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# *The Valley News*

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Ed Hoganson Jr's  
1931 Victoria

The Award Winning Journal of the Missouri Valley Region Model A Restorers Club



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## President's Corner

*By Bill Schaefer, 2022-2023 President, MVRMARC*

The December meeting was rather short as our usual area in the church was occupied. We had to meet in the sanctuary. This is the first time since I have been attending that there was a mix-up. In my mind December is not a great time for driving your Model A, too cold for me but then again, any temperature under 70 degrees is too cold for me.

I did a little work on my Model A, I tried the products in the video I showed on detailing your Model A, Dri Wash-n-Guard for cleaning and Suma ceramic spray for polishing and paint protection. The Dri Wash-n-Guard I really liked. Before I used it on the Model A I used it on my F150 to remove bugs and other spots on the front before touching up the chips, it works great. I ordered it on Amazon, and it costs \$38 for a quart, I thought it worked great (you don't need to use very much to do the job). After cleaning I applied the Suma ceramic spray and that also worked well, my paint isn't the best as I painted the truck myself and it was my first attempt at painting a vehicle. The cost was \$38 for an eight-ounce spray bottle and you had to buy it on their website, which I thought was a little steep.

I am still waiting for my 1955 Ford to be painted. The last report was that he was working on the hood and that was the last panel requiring correction. After priming and final block sanding it will be ready for paint. Also, on the 55, I was trying to figure out how to install a radio in the stock location. This car came with a round radio. Well, you can find anything on the internet and I found a posting on installing a round boat stereo in the radio bezel. I got the radio and installed it in the bezel. It worked great, and am now wiring to bench test the system.

I am looking forward to our Annual Banquet on Sunday January 7th, hope to see many of you there. Have a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year

Bill Schaefer, President

## From the Editor

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

And like a flash, 2023 was over. The year just flew by. The MVRMARC had an excellent year with dozens of events, both big and small. Sadly, this year we saw some of our friends depart the earthly realm for their place in the heavens. We will remember all of them fondly and hold their memories dear in our minds and hearts, never to be forgotten.

We also brought in new members. We welcome them with open doors and hope their time with us is worth the money spent to join the MVRMARC. In my personal experience, if it wasn't for this club, my 29 pickup truck would probably still be in pieces in my garage and Velma would have never been restored. I thank you all!

Big news at the Dann house in December! Work has begun on our garage expansion. Our 80-year old house was built with a single car garage, but that is changing. Work has begun on making ours a two-car garage. Its been a long time coming, but hopefully by February, it will be a reality. Velma will finally have a stablemate, Judy's 75 Super Beetle. That is very exciting if you ask me, and even if you don't.

In closing, Judy and I wish you the happiest of holiday seasons, and a healthy and prosperous 2024....we'll see you next year!

Regards,  
Rich & Judy

(Front Cover) Ed Hoganson Jr.'s beautiful 1931 Victoria was photographed in front of the Sandy Creek Covered Bridge originally built in 1872, following the American Civil War. The bridge was destroyed by high water in 1886 and rebuilt for \$899 by Henry Steffin using some of the original timbers and abutments. This bridge is one of four remaining covered bridges in Missouri which once numbered 30. The bridge is 74.5 feet long and almost 19 feet wide. The bridge crosses Sandy Creek connecting the county seat of Hillsboro to St. Louis County; it was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1970. (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	Gene Price

New badges for the following members are on order as of November 13:

Bruce Bandy	Jim Hammond	Susannah Kriegshauser
Ed Hoganson Jr.	Alice Schott	

Reorder costs for lost badges is \$15.00

Contact Fred Burk if you have questions regarding badges.

## A Note From the Tour Chairman

Please check "Groupworks" for event updates. It is the best way to keep in the know on club events. If you need help getting on Groupworks please let Larry Shepard or Gene Roehl know.



