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Larry Smith's 1931
Standard Coupe

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President's Corner

By Gary Puellmann 2024 President, MVRMARC

It was great to see everyone at our February meeting. We had an officers' meeting before the regular membership meeting, and covered several topics. We were able to make progressive improvements in several areas of concern. The minutes of that meeting are included elsewhere in this newsletter so you can be up-to-date on our discussions. Thanks to everyone who attended the officers' meeting for their help with the club. Please give them a 'thank you' at our regular meetings.

We also passed around a suggestion sheet for our "countryside cruises". Larry will be reviewing our responses and will present the results. Please include him in your 'thank you' list too.

One thing that came up at our officers' meeting, was an email scam, received by several officers, showing it came from me. It is a scam, and if anyone else receives an email from me, please be sure the 'from' address line is the one published in our Newsletter. If this continues, the published address may have to be changed or deleted.

With the expertise and help of Ed Hoganson III, as temporary webmaster, we were able to make substantial progress on our attempt to update the website and retrieve information from the club's email account. My TREMENDOUS thanks to him! He is helping get MVRMARC back in shape, but he may not be able to continue as webmaster, so, if anyone could pick up this position, he sure would appreciate it. (me too!)

In closing, I have asked Rich Dann to republish the article about battery maintenance for anyone who is storing their car for winter, and needs a tip about their battery, A battery charger is available at several local retailers, and will keep your battery charged, but you MUST do the maintenance first.

Our next meeting is March 5th and the honorable Gary Mertz will be in charge in my absence.

Gary Puellmann, President

From the Editor

By Richard Dann, Editor, Valley News 713-898-9237

2024 is shaping up to be a year to remember! It has already had its highs and lows, and it the year isn't even 60 days old yet.

In a mere 10 days from this writing and after 24 years, on Thursday, February 29, I will say goodbye to my friends at Boeing for the last time. On that date, I will start terminal leave and depart the working masses for retirement. I'm a little nervous about it! I cannot remember a time when I have not worked, so this is uncharted territory for me. Maybe I can participate in more club activities now!

As noted on page 8 of this publication, construction is underway on our garage expansion. We are the last house in Weldon Spring Heights without a multi-car garage. Work began in mid-December and should be complete by March 1. We should have room for Velma, and a bunch of other stuff. So exciting!

As mentioned, 2024 has also brought its lows. I lost my oldest brother Dave to unknown causes on January 31st. He was 66, and much too young to fly west.

It looks like Larry has a fine smorgasbord of events planned for 2024. Please make every effort to attend as many as you can!

Happy 2024!

Regards,

Rich & Judy

(Front Cover) Larry Smith's beautiful 1931 coupe was photographed on one of the most historic main streets in all of America. It all started in 1769 when Louis Blanchette, a French-Canadian fur trader founded St. Charles and named it, Les Petite Cotes, French for "The Little Hills". Many of the buildings on Main Street were originally built to support early fur traders and blacksmiths who settled in the area; many have been carefully preserved to showcase the town's rich cultural heritage. (Gene Cogorno)

MVRMARC Name Badges

Your MVRMARC lapel badges are available at the monthly business meetings. First badge(s) are \$5.00. See Fred Burk/Dave Hitt for badge requests.

Marv Owens	Rich Scovey	Greg Jansen
Robert Palleja	Ronnie Bell	Tom Bozeman
Marsh Palleja	Renee Bell	Steve Weaver
Thomas Rother	Bob Harvath	Steven Aulbach
Brian Risk	Gene Underwood	Bruce Bandy

New badges for the following members are on order as of January 9, 2024

Jerry Hunter	Wayne Back	Shawn Mayer
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Reorder costs for lost badges is \$15.00

Contact Fred Burk if you have questions regarding badges.

GroupWorks

GroupWorks is our communications conduit. It provides a forum, calendar, and group roster. It allows you to RSVP for events, comment on other posts, attach photos or documents. Follow the instructions for logging in. You will have to use your password on each individual device. GroupWorks will also send out automatic reminders for upcoming events. app.groupworks.com

A Note From the Tour Chairman

At the February meeting we took a poll on what you all would like to do this year. Below is a list of events for 2024. We'll add to it as we formalize things. We have an tour planned to the Veteran Wall in Perryville which includes an overnight and special train ride in Jackson, MO.

