. Leaving there was a last-minute route change to the Gilmore, I think there were 3 different routes taken and we were the last to arrive at the Gilmore, guess it's true, you can't heard cats. After we had lunch, we walked around the displays for a bit and relaxed under a nice shade tree, chatted and watched Tom Kleinschmidt go round and round the grounds giving people a chance to ride in a Franklin. I'm not sure who had more fun, Tom or the people he was giving rides to.

The last day we headed down to the Gilmore for the Air-Cooled Gathering and it was nice to see so many Franklins on the lawn. We had a wonderful time, and it was great to meet new and see old friends again.

At our business meeting we took care of the usual items, and we are in great shape as a Region with over 100 members. I also brought up a good question as I was watching one of our members tie down his car in the trailer, I noticed he was crossing the straps, so my question to you do you cross or not cross your tie downs? Apparently, there is no wrong way but I prefer to do a straight pull!

Our Fall 2024 Meet will be hosted By Pam and Phil Weisenbarger in the Amish country of Ohio, more info to follow, everyone should have received info on booking the hotel by now.

If anyone has any questions, concerns or just wants to say hi give me a call or write me a note.

That's all for now, have a safe and happy summer.

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MIDWEST SPRING MEET REPORT 2024

JUNE 13 - JUNE 16

THE 2024 SPRING MEET WAS HELD IN HASTINGS, MI

By ROGER MOFFAT

Thursday: ...the longest tour day - almost 100 miles from Hastings to Lansing, then back to Hastings via a torrential downpour of rain, and MOO-ville Creamery for the obligatory ice cream. First stop of the day was the R.E.Olds Transportation Museum in downtown Lansing. A great collection of Oldsmobile history. Next stop was the Michigan History Center where we ate the boxed lunches we'd brought with us from Hastings, and then spent a couple of hours perusing the exhibits on the 3 floors of the Michigan History Museum. Several exhibits focused on the contributions of the automakers of Detroit to World War II, with some exhibits about the auto industry, and the history of Michigan, including a less than real size replica snow ruler showing the depth of snow that falls in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. The top of it indicates the 390" of snow that fell in Winter 1978-79.



By early afternoon it had become apparent that there might be some storms coming for later in the afternoon, so some people left the Michigan History Center early to try and make it back to Hastings before the rain came. Only some of them were successful. Others were not so lucky - the unluckiest of all were Tom and Barb Chandler in their 10C Speedster. They followed us to MOO-ville Creamery through an absolute downpour, and almost soaked to the skin by the time they arrived. But they were still smiling and having fun. After a delicious ice cream, and photos with Jody the Giant Cow, the drive back to Hastings was uneventful.



Friday: Friday morning dawned sunny and dry. We had a short trip over to Chief Noonday Car Park which in a few short years has become quite the venue for car people to hang out/visit/store their cars/have cars repaired. We got an introduction from Terry Cole and Scott Grooters, co-owners of the car park, and then a guided look through Kevin Fleck's storage unit with his collection of 5, or was it 6, Cole cars, plus other oddities like a pink WW II army jeep. We had a couple of hours to wander around the grounds and look at the cars in various storage units before heading off to the Gilmore Car Museum for lunch and the afternoon. Those who were interested got a great curated tour of some of the cars in the Classic Car Club of America Museum led by museum director John Hansen. Others participated in Ride The Franklins, where they took museum visitors for a ride around the Gilmore Car Museum in their Franklin cars.



Saturday was the 14th Annual Air-Cooled Gathering at the Gilmore Car Museum. It was held on a perfect day. We shared the day with 2 other cars shows, with the Volvo and Saab clubs also having car shows, each on separate fields at the Gilmore. We had 18 Franklins on the field. 13 of the 14 that had attended the Midwest Meet, 3 others brought their cars just for the Air-Cooled Gathering, and 2 of our museum cars were also on the field. There were about 180 cars in total over the 3 separate shows. The event finished on Saturday night with the buffet dinner at the Holiday Inn Express Hastings, catered by the Seasonal Grille, also of Hastings.



