



THE FRANKLIN LINE HHFC MIDWEST REGION NEWSLETTER

September 20 - September 23 Fall Meet 2017

Greetings Franklin Friends,

We finished yet again another successful touring season in the Midwest Region. I want to thank all that stepped up and hosted a meet; it's with this kind of help we can keep our Region strong and active.

Cinda and I had a great time this summer visiting two National Parks, the Grand Canyon and Yellowstone. The highlight was getting to drive our 1907 Model G around in Yellowstone at the West Trek. We also were involved in the New London to New Brighton Antique Car run here in Minnesota and as always had a Great time on the 120 mile grand tour. Along with the tours our local HCCA club and Model T club always has something to do almost every weekend.

We have one meet planned for 2018 and that will be in the Indianapolis area. I am working out the final details for the 2018 Fall Meet.

At a 2017 meet, we asked those present if they would travel to the Upper Peninsula of Michigan for a meet and the response was outstanding. This is a beautiful area and I'm sure we would see some wonderful sites.

If anyone has ideas for a Meet, please let us know. We have been to a lot of places and it has probably been a long time since we were in your backyard.

We now have our own Midwest Franklin Club shirts available from an embroiderer in Minnesota. They have the artwork and they sell some very nice shirts. Info is included in this issue of the Line on how to work direct with the company, Baggy-Joe.

Thanks 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 Holiday Season.

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Midwest Region Fall Meet Written by Cinda Dorholt

Doug Rohde and Jane Hurst hosted the 3-day Franklin Club Midwest Region Fall Meet in and around Manitowoc, WI. The **Baymont Inn and Suites** located at the scenic intersection of the Manitowoc River and Lake Michigan served as home base.

Pre-Tour - Wednesday

Let the adventure begin! A couple people from Indiana took the ferry from Ludington, MI, one flew in from Virginia, and the rest of us drove antique and/or modern vehicles to the final meet of 2017.

Dean and I managed to extend our 5 1/4 hour ride from Maple Plain, MN into a 10-hour drive by stopping at as many antique shops/malls along the way searching for "the shiny object one or both of us couldn't pass by". We arrived about 4:00pm. While we window-shopped on our route, Eric and Bill Swenson joined Jeff and Joan Hasslen on a stop at the Alfa Heaven Motorama Museum in Aniwa, WI. During this side trip Eric found the starter on his 1933 Olympic didn't work when the spring bolt gave out. A simple alternative to another push start was to leave the car running during lunch rather than turning it off. The only problem was that it ran out of gas! Eric, Bill, and Joan finally arrived safely at the motel about 10:30pm.

Doug and Jane welcomed the majority of us to Manitowoc in the hospitality room of the Baymont Inn. It wasn't long before our jolly group moved to the patio outside to enjoy the wonderful view. As the sun went down, a chill in the air came, and nourishment became the focus so we walked the couple of blocks to the Fat Seagull, one of the many local establishments, for the final meal of the day. Listed in the National Register of Historical Places c. 1868, the building that houses the Fat Seagull is in the eighth street historic district. Later back in the hospitality room we learned a few other people including

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Dennis and Linda Radford dined at Harborside, still Others ate at Lo & Slow's BBQ. We took Manitowoc by storm!

Also in the hospitality room is where we delivered the box of six Franklin Club Midwest Region shirts to Dennis and Linda. Others interested in ordering shirts can use the guide form at the end of this document to do so. This writer leaves it to Dean, Joan, and Bill to figure out how best to make the document available online.

Day One - Thursday

We kicked off the day bright and early driving the 63 miles to visit the **Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) Museum** in Oshkosh. About fifteen miles into the trip Gary Ohnstad's 1933 sputtered and came to a halt. By agreement the majority of our group proceeded on to the museum while a few others stayed behind to assist. Through process of elimination, it was determined the Olympic might need gas. Phil and Pam Weisenbarger came to the rescue by filling Eric Swenson's 2-gal gas can, which got us to the closest gas station. Gary was most thankful! After stopping to fill up in Menomonie, Phil went his way and Eric his own while we proceeded with the Ohnstad's and their passenger, Nancy Nelson. The route became even longer for us as we backtracked to the museum while meandering through lovely country roads because "someone" (aka writer) missed the turn off to Winneago Dr. During the ride, we noticed that Gary's vehicle continued to lag causing some concern. Thanks to Doug and Jane for patiently accommodating a delayed tour in our lateness.

