



The Valley News

November 2006

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

It seems like the year has just flown by, but the club members have enjoyed many exciting tours and events. The recent garage tour at **Bert Schott's** home brought our thirty-seven members who worked hands on with **Bert's** car (which was up on jack stands). The members all took turns especially working under the car from the drive shaft to the rear axle, including rear brakes. Thanks to **Bert** and his wife, **Alice** for providing delicious pizza to the hungry members.

The talk of the club now is the upcoming 2007 calendar in which twelve members' cars are featured. **Larry Hassel** has taken many pictures so far, and is hoping to have the calendar ready for our next monthly meeting in November. Any member who is wishing to purchase a calendar, please contact me by October 25th, before our printing date. Please read the article on page 5 for further details. Anyone purchasing a calendar must bring cash or check to our next

monthly meeting in November. Anyone who didn't get their car in this issue may also have a chance again, if the club decides to produce another calendar next year.

Bruce Williams and **Paul Ganninger** will have their Garage tour on October 21st instead of the date previously announced. I hope the weather will cooperate with us, so we all can enjoy a nice event.

Anyone wishing to hold a garage tour for November, it is never too late. Please call me to arrange one.

Well the answer to last month's trivia question called "Stump the Club" was charcoal.



Photo by Grant MacLaren

Fred Burk in the Kirkwood Greentree parade
(**Fred** is the Driver)

"Stump the Club"

How many Model A's were produced between 1928 - 1931?

Oh, Wow, no heater in my Model "A" !!!!! **Terry**

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

November Minutes

by Cheryl Preston 314.353.4592

The October 3rd meeting was called to order by President **Terry Yount** at 7:31pm. The President was under the weather but he managed to drive his Model "A" to the meeting and conduct business. The attendance sheet was passed around. Member **Pike Farr**, owner of a 1931 pickup, was in the house. Visitors for the evening included **Bill Nolle** of St. Charles, owner of a 1930 Fordor town sedan and **Rob Rose** (son of **Bill Rose**) owner of a 1931 convertible. The minutes from the last meeting were approved. **Dayna Cogorno** presented the treasurer's report and it was approved. **Terry Yount** and **Larry Hassel** passed around photographs for the Model "A" calendar they are producing. "Stump the Club" – What did Henry Ford also produce in the 1920's concerning the process for turning wood scraps from the production of Model "T's" into what product used today? Answer: Kingsford Charcoal.

Terry Yount reported the Delmar Gardens event had good food and music. The technical session at **Bert Schott's** place had over 30 in attendance. The host provided pizza. **Bert Schott** thanked everyone for his or her help. The next technical session will be October 21st with **Paul Ganninger** and **Bruce Williams** hosting the event. Note the change in the date. **Larry Hassel** would like to organize a tour to the Deutsch Country Days at Luxenhaus Farm in Marthasville, MO on October 29th. **Larry Shepard** will have MVR polo shirts available at the next meeting. The nominations for 2007 Board members are **John Stoecker**, **Gene Cogorno**, and **Don McCallie**. The alternate Board member is **Terry Yount**. The nominations for 2007 officers include President – **Bert Schott**, Vice-President – **Dave Smith**, Treasurer- **Dayna Cogorno**, and Secretary- **Cheryl Preston**. **Allen Franz** presented information for the October 15th Grand Opening Celebration of Shifting Gears—The Automobile Industry in St. Louis 1890-1930 exhibit at the Missouri History Museum in Forest Park. There will be a parade of vintage cars from the Museum of Transportation to the Missouri History Museum on that day.

Winners of the 50/50 were **Cheryl Preston** and **Jack Rehagen**. The club's portion of the 50/50 was included in memorials for **Matthew Stoecker** and **Loraine Haines**. **Larry Shepard** gave a technical session on axles, fans, and the shaft. The meeting was adjourned at 9:20pm.

In Memoriam
Matthew Stoecker
Loraine Haines

MO Valley MARC Club History

by Phil Ierardi 314.692.2123

Henry Ford's incredible Model "A" Ford was produced for only four years (1928-1931) and came after the two-decade run of the venerable Model "T". The more powerful flat-head V-8 engine then followed it. Compared to the Model "T", the Model "A" was truly a modern car. Its 40 horsepower engine was twice that of the "T". It had a manual 3-speed transmission, four-wheel brakes, hydraulic shock absorbers, a starter, a windshield wiper, and shatterproof windshield glass. About 5 million A's were built in the four years and it is estimated that over 250,000 of them are still around. It was a truly remarkable car in its time.

