



# THE FRANKLIN LINE

## HHFC MIDWEST REGION NEWSLETTER

### SPRING 2018

#### Greetings Franklin Friends,

I hope everyone has had a great start to this year's activity and your cars are running in tip top shape. We just finished our Meet in Indianapolis and I'm sure all that were there had a great time. We visited some impressive collections and had a behind the scenes tour of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. Thanks to Roy and Cathy for pulling off a great Meet.

After our business meeting a member came up to me and asked me why we are so successful in increasing our membership when the National Club is losing members, well that answer is very simple - it's all of YOU who make this Region so strong! Roy Nelson has compiled his first installment of our history that details how the Region started and it's published right here, thanks Roy. I know the editors of the ACN will want to get their hands on this too but I'm glad we will be able to publish it first. I look forward to seeing the rest of the story.

Final details of the Pipestone Meet are coming along and Region members will see something in the mail towards the end of August. We have talked about going to the Upper Peninsula of Michigan for a spring of 2019 meet and I will reach out to the Members there for some help. This is an awesome area and I'm sure we will see some wonderful sights. Fall of 2019 we will be in the Northeast corner of Iowa touring some beautiful country along the Mississippi. Spring of 2020 brings us back to the Air Cooled Gathering. We are working on something special for the fall 2020 meet that will take us to some amazing places in the southernmost part of our Region.

Please if anyone has ideas for a Meet - let us know! While we've been to a number of places, some time may have lapsed since we last visited your backyard.

Don't forget we now also have our very own Midwest Franklin Club shirts available from an embroiderer in Minnesota. They have our unique artwork and have picked out some very nice shirts for us to choose from. Website info is included in this issue of the Line that allows you to work directly with the company, Bagyo. I hear several of you are already showing off our new apparel.

That's all for now and 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 Motoring Season

Dean Dorholt  
Aura Vincit  
612-803-083

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*The Midwest Region at the Yard of Bricks!*



## FRANKLIN INDY 2018 REPORT by Roy Canfield

Thank you to all who attended and contributed to a successful Midwest Region 2018 Spring Meet in Indianapolis, Indiana USA, June 6-9, 2018. And a special thanks to Cathy and Margaret Canfield, Payton Lund, Jeryl Schriever for a great logo, Jeff Hasslen for arranging the Wednesday and Thursday car collection tours, Kristine Hayden at Dallara, and Angela Ridenour at Bearcats/The Stutz. Quite literally, I am eternally grateful for all you did.

As I was stuffing the envelopes with the registration and meet info, I added a personal note to a few. One was to Sandy Bennett. It said "Sandy – We have plenty of gas in Indy ;-)" (Sandy and I have a running joke about running out of gas which started with me doing it in 1990 and him coming to my rescue.) Sandy later told me he was planning on not attending this meet, until he saw my note. This paid us both dividends later in the week.

### Wednesday

Wednesday evening, we enjoyed seeing **Gene Perkins'** large car collection (including several gorgeous classics) in Greenwood, Indiana. Gene and his brother, Thornton, were kind and gracious hosts while giving us a tour of their large and impressive collection.

Each evening, many enjoyed conversation, snacks, and drinks in the hospitality suite. We, as hosts, liked having the hospitality suite as part of our hotel room because we didn't have to move things back and forth from one room to another and whenever we needed to go from one place to another it was merely a few feet away.

### Thursday

Thursday morning, we left Indianapolis and toured the Indiana countryside on our way to see **The Goodwin Collection** in Frankfort, Indiana. Bill Miller was also a kind and gracious host to us all and also had an impressive variety of vehicles. The ones which caught my eye were a 1915 National Hearse, Miller Front Wheel Drive which won the 1934 Indianapolis 500 Mile Race, a Tucker (remember, Franklin-powered!), an Indian twin motorcycle (I still have a wrench from my grandpa's Indian), and a Victrola sign.

Lunch at **Johnny V's Main Street Grille & Sport Pub** in Frankfort was quite good. Their Rueben sandwich is a favorite of mine. After lunch we traveled to **John Gambs'** collection in Lafayette, Indiana. John was also a gracious host and we spent hours touring his vast collection of cars, fire trucks (Steve Braverman – you would have enjoyed it – a lot), and memorabilia.