The mission of the EAA is to grow participation in aviation by promoting the "spirit of aviation" to that end the museum nurtures interest in aviation, cultivates and provides knowledge, information, and resources. The museum is an expansive open gallery building where some 200 aircraft and 20,000 artifacts are on display. The knowledgeable tour guide described with some details the technicalities and background of the aircraft on the main floor of the museum. While in awe of man's fascination with flight and ingenuity in an effort to fly, and I admit the large number of detailed Lego replications impressed me, this writer depends on the enthusiasts in the group to point out the highlights of the tour from their perspective. The first person I asked said "the Curtiss Jenny" which is the airframe skeleton of a started but not completed renovation that clearly displays the structure of the plane.

He followed that with "...and the replica of the Spirit of St. Louis" additionally noting his appreciation of the WW1 Nose Art Exhibit. The next person asked said "the Bugatti (a 1938 Bugatti Model 100 racer) ...the design". While the last person asked was impressed "with the engines" that lined the side of the display area. With a quick stop to check out the Apollo exhibit that includes a moon rock and much more, the tour was over.

It is of note that while in the EAA parking lot tour group, mechanics diagnosed Gary Ohnstad's Olympic "lag" problem was as the result of a broken piston.

Wendt's on Lake Winnebago in Van Dyne, WI is where we headed for lunch. The restaurant is just about 10 miles and 15 minutes from the EAA museum, and located on an excellent fishing lake. Although it appeared quiet that day. They were ready! All 31 of us were seated in a tight yet comfortable section where the waitress very quickly and efficiently served us. The food was yummy and with belts loosened we headed back to the Baymont Inn.

Dinner was "on our own" so a handful of us walked a few blocks to Ryan's on York where we discovered Phil and Pam Weisenbarger with their "new best friends". Once we managed to pull them away, we enjoyed food from the restaurant's eclectic menu (including my fav - the spicy chicken bowl) along with some tasty beer. Others in the tour group elected to cutoff on the walk, heading instead to Berntsen's for some ice cream. One person noted the small portion of ice cream served while at the same time appreciating the fact that the woodwork in the establishment was original.

Day Two - Friday

Another early sunny day and the group along with a well-mannered young guest, Jaxson (Jax) who is Jane's darling grandson, headed to the **National Railroad Museum** in Green Bay 45 miles away. The museum is dedicated to preserving and interpreting the nation's railroad history. Dean and I learned a lesson the previous day so we arrived at the museum 30 minutes ahead of time. Our tour started with a half hour ride around the grounds in one of the vintage cars pulled by a diesel locomotive. The conductor pointed out a number of things along the way including the boxcar "graffiti", explaining the artwork started in the early 1900s by a man named Bozo who created the hobo directional signs. With large, comfortable seats one might think a ride in the past was easy, however, the sun beat down on the car and only some windows opened for air so the lack of air

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circulation was noticeable. This allowed for a glimpse of how long rides in the past might compare to our brief jaunt.

Once back in the building, Bob Lettenberger, who is the education director led us into the museum. Not only did he demonstrate his command of group speaking, making the tour fun and interesting, but also an in depth knowledge of both the history of railroading and the specific exhibit items on display. We walked through a room housing the transportation china collection followed by one showing the drumhead collection when the double doors swung open to a mammoth room - the big train exhibit. Mr. Lettenberger delighted a number on the tour by introducing the A4 Class British made locomotive that was adapted for Dwight D. Eisenhower and command for his use in WWII. The expert in our group was "shocked to see it". The other stand out in the collection was the Big Boy and boy was that steam locomotive big! Our expert said the twin of the Big Boy, the Mallard, is restored and running regular tracks in England. Tour members appreciated hands on exploring both trains.