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## MVRMARC Event Calendar 2023

Date	Event	Contact	Details
01/08/23	Annual Awards Banquet	COMPLETE	Royal Orleans Banquet Center, Telegraph Rd.
02/07/23	Monthly Business Meeting	COMPLETE	Trinity Lutheran Church, 820 Lockett Rd, 7pm
02/16/23	MVRMARC Monthly Luncheon	COMPLETE	Cracker Barrel St. Charles
02/19/23	Cape Swap Meet	COMPLETE	Arena Building, Cape Girardeau, Mo.
03/07/23	Monthly Business Meeting	COMPLETE	Trinity Lutheran Church, 820 Lockett Rd, 7pm
03/15/23	MVRMARC Monthly Luncheon	COMPLETE	Telegraph Cafe, South County 11:30 am
03/17/23	Chickasaw Swap Meet	COMPLETE	3/17-3/18, Chickasa, Ok
04/01/23	Pacific Tour/Palmer visit	COMPLETE	Lunch destination TBD
04/09/23	Concours d'Elegance Car Show	COMPLETE	Upper lot of the Muny, 60th year
04/13/23	MVRMARC Monthly Luncheon	COMPLETE	Cracker Barrel St. Charles
04/14/23	MARC Annual Membership Meet	COMPLETE	14-16 Apr, Monitor Charter Township, Mich
04/29/23	Gateway Classic Car Show	COMPLETE	O'Fallon, Ill. 9:00 to 12:00
05/02/23	Monthly Business Meeting	COMPLETE	Trinity Lutheran Church, 820 Lockett Rd, 7pm
05/07/23	Model T Swap Meet	COMPLETE	Grizzlies Stadium, East St Louis, Ill. 6:00 am - 4:00 pm
05/13/23	Annual Start-up Party	COMPLETE	Car-Doc, 11738 Administration Dr, St. Louis 9:30 am
05/17/23	MVRMARC Monthly Luncheon	COMPLETE	Telegraph Cafe, South County 11:30 am
05/21/23	Early Ford Show	COMPLETE	National Museum of Transportation, 2933 Barrett Station Rd, St. Louis
06/02/23	Memories Car Cruise	COMPLETE	Faith Church Back lot Gravius
06/06/23	Monthly Business Meeting	COMPLETE	
06/10/23	Cars & Guitars	COMPLETE	City of Kirkwood
06/11/23	MAFCA Regional	COMPLETE	Breckenridge, Colo.
06/24/23	Pacific Car Show	COMPLETE	
07/11/23	Monthly Business Meeting	COMPLETE	Trinity Lutheran Church, 820 Lockett Rd, 7pm
07/30/23	MARC National Meet	COMPLETE	30 Jul - 4 Aug, West Chester Township, Ohio
08/08/23	Monthly Business Meeting	COMPLETE	Trinity Lutheran Church, 820 Lockett Rd, 7pm
08/27/23	Labadie Tour - Hawthorne Inn	COMPLETE	Meeting @ Quick Mart gas station, Old Olive at Chesterfield Pkwy - 10 am
09/05/23	Monthly Business Meeting	COMPLETE	Trinity Lutheran Church, 820 Lockett Rd, 7pm
09/15/23	Model A Days @ Gilmore	COMPLETE	Sept 15-16, Hickory Corners, MI
09/23/23	Walk Back in Time	COMPLETE	23-24 September, overnight tour
09/25/23	Octoberfest Car Show @ St Charles	COMPLETE	Downtown during Oktoberfest
09/30/23	Newport, Ind Hill Climb	COMPLETE	Sep 30, unlimited time trials Oct 1, timed runs
10/03/23	Monthly Business Meeting	COMPLETE	Trinity Lutheran Church, 820 Lockett Rd, 7pm
10/07/23	Meramec Bluffs Car Show	COMPLETE	Lutheran Senior Services Community, Ballwin MO
10/14/23	Mason Point Car Show	COMPLETE	13198 South Outer 40 Rd, in Town & Country, MO, 12 pm to 3 pm
10/27/23t	Fall Color Tour - River Road	COMPLETE	Meet at MOTO Mart gas station on North HWY 94
11/03/23	Fall Color Tour, Washington MO	COMPLETE	
11/07/23	Monthly Business Meeting	COMPLETE	Trinity Lutheran Church, 820 Lockett Rd, 7pm
11/11/23	Veteran's Day Parade	COMPLETE	
11/18/23	Kimmswick Parade	COMPLETE	
12/03/23	Die Hard Tour	COMPLETE	Babler Park
12/05/23	Monthly Business Meeting	COMPLETE	Trinity Lutheran Church, 820 Lockett Rd, 7pm



# A Fine 1930 Tudor Story

By Ed Hoganson, Jr.