Thursday was our longest touring day – about 170 miles – and after a welcome ice cream stop in Lizton, we were grateful to be Back Home Again In Indiana (at the hotel). After leaving John Gambs' and before reaching Lizton, Bill Fields graciously surprised me by suddenly pulling his 1931 153 over to the side of the road and saying with a smile something like, "Ok that's it! You're driving." I had been the front-seat passenger since there was a chance I knew the directions. It meant a lot to me to be finally driving a Franklin (my home for over 10 years) in Indiana. And oh, by the way, Rand Patterson, Bill Fields, and I (Roy Canfield) had been traveling together like reunited lost wacko brothers. We kept each other laughing many, many times. At one point, Rand said something like "We're acting like a bunch of 12 year olds! Bill promptly replied "I'm 9!" I promptly replied "I'm 7!"

### Friday

Our Friday started by touring Indianapolis on our way to the **Indianapolis Motor Speedway (IMS)** Museum in Speedway, Indiana. Yes, the town really is called Speedway and has been since 1926. Most people also took some the IMS' tours of the museum, race track, and facilities.

Later in the morning and in the museum, I was pleased to see Donald Davidson, the IMS's renowned Historian, introduce myself to him again, chat a bit, and show him the Franklins. During my chat with Donald, Sandy Bennett approached us and I introduced him to Donald. During our chat, Sandy told us of his discussion with one of the IMS' other staff members.

Sandy had described his story (which Randy Fusco has painfully heard 100s of times!) of how Merle Bettenhausen, of the famed Bettenhausen racing family, was so kind to Sandy during his Army days in the 1960s and how Merle helped him with tips for making his drag racing Ford go faster. And how Merle had numerous times told him to visit Indy during May and Merle would introduce him to his family and take him around. Sandy said how life had gotten in the way and he had never taken Merle up on his kind offers.

Donald offered Merle often has lunch at Charlie Browns in Speedway, each Friday. I told Sandy I know where Charlie Browns is and I'll gladly take him there – now – just in case Merle is there, if he'd like. Several minutes later, we arrived at Charlie Browns. After we went in and waited to be seated, seconds later, I looked around the corner and saw Merle. I turned to Sandy and said with a smile, "Follow me." Sandy hesitated because he didn't know why I said this and no one had come to seat us yet (it had only been about 10 seconds). I said, "Come on Sandy, follow me. He's here." Both Sandy and Merle seemed quite pleased – both are kind, gracious, and fun people – and it was fun for me to watch them talk and to know I had helped.

A few members went also and Margaret's curiosity helped us when she used her phone to search Merle's name. She learned tomorrow was Merle's birthday so a cupcake with a candle was delivered to him.

The following Friday (June 15<sup>th</sup>), I decided to take a long lunch from work and go to Charlie Browns for the 'racers lunch' (hoping they'd let me join them; they did!). As I parked on Main Street, I realized I was parking two cars away from Merle. At first I couldn't tell if Merle was leaving or arriving, so I hesitated just a bit. Once I realized Merle had also just arrived, I caught up to him and said hi. As we walked to the entrance, Merle enjoyed hearing my description of Sandy's story and how much joy it brought to Sandy. Then I told Merle how at our banquet on Saturday evening, Michigan was discussed as a possible future meet location and how Sandy made the entire crowd laugh when he said "I have a friend in Michigan I haven't seen for 50 years!"

Merle then replied "My best friend in the Army lives in Michigan and I haven't seen him for 50 years." I said, "Maybe the three of you could get together!" We both smiled and laughed. I enjoyed our lunch at **Big Woods Speedway** and others seemed to as well – I hope so. After lunch, we were back on the subject of race cars (detect a theme?) by touring the **Dallara** race car factory on Main Street. Dallara has been the maker of all Indy race cars for quite a few years now. Dallara's home factory is in Italy and it was fun to be connected, in a fashion, to their American branch which does so much to support them and IndyCar.