We capped off our morning at the museum with an onsite "**Hobo Lunch**" delivered to us cleverly wrapped in individual kerchiefs. The hobo lunch included a sandwich, cookie and, for all but Joan Hasslen, an apple. Upon finding the missing apple, we headed back to Manitowoc. Great tour for child through adult!

Our final "dinner on your own" ended up with most of us at Shooter Malone's savoring pizza, fish, chicken, hamburgers, fries, onion rings, and liquid refreshments, all examples of the most important of the basic food groups. Tom Kleinschmidt exited early to pick up his wife, Ann at the Milwaukee train depot who was delayed due to work.

As we left Shooter Malone's the music rocked across the bridge over the Manitowoc River

And we ran into Phil and Pam Weisenbarger as they left the Harborside with eyes on the Aveda shop for Pam.

The evening ended with a satiated and happy group in the hospitality room in the Baymont Inn.

Day three - Saturday

We started off the lovely fall day with a short walk down the street to the **Wisconsin Maritime Museum**. A Smithsonian affiliate, the museum Engages and educates the public about the maritime

History of Wisconsin in the Great Lakes region. The USS Cobia submarine berths here permanently. This is the same submarine we sighted on day one in Manitowoc and walked past for the last two days, and now some of us would experience part of the tour in the warship. Before that would happen, the museum docent guided us through the labyrinth of galleries and exhibits within the building.

On the tour of the Maritime history gallery, the model ship gallery and carferry exhibits with maritime plaques, the huge Chief Wawatam steam engine, the Wisconsin built boat gallery, and the Wisconsin Underwater treasures exhibit. The entire layout is eye catching with bold colors and a great use of dramatic lighting to immerse the visitor in the aquatic experience. Now it was time for about half of the group to tour the Cobia while the others toured a bit more on their own, visited the museum gift shop, or waited outside. Thanks to some quick negotiations by Jane when we first arrived, the submarine tour ended in time for those on the tour to see the Badger ferry arrive from Ludington at noon.

After greeting the people aboard the Badger with a wave, it was time for lunch so we drove the seven miles to Two Rivers with reservations at **Kurtz's Pub & Deli**. Here we enjoyed Doug and Jane's favorite chips with special sauce, salads, sandwiches, beers, and other refreshments. A tasty lunch it was although serving a group of 31 proved to be a challenge for the small kitchen limited by size to prepare each dish separately.

Also located in Two Rivers allowed us to get to our next stop, the **Hamilton Wood Type and Printing Museum** just a few minutes past our scheduled tour time. Owned and operated by the Two Rivers Historical Society it is the only museum dedicated to the preservation production, and printing of wood type. Stephanie Carpenter assistant director of the museum welcomed us into the mammoth 45,000 square foot building with an introduction to the founder J.E. Hamilton and his company that were vital to the Two Rivers community in the late 1800s into the 1900s. She then walked us through a working pressroom where one of the artists demonstrated her printing process for us. A tour guide led us through the rest and the bulk of the building starting with an eclectic exhibit dedicated to Hamilton Manufacturing with a display of medical office furniture, drafting tables, baby furniture, and even the first gas powered clothes dryer. What followed in a massive room was all the equipment and tools used to manufacture wood type laid out sequentially from tree to

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print. Both the mechanics of printing and the resulting artwork were impressive.

We delighted in an impromptu post-museum tour past Nashotah Beach and a stop for ice cream. The Historic Washington House includes an ice cream parlor and backrooms displaying an array of local domestic antiques.

The weekend formally closed out with a banquet at the Harborside Restaurant in Manitowoc followed by the HH Franklin Club Midwest Region Meeting in the hospitality room of the Baymont Inn.

On behalf of all attendees, thank you to Doug and Jane for hosting the Fall Meet. The time you spent planning and coordinating the event was well worth it! The sites you selected were interesting and fun. The people were wonderful! The location and weather were perfect! You did good.

