



# THE FRANKLIN LINE

HHFC MIDWEST REGION NEWSLETTER

**Spring 2023**

**Greetings my Franklin friends,**

Our first meet of 2023 is in the books and we are in full swing into summer.

Angie and Jason did a great job putting together a nice meet in the heartland of Nebraska.

We drove our 1929 135 Sedan along with the Hasslen's in their 1932 Club Sedan from Minnesota to Hastings, (475 miles) and had no problems.

One highlight we visited was the Pioneer Village in Minden, and one could spend days there and not see everything that one man took over 70 years to accumulate. Over 300 cars and 30 buildings were moved to the site with something of interest for anyone.

Another thing I did not realize was the ties Hastings had in the war effort, one of the largest Naval ammunition depots in the country covering 75 square miles was located right there in the center of the country. It was a Great time, and great to see our friends again.

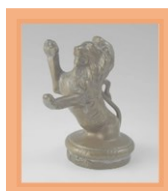
At our business meeting we took care of the usual items, and we are in great shape as a Region with over 100 members. I have been president for 12 years now and it's time for someone else take over. The duties of the president are not very difficult and it's very rewarding. Let Jeff, Joan, or myself know if you'd be interested.

We have some meets for 2024 to get on the calendar and I believe in 2024 we will be going back to the Gilmore in conjunction with the Air Cooled Gathering. That would just leave the fall meet.

Hope to see everyone in Michigan in the fall, it's going to be beautiful, and the fall colors should be popping.

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

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# MIDWEST SPRING MEET 2023

MAY 10 - MAY 13

## THE 2023 SPRING MEET WAS HELD IN BEAUTIFUL HASTINGS, NEBRASKA

BY ANGIE

**Thursday:** The first day was spent in Grand Island, NE where we drove over to the Stuhr Museum of the Prairie Pioneer. This museum has a living history village called Railroad Town which features the house where Henry Fonda was born and has had several movies filmed there, such as Sarah, Plain and Tall (1991) and My Antonia (1995). As we walked through the town, there were people working on the machines and took time to show us how to work with wood, tin and a little bit of blacksmithing.

Lunch was hosted by our next event host, John Nikodym and his sister Mariam. John has the largest collection of Velie automobiles in the country as well as the first Velie ever made. Housed in the former "Super Bowl", bowling alley, John has been collecting cars as well as tractors for most of his life.

At the end of the day, we drove over to the Seedling mile to see the last original concrete pavement from the Lincoln highway in the whole country before heading back to the hotel to enjoy an evening of socializing.



**Friday:** The entire second day was spent in Minden, NE – home of the Harold Warp Pioneer Village. This village has something for everybody and could have taken the entire meet to go through to really see everything, but we only gave it a day. Along with a ton of cars there were original buildings such as the Pony Express Relay Station, Harold Warp's sod house, clothing from over the decades, handmade quilts, glass, office equipment, musical instruments and so much more. Lunch was held at the Exchange Bank and the taco bar was catered in by the Cozy Corners Caterers in Minden. After lunch, participants went back to Hastings late that afternoon to get ready for the evening banquet that was held at the Blue Fork Restaurant. Good food, good company and a business meeting was on the menu for the evening.

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**Saturday:** On the third and final day of the meet, everyone drove their Franklins over to the Hastings Museum to get on a bus to tour the Naval Ammunition Depot (NAD) tour. This guided tour included not only the depot itself but also the officer's houses, administration buildings, where explosions happened and the downtown Hastings area. The tour guide talked about what the city had to do to adjust to the influx of people in the beginning and how it had to adjust after the depot was closed. Once the bus tour was over it was off to the Hastings Museum where part of the group went to the planetarium while others wandered around the museum looking for the Kool-Aid man. The top floor of the museum held memorabilia of the NAD so the group was able to see what the depot produced. A picnic lunch was enjoyed behind the museum before the group was off to the Motorsport Park Hastings to see a motorcycle race and cars. Terry Klatt had street rods while Doug and his son had Mustangs and Porsches. This was the last event of the tour, and the evening was spent socializing before leaving Sunday morning.