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## Saturday

Saturday morning. Many of us like coffee and I thought going to the IMS for "Cars and Coffee" might be a good thing for our group. I enjoyed seeing a few friends and the variety of cars which attended was fun. A brief video of the Franklins arriving was posted on Facebook. After this we toured local residential streets around west side of IMS including up and down Georgetown Road (outside the IMS' main straight).



Sandy Bennett and Merle Bettenhausen



Barb and Ed Wyle

Our tour to the Stutz factory buildings (**The Stutz Business & Arts Center**) included passing by the “Stadium Lofts” (the Indianapolis Indians old minor league baseball park converted into apartments; the field still looks ‘playable’), and crossing over the downtown canal. After arriving at Stutz and the Franklins parking in an alleyway between buildings A & B, we headed for lunch at **Bearcats Bar & Grille Restaurant**. Both the food and service were fantastic. I don’t know how they could provide such good food so promptly for such a large group. Angela Ridenour did an amazing job of arranging all the details for our special event and tour of The Stutz. Landmark: In restaurant, hanging on the wall is a large framed 1931 Franklin ad with Amelia Earhart and Pitcairn autogyro.

Angela gave us a good tour of a good portion of the factory, on multiple floors. We traveled between floors in a still fully-functional car elevator. The tour included a nice variety of cars including Stutzes and a replica of Frank Lockhart’s 1928 land speed record car, the Stutz Black Hawk Special. Thankfully the strong rain storm happened while we were inside the factory and was over when we were ready to leave.

After leaving the Stutz factory, our tour back to the hotel passed by the Indianapolis Children’s Museum and its full-scale dinosaurs coming in and out of the building, the downtown American Legion Mall (includes the Veterans Memorial Plaza, Indiana War Memorial and Museum, and University Park), Monument Circle (the reason Indy is known as the Circle City), Indiana State Capital, Indiana Soldiers and Sailors Monument, Lucas Oil Stadium (home of the NFL’s Indianapolis Colts), and Victory Field (current home of the Indianapolis Indians AAA baseball club), and the old National Road (US 40).



*Roy and Cathy Canfield test out a Stutz*

**Sunday**

Except for rain on Sunday as we were leaving, and Saturday lunchtime, I was pleased each day was what I like to call ‘another gorgeous Indiana day.’ Thank you to all.

Personal note. Helping Sandy and Merle get together is certainly my favorite memory of the meet. It still makes me smile, and feel proud I could help an old friend and meet a new one.

Eight Franklin cars journeyed to Indianapolis for the meet and a total count of 41 people joined in for part or all of the meet.

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| 1915 Series 8 Touring              | Jeff and Joan Hasslen     |
| 1920 Series 9-B 2-door Sedan       | Sandy and Betty Bennett   |
| 1928 Series 12-B Victoria Brougham | Bill and Geri Eby         |
| 1929 Series 135 Sport Sedan        | Ed and Barb Wyle          |
| 1930 Series 145 Victoria Brougham  | Phil and Pam Weisenbarger |
| 1931 Series 153 Club Sedan         | Bill Fields               |
| 1932 Series 163 Coupe              | Randy and Loretta Fusco   |
| 1932 Series 163 Sedan              | Ken Spillman              |

- Roy and Cathy Canfield
- Margaret Canfield and Payton Lund
- Dean and Cinda Dorholt
- Donald and Jane Eilers
- Mark Kaley and Gayle Gingrich
- Sean Kleinschmidt and Taylor Pacovsky
- Tom and Ann Kleinschmidt

- Lee and Nancy Nelson
- Roy Nelson
- Rand Patterson
- Joey and Debbie Quebedeaux
- Dennis and Linda Radford
- Lee and Sara Schopmeier
- Jack and Mary Stang
- John Todorczuk

## BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES - JUNE 9, 2018

**A) Call to Order:** The meeting began with **President Dean Dorholt** and all in attendance applauding their thanks to our hosts, Roy, Kathy and Margaret Canfield for a wonderful meet. Following this, there was a moment of silence for all the Midwest Franklin friends who have passed away over the years. Al Finseth and Beth Marshall were specifically mentioned having passed away March 2018.

