

The Franklin Line

HHFC Midwest Region News

Fall, 2013

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 gathering at the Hasslen's and off on a tour through

Upcoming Midwest Meets

Spring 2014 – June 12 -14. Near and around Hickory Corners, Michigan; coordinating with the Gilmore Museum Air-Cooled Gathering .
Fall 2014 - Plano, Ill., Lee and Nancy Nelson
Spring 2015 – Minnesota
Fall 2015 – Montrose, Missouri. Dennis and Linda Radford, host.

Would YOU like to host a meet. Contact Dean, Bill or Joan.

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
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Treasurers 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 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.

"WANTED: THE HISTORY OF OUR MIDWEST REGION. Since many of you will be writing your personal Franklin history and how you got involved with Franklins, does anyone in our club know the origin of our Midwest Region? Please write an article and send it to Dean, Bill or Joan for The Franklin Line coming out this fall. How our group got started would be an interest read. Thank you."

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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 the history of these fine aircooled autos.
 - B. To encourage family participation in such recreation.
 - C. To promote club fraternity of HH 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.
 - B. The Midwest Region will consist of four officers: President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, and Representative to the HH Franklin club board of directors.
 - C. The Franklin Line editor (the Midwest region newsletter) is a volunteer position; and not an officer.
 - D. 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 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.
 - 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. 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.

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 are 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.

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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 Kingstown 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 Merckels. Not to be outdone by the motorcycles, Dick's stunning automobiles included a 1913 Broc 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

Franklin Line goes High Tech!

For those of you who would like to receive your Franklin Line via e-mail we hope to have that option soon. Please indicate on the dues statement that you are OK with an electronic Line. Once we have a count and figure out how to do the mass emailing, we will hit the starter.

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.

Attendees with Franklins

- Wayne 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 Frech 1929 135 Sedan
- Bob and Louise Nunnink 1929 137 Touring
- Brendan and Pat Hogan 1930 145 Deluxe Sedan

- Tom and Carol Kidd 1930 147 Roadster
- Ed and Peg Daly 1931 153 Sedan
- Al & Paula Warren 1932 16A Club Sedan
- Randy and Loretta Fusco 1932 16A Coupe
- Bob and Pat Harrison 1932 16A Club Sedan
- Andy and Kathy Wittenborn 1933 16B Sedan

- 1930 147 Roadster
- 1931 153 Sedan
- 1932 16A Club Sedan
- 1932 16A Coupe
- 1932 16A Club Sedan
- 1933 16B Sedan

Attendees without Franklins

- Carl Barker & Barbara Reed, Ronald Boothroyd, Marvin & Jeannette Gage, Phil Hamilton, Richard & Kathryn Harry, Sarah Hood & Paul Beckingham, 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 Hoeber, Anson Shuman, Phil & Pam Weisenbarger, Bob Westfall and Pat Barr



Your Midwest Officers:

- Dean Dorholt - President - deandorholt@frontiernet.net
- Bill Eby - Vice President - w.eby@verizon.net
- Joan Hasslen - Secretary/Treasurer -jhasslen@gmail.com
- Brendan Hogan - Midwest Board Rep

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Member News:

Roy Nelson, faithful Franklin member and active Midwest Region member, suffered a major heart attack. He had a collapsed artery and reduced heart function when admitted to the emergency room. He then had major complications resulting in the amputation of his right foot. He is improving daily. At this writing, he is resting comfortably and in very good spirits. Cards may be sent to Roy c/o Lee Nelson, 522 S. Washington St., Lockport, IL 60441.

Eric and Sue Swenson's Daughter Cassie gets a wedding day ride in their 1933 Olympic. The Franklin was handed down to Eric by his grandfather who had bought it in the 60's after carpooling in it in the 40's.