I met my first Model "A" when I was a sophomore in high school while living in Hillsboro, New Hampshire. One of the seniors drove a Tudor about 20 miles daily. I was envious of his ride. My ride then was a retired military horse named Top Kick.

When I finished High School, I really needed a car. I found a job as a carpenter apprentice and when I saved my first \$100, I purchased a 1935 Buick four door sedan. These early experiences influenced my interest in the appreciation of old cars.

I enlisted in the Air Force and after that stint I married and went on to raise three kids. One Saturday I traveled to Illinois for a Golf Tournament. During the trip I saw an advertisement for a 1931 Model "A" Coupe. That's when the hobby bit me. I bought it! It would become a great project to share with my two boys. Robert was 10 and Edward III was 12. We had a great time working together and learning the fundamentals of auto mechanics. During assembly while I was putting the cloth material over the chicken wire, I stopped to spray paint my name on it. I explained to my sons this would help us identify the car if it was ever stolen. When I woke up the next day and approached the car, I found one of them added the words "and sons."

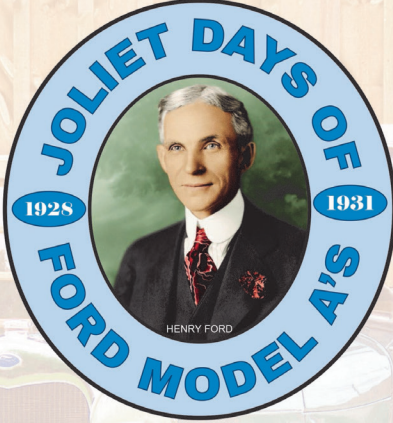
In 1975 I joined the Missouri Valley Region Model "A" Club. Soon after I met Terry Oberer. He taught me how to time the car and adjust all the necessary systems. Shortly after we began touring and attending events. The ones I enjoyed the most were the "Die Hards".

A few years later I relocated to Las Vegas and brought the car with me. I found a Model "A" Club there and joined. It wasn't long when I found myself in the Club President's role. This was a touring club with many tours a year. Some of my favorite tours were to the Grand Canyon in Arizona, Big Bear Lake in California, National Parks of Utah, and all over the state of Nevada. In the late 80's, my son Edward III came to visit and take on the car's ownership. It headed back to Missouri and waited many years for its now completed touring class restoration.

After retiring I relocated to Tennessee. My son went on to join the Missouri Club and eventually become President. I was jealous of him enjoying the club activities and the coupe restoration process. In Tennessee I searched and purchased a '31 Slant Window Sedan.


While attending my Grandson Edward IV's wedding, I attended a Missouri Valley Club meeting with my two sons Edward III and Robert. They were then 62 and 60 years old. Edward took me to meet Palmer Lawson and Terry Hagan to learn and buy parts for the Slant Window back in Tennessee. This experience led me to realize the amount of time and expense I would need to invest was way more than I had. I am 89 years old now. I needed to find a "finished" car that I could drive and enjoy. Edward took me to meet Gene Cogorno who was storing a '31 Vicky and helping James Ierardi to sell the car. The car was beautiful! It was owned by Phil Ierardi who was known for being particular and attentive to detail. I bought it. It had 3500 miles and now I've driven it to over 5500 miles.

This fall I moved back to St Louis and rejoined the Missouri Valley Club. I've already participated in tours and events. I even went to the Nationals in Hamilton Ohio. I'm looking forward to meeting more members and attending many more club events. This is the hobby that keeps on giving, and joining this club has been the best \$25 I ever spent!



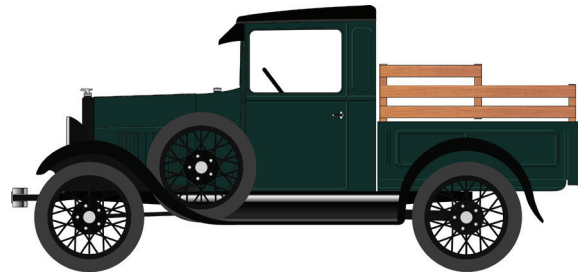
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Model As lined up at the 2023 Die-Hard Party held at Dr. Edmund Babler State Park on Sunday, December 3, 2023. Lunch is always the best time to photograph Model A gatherings, as everyone is inside eating. (Rich Dann)



## Dues and Banquet News

Starting in 2024 the annual dues for the club will increase to \$30 per year. For the rest of this year, any new members will pay \$25 and be covered for next year. Also any current member who pays their dues before December 31, 2023 will pay only \$25. After December 31 all dues will be \$30. Name badges for new members will be \$5 each for member and spouse. Extra badges and replacement badges will be \$15 each.