**B) Recognition: Attending a Midwest Meet for the first time:** Margaret Canfield, Winona, MN and her friend, Payton Lund, Winona, MN; Don & Jane Eilers, Trenton, IL. "I'm restoring a 1930 Trans-Con. Sedan. I've got a long way to go."; Sean Kleinschmidt & finance' Taylor Pacovsky. Sean mentioned, "I live here (Indianapolis) so decided to show up."; Ken Spillman drove his 32 Sedan from his home on Long Island, NY on route to the Westrek in northern California. And joining us for part of a day - Mark & Gayle Kaley from Bloomington, IN. friends of Bill & Geri Eby. **Brought their Franklin to the Meet:** Sandy & Betty Bennett, Bill & Geri Eby, Bill Fields, Randy & Loretta Fusco, Jeff & Joan Hasslen, Ken Spillman, Phil & Pam Weisenbarger, Ed & Barb Wyle. **One person DROVE his Franklin to the meet and DROVE the furthest in a Franklin:** Ken Spillman drove approx. 800 miles from Ridge, NY. **Traveled the furthest to attend:** Jack and Mary Stang, Hammond, LA, traveled 803 miles with friends Joey & Debbie Quebedeaux, also from Hammond. Ken Spillman received honorable mention. His distance was just a few miles shy of the Stang's! Of special note is that Ken continued on to attend the Westrek after joining us in Indy.

**C) Host Report, Roy Canfield:** Roy thanked everyone for coming then shared notes he'd received from Jim & Hazel Wade and Richard & Kathryn Harry - both expressing disappointment they were unable to attend, "looks like an excellent meet", wishing us "good weather and a good time". Kathryn also sent a picture of Margaret Canfield at age 3, eating strawberries on the steps of Cazenovia College, 2001. And several times Roy's tour sheets mentioned that all should thank Jeff Hasslen for setting up the private car collection tours on

Thursday. (Secretary adds: There were 8 Franklins and 35 - 39 participants from 12 states - AL, IL, IN, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, NY, OH, PA, & VA. See the complete Meet report in this issue of The Line.) Dean commented that this Indianapolis Meet went well so it's possible to do a big city meet such as in Minneapolis.

**D) Secretary's Report:** Last year at this time we had 117. To this date we have **125 members!** Our newest members attended this meet - Don & Jane Eilers, Trenton, IL. owners of a 1930 Trans Continental Sedan. Other new members are: Scott & Sheri Brenneman, Mt. Vernon, OH, with a 1925 11A Sedan; John Burns & Sue Corbin, Plover, WI; Noel & Amy Harrington, Muskegon, MI; Raymond & Jackie Hilt, Muskegon, MI, with a 1923 10B Demi-Sedan; Richard & Connie Roth, Johnson IA; Edward & Judy Wright, Ottawa Lake, MI, with a 1929 135 Sedan.

**E) Treasurer:** Our current balance is **\$ 1,287.46** (as of May 31st). Since our fall meet, expenses totaled **\$742.55** and income totaled **\$665.00** from membership dues.

**F) Old business:** Dean and Cinda worked with a Minnesota company to set up a "store" for Region merchandise. A good variety of shirts are now available; several members have ordered; and you deal directly with the company. Go to the Franklin website; under "News", click on subtitle "Midwest Region" and on the right side of the page it shows the logo and tells about ordering Region apparel. The store website is also listed in your Region Directory, pg. 45.

**G) New Business:** **1)** Hazel Wade is stepping down as editor of our newsletter because she has lots going on right now. We certainly appreciate her dedication and the great job she's done. **2)** This means we need a new editor. Cinda will take over as new editor unless we have someone else who would like to do this. (Applause - to say thanks to Hazel and show appreciation and support for Cinda.) **3)** Anyone who wants to tell their story about their

Franklin - where they've traveled or what they're working on - send it to [midwestfranklin@gmail.com](mailto:midwestfranklin@gmail.com), Dean or Cinda for The Line. **4)** Roy Canfield will send his meet report to Cinda who will put it in The Line and send it on to ACN. **5)** We're looking for pictures from this meet. Cinda will need them for The Line. Bill Eby added " Send them with Drop Box or Google and I will download them to the website."

