

THE Valley News

January 2007

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

Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year to the Missouri Valley Model "A" Restorers Club

President's Corner

by Terry Yount 636.532.0005

Sadly, a beloved member's wife **Frances Boyd**, better known as "Mom" passed away on Sunday, December 10th. She died of heart failure at a local hospital. Our prayers are with **Harry Boyd** and her son **Bob Taylor** and their families. Family members are asking that contributions in her memory be made to the Black Madonna Shrine in Pacific on St. Joseph Hill Road.

I would like to thank all the members who supported me thru out the year, as President of our Model "A" Club. I feel the year has been fun-filled with many exciting events and sincerely welcome many new members joining our club. The calendar issue produced and published this fall will be treasured and remembered thru out the year. The twelve restored cars and trucks featured on the calendar were very "photogenic"

I would like to thank the many members for a fine job well done behind the scenes. It made my job a bit easier.

I am looking forward to our annual banquet, on January 27, 2007. We have added something special this year. There is still time to sign up for a grand time.

I decided to take a vacation with the family



Why take a train when you own a Model "A"



Due to the electricity outage recently at the church, our meeting was held at the PJ's restaurant in Kirkwood. About 55 members attended with weather conditions being undesirable.

With the passing of the gavel to **Bert Schott**, let's give him our full cooperation in the coming year. I feel that with **Bert** as President, our club will only grow with new members to follow. Since I like to be involved, I will be one of the coordinators for events in the coming year. **David Stukenbroeker** and **Clete Bookholtz** are also on this committee.

Thanks to **Fred Burk** who represented Santa Claus to the children at Mary Grove and the 14 members in attendance along with the many people who donated gifts for the children. It was a

touching day and very successful day.

The answer to last month's trivia question (In what year was the first brass radiator used on a Ford?) **Answer-1904**. Keeping the A's running, **Terry**

NO MEETING IN JANUARY, SEE YOU AT THE BANQUET
Trinity Lutheran Church - 820 Lockett Road Kirkwood Missouri

December Minutes

by Cheryl Preston 314.353.4592

The December 5th meeting was called to order by President **Terry Yount** at 7:50pm. The meeting was held at PJ's Tavern in Kirkwood as the ice storm cut off power to Trinity Lutheran Church. **David Stukenbroeker** reported that **Frances Boyd** is gravely ill with heart failure.

The last two Model "A" calendars were sold at the meeting. The minimum number of calendars to place another order is 25. Talk to **Terry Yount** if you want to order a calendar. **Jim Preston** is coordinator of the Yahoo e-mail site (joprph@swbell.net). Please sign up for e-mail as this is a great communication tool. New faces in the crowd include **Ryan Skipton** of St. Louis, owner of a 1930 Tudor sedan. **Terry Oberer** is looking for a car for the Start Up Party. The target date for the Start Up Party is June 2007. The attendance sheet was circulated through the crowd. The minutes from the last meeting were approved. **Dayna Cogorno** presented the treasurer's report and it was approved. By popular demand, the Die Hard Party is rescheduled for December 17 at Babler State Park. The icy hill prevented the party from being held on December 3. **Tom Holtgrave** reported 93 people had RSVP'd for the event. There were some problems encountered when trying to contact all of these people for the December 3 last minute cancellation. When signing up for an event, provide a phone number where you can be reached on a weekday or weekend. The club may organize a phone tree to be utilized.

On December 16, **Fred "Santa" Burk** and over 35 members are visiting the Mary Grove Child Center to distribute Christmas gifts and holiday cheer. Meet at the IHOP on North Lindbergh at 9am. The Annual Awards Banquet is January 27 at the Feasting Fox. The cost is \$24 per person. As voted and approved by the membership, the club will pay a professional illusionist to provide a 1 hour show at the banquet.

Incoming President **Bert Schott** presented ideas for the next year. The annual events will stay on the calendar such as : Safety Check (possibly moving to March), Easter Car Show, Scott Joplin Festival, Ladies Night (may be dinner out and the Muny or comedy club), Start Up Party, and the Die Hard Party. The President would like to resume the articles in the MARC national magazine. If the members are interested in fundraising, ideas include a Model "A" calendar or hosting a swap meet. Phil Ierardi presented information on the Daniel Boone Home and Village trip on May 19. The Daniel Boone Home would like this to be an annual event and has invited many of the area car clubs. The Daniel Boone Home may provide a BBQ lunch to those who participate.