The Model "A" Ford is the automobile that provided transportation for many families during the depression years and it became famous for its durability and reliability. As a result, it had a huge following during the 30's, 40's, and 50's. In 1958, three St. Louis Model "A" enthusiasts, **Bob Bagby**, **Dave Hargraves**, and **Terry Oberer** met in a garage and started a St. Louis Model "A" Ford club. In 1961, it became a region of the National "Model "A" Restorers Club" (MARC), which was founded to assist its members in preserving and restoring the Model "A" Ford. The St. Louis club was then named "The Missouri Valley Region" of MARC, representing Model "A" Ford enthusiasts in the St. Louis metro area.

For the last Forty plus years, the St. Louis club has consisted of between 120-150 members. Most members own one or more Model A's while a few are looking to buy one. Many members have totally restored their cars, some of whom had the same car since high school/college. Club members help/advise those who need assistance in restoring their car with proper information and guidance. We all enjoy both our Model A's and the fellowship of each other. The club participates in driving tours, picnics, historical automobile meets, garage tours and other club functions. A number of our members actually drive their "A's" to national meets which could be anywhere in the USA.

Once you drive a Model "A", it gets into your blood and you can't live without one. *HAPPINESS IS DRIVING A MODEL A FORD DOWN A RUSTIC COUNTRY ROAD AND LISTENING TO THE UNMISTAKABLE SOUND OF ITS 40 HORSEPOWER ENGINE----*"CHUG-A-CHUG-A-CHUG-A-CHUG"!!!

Welcome New Members
Rob & Kalleen Rose

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

Oct 21 Sat, Garage Tour, (Bruce Williams & Paul Ganninger) Terry Yount 636.532.0005 (article herein)

Nov 7 Tue, Regular Monthly Business Meeting-
7:30 pm, Trinity Lutheran Church, 820 Lockett Road, Kirkwood MO

Dec 3 Sun, Annual Die Hard,
Tom Holtgrave 314.576.4795

Dec 5 Tue, Regular Monthly Business Meeting-
7:30 pm, Trinity Lutheran Church, 820 Lockett Road, Kirkwood MO

Jan 26 Sat, Annual Awards Banquet—Feasting Fox
Terry Yount 636.532.0005

"FLIVER" - A 1930 TOWN SEDAN

by Bert and Alice Schott 636.519.0431

In 1972, Alice and I were at a point in our lives when we needed a second car. I needed a car to commute from Bayside, New York to Rye, New York, a distance of about 30 miles and there were no car pools or other alternatives at the time. I had a solution; I would get an old car to commute to work. I reasoned that it would be less expensive than a new car and would hold its value. I almost bought a 1924 Studebaker for \$400.00 but I lost out on a bid...thank God for that. Not that I have anything against Studebakers,

or even Stukenbroeker's, but it wouldn't have been as practical because parts and repairs would have been challenging. I found a 1930 Model "A" Town Sedan in Armonk, N.Y. that belonged to a young collegian whose father didn't feel it was the best car for his purpose. He purchased the car from Pages' Model A in Massachusetts who imported the car from Denmark. I knew nothing about the mechanics of a Model "A" and just took a gamble on an un--restored vehicle. The original interior looked good and it seemed to run okay. Although I would have preferred a roadster, the sedan was a much better family car. We have photos of the kids on the running board when they were two, four and six years old. Alice's father called the car a "**Fliver**" and the name seemed to stick.

Fliver and I commuted across the Whitestone Bridge and up 1-95 for some time with some memorable mishaps. One day I couldn't start the car because the points were stuck, another time I got stuck on 1-95 because of a vapor lock and another time I found myself limping home about 10 miles an hour across the Whitestone Bridge in rush hour with a broken head gasket...New York drivers were not happy with me! We became members of the AACA and enjoyed tours around Long Island, did a few weddings and had a mini part in the movie, "The Hindenburg".

Fliver came with us on our moves to Connecticut and later to St. Louis. It sat in the garage until I saw hundreds of



Model A's here for the National Meet I happened to meet **Grant MacLaren** and he told me about the club. **Charlie Gavisk** rebuilt the engine and we were ready to party again. We were active in MARC Club events and enjoyed Missouri Valley MARC immensely.

