Welcome to the ‘New’ Franklin Line. We hope that you enjoy our new format.

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Greetings Franklin friends,

The summer here in the Midwest sure has gone by fast. Seems like there is something going on every weekend. Cinda and I weren’t able to make it to the Trek this year due to a job change about a year ago and not enough vacation time. Would be nice to retire but that’s a few years off. We did go on the annual New London to New Brighton run here in Minnesota with the 1907 Model G and had the best time. Mike Grunewald of McHenry, Ill also was there with his 1907 Model G there and the local paper did a full page story titled The tale of two Lucky Franklins. Great coverage for us Franklin folks.

This fall we had our (Minnesota) get together at the Hasslen’s and off on a tour through the country to two wonderful collections of autos and steam engines. Please don’t forget to send in you dues to the Midwest Region has they are due by the end of the year.

We are still looking for your stories about you and your Franklin and how you acquired this love for such a great automobile. Also check out the link to the spring 2013 meet pictures Bill Eby posted on the H.H. Franklin web page and the news about Roy Nelson; please keep the Nelsons in your prayers.

We also have come up with revised bylaws for the Midwest Region and we will vote to accept them at the Spring Meet at the Gilmore in June. Hope to see you all there. That’s all for now, have a very Happy Holiday season.

Dean Dorholt
Aura Vincit

**Treasurer’s Report**
Joan Hasslen

1) Balance as of Nov. 1, 2013 is $526.29.
2) Expenses from 6/15/13 to 11/1/13 totaled $125.23 for mailing supplies, copies, postage.
3) We will have sufficient funds to publish a Midwest Region Membership Directory and Roster in 2014.
4) The Midwest Region has 104 paid members.
5) Dean and Cinda Dorholt saved the Region printing costs by donating paper, printer cartridge and time to publish The Franklin Line in June and November, 2013. Bill Eby also donated hours of time as our temporary editor.
6) Important: Your dues notice, membership renewal and Midwest Directory information is inserted in this Franklin Line. Please return the updated form with your dues before Dec. 31. Thank you.
7) There is a line on the membership form that asks if you would like to receive Midwest mailings by e-mail. We hope many will choose this option. E-mailing will help us keep dues low.
8) We have several members every year who give more than the minimum dues to the Midwest Region. Their generosity is appreciated.

**Draft Midwest Bylaws**

(To be considered at Spring 2014 regional meeting)

1. ORGANIZATION of the Midwest Region
   A. The Midwest Region is a duly recognized region of the HH Franklin club.
   B. The Midwest bylaws exist within the bylaws of the HH Franklin club and any conflicts will defer to the parent club bylaws and/or the board of director’s decisions.
   C. The Midwest Region consists of, and is for the benefit of, dues paying members that reside in the states of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Kentucky, Missouri, and Iowa. 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, and educating others about such a great automobile.
   B. Each meet will generally be three days in length, Thursday through Saturday. One meet will occur in the Spring, and one in the Fall.
   C. Officers: All officers are elected by a majority of the members present at any meeting.
   D. The Midwest Region will consist of four officers: President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, and Representative to the HH Franklin club board of directors.
   E. The Franklin Line editor (the Midwest region newsletter) is a volunteer position; and not an officer.
   F. Officer’s terms do not expire, except the board representative, who serves for a 3 year term.

4. OFFICERS’ RESPONSIBILITY:
   A. President: The President will preside over all meetings and 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.
   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 must submit prior to January 31st of each year a list of Region officers and roster of current members to the President of the HHFC.

D. NEWSLETTER EDITOR: The Franklin Line editor is responsible for printing and distributing a newsletter of their own design after each of the regional meets.

5. MEMBERSHIP RESPONSIBILITY:
   A. Members of the Midwest Region are expected to promote and to take part in Midwest Region meetings, activities, functions.
   B. Members should consider supporting the region by volunteering for regional offices, and as a 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 HH Franklin Club, the Midwest Region, its officers, and members.
   D. Membership dues are $5.00 and will be 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, duration, and amenities will be within the discretion of the meet sponsor. Meetings 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.

