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Monthly Newsletter of The Missouri Valley Region, Model "A" Restorers Club, Saint Louis Missouri
Dedicated to the appreciation, enjoyment and preservation of the Model "A" Ford since 1959

President's Corner

by Terry Yount 636.532.0005

At the beginning of our March 7th meeting, it was announced that **Jim Ruth** was in the Des Peres hospital after undergoing surgery. **Jeff Buckley** presented the club with a large Get Well card, and all members in attendance signed the card. The next morning **Terry Oberer** delivered the Get Well card to **Jim** at the hospital. We all wish **Jim** a speedy recovery and to be back on his feet soon. **John Stoecker** was to give a member's profile but had to leave early to help with his son's recovery at home. We will all continue to pray for his son **Matt's** recovery from cancer. The tour committee is working very hard to finalize our events for 2006. This year's events will consist of Ladies' night, family picnic, a progressive dinner, wine tour, Ted Drewes, lunch at Puck's located in Forest Park, Steam Train ride, and many more wonderful tours.

Once again the members and the Board have decided to hold our January 2007 Banquet at the Feasting Fox. **Larry** and **Madi Hassel** have offered to plan and improve the menu for next year's event. I would like to personally thank **Larry** and **Madi** for taking on this

task. Many members have expressed that the total per person not to exceed \$23.00.

Seven to nine members are planning on attending the 2006 Marc National Membership Meet in beautiful Lexington, Kentucky on March 30th.



Welcome to all women and children who attended our last meeting. We are planning something special for the woman and children in the future. Once again, we need a non-running Model "A" for our Start-Up party, only a few months away. With a little ingenuity and special expertise from our club members, we should have the car running. Just remember it takes gas, compression, spark, and a little smoke (Ha-Ha) to get it started.

The answer to last month's trivia question was February 4, 1922, eight million dollars and to enter the luxury field, plus restore a company that was bankrupt.

Stump the Club

In July, 1914, what did Henry Ford promise and announced to any one who would purchase a Model "T" from Ford?

Next meeting: Tuesday, April 4, 2006 - 7:30 pm
Trinity Lutheran Church - 820 Lockett Road Kirkwood Missouri

February Minutes

by Cheryl Preston 314.353.4592

The March 7th meeting was called to order by President **Terry Yount** at 7:30pm. The answers to the trivia questions were announced. **Henry Ford** bought the Lincoln Motor Company on February 4, 1922 for 8 million dollars. **Ford** purchased the company to introduce a luxury car and also the Lincoln Motor Company was in bankruptcy. **Robert Willoughby** (a friend of member **Butch Vacca**) was a visitor for the meeting. **Robert** does not currently own a Model A but he would like to acquire one. Vice President **Rodrck Cunningham** was in the house. He has been working for Ford in Ohio. Members were reminded to wear their nametags or pay the treasurer 50 cents. The minutes from the last meeting were approved. The Safety Check is May 7. **Rick Hermann** would like to have a few more car appraisals scheduled for that date.

Terry Oberer talked about the Easter Car Show, the River port Swap Meet, and the Start-Up Party. The club members will display their Model A's at the St. Louis Easter Car Show in Forest Park. Also, the club has decided to have a space at the River port Swap Meet on April 30. **Jeff Buckley** stated the importance of attending these events and showing our enthusiasm for the Model A and the Missouri Valley Region Model "A" Restorer's Club. The National Meet is in Grand Rapids, MI on June 26 – June 30. Currently, there are 5 members who plan to attend. The Grand "A's" Club sent **Terry** raffle tickets to sell. The prizes include: 1. a replica Ford neon sign 19" x 39" 2. a replica Ford visible gas pump approximately 8 feet tall. The drawing will be at the Awards Banquet on Friday evening and not the Welcoming Party as printed on the tickets. The ever-popular Start-Up Party will be at **Terry Oberer's** house in July. A start up car is still needed for the party. **Terry** was looking at a 1930 Fodor sedan by flashlight in Kirkwood, but the car is not a suitable candidate. The police happened to drive by during **Terry's** inspection and asked him a "few" questions.

Dayna Cogorno gave the treasurer's report. The Awards Banquet will be held in January at the Feasting Fox. **Larry Shepard** will be hosting a Garage Tour on March 18. Meet at the Golden Corral 1850 Zumbahl Road at 8:30am for breakfast. The Scott Joplin House will be hosting a Ragtime Music Festival on May 28 & 29. **David Stukenbroeker**

attended the event last year and had a great time. The club will be displaying Model A's on one of these days. Also, **David** needs more ads for the Roster. The Roster will be distributed in April.