Trivia question- In what year was the first brass radiator used on a Ford = 1904. Winners of the 50/50 include **Larry Sanderson** and **Dale Kruse**. **Lee**

Weicht won 3 passes to the Magic House. The entertainment for the evening was a panel discussion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:16pm.

In Memoriam
Francis Boyd

NOTE: New EMail
David Stukenbroeker
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New Members
Greg & Barb Piel
Jim & Pat Clark
Grant & Phyllis MacLaren

Club Email

by David Stukenbroeker 314.221.1444

Our club has a private email group through Yahoo Mail. Only **Jim Preston** can administer it. It is impossible to be spammed or have your email address given out. Only members of the group can send or receive email using this email address. The email address is **mvrmarc@yahoo.com**. This is a great and secure way to contact our members with information that occurs between meetings. It is needed if a tour is cancelled or modified or the death of a member or just information about our club. This is never abused and monitored closely.

Please consider joining this email group. The cost is FREE! Send your email address and name to **Jim Preston** at **joprph@swbell.net**. Jim will add you to this list. If for some reason, you wish to be removed or have an email change, contact **Jim**. This email group is limited to club members only, so no one outside our club will be allowed to join. Thank you.

Nursing Home Tour

by David Stukenbroeker 314.221.1444

We are planning a tour next year to a Nursing Home facility in 2007. We would like to choose a facility that a member has an interest in. Please let **Terry Yount** know of your suggestions.

Mary Grove Childrens Home



Upcoming Events 2006

by Terry Oberer 636.677.7201

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

Jan 27 Sat, Annual Awards Banquet—Feasting Fox

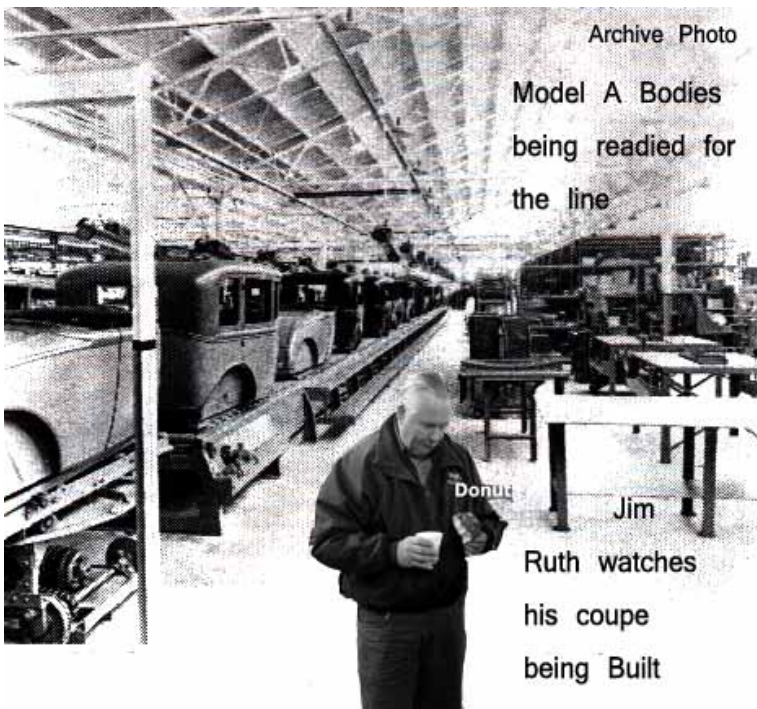
Larry Hassel 636.391.8783—Article Herein

2007 Calendar of Events are coming very soon. Stay tuned as President **Schott** and his tour committee put together an exciting year. Be sure to see the 2006 year in review video at the January banquet

The 61-Minute Model "A"

Reprinted from MAFFI, September 2006

In a 1930 magazine article, **Mel Wharton** wrote: "The final assembly line is 560 feet long and moved 106 inches a minute. First, to go on the assembly line was the simple frame. Then successively, shock absorbers, running board brackets, battery carriers, front and rear axles and springs were attached. Next, the motor was fitted into place. Then workers added steering gears, radiators, batteries and wheels with tires. At this point, the bodies, which were suspended overhead on a conveyor system, were dropped on the chassis and fastened into place. Then the fenders, dust shields, lamps floorboards and cushions were attached. The gasoline tank was then filled and the headlights lit. Finally, a driver jumped behind the steering wheel. The lights were quickly checked against a testing board, and in 61 minutes from the time the naked frame started its journey on the line, the car or truck slips off the final ramp on its own power."