**Overall, everyone said it was an excellent meet!**

## Franklins at the meet:

Dean and Cinda Dorholt	1929 135 Sedan
Bill Fields	1922 10A V Windshield Sedan
Jeff and Joan Hasslen	1932 163 Club Sedan
John Moss	1929 137 7 Passenger Touring
Glenn and Jo Short	1930 145 Cabriolet
Stan and Kate Stutheit	1930 145 Sedan

**There were 30 people for the first day of the meet and 32 for the last two days. Meet attendees and their homebase included:**

### From Florida:

Linda and Dennis Radford

### From Illinois:

Nancy and Lee Nelson

Roy Nelson

Varlene and Dennis Milne

Ann and Tom Kleinschmidt

### From Kentucky:

Bill Fields

### From Louisiana:

Jack and Mary Stang

Isabel "Iszzy" Stang

### From Minnesota:

Joan and Jeff Hasslen

Cinda and Dean Dorholt

### From Nebraska:

Angie and Jason Newby

Kate and Stan Stutheit

John Moss

Dale Jergensen

### From Ohio:

Ray Hemmelgarn

Pam and Phil Weisenbarger

### From Oklahoma:

Jolene and Glenn Short

Guests Carrie and Brad Bertrand

### From South Dakota:

Barb and Gary Ohnstad

### From Virginia:

Bouvard Hosticka



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HOSTED BY ANGIE AND JASON NEWBY

Photos and captions courtesy of John Moss



**Purple People Eaters**



**Our windows actually work!**



**Kool-Aid jammies are Kool!**



**Don't look behind you at the Hastings Museum!**



**Big wheel blowing off steam at the Stuhr Museum!**



**Training at Pioneer Village!**



**Isabel at Hastings Museum!**



**We told you— Don't Feed the Bears!**



**The Brain Trust at Work!**



**The Physics and Franklins equation explained.**



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## BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES - MAY 12, 2023

**Call to order:** Region President, Dean Dorholt started the meeting by thanking Jason and Angie Newby for hosting.

A moment of silence was observed for recently deceased Region members: Rosella Pringle, Bob Kern, Laverne Smazik, Brendan Hogan.

**Recognition:** First time attending a Region Meet: Dale Jergensen, Greta, NE; Jo & Glenn Short, Oklahoma City, OK.

Brought a Franklin to this Meet: Dean & Cinda Dorholt, Bill Fields, Jeff & Joan Hasslen, John Moss, Jo & Glenn Short, Stan & Kate Stutheit.

Drove a Franklin to this Meet: Dean & Cinda Dorholt, Jeff & Joan Hasslen

Drove their Franklin the furthest to attend:

Jeff & Joan Hasslen, 490 miles

Traveled the furthest to attend: Dennis & Linda Radford came from FL – 1,661 miles; Bouvard Hosticka, second place with 1,302 miles.

**Host report:** Jason and Angie – “Thank you all for coming and putting up with us. It went better than expected. There were a few changes but all went well. There were 6 Franklins and 30 people.” Jason thanked Stan Stutheit who helped plan the tour stops. (Secretary note: 9 states were represented: FL, IL, KY, LA, MN, NE, OH, SD, VA)

**Secretary report:** Current membership is 111 with 5 new members since the fall 2022 meet: Stephen & Jamie Hall, Jefferson City, MO, own a 1925 11A Coupe; Dale Jergensen, Gretna, NE; Mike & Katie McCarthy, Oregon City, OR, own a 1922 10A Sedan, 1928 12A Victoria Brougham, 1928 12B Sport Runabout; Jeff & Kim Pahl, Newton, WI, have a 1920 9B 2 door Sedan; and Michael Samson, Indian Creek, IL, has a 1923 Speedster.

**Treasury report:** Current balance is \$2,035.85.

We saved \$118 by publishing a one sheet Directory Addendum for 2023. This will be the addendum format from now on since printing and postage costs are increasing.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** 1) Dean Dorholt is looking for someone to take over as Region president. He has held this position for 12 years. Please let him know if you are interested. 2) Bouvard Hosticka announced that he will be driving his Franklin on the Skyline Drive in the Shenandoah National Park, Sept 4 – 8, 2023. All are invited to join him but “this is not a tour.”

**Midwest Region Reports:** HHFC Regional Director - Jeff Hasslen: 1) The Trek in July will be different but wonderful. Every room has a private bath because it was a Ramada Inn converted into dorm rooms. Union College is on the north side of Schenectady so we will be driving out from the city. Bouvard went to Union and drove his 1910 around the area. There are many stop signs but it’s doable. Might be best to bring a more modern Franklin – not a cross engine. 2) Email the webmaster if you need the new password.

Franklin Line Editor - Cinda Dorholt: Please send pictures and stories from this meet to her - [midwestfranklin@gmail.com](mailto:midwestfranklin@gmail.com).

**Other Business:** 1) The Collection – Jeff Hasslen reported that Mark Smith gave a Series 9 Demi-sedan to the Collection. Cars donated are a good source of income. Bill Fields bought “Sparky” and Glenn Short bought their speedster from the Collection. Phil Weisenbarger added that funding for the Collection at the Gilmore is not connected to the HHFC Club. We pay up to \$30,000/year to be there (rate per square foot) for heat, lights, docents, etc.. We need \$30,000 each year. We have an endowment but it won’t last forever. 2) Glenn Short commented that the HHFC Educational Program is successful. “Student involvement is increasing.” Matching funds up to \$100,000 were raised.



## BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES (CONT)

**Future Meets:** Fall 2023, Sept 28 – 30, Upper Peninsula of Michigan. Bill & Geri Eby and Mark Kaley will host. This is a beautiful area. There is a promo on the website. More information will follow. Spring 2024 – Possibly at Hickory Corners/Hastings, MI, at the Gilmore Museum along with the Air Cooled Gathering. Fall 2024 – Possibly in Kentucky with Bill Fields hosting. Dean Dorholt asked everyone to consider hosting eff commented that Roger works hard at the Collection for the benefit of all Club members.

**Recognition:** 1) Region members Bill Fields and Connie Roth are new HHFC Board members. Glenn Short is also a new board member. 2) Bouvard Hosticka was recognized as HHFC Librarian. 3) Lee & Nancy Nelson and Dennie Milne were recognized as the Midwest Region's longest active members in good standing. 4) Jeff Hasslen reported that Roger Moffat had his kidney transplant and is doing well. (Applause from the group!) At this point in time, his

kidney is functioning almost 100% - as well as can be expected. He wishes he could be at this meet. Jeff commented that Roger works hard at the Collection for the benefit of all Club members. It was noted that Lisa donated a kidney so Roger could be placed higher on the transplant list.

**Meeting adjourned:** Thanks again to Angie and Jason for hosting this great meet!

Joan Hasslen, Midwest Region Secretary

## UPDATES

### Midwest Meets

#### 2023 Fall Meet

Keweenaw Peninsula, in the UP of Michigan  
September 28 - 30  
Hosted by Bill and Geri Eby

#### 2024 Spring Meet

Possibly Hickory Corners/Hastings, MI  
Hosted by our new president (*possibly*)

#### 2024 Fall Meet

Possibly Kentucky  
Hosted by Bill Fields (*again possibly*)



Rosella Pringle - October 22, 2022

Laverne Smazik - January 25, 2023

Bob Kern - November 8, 2022

Brendan Hogan – March 4, 2023

Evelyn Edwards

May 18, 2023

## UPDATES CONT

### WELCOME!

#### New Members NOT in the 2023 Addendum

\*Stephen and Jamie Hall  
1422 Holzem Lane  
Jefferson City, MO 65109  
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1925 11A Coupe 155106-3

\*Mike and Katie McCarthy  
(Mike—HHFC Vice President)  
311 Jackson St  
Oregon City, OR 97045  
503-975-2973 Cell  
mccarthymf@comcast.net  
1922 10A Sedan 2Dr 131782-4

cont. 1928 12A Victoria Brough-  
am X175200L21928 12B Sport  
Runabout Y179701L2  
1928 12B Sport Runabout  
Y179701L2

#### New Members NOT in the 2022 Region Directory

\*Dale Jergensen  
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Gretna, NE 68028  
402-949-0521 Cell  
dwjerg@gmail.com

\*Paul and Coral Loebel  
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Beaver Dam, WI 53916  
920-382-8764 Cell  
Renaissance.restoration@gmail.com  
1929 135 Victoria Brougham 35-190610L21  
1929 135 Victoria Brougham 35-197146L21

\*Jeff and Kim Pahl  
7912 South Union Rd  
Newton, WI 53063  
920-726-4960 Home  
Jeff.pahl@plymouthfoam.com  
1920 9B Sedan 2 Dr 99853

\*Michael and Ellen Samson  
1532 Rosehall Court  
Indian Creek, IL 60061  
847-987-2928 Cell  
samsonized@hotmail.com

\*Arlie and Mary Tucker  
1131 Crest Rd  
Libertyville, IL 60048  
847-902-1890 Cell  
arrietucker@hotmail.com  
1923 108 Sedan 136790-11

#### New Address:

\*Roy and Cathy Canfield  
1133 Karyl Place  
Roseville, MN 55113-5925  
Phone remains the same

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### 2022

#### Trek Tidbits

*See complete list in the Fall 2023 ACN*

- \* **Attendance** - 201 people attended (double compared to 2021) including 194 adults, 7 children 16 and under, and 15 Red tags
- \* **# of Franklins** - 42 Franklins in attendance (There were 27 in 2021)
- \* **Service Award** - Sara Schopmeier received the 2022 Service Award
- \* **Trekkers' Choice** - (Car you would most like to take home) went to Tom Rasmussen and his Series 9
- \* **The Guy Rose Long Distance Driving Award** - went to Bill & Geri Eby
- \* **Scholarship Recipients** - There were 5 new and 5 returning recipients
- \* **The Friday afternoon auction** totaled **\$705.00**.
- \* **Outgoing and incoming Board members were thanked for their service to the Club. Including region members Dan Russell, Bill Fields, and Connie Roth**
- \* **2023 Trek Dates:** July 29-August 5



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