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2024 Spring Midwest Meet Participants

Steve Albertson & Jody Reeme
Rolf & Janice Anderson
Cubby Barrett
Tom & Barb Chandler
Daniel & Kelly Coffman
Bob Cornman
Dean & Cinda Dorholt
Jeff, Joan & Eric Hasslen
Bourvart Hosticka
Tom & Ann Kleinschmidt

Dennis & Linda Radford
Brian McEntee & Chuck Richardson
Susan Roberts
Dick & Connie Roth
Dan & Anne Russell
Clint Scott & Roseshel Howe
John Strawway & Mark Chaplin
Phil & Pam Weisenbarger
Bill Woodcock
Carl Younkers & Jill Barrett

Many Thanks to Lisa for all her help with planning and organizing, and to John Strawway who runs the Air-Cooled Gathering on the day

UPDATES

Be Ready - An election is coming your way!

Here are the offices and incumbents

President: Dean Dorholt

Vice President: Bill Eby

Regional Director: Jeff Hasslen

Secretary/Treasurer/Membership: Joan Hasslen



Randy Fusco - January 1, 2024

Roy Nelson - January 8, 2024

Ralph Gack - April 23, 2024

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Business Meeting Minutes – Sat. June 15, 2024

Call to order: Region President, Dean Dorholt started the meeting by thanking Roger Moffat and Lisa Christensen for their wonderful job hosting this meet.

A moment of silence was observed for recently deceased Region members: Randy Fusco, Roy Nelson and Ralph Gack.

Recognition:

First time attending a Region Meet: Cubby Barrett, Berlin, Germany; Jill Barrett, Angola, NY; Daniel & Kelly Coffman, Mansfield, OH; Brian McEntee & Chuck Richardson, Altadena, CA; Caryl Youngers, Angola, NY.

Brought a Franklin to this Meet: Rolf & Janice Anderson, Cubby Barrett, Tom & Barb Chandler, Daniel & Kelly Coffman, Bob Cornman, Dean & Cinda Dorholt, Jeff & Joan Hasslen, Tom & Ann Kleinschmidt, Dick & Connie Roth, Dan & Anne Russell, Clint Scott & Roseshel Howe, John Strawway & Mark Chaplin, Phil & Pam Weisenbarger, Bill Woodcock.

Drove a Franklin to this Meet: Everyone trailered!

Traveled the furthest to attend: Two attendees deserved special recognition – Cubby Barrett came all the way from Berlin, Germany! Clint & Bob Scott & Roseshel Howe from Sammamish, WA, drove 2300 miles and gave up the Westrek to attend! Also recognized - Dennis & Linda Radford from Palm City, FL; Chuck Richardson & Brian McEntee from Altadena, CA.

Host report: Roger Moffat: “First and foremost I want to thank Lisa for all her work and help. And I want to thank everyone for coming. This was a bigger turnout than last time and the weather was good.” Roger proceeded to thank: John Strawway for running the Air-Cooled Gathering and anyone else who helped; Caryl for putting cars away in the museum at the end of the Air-Cooled Gathering; “Cubby for coming all the way from Germany and bringing the Model G” in memory of Bob Barrett. Roger mentioned that “the smile on Cubby’s face when he got to drive the Model H again was priceless.”; Brian and Chuck for “coming all the way from CA”; Clint, Bob and Roseshel for trailering a car all the way from Washington State; All the guys for bringing their Franklins. There were 47 people at the Saturday dinner with 50 registered for events overall. There were 14 Frank-

lins for the meet (1 went home after Friday) and 3 members brought

Franklins just for the ACG – Doug Wolford, Gary & Pat Greenwood, Noel & Amy Harrington. 18 Franklins were on the green for the Air-Cooled Gathering including 2 museum cars – the 1910 Model H and the 1932 Frank Gardner Custom Touring. “Thanks again everyone, but this is the last Midwest Meet I will organize.” Roger also reminded people to take snacks for the trip home, and see him if you want an Air-Cooled Gathering T-shirt - \$22 plus postage. (Secretary’s note: Germany and 14 states were represented at this meet: CA, FL, IL, IN, IA, MD, MA, MI, MN, NY, OH, PA, VA, WA).