32 People attended the meeting
7 Franklin Cars (Vehicles *driven to meet)

Dean and Cinda Dorholt - 1907 Model G Touring
Rand Patterson and Carolyn Greshemer -
1912 Ser. 1

Bill and Geri Eby - 1928 12B Victoria Brougham

Richard and Kathryn Harry - 1931 Club Sedan*

Jeff and Joan Hasslen - 1932 Airman Ser. 16*

Gary and Barb Ohnstad - 1933 Olympic

Eric and Bill Swenson - 1933 Olympic 18B*

Daniel Drufke

Gregory Drufke

James Heath

Bouvard Hostica

Tom and Ann Kleinschmidt

Marshall Larson

Lee and Nancy Nelson

Roy Nelson

Dennis and Linda Radford

Doug Rohde and Jane Hurst

Jim and Hazel Wade

Phil and Pam Weisenbarger



Wendt's on the Lake - Franklins

Business Meeting Minutes - September 2017

A) Call to Order: President Dean Dorholt began the meeting by thanking our hosts Doug Rohde and Jane Hurst. A round of applause could be heard after which Doug thanked the group for coming and immediately gave credit to Jane who "did all the work".

B) Recognition: Attending a Midwest Meet For the first time: James Heath, Albuquerque, NM; Gary & Barb Ohnstad, Harrisburg, SD; Doug Rohde & Jane Hurst, Manitowoc, WI. **Brought their Franklin to the meet:** Dean & Cinda Dorholt, Bill & Geri Eby, Richard & Kathryn Harry, Jeff & Joan Hasslen, Gary & Barb Ohnstad, Rand Patterson & Carolyn Greshemer, Eric Swenson & Bill Swenson. **DROVE their Franklin to the meet:** Richard & Kathryn Harry, Jeff & Joan Hasslen, Eric Swenson & Bill Swenson. **Drove their Franklin the furthest:** Eric Swenson and Bill Swenson - 310 plus miles. **Traveled the furthest to attend:** James Heath, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

C) Host Report, Doug Rohde: There were 7 Franklins and 32 participants from 9 states - IL, IN, MN, MO, NM, OH, SD, VA and WI. For those 7 members **who brought** their Franklin, Doug presented them with a thank you gift - a CD of the movie "Horatio's Drive: America's First Road Trip" by Ken Burns. It's the story of the first car that was driven across the United States (1903 Winton). Doug also shared a story: When Ohnstad's Franklin was having trouble at the EAA Museum, he and Jane "started digging" in their Mercedes for tools. Jane announced she felt something under the front seat. Doug pulled out a Volvo Key he lost 3 years ago, and he's been searching for it ever since! Something good came from something not so good. Gary and Barb's '33 had to be trailered back to the hotel parking lot.

D) Secretary's Report: As often happens, we start to meet with a certain number of members but others join during the weekend. Our newest members joined on Friday: Gary and Barb Ohnstad from Harrisburg, SD. Other new members are Roy and Cathy Canfield, Brownsburg, IN. They will host our next meet in Spring 2018. They own a 1931 Sedan. And a new HHFC member recently joined our Region: Ted Chaney from Westerville, OH. He owns a 1925 11A Touring. So we currently have 121 Midwest Region members - the most we've had in quite a few years.

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E) Treasurer's Report: 1) Balance as of 9/23/17 is \$1,369.70. Since June we had \$154.04 in expenses and \$105.03 in income. 2) Regarding 2018 dues, the Region renewal forms and updates for the 2018 Directory will be "snail-mailed" in October.

F) Old Business: Forms for the Midwest Region shirts with our logo were snail-mailed and electronically sent in the last *Franklin Line* (Spring 2017).

A few corrections will be made on these forms because of style changes. Watch for the new forms in the next Line and/or on the Franklin website. But please contact the company directly to order. The Radfords and Dorholts got many compliments while wearing their logo shirts during this meet. Dennis Radford "modeled" his denim style during the meeting. Applause was heard. "Lookin' sharp!"

G) New Business: Dean stated that the Franklin webmaster and ACN editors need pictures with captions from this meet. Bill Eby said he would do a website post so send your pictures to him.

