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11/11/2021 - Newsletter

Don Freda - What have I been up to?

Hello! I just want to touch base with folks to let you know what's been going on with me lately since the spring of this year. My wedding video activity has slowed to a backwards crawl due to the pandemic, but I have filled my time doing other activities of interest involving Photography; Digitizing old Film and Video Tapes; Restoring, Correcting and Enlarging Half-Century old Photos; and Producing other types of video content. I would like to share this newsletter with you just to keep in touch. So, as November turns around, here is some home cooking for you, if you can catch one. I hear wild turkey meat is way more tasty than supermarket brands.

Backyard Wild Turkey Invasion



Well, here are some tasty news items to digest after you eat your Thanksgiving Dinner in a couple weeks:

Digitize your Old Film - Video - Slides - Photographs

Got some old film, video, slides or photo content that's disintegrating in a closet somewhere that you might want to Restore and Digitize to Archive for your Family Histories. I can still do it for you. Contact me at: don@fredafilms.com for a quote.



Here are some samples of the type of digitizing I have done recently:



Family Pets



Competitions



Sports



Anniversaries



Moose Hunts

Digitizing Weddings or **Major Life Events** like **Birthdays** from long ago that have been stored for many ages on film or video tape. (Images below are Screen Captures from a 1946 Wedding on 16mm B&W Film)



(Images below are from 1948 Birthday on 16mm Color Film)



Convert your old film or video tapes of loved ones who have passed away and bring images and memories of them back to life. Many of my clients say they'd waited for many years to digitize the content they had stored away and were ecstatic to finally get it done.

Grandparents - Parents - Siblings - Relatives - Friends - Teammates - Games - Events - Classmates - Trips
Vacations - Holidays - Celebrations - Anniversaries - Milestones - Hobbies - Memories

Here is a Twist

A client friend of mine had lots of beautiful GoPro footage of a Flyfishing Trip he took in Colorado. He had over a couple hundred individual video clips and still photos. He asked me if I could produce and edit a finished product complete with Titles and Music to tell his story. He was more than pleased with the result.

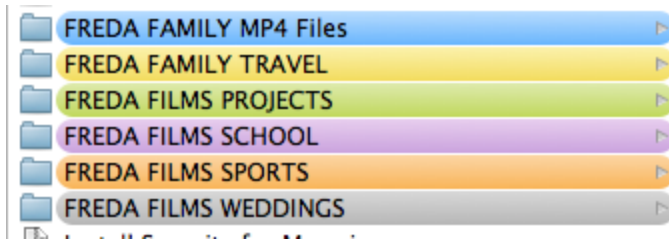
Do you have a collection of clips or photos you want to tell a story about. Just ask!



In between business projects, I have been converting all my own DVDs and Blu-ray family content to MP4 Computer Files that I can easily duplicate and share with many people. Not only have I converted family videos, but also most of my educational DVD videos produced while I was teaching.



I have been using this 1-TB SanDisk Solid State Drive to store all my videos which I converted to .MP4 files. I have collected and converted over 300 movies of my own family events, travel, school video projects, athletics, and wedding highlights



(Images on this page are Screen Captures)

I have a **Portfolio of my Digital Photography**, and I converted several of my better images into **Enlarged, High-Definition, Metal Wall Art Decor**. Here is a sample of a sunset I have hanging on my bedroom wall, taken from **Mt. Agamenticus in York, Maine**. The **High Definition Colors** are absolutely **Brilliant on Metal**.