Archive Photo

Model A Bodies
being readied for
the line

Donut

Jim

Ruth watches
his coupe
being Built

Annual Banquet - January 27th

by Larry Hassel 636.391.8783

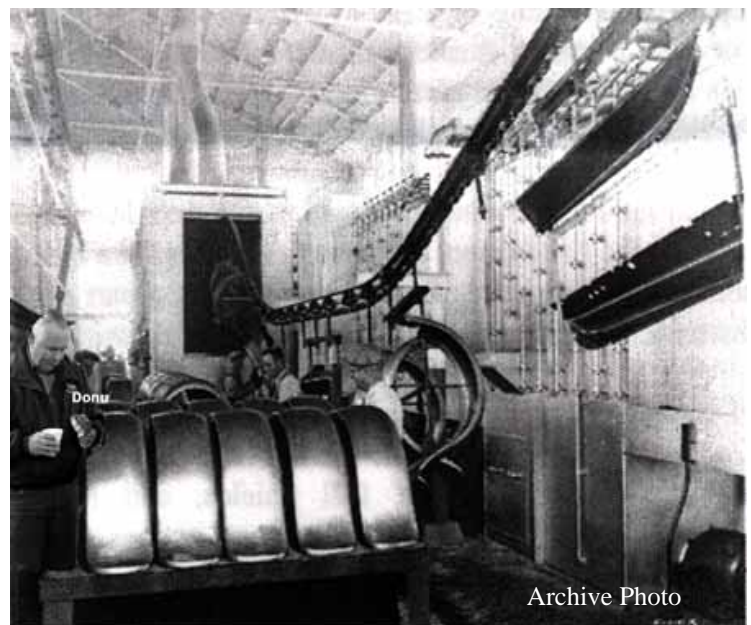
Once again, the 4th Saturday in January, Saturday the 27th, our banquet is set to go. We have a tasty menu setup. Contact **Dayna Cogorno** for a form if you need one. The deadline for sending in the form is January 20, 2007. Last year at the Feasting Fox, it was perfect. We have a private room with lots of space. The club will have some gifts for drawings. If any member would like to donate gifts, please contact me. In the past, we have been blessed with the generosity of our members. A year in review DVD will be shown. We had many events and it will good to see all that we did as a club. If you missed some events, make a note and make sure you attend them in 2007. We will have a very active calendar. Remember, if you do not attend, you can not be in the video. Enjoy the banquet.

2007 Dues

by David Stukenbroeker 314.221.1444

Please review the November and December newsletters for specific information on the procedures to pay your dues. They are still \$25.00 and must be sent directly to me. If your mailing address label has "**LAST ISSUE**" over your name and there is a 2006 after your name, then this is your last issue. If you spot a mistake, please contact me immediately so I can correct it. Our deadline is January 15th.

One other note, please use a phone number you can be reached at. A cell phone you carry is ideal. Many of the numbers we have are for businesses. It makes it very hard to contact you. Also, consider joining our private email group. See the article on page two. Thank you.



Archive Photo

Jim watches his fenders being prepared for the paint conveyor

Our 1931 Model A Tudor

by Rich & Madelen Ellsworth 636-227-3442

When I was growing up, I always had a thing for old cars. In 1980, I was talking to my son **Steve** about restoring an old car. Therefore, we decided to look for one, not knowing what we were in for. We made a big mistake right off. We bought a 1931 Tudor, basket case as you can see by the picture. When we trailed it in the driveway, my wife said we would never drive it out of the driveway.



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We knew we needed help that is when we joined the club in 1980. With many help from members and **Terry** and many hours looking for parts at swap meets, the car started to come together. My son **Steve** and I spent many weekends working on the car. Five years later, we made my wife **Madelen** eat her words. We drove out of the driveway.

Since then I restored a 1973 Mustang I had bought for my daughter when she was 16 years old. She is now 39, and we still have the Mustang. I have two old cars sitting in my garage and new cars sitting outside...is there something wrong here?