The annual banquet is scheduled for January 7, 2024 at Royle Orleans. The cost will be \$30/person. People need to sign up in GroupWorks, at December business meeting, or notify me so we can get an accurate count.

## Car Magazines for Veterans

*By Ron Jackson*

Bill Tabor is a friend, neighbor of mine and a Veteran. He is on a mission to provide the seven Missouri Veteran's Homes our old car magazines. Bill asks you to bring your old car magazines to our club meetings and provide them to me, Ron Jackson. Bill and I will ensure they get to the Veteran's Homes. I think it will bring a little joy to those who gave us so much.

He plans to do this every other month or monthly if the supply of magazines is available.

**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>



## 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>

## 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](http://app.groupworks.com)

## AR Designation Explained

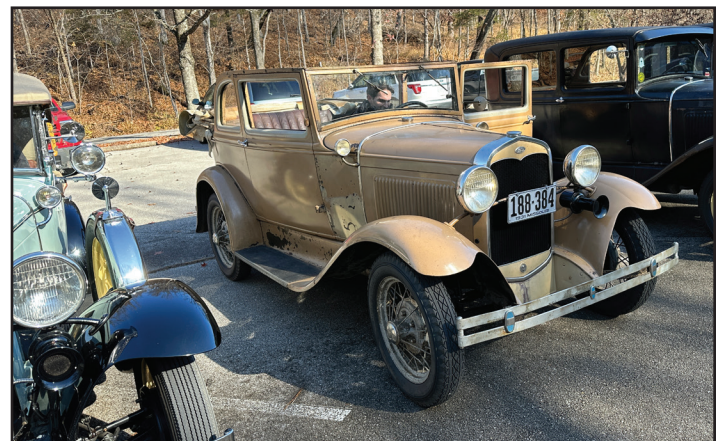
*By John Moorhead, Western Model As*

Production of the Ford Model A commenced late 1927 with the final production ending March 1932 presumably to complete orders for the 1931 model. If the Model A Ford Service Bulletins are examined it will be noted that numerous changes were made to the Model A over the production period.

Whilst Ford never catalogued a "Model AR" it is generally known that it is a very early Ford Model A with several notable differences from vehicles built from mid 1928 through to the end of production. The designation results from an "R" suffix on parts that are particular to the early vehicles. The suffix means "Replaced" and it was applied only after those early parts had been superseded. The superseded parts were incorporated at different times so there is no one definition of what constitutes an "AR". Over the years some restorations may contain a mix of early and late parts.

Perhaps one notable example is the difference between initial 21 inch wheels and brake drums. The early drums have a part number A-1125-AR and the new drums A-1125. These are not interchangeable with the wheels...

In the 1950s and 1960s the designation "AR" was adopted by restorers and the like to identify an early Ford Model A.



A very rare 1931 A400 Convertible Sedan driven by Steven Noll was the most interesting of the A's to attend the Die-Hard. This car is a progressive restoration project. (Rich Dann)

MVRMARC Model As weave their way along winding roads in Babler State Park on their way to the Die-Hard Party on Sunday, December 3, 2023. 22 Model As attended this annual event. (Gene Cogorno)



## Fallacies – Observations – Rejoinders - Diatribes

By Jack Handle, [shoddytudorsedan@hotmail.com](mailto: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. 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.

It was great fun to be able to attend the Veterans Day Parade and the Christmas Parade in Kimmswick. We were fortunate on weather for both events and grateful that David and Sherry Stukenbroeker were able to join us. Mrs. Handle's Mother was recovering from hip replacement surgery so she was only able to eat breakfast before the Veterans Day Parade. And next year we will try to have more candy for distribution at the parade in Kimmswick. We ran out of candy before the end of the parade route and no one was more disappointed than the driver. We did make it to work with the '28 Tudor for the celebration of the Marine Corps birthday.