**H) Midwest Region Reports: 1) Regional Director, Jeff Hasslen:** a) Any suggestions, comments or complaints for the board, let Jeff know. The next board meeting is at the Trek. b) The HHFC board created a Sinclair Powell Scholarship for students in the automotive field. Mason Polston from McPherson got a scholarship this year. The board is accepting donations to this scholarship program. c) To maintain our non-profit status, we cannot subsidize the dues. So, to cover membership expenses, we would have to cut services or raise the dues. Raising dues may negatively affect our membership. We could consider emailing The Service Station. **2) Region History, Roy Nelson:** He continues to research this topic. He has a letter from the early years that invites others to join the Region. He will submit that letter and other information about our Region roots to The Line.

**I) Other Business: 1) Franklin Collection, Phil Weisenbarger:** The Air Cooled Gathering is next weekend. We hope to have a good turnout. Phil's update, 6/25: Sinclair Powell left \$5,000 to digitalize his notes. Bouvard Hosticka used some of the funds to put Franklin information on line. The notes are now in the Gilmore (Franklin) archives with hopes that someone will appreciate and use what is there. The Gilmore got first choice of the 660+ books Sinclair donated to the Collection. They took about half for the Gilmore Library. The rest of the books will be sold and the money given to the Franklin Collection. **2) Jeff Hasslen** added that he, Phil and Bob Kern will meet with the Gilmore people next weekend to discuss contract issues. **3) Bill Eby:** Because of Sinclair Powell's passing, the club is in need of an appropriate volunteer to be Club

Historian. Roy Canfield said he would consider it. **3) Loretta Fusco:** After 15 years, this is her last year as HHFC Merchandise Manager. Missy Brown will work with Loretta at the Trek and transition into that position.

**J) Future Midwest Meets: 1) Fall Meet, 2018,** will be hosted by Jason Newby and Angie Mueller in Pipestone, MN, **October 11 - 13.** Information is on the website and registration will be mailed in August. Dean added that it's a beautiful and very interesting area. **2) Spring Meet, 2019 - TBD.** If you are interested in hosting next May, please contact Dean: 612-803-0836. Joan emails "Guidelines" to future hosts so they have some idea about the procedure. **3) Fall Meet, 2019,** Tom and Barb Chandler will host in the Elkader, IA area - northeastern Iowa. **4)** Once again the idea of a Midwest meet in the UP of Michigan was discussed and many at the meeting indicated they would attend. No definite location or host was mentioned.

**K) Additional Announcements: 1) Barb and Ed Wyle** celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary during this meet. Congratulations to them! **2)** Joan read an email received last fall from **Frank and Garnet Hantak,** Tuscan, AZ. They sent their greetings, family news and mentioned that they keep up with the Franklin happenings through visitors and written word.

**L) Meeting adjourned:** Thanks again to Roy, Kathy and Margaret for a great meet.

Joan Hasslen, Region Secretary

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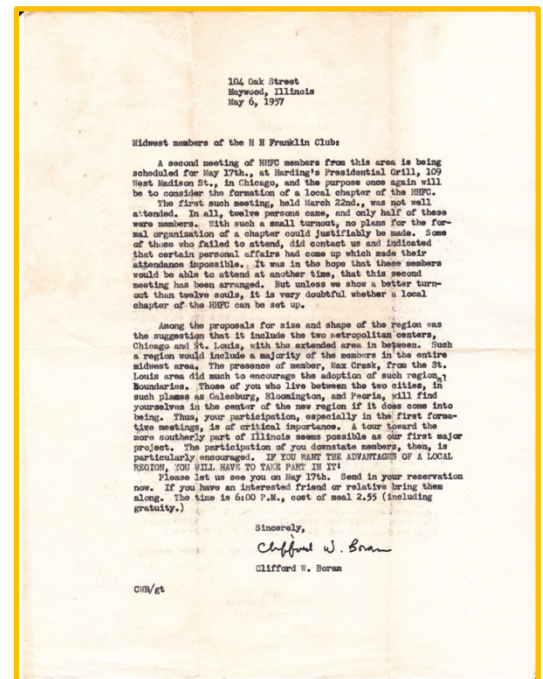
## FROM OUR REGION HISTORIAN