Madelen and I have been married for 57 years this year and we have 3 children and 5 grandchildren. We have lived in the same house for 52 years. We have been club members for 26 years. We have enjoyed the friendship of all the members.

About 15 years ago, I got interested in woodcarving. I have enjoyed it so much that I entered a lot of carving shows and I came out with a few ribbons. I have five



cabinets full of my carvings now. **Madelen** says I have to quit, there is no more room.

That is what has kept me busy over the last 26 years. I would like to thank everyone for their help when we were restoring our car and for all the great memories, the club has brought us through the years.

Additional Calendars

by Terry Yount 636.532.0005

Several members have asked to purchase additional calendars. We have to order them in 25 count lots. Please call me immediately or email me so I can get the additional order placed. **Larry Hassel** did such a wonderful job on our 2007 calendar within an incredible short time frame. When you see Larry at the banquet and at our events, be sure to let him know what a wonderful job he has done.



The cover art was done by **Jim Ruth**. **Jim** is our talented artist and is much appreciated.

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Wanted/For Sale or Trade

by Terry Oberer 636.677.7201

FOR SALE: NEW PARTS: 1928 Running Board, 1928 Radiator Splash Apron, 1928/29 Running Board Splash Shields, 1928/29 Fiberglass Front Fenders, Front Fender Braces, Ford Step Plates, Running board Brackets, Light Switch Rod, Light switch Body, Front Bumper, Steering Stabilizer, Heater Hook-up Kit, Headlamp Reflectors. All parts are new from Bratton.
USED PARTS: Seven Tooth Steering Box with New spark & gas rods, steel front fenders, hood
Palmer Lawson 314-705-0276

FOR SALE: '67 Mustang 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: Complete Tool Kit 4 '29/early '30 "A" \$395 **Ray Harmann** 618.791.0979

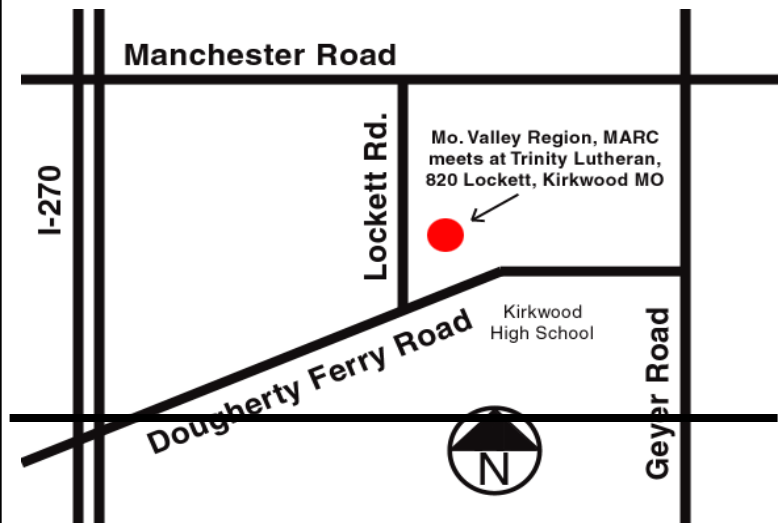
FOR SALE: Enclosed Interstate 1994 tandem trailer w/ electric brakes. New baked on white paint, tires & lower trim, dove tail w/height opening of 75 1/2" & ceiling height of 79". Inside length is 20' 6" w/ cabinets & work bench w/viser. Total outside length is 23' 6". Call **Bob Taylor** 314.662.3022 \$5,400.00

FOR SALE: 30-31 excellent older replacement radiator clean and proven good in "Great Race" \$150. **Terry Oberer** 636.677.7201

FOR SALE: 1930 Tudor body. No fenders or hood. Gas tank rusted. Steel roof added. Shell in good shape. \$950 **Bill Langer** 314.469.4934

WANTED: '29 Tudor door hinges 3ea R&L (I'll take off junk doors) **Fred Burk** 314.821.6072

First Class Mail



Mo Member says:

- Things I gotta do:**
- 1) Submit a newsletter article
 - 2) Send in your 2007 dues by January 1, 2007
 - 3) Give Phil a profile on your precious Model "A"
 - 4) Sign up for the banquet