Tour Directors **Phil Ierardi** and **David Fronczak** gave the following suggestions for tours. There will be further discussion as to define which tours the club members would like to participate. 1. Family picnic at Love Park – Mason Road at Manchester. Bring your own picnic lunch. "Car Games" to be held. 2. Progressive Dinner – hors d'oeuvres @ **Phil Ierardi**, salad @ **Val Peistrup**, main course @ **Tom Holtgrave**, dessert @ **David Fronczak** with swimming in their pool and members to wear old-fashioned swim suits. 3. Daniel Boone Home. Watch a video and tour the home and village. 4. Forest Park – eat at Puck's Restaurant in the Art Museum, tour Forest Park, and drive to Ted Drewes for custard. 5. Glencoe – ride the trains. 6. Alton – visit Millionaire's Row and drive the Great River Road 7. Blue Owl Restaurant in Kimmswick. **Phil** and **David** also had suggestions to get more women and youth to attend a monthly meeting. Suggestions included shortening a meeting and having an auction with the proceeds going to the club or having a bingo night.

The Ladies Night is June 6. **Terry Yount** will barbeque. Winners of the 50/50 included **Dave Smith** and **Brendan Westhoff**. Each winner took home an extra \$13.50. **Jeff Buckley** brought his laptop computer to the meeting and gave a demonstration of various Model A websites. To view a super website, visit www.modelaclub.org The meeting was adjourned at 9:28pm.

ROSTER

Roster Ad due By March 31

Roster available in April Meeting.

Full Page: \$20.00

Half Page: \$10.00

Bus. Card: \$5.00

Send Payment & Ad to:

David Stukenbroeker

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Upcoming Events 2006

by Terry Oberer 636.677.7201

A comprehensive listing of "events of interest" is on our www.modelaclub.org. ModelAclub@charter.net

- Mar 7** Tue, Regular Monthly Business Meeting-
7:30 pm, Trinity Lutheran Church, 820 Lockett Road, Kirkwood MO
- Mar 18** Sat, Garage Tour. Golden Corral, Larry's House
Larry Shepard 636.947.4515
- Mar 30-Apr 01** 2006 National Membership Meet,
Lexington KY
- Apr 4** Tue, Regular Monthly Business Meeting-
7:30 pm, Trinity Lutheran Church, 820 Lockett Road, Kirkwood MO
- Apr 16** Sun, St. Louis Easter Car Show at Forest Park
- Apr 30** Sun, River Port Swap Meet
- May 2** Tue, Regular Monthly Business Meeting-
7:30 pm, Trinity Lutheran Church, 820 Lockett Road, Kirkwood MO
- May 7** Sun, Regular Annual Safety Check - Car Doc
Mark Schenberg 314.991.2277
- Jun 6** Tue, Regular Monthly Business Meeting-
7:30 pm, Trinity Lutheran Church, 820 Lockett Road, Kirkwood MO *** **Ladies Night** ***
- Jun 13-17** Petit Jean Mt.AR Swap Meet
- Jun 26-30** 2006 National Meet, Grand Rapids, MI
- Sep 16**, Sat, Mid Missouri Model "A" Round-Up,
Jefferson City **John Wilkinson** 573.642.5133

2006 Start-Up

by Terry Oberer 636.677.7201

I am looking for a suitable subject car for this year's start-up party car. The car should be a long dormant but fairly complete Model "A". If you have or know of a suitable car, please give me a call. I would like to again have the party on a Sunday in July as in the past. As in the past, we will have a barbecue, a tour of the area and, of course, the hands on experience and hopefully getting another "A" started. I am going to try to have an added attraction this year. I hope that I can make it happen.

Riverport Swap Meet April 30

by Terry Oberer 636.677.7201

At the March 7 meeting we decided to have a space at the Riverport swap this year. We would need members willing to devote some time to man the space in shifts to talk to prospective members and hand out informa-

Member's Model "A" Stories

by Phil Ierardi 314.692.2123

As you all know, our club is based on our Model A's and the wonderful friendships between our members. During the past few years, we have gotten to know our members a lot better as a result of our very successful program of "Member Profiles" given at each of our monthly business meetings. As these profiles wind down, I thought it would be interesting for our members to also read about our beloved Model A's.

We all must have an interesting story to tell about our A's, therefore with your help, we plan to include a story of our cars, one per month, in the newsletter starting with this issue. The article should include **HOW** and **WHY** you purchased your car and any interesting stories about it either during it's storage and/or restoring, special tours, you have been on or any other unusual items you would like to share with our members.