Secretary report: Current membership is 114.

We have 5 new members since our meet last fall. Joining at this meet – Daniel & Kelly Coffman, Mansfield, OH, own a 1931 151 Sedan. Other new members: Kip & Kathleen Bilderback, St. Louis, MO; Walter & Lisa Smith, Evan, GA, own a 1928 12B Victoria Brougham; Lisa Taber and son Atlee, Johnston, IA; Susan & David Roberts, Wakefield, MA, own a 1928 12B Sedan.

Treasury report: Current balance is \$1,820.53.

As usual, our biggest expenses were for printing the Franklin Line and our 2024 Region Directory.

Old Business: Announced – Reminder – Election of officers will be at our next Region meet in October. Current slate: Pres.- Dean Dorholt, VP- Bill Eby, Sec/Treas- Joan Hasslen, Midwest Regional Director- Jeff Hasslen.

New Business: None

Midwest Region Reports: 1) Jeff Hasslen (Regional Director): The region is stable – financially and has meets planned. Let Jeff know if you have questions for/about the board or Club. Jeff thanked Dean, Cinda and Joan for all their work for the Region. 2) Cinda Dorholt – Editor The Franklin Line: Please send photos and stories from this meet to her - midwestfranklin@gmail.com. Dean mentioned that Cinda is the editor of stories not the writer. He also stated that she is editor for other car publications and has received several awards for her work. (Congrats, Cinda!)

Other Business: 1) The Collection – Roger Moffat (FACHC

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Business Meeting Minutes (continued)

Chair): “It is an honor and a privilege to be chair for The Collection.” Two museum cars are in storage. One will be sold. Cars can be donated to raise funds for The Collection. Collection expenses are \$32,000/year. Michael Spezia resigned as Executive Director.

2) Franklin Service Station – Bill Woodcock: “Send articles.” 3) HHFC Librarian- Bouvard Hosticka announced that every Service Station has been scanned and is available on the website.

4) Webmaster – Bill Eby told Dean that the website is getting lots of hits.

Future Meets: Fall 2024 – Millersburg, OH,
Oct 2 – 5. Phil and Pam Weisenbarger are hosting. Phil passed out travel booklets about Amish country and mentioned that these dates fall between the Glidden Tour and Hershey. Pretending to be a feeble old man with a cane - “No one would volunteer at my age, but Jeff called and convinced me to do this meet.” Reserve a room at the Berlin Heritage Inn, 330-893-6600. Bring a cooler. Best of the meet will be Age of Steam Railroad Museum. Jeff mentioned we will visit Hostetler Wood – the company that makes Franklin frames. “They will make a frame for us while we watch.” Dean mentioned there is a Coleman lantern museum in that area. Phil will email more detailed meet information soon. Spring 2025 – TBD

Additional Announcements/Comments: 1) Trek dates –July 27 – Aug 2, Schenectady, NY, Union College 2) Region members Dick and Connie Roth were recognized and thanked for volunteering to co-chair the Trek. Susan Roberts was thanked for being Trek Registrar and recognized for serving the Club in that capacity for many, many years. 3) Joan mentioned (a) Karen Gack (FL) wishes to sell their 1927 Sport Touring. Contact her if interested. (b) Region member, Gary Sanders (MO) hosts an Orphan Car show every year in Branson. Franklin people/cars are invited. Sept. 6-7, 2024. (Gary’s contact info was available at the meeting. Also find it in the 2024 Region Directory.)

Meeting adjourned. Round of applause for Roger and Lisa - wonderful meet!



Joan Hasslen, Midwest Region Secretary

A FEW PHOTO MEMORIES



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JUST A FEW MORE PHOTO MEMORIES



EVEN MORE PHOTO MEMORIES



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Thelma and Louise as they drive off the cliff



All is well - we were just fooling



EVEN MORE PHOTO MEMORIES



A TAD MORE PHOTO MEMORIES

Giving rides at the Gilmore Museum



A Wonderful Time was had by All





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