Annual events including the All Ford Show at the MOT are planned. Monthly "Get Out luncheons" were popular so we're doing those. Note these are during the week and the days and dates vary. If you have tour ideas, thoughts, feedback, or would like to lead one, let me know. If you have a special place in mind that would be cool for us to visit please contact me. We have a great Model A club and the more we do the more fun we'll have. If you haven't participated before but have issues with your car or questions please let me know. we'll help you work through it. We haven't done a tech/safety tech day in a number of years so we tentatively have that slated for April 27th at my shop. It should be a fun year. Please join us when you can!

2024 Roster Books

The 2024 MVRMARC roster books will be available at the March business meeting. Please attend if possible to pick up your copy. This will save the club the money to mail them out.

MVRMARC Event Calendar 2024			
Date	Event	Contact	Details
01/07/24	Annual Awards Banquet	COMPLETE	Royale Orleans Banquet Center, Telegraph Rd.
02/06/24	Monthly Business Meeting	COMPLETE	Trinity Lutheran Church, 820 Lockett Rd, 7pm
02/16/24	Get Out Lunch West	COMPLETE	Cracker Barrel St. Charles 11:30
02/18/24	Cape Swap Meet	COMPLETE	Arena Building Cape Girardeau
03/05/24	Monthly Business Meeting		Trinity Lutheran Church, 820 Lockett Rd, 7pm
03/14/24	Get Out Lunch South	Larry Shepard	Telegraph Café - South County 11:30
04/02/24	Monthly Business Meeting		Trinity Lutheran Church, 820 Lockett Rd, 7pm
04/04/24	MARC Membership Meet		4-7 April Joliet, IL Holiday Inn & Suites Joliet Southwest
04/05/24	Memories Car Cruise	Don Pfitzinger	4pm First Fridays
04/07/24	Concours d'Elegance Car Show		Upper lot of the Muny, 61st year
04/07/24	Grizzley Park Swap Meet	Larry Shepard	6am
04/12/24	Pacific Birthday Tour	Larry Shepard	Palmer Lawson's 86 1/2 Birthday Lunch Tour
04/20/24	Bruce Williams Garage Tour & More	Bruce Williams	Kirkwood
04/26/24	Get Out Lunch West	Larry Shepard	Cracker Barrel St. Charles 11:30
04/27/24	Safety Check (Tentative)	Larry/Gene R.	Larry's shop
05/03/24	Memories Car Cruise	Don Pfitzinger	4pm First Fridays
05/05/24	Model T Swap Meet		Grizzlies Stadium, East St Louis, Ill. 6:00 am - 4:00 pm
05/07/24	Monthly Business Meeting		Trinity Lutheran Church, 820 Lockett Rd, 7pm
05/10/24	Cuivre River Picnic Tour	Larry Shepard	Tour to Cuivre River Park
05/14/24	Get Out Lunch South	Larry Shepard	Telegraph Café - South County 11:30
05/19/24	Early Ford Show	Larry Shepard	National Museum of Transportation, 2933 Barrett Station Rd, St. Louis
05/21/24	MARC National Tour	Larry Shepard	21-23 May, Berlin, OH
06/04/24	Monthly Business Meeting		Trinity Lutheran Church, 820 Lockett Rd, 7pm
07/02/24	Monthly Business Meeting		Trinity Lutheran Church, 820 Lockett Rd, 7pm
07/15/24	MARC National Meet		15-18 July, Ashville, NC
08/06/24	Monthly Business Meeting		Trinity Lutheran Church, 820 Lockett Rd, 7pm
09/03/24	Monthly Business Meeting		Trinity Lutheran Church, 820 Lockett Rd, 7pm
09/20/24	Model A Days @ Gilmore		Sept 20-21, Hickory Corners, MI
10/01/24	Monthly Business Meeting		Trinity Lutheran Church, 820 Lockett Rd, 7pm
10/04/24	Newport Hill Climb		Oct 4-6, @ Newport, IN
11/05/24	Monthly Business Meeting		Trinity Lutheran Church, 820 Lockett Rd, 7pm
11/09/24	Veteran's Day Parade		
TBD	Kimmswick Parade		
TBD	Die Hard Tour		Babler Park
12/03/24	Monthly Business Meeting		Trinity Lutheran Church, 820 Lockett Rd, 7pm

My 1931 Standard Coupe

By Larry Smith

In 1952 my parents purchased their first home. We moved to North St. Louis, Mo.