In 1995, a new job took **Fliver**, **Alice** and I to Chicago and we joined a MARC club there. Because of "**River**", we met many good friends and had lots of fun times. I doubt that **Alice** and I would have had the opportunity to meet as many great people or have had half as much fun if we had purchased the 1924 Studebaker L

During our time in Chicago "**Fliver**" took us to national meets in Green Bay, Wisconsin and Dearborn, Michigan. It rolled happily to many "Fall Overnighters", weekend trips to interesting and historic destinations that we would not have experienced without "**Fliver**" and the club.

Well, **Alice** and I are retired now; back with "**Fliver**", the kids and grandkids in St. Louis and we want to get a picture of all of them on the running board. "**Fliver**" needs a lot of work but won't want to take time off the road.

2007 Dues

It is that time of the year again. As you do a job, you learn what works and what doesn't, stands out in vivid style. This year, I need to impose some rules to help me do a better job and to be accurate. In past years, at meetings, people tell me and pay then. I then forget to write it down. Then this causes confusion and anger in some of our members. So in order to do a better job,

I need to ask our members to abide by the following guidelines. The good news, dues are still \$25.00

1. All dues must be paid directly to David Stukenbroeker, No Exceptions
2. All dues must be accompanied by a piece of paper stating your name, and either "No Changes" or changes in your membership information. I can provide a sheet for this purpose or it is on our web site under the first tab, "The Valley News, Our newsletter and other forms"

Our deadline is truly January 1, 2007. Anything received after January 15th will not be in our roster. The roster will be available at our February 6th meeting, mailed out by end of the month.

Thank you for understanding and I hope to be 100% error free in 2007 and cut the amount of time needed to accomplish this. I will have a sheet at the November and December meeting for members wishing to pay there. Remember to pay your national dues of \$35.00 to MARC.

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Bob Scott John Graham Lorraine



Photos by Lance Klingemann



Garage Tour—October 21

by **Bruce Williams 314.984.8301**

When: 8:00 am Saturday Oct 21

Where: meet at lower parking lot at the Museum of Transportation on Barrett Station Rd.

Activity: We will then drive to **Paul Ganninger's** house (3320 Quinnette Rd. in Kirkwood) for a discussion of things to look for when buying a Model "A". After about 90 minutes, we'll head to **Bruce Williams'** house (about 5 minutes away at 1487 Wilton Lane). There we will look at my seven old Fords, including my 1930 Tudor in progress, and will check out my collection of Ford literature and memorabilia.

Donuts and coffee will be provided

Calendars

by **Terry Yount 636.532.0005**

After much work, thought and time, our photographer **Larry Hassel** and I have the calendar complete. We will be sending the calendar to press on **October 25th**. We need an accurate count so we can get the best price for the printing. If you would like a calendar, and have not signed up on the sheet passed around at the September meeting, please either call me at **636.532.0005** or email me at **straw-boss48@msn.com** before September 25th. Please include your name and the number of the fine calendars you would like. Each month represents one of the many examples of year, body style and tries to show a good cross section of the Model "A" era. On the back, is a collage of each of the thirteen start up cars. I hope that this will be an annual collectable event. The calendars will be available for pick up at over November 7th meeting. Several members have expressed a large interest in these calendars. I want to thank everyone for their support and encouragement for this project.

2007 Officer Slate

by **Terry Yount 636.532.0005**

The following persons have been nominated, and most importantly, accepted. Thank you very much.

President - **Bert Schott**

Vice President - **Dave Smith**

Secretary - **Cheryl Preston** (2nd Term)

Treasurer - **Dayna Cogorno** (3rd Term)

Board

1. **Gene Cogorno**

2. **Don McCallie**

3. **John Stoecker**

Please support these nominees and if anyone else would like to run, please volunteer at our November or December meetings.

Start-up Cars

by **David Stukenbroeker 314.221.1444**

We have pictures of all of the startup cars. Some are better than others. I would like to ask anyone if there may have better pictures for the following cars.

1. ADA, Robie Haines
2. Ed Komyati
5. Mike Lietner
6. Deano—Bob Pettit
8. Fred's Follies—Fred Burk

We have good stand alone photos of the remaining cars (3,4,7,9,10,11,12,13). The start up parties are part of our club history. Please send/email or bring me a photo of any of the above cars. Please label them so I will not get mixed up and I will return any photos to you. Thank you.