Roy Nelson

The history of the Midwest Region dates back almost to the beginning of the Franklin Club. The driving force came from a very young (19 years old) and enthusiastic Clifford Boram from Maywood, Il. He was exposed to antique cars at an early age even before he had a driver's license. His mother, Dr. Catherine Logan, a doctor of arthritic medicine, gave him a 1926 Model "T" Ford touring for a Christmas present. Cliff tinkered with it and drove it around but was discouraged by the fact that he couldn't afford expensive Prestone and had to drain the radiator after each time he used the car. He decided that a good alternative was to drive an air-cooled car. After some research he found about our HHFC and Tom Hubbard in Tucson, Az. The Franklin Club had been founded a year earlier at Ralph Hamlin's home in Los Angeles, Ca. A binding force in any club is a newsletter; however, none of the handful of founding members were willing to put up any money for a mailing. Understanding the need Cliff put up \$25 and Tom provided \$35 to cover paper and postage for a new publication. They mimeographed a multipage letter which became Air-Cooled News #1 in 1953. As a result of this unification the first Trek was held in 1954. Clifford had decided he wanted a Franklin, and he did find one for sale in Highland Park, Il., not far from his home near Chicago. It was a 1922 S.9-B vee-windshield sedan with a horse collar hood. The seller was CCCA member George Campbell who had rescued it from an estate about 1950.

The car had been on blocks in a carriage house, and the elderly owner remembered that it gave very good gas mileage. Therefore, when gasoline became rationed with our country's involvement in WW II, the owner had it repaired. He put the Franklin back on the road and drove it during the War. Afterwards it went back on the blocks, as the owner was in ill health. Clifford was enthusiastic about the car, and since it ran well with scarcely over 30,000 miles on it, he decided it was up to a trip. As a result, he DROVE the S.9-B from Chicago to Syracuse and attended the 2nd Trek in 1955. The only major problem was that Cliff had installed a "high intensity" coil, and there was no ballast resistor in the ignition circuit. As a result, he had to stop frequently and change burned up points-and the Gestapo made him get off the New York Thruway! The front cover of an early Air-Cooled News prominently pictures the S.9-B in a parade of Franklins driving down Geddes St. in downtown Syracuse. During this period of time Clifford got to know other Franklin owners in the Midwest. In particular Max Crask of St. Louis, Mo., and Milton Asher, Harold Finley, and Eddie Landmichl around Chicago. Max had a fleet of Franklins, and Milt had 3, including a V-12 sedan and a S.151 town (sport) sedan. His father had been a Franklin and a Moon dealer in Wilmette, Il. Harold had a S.10-C called "Frankie". Ed had worked as a mechanic at a Franklin agency and for 50 years repaired Franklins for their owners. Another early Club member was Athol Odell of Galesburg, Il. He owned 7 Franklins including a Speedster convertible. Later he became the club jeweler and was responsible for the design and manufacture of the club lapel pin. Another significant member was Al Walker of Oconomowoc, Wi. He owned several Franklins including a rare S.10-B limousine and became our very first club president.

These Franklin owners and a few others kept in touch and came up with the idea of forming a local group that primarily encompassed the St. Louis to Chicago area. Clifford volunteered to send out a letter to all known Franklin owners in the Midwest suggesting the formation of a local HHFC chapter. Harold Finley worked in downtown Chicago ("The Loop") and offered to find a suitable meeting place with good food and a central location for the Franklin people to gather. As a result, he chose Harding's Grille on Madison St. Thus the very beginning of our Midwest Region took place at an organizational meeting at Harding's on March 22nd, 1957.



1957 Invitational Letter

Poor attendance brought about a 2nd meeting on May 17th. It was a success, and plans were made to form a Midwest Region. The restaurant no longer exists, but at least 3 meetings were held there during 1957. On the invitational letter note the cost of the dinner! Like Paul Harvey says, "The rest of the story" will appear in future Franklin Lines.