As you can see Dean and Joan and I are again editing the region’s Franklin Line. Although it is a rich and rewarding experience, we are still looking for someone out there to take over the job. If you would like the honor and rewards of being the Line editor, please let Dean, Joan or I know.

Cheers,
Bill Eby
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 those attending. 
F. Insurance coverage for Midwest meets is provided under the umbrella of the HH Franklin club.

7. CHANGES OF THE BY-LAWS: 
A. Bylaws may be changed at a regional meeting when prior notice has been given. Changes may be enacted by majority vote of those in attendance at the meeting.

Midwest Meet in Rhode Island 
By Sarah Hood

This year’s Fall Midwest meet was held in sunny Rhode Island, hosted by Bob and Pat Harrison.

Thursday. First stop, the New England Wireless and Steam Museum in East Greenwich. The museum features a collection of steam engine models, a stationary steam engine collection including the only surviving George H. Corliss engine running under steam today, and an extensive wireless collection.

After lunch we took the Bay Cruise at Quonset Point – a 2 hour tour of lower Narragansett Bay. Sights included lighthouses, harbor islands, and dramatic coastline scenery.

Next stop, the Quonset Air Museum in North Kingston housed in an original Naval Air Station Quonset Point (NASQP) hangar built in 1945. The museum has 28 aircraft on display or under restoration.

Friday. A day filled with beautiful ocean vistas – we began by heading to Newport and following Ocean Drive to Brenton Point State Park and The Breakers, a grand summer “cottage” built by Cornelius Vanderbilt in 1893.

Saturday. We started our day with a tour of Dick Shappy’s private bayside collection on Warwick Neck. Dick has a large collection of early motorcycles, including Indians, Harleys, and seemingly endless Flying Merkels. Not to be outdone by the motorcycles, Dick’s stunning automobiles included a 1913 Broe Electric Coupe, a 1912 Speedwell Speed Car, and a 1930 Cadillac V-16 Convertible Sedan.

Off to a second private collection, owned by Mike Durand, in East Greenwich for the afternoon. Mike’s collection was a bit more on the modern side with vintage Corvettes and a beautiful Chevrolet Nomad station wagon. Bob managed to keep us hopping all afternoon – we squeezed in a stop to check out the local crafts at Stony Lane Basketry in Exeter on our way to the Harrison’s.

Last stop, the Lobster Bake at the home of our hosts. We took the private tour of the Harrison’s wooded retreat including Bob’s six bay “Garag Mahal” – a massive combined garage and workshop. We got a firsthand look at Pat’s artistic quilt creations and her studio containing a very impressive longarm quilting machine. Dinner was a twilight meal of lobster and steak plus all the fixings.

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Wane and Janet Smith 1926 11A Sedan
Sandy and Betty Bennett 1926 11A Victoria Coupe
Lee and Sara Schopmeier 1927 11B Sedan
Dick and Roxana Pratt 1929 130 Sedan
Drew Fresh 1929 136 Sedan
Bob and Louise Nunrink 1929 137 Touring
Brendan and Pat Hogan 1930 145 Deluxe Sedan

Attendees without Franks 
Carl Barker & Barbara Reed, Ronald Bootroyd, Marvin & Jeannette Gage, Phil Hamilton, Richard & Kathryn Harry, Sarah Hood & Paul Beckham, Gordon Howard, Bill & Darien Joline, David & Nancy Merrill, John & Mary Rose Hufnagel, Daughters: Janet Blackstone and Cathy Nacov, Branson and Linda Moore, Bill & Patricia Musto, Becky Schneider & Susie Hoyer, Anson Shuman, Phil & Pam Weisenbarger, Bob Westfall and Pat Barr

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