Across from our house, there was a tavern and attached to this building a small brick garage. That's where I fell in love with the Model A. Each morning the mechanic working in the garage would arrive for work in his Model A pickup truck. The truck had no paint left on it, only rust! Every fender was dented and bent. It looked like a piece of junk! Rain, sleet or snow, the old truck always showed up. I moved again in 1962. At that time the mechanic was still driving the old truck.

In 1983, I overheard two fellows having a conversation about a Model A that was going to be sold. The owner's storage garage had been sold. Long story, short, I purchased the car. I didn't know how I was going to get the car to Bridgeton from Gerald, Mo. The owner had a friend who had a tandem trailer. He loaned the trailer to us – problem solved! Super nice people. At that time, I was working so many hours and raising a family that there wasn't any time left for working on the A.

The car was not driven any distance for a long period of time until my son who was graduating from high school requested that I drive the "A" in his homecoming parade. Everything went well during the parade. However, when we arrived at his school and started to back into a parking space, the "A" did not want to go backwards. Each time I attempted shifting into reverse, the shifter would jump out of gear making a terrible noise. We were successful in driving home without having to be towed.

When I finally removed the rear end, I had no idea how to repair the damage. After several months of sitting, my son-in-law told me a friend of his had a Model A in his garage. The "A" was completely disassembled and the owner was out of work. After some negotiations, I purchased the rear end, took it home, then installed it in my car. Finally, the "A" was ready to be driven again!

There just wasn't time to work it, so it sat garaged until the late nineties. At that time, I removed the body from the frame and took the body to a friend in North St. Louis who welded and repaired the side rails, removed what was left of the rear quarter panels behind the wheels then welded new panels in place.

I had stripped all the paint off the body earlier, so we primed it before bringing it back not knowing when I would be working on it again. While the body was off, I stripped the frame, cleaned and painted it.

Sometime after that the engine was pulled and sent out for rebuilding. We installed a new clutch, radiator, interior, converted the trunk to a rumble seat and replaced floor boards, etc.

Larry Shepard overhauled the entire steering system and brakes. He also rebuilt the carburetor.

After forty years, we finally completed the restoration! I had help from several friends who enjoyed working on the "A" with me. Not having any knowledge or experience of body work and automobile repairs, my Model A is not perfect. We spent a lot of time and money in this restoration but I would do it again.

I enjoy knowing that we did most everything ourselves. It was a great experience, and I certainly enjoyed every moment.

Hopefully 2024 will be the year that I can enjoy more of the MVR club activities.

Thanks to Larry Shepard, Kermit Simmons, Dick Stiles and mostly my wife, Sue Smith, for putting up with the entire project taking place at our home.

Battery Tips

From the Old Dominion Model A Club Website

If you are charging the battery in your positive ground Model A, hook up the negative cable from the charger to the starter post and the positive cable from the charger to the frame or block BEFORE you plug in the charger. Always be aware that hydrogen gas is produced when charging the battery and is very explosive. (Remember the Hindenburg?) Avoid any spark or flame in the battery charging area. Here are some more tips:

Remove vent caps & make sure the electrolyte covers the plates before you hook up the charger! (if not, add distilled water)

- Clean the posts

- Make sure vent cap holes are open.

- Clean the grease/dirt off the top of the battery.

When charge is complete, turn the charger off before you remove the cables.

Check the specific gravity in each cell 24 hours after it's fully charged.

David E. Egertson, 1931 - 2024

Adapted from Shrader Funeral Home Obituary

Long time MVRMARC member David Egertson, age 92, passed away on Thursday, February 1, 2024. He was born in Albert Lea, Minnesota. Describing himself as "a product of the Depression and WWII," Dave's life was defined by the loss of his mother; at the age of seven, he took responsibility for the wellbeing of his siblings as they grew up together.

Dave was a U. S. Navy Veteran and enjoyed a 45-year career in the railroad industry, beginning in high school with a job at the Milwaukee Road as a part-time messenger. He continued at the Frisco, Burlington Northern and Soo Line railroads, working his way to Vice President of Marketing & Sales through various mergers. He also served as President of the National Council of Physical Distribution Management (NCPDM). He retired early as the result of a merger and finished his work career as Vice President, Marketing and Sales of Cleveland Technical Center.

As his railroad career progressed, Dave was transferred across the country, living in new places and working with new people. A lifelong Lutheran, Dave served as an officer of every church he ever attended as an adult, including three terms as president of his church in St. Louis. Dave loved his family deeply and was extremely proud of his wife and children and their families. He always said the best thing he ever did was to marry Edith Fristedt in 1951, and that raising his four children and watching them grow were the best years of his life.