**In Memoriam**  
 Lloyd Young, January 2018  
 Beth Marshall, March 2018  
 Allan Finseth, March 2018

Mrs. Elizabeth A. Marshall was born October 1, 1937 in Sparta, Illinois and passed away peacefully at home Tuesday, March 6, 2018 after a lengthy struggle with cancer. "Beth" as known by most of us, loved the Franklin meets and the down to earth gatherings that she and her late husband, Alex, attended with their Franklins. While president of the Midwest Region, I mentioned that we should have our own unique theme song! Beth right away got busy and lo and behold she wrote her version of "Cruising Down the Highway" that we sang to the tune of "Cruising Down the River". This wonderful song was introduced and sung at an Ohio Meet. It was certainly a HIT! Beth was always happy and put so much joy in the Midwest Meets.

She will certainly be missed.  
 Jim and Hazel Wade

Beth's legend will live on through this theme song, "Cruising Down the Highway" that she created for the Midwest Region. *(Sung to the tune of "Cruising Down the River")*

Verse 1

Cruising down the highway in our antique Franklin car  
 The engine whines, the paint job shines as we go so far,  
 The air-cooled engine purring, the rods go up and down  
 Cruising down the highway on our way into the town.

The road is rough, the curves are tough, way out here in the sticks,  
 The valves are hot and if they're shot, we'll all be in a fix,  
 We're rolling through the country on big round wire wheels  
 Cruising down the highway – you all know just how it feels.

Verse II

Cruising down the highway on full elliptical springs,  
 The cold air flows, the lap robe blows while the engine sings,  
 We wish we had a gas gauge and something to give heat—  
 Cruising down the highway and oh wouldn't that be neat!

We all give thanks no need for cranks, we've got electric start,  
 There is no shame the Franklin name is graven on our heart.  
 We do not get dirty, we have-to keep clean,  
 Cruising down the back roads in our fine Franklin machine

**New members in the 2018 Directory**

Roy and Cathy Canfield 742 Settlers Walk Brownsburg, IN 46112 ric335a@aol.com 1931 151 Sedan	Noel and Amy Harrington 4587 W. Giles Rd Muskegon, MI 49445 231-744-1382 harringtona@frontier.com	Steven and Sherry Williams 2830 Spring Meadow Dr. Imperial, MO 63052 636-575-1469 Cell steven1912@charter.net 1911 M Touring
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**New Members Spring 2018 – not yet in the directory**

**Rejoining Member**

John Burns III and Sue Corbin  
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Plover, WI 54467  
715-579-5444 Cell

Donald and Jane Eilers  
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Trenton, IL 62293  
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Christine Gray  
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grayfamily@hotmail.com

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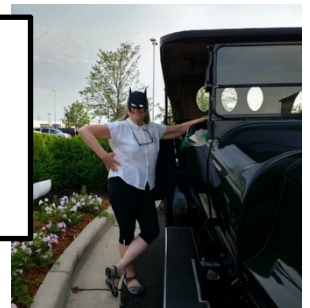
**REMINDER TO ALL REGION MEMBERS**

*from your Region Officers*

**HHFC By-Laws require all Midwest Region members be members of the National Club. Starting fall, 2018, Region renewal forms will be mailed to those who are current on their HHFC dues.**

**Midwest Region Fall Meet 2018**

Hosted by Jason Newby and Angie Mueller  
Pipestone, MN  
October 11 – October 13, 2018  
Watch for details in August



*Your New Editor*

**PHOTO COLLAGE**

*Photos courtesy of multiple region members: Roy Canfield, Margaret Canfield, Joan Hasslen, Dean Dorholt, and Cinda Dorholt*



*The Gerber Collection*



PHOTO COLLAGE (cont)



Ken has a little Bendix problem

The Goodwin Collection



Johnny V's Mainstreet Grill



John Gambs Collection



PHOTO COLLAGE (cont)



Indianapolis Motor Speedway



Guess Who!??



Dallara



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7895 County Road 15  
Maple Plain, MN 55359

Photo Collage (cont)



*Bearcats Bar and Grille*



*Stutz Business and Arts Center*