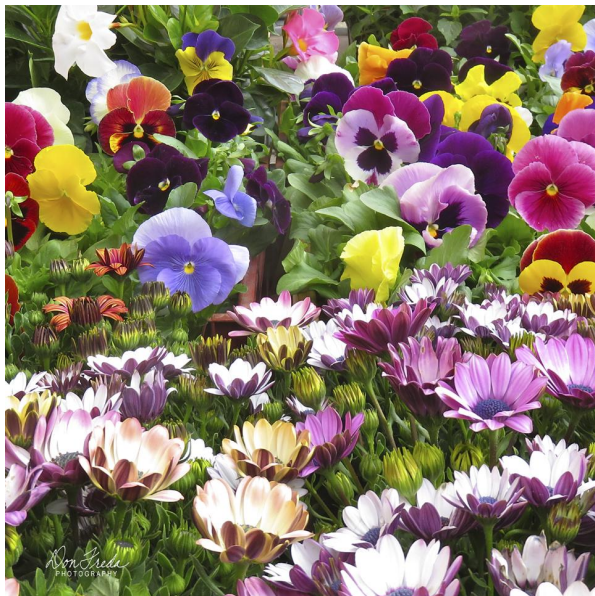


Metal Print Enlargements

I have run out of wall space in my house from hanging 22 of my metal print enlargements. Here is some of my home **Metal Wall Art Decor** with some of the ones that I have sold - and they all are **For Sale** for the asking...