Dave had tremendous confidence and a can-do attitude when it came to mechanical challenges, which he applied to everything from building out his basement to keeping his Ford Model A in top running condition. He was also recognized as the family historian, devoted to understanding and disseminating information typically focused on our Scandinavian heritage. He was a talented speaker and prolific writer, providing stories and memories for his friends at Friendship Village until the very end.

After he retired from work Dave loved to play golf, restore old cars and build and play with model railroad layouts. He collected memorabilia and old things, including an antique barber chair, a gum dispensing machine, and a miniature steam engine and power plant. He also had many rewarding experiences as a hospice volunteer visiting patients and relieving caregivers.



The Model "A" RESTORERS CLUB

<https://model-a-ford.org/>

Cars & Coffee at Fast Lane Classic Cars, 427 Little Hills Blvd, St Charles, Mo. 8-10 am 2nd Saturdays, June to Dec. 2023

Model A Fashions

The MARC Fashion Committee consists of persons interested in furthering research of Model A Era Fashions and fostering participation from MARC members by assisting in fashion activities, judging, establishing policies, providing fashion seminars and publishing materials. The goal is to promote the collection, preservation and display of Model A Era fashions.

The committee consists of a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary and Reproduction Pattern Coordinator, Office Liaison, Chief Judge, Research Committee Chair, Historian, Publications Chairman, Seminar Coordinator, and Coordinator for Model A News and Website Articles. They meet three times a year for conducting business, continuing research, and planning Seminars. For more information on Model A fashions, visit <https://model-a-ford.org/top-page-1/programs-awards/era-fashion>

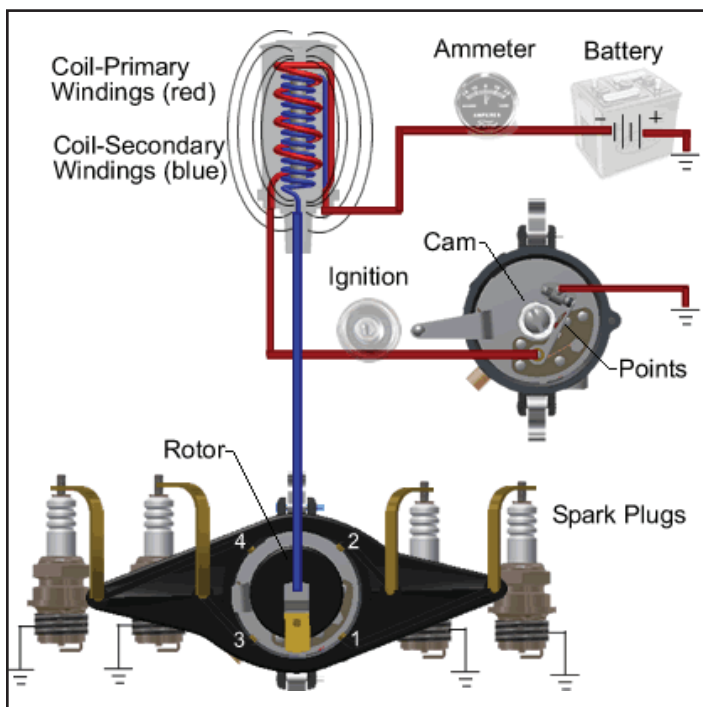


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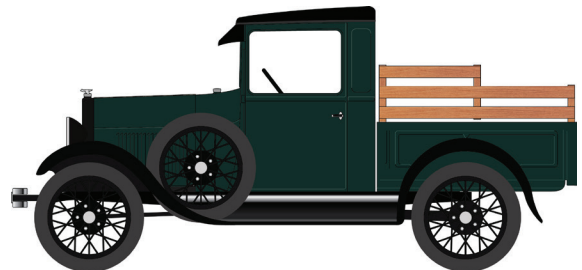
Model A's are positive ground. The Model A frame acts as the positive ground wire from the battery. This is exactly opposite of modern cars.



