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Stauffer Auction benefits Early Ford Museum ...And We Helped

While cruising Rt. 66, Indiana and Illinois last summer, rally participants were all a buzz about an upcoming auction in September. Ron and Shirley Stauffer, past rally participants, were preparing to “thin the herd” by selling a portion of their collection of classic vehicles. Ron has also played a key role as a founder of the Early Ford V8 Foundation Museum in Auburn, Indiana, which was one of our stops on the 2010 tour. The Stauffer's came out and graciously treated our group to first hand tours of the newly established museum.



Ron and Shirley Stauffer welcome 2010 Rally Participants



When the big day finally came, throngs of hopeful buyers swarmed Ron's shop in Muncie Indiana for their chance at one of the many fine classic vehicles. The Stauffer's had generously decided to donate the proceeds of one vehicle, a 1932 Ford BB one ton truck, to the museum. The auctioneer's microphone was ceremoniously turned over to Early Ford V8 Foundation President, Jerry Vincentini for the honor of auctioning off the truck. Jerry, who had never auctioneered, was quickly given lessons by the auction crew and helped out by the bidders. Scott Dorsey's winning bid made the Freedom Road Rally the proud new owner. The truck has a rich history having been purchased new by the Edison Institute and once belonging to The Henry Ford Museum. A restoration was begun but never completed. Scott hopes to finish the truck and, with the help of our participants, turn it into an FRR themed wrecker which would one day be seen accompanying the rally. The primary reason for purchasing the truck however, was to support the museum. According to Scott, “We are always interested in doing anything we can do to help further the interests of the antique car hobby.”



Jerry Vincentini and Scott Dorsey with the 1932 BB



The Cars are Family

Ron and Shirley Stauffer's grandson, Jordan Keesling, who you may have met at the FRR Cookout in Hershey, was happy to help out on the day of the big auction. Here he is seen keeping track of the all important keys. He also had a mission of his own that day. One of the vehicles up for auction was his grandfather's very first truck, a Hemi-powered 1935 Chevy, which Ron had before he met Shirley. Jordan was determined to keep it in the family. He discussed his plan on the way to the auction with his parents that very day. Demand for the truck was high and the contest was a hot one. But, Jordan bid fearlessly and became the proud new owner. Congratulations, Jordan.



Oh, what stories this truck could tell

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Trip Plans Going Well

Members of your FRR staff will be in the Finger Lakes region April 9-17 inspecting the hotels and making sure the route we have planned is a good one for vintage cars. We have made a lot of good contacts, who we looking forward to meeting and we are very excited about the variety of fun and interesting things there are to do in that area. If you have a favorite stop or attraction that you think we should check out, don't hesitate to call us. The office number will be forwarded to one of our cell phones for the week. Plans for Michigan are also going well

HAPPY BIRTHDAY	
April	
5	Paul Hebert
8	Ralph Merrill
10	Pat Benson
10	Shirley Stauffer
16	Larry Baum
17	Jeff Benson
24	Ron Stauffer
24	Peggy Harris
27	David Jeffery
May	
8	Alice Wirth
12	Gary Leak
24	Theresa Hastings
June	
1	Ralph Peters
3	Lou Fierro
4	Linda Fisk
4	Anna Remsberg
6	Earlene Baum
9	Butch Lash
10	Jerry Haven
12	Lynn Miller
22	Becky Haven
22	Dick Fisk
26	Lesley Fierro
29	Carol Johnson