Ominous Clouds Over Vesuvius



Aix En Provence - French Flower Market



Fresh French Bread



Heavy Traffic - New England Aquarium



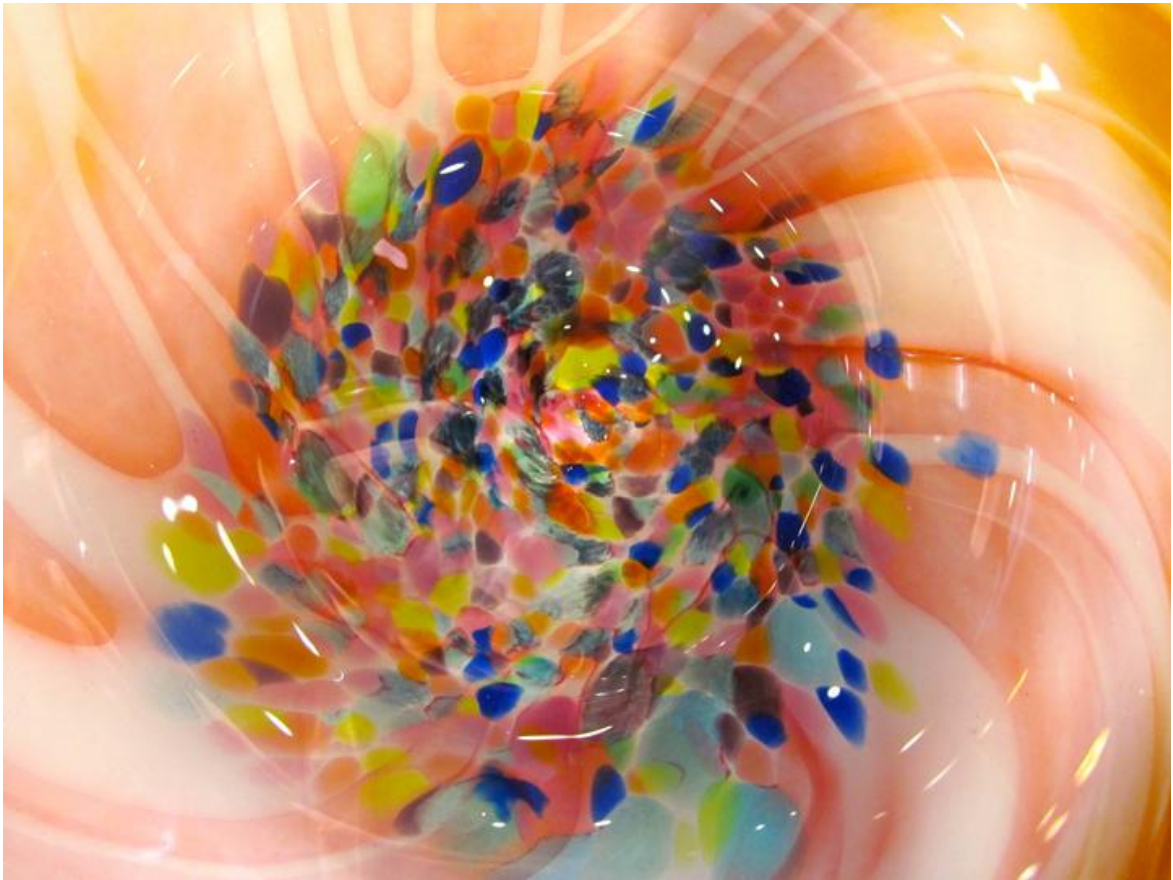
Amish Wheat Field



A Grazing Place - Utah



Pienza Door Cat - Tuscany, Italy



Bermuda Glass



Ogunquit Ferns



Clown Mask For Sale - Naples, Italy



Peaceful Garden - Spencer, MA

I have also been asked to use a client's own photo to help configure it properly for printing a High Definition Metal Wall Art Enlargement Print. Here is an example of one:



Pond Reflections

And check this out:

Artistically Rendered Photographs

My 10 year-old granddaughter played a soccer game in the Massachusetts Tournament of Champions held at the MYSA Facility in Lancaster, Massachusetts last Spring. Christina Edmondson took a photograph of her as she collected a high chest ball during the game. With Christina's permission I was able to configure the image and send it out to have it creatively rendered in an artistic painting manner. Here it is:

The Original:



The End Result:



Pretty Cool, eh Baby! - Let me know if you have an idea I can help you with.

I was walking through a field the other day and came across three holes in the ground filled with water.

I said to myself, "Well, Well, Well. What do we have here?"

Lighthouses of Maine



My wife, Debbie, and I went on a trip to Bar Harbor and Acadia National Park in Maine during the end of September with friends. We had a restful time hiking, climbing mountains (by car), taking photographs, and eating. One idea about something to do caught our attention on the drive north, and we spent a considerable amount of time photographing some Lighthouses of Maine from Bar Harbor to Portland. Here are a few that could be terrific as Wall Art Decor for your own home, or vacation home:





Leominster High School Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

The Leominster High School Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony was held in the first week of October and I was asked to film the event. Here are some still frames from the video I produced:



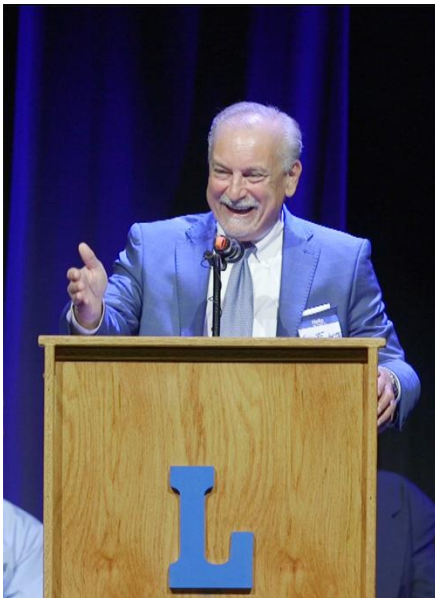
Peter Charpentier



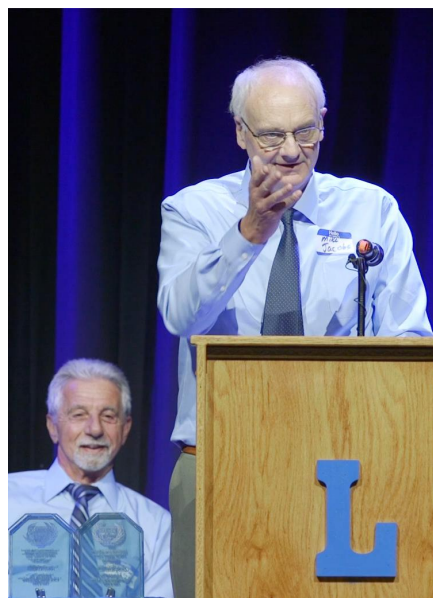
Kerry Conway



Alda Cossi



Bob Frechette



Mike Jacobs



Gregg Picucci





1983 Baseball Team



1996-97 Ice Hockey Team

David Simard Antique Automobile Restoration Expert

David Simard of Leominster, MA is a world class Antique Automobile Restoration Specialist. To put it simply, he was asked by the Vice President of Ford Motor Company to restore the man's own antique Model T Ford complete with rumble seat in the back, and the car was featured in national automotive magazines. Dave is a regular feature in MotorTrend magazine, such as in this photo seen below taken from his collection garage.



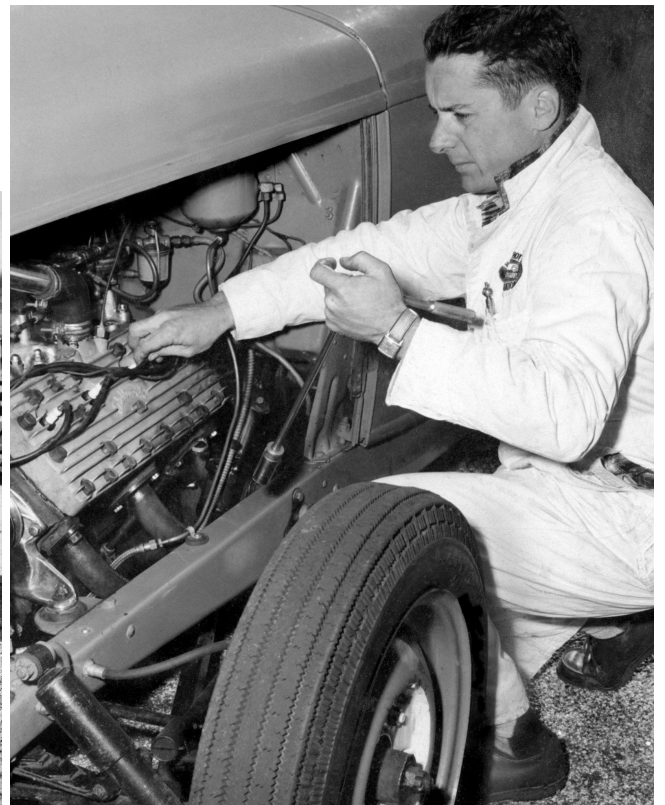
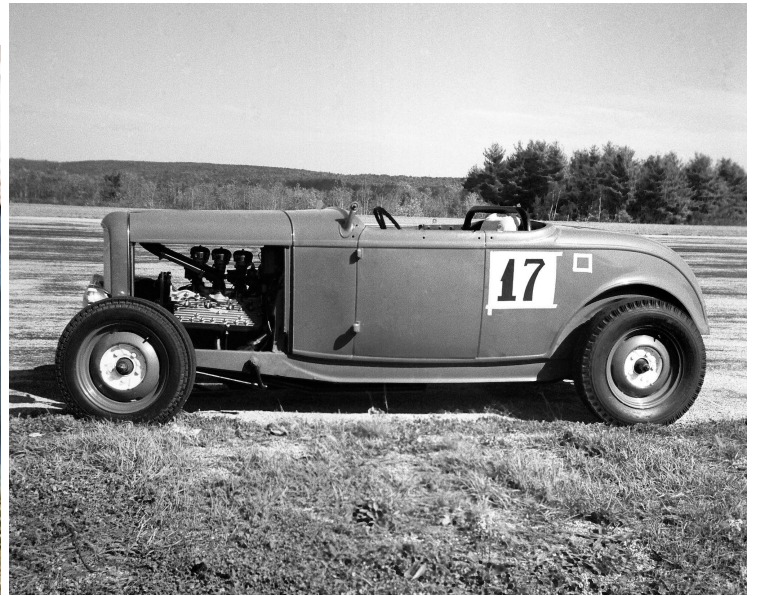
Dave purchased a 1932 Ford Roadster from Jack Hartney who bought it in 1954 and converted it into a hot rod racing car, which he raced on an airport runway in Orange, Mass. Jack learned about doing this from being stationed in California and seeing converted hot rods there. So he taught other owners how to convert their vehicles and they all got together to race one another. They were the first ever to do this in New England.