We might have mentioned that we installed wheel support rings (Snyder's part #A-1014, \$26.00 ea.). The Snyder's catalogue and website say these are needed if you use hydraulic brakes. We installed them because we have had a number of wheels whose hubs have cracked. And it is hoped that this problem will be avoided going forward. If you use cast iron brake drums, it might be wise to check to see if lug bolts extend far enough to allow the use of the support rings.

As we wander our way through December it seems as though the year has really flown by. The U.S. Space Force's birthday is 20 December and this military branch will be four years old this year. We don't know anything about their missions and we probably couldn't share any information if we knew it. And we hope for good weather so that we can drive the '28 Tudor to work to deliver the treats for that birthday celebration.

Our sincere thanks to the Newsletter Editor for publishing our columns and apologize for those months that the column was not written. We hope that Santa Claus finds you, and may 2024 be healthy, happy, and prosperous..

## Die Hard 2023

By Richard Dann

The weather on Sunday, December 3rd did not look promising. Showers had rolled through the area overnight, and by daybreak, the roads were still wet with the overnight rainfall. As the morning progressed, the overcast skies slowly broke up and by 9:30 am, blue skies were the predominant weather feature. In Weldon Spring, seven MVRMARC Model As had gathered, and by 10:30, they were on their way to Babler State Park via the Long Road route with Bill Mayne leading the way.

After a relatively pleasant tour of Wild Horse Creek Road, the caravan made its way to Babler, pulling in to the Babler Outdoor Education Center, where a number of Model As had already gathered. Car after car arrived, and by 11:15, we had 21 Model As lined up and ready for photos. While all the cars looked beautiful, the standout was the unrestored A-400 driven by Steven Nolls. You just don't see many of these!

Around 11:30 am, it was time for the vultures to feed. Pulled pork and chicken were the main course with plenty of sides and desserts to choose from.

Following lunch, the clean-up crew went about their business as Model As slowly departed the scene. All in all, you couldn't have asked for a better day for the final MVRMARC event of 2023. A hearty thanks to all that made it happen!

## MAFFI Minute

By Cindy Ellenbecker, Secretary

Welcome 2024! Exciting changes are happening at the Model A Museum at Gilmore. And we are still gladly accepting contributions to the expansion as we grow our Model A Museum: Hint hint! ([www.maffi.org](http://www.maffi.org) and then click on Expansion to donate). Part of the Gilmore Auto Museum's mission and the Model A Museum's mission is to expand educational opportunities, so both organizations have their sights set on making the educational piece a part of all new additions.

As well as our upcoming Model A Museum addition, the Gilmore Auto Museum is expanding in several areas too, so our timing at the Model A museum is perfect to join in the growth on the campus. The Gilmore is adding a pavilion with an entertainment stage, a three season building for events, and insulating and repurposing the Carriage House so it can be used for events. With three new event venues, the Gilmore museum realized it also needed to construct a picnic shelter, add rest rooms, and upgrade/expand the outdoor food service. All of these changes are driven by the increase in the number of visitors to the museum; after all, America has long been known as having a love affair with its automobiles! The Gilmore Auto Museum, of which the Model A Museum is a part of, has become a vacation destination for automobile aficionados.

While you're in the New Year's resolution mood, make plans to visit Hickory Corners, Michigan this next year to see all the exciting things happening. The museum changes all the time, so there's always several new learning opportunities, great new exhibits, and fabulous cars to see.

Happy New Year,  
Cindy Ellenbecker, Secretary  
Trustee, Model A Ford Foundation Inc.



The St. Charles group departs the Weldon Spring Heights commuter parking lot on their way to the annual Die-Hard Party on Sunday, December 3, 2023. Bill Mayne led the group of six Model As. (Gene Cogorno)