February 2024 Board Meeting Minutes

By Gene Cogorno, MVRMARC Secretary

At 6:00 p.m. the board meeting started in a back room of Trinity Lutheran Church. Present were: President Gary Puellmann, VP Gary Mertz, Treasurer Dave Hitt, Secretary Gene Cogorno, board members Doug Brockhaus, Tom Wagner & Ron Jackson along with events coordinator Larry Shepard. Items of discussion included reviewing the financial status of the MVRMARC - stable, current membership numbers (+/-155 with 39 delinquent renewals), webmaster search (board agreed on value of keeping our current website & the importance on finding a replacement for Jon Palm), redundancy in posting calendar events (suggestions made on streamlining this), how to encourage more of our local MVR members to belong to the National MARC (required in bylaws & important for insurance reasons), idea of board members mentoring new MVR members, the value of establishing a digital archive of our Valley News newsletters (possibly add a newsletter library to our website), a review of "Countryside cruises" seeking membership input on which ones to keep, ones to add and ones to postpone/delete, explore forms of recognition of MVR officers, events coordinator, webmaster, Valley News editor, etc. (Gary P. and Gene C. will explore options/costs) along with revisiting a prior board decision for some sort of plaque recognition for the President's trophy ("Shaft") recipient as the actual crankshaft trophy is a roaming trophy, how to change 2024 President information for the Model A News and discussion on the spark plug program (discontinued for a while). Gary Puellmann led the discussions without the intent of making immediate recommendations for the membership but rather to get board input on club areas that needed to be changed, revised, added or deleted. The board meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m



The Blue Oval sign that hangs at the Model A Museum at the Gilmore complex in Hickory Corners, MI. (Cindy Ellenbecker)



This Model A delivery van was operated by the L.O. Taft Company, a food wholesaler based out of Salt Lake City, UT. The lovely artwork is noteworthy. (J.W. Marriott Coll.)

Fallacies – Observations – Rejoinders - Diatribes

By Jack Handle, shoddytudorsedan@hotmail.com

Hello, and welcome to another installment of a column that is a shameless waste of the reader's time, and underscores the need for higher quality club newsletter content. This column is written each month without the use of artificial intelligence and precious little natural intelligence. We should also add that the views and opinions expressed in the column might not be shared by the Newsletter Editor, other MVRMARC members, or most inhabitants of the country in which the author lives. Please consider writing content for the newsletter so that we can fill each issue. And don't be too timid to display your freak flag for all to see and enjoy.

Provided we live to see the end of this month, this author will be another year older. Survival hasn't been easy, but we are still here thank God. There were some bumps in the road to be sure. We'd like to thank our medical oncologist for helping us to survive Hodgkin's Lymphoma but we haven't been on speaking terms since opting out of the fifth year of oncology follow-up. Suffice it to say we had our reason for leaving and it was explained in a heartfelt note that reminded the doctor that another year of follow up would be a shameful misuse of her precious time and a futile waste of whatever time this author had left.

We've embarked on an odd work schedule that squeezes 80 hours of work into 7 days with 7 days off in between work weeks. The first full week worked was the week that started with freezing rain and brutal cold. Not exactly good weather for driving the '28 Tudor. But the following week had some drier and sunnier days and we did venture out to Carl's Drive In in Brentwood for lunch on one of those days. We stopped for gas on the way home and fielded a few questions from those who were also at the filling station. Fortunately, none of them asked that question about all the cars being painted black. One person did ask if the color of the car was original, and the answer is maybe. That is one of the paint schemes available for that body style for that production year. This discussion included a brief explanation of the difference between the modern VIN and the Model A VIN. It is interesting to note that the '29 Tudor of our Maternal Grandfather was all black. This was the vehicle he owned when he wed Grandma. They later owned a '34 Ford but none could recall the body style. It is funny how things slip from memory. We talked to Uncle Barney some years ago, and he told us he learned to drive and took his driving test in a Ford Model A. But he did not recall the double clutching that this vehicle would have required. The '28 Tudor has a Mitchell, so we don't do any double clutching either.

We weren't up to the trip to Marthasville for more E-zero gas but if the weather is nice in February that just might happen. We have tried to buy as much gas for the modern vehicles from Costco as possible because they do sell it cheaper than any other local supplier. But it still has ethanol in it. .

Model A Youth Restoration Award

MAYRA provides financial support to youth whose interest in the hobby is demonstrated by their efforts in restoring a Model A. Our reason for doing so is to solidly cement the idea of the Model A hobby in the minds of our youth at an impressionable age with the intent and hope that this will be a lasting association that will help support Model A restoration and the hobby in general into future generations. Visit <https://www.modelarestorationaward.org>

Toilet

By Grant MacLaren

In 1954 my 1932 Ford Tudor Sedan's roof leaked. Instead of repairing it, I tore it out, leaving an always-open sunroof of sorts.