So, Dave's new project was to restore the car that he bought from Jack Hartney, but the problem was trying to get it completed on time to be displayed at the Audrain Automotive Museum in Newport, RI. He was in a rush.

Dave came to me with photographs and film negatives to restore and produce **Metal Wall Art Enlargements** to be displayed at the museum for a show starting in mid-August and running through to mid-November, 2021.

Dave finished restoring the car, well enough to be displayed in time for the Opening Gala. I was rushing to scan and edit the photos and negatives that were originally taken during the 1950s. These were Jack Hartney's photographs of himself working on and racing this Roadster, given to Dave from Jack's family. I battled through editing these images in Photoshop to remove all signs of dust, mold, scratches, and tears. I printed 8x10 samples of my work and then 4 were selected to submit to the Audrain Museum for displaying as 24x16" Metal Enlargements next to the restored Roadster.

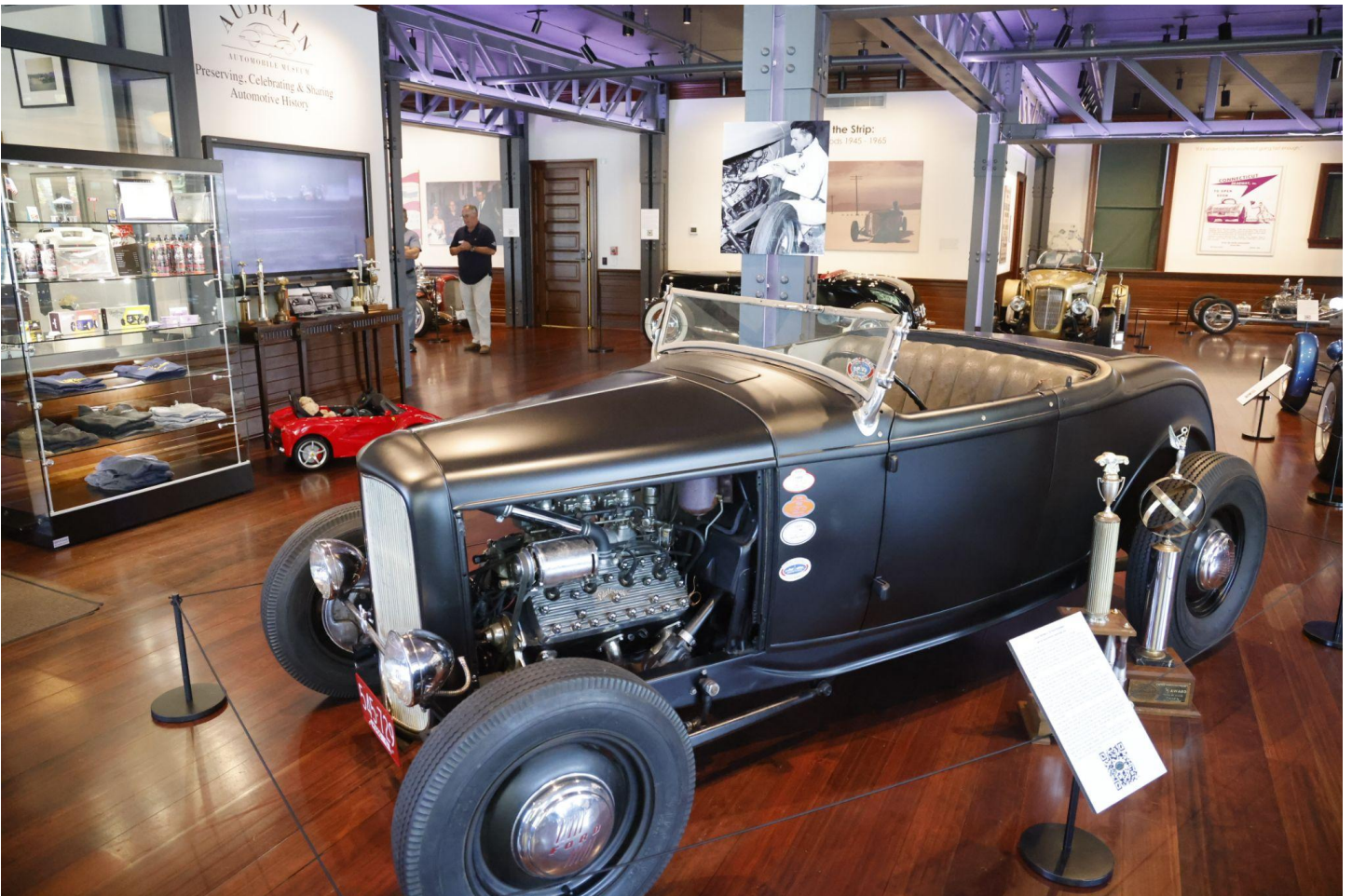
Here are some of the photos I worked on - Jack Hartney is shown on the bottom right image:



Photos of the car after being restored:



Photos from Dave's car at the Audrain Museum display with my restored Jack Hartney Metal Print hanging on the post behind the car:





This museum collection occurred during one of the biggest events of the year, ***The Audrain Newport Concours & Motor Week for Antique Cars*** displayed on the grounds of the Newport Mansions hosted by car enthusiast, Jay Leno.

Check this out next year if you are into antique cars... But it could be a very expensive visit.



Oh, and BTW... I might be addicted to brake fluid, but I can stop at any time.

Steve Ciccolini Tribute - Music Scholarship Fundraiser

The well-known and very popular local singer, saxophonist, very talented musician and entertainment agent, Steve Ciccolini passed away recently and saddened music lovers from all over New England. A scholarship fundraiser in his name was held at The Leominster Elks Club and featured his former bands - ***The Coachmen*** and ***Double Vision***. I attended the event and on the spur of the moment I started recording the show on my iPhone. Music from the group Chicago of the 1970's brought back many fond memories of their sound featuring an awesome horn and saxophone section with reminders of my time in the 70s, and the people I associated with during that period.

I made a 25 minute video presentation of the event and shared it with a few people who were unable to attend. If you know of Steve Ciccolini and his musical background, you might like for me to send you a link to it. Just let me know via email: don@fredafilms.com



Fall Youth Soccer Videos

I attended 32 youth soccer games this Fall to watch both my granddaughters play, while also video recording just about all of them. They both played on two teams each and sometimes there were 6 games a week to go to. Had to miss a few games because of time and location conflicts of both playing at the same time in different towns. I basically tracked their actions on the field and then went home to download and cull out the clips that did not provide anything for me to teach them. Did some cool slo-motion work for the last couple games of the season. My kind of fun - the challenges of capturing everything of significance. Only missed a couple goals. Not bad out of 31 goals scored between the two girls. A good Fall it was! Yet the thirteen year old had to miss her last 10 games due to an ankle injury. But she is now healthy and ready for basketball. Time to recharge my batteries!



So. That's what I've been doing throughout the past few months.

- Let me know if I can help you out in any way.
- Do you have a problem that you could use my help with?
- Just ask.
- Holiday Gift Ideas? Need a Gift Certificate Idea? Ask me.
- And I even have some photos of boats! ... For the next time ... Until then...

Thank you for reading my newsletter and I hope you will look forward to the next one.

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Enjoy the Holidays!



(Photo by Don Freda)