The article should contain a minimum of 500 words or less with a picture or two of the car. Volunteers to write an article are being requested. Please send your stories with 1 or 2 pictures to **Phil Ierardi**. I am sure all our members will enjoy reading about the unique stories we all have to our cherished Model A's. Thanks.



Well wishes to our beloved **Jim Ruth**. Our **Jimmy** had two, count them, two stents put in to help him. In April, our **Jim** will have a colon operation to remove a tumor that is causing him problems. This time, it is not my fault. Thanks to **Jeff Buckley** for the life size Betty Boop get well card and to everyone who signed it. **Jim** can now visualize his dreams in this picture.

"My Betsy"

by *Dave Smith 314.895.8436*

I purchased "**Betsy**" on July 6, 1985 from **Dr. Harry Brady**, who was going thru a nasty divorce and had a Model "A" for sale. The car was in the Carondelet Restoration Shop and had been there since 1980 with a \$16,000 tab on it. After many hours of negotiation, I purchased the car for \$8,000. I was thrilled with getting the car and completed the remaining restoration. Now I was ready for tours. My wife Louise said we needed to give the car a name, so we named her "**BETSY**".



Her very first tour was to the Dearborn Michigan MARC National Convention. She made the trip there and back with no problems. I was so proud of her. She had now proved herself to be a fine tour car.

Her next tour was to Indianapolis Indiana. The mandatory tour consisted of a trip around the INDI 500 track. WOW! What an experience. We were told to stay on the lower track and maintain the speed of not to exceed 50mph. Well she thought the next track up would be more fun at the speed of 60mph. We almost tipped over and were scolded by the track supervisor.

Now she is ready for her third trip, which was to Monroe Wisconsin for the Pietenpol Fly In. The Pietenpol Airplane was designed and built by Mr. Pietenpol for the Model "A" engine. Many of us traded rides in our Model "A's" for rides in the Pietenpol Airplanes. WOW! What a thrill for all of us.

The next trip she dearly wanted to take me on was a tour thru the Smokey Mountains, and what a trip that was. We left St. Louis at 5AM and headed down thru the Smokies with the company of many 18-wheelers on our backs. We

had more fun with them honking our horns as we passed them on the hills. When we reached the top of each hill, we moved over for the trucks to pass and then they would blast their air horns as they went around us. The next day we arrived at our host hotel and had a great time. Betsy has taken me on many trips with only minor problems, which were very few. I will wrap this up by mentioning she has traveled (not trailered) a little over 100,000 miles in a little over 20 years. At 100,000 miles, I purchased a block from **Terry Oberer** and had **Palmer Lawson** plus **Terry** built me a new engine for my **Betsy**. She now says come on Dad; let's head out for Lexington, KY. Many of our club members were on many of these tours.

To sum this all up, **All OF US HAD A BLAST, AND WILL HAVE MANY MORE TOGETHER"! THAT'S ALL FOLKS!**

p.s. Drive those Model "A's"

Scott Joplin

by *David Stukenbroeker 314.221.1444*

I received this email from **Victoria Love**, administrator of the **Scott Joplin** home. At our next meeting, we can discuss interest in this tour. It sounds like a lot of fun.

On Monday, May 29th (noon until 5pm) we will be having our Ragtime Rally and Street fair to celebrate ragtime. I was wondering if your car club would be interested in showing off your cars at this event. We are blocking the streets of Samuel Shepherd and Beaumont and the cars could be parked along there. **Scott Joplin's** music was popular around the turn of the century, and I would love to have your group bring a little more history to the event. Please have someone call for more details or if I have contacted the wrong person. Thank you so much.

The concert is in the lot that is surrounded by those two streets. We will have 5 major ragtime acts as well as winners of various youth competitions playing throughout the day. Other organizations will also have booths/ areas set up including the fire department, police department, friends of Scott Joplin, OASIS, etc. The neighborhood is fine, but will be extra safe because we will all be out there too.

As Spring approaches, a young mans dreams turn to "Model "A" Ford"



Safety Check—May 7th

by **Mark Schenberg** 314.991.2277

Our annual safety check will be held again at the Car Doc shop in Westport Plaza. **Terry Oberer** will show us how to adjust motor shims. This is a simple but critical procedure. **Jeff Buckley** will provide the test subject for us. As usual, oil change is encouraged, just bring your oil or any other parts you may need. Front end alignments can be checked, brakes inspected and an other simple procedures to get the car on the road and be safe.

Per tradition, we will have hotdogs, chips, soda and Anheuser Busch products.