Most "closed cars" of the era had roof infills — framed of hard wood beams sheathed with chicken wire and cloth padding, all covered with an oilcloth-like fabric nailed to the wood frame. My car's roof must have leaked for many of its 22 years. Instead of repairing it, I just tore it off, leaving a very large opening.

As a result of the leaking roof and fabric upholstery, the rear seat had rotted and housed a large mice population. So I tore it out too, disrupting the colony. The two front seats were in pretty good shape when I got the car so they stayed.

A friend, one of the Doreen owners, Don Jugle, had found a toilet in a neighbor's trash. It was in good condition and Don thought it would satisfy the car's need for a rear seat, so he bolted it to the car's floor. If you wanted a ride in my Model "B", you could sit on the toilet or just stand up —given its big "sun roof."

One rainy night John Lund and I were driving in Wisconsin on Highway 67 from near William's Bay to the Andersons' cottage on Lauderdale Lakes.

The car had a vacuum-powered windshield wiper for the driver and one with a hand-operated wiper in front of the passenger. There was almost no vacuum as we climbed a hill, so my wiper had quit. John was cranking his wiper, serving as our lookout.

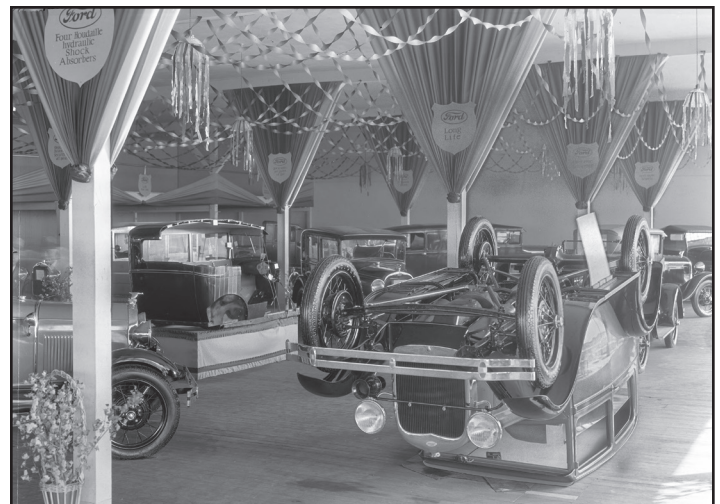
He spotted a '41 Chevrolet Sedan off the road on our shoulder; it's left rear raised on a bumper jack. The car's soaking-wet owner was manipulating a loose tire and rim off the car.

We pulled off the road, just ahead of his jacked-up Chevy; John yelled, asking if we could help. The fellow said there wasn't much we could do; he didn't have a spare, so he and his wheel would need a ride to Elkhorn where he might find a gas station to repair the flat.

"Sure," we said, "get in." He pushed the wheel with its flat tire in behind John's seat. Then he followed — and sat on the toilet. As he let his shoulders relax, no doubt expecting a dryer, more comfortable environment, he looked up — and started laughing.

John and I didn't see the humor in his situation. Until he asked "Do you know who's in that jacked-up car?" Then answered his own question. "My wife and my mother-in-law."

Fascinating period photo showing the strength of the Model A body, with a Tudor Sedan sitting on its roof. Another Model A has been cut in half to show the construction of the car. It includes six a display of the available colors of the car. (J.W. Marriott Coll)



February 2024 Meeting Minutes

By Gene Cogorno

President Gary Puellmann called the first meeting of 2024 to order at 7:00 p.m. There were two new members present: Avery Myrick who has a running '31 Fordor and Dan Sexton who is the third owner of a '29 Town Sedan. Larry Shepard was able to give a first-hand health report on the remarkable progress that he has made since his 1/31/24 hip replacement. Gene Cogorno reported that Bert Schott was hospitalized for essentially an asthma attack, was improving and hoped to return home soon. Prayers are always appreciated. Dave Hitt gave a combined January/February treasurer's report as there was no business meeting in January. As always, Dave detailed our beginning balance, all income received, what expenses were paid and the resulting ending balance. Raising the club dues to \$30/year has stabilized our club treasury. Dave reported that the 2024 Members' Roster should be available at our March meeting – please attend to pick yours up!