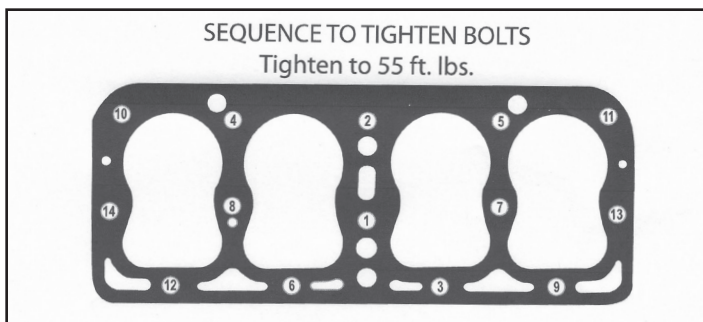
# December 2023 Meeting Minutes

By Gene Cogorno

President Bill Schaefer called the last meeting of 2023 to order at 7:00 p.m. Because of a town hall meeting in our regular space, we all convened in the church nave for our meeting. Approval of the November Secretary's Minutes was done by unanimous voice vote. There were no new members present. In health reports, Nancy Westhoff wanted the MVR membership to know that her husband Mark is bravely fighting cancer which has limited their involvement in recent club activities. Gene Cogorno reported that the Nell Austin celebration of life took place on 11/19/23 at the Gent Funeral Home with a half dozen MVR members in attendance.

Dave Hitt gave the treasurer's report outlying income and expenses for the month. Dave also reported that 46 members have paid for the upcoming banquet with a few more indicating that they will attend. The club has a minimum of 60 guaranteed to the Royale Orleans, so please consider coming to this event. The banquet cost is \$30/person and includes a buffet meal, soft drinks and dessert. New 2024 officer installation will take place, a year in review slide show will be shown, the President's trophy (AKA "the shaft") will be awarded and fun games are all part of the banquet program.

Larry Shepard, our MVR events coordinator, reported on the highly successful, well-attended Die-Hard tour to Babler State Park on Dec. 3. Twenty-two Model A's showed up on a good weather day along with 50 hungry MVR members. Special thanks to Don Schaumburg for organizing the event and to the Burks, the Puellmanns and many others that assisted with both set-up and clean-up. Jon Palm has posted the Die-Hard photos on our website at: <https://www.modelaclub.org/blog/2023/12/5/12323-die-hard-tour-to-babler>. Jim Flowers has posted the photos on the Facebook website. Not specifically mentioned, but 17 Model A's participated in the Nov. 11 Veteran's Day parade and another 13 Model A's participated in the Nov. 18 Kimmswick Parade. Larry also talked about new MVR apparel opportunities with hats, t-shirts, denim shirts soon to be available with sample viewing at our annual banquet. MARC V.P., Paul Ganninger, gave some updates on the July 14-19 National Meet (Asheville, NC), the 2024 National tour in Ohio, the advantages of all members belonging to the National club as well as budget considerations for the National office. The Model "A" News will be available in digital form in addition to the paper copy in the near future (approximately 6500 issues are printed each month). Following a brief break, the 50/50 drawing winner, Greg Piel, went home \$30 richer. Hats, gloves & scarves were collected for the Trinity Lutheran Church for their drive. The December business meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.



MVRMARC Model As on the move at the St. Louis Veteran's Day Parade on Saturday, November 11, 2023. (Dave Hitt)

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

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

## 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.

## Spark Plug Update

By Jim Zimmer, MARC Director of Regions

As your MARC Director of Regions, I am disappointed to announce that effective 12/31/2023 your Board has voted to discontinue the "Spark Plug" program, 50% off of the first 12 months membership for new members to your Region who are not MARC members.

Unfortunately, the number of new members signed up for this program did not justify its continuation. As you know, I read many Regions newsletters each month. Most regions have welcomed a number of new members this year, many more new members than were signed up for our "Spark Plug" program.

We currently have 14 Regions who have 100% MARC membership and have received a free set of Technically Speaking books.

I am asking those Regions who have not yet attained 100% MARC membership to encourage your Region officers to continue to promote MARC membership to all of your club members. MARC membership continues to decline each year. We must increase membership to maintain the level of services, including our excellent Model A News, that we currently provide.





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**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.

Valley News contributing editor Gene Cogorno is seen photographing Ed Hoganson Jr's 1931 Victoria at the Sandy Creek Covered Bridge while Ed Jr. looks on. See the front cover of this issue for the resulting photograph. (Gene Cogorno)



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MVRMARC Model As getting ready for the St. Louis Veteran's Day Parade on Saturday, November 11, 2023. The weather was outstanding and a good time was had by all members. (Dave Hitt)

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