Loraine Haines

by **Robie Haines** 636.274.5023

My mother (who resides in Gainesville, FL) has had an esophageal rupture, causing a leak of gastric contents into her thoracic cavity, and a resultant severe infection and pulmonary effusion. After notification of this, I dropped everything and drove overnight down to Gainesville Sunday evening/Monday morning. Her situation has stabilized, although she is totally (medically) paralyzed, intubated, and in a drug-induced coma for recovery. During the thoracotomy, the rupture was repaired, and resolution of the sepsis is ongoing, but her recovery (at age 77) will obviously require weeks, if not months. She is in severely critical condition at this time. I am her only immediate family, and my time/efforts will be required for the foreseeable future on her behalf down here in Florida. I would appreciate it if you would let interested members of the Club know the situation. There is (at this time) nothing that can be done other than to "wait it out"; in case anyone offers to help.

You can write a card to **Loraine Haines** at:
4203 N.W. 69th St
Gainesville, FL 32606-4211

Future Club Ideas for Meetings

by **Terry Yount** 636.532.0005

I have some ideas for meetings. Our next meeting, **Terry Oberer** will explain how to disassemble a carburetor, then have the ladies and teens put it back together. Ladies, teens, plan to attend our April meeting. I would also like to hold an auction of anything before a meeting.

Last year, we had a program that if anyone needed some help repairing/restoring their Model "A", then needed to pick a time when helpers could be available, have a place to do the work, all the proper parts, tools (or arrange to have someone bring them), and a light snack. Remember, we work for food. Contact **Terry Yount** to set this up.

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by **Terry Oberer 636.677.7201**

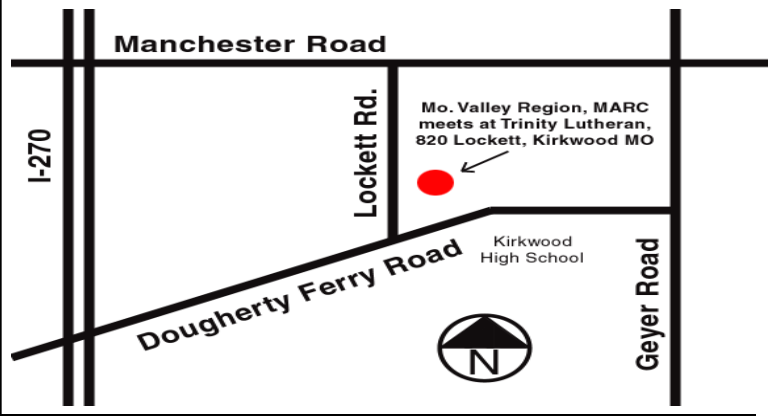
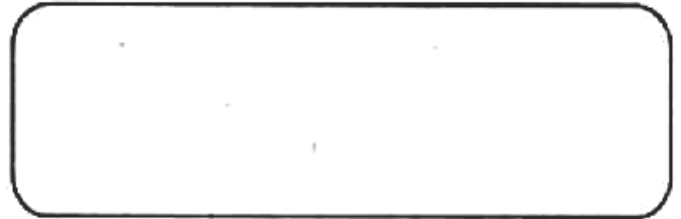
FOR SALE: 1930 Deluxe Roadster, Coca Cola red w/ black fenders, Le Baron Bonney int. & top, dual side mounts w/tire covers. Tan trunk w/rack & heavy duty canvas car cover. Professionally rebuilt w/fully rebuilt steering w/needle bearings & oil seal. New wiring, brake system w/Bratton cast iron drums & fully rebuilt backing plates, New leakless water pump, New steering arm balls w/Teflon inserts. < 25 miles completely rebuilt engine by **Charlie Gavisk**. \$19,000. **Warren Meyer**, 636-519-9066

FOR SALE: Lots of good used mechanical parts, brake, engine, transmission and rear end parts available. Cast iron front brake drums, original late 1931 Ford produced web design. Turned and ready to install and go. \$125 each. **Terry Oberer** 636.677.7201 or toberer@netzero.net

FOR SALE: 1930 Ford Dlx Coupe w/Rum. seat. Rblt chassis & drive train, engine. 6v alt, new wiring & turn signals. \$8995.00 **Ray Harmann** 618.791.0979

FOR SALE: 1973 Chevrolet Caprice convertible, red with white top and interior. Car is nearly original and runs/looks good - daily driver. 400 cid V/8, auto trans, ps/brakes, Air, etc. Top is in good condition. Great parade car. \$5750.00. **John Wheeler** JHW1936@aol.com or 636 240-9340

First Class Mail



Mo Member says:

Things I gotta do:

- 1) Submit a newsletter article
- 2) Plan a tour
- 3) Attend a 2006 tour
- 4) Plan a technical seminar
- 5) Give a member profile
- 6) Submit Article w/picture of your car.