Herb Clark introduced two guests – Jim and Kevin – both old car enthusiasts. Herb also thanked the MVR for it's past year donation to the St. Louis Community College (STLCC) group that participated in the Great Race. This year a '72 Mercury Cougar and a '41 Ford sedan have been donated for the 2024 Great Race which will start in Owensboro Kentucky and end up in Gardiner, Maine. The STLCC is building a new automotive wing which is slated for completion in the fall of 2025. This could be a future MVR start-up party location. Guest speakers and donations for the STLCC group are always appreciated. "Crazy Car Games" will be held in the spring at the St. Louis Car Museum. President Puellmann expressed the desire of more of our local members becoming members of the national MARC – something our bylaws require as does the national club for insurance coverage and delivery of an excellent bimonthly publication, the Model A News. President Puellmann also requested a volunteer for the webmaster position which we need to fill ASAP.

Jeff Buckley reported on sending in to MARC the annual mileage reports for those that participate (where else can you spend a single dollar so wisely)? Larry Shepard, events coordinator, went over a flexible 2024 activity calendar with special mention of the February, March and April 2024 activities. As always, please see Groupworks for the latest information on monthly meetings, get out lunches, tours and displays. After a short break, 50/50 prizes were awarded. Herb Clark won \$29.00 while Doug Brockhaus won some donated oil products. Gene Roehl, current MARC Touring Class committee member, gave an update on the new and improved 2024 (Fourth Edition) MARC Touring Class judging standards which he volunteered to update MARC. This publication is "at the printer" and will be available for purchase very soon. Gene Roehl also gave a quick update and demonstration of a turn signal "kit" that he has designed using LED lights and parts available locally at low cost. A slide show of all the 2023 activities was shown with impromptu narration by Larry Shepard. The February meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

New Members

Two new members attended the February 2024 business meeting. Avery Myrick has a running 1931 Fordor Sedan and Dan Sexton is the third owner of a 1929 Town Sedan. Welcome to both of you! You will find that it was the best \$30 dollars you ever spent! We look forward to seeing you at club events!

Cars & Coffee at Sunrise Church First Saturday of Month 8-10 am, Apr to Oct - 7116 Twin Chimneys Blvd, O'Fallon, Mo.

Job Opening - Web Master

MVRMARC is looking for a new web master. If you have the skills, drive and enthusiasm to take on this challenge, the job can be yours. Your salary will be the satisfaction of knowing you are doing important work for the club. Apply today! Many thanks to Jon Palm for his stellar service!

Newsletter Content

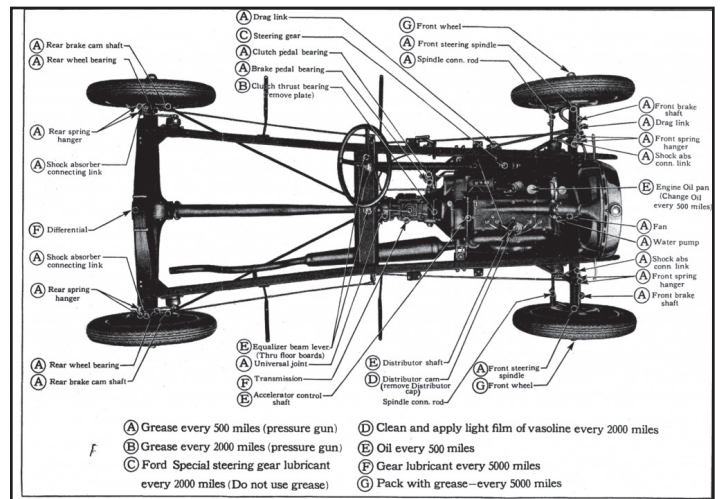
Please, please, please consider writing an article for the Valley News. The club depends on your participation in order to operate, and contributing to the newsletter is no exception. Whatever you provide will be greatly appreciated by your editor.

Memories Car Club Cruise Night - First Friday of Month 4 pm, Apr to Oct - Faith Church, Sunset Hills, Mo.

Significant progress has been made on the 1931 bus project spearheaded by Ken Ehrenhofer. If all goes according to plan, this vehicle should be at Model A Days at the Gilmore in September 2024. (Ken Ehrenhofer via Facebook)



Model A Lubrication Guide



Get Out Lunch West

The first Get-Out lunch for 2024 was held on Friday, February 16, 2024. Due to inclement weather, only about a dozen members and their guests attended the lunch at the Cracker Barrel in St. Charles. With nearly 6 inches of accumulated snow, no one drove their Model A, and the drive home was sporty business. Members reported slow-going on the way home.

