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The Running Board

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Coming Events:

Dec 9	Florida Region Christmas Lunch, Patio Grill, 2900 South Orlando Ave., Sanford	1:00P M
Dec 9	Florida Region General Meeting, Patio Grill, 2900 South Orlando Ave. Sanford Fl	1:00P M
Jan 26-28	2023 AACA Winter Nationals, Gold Coast Railroad Museum 12450 SW 152nd Street, Miami, FL 33177	



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Deadline is the 20th of the month

December Birthdays

Charles Jones	December 12
Jack Swain	December 16
Larry Cole	December 21
Arlene Mills	December 26

Board and General Meeting –

The **board meeting** was called to order at 6:35 by region president Charlie Jones. The

treasurer's report was given by Don Allen.



In the absence of car show chairman Josh Cole, Don Allen gave a run down on the car show. It is going to be February 4 with a rain date of February 18th.

It will be located at First Baptist Church of Mt. Dora. This is a location where Larry Cole and Larry Mills have had several car shows before the pandemic. Josh has gotten the form to fill out and send in for our insurance coverage for the show. Josh has several of the committees set up. Darrel Cole spoke about the flyers that he has prepared. He will send one by Email for Don to get printed and bring to the club dinner in December. We are going to keep judging to a very simple level. We will have five classes: GM cars, Ford Motor Company cars, Mopars, Independents, and foreign. Darrel and several friends will judge all the cars. Several members are donating model cars, of about 1/24th scale to represent each of the classes. Charlie Jones will make trophies out of these model cars. Darrel is going to get a DJ, possibly the one we had

lined up for our show last year, that got rained out. The meeting was adjourned at 7PM.

Florida Region General Meeting, November 14, 2022



Region president called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM. We started with the salute to the American flag. Don then read the treasurer's report. Charlie said that at the December meeting we will have nominations for region officers and board members. He said that anyone who would like to hold an office or be on the board can nominate themselves. If you are nominating someone else, as always, ask them before nominating them to make sure they would be willing to serve.

Don then covered the information on our February 4th car show. Read the board meeting minutes for all of this information.

Don is going to mail a flier to all of the other AACA Regions and clubs in the state of

Florida. We are hoping to have at least 100 cars in the show and also that we will be making this an annual show.

Larry Mills is our Web Master. He needs members to send information to him to post on the web. Also, by show of hands, not many of the members that were at the meeting look at his web page. This is something that all members should do. He works hard to produce this. The web address is Florida Region. AACCA. Com

Betsy Campbell has made arrangements for our Christmas dinner. It will be December 9th at the Patio Grill in Sanford, just like last year. The time will be at 1PM and we will have a private room as we did last year.

At the meeting we welcomed a new member, Melvin Simon, who is a friend of Jack Scott. He has a 1963 Impala 2 door hardtop and a 1971 Plymouth Duster.



We had \$27 to give out on the 50-50 drawing and it was won by Bill Morris. Then we drew for silver dollars and Charlie Steffy and Don Allen each won one of them.

We enjoyed meeting in our new location at the All Saints Episcopal Church in Winter Park and gave Glenn Harris and Beth Davis (AllSaints Church Administrator) an ovation for securing this site for us.

The meeting was adjourned at 8PM and Betsy Campbell had refreshments for us.

Don Allen, Acting Secretary

Subject: Annual Christmas Dinner

We are having our annual Christmas dinner at the Patio Grill, 2900 South Orlando Ave., Sanford on Friday December 9 at 1 PM. This is where we were last year and it was very nice and enjoyed by those that attended. Please contact Don Allen, 863-604-3148 or mrboti55@aol.com by Sunday, December 4th if you are attending and tell me how many will be in your party. This is very important as I need to notify the restaurant of how many will be in our group. If you would like to see their very extensive menu, just Google Patio Grill, Sanford,

Fl. and the menu is there.



This restaurant is very easy to find. South Orlando Ave. is highway 17-92. They are near the exit #50 from toll road 417. If you are going toward Sanford on 417, exit to 17-92 and turn left. The restaurant will be on the right side of the highway. It is between the exit and the entrance to go south toward Orlando.

We hope to have a good turnout for this event and please be sure to contact me for reservations.

Don Allen

Club Dues for 2023

It is dues time again. They must be paid by January 1, 2023. The local dues remain at \$25 for a single person or a couple. Make your check out to Florida Region, AACA and mail to Don Allen, 153 Poe Dr., Winter Haven, FL 33884. DO NOT MAKE THE CHECK OUT TO ME. The national dues must be paid in order to be a member of the local region. The national dues are \$45, as they were last year. Make your check out to AACA, and mail it to AACA National Headquarters, 800 West Hersheypark Dr., Hershey, PA 17033.

Please take care of this in a timely manner so I don't have to follow you to pay. If it is more comfortable to split the expense up, pay one of them in November and the other in December.
Don Allen, Region Treasurer

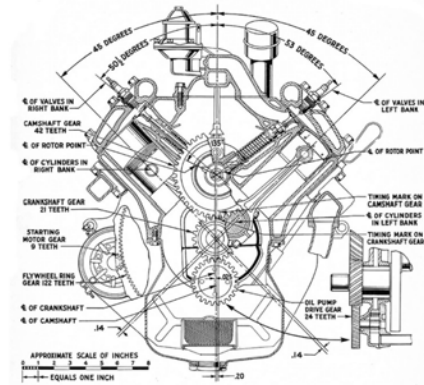
90th Birthday of the Ford Flathead V8

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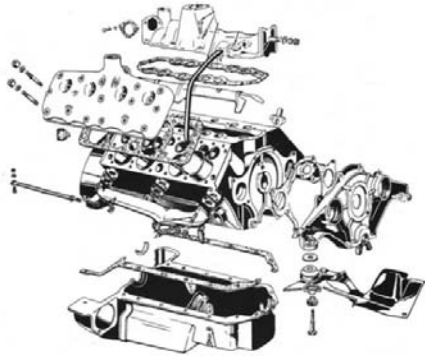
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Before 2022 leaves the stage, let us remember the 90th birthday of the 1932 Ford flathead V8, the first V8 to be mass-produced. It started America's obsession with V8 engines.

One of the most important innovations in the Ford flathead V8 was the casting of the crankcase and all 8 cylinders in one engine block. This level of monobloc design for V-8 blocks had been accomplished before, but it had never seen mass production.



Most V engines of the time had multiple cylinder blocks bolted to a common crankcase (itself a separate casting). At most, each bank of the V was an integral block, but many V engines had 4- or even 6-cylinder blocks, with cylinders cast in pairs or triples.



Like most other engine blocks of the 20th century, it was cast iron; but the foundry practice (e.g., workflows, materials handling) was a revolutionary advancement in the mass production of castings.]The engine still had to go into production. As designed, the 90-degree block at the heart of the engine offered a remarkable degree of sophistication but could still be cast as a single unit. It was Charles Sorensen who worked long and hard on the manufacturing processes necessary to build the new engine. His success led him to being

nicknamed “Cast-Iron Charlie”.



Instead of complicated cylinder heads, they were now simply a single piece of relatively flat metal (flat head). This drove the cost of the engine down, allowing it to be built and sold on a larger scale. But the drawback was that the flathead air flow path required a 180 deg change of direction to reach the piston chamber. Also the compression ratio was limited by flathead geometry.

The drawback of low compression ratio is that the power is limited. And that was the weakest that would lead to the end of the Ford flathead V8 when having to compete with GM's overhead valve V8 power advantage in the 50's. The end of the line was in 1953 and it was replaced in 1954 with the Ford overhead valve Y blocks.