H) Midwest Region Reports: 1) Regional Director, Jeff Hasslen: Bouvard Hosticka, the Club librarian, has posted Franklin manuals, service/sales bulletins, ACN articles and owners manuals on the website. Bouvard then stated that the most important part was the "Index to the ACNs". Jeff further asked that we let him know if there are Region concerns he should bring before the HHFC board. November is the next board meeting. 2) *Franklin Line Editor,*

Hazel Wade: Requested attendees send pictures to her for the newsletter; announced that Cinda Dorholt will do the meet write-up and Eric Swenson will write his Franklin Story for *The Line*. She expressed appreciation for both writers and wants all of us to think about writing up our story for future issues.

3) Region History, Roy Nelson: He has been in touch with Cliff Boram (one of the Region founders). He has an original source and history of our Club. He has contacted the son of Harold Finley (past Region treasurer) regarding old newsletter containing Region history. It was mentioned that such a report could be put on the website.

I) Other Business: 1) The Franklin Collection, Phil Weisenbarger: The Collection Committee has not yet decided what Franklin will come up for bid. There was a good turnout of Region members at the Air-Cooled Gathering in June. There were over 60 cars, 14 were Franklins. But The Collection gets the "gate" for the entire weekend. 1,000 people walked through the museum on Sunday so Father's Day weekend is a gem. The profit, after expenses, was \$10,000 to

The Collection. 2) **Bill Eby** reported that the passwords for the Franklin Club email accounts may have been compromised. Be Aware - if it looks suspicious, it is. There is discussion about moving the website to a new server.

J) Future Meets: 1) Midwest Spring Meet 2018, Will be hosted by Roy and Cathy Canfield and held in the Indianapolis area. Dates are June 7-9 with registration June 6th. It is a tentative possibility our Franklins might get on the Indianapolis track.

2) We need a host for the Fall 2018 Meet: Dean requested the doors of the room be locked until a volunteer is found. :>) Bouvard offered to host a meet in the Antarctic. :>) One Michigan member has tentatively said he could host in the Upper Peninsula area. Dean mentioned it would be far for the members in the southern states. When asked, quite a few members in attendance expressed interest. For 2019, we have a tentative meet planned for eastern Iowa.

K) Additional Announcements: Roy Nelson volunteered to contact Adam (Evan?) Hammer, Traverse City, MI about hosting a meet.

L) Meeting adjourned: Thanks again to Doug and Jane for a great meet.

Joan Hasslen, Region Secretary

Eric Swenson's Franklin Story was not available at the time of this printing due to his busy schedule. It will possibly be available at another printing. Shown below is Eric's Franklin at Wendt's on the Lake.



UPCOMING MIDWEST MEET

**Spring 2018, Hosts: Roy and Cathy Canfield
Brownsburg, IN
June 7-9, 2018, Indianapolis area
Please check the website for further info or
contact Roy: rlc335a@aol.com**

**Hosts are needed for Fall 2018 and
2019 Meets**

**Please contact Dean Dorholt if you would like to
host a 2018 Meet --
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**Correction in 2017 Addendum:
Bill Eby - weby5320@gmail.com
(error on the cover)**

NEW MEMBERS

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1933 Olypic

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1925 11A Sedan

MEMORIAM

Pat Kern - August 2017

Sinclair Powell - September 2017



EAA Franklins all in a row



Date of Arrival - Hospitality Room



Day 1- Doug calling for a Driver's Meeting



Day 1- Ohnstad-1933 Olympic breakdown on way to EAA - "We have a problem!"



Day 1-Ohnstad - "Halt Evaluation"!



Day 1 - Waiting for Tour at EAA



Day 1 -EAA Tour - Doug, Gary, Dean, Nancy



Day 1 -Wendt's on the Lake Winnebago lunch

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Day 2 - National Railroad Museum - Pre Tour ride



Day 3 - Wisconsin Maritime Museum, Model Ship Gallery



Day 3 - Hamilton Wood Type and Printing Museum



Banquet at the Harborside