TWELVE WAYS TO DESTROY AN ORGANIZATION

by **Robie Haines (borrowed from his mother) 636.274.5023**

1. Don't go to any of the meetings.
2. If you do go to a meeting, go late.
3. If the weather doesn't suit you, don't bother.
4. If you should happen to attend, find fault with the work of the officers and other members.
5. Never accept an office. It is much easier to criticize than to do things.
6. Pout if you are not appointed to a committee. If appointed, don't attend any of the committee meetings.
7. If asked to give your opinion on a matter, tell the chairman you have no comment. After the meeting, tell everyone how it should have been done.
8. Do nothing more than is absolutely necessary. When others roll up their sleeves and willingly and unselfishly use their abilities to help in matters, howl that the organization is run by a clique.
9. Hold back your dues as long as possible, or don't pay them at all.
10. Make no effort to get new members.
11. Don't be social. Act snobbish both at meetings & away from meetings when you see a fellow club member.
12. If you should get a good idea, just don't mention it, keep it to yourself.

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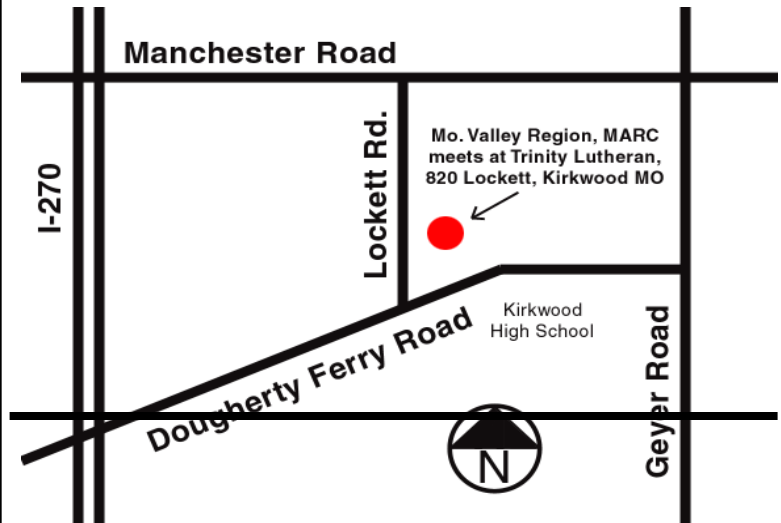
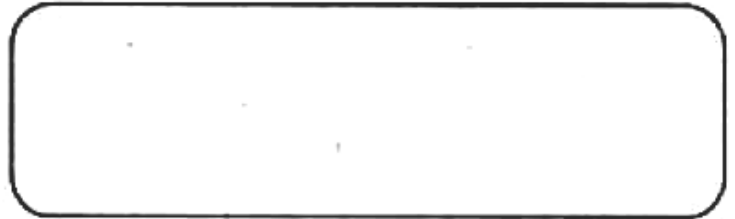
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Wanted/For Sale or Trade

- by Terry Oberer 636.677.7201*
For Sale: 1930 Tudor restored \$10,900. **Jack Bishop** 314.822.1308 Des Peres
- FOR SALE:** 29 Stand. Coupe w/Luggage rack, grav. Guard, rumble seat. Yellow w/black trim. Runs great! \$10k or trade for newer classic car. **Dale Zesch** previous owner. **George Mudge** 618.233.7134
- FOR SALE:** 56Fairlane Victoria 2dHT, 312 TBird motor. Paint almost show Qual, orig.int. PS PW fender Skirt, cont. kit.(\$17,500) 31 5 wind. coupe, complete Rest (\$14,800), 29 500 miles since complete Rest. (\$11,500) **Junior Linenfelser** 618.877.4771
- FOR SALE:** '67Mustang Deluxe. Beefed up 5.0 EFI'91 engine. A/C Dual Exh., auto, restored < 5K miles. Drives out great. \$17K **Dave Smith** 314.895.3416
- FOR SALE:** '29 Murray Fordor. Restored and detailed improvements can be gotten from me. \$14K **Hal Heidbrink** 636.926.3530
- FOR SALE:** '29 Tudor. No rust. Totally restored by owner and professional. \$13K **Todd Hebel** 636.207.6944
- FOR SALE:** Enclosed Interstate 1994 tandem trailer w/ electric brakes. New baked on white paint, tires & lower trim, dove tail w/height opening of 75 1/2" & ceiling height of 79". Inside length is 20' 6" w/ cabinets & work bench w/viser. Total outside length is 23' 6". Call **Bob Taylor** 314.662.3022 or 636.274.3022 ~\$5,400.00

First Class Mail



Mo Member says:

- Things I gotta do:
- 1) Submit a newsletter article
 - 2) Run for a 2007 Office
 - 3) Give Phil a profile on your precious Model "A"
 - 4) Give member profile