Classic-fieds

Services: Expert mechanical rebuilding, 30 years experience. Engines rebuilt, transmissions, brakes, electrical, front/rear axles, car assembly, tune-up and more. Larry Shepard 636-947-4515

For Sale: Rear tail light bracket for Coupes and Roadsters from May through August, 1928 (part #A-13470-B). Asking price \$25. Proceeds from sale support MAFFI Museum Endowment Fund, if paying by check please make payable to "Model "A" Museum Fund". Email shoddytudorsedan@hotmail.com or call 314.330.3562

For Sale: N.I.B. quail hood ornament, 19 & 21" wheels, 600/16 Ford wheels, and a large selection of used original Model A parts too many to list. Call for details, Elmer Deters: 314-892-1456

For Sale: 1929 Model A Roadster. Runs/drives well. \$16K. Call for more info, Ron @ 636-671-0516 or 636-734-7428

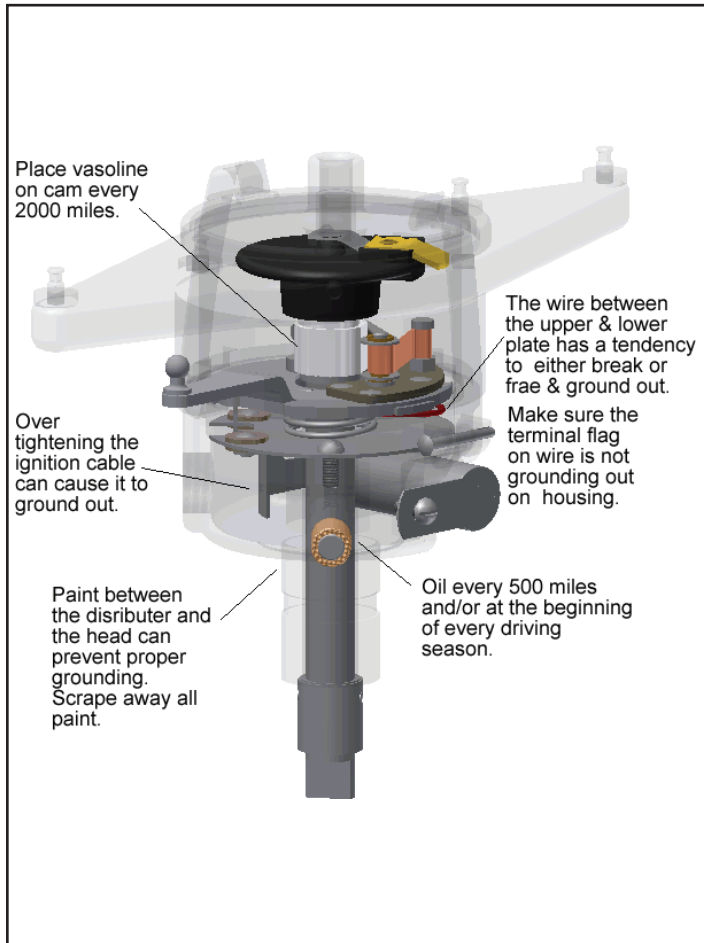
For Sale: Two very nice 31 Roadsters. Mitchell overdrives in one, great cars. Also have 29 coupe for sale (Alton area). Call Larry Shepard 636-734-5510

For Sale: 1930 Deluxe Town Sedan Frame-off restoration. Engine rebuild new interior dual fender mounts. Painted non-Model A colors. If interested, call Robert Betlach 314-799-9380 or lachs4@charter.net

For Sale: Complete set of Model A News magazines (pristine condition) starting with the Jan/Feb 1984 issue through the Nov/Dec 2003 (119-120 total). Make out check to MAFFI for \$120.00. Gene Cogorno 314-503-6139 or cogorno2@sbcglobal.net

Wanted: model A or AA fire truck. If you have one or know of one for sale, please call Gary Puellmann at 314-650-4820.

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The Dann house in Weldon Spring Heights is expanding! A two-car garage is finally under construction at the Dann residence. Velma and her stablemate Madel should be home by March. (Rich Dann)

Monthly Business Meeting will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church on the first Tuesday of each month at 7 pm unless